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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1979.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Frank Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, E. Haverly, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M.P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M.O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Acting County Engineer; R. Killeen, and K. Hays, Chief Assistant County Engineers; D. Buggy and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. C. Miney, J. Connolly, F. O'Gallachoir, Temporary Planning Assistants; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

61 - CONGRATULATIONS TO COADJUTOR BISHOP ELECT OF CLONFERT:

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon, the Council passed a vote of congratulations to Very Rev. Fr. Cassidy, President of St. Joseph's College, Garbally Park, Ballinasloe, on his appointment as Coadjutor Bishop of Clonfert. The Council also expressed its best wishes to Most Rev. Dr. Ryan, Bishop of Clonfert, for a speedy return to health.

The Chairman and other members of the Council joined in expressing good wishes to Fr. Cassidy and to Most Rev. Dr. Ryan.

62 - WELCOME TO MR. R. KILLEEN, CHIEF ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER:

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council, welcomed Mr. R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineer, to the staff of the Council.

63 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32173 - APPLICANT: JOSEPH BOURKE.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"Refusal of permission is strongly recommended for this proposed dwellinghouse for the following reasons:-

- (1) It would be located too near the sea in relatively open landscape.
- (2) It would be setting a precedent by being the nearest house to the sea in this immediate area where fine mountain and seascape views are available and close to attractive beaches not yet fully opened up for public use.
- (3) The applicant resides in Dublin and no essential housing need claim has been made. This would indicate that it is purely a holiday home for which an exception should not be made which would impair the scenic amenity of the area.

(4) Existing adjoining development is further from the sea and on the opposite side of the road."

The resolution set out in the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley and seconded by Councillor Welby.

The Chairman drew the attention of the members to a copy of the "Kerryman" newspaper dated 27th July, 1979, which referred to a protest by local people at the use of Section 4 by Kerry County Council.

Councillor Holland stated that it had been drawn to his attention that there is a possibility that because of abuse by the Council of Section 4 of the 1955 Act, the power in question may be withdrawn from Councils altogether.

Councillor O'Morain denied that Councillors are abusing Section 4.

Councillor Joe Burke proposed and Councillor Kilgannon seconded that the permission sought be refused as the development proposed is too close to the sea.

Replying to a query by members, the County Manager stated that the boundary of the site is only 30 yards away from the sea and that a road leading to the sea is beside the site.

The Chairman stated that the Council should ensure that the amenities of the seaside and the access to the seaside is kept available for the public.

Councillor Welby stated that the applicant in this case is a businessman in Castlebar and wants it as a place to live on his retirement.

The County Manager, replying to Councillor O'Morain, agreed that this development would not prevent people reaching the sea but he pointed out that this kind of development interferes with the amenity of the beach and the enjoyment of the beach facilities by members of the public. It was decided to take a vote on for or against granting the permission after 4.30 p.m.

A Vote taken after 4.30 p.m. resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Welby.

(15)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Ruane and Ryan.

(12)

Councillor O'Foighil abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution set out in the Agenda carried.

64 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 31932 - APPLICANT: P.D. O'TOOLE.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each member of the Council:

"1. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

Planning Ref. No. 5220: Outline Permission for four dwelling-houses on lands which included site

of present application, refused 4/12/'78.
Applicant: Mr. Laurence Walsh -
Applicant's interest: prospective buyer.

Planning Ref. No. 17004: Outline Permission for dwellinghouse on this site, refused 28/8/'74 by Planning Authority and on appeal by Minister, 15/11/'74, Ref. No.. 7/5/28774. Applicant: Mr. Peter Lydon - landowner.

Planning Ref. No. 26066: Outline Permission for dwellinghouse on this site refused 22/12/'77 by Planning Authority and by An Bord Pleanala, 24/4/'78, ref. No. pl. 7/5/41087.
Applicant: Mr. Peadar D. O'Toole -
Applicants interest as stated on application form - owner of site.

Planning Ref. No. 30725: Permission for dwellinghouse on site partially overlapping current site, refused by the Planning Authority, 25/7/'78.
Applicant: Peadar O Loideain -
applicant's interest in site - owner.

2. House is on extremely exposed and elevated site and would seriously detract from the amenity of the area, because it could not be satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings.

3. Permission was previously refused by the Planning Authority, and by An Bord Pleanala, ref. No. 26066.

4. The site is located on lands which have been "sterilized" by legal agreement to comply with the terms of Outline Permission Ref. No. 7039 granted on appeal by the Minister for a nearby site, appeal Ref. No. pl 7/5/13771. Planning Approval for the erection of the dwellinghouse (Ref. 10795) in this case was granted on 21/8/1973 to Mr. Michael J. Flannery and the house has since been erected.

Refusal of Permission is again recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would result in a density of development inappropriate to this rural area of high amenity value and because of its location in an elevated position in an open landscape would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area.

2. The proposed development would be contrary to a decision of An Bord Pleanala, ref. No. pl 7/5/41087."

The County Manager reminded the Council that similar applications had been refused on four occasions and on two of those occasions on Appeal. He stressed that the land had been sterilized to comply with the Planning condition imposed following a previous Appeal in relation to an adjoining site. The Chairman stated that there is a legal onus on the County Council to honour agreements entered into between the Council and landowners who have agreed to "sterilize" land against future building.

The resolution set out in the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor Bartley.

Councillor Welby stated that this site is on a County Road and it is proposed to be developed by a young man who is going to College who requires a house for himself. The house would not be visible from the sea.

When Councillor Welby referred to another development which was permitted the County Manager invited him to call to the Planning Office to inspect the find if he wished to do so.

The County Manager stated that it was his legal duty to warn members of the possibility of a liability for a loss to the man who has a house built for himself and who is now likely to be deprived of this amenity if this resolution is passed. He stated that in view of the legal implications of such a decision, he wanted a recorded vote in the event of a loss sustaining, and if a loss did occur, and if the claim was substantiated against the Council, those who voted for the resolution could be liable.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Councillor Joe Burke seconded that the permission sought be refused.

Replying to Councillor O'Higgins, the County Manager stated that the condition in the decision made by the Minister previously enhanced the value of the other man's site, and now it was proposed to take this away from him. This could result in a loss and possibly a claim. Councillor O'Higgins stated that conditions could be changed in a development plan. The County Manager stated that this is possible, but on this occasion, there is a legal agreement freely entered into by the parties thereto.

It was decided to defer the taking of a vote on this matter until after 4.30 p.m.

When the question came up for consideration at 4.30 p.m., Councillor O'Morain stated that the resolution under Section 4 was being withdrawn. A vote was not, therefore, called.

65 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32625 - APPLICANT: RICHARD MAYES.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each member of the Council:

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is 400 yards north of Paddy's cross at Corboleey, Bearna, in an area of open moorland landscape. The site is situated in an area indicated on Maps No. 5 and No. 6 of the County Development Plan as being an Area of High Amenity where scenic views of special amenity value are preserved for the enjoyment of the public.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS:

There are no previous planning decisions on this site but it has been the consistent policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development in this area. Planning Permission for two dwellinghouses was refused in the immediate vicinity in January, 1979, because firstly, the proposed development would seriously erode the open rugged character of the area and thus impair the visual amenity, and secondly, because the soil in this area is unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant is not a resident of the area and, therefore, has no essential housing need which must be satisfied in this area of high scenic amenity.

There are no houses within 300 yards of the proposed house which would be visually obtrusive and erode the open rugged character of the area.

The soil in this area appears to be unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent.

Refusal is recommended for the above reasons."

The County Manager stressed that the proposed development would interfere with one of the finest views in the vicinity of Galway City and he urged the Council not to pass the resolution proposed.

The resolution on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor Bartley.

Councillor Welby stated that the house could be built on part of this site which is lowlying, and that the house was required by a worker in the Regional Hospital who wished to live in the area.

Councillor Joe Burke proposed and Deputy Donnellan seconded that the permission sought be refused.

It was decided that a vote on these proposals would be taken after 4.30 p.m.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against granting the permission as sought resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors Coogan, F. Fahey, M. Fahey, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Welby. (16)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, Joe Burke, Senator Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Ruane, Ryan. (11)

Councillor O'Foighil abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution set out in the Agenda carried.

66 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 31757 - APPLICANT: SEAN TYRRELL.

The County Manager stated that a decision to grant Permission in this case had been made. Replying to comment on the necessity for a Section 4, Councillor Welby stated that he asked for a prior notice on this case and was informed that it was intended to refuse the application.

67 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, the Minutes of a Meeting held on the 23rd July, 1979, (numbers 29 - 60 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out the Minutes, Senator Kitt referred to Motions proposed for the General Council of County Councils and he asked if the Council had decided that these are the policy of the Council.

Councillor Joyce stated that at this meeting when members were proposing motions, they were asked to send them up in writing and that one motion handed up in writing was not included in the Minutes of the Meeting.

The County Secretary stated that at the end of the Meeting he found a motion in the name of two Councillors which had not been proposed from the floor during the meeting, and after consultation with the Chairman, it was decided that it should not be included in the Minutes of the Meeting since it was not discussed, but that it could be forwarded to the General Council of County Councils for consideration at the August Meeting.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that even though resolutions are put in writing and handed up to the Chairman, it is necessary that the resolutions in question be proposed and seconded from the floor, and be approved by the Members. The Minutes will then record the passing of the resolution. It was agreed that in future resolutions such as those would be handed up in writing and would then be proposed and seconded.

Senator Kitt stated that the resolution relating to Agricultural structures which had appeared in the Minutes referred to restricting those to locations at least 400 metres from a dwellinghouse and he did not hear this being mentioned at the Meeting. The County Secretary stated that notes taken by him at the meeting indicated that this distance was mentioned.

Senator Kitt stated that if he were aware of this, he would not have agreed to a distance of 400 metres as he considered this as too great a distance.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the motions proposed were not very much discussed and he agreed that perhaps 400 metres is too great, but he considered the existing limit of 100 metres is too close.

Councillor Haverty proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that where a member cannot attend the General Council of County Councils, a letter should be sent by the County Secretary to the General Council of County Councils informing them of the name of a substitute. It was agreed that the possibility of complying with this proposal will be examined.

On the proposition of Deputy Callanan, seconded by Councillor Haverty, it was agreed that members would be asked in advance in future that resolutions to be brought before the General Council of County Councils, be submitted in time for the meeting prior to the latest date for submission of resolutions to the Secretary of the General Council of County Councils.

Also arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Kilgannon stated that he and Councillor Joyce attended the Michael Davitt Commemoration Ceremonies at Straide, Co. Mayo, and he thanked the County Council for nominating them to attend. Complimenting the local committee who organised the celebrations, he stated that it was regrettable that it was left to a small number of people to provide a Memorial, and he felt that a greater tribute was due to Davitt. He felt that the Government was remiss in not seeing fit to accord proper honour to his memory.

68 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the Schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

69 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The County Manager asked the approval of the Council to Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads in accordance with the list published and circulated to each Member of the Council with the Agenda subject to the exclusion of the road in the Ballinasloe area from junction C.R. 517 Chainage 520 Castlegar towards Bannerton's entrance gate at Castlegar, as representations had been received regarding the necessity to preserve some trees, walls, etc., on this road, which representations are at present being examined.

Subject to the exclusion of this road, the Council on the proposition of Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Deputy Mannion, agreed that the roads set out in the list circulated to Members with the Agenda be declared public roads.

Councillor Joyce stated that he is still awaiting a reply to a query which he had at a previous meeting regarding Notice of Motion Road to Mr. A. Farrell's house at Lurgan, Killoran, in respect of which road he had asked for clarification regarding disqualification to be declared a public road.

The Acting County Engineer requested that the Councillors would send in their proposals for Notice of Motion Roads if possible for the next meeting. Replying to Mr. O'Conchubhair, who stated that he had not received any reply to a proposal which he had submitted, the County Manager stated that acknowledgements are not always sent when a report is following, and that when the proposals sent by Mr. O'Conchubhair were examined, he would be informed of the amount of the Estimates.

Councillor M. Fahy complained that an allocation of £1,000 to each of the new Councillors was much too low.

70 - OVERDRAFT:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to Overdraft accommodation of £1 million for the quarter ending 31st December, 1979.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Fahey, seconded by Councillor Joyce and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1 million be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st December, 1979."

71 - COMMITTEES ON ITINERANCY:

The Chairman stated that many people were seeking representation on those Committees but he considered that the Council should carefully consider who should be nominated on the Committees and that only those who can contribute towards the settlement of itinerant families, should be nominated. He, therefore, recommended that the members for each area should get together and consider who are the most appropriate persons for nomination to each of the Committees.

Deputy Killilea proposed and Councillor Joe Burke seconded that Sr. Leo and Mrs. McNamara be appointed to the Tuam Committee. The Chairman stated that he had received representations from other interests for representation on the Committee and he recommended that the Council would defer making the appointments until the members for each area would have considered them.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, it was agreed that before any appointments are made, the members for each area would meet to discuss who should be appointed to the Committees.

72 - SALARY REVISIONS - CLERICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE GRADES:

The County Manager stated that following negotiations through the Conciliation and Arbitration machinery, it had been recommended that salary increases as follows be approved for Grades IV to VII of the Clerical/Administrative Staffs of the Council:-

4.5% - from 1st July, 1978;
3.3% - from 1st January, 1979;

together with similar increases to maintain existing relativities in the pay scales of analagous grades. He stated that the total estimated cost of the award for 1979 would be £12,000

On the proposition of Councillor Fahey, seconded by Councillor Coogan, it was resolved that the Council hereby approve the increases proposed by the County Manager from the dates stated, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approves of the additional expenditure of £12,000 in 1979.

73 - LOAN OF £30,600 - DUNMORE/GLENAMADDY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That the Council hereby approve the raising of a Supplementary Loan of £30,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the remainder of Stage 1 Phase 1 of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme - the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 30 years or such other period as may be approved by the Minister, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the Loan to the Council."

74 - LOAN OF £80,000 - SMALL SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES 1979:

It was proposed by Senator Kitt, seconded by Councillor F. Fahey, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a Loan of £80,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the Council's Small Sanitary Services Programme for 1979, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the Loan to the Council"

Replying to queries as to the schemes which will be constructed out of this Loan, Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, gave the following particulars:

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1. Galway City East Sewerage Scheme - Extension to Ballybrit Cottages.	29,500
2. Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme - Interconnection with Oughterard Town Scheme.	8,000
3. Carraroe Sewerage Scheme - Extension - Stage 1.	20,000
4. Galway City Eastern Environs Regional Water Supply - Extension to Ballincooley.	25,000

Councillor Joyce stated that for years Councillors had been looking for sewerage schemes for small towns and he objected to the use of these funds for extensions for major schemes instead of using it for small towns and villages.

Deputies Donnellan and Callanan, also agreeing with Councillor Joyce's statements, objected to the use of these funds for extensions from large schemes in the vicinity of Galway City. Councillor Finnegan complained that Williamstown was still without a Sewerage Scheme, an area where pollution constitutes a health hazard.

Councillor Haverty also complained about the use of these funds for large schemes.

The County Manager stated that the funds for those small schemes are not necessarily for villages and that none of the funds are being used in Galway City. He stated that none of those small schemes can be financed out of this loan unless the cost is under £30,000, and that many of the sewerage schemes for the villages

which have been referred to, and which are still without sewerage schemes could not be done for much more than the limit of £30,000 on small schemes. In view of the impossibility of financing small sewerage schemes for towns and villages out of this type of fund, the Council started three years ago to make provision out of Rates for financing sewerage schemes in villages. Now with the limitation on Rates, it is likely that the Council will have to go over to the allocation for major Capital Works to get money to carry out the schemes in question. He stated that it is proposed within the next two months, possibly even at the September Meeting, that a progress report will be submitted to members.

75 - LOAN OF £2,000 - KNOCKDOE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Holland and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister to finance the Council's contribution towards the cost of headworks for the Knockdoe Group Water Supply Scheme - the loan to be repayable over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the usual rate."

76 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES - MESSRS. N. FOSS ELECTRIC LTD., TUAM:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 to 1978, hereby remit two thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the industrial premises occupied by Messrs. N. Foss Electric Limited at Tuam, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1979 to 1987 inclusive, the appropriate certificate under Section 3 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972, having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

77 - "PEOPLE OF THE YEAR" AWARDS:

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the Council agreed to nominate Sr. Brigid Keane of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Sea Road, Galway, for the "People of the Year" Awards promoted by the Rehabilitation Institute.

78 - PROPOSALS FOR AGREEMENT ON PAY POLICY:

The County Manager referred to the above proposals which have been accepted by Congress and approved by the Minister subject to the completion of local agreements, and stated that the first phase of the pay element in these proposals involved an increase of 9% on basic pay to all County Council staff subject to a minimum of £5.50 per week. This increase would operate from the date of termination of the previous National Pay Agreement, i.e., 1st March in the case of some staff and the 1st June in the case of others, and would run for a period of nine months from those dates. He stated that the total cost of implementing this phase of the agreement is not available at the moment, but he asked that the Council would in the meantime approve implementation of the first phase. He stated that the cost, when available, would be brought before the Council. On the proposition of Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Council agreed to the implementation of the first phase as outlined by the County Manager.

79 - PAPAL VISIT TO GALWAY - 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1979:

The County Manager stated that the County Council and its staff have been and will be involved in the preparation and provision of services in connection with the Papal Visit to Galway on the 30th September, 1979, and while the details of the cost to the County Council were not yet available, he asked the approval of the Council to go ahead with the necessary arrangements. He stated that there is a need for a scheme to regulate traffic and for the provision of parking places. Landowners are being approached inviting them to make land available. The Council proposes, with the agreement of the landowners, making additional openings in fences in order to facilitate the entry and leaving of cars, and it is also proposed in some places to provide field sanitary accommodation. The Council is undertaking to rebuild any openings made in fences in connection with carparking, to fill in any sanitation trenches which may be opened, and to remove litter from the various parking places as soon as possible on termination of the visit. He stated that this work is properly the responsibility of the County Council and that particulars of the cost will be brought before the Council later.

On the proposition of Senator Kitt, seconded by Deputy Callanan, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Council would be convened to review the arrangements for the visit. It was agreed that this meeting would be held on the 7th September and that it would be a meeting of the Committee of the entire Council up to 5 p.m., at which time representatives of the press would be invited to attend. It was also agreed that the Planning Meeting arranged for the 14th September would be postponed to a later date, to be decided at the September Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Burke stated that some itinerant traders had parked on a layby on the Tuam/Milltown road and he asked if any steps could be taken to remove them from this place.

80 - LETTER FROM MR. NEIL BLANEY, T.D.:

The Chairman informed the Council that he had received the following letter dated 29th July, 1979, from Mr. Neil Blaney, T.D.:-

"I am writing to let you know that I shall be available to the Council and to individual Councillors as European M.P. to provide any assistance by way of representations to the Community institutions on behalf of local projects or improvement schemes, which may qualify for E.E.C. grants or loans.

Please advise the Councillors that I shall be glad to hear from them in this regard and may be contacted in my room in Leinster House, Dublin 2, (Phone 789685)."

81 - FINISHING TIME OF MEETINGS:

After discussion on this matter, it was agreed that Meetings of the Council would end not later than 6.30 p.m.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION82 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS - MERLIN PARK GATE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR COOGAN:

Replying to Councillor Coogan's motion, the County Secretary stated that traffic surveys carried out here indicate that peak traffic flows emerging at Merlin Park occur at lunchtime, teatime and during funerals. Other than this, there are no significant delays to cars coming from the hospital.

During peak flows, the average delay per car was 12 seconds, this being well below the 30 seconds value which is accepted as one criterion for the installation of lights. The required minimum traffic flow for a period of four hours on an average day is 120 vehicles/hour. This criterion was not met during the survey when the volume was just about equalled between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. only.

The traffic lights being installed by Galway Corporation at the junction with the Ballybane Road should ensure sufficient and orderly gaps in the main traffic flow from the city to enable traffic from the hospital to emerge. The installation of further lights, 400 metres from these would cause excessive delays to the high volume of traffic using the national route and would not be economic in these circumstances.

Councillors Coogan and Haverty expressed dissatisfaction with the reply stating that there is a traffic hazard at this location and they asked that the matter be re-examined.

83 - MOYCULLEN BURIAL GROUND - EXTENSION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

As Councillor Welby was absent at this time, the Chairman directed that a reply to his motion be sent to him.

84 - PROVISION OF SERVICED LAND FOR HOUSING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY:

Proposing his motion, Councillor F. Fahey recommended that

- the Council increase its Overdraft by £500,000 in order to buy more land;
- the Council purchase 40 acres of land in five centres at an estimated cost of £240,000;
- provide services for 13 acres at a density of 7 sites to the acre - estimated cost £360,000;
- complete and sell 100 sites;
- draw up designs for house types and guidelines on labour costs, etc., to be made available to applicants who will build their own houses.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that with the aid of the £9,000 loan and the £1,000 grant, the provision of sites as proposed would bring private housing within the range of many people who would otherwise have to depend on local authorities for rehousing. He considered that the Council should do a marketing operation where they have sites available, and in particular, he referred to the case of Athenry where there are 24 or 25 sites which cannot be sold. He considered that if Galway people knew those sites were available, they would be sold in a short time.

Councillor Coogan, seconding Councillor Fahey's motion, stated that there would be less Section 4 resolutions on Planning if more sites were available.

The Chairman also supported Councillor Fahey's motion.

Councillor Kilgannon stating that he agreed with the first part of the motion, did not consider that people who were at present on the Local Authority Housing list would be able to build their own houses even if sites were made available to them as proposed.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Council will examine Councillor Fahey's proposal in the light of the more detailed submissions which he had made.

It was agreed that the matter would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

85 - HOUSING LOANS FOR SINGLE PEOPLE AND FOR PEOPLE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

Replying to this motion, the County Secretary stated that loan applications are accepted from single people but that in accordance with normal procedure, the Council has to be satisfied of their need for housing before it can be approved.

With regard to loans for people under 21 years of age, the County Secretary stated that there is a legal difficulty about this matter as there might not be any obligation on such persons to repay a loan. Replying to a further query, he stated that a guarantee would not solve the problem if there was not a valid contract with the borrower in the first instance, - to reduce the age limit for loans to 18 would require amending legislation.

86 - PURCHASE OF LAND FOR INDUSTRY IN TUAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The County Secretary stated that efforts are being made jointly between the Council and the I.D.A. for the purchase of additional land in Tuam for industry.

87 - MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that the objections to the water supply proposal have recently been withdrawn and the Council is now requesting approval from the Department of the Environment to prepare Contract Documents for a stage of the Regional Scheme which will enable the Group to proceed with their scheme. The Council will be in contact with the Group when approval from the Department is received.

88 - IMPROVEMENT OF COLEMANSTOWN/GALWAY ROAD AT GARBALLY CASTLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that the improvement of the sight distance at this junction is desirable. The estimated cost of the work is £3,000 but no provision had been made for it in this year's estimates. However, the Council will negotiate for the necessary land purchase, and if successful, will try to include the work in the 1980 roadworks scheme. In the meantime, it is intended to erect an advance warning sign on the road from Colemanstown.

89 - DECLARATION OF L.I.S. ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that L.I.S. roads which meet the requirements with regard to a public right of way and general public utility are adopted by the Council.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that what he had in mind was that the Council should revise its standards in order to permit a road which serves a number of farms to be taken over even though it might not serve any dwellinghouse.

Councillors Ruane and Haverty stated that they considered the taking over of roads to houses be more important than roads serving land only. Councillor Haverty stated that the additional cost involved in maintaining all such roads, if they were taken over, might create a problem.

The Chairman asked the County Engineer if he would consider the submissions made, and if he would bring a report back to the County Council on them within a period of say two months.

90 - CORAS AISTRICHAN - GAELIGE / BEARLA I SEOMRA CRUINNITHE AN CHOMHAIRLE - MOLADH ON CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Do mhol an Chomhairleoir O'Foighil go gcuirfi coras aistriuchain direach ar fail i seomra cruinnithe an Chomhairle. Duirt se go bhfuil cuid mhaith den Chontae sa Gaeltacht agus gur choir don Chomhairle tosaíocht a ghlacadh agus dea shampla a thabhairt maidir le usaid na Gaeilge. Duirt se go ndearna se fiosriuchan agus gur cheap se go bhfeadfaí an coras a chur ar fail ar chostas £3,000, agus gurb e an t-aon chostas eile a bheadh ar an Chomhairle na turastail chailin uair amhain sa mhi a bheadh ag freastail ar cruinnithe den Chomhairle.

Speaking in English, Councillor O'Foighil asked that the Council would investigate the possibility of providing a direct translation service in the Council room. He stated that the advantage of this would be that any Councillor would feel free to express himself in Irish or in English and others could understand him immediately by direct translation. He considered that this would speed up the business of the Council. He stated it would give good example to other Councils and he expressed satisfaction that the Minister for the Environment had recently set up a national steering committee to help promote the use of Irish in Local Authorities. He noted with satisfaction that the County Manager and Councillor O'Conchubhair were on this committee. He considered that the installation of a direct translation system was a practical way of showing the sincerity of the Council.

Do chuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair leis an mholadh a rinne an Comhairleoir O'Foighil agus gurb e an tuspóir a bhi leis an Coiste Naisiunta na usaid gaeilge shimpli a chur chun chinn sa Chomhairle Chontae. Duirt an Comhairleoir Mac GiollaGeanain go mba mhaith leis da bhfeadfaí roinnt de gno an Chomhairle a dheanamh tre ghaeilge. Do chuidigh an Comhairleoir Seoighe agus an Seanadóir Ceit leis an run freisin, maraon leis an Cathaoirleach. Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go mbhfeidir go bhfeadfaí deontas a fhail o Bhord na Gaeilge chun cuid den chostas a íoch.

The Chairman stated that he supported the resolution on the Agenda and he asked an Comhairleoir O'Foighil to examine again the question of the finances of introducing this as a pilot scheme together with further particulars of the cost involved for consideration at the next meeting of the Council.

91 - CORPORATION DUMP AT CARROWBROWNE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been taken up with Galway Corporation who had informed us that a perimeter fence was provided for this dump on its development by the Corporation, but on many occasions, this fence was tampered with and broken down and was reinstated by the Corporation. He stated also that in response to complaints made some time ago, a new management programme for this dump had been undertaken, that definite objectives had been set out, that those were being implemented and that there was a considerable improvement now in the maintenance of the dump. As evidence of this, he stated that the Secretary of the Cloon Residents Association had expressed appreciation of the work being done.

The County Secretary stated that steps have also been taken by Galway Corporation to ensure that the objectives set out and the steps being taken to improve conditions at the dump will be continued in order to ensure that the dump will be maintained to a high standard. Councillor Ruane stated that he agreed that major improvements had been made in the maintenance of the dump, but he asked if further consideration could be given to the question of providing wire fences in order to prevent papers blowing into adjoining land.

92 - DUMPING OF SCRAP AT CALTRA, BELCLARE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that these families would be approached and an effort would be made to keep the area surrounding their two houses free of scrap.

Councillor Ruane stated that for about a mile of a road, rubbish and scrap is being dumped by these families. Councillor Kilgannon recommended that the Council enforce tenancy agreements and insist that those families would keep the surroundings of their houses in a clean condition.

93 - MOTIONS BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

In the absence of Deputy Donnellan at this stage, it was agreed that written replies to his motions would be sent to him.

94 - MOTIONS BY DEPUTY JOHN M. MANNION:

In the absence of Deputy Mannion at this stage, it was agreed that written replies would be sent to him on his motions.

95 - IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTION AT HEANEY'S CROSS, TULLINDALY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The County Secretary stated that efforts will be made to acquire the land necessary for this junction improvement, and if successful, the work will be considered for inclusion in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme.

96 - IMPROVEMENT OF VIEW - POLLATURICK VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The County Secretary stated that information on this proposal would be available for the next meeting.

97 - DENTAL SERVICE, WESTERN HEALTH BOARD AREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Glynn complained that a child who accepted for treatment in July 1976, had not yet been dealt with, and that another patient was stated to be number 1134 on the list. Councillor Haverty stated that members of the Health Board have been pressing for an improvement in this service for a long time.

Deputy Callanan stated that he agreed that this matter had been under examination for a long time but that the problem is that there are not enough dentists.

98 - REIIGI I gCONNAMARA - MOLADH AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai nach bhfuil aon airgead ar fail do na h-oibreacha seo ins na Meastachain i gcomhair na bliana seo. Maidir leis an bothar go Reilg Leitir Meallain, duirt se go ndeanfar an cheist seo a scrudu nuair a bheas na Meastachain i gcomhair na bliana seo chugainn a ullmhu.

99 - CASAN ON SPIDEAL GO TUAR BEAG - MOLADH AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go bhfuil an bothar seo chontuirteach, go raibh dha thimpist ann agus gur goineadh triur paisti go dona. Duirt se da mbeadh casan ann, go mbeadh se i bhfad nios sabhailte.

Duirt an Runai nach bhfuil aon airgead ins na Meastachain i gcomhair na bliana seo i gcomhair na h-oibre seo ach go ndeanfar e a scrudu i gcomhair na bliana seo chugainn.

Councillor O'Higgins stated that a footpath is required for a distance of approximately 50 yards on the other side of Spiddal towards the College, and he asked if this could be done.

100 - ROAD TO RAILWAY STATION AT GORT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that the width of the existing carriageway, which varies from 21 feet to 30 feet, is considered adequate for normal traffic. However, on Mart days, parking of lorries, tractors, etc., causes congestion. It is considered that the Mart authority should consider the provision of a carpark.

Councillor Fahey stated that he was not satisfied with the reply and he asked that the Council would approach C.I.E. for the necessary land to widen the road and to remove a bend. He asked that the matter be brought before the Council at a future meeting.

101 - DELAY IN PROVIDING PUMP AT SHEAUN PARK, ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that there has been delay in getting public health recommendations on the proposal, but a further investigation is now being carried out with a view to selecting a suitable site.

Councillor McCormack criticised the delay on the part of the Chief Medical Officer in supplying the information on the selection of a site for this pump. Replying to a further query by Councillor McCormack, the County Secretary stated that alternative methods of selecting a site are being considered.

102 - COVERING OF RESERVOIR AT KILRONAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that the circular steel reservoir which was erected on the island last year was not designed to carry a roof but it is intended to place a netting over it to avoid accidents. Councillor McCormack stated that a roof would be needed to prevent pollution by birds.

103 - CORRANDULLA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that an application for a special contribution of £6,000 towards the cost of headworks is expected to be approved when details of the cost of the scheme are forwarded from the Department of the Environment. He stated that it is understood that a further £40,000 is required towards the cost of rock excavation, but as this type of contribution does not qualify for a loan and subsidy, it cannot be recommended.

Councillor McCormack stated that in this case people have to pay a contribution of from £400 to £500 whereas in an adjoining scheme, they had to pay only £190.

104 - ROAD TO TOMMY NOLAN'S HOUSE, LEHENAGH, CASTLEBLAKENEY. - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

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

105 - ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR HOUSING AT MUCKLOON, BALLYFORAN. - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that an invitation had been sent to Bord na Mona for a discussion on this matter, and it was hoped that the discussion would take place soon.

106 - BENDS ON ROAD FROM GLENTANE TO MENLOUGH - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

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

107 - PURCHASE OF LAND IN GORT, LOUGHREA, CLARINBRIDGE, KINVARA AND ARDRAHAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The County Secretary gave the following information:

Gort: A Compulsory Order for approximately 1 acre of land has recently been confirmed and additional land is being sought.

Loughrea: Contract Documents are being prepared for a further 14 houses and this will be considered for the 1980 Programme. The Council has recently purchased an additional 17 acres.

Clarinbridge: The second phase of 12 houses and two sites is ready to be advertised and will be considered in the 1980 Programme.

Kinvara: The layout for a further 16 houses, in addition to 12 completed last year, has been approved. This will be considered for the 1980 Programme.

Ardrahan: Negotiations are proceeding with the Western Health Board for the purchase of approximately 1½ acres.

108 - INSTALLATION OF RANGES FOR COUNCIL TENANTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that up to 1974, Stanley No. 8 Ranges were provided in all County Council houses. Back-boilers were substituted in 1974 with the addition of an immersion heater and electric cooker point. In 1977, the Council reverted to providing Stanley ranges in schemes of bungalows with back-boilers being retained in two-storey houses. Stanley ranges are provided in all rural houses. It would be unwise for the Council to widen its involvement in the provision of ranges in view of the restricted finance available for house repairs.

Councillor Burke recommended that if tenants agreed to pay the cost by instalments, the Council should provide the range.

Deputy Callanan also stated that the Council should consider the proposal seriously.

109 - TAKING OVER OF HOUSING ESTATES IN TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that it is expected that the Council would soon be in a position to take over responsibility for the maintenance of the following estates:-

Bel Air Drive;
Curragh Park;
Abbey Trinity;
Trinity Court.

He stated, however, that the Parkview and Millstream Park estates were not suitable for taking in charge at present, and that the solicitor is dealing with the question of completion of the estates in accordance with the terms of the planning permissions.

110 - EXTENSION OF MANPOWER SERVICE IN TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BURKE:

On the proposition of Councillor Burke, seconded by Councillor Glynn, it was resolved that the Council request the Minister for Labour to extend the Manpower Service in Tuam.

111 - WATERWORKS CARETAKER, EYRECOURT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that the position of Waterworks Caretaker which it is proposed to fill in the near future does not contain any conditions regarding other duties in Eyrecourt. He stated that the previous arrangement was that the roads section engaged the previous caretaker to do additional work in the village, but that this could not be a condition of the employment of a Waterworks Caretaker. No guarantee can be given for various reasons, that the person to be appointed Waterworks Caretaker be given additional duties as proposed.

112 - PLAYGROUND AT LAURENCETOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated playground equipment for this playground is on order.

113 - QUALITY AND QUANTITY TESTS OF PUMP AT BLACKSTICKS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that a further quality test of the water from this source was carried out recently and it was found to be satisfactory. A quantity test was not carried out.

114 - REPAIRS TO ROAD FROM KILLALAGHTON N.S. TO KILLORAN CHURCH AND ROAD LEADING OFF SAME - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The County Secretary stated that repairs to the above road commenced on the 21st August last.

115 - IMPROVEMENT TO THE STREET IN KILLIMOR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The County Secretary stated that this matter is being re-examined at present and it is hoped that the problem will be satisfactorily resolved in the near future.

Councillor Haverty asked that when the County Engineer is visiting Killimor, he would approach the local people and explain to them the work which the Council proposes to carry out.

116 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. John Fletcher, Society Street, Ballinasloe.
Mr. & Mrs. Dunleavey, Claregalway.
Professor Lavelle and Family, Newcastle, Galway.
Mr. Hugh Barrett, Pallas, Caltra, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Barry & Family, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. + Glynn CHAIRMAN

24/9/79 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

3rd September, 1979.

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, 7th September, 1979, at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Review arrangements for Papal Visit on Sunday, 30th September, 1979.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF THE ENTIRE COUNCIL HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1979. TO REVIEW THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PAPAL VISIT

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor F. Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahey, P.J. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M.D. Higgins, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M.P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J.M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, N. O'Conchaubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; K. Hays, M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

117 - WELCOME TO MR. DUNNE:

The Chairman and Members congratulated Mr. Dunne on his appointment and welcomed him back to Galway as County Engineer, and looked forward to working in co-operation with him in the years ahead. Mr. Dunne thanked the members for their kind remarks.

118 - PAPAL VISIT:

The County Manager outlined the arrangements being made in connection with the Papal Visit to Galway on Sunday, September 30th. He stated that the ceremonies at Galway were somewhat different from those at the other centres in view of the fact that Galway had been selected as a centre for youth from every Diocese in the country. It was difficult to say what number of youth would attend at Ballybrit but it was expected to be in the region of 90,000 to 100,000, and there would be two leaders for every 25 youth. In addition to the youth, places would also be available for adults and young people from the entire catchment area which included Galway County, Clare, Roscommon, Westmeath and Offaly, which could amount to another 100,000 people. This huge volume of people presented many problems affecting traffic, accommodation, approach routes, etc., and his Committee had responsibility for traffic arrangements and accommodation for youth. A traffic plan had been worked out and would be implemented by the Gardai who reserved the right to alter the plan should the occasion arise. All approach routes will have a termination point where carparking will be provided. On the Tuam Road, traffic from Tuam will be allowed as far as Killeen Cross, which is the stopping point and where carparks will be available. Traffic from Dublin will be diverted at Derrydonnell Cross through Athenry and Carnmore Cross and towards Brierhill School where the stopping point will be and where carparks will be provided. The only traffic through Oranmore will be from the Limerick/Clare direction and the stopping point for this traffic will be near the Galway Crystal Factory. The stopping point for traffic coming in the Headford Road would be at Coen's Shopping Centre where parking would be available, and as there were no suitable fields in this vicinity, the adjoining housing estates would be used for parking. The traffic coming in the Moycullen Road and the Barna Road would be integrated with the city traffic using the Salmon Weir Bridge and the Wolfe Tone Bridge. The traffic over the Wolfe Tone Bridge would proceed by Lough Atalia and on to the Dublin Road as far as Renmore where parking would be available. The traffic over the Salmon Weir Bridge would be directed towards carparks in Mervue.

The road from Eyre Square to Bohermore and the Tuam Road would be kept free of traffic and would only be used for essential needs. Bus parks would also be provided, and although the plans are not finalised, there would be parking for buses in places like the Industrial Estate, Merlin Park Hospital Grounds, and other places. The County Engineer and his staff had approached landowners for the use of their fields for carparking and had a very good response and it looked as if more than adequate parking space would be available.

As regards the youth traffic, it was visualised that most of the youth would commute and only those from the very far away Dioceses would need accommodation. All the peripheral towns had been approached, and asked to provide rest stops for youth travelling long distances, to which there was an excellent response. The town of Tuam would host 5,000 youth from the Archdiocese of Armagh, Ballinasloe will host 9,000 from the Diocese of Down and Connor, Athenry will host 7,000 from the Diocese of Derry, Loughrea will host 2,000 from the Diocese of Dromore. The youth will rest in those towns and it was hoped that schools and halls would be made available for them. After the Youth Mass, the youth would travel back to their Diocese without stopping. The only other Diocese which may need some accommodation was the Diocese of Ferns. It was envisaged that only up to about 10 trains would be available to take people to Galway and train traffic, therefore, would be rather small compared to the total number of people being catered for. Up to 20,000 youth were expected to travel from Dublin and these would be accommodated at Oranmore Airfield where field sanitation, etc., would be provided.

The County Manager stated that an Architect had been employed by Bishop Casey for all the work required at Ballybrit Racecourse, and it was considered that adequate facilities would be provided. On the question of traffic movement, he stated that there could be delays, and in order to be in their places in time, people travelling would need to allow about two to three hours for the last 20 miles of their journey, as they would have to park their cars and then proceed to the Racecourse. It was intended that the youth would be in their positions on the site not later than 7 o'clock on Sunday morning, and that the rest of the congregation would be in position by 8.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. A special section was being provided for V.I.P.s, including Councillors, who could park their cars in the carpark behind the Stand.

The County Manager stated that he had discussed with the Mayor of Galway and the Chairman of the County Council the question of a presentation to the Pope from the people of Galway to commemorate his visit to the city. He had also discussed the matter with the Bishop who indicated that there would be no private audiences with the Pope, but that the presentation could be made through the Bishop. It was agreed to proceed with the presentation and the gifts chosen were handcraft leather bound volumes of Hardiman's History of Galway and O'Flaherty's Iar-Connacht. Neither of these were presently in the Vatican Library. Both books would bear an inscription in Polish and Irish and had been commissioned in a Galway Bookshop. The books would cost about £160 each, and the method of financing the purchases had to be decided as the question of a public collection had to be ruled out. He suggested that O'Flaherty's Iar-Chonnacht be presented by the County Council and Hardiman's History of Galway by Galway Corporation, and that the books would be paid for by the Members and the staff, indoor and outdoor, in each case. The County Manager then asked the members for their views on the suggested presentation, and asked if there were any other questions which they would like clarified. A number of Councillors asked questions and congratulated the Manager and staff on the amount of work they had put into the occasion. The Members stressed that it was important that it be widely publicised that Galway would be catering for both youth and adult people and that there would be adequate facilities for all

those who wished to come. The Members agreed entirely with the suggested presentations for the Pope. They also recommended that the time of departure of the youth from the rest centres for Ballybrit be staggered in order to avoid the convergence of any two Groups, thereby, resulting in considerable delay. Members also felt that their wives should be able to accompany them, and possibly children who had no other way of getting to the site. The question was also raised as to whether there would be any traffic such as tourists allowed through Galway City on the day of the visit. Replying, the County Manager stated that he was conscious of the fact that many people might be frightened off coming to Ballybrit because of the very large number of people expected there, but said that the site would be able to accommodate everybody and he would ask the Bishop to make this fact known. He also said that complete details of all the arrangements for the visit would be widely publicised, including a supplement giving information about all the arrangements in the Connacht Tribune. He had also asked that Councillors' wives be allowed to accompany Councillors. As regards tourist traffic through Galway City, the County Manager stated that there should be no difficulty for tourists, particularly between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Some further discussions then took place during which the County Manager clarified other questions and representatives of the press were then allowed into the Council Chamber. The County Manager recapped for the Press all the proposed arrangements after which the Meeting terminated.

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P.F. gh CHAIRMAN

24/9/79 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Aras an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17u Mean Fomhair, 1979.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 24u Mean Fomhair, 1979, 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 and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:

(a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Tony Heverin at Kippaunagh. - Planning Ref. No. 33045."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. G. Bartley.

(b) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Thomas Ruane for the erection of dwellinghouse at Knockdoemore. - Planning Ref. No. 33120."

Tony Murphy. John Molloy. Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby.

(c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby give notice of the intention to propose the following resolution at a meeting of Galway County Council:-

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Charles Conneely of Moyard for dwellinghouse at Tooreen. - Planning Ref. No. 33100."

John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. N. O'Conchubhair.

(d) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Peter Burke, C/o Paul Severs & Co. Ltd. Shop St. Tuam, for one house at Knocknacarrigeen. - Planning Ref. No. 32964."

Mark Killilea. John Donnellan. Thomas Welby.

(e) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Peter Burke, C/o P. F. Severs & Co. Shop St. Tuam, at Knocknacarrigeen. - Planning Reference Number 32965."

Mark Killilea. John Donnellan. Thomas Welby.

(f) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to M. J. O'Sullivan for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ervallah. - Planning Ref. No. 32980."

Thomas Welby. P. McCormack. G. Bartley.

(g) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Pat McDermott for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballagh. - Planning Ref. No. 32651."

(h) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Ml. Hession, C/o P. F. Severs & Co., Shop Street, Tuam at Truska, Ballyconneely. Planning Reference No. 33039."

Nioclas O'Conchubhair. John M. Mannion. M. O'Morain.

(i) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Paddy Price for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Cloounderowen, Moyard. - Planning Ref. No. 33254."

G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.

(j) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we propose that the Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Martin Lally for the erection of a dwellinghouse in Portacarron. - Planning Ref. No. 32925."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. John Molloy.

(k) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to request the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána to arrange for the amendment of existing traffic regulations in Tuam in order to permit two-way traffic on part of High Street, Tuam, from Smiths Garage, to Gilligans Pub and one hour parking on all of High Street."

Mark Killilea. John F. Donnellan. Michael Ryan.

2. Minutes.

3. Malicious Damage Decrees.

4. Improvement of Bungowla Harbour.

5. Creation of Additional Offices:-

(a) Clerical Officer - One post.

(b) Clerk Typist - One post.

6. Progress report on Sanitary Services Schemes - Copy herewith.
7. National Roads Programme
8. Increase in remuneration of Craftsmen.
9. Raising of Loans:
 - (a) £7,080 for special contributions towards Group Water Schemes at Cloon, Claregalway, and at Glann, Oughterard.
 - (b) £7,532 for special contribution towards Woodfield (Extension of Boyounagh) Group Scheme.
 - (c) £124,000 for Portumna New Branch Library and Assistant County Engineer's Office.
 - (d) £2 million for Housing Loans.
10. Fix Date for Special Planning Meeting to consider Section 4 Resolutions.
11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) ADJOURNED FROM MEETING OF 27TH AUGUST, 1979.

12. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:
 - (a) That a pragmatic approach be taken to the provision of serviced land for housing throughout the County and a programme developed to inform people of the advantages of constructing their own homes with the assistance of County Council Loans on the sites made available.
13. AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'FOIGHIL

Iarann an cruinniu seo ar an gComhairle Contae glacadh leis an bprionsabail go gcuirfi coras aistriuchan direach o Ghaeilge go Bearla ar fail i seomra Cruinnithe an Chontae agus tugann an cruinniu seo treoir don Bhainisteoir Contae gach eolas faoi Chostas, riaradh agus gníomhu coras den chineal seo a bheith bailithe agus reitithe le cur os comhair an chead chruinniu eile den Choiste seo.
14. COUNCILLOR FRANK GLYNN - I will propose:

That the County Council improve the view at the entrance to Pollaturick Village and the view of the Railway Gates from the Pollaturick Junction, Milltown.
15. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:
 - (a) That the road at the head of the road leading into Tommy Nolan's house, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, be widened. This road leads off the Lehenagh/Castleblakeney road.
 - (b) That Galway County Council would ease a number of bends on the road from Glentane, Castleblakeney to Menlough and in particular, the bend between Gormally's and O'Hara's Fairhill, bend opposite Michael Ryan's house and the bend at Killeen's Gate, Fairhill.

- (b) OTHER NOTICES OF MOTION RECEIVED:

16. AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'FOIGHIL
 - (a) Iarraimse ar an gComhairle Contae leathnu ar dhroichead an Spideal gan mhoill.
 - (b) Iarraimse ar an gComhairle go gcuirfi caoi ar an droichead agus an casadh ata ar bhothar Bhaile an tSagairt, An Spideal agus ar dhroichead an Spideil go luath.
 - (c) Taim ag iarraidh a fhail amach on gComhairle Contae cen fath nach bhfuil sceim usice Thir an Fhia/Leitir Moir reitithe go foill.
17. AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN
 - (a) What is the position re Cashel Graveyard?
 - (b) What is the position re road to Michael Canavan's house?
 - (c) I will propose that the road from Cill Chiarain to Canavan's house in All na Brun be declared a priority area and blackspot signs be erected.
18. COUNCILLOR PATRICK FINNEGAN - I will propose:

That Galway County Council co-operate with the Roscommon County Council in providing the necessary resources to clean the Islands River and remove the stoppages causing flooding in the river.
19. AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim
 - (a) Go ndeanfadh an Comhairle Condae scrudu iomlan i leith an príomh bothar o Gaillimh go Leitirmeallain agus plean fad reamach a leagann amach.
 - (b) Go ndeanfadh an Comhairle Condae cinnte go mbeadh na boithre portaig uilig faoi caoi ceart le haghaidh an chead bhliain eile.
 - (c) Go gcuireadh an Comhairle Condae crosaire suileora ar fail ag Scoil Naisiunta na Ceathruin Rua, agus duine ann nuair a bhíonn na gasur scoile ag teacht agus ag imeacht on scoil chun aire a thabhairt dhoibh.
20. COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY - I will propose:
 - (a) That this Council ease a dangerous ^{bend} on the Carrabrown-Polkeen road at Boule's house.
 - (b) When will work start on the water extension to Ballindooley?
 - (c) That this Council provide money at the next Roads Estimate Meeting to improve the Castlegar/Ballindooley road.
21. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:
 - (a) That the dangerous bend at Castlefrench N.S., Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe, be eased immediately.
 - (b) That a report be given on the pumps I nominated during the term of the last County Council.
22. COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:

That I want the Council to ease the bad turn at Dervan's House and opposite Michael Porter's house on the road between McNamara's Crossroads and Duniry Crossroads.

23. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council acquire land immediately in Kinvara for the provision of a refuse dump.
- (b) That a pedestrian crossing be erected on the Ennis Road, Gort, between St. Colman's Vocational School and Our Lady's College.
- (c) That the Council meet farmers together with the Consulting Engineers with a view to resolving the objections which are at present holding up the Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme.

24. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That provisions be made in the 1980 Estimates for the erection of stone wall around the Oughterard carpark and Fairgreen.
- (b) That a traffic warden be employed to take charge of children crossing the street at (i) Moycullen and (ii) at the bridge at Oughterard when they are going to and leaving school.

25. COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

- (a) That in view of the difficulties being experienced by some applicants, the income structure of those applying for Local Authority Housing Loans be thoroughly examined to ensure that a person's disposable income be the criterion in deciding eligibility for loans.
- (b) That improvements be carried out on the Ballyglass-Shanballymore road at Gurteen with special emphasis on the elimination of some dangerous bends.
- (c) That as an interim measure, each County Councillor be given a monthly supply of franked County Council envelopes to enable Councillors to write to the Council on official business.

26. COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will ask:

- (a) What is the situation regarding land purchased for Industrial development in Ballinasloe?
- (b) What is the situation regarding land purchased for private development in Ballinasloe?
- (c) That the Minister for the Environment be asked to expedite the flow of information and application forms in connection with the scheme for the conversion to Solid Fuel Heating.

27. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council carry out work on the Kilcolgan road to widen road and also to take the barrack wall as it is a hindrance and a hazard to traffic.
- (b) That the Council erect a footpath and new sign posts in Clarinbridge Village, and also to remove bad bends near the village.

28. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That a 30 m.p.h. speed limit sign be erected in Menlo Village.
- (b) That the road to Michael Faherty's house, Knockaunranny be repaired.

28. (c) That the stop signs at Cregmore Cross be moved back to give a better warning to traffic.

29. COUNCILLOR J. BURKE - I will propose:

That this Council provide ranges for tenants who express a desire for this essential commodity.

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M A L L I C I O U S D A M A G E D E C R E E S

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree Including Costs
Hugh McClafferty, Garda Station, Aran Islands, GALWAY.	Damage to a Motor Car, Reg. No. UZM 458.	Borough of Galway	£150.74	£168.53
Noel McLoughlin, Gentian Hill, Knocknacarra, GALWAY.	Damage to a fence and cappings on a wall.	County of Galway at Large.	£160.00	£161.78
Thomas Sullivan, Monymore, Oranmore, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to 600 bales of hay.	County of Galway at Large.	£600.00	£687.11
Kerry Gallagher, C/o Sandys & Co., Solicitors, 10, Sea Road, GALWAY.	Damage to a Motor Car, Reg. No. MIN 508.	County of Galway at Large	£371.50	£418.40
Galway Rovers A.F.C.	Damage to window frame and glass	Borough of Galway.	£ 30.00	£ 73.31
Healy Coaches Ltd., C/o Messrs. Sandys & Co. Solicitors, 10, Sea Road, GALWAY.	Damage to a Bedford Plaxton 45 Seater Coach, Reg. No. 5005 IM.	Borough of Galway.	£300.00	£208.82
Padraig O'Higgins, C/o Messrs. Sandys & Co. Solicitors, 10, Sea Road, GALWAY.	Damage to a Mazda Motor Car Reg. No. 2884 ZM.	Borough of Galway.	£ 20.00	£ 47.60

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree Including Costs
Galway Salthill Faillte, C/o Messrs. MacDermot & Allen, Solicitors, St. Francis Street, Galway.	Damage to glass curtain walling at Leisureland.	Borough of Galway.	£695.05	£635.25
Dominican Sisters, C/o W.B. Gavin & Co., 4, Devon Place, The Crescent, GALWAY.	Damage to two outdoor fitting lights in the Applicants' National School, Scoil Rois.	Borough of Galway.	£ 20.00	£ 39.87
Kevin Hallinan, Salthill, GALWAY.	Damage to plate glass window	Borough of Galway.	£ 27.66	£ 78.29
Peter Keher, 47, St. Finbarr's Ice., GALWAY.	Damage to a motor car Reg. No. UIM 383	Borough of Galway.	£ 57.71	£ 95.88
St. Mary's College, Most Rev. Dr. Michael Browne and others.	Damage to fifty two panes of glass.	Borough of Galway.	£367.27	£504.42
Edward S. Hunter, West ridge, Taylor's Hill, GALWAY.	Damage to a Vauxhall Chevette GL Motor car REG. NO. XZM 575.	Borough of Galway.	£ 40.00	£ 88.59
Padraic Curran, Moycullen, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to a covered trailer/horse box.	County of Galway at Large.	£205.00	£299.87
Portunna Hotels Ltd., Portunna, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to a plate glass window.	County of Galway at Large.	£200.00	£227.35

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1979.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Frank Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M.D. Higgins, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; K. Hays, F. Monahan, and M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Callagy, C.A.C.E. (Planning); C. Miney, Planning Assistant; D. Barrett and Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officers; D. Buggy and Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officers; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

119 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33045 - APPLICANT: TONY HEVERIN

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each member of the Council:-

"The development proposed is situated adjacent to Mr. Heverin's own dwelling, which in turn is in a cluster of houses in a rural area, which if permitted, would be detrimental to the residential amenity of his adjoining neighbours.

An objection has been received from both Mr. Heverin's neighbours, Mr. Patrick Canney, who lives opposite the proposed development, and Mr. Frank Dowling, who lives adjacent to Mr. Heverin's proposed development. Both of these objectors, in the opinion of the Planning Authority are valid, and for this reason it is proposed to refuse Mr. Heverin's proposal on the grounds that the development would interfere and severely detract from both Mr. Dowling's and Mr. Canney's residential amenity.

This application has already been refused on two previous occasions for the same reason.

In a letter from Mr. Dowling's and Mr. Canney's Solicitor, it is further stated that Mr. Heverin was offered an alternate site a short distance away from the proposed site that would be agreeable to the objectors and indeed the Planning Authority also."

Deputy Killilea proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda stating that the applicant was working under most unsuitable conditions in his existing premises. He had got Planning Permission for a dwellinghouse and he now wished to erect a suitable garage premises. Deputy Killilea stated there were doubts about the alternative site suggested and he considered it to be a very dangerous location. The only objections appeared to relate to fire safety and he suggested that this could be overcome by including adequate fire prevention measures in the conditions of the Planning Permission. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby.

The County Manager stated that the objections referred to fire safety, oil fumes, noise, etc. - Cllr. J. Burke proposed that Permission be refused and was seconded by Councillor Brennan.
A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. and resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, E. Haverty, Deputy Killilea, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, and Welby. (11)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, Burke, Byrne, and M. D. Higgins. (4)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

120 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33120 - APPLICANT: THOMAS RUANE.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"This application was refused on 17th January, 1979, planning reference no. 29139, and on the 4th April, 1979, planning reference no. 30912 on the grounds that it fronted onto an unrealigned section of National Secondary route and not being a claim for second family, no justification was put forward to render it permissible under the County Development Plan. It is again proposed to refuse on the grounds that it is an unnecessary building on an unrealigned section of National Secondary Route and therefore an unnecessary traffic hazard."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor Welby. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

121 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33100 - APPLICANT: CHARLES CONNEELY.

The County Manager explained that the applicant in this case had been requested to submit further information in order to regularise the application and it was decided to defer consideration of the resolution until a meeting subsequent to the date of receipt of the further information from the applicant.

122 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBERS 32964 AND 32965 - APPLICANT: PETER BURKE.

The following report which refers to resolutions 1. (d) and 1. (e) on the Agenda, and which had been circulated to each Member of the Council, was submitted by the County Manager:

"PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

Application was received for the erection of two dwellinghouses, (Ref. No. 28913) on 9th August, 1978 (one on each of the sites of current applications no. 32964 and 32965) and was refused on the advice of the County Medical Officer that the septic tanks would be too close to a Group Water supply source - date of refusal, 27th September, 1978.

After discussion with the applicant's agents, it was agreed to re-examine the submission which was again made for two houses, on the 20th October, 1978, Planning Ref. No. 29713. Due to the fact that the fall in the land was away from the water source, a permission was granted for one house with

its associated septic tank in the south Eastern corner of the total site.

It is still considered that the second house, subject of current application Ref. No. 32964 with its septic tank would be too close to the water source and it is proposed to refuse it on the grounds that it would endanger public health by its close proximity to a Group Water source.

The position is that Planning Permission exists for one house (Planning Ref. No. 29713) on a site which encompasses both of the sites now being considered, and therefore, it is proposed to grant permission in the case of application Ref. No. 32965.

Refusal of Permission is recommended in the case of 32964 for the following reason:-

The proposed house and its septic tank would endanger public health by reason of its close proximity to the water source for a Group Water Supply Scheme."

The County Manager explained the position about the two applications stating that they were for two houses on adjoining sites. Previous applications had been made and permission was given for one house on the two sites, the second house being refused because of the public health danger due to its close proximity to a Group Water source. The Council was still only prepared to grant permission for one house but was prepared to confine the permission to one site, i.e., the site the subject of application number 32965 (resolution 1. (e) on the Agenda). He recommended that application number 32964 be refused on public health grounds. Deputy Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda stating that the applicant was a lorry driver with nine children. He proposed to sell the two sites in order to get enough money to finance the reconstruction of his own house which was in bad condition. Deputy Killilea stated that the septic tank would not cause any health problem as it would be located 194 yards from the source of the water supply and that there were other septic tanks closer to the water source than this. Replying to a query from Councillor J. Burke, Deputy Killilea stated that he had no interest in the Company of Paul Severs & Co. Ltd.

After further discussion, it was agreed not to proceed with the resolution, and that the applicant would submit evidence to substantiate the facts mentioned by Deputy Killilea and that a fresh application would be required as a decision had to be made on the current application by the 1st October, 1979. The County Manager stated that a decision to grant permission was being issued in the case of application number 32965.

123 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32980 - APPLICANT: M. J. O'SULLIVAN.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

1. Proposed development has been refused three times already including once by the Planning Appeals Board.
2. The house would be located approximately 50 ft. from the sea on the Roundstone Gorteen Bay coastline. This is one of the most important scenic areas in Connemara. No amount of screening would obviate the highly undesirable precedent which would be established by new development in such a location.
3. The septic tank would also be too near the sea and would not comply with the Planning Authority's standard conditions, as it is only 60 ft. from the sea.

4. There appears to be very strong local opposition to this development.
5. No essential housing need exists in this case.
6. Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

(i) The proposed development would form a visually intrusive element in an open rugged landscape immediately adjoining a section of the coastline which is of exceptionally high value for recreational use and would thereby seriously diminish the amenity of the area and its potential for recreational development, and be contrary to its proper planning and development.

(ii) The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of the Planning Authority, ref. no. 29316, and a decision to refuse Outline Permission by An Bord Pleanala, ref. no. 7/5/43288."

The County Manager emphasised the fact that the application had been refused three times previously, including once by the Planning Appeals Board, that the septic tank was only 60 feet from the sea and that there was local objection to the development. Councillor Welby proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda, stating that not all of the local people were objecting to it. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Bartley. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor U. Burke. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, and Welby.

(14)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, M.D. Higgins, and O'Foighil.

(8)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

124 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32651 - APPLICANT: PAT McDERMOTT.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed development is located on an elevated site behind six houses which face onto the Galway-Moycullen National Secondary road at Ballagh. There has been a long history of planning applications on this site and permission has been granted for one house by the Minister (Planning Ref. No. 7559). Approval was granted by the Minister in October, 1974. Two conditions were imposed relating to the treatment of septic tank effluent in view of the proximity of other houses at a lower level and adjacent water supplies. The said house has been completed and any other house on the land would contravene a condition of this permission.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

After the Minister's grant of Approval for a house on this site, the site was subdivided and an application was lodged on the western portion (Planning Ref. No. 22845) and refused by

Galway County Council. The same proposal was lodged again (Planning Ref. No. 23228) and was refused by Galway County Council and An Bord Pleanála on 30th September, 1977. There were two objections to the development from neighbours, who would be overlooked by the proposed house. The same proposal was lodged again on 17th October, 1977, and 11th April, 1979, and were both the subject of Section 4 Motions which were later withdrawn. These applications were refused by the Planning Authority.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development is on an elevated site about 30 feet above road level and overlooking the rear of six houses on the main Galway/Moycullen road. The major objections to this development are that it would constitute disorderly development of backlands having no road frontage and secondly it would injure the existing residential amenity of the occupants of the six houses overlooked by the proposed house. Thirdly, the proposed development would generate additional traffic and turning movements on the heavily trafficked National Secondary route and, therefore, would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic.

The applicant has not shown any essential housing need and thereby does not come within the categories of essential housing need permitted by the County Development Plan, 1979, on National Secondary routes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended on the grounds discussed already:-

1. The proposed development would be a disorderly development of backlands on an elevated site, having no road frontage.
2. The proposed development would injure the residential amenity of adjacent housing which would be overlooked by the proposed development.
3. The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of the Minister of Local Government that one house only be constructed on land which includes this site (Planning Appeal Ref. No. 7/5/14329). The said house has been constructed."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Councillor Coogan. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor Brennan. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. resulted as follows:

FOR: Senator Connaughton, Councillors Coogan, McCormack and Ruane. (4)

AGAINST: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Deputies Callanan and Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil. (20)

125 - **RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33039 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL HESSION.**

The County Manager submitted the following report which was circulated to each Member of the Council:

- "1. Permission has previously been refused on appeal and no reason exists to rescind that decision.
2. The proposed development would be most inappropriate for this area which consists of open sand dune landscape. This very openness represents the essential character of the area which proper development control would require to be kept free of physical development. The proposed house is to be insensitively located on top of low dune in such a way as to render it incapable of being assimilated.
3. There is little doubt that if this house is constructed it will lead to further development which will ruin the high amenity value of this small area. There are numerous satisfactory locations for housing all around this area but this small area should be kept as an open landscape. One small cottage exists some distance away but its obvious indigenous style, appearance and age help to blend it appropriately with its environment. This would not apply to the proposed development.
4. Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The land adjoining the site is of a particular open character and the proposed development would form an excessively prominent feature on the landscape and would seriously injure the high visual amenity of the area."

Councillor O'Conchubhair proposed the resolution set out in the Agenda and was seconded by Councillor Molloy. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor Brennan. Councillor Byrne stated the proposers of the resolution should state the reasons as to why permission should be granted in this case.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair go raibh an iarrathoir ag obair i Sasana agus gur le a bhean cheile an laithrean. Speaking in English, Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that the applicant was a married man with a family and working in England and wanted to return to Ireland, and that the site had been left to his wife. The County Manager suggested that the applicant should come into the Planning Office and discuss the question of an alternative site with the Planning Officer. Councillor Bartley supported the resolution that permission be granted, and stated that the site was the only one available. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, and Welby. (13)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors Coogan, Glynn. (7)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

126 - **RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33254 - APPLICANT: PADDY PRYCE.**

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

1. Permission has been refused three times previously on this site including once on appeal by An Bord Pleanála. Permission was granted some years ago for a house on the holding which has now been built. This site is excluded from the site now proposed.
2. The area is of very high scenic amenity value and is already overbuilt. It would be in the interest of visual amenity to curtail new development in the area.
3. No essential housing need exists, as applicant is a shopowner who resides in Clifden.
4. Refusal is again recommended as for previous applications."

Councillor Bartley proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda and was seconded by Councillor Welby. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor Brennan. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, and Welby. (13)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, M.D. Higgins. (7)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

127 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32925 - APPLICANT: MARTIN LALLY.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"BACKGROUND:

The site of the proposed house is located south of Oughterard at Portacarron 400 yards from the shore of Lough Corrib. This area is classified in the County Development Plan as an area of High Amenity and in such an area, Table 10 of the Plan restricts development to cases of essential housing need for residents of the area and to development which would not injure the visual amenities or erode the natural characteristics of the landscape.

The owner of the farm holding of which this site is part has obtained planning permission for six houses on his holding (Planning Ref. Nos. 294, 7220, 10226, 26226, 29113 and 31457) although a grant of Outline Planning Permission in November, 1970, by the Minister imposed a condition that the holding of 19 acres be sterilized from further housing. This Outline Permission was never availed of.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

It has been the consistent policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development in this area because of the excessive amount of housing already permitted and/or built in this High Amenity Area too close to Lough Corrib. There are three houses built in the immediate vicinity of this site and at least eight more are permitted in this area.

This applicant is a prospective buyer of the site who presently lives in Claregalway and is not considered a special case by the Planning Authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would contribute to an excessive increase in housing density in a high amenity area where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to normally restrict development to essential housing needs."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda stating that the applicant was married to a girl from the area and had the site purchased. Councillor Bartley seconded the resolution. Councillor J. Burke proposed that permission be refused and was seconded by Councillor Brennan. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, and Welby. (13)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, M. D. Higgins. (7)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

128 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REGARDING TUAM TRAFFIC BYE-LAWS:

The County Manager stated that this Section 4 resolution on the Agenda was not a proper one in that the making of bye-laws was a function of the Garda Commissioner who was obliged to give notice to the Tuam Town Commissioners of his intention to make bye-laws and the making of representations to the Garda Commissioner was reserved to the Tuam Town Commissioners. He stated that consultations had taken place between the Garda Commissioner and the Tuam Town Commissioners. Deputy Killilea stated that the bye-laws as operated were a matter of great concern for the High Street traders, the traffic was all one way and there were no parking facilities. Deputy Donnellan stated that the Council got no opportunity of submitting observations on the proposed bye-laws and no consideration was given to the High Street traders. He proposed that the bye-laws be amended as set out in the resolution. Senator Connaughton stated that he had been under the mistaken impression that Galway County Council had a function in the making of the bye-laws. Councillor Ryan stated that all new regulations and bye-laws should be seen to be fair and the bye-laws in question seemed to be unfair in relation to the High Street area. Councillor J. Burke stated that the Tuam Town Commissioners had made representations to the Garda Commissioner and had succeeded in getting some changes made, but the Commissioner had refused to adjust the traffic flow in High Street. Councillor Burke felt that the bye-laws should now be given a reasonable trial period at the end of which the system could be reviewed.

129 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Minutes of meetings held on the 27th August, 1979, and 7th September, 1979, numbers 61 to 118, inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman, subject to Minute No. 84 (c) being altered to read 30 acres instead of 13 acres.

Arising out of the Minutes (Minute No. 105), Senator Kitt asked if there was any progress in relation to the acquisition of a site at Muckloon and was informed that this would be checked.

Councillor Finnegan enquired about the Meetings of the Members of each Electoral Area to discuss nominations for the Committee on Itinerancy. Deputy Callanan stated that the Ballinasloe Area had already held their meeting. It was agreed that the remaining areas would hold their meetings at 3 p.m. prior to the October Meeting of the Council and that the appointment of nominees would be put on the Agenda for the Council Meeting.

130 - 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.

131 - IMPROVEMENT OF BUNGOWLA HARBOUR:

The County Manager stated that Roinn na Gaeltachta had indicated that it would provide 100% grant of £23,000 for the provision of harbour facilities at Bungowla provided the County Council agreed to take over maintenance of the works when completed. It was proposed by Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Councillor McCormack and resolved:

"That Galway County Council agree to take over the normal maintenance of the works proposed by Roinn na Gaeltachta at Bungowla Pier subject to the provision by the Office of Public Works of a certificate of satisfactory completion of the works."

132 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERICAL OFFICER AND CLERK/TYPIST:

The County Manager stated that the additional office of Clerical Officer was required in the Housing Section where the workload had increased considerably in recent times. The number of houses under construction was at a higher level than at any time in the past and there was a resurgence of demand for Housing Loans including Low Rise Mortgage Loans. The additional post of Clerk/Typist was required in the Council's Office in Tuam. It was proposed to amalgamate the office of Town Clerk and Clerical Officer in the Assistant County Engineer's offices both in Tuam and Loughrea, and the salary for the combined office in each case would be Staff Officer's salary and the difference between the Clerical Officer's salary and the Staff Officer's salary would be recouped from the Town Commissioners. In the case of Tuam, however, because of the heavier workload, it would be necessary to provide the assistance of a Clerk/Typist in the Assistant County Engineer's office, and therefore, an extra office of Clerk/Typist needed to be created. It was proposed by Councillor Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:

0 "That the Council approve of the proposals outlined by the County Manager, including the creation of one additional office of Clerical Officer and one additional office of Clerk/Typist."

133 - LIST OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF EACH SECTION OF THE COUNCIL:

Councillor Kilgannon asked if Members could be circularised with a list of the staff in charge of the various sections of the County Council in order that Members would know who to ask for when making enquiries about various items. The County Manager agreed to do this.

134 - PROGRESS REPORT ON SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES:

The Sanitary Services Programme showing the position of schemes at the 30th June, 1979, which was circulated to each Member, was considered by the Council. Councillor Byrne stated that he hoped the Galway City East Water Supply Extension to Oranmore would commence quickly as it was due to commence before now. The Department of P. & T. had opened up the road to lay cables and he felt that if there was more co-operation between public bodies that some duplication of work could be avoided. He was disappointed at the delay in the Gort Regional Scheme and also the fact that there were no sewerage schemes on the list for Clarenbridge and Craughwell. Councillor F. Fahey recommended that an additional engineer be appointed for the planning and design of water and sewerage schemes. There seemed to be little progress from one report to another and he was not aware of any pressure being put on the Department for extra funds to finance the schemes on the list. As regards Gort Regional Water Scheme, he referred to his motion numbered 23 (c) on the Agenda asking that the Council make arrangements again to meet the farmers involved with a view to resolving the objections. He was satisfied that the objections would be withdrawn if the Council agreed to lower the sill level of the outlet of Lough Cutra lake and he understood that this proposal was feasible. He asked if the report had been received from An Foras Forbartha on Oranmore Sewerage Scheme. Councillor Haverty referred to Killimor Sewerage Scheme and asked if there was any way in which the Department could be persuaded to give funds for this scheme. A Sewerage Scheme was very urgently required as none of the septic tanks on one side of the street were working satisfactorily. Councillor O'Foighil asked if there was any starting date for Rosmuc Regional Scheme as a Group Scheme which was dependent on it had been approved. Deputy Callanan stated that at the present rate of progress the schemes on the list amounted to a 20 year programme and he could not see the programme being completed unless extra assistance was provided such as more realistic grants for Group Sewerage Schemes. He said the Council should ensure it was getting a fair allocation of funds and suggested that an estimated figure for the cost of all the village sewerage schemes, not included on the list, be included in any submissions to the Department. Councillor Kilgannon felt that Galway should have a good case for an increased allocation having regard to its size and population. Senator Kitt stated that there seemed to be little progress in East Galway and mentioned the villages of Menlough and Caltra which needed sewerage schemes. Deputy Killilea stated that he was glad to see that the objections to the water supplies order for the Mid-Galway Regional Scheme were being withdrawn. Referring to the Tuam Regional Water Scheme, he asked that the Council co-operate with the Board of Works in order that the Board of Works will be able to complete drainage works. Councillor Higgins referred to Kilronan Sewerage Scheme and asked if any other system could be used to get the scheme under way if the Council failed to get a Contractor. He said that the fact that Barna Sewerage Scheme would not be constructed for a number of years would have a big affect on new housing development in the area. Councillor Joyce noted that the preliminary report for Lawrencetown Scheme was being prepared by the Council's staff and he asked that the report be expedited. Senator Connaughton asked if Mountbellew Regional Water Scheme would commence in 1982 and enquired if an approach could be made to E.E.C. financial institutions for additional loans to finance Sanitary Services Schemes. Councillor M. Fahy stated that he had been advised that Craughwell Sewerage Scheme would start in 1980 and he asked if this was correct. Referring to the Portumna Water Supply Scheme, Councillor U. Burke stated that the level of the Shannon had dropped considerably this year with the result that the intake point for the water was almost at mud level and this should not be allowed happen again. Councillor Ryan asked when would the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Water Scheme commence and what was the position about Meylough Sewerage Scheme.

Replying to a number of the questions, the County Manager first of all explained, particularly for the benefit of the new Members, that County Galway was to a large extent a dry County but that planning of water schemes was well in hands, and the first page of the programme alone listed schemes to the value of over £3 million. A number of Members had asked when would schemes commence and he pointed out that the implementation of the programme was completely dependent on an allocation of funds by the Department. The Government in its Capital Budget for the ensuing year provided for all the Capital Services of all the Government Departments, and in this way, the Capital expenditure of Local Authorities was controlled. As regards village schemes, he stated that the reason why these were not on the programme was because the Council has to pay large sums of money to Consulting Engineers to design schemes and the Council has to strike a balance between expenditure on fees to Consultants and the expenditure on the provision of schemes on the ground. He was satisfied that enough planning was being done and more than sufficient schemes were ready to take up whatever Capital Allocation would be made available. A deputation from the Council had met the previous Minister for the Environment and the progress report on Sanitary Services schemes is submitted to the Department twice a year so that the Department is well aware of the Council's huge programme for sanitary works. He said the Council could attach a list of villages with the next submission. Regarding the water supplies order for the Gort Regional Scheme, the County Manager stated that the Council Engineers and the Consulting Engineer met the landowners on a number of occasions, and in January 1979, they were invited into the Engineer's office in Gort for further discussions and only four turned up, and the best course to follow now was to forward the proposal to the Minister for the Environment and let it be examined by an independent Tribunal. He said the County Engineer would write to Councillor F. Fahey about the suggestion of lowering the sill which he had mentioned. As regards Craughwell Sewerage Scheme, the County Manager stated that this was one of the small schemes which the Council hoped to do out of Revenue, and because of rate limitations, he could not say if the scheme would in fact be undertaken in 1980. He said that the Foras Forbartha report on the outfall for Oranmore Sewerage Scheme had been received and was being examined. The Council had been in touch with the Office of Public Works in connection with the problem mentioned by Deputy Killilea and would keep in contact with them. On the subject of Kilonan Sewerage Scheme, the County Manager stated that the Council hoped that it would be able to attract a suitable Contractor for the job, and if this failed, the Council would consider doing the work by direct labour. As regards the intake point for the Portumna Water Supply, the County Manager stated that the Council would ensure that the intake pipe was sufficiently far out so as not to cause any problem. He said that the report on the Moylough Sewerage Scheme would be available shortly.

135 - NATIONAL ROADS PROGRAMME:

The County Manager explained that copies of the government publication "Road Development Plan for the 1980s" had been ordered for circulation to each Member and it was hoped that they would be available for the September Meeting but they had not yet arrived. It was agreed to put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

136 - INCREASE IN REMUNERATION OF CRAFTSMEN:

The County Manager stated that as a result of negotiations between a group of Unions under the aegis of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board, a new wage scale was offered and accepted by Craftsmen employed by Local Authorities and Health Boards. The new wage scale was sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment and he requested the Council's approval to its implementation to Craftsmen employed by the Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor F. Fahey, it was resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the following increased pay scales for Craftsmen employed by the Council, and that additional expenditure of £13,650 be approved in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

	Existing Scale	New Scale Effective 1/4/79	New Scale including Phase 1 of 1979 National Agreement from 1/4/79
On recruitment	£64.03	£72.00	£78.48
After ½ years service	£64.03	£73.67	£80.30
After 1½ years service	£64.33	£74.50	£81.21
After 2½ years service	£65.22	£75.39	£82.18
After 3½ years service	£66.06	£76.23	£83.09
After 4½ years service	£66.50	£76.67	£83.57
After 5½ years service	£66.91	£77.08	£84.02
After 6½ years service	£67.36	£77.53	£84.51
After 7½ years service	£67.78	£77.95	£84.97
After 8½ years service	£68.16	£78.66	£85.74
After 9½ years service	£68.59	£79.18	£86.31
After 10½ years service	£69.44	£80.49	£87.73
After 11½ years service	£70.32		

137 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £7,080 FOR GROUP WATER SCHEMES:

The County Manager stated that the Department of the Environment recommended the payment of a special contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes in respect of the following Group Water Schemes:

Cloon, Claregalway Group Water Supply Scheme	-	£5,204
Glann, Oughterard Group Water Supply Scheme	-	£1,876
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	TOTAL	£7,080
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The usual subsidy on loan charges would apply and he requested the Council's approval to the raising of the necessary loan for the purpose. It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Molloy and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £7,080 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, repayable over an approved period, at an approved interest rate, for the purpose of financing the Council's contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for the following Group Water Schemes:-

Cloon, Claregalway Group Water Supply Scheme	-	£5,204
Glann, Oughterard Group Water Supply Scheme	-	£1,876
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	TOTAL	£7,080
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138 - LOAN OF £7,532 FOR WOODFIELD GROUP WATER SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that the Department of the Environment had recommended the payment of a special contribution of £7,532 towards the cost of increased pipe sizes in the Woodfield (Extension to Boyounagh) Group Water Supply Scheme. The usual subsidy on loan charges would be payable by the Department and he requested the Council's approval to the raising of the necessary loan. It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator Connaughton and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £7,532 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, repayable over an approved period, at an approved interest rate, to finance the Council's contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for the Woodfield Group Water Supply Scheme."

139 - LOAN OF £124,000 FOR PORTUMNA NEW BRANCH LIBRARY AND ASSISTANT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE:

The County Manager stated that the Council would be advertising shortly for Tenders for the erection of a New Branch Library and A.C.E.'s office at the Fairgreen in Portumna. The estimated cost of the building was £124,000 and it was proposed to make application to the Department for approval to the raising of the loan and he requested the Council's approval thereto. It was proposed by Councillor U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Haverty and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £124,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, repayable over an approved period, at an approved interest rate, to finance the erection of a new Branch Library and A.C.E.'s office at Portumna."

140 - LOAN OF £2 MILLION FOR HOUSING LOANS:

The County Manager stated that this loan was required for advancing housing loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966. The present loan which the Council has for this purpose would be sufficient to finance housing loans up to about the end of January 1980. It was estimated that the loan now sought would finance loans up to about March 1981. The Capital allocation for housing loans for 1979 was £1 million (subject to review) and the expenditure to date was £800,000. It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Cllr. Brennan 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 advancing loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, the loan to be repaid over a period of 25 years with interest at the Local Loan Funds rate."

The Chairman suggested that in view of the larger loan now being offered that consideration be given to the payment of loans in more than two instalments.

141 - DATE FOR PLANNING MEETING:

It was decided to hold the special planning meeting to consider Section 4 resolutions on Friday, 2nd November, 1979, at 3.30 p.m.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER142 - PAPAL VISIT:

The County Manager gave further details of the arrangements for the

Papal Visit. The County Manager showed the Members the leather bound volume of Hardiman's "History of Galway" which it was proposed giving as a gift to the Pope and stated that the book would be presented to Bishop Casey on Thursday, 27th September, at 12 noon, the final arrangements to be confirmed later. It was agreed that the Council representatives at the presentation would be the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Deputy Donnellan, Senator Kitt, Deputy Callanan, Councillor Higgins, and either Councillor Holland or Councillor Coogan to represent the Independent Councillors.

143 - DEPUTATION FROM ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL RE ISLANDS RIVER:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Finnegan raised the question of the drainage of the Islands River and the arrangements that had been made to meet a deputation of Councillors from the Castlerea Area of Roscommon at the Council's meeting that day. He proposed that the deputation be received at the October Meeting of the Council. Mr. Doyle stated that Roscommon County Council had been informed that Galway County Council would receive a deputation at the September Meeting of the Council but he was informed subsequently by the Roscommon County Secretary that this date was not suitable. The County Manager stated that the Council would want to know what proposals the Roscommon delegation were putting forward. The problems involved in the drainage of the Islands River had been fully explained to the Council on previous occasions. He would advise the Council not to partake in a drainage scheme, and if only cleaning of the river was proposed, he considered that the results would be insignificant. After some discussion, it was agreed that the deputation from Roscommon would be received at the October Meeting of the Council.

144 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. M. Glynn, Patch, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Castle Ellen, Athenry, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

B. J. Glynn CHAIRMAN

21/10/79 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Aras an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

15 Deire Fomhair, 1979.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 22u Deire Fomhair, 1979, 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 and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:

(a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Michael Owens to erect dwelling house in the townland of Ardnasella - Planning Ref. No. 32991."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. John Molloy.

(b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway Co. Council require the County Manager to decide to grant outline permission to William Diskin at Cappahnacapple - Planning Ref. No. 32814."

Micheal O'Morain. Thomas Welby. Nioclás O'Conchubhair.

(c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, we hereby give you notice of the intention to propose the following resolution at a meeting of Galway County Council:-

That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway Co. Council require the Co. Manager to decide to grant full permission to Daniel F. Buckley for dwellinghouse at Drum, Tuam - Planning Ref. No. 33400."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

(d) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway Co. Council require the Co. Manager to decide to grant permission to Gerard Conneely, Newcastle for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Aille, Barna - Planning Ref. No. 33382."

John Molloy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.

(e) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955 we hereby give you notice of the intention to propose the following resolution at a meeting of Galway County Council:-

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That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway Co. Council require the Co. Manager to decide to grant permission to Gerard Duffy for carpenter workshop at Birmingham Demesne - Planning Ref. No. 33369."

Michael Ryan. John Donnellan. Mark Killilea.

(f) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, the Galway Co. Council require the Co. Manager to decide to grant permission to John Conneely for the erection of dwellinghouse at Cappagh - Planning Ref. No. 32954."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. M. O'Morain.

(g) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway Co. Council require the Co. Manager to carry out a Compulsory Purchase Order on the site of the Doon pump to enable Doon Group Water Scheme to continue in existence."

Michael J. Kilgannon. John F. Donnellan. Joseph Brennan.

2. Minutes.

3. Malicious Damage Decrees. (List herewith)

4. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads (list herewith).

5. Increase in remuneration of supervisory grades of Craftsmen.

6. Resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act 1967.

7. Public Lighting Programme 1979 (report herewith).

8. Allocation of Arts Grants. (Recommendations attached)

9. National Roads Programme (Copy of report attached).

10. Amenity Grants 1979.

11. Tenant Purchase Scheme 1979.

12. Fix date for Roads Estimates meeting.

12 (a) Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/12/1978.

13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) ADJOURNED FROM MEETING OF 27th AUGUST, 1979.

14. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

That a pragmatic approach be taken to the provision of serviced land for housing throughout the County and a programme developed to inform people of the advantages of constructing their own homes with the assistance of County Council loans on the sites made available.

15. AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'FOIGHIL

Iarann an cruinniú seo ar an gComhairle Contae glacadh leis an bprionsabail go gcuirfi coras aistriúchan díreach ó Ghaeilge go Béarla ar fail i seomra Cruinnithe an Chontae agus tugann an cruinniú seo treoir don Bhainisteoir Contae gach eolas faoi Chostas, riaradh agus gníomhu coras den éineal seo a bheith bailithe agus reitithe le cur os comhair an chead chruinniú eile den Choiste seo.

16. COUNCILLOR FRANK GLYNN - I will propose:
That the County Council improve the view at the entrance to Pollaturick Village and the view of the railway gates from the Pollaturick junction, Milltown.
17. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:
- (a) That the road at the head of the road leading into Tommy Nolan's house, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe be widened. This road leads off the Lehenagh/Castleblakeney road.
 - (b) That Galway Co. Council would ease a number of bends on the road from Glentane, Castleblakeney to Menlough and in particular, the bend between Gormally's and O'Hara's, Fairhill, bend opposite Michael Ryan's house and the bend at Killeen's Gate, Fairhill.
- (b) OTHER NOTICES OF MOTION RECEIVED:
18. AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'FOIGHIL
- (a) Iarraimse ar an gComhairle Contae leathnu ar dhroichead an Spideal gan mhoill.
 - (b) Iarraimse ar an gComhairle go gcuirfi caoi ar an droichead agus an casadh ata ar bhothar Bhaile an tSagairt, An Spideal agus an dhroichead an Spideal go luath.
 - (c) Taim ag iarraidh a fhail amach on gComhairle Contae cen fath nach bhfuil sceim uisce Thir an Fhia/Leitir Moir reitithe go foill.
19. AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN
- (a) What is the position re Cashel graveyard?
 - (b) What is the position re road to Michael Canavan's house?
 - (c) I will propose that the road from Cill Chiarain to Canavan's house in All na Brun be declared a priority area and blackspot signs be erected.
20. COUNCILLOR PATRICK FINNEGAN - I will propose:
That Galway Co. Council co-operate with the Roscommon Co. Council in providing the necessary resources to clean the Islands river and remove the stoppages causing flooding in the river.
21. AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:
- (a) Go ndeanfadh an Comhairle Condae scrudu iomlan i leith an príomh bothar o Gaillimh go Leitirneallain agus plean fad reamach a leagann amach.
 - (b) Go ndeanfadh an Comhairle Condae cinnte go mbeadh na boithre portaig uilig faoi caoi ceart le haghaidh an chead bhliain eile.
 - (c) Go gcuireadh an Comhairle Condae crosaire suileora ar fail ag Scoil Naisiunta na Ceathruin Rua, agus duine ann nuair a bhíonn na gasur scoile ag teacht agus ag imeacht on scoil chun aire a thabhairt dhoibh.
22. COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY - I will propose:
- (a) That this Council ease a dangerous bend on the Carrabrown/Polkeen road at Boule's house.
 - (b) When will work start on the water extension to Ballindooley?
 - (c) That this council provide money at the next Roads Estimates Meeting to improve the Castlegar/Ballindooley road.
23. SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:
- (a) That the dangerous bend at Castlefrench N.S., Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe be eased immediately.
 - (b) That a report be given on the pumps I nominated during the term of the last Co. Council.
24. COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:
That I want the Council to ease the bad turn at Dervan's house and opposit Michael Porter's house on the road between McNamara's crossroads and Duniry crossroads.

25. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose
- (a) That the Council acquire land immediately in Kinvara for the provision of a refuse dump.
 - (b) That a pedestrian crossing be erected on the Ennis Road, Gort, between St. Colman's Vocational School and Our Lady's College.
 - (c) That the Council meet farmers together with the Consulting Engineers with a view to resolving the objections which are at present holding up the Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme.
26. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
- (a) That provision be made in the 1980 Estimates for the erection of stone wall around the Oughterard carpark and fairgreen.
 - (b) That a traffic warden be employed to take charge of children crossing the street at (i) Moycullen and (ii) at the bridge at Oughterard when they are going to and leaving school.
27. COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:
- (a) That in view of the difficulties being experienced by some applicants, the income structure of those applying for local authority housing loans be thoroughly examined to ensure that a person's disposable income be the criterion in deciding eligibility for loans.
 - (b) That improvements be carried out on the Ballyglass/Shanballymore road at Gurteen with special emphasis on the elimination of some dangerous bends.
 - (c) That as an interim measure, each Co. Councillor be given a monthly supply of franked Co. Council envelopes to enable Councillors to write to the Council on official business.
28. COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will ask:
- (a) What is the situation regarding land purchased for industrial development in Ballinasloe?
 - (b) What is the situation regarding land purchased for private development in Ballinasloe?
 - (c) That the Minister for the Environment be asked to expedite the flow of information and application forms in connection with the scheme for the conversion to solid fuel heating.
29. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:
- (a) That the Council carry out work on the Kilcolgan road to widen road and also to take the barrack wall as it is a hindrance and a hazard to traffic.
 - (b) That the Council erect a footpath and new signposts in Clarinbridge village, and also to remove bad bends near the village.
 - (c) That the Council surface, tar and maintain the Pound Road, Gort, approximately one mile. This road is an entrance to the town of Gort.
30. COUNCILLOR J. BURKE - I will propose:
- (a) That this Council provide ranges for tenants who express a desire for this essential commodity.
 - (b) That the Council expedite the legal transfer of land to the V.E.C. as a site for further development of V.E.C. facilities in Tuam.
31. DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:
That a refuse collection service be installed for Slievefinn and the shops and houses in the area, either on a weekly or two-weekly basis.
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

26th October, 1979.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

FRIDAY - 2ND NOVEMBER, 1979,

at 3.30 p.m. to deal with the business and motions adjourned at the Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd October, 1979, - copy herewith.

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T. KAVANAGH,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

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DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

At a meeting of the Galway County Council held at the County Buildings, Galway, on the 22nd October, 1979, the following roads were declared to be public roads:

Area	From	To	Metres
Abbey	C.R. 206 in townland of Gaher	to the junction of the road to the house of Mr. J. O'Connell	128
Abbey	C.R. 208 in townland of Gaher	to the junction of the road to the house of Mr. J. O'Connell	95
Abbey	C.R. 210 in townland of Gaher	to the junction of the road to the house of Mr. J. O'Connell	100
Abbey	C.R. 212 in townland of Gaher	to the junction of the road to the house of Mr. J. O'Connell	275
Abbey	C.R. 214 in townland of Gaher	to the junction of the road to the house of Mr. J. O'Connell	310
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A G E N D A

1. Malicious Damage Decrees (List herewith).
2. Resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967.
3. Public Lighting Programme 1979 (Report herewith).
4. Allocation of Arts Grants. (Recommendations attached).
5. National Roads Programme (Copy of report attached).
6. Amenity Grants, 1979. (Circulated).
7. Tenant Purchase Scheme 1979.
8. Fix date for Roads Estimates Meeting.
9. Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/12/1978.
10. Revision of Members Travelling and Subsistence Allowances.
11. (a) Revision of remuneration of Engineering Staff (1/1/1980).
(b) Revision of remuneration of Law Agent.
(c) Revision of remuneration of Part-time Fire Brigade Personnel.
12. Nomination of non-elected members to Committee on Itinerancy.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.
Raising of a loan of £884,100 to finance the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

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That a pragmatic approach be taken to the provision of serviced land for housing throughout the County and a programme developed to inform people of the advantages of constructing their own homes with the assistance of County Council loans on the sites made available.
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 - (a) What is the position re Cashel Graveyard?
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 - (a) Go ndeanfadh an Comhairle Condae scrudu iomlán i leith an príomh bothar o Gaillimh go Leitirmeallain agus plean fad reamach a leagann amach.
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1979.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Frank Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M.P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; B. Callagy and W. A. Cahill, C.A.C.E. (Planning); F. Monahan and P.J. Martin, C.A.C.E.; L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; F. O'Gallachoir, C. Miney, and J. Connolly, Planning Assistants; M. Moroney, County Accountant; C.P. Lynch, County Development Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer; and Mr. F. Dawson, Acting Staff Officer.

An apology was received from Councillor O'Conchubhair for his absence.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

145 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 22991 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL OWENS.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located adjacent to Lough Corrib about three miles south east of Cughterard. The site is approximately 300 yards from the public road system, but a substandard private roadway does exist. The site is on the family holding of the Molloy Family and several houses have been built and sold already on this holding.

A Section 4 Motion was passed by the Council for a house for Mr. Christopher Molloy on the site immediately adjoining the site under consideration (Planning Ref. No. 29659).

There has been two previous applications on this site; planning reference number 12043 was refused by the Minister for Local Government on appeal. Galway County Council subsequently refused planning reference number 31534. The present applicant is a prospective buyer of the site who lives in Dublin and it is likely that the proposed dwelling would be used as a holiday home.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

- (a) The proposed house would detract from the visual and recreational amenity of Lough Corrib because it is located too close to the lake on a peninsula.

There has been several grants of permission on this family holding already which have resulted in non-essential housing being located beside Lough Corrib. This build up of housing seriously affects this important national tourist amenity which is still relatively unspoilt.

(b) The proposed house is located away from the public road network and has absolutely no road frontage (private or public). If granted, there is little doubt that the County Council will be asked to take over the maintenance of this road and therefore, add further unnecessary costs to Galway County Council's high road maintenance costs.

(c) The proposed development would be contrary to the 1979 County Development Plan passed by Galway County Council because it does not come within the categories of essential housing need normally permitted in areas of high amenity of which this area is classified as one. Moreover, it is likely that this house will only be occupied as a holiday home.

(d) The proposed development has previously been refused twice.

RECOMMENDATION: Refuse for the above reasons."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that a private road would be constructed to the site. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Molloy. Councillor Holland, noting that the proposed house would likely be used as a holiday home, proposed that permission be refused. This was seconded by Councillor J. Burke who referred to the various reasons which were being given in support of Section 4 Motions but which in fact had nothing to do with Planning. He also stated that the rights of objectors were being ignored. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda and resulted as follows:

FOR: Cllr. Bartley, Dep. Callanan, Cllrs. Coogan, F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Dep. Killilea, Sen. Kitt, Cllrs. Molloy, Murphy, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby. (15)

AGAINST: Cllrs. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Sen. Connaughton, Cllrs. Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, and McCormack. (9)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

146 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32814 - APPLICANT: WILLIAM DISKIN.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

"BACKGROUND:

The site under consideration is located adjacent to the main access to Petersburgh House approximately one mile north of Clonbur. Petersburgh House and surrounding land is the property of the Galway County Council and it is reserved for development as a lakeshore amenity.

There was one previous application (Planning Ref. No. 31653) on this site by the owner of the holding, James Mulroe, which was refused by Galway County Council because the proposed house located on the crest of a hill would have impaired the visual amenity of this area, designated in the County Development Plan as one of High Amenity. Moreover, the house

could not be relocated on this site because the dwellinghouse could not be served by a gravity discharge to a septic tank because of the adverse slope of the site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant in this case is a future son-in-law of the owner of the holding. The Planning Authority accept that this is a bona fide housing need claim and for this reason, the applicant was asked to submit drawings for a larger site in order that the proposed house could be accommodated on a lower level. The applicant agreed to do this on the 20/9/'79. The Planning Authority are still prepared to accommodate the applicant as agreed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the fact that the site proposed is identical to Planning Ref. No. 31653 and that the applicant has not submitted the larger site as agreed, I recommend refusal for the following reason:

The site proposed to be developed is situated in an area, designated in the County Development Plan as being an area of High Amenity. The erection of a dwellinghouse on the high elevated location of the site, as proposed, would impair the amenity of the area by reason of its prominence on the landscape and would thus be contrary to the provisions of the Development Plan for the preservation of amenity as set out in Table 10(i)a. The erection of a dwellinghouse on a lower location on the site would not be feasible, because the dwellinghouse could not be serviced by a gravity discharge to septic tank and required percolation area, due to the adverse slopes existing on the site."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor O'Morain who stated that a landowner in an amenity area should be entitled to build a house on his land if he so wished. He stated that Petersburgh House was a derelict site with no roof and the Council had done nothing with it since they purchased it. The County Manager stated that it was never intended that the Council would re-roof the house. He also stated that the applicant had agreed to submit revised drawings showing the house on a lower level but had not done so. Councillor Welby seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal and said that people were more important than amenities. Councillors Holland and J. Burke asked the proposers to withdraw the resolution in view of the fact that a compromise was available, but this was not agreed to.

A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda and resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clr. Bartley, Dep. Callanan, Ctrs. F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Dep. Killilea, Sen. Kitt, Ctrs. Molloy, Murphy, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby. (14)

AGAINST: Ctrs. Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Glynn, Holland, McCormack, Ruane, and Ryan. (8)

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

147 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33400 - APPLICANT: DANIEL F. BUCKLEY.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed development is situated in a rural area on the outskirts of Tuam town where existing and permitted development is entirely of single-storey construction. There has been a history of previous planning applications on this site and on others immediately adjacent. Outline Permission was granted by Galway County Council on this site in July, 1978, Planning Ref. No. 28200. This Outline Permission was for the erection of a bungalow. No application was made to the Planning Authority for Approval to this Outline Permission.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

Along with the Outline Permission, Planning Ref. No. 28200, mentioned above, there has been two previous applications by Mr. Buckley for the same development on this site. Planning Ref. No. 31482 was refused by Galway County Council on 21st May, 1979. The same proposal was lodged again and refused by Galway County Council on 30th July, 1979, Planning Ref. No. 32514. The current application, Planning Ref. No. 33400 is for exactly the same two-storey dwelling.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development is situated in a rural area on the outskirts of Tuam town where existing and permitted development is of single-storey construction. The major objection to the development is that it would be out of character with the existing and permitted housing development in the area especially when considered with a view to the sites immediately adjacent. The proposed house, due to its height and magnitude, would be undesirably dominant along-side single-storey housing and would thus be contrary to the proper Planning and Development of the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended on the grounds discussed already:-

1. The proposed development, if permitted, would be out of character with existing and permitted development in the area which is of single-storey construction and would be contrary to the proper Planning and Development of the area.
2. The proposed development, if permitted, would contravene previous decisions of the Planning Authority, Planning Ref. No. 31482 dated 21st May, 1979, and Planning Ref. No. 32514 dated 30th July, 1979."

Deputy Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda stating that there were two-storey buildings on either side of the road at the location of the proposed house and that the amenities available to the occupants of the house would be reduced if a bungalow had to be constructed. Councillor Molloy seconded Deputy Killilea's proposal. Councillor Brennan proposed that permission be refused and it was seconded by Councillor Holland. A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. on the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:-

FOR: Clr. Bartley, Dep. Callanan, Ctrs. Coogan, F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Dep. Killilea, Sen. Kitt, Ctrs. Molloy, Murphy, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby. (15)

AGAINST: Ctrs. Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Sen. Connaughton,

Cirs. Glynn, Holland, McCormack, and Ruane.

(8)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

148 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33382 - APPLICANT: GERARD CONNEELY.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

- "1. Permission already refused on grounds of injury to visual amenity. The site and the holding of which it forms part is located on one of the most elevated parts of the general area to the North of Barna Village on rocky boggy land. A house located here would be very inappropriate and would destroy the open character of the area, which should properly be kept free of all non-essential development.
- 2. There are only two other houses near this site at a lower elevation. These houses are inappropriate and out of character and the Planning Authority do not wish the injury to the amenity to be worsened by permitting the development now proposed.
- 3. At least seven other houses have been refused on the highly elevated part of the holding. No applications were made for houses on lands on the lower part.
- 4. There has already been a Section 4 Motion passed on another elevated site on this holding at the July Meeting of the Council.
- 5. There is not a genuine second family need in this case. Applicant claims that owner is his wife's uncle and alternative sites are available.
- 6. The applicant was invited to submit an application for a site on the lower part of the holding. He did not reply, but instead resubmitted the same application, followed by this Section 4 Motion.
- 7. Refusal is recommended on grounds of serious injury to the visual amenity."

The resolution on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Molloy who stated that the applicant had no house and was getting this site from his Uncle-in-law. Councillor Welby seconded Councillor Molloy's proposal. Councillor Holland proposed that Permission be refused and was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. on the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:-

FOR: Cirs. Bartley, Dep. Callanan, Cirs. Coogan, F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Dep. Killilea, Sen. Kitt, Cirs. Molloy, Murphy, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby. (15)

AGAINST: Cirs. Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Sen. Connaughton, Cirs. Glynn, Holland, McCormack, and Ruane. (8)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

149 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33369 - APPLICANT: GERARD DUFFY.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

"LOCATION:

The site of the proposed workshop is located at Bermingham Demesne about two miles North East of Tuam off the Tuam/Clonbern road.

HISTORY:

On 6th March, 1978, the applicant was granted permission to erect a dwelling house on the site where it is now proposed to retain the workshop (planning reference 25492). On September 5th, 1978, a complaint was received by the Planning Department that the applicant was in the process of erecting a workshop on his land.

In September 1978, the applicant applied to retain same and was refused permission to do so by Galway County Council on 15th January, 1979, and by the Planning Appeals Board on 2nd August, 1979, (planning ref. no. 29325).

The workshop has been built and measures 29 ft. X 50 ft. approximately. It's purpose is for the making of doors, window frames, etc., by the applicant who is a carpenter. At present, the building is roofed but does not have doors, windows or floor.

CONTEXT:

The proposed workshop will be located on a site which already has permission for a dwelling house and this house is at present under construction. In addition, a house already exists on the site immediately to the South East and permission has been granted for a house on the adjacent site to the North West. (Planning Ref. No. 32022). There is also one existing house and permission for another within 300 ft. of the proposed site (planning ref. no. 23335 and 29640).

Basically, the applicant is applying for permission to retain a workshop which will be to the rear of his own house and two other immediately adjacent houses. The existing residents adjoining the proposed development have already stated their objections to the proposed workshop.

CONSIDERATIONS:

1. It is the policy of the Planning Authority to encourage the segregation of non-compatible landuses and in particular, to ensure that semi-industrial businesses, workshops, etc., do not interfere with the amenities of existing and permitted private residences. The applicant has submitted no valid reason why he should be made an exception to this policy.

2. The proposed workshop was built without planning permission being sought and an application for its retention has been before Galway County Council and the Planning Appeals Board. Refusal was recommended in both cases.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

The proposed workshop is out of character with the existing and permitted development in the area and it would introduce a commercial use which would be seriously detrimental to the established residential amenity of the area."

Councillor Ryan proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said the applicant was not aware that Planning Permission was required for the workshop. The applicant was a tradesman who drove into Galway to work and he now wanted to carry on his trade in a workshop at the rear of his house. Deputy Killilea seconded the resolution and suggested that conditions covering fire precautions be included in the Permission. The County Manager reminded the Members that the applicant had flouted the law and went ahead and built without Permission and without regard for the rights of nearby residents. Councillor Holland proposed that Permission be refused but there was no seconder. Some Councillors suggested that the proposers of the resolution on the Agenda withdraw it because of the objections of the existing residents. Deputy Killilea stated that there would be no problem if conditions were included covering fire precautions, screening, and noise, and other members agreed with this. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

150 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32954 - APPLICANT: JOHN CONNEELEY.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

"1. Previous Applications:

(i) Outline Permission for one house was granted to John Conneely for a larger site with a condition that only one house be built. Approval was granted for that house on part of the site to M. Vaughan, Shantalla, Galway, indicating that no other house be built on the remainder of the original site.

(ii) A subsequent application for a house on the remainder of the site was refused, consistent with the condition of the Outline Permission.

(iii) The present application is a repeat of that application.

2. The area is open and irregularly contoured moorland landscape where assimilation of development is difficult and where overdevelopment has to be guarded against, in the interests of the preservation of visual amenity.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development would contravene condition number 1 of Outline Permission 17517 which required that only one house be built on a site which included the proposed site and a plot of ground immediately adjoining to the west.

2. The proposed development together with permitted development would contribute to an open rugged rural area, and so would detract from the amenity of the area."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the landowner had suffered a number of tragedies of late and needed money badly and wanted to sell the site. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Bartley. Councillor Holland proposed that permission be refused and was seconded by Councillor J. Burke. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. on the resolution set out on the Agenda and resulted as follows:-

FOR: Cllrs. Bartley, Byrne, Dep. Callanan, Cllrs. Coogan, F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Dep. Killilea, Sen. Kitt, Cllrs. Molloy, Murphy, O'Higgins, O'Morain and Welby. (16)

AGAINST: Cllrs. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Sen. Connaughton, Cllrs. Glynn, Holland, McCormack, and Ruane. (8)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

151 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO CARRY OUT A COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER ON THE SITE OF DOON PUMP.

Councillor Kilgannon proposed the resolution on the Agenda requiring the compulsory acquisition of Doon Pump. He said he was proposing this action as a last resort in a sad situation where a small community was bitterly divided over the source for a group water scheme. No other problem had caused him so much difficulty. He said the Council originally made the pump available to the Group with no conditions. At the time, an individual was getting a free water supply from the pump and the Council subsequently told the Group they would have to facilitate this individual with a water supply. Although he is the main user of the source, this individual had refused to contribute towards the Group and had frustrated the scheme and divided the village. The Council had not done its job properly. It had provided a pump on a site which it didn't own and this was a serious matter. He acknowledged that some officials had tried to help settle the dispute. The pump was now out of order for a few months and the farmer in question refused to contribute towards the maintenance.

The resolution was seconded by Deputy Donnellan.

Deputy Callanan opposed the compulsory acquisition of the site of the pump as he felt it would not improve matters and might only make them worse. He had nominated the pump as a public pump twelve years ago and it was usual for the landowner on whose land the pump was sited to be allowed make a connection to the pump at his own expense and this is what happened in this case. After the Group was formed, the row started over whether he should get the water free or not. He asked the officials to make a further effort to resolve it.

Senator Kitt supported Deputy Callanan's opposition to compulsory acquisition and asked the Council to try and arrange a meeting to get the sides in agreement.

The County Manager stated that the Group had been allowed to use as its source a pump which had been provided by the Council some years previously. After the pump was provided, the farmer on whose land the pump was, approached the Council and the Council agreed to give him a connection. When the Group was formed, pressure was put on the Council to revoke this agreement but the Council refused. He said the Council had made extraordinary arrangements to take over the scheme in a bid to overcome the problems but it didn't work. The Council had been foolish to get involved as it was a problem of the Group's own making and which they could only resolve themselves. No valid reason had

been put forward for the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order and it would be a misuse of compulsory acquisition powers. If he thought the community had a genuine desire to resolve the problem, the Council might help again.

The Chairman asked if the local Councillors would try and get the members of the scheme together. Deputy Donnellan agreed with this and asked that the Councillors from the Ballinasloe area and the officials make an effort to get the sides together. Eventually, it was agreed that Councillor Brennan and Councillor Joyce would work towards getting the two sides together for discussions.

152 - MINUTES:

Deputy Killilea referred to the last three lines of the second last paragraph of Minute No. 122 (page 3) of Minutes of Council Meeting held on 24th September, 1979, and stated that the Minutes were not a true recording of the proceedings as the query raised by Councillor J. Burke was not included in the Minute. Councillor Burke stated that the query which he raised was whether Deputy Killilea had an interest in view of the fact that he shared the same office as Mr. Paul Severs who was also his brother-in-law. It was agreed that this be included in the Minutes.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor F. Fahey, the Minutes of Meeting held on the 24th September, 1979, (numbers 119 - 144, inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the above amendment.

153 - PAPAL VISIT:

Councillor M. Fahy proposed a vote of thanks to the County Manager and all the staff involved in the preparations for the Pope's visit which was such a wonderful success. The Chairman seconded the vote of thanks and complimented everybody involved in the arrangements. All the Members associated themselves with the sentiments expressed.

154 - TRANSFER OF MR. DENIS MCCARTHY, REGIONAL MANAGER, I.D.A.:

The Chairman informed the Members that Mr. Denis McCarthy, Regional Manager of the I.D.A. in Galway, will be leaving Galway shortly to take up a similar post in Cork. He said that Mr. McCarthy had done excellent work for industry and job creation in the West of Ireland and wished him and his family every happiness in Cork. All the Members joined in the good wishes.

155 - ISLANDS RIVER:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Finnegan was allowed to take item no. 20 on the Agenda regarding the cleaning of the Islands River and there was a deputation of landowners from the area present in the Council Chamber. Councillor Finnegan proposed his motion saying that there were over 400 acres of land completely wasted because of flooding. Roscommon County Council had been putting money aside to clean the river but nothing could be done unless similar work was done in Galway. He was satisfied that a worthwhile job could be done and he asked the County Council to co-operate with Roscommon County Council in working out a scheme. The motion was seconded by Deputy Killilea who said that a cleaning job would affect an improvement. He said that a County Council outfall pipe at Ballymoe was aggravating flooding and suggested that funds might be available from the Central Development Committee or E.E.C. sources for this type of work. Deputy Donnellan supported the motion and said that the farmers couldn't wait for the drainage of the Suck, and he urged that the two County Councils get together.

Senator Connaughton said that a cleaning job was done in the 1950s and he was asking that the river be brought back to its 1958 condition. He believed that this was technically possible. It would relieve the problems of many farmers and the Council should now accept responsibility for this proposal. Councillor Ryan stated that Land Project Schemes in the area could not go ahead because there was no outlet for the water. Other Councillors supported the motion also.

The County Manager told the Members that it was not possible to drain 400 acres without causing flooding downstream, and the Board of Works had agreed with this. The Council would be leaving itself open to compensation claims on a recurring basis. Roscommon County Council never agreed a scheme and the reason they didn't go ahead was because they would cause flooding in Galway. Drainage was not one of the Council's responsibilities, and if they were to provide funds for it, it would be at the expense of other services.

Senator Connaughton said there would be a significant improvement if the river was brought back to its 1958 condition and this was all they were asking for. Deputy Killilea said there were many obstacles blocking the river and a cleaning job would affect an improvement. He asked that the Council's Engineers survey the river and see what cleaning job could be done and what it would cost. After a discussion, the County Manager agreed to have a survey carried out, but the County Engineer stated that it would not be possible to have a report at the next meeting but it would be done as soon as possible.

156 - HOLDING OF SPECIAL MEETING TO FINISH THE AGENDA:

It was now 6.30 p.m. and some Councillors proposed that the Meeting adjourn for tea. Eventually it was agreed that instead of holding the special Planning Meeting on the 2nd November, that a special meeting be held on that date to complete the Agenda, and that the Planning Meeting be held on the 9th November.

The County Manager stated that there were a few urgent items that needed to be dealt with and it was agreed to deal with them.

157 - INCREASE IN REMUNERATION OF SUPERVISORY GRADES OF CRAFTSMEN:

The County Manager informed the Members that at the last meeting the Council agreed to an increase in the wages of Craftsmen. Sanction had now been received from the Department to applying the same increase to Supervisory Craftsmen, and he requested the Council's approval thereto. On the proposition of Clr. Haverty, seconded by Clr. Ryan, it was resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve the increased pay scales for Craftsmen Supervisors employed by the Council as set out in Circular letter E.L. 22/79 of the 3rd October, 1979, from the Department of the Environment, and that additional expenditure of £5,830 be approved in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955."

158 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The County Manager referred to the published list of roads which had been circulated with the Agenda. He said that the following three roads were wrongly described in the public notice and therefore, would have to be omitted from the list being declared public:-

AREA	FROM	TO	METRES
Athenry	C.R. at Bingarra (Athenry)	Towards Kelly's house.	62
Galway	C.R. 106 Cloonmore	To John Walsh's, Cloonmore.	276
Mountbellew	C.R. 417 Ballinrooan	Towards Molloy's house.	88

Councillor F. Fahey asked that the following road be omitted from the list being declared public:-

Athenry	C.R. 185 Kilcornan	To O'Dea's house, Kilcornan.	370
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Subject to the exclusion of the above four roads, the Council, on the proposition of Councillor F. Fahey, seconded by Councillor Haverly agreed that the roads set out in the list circulated to Members with the Agenda be declared public roads.

Councillor F. Fahey asked that the publication of the next list of roads be delayed to allow him time to substitute another road for the road which he had omitted from the list being declared public.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. Flynn

CHAIRMAN.

26th November 1979

DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

5th November, 1979.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of a Committee of the entire Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 9th November, 1979 at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O Dubhghaill.
COUNTY SECRETARY

A G E N D A

To Consider:

1. The use of the procedure set out in Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as amended, in connection with planning applications.

2. Members' Notices of Motion

(a) COMHAIRLEOIRI P. O FOIGHIL AGUS U. DE BURCA -

Ta muid le na h-athruithe seo a leanas a mholadh san bPlean Forbartha Contae a ghlac Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an 29u Eanáir, 1979.

Run 1

2.01. The preservation and conservation of the amenities and scenic landscape of the county acknowledging the rights of the individual land-owners in such areas to interpret what is an amenity and/or a scenic landscape, to enable him fulfill his immediate family economic and housing needs.

Development Policy Map No. M2

Lettermore Area:

Rewrite as follows: Encourage growth centre settlement as natural resource development area including tourism, fish farming, crafts and cultural holidays. Encourage employment creations and light industrial units based on natural resources.

2.13.

(b) Add "This policy will in no way hinder local people from settling in family land in the south coastal area".

2.13.

(c) Add "This policy will in no way hinder local people settling in family land in amenity areas."

3.07.

Add the following sentence "A development and research unit to be set up within the Council to deal with sewerage effluent in Connemara to comply with the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977."

5.03.

(iv) Add the words "except Connemara" after "particular area".

5.03

- (v) Add the following "Connemara will be deemed an exceptional area and a number of Communal Septic Tanks and treatment plants will be permitted under a trial basis, such units to be maintained by the Council either through direct Council labour or by local Co-Ops or such bodies at a yearly charge.

6.02 Table No. 3 Restriction and Limitation

Add the following after (b)

- (c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.

6.02 Table No. 4 Restrictions & Limitations

Add the following after (b)

- (c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of four (4) suitable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

7.03 Table No. 6 Area No. 1

Add after (b)

- (c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.

Delete: "A size not less than a half acre having a frontage of not less than 23 metres" and substitute "of acceptable size and frontage".

Table No. 7

Add words "and economic needs" after first sentence.

Add (e)

- (e) The provision of four (4) saleable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

9.01 Delete the whole section.

9.03 Table No. 9

Landscape classification No. 1 - Areas of Special Amenity.

- (b) 1. Replacement of an existing inhabited dwelling house immediately adjacent to the site of the existing house.
2. The provision of dwelling houses for occupation by members of a farm holders family on the family holding of land.
(c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of four (4) saleable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

Table No. 10:

- (f) Delete from "minimum frontage to further requirement" and instead the following "a reasonable frontage and depth".
2. (a) Replacement of an existing inhabited dwelling house.
(b) The provision of dwelling houses for occupation by members of a farm holders family on the family holding.
(c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of

persons employed within the area.

- (d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of (4) saleable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

Table No. 11:

3. Re-write as follows:

- (a) Replacement of an existing inhabited dwelling house.
(b) The provision of a dwelling house, for occupation by members of a farm holders family, on the family holding of land.
(c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of four(4) saleable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

Run 2

That a further question be added to planning application form to elicit from applicant his/her reasons for building on the site in question.

Run 3

That areas committees be set up comprising of area planning engineers and area councillors.

- (b) DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - We will propose:

That planning committees of area Councillors and Council officials be established to deal with potential Section 4 planning difficulties.

- (c) COUNCILLORS U. BURKE AND P. O'FOIGHIL - We will propose:

- (i) That in order to reduce the numbers of Section 4 coming before this Council, the Council should, before refusing a planning permission, discuss with the applicant or his representative (a) reasons for refusal (b) alternatives to site location (if applicable) (c) actual need for such permission. "The time factor" should not be used by the Council as a reason for failure to comply with above.
(ii) That in cases where there is a "pending refusal" at least 3 planning officers make the final decision with the Manager.
(iii) I will request: The results of the Councils "efforts" in my proposal of last May and details of how final information was compiled.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 2nd NOV. 1979

In the Chair: Clr. Frank Glynn

Also Present: Members as recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members: Councillors Joe Brennan, Jos. Burke; Toddie Byrne;
Deputy J. Donnellan; Clrs. Frank Fahy, Michael Fahy,
P. Finnegan; Ed. Haverty; Ml. D. Higgins; B. Holland,
Jas. Joyce, Ml. J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack,
Deputy J. Mannion; Clrs. John Molloy, Tony Murphy,
N. O'Conchubhair; Pol O'Foighil, Ml. O'Higgins,
Ml. O Morain, Patrick Ruane, Ml. Ryan and Thos. Welby

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, Co. Manager; M. Dunne, Co. Engineer;
J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager; F. Monahan and P. Martin,
C.A.C.Es. C. Lynch, Co. Development Officer;
D. Barrett and H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officers;
Mrs. P. Monahan, S.O., F. Dawson, Asst. Staff Officer,
and T. Kavanagh, Acting Co. Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

Resolution of Sympathy.

- 159 - Clr. McCormack proposed a vote of sympathy to Clr. Byrne on the recent death of his father and asked that the Council adjourn for a few minutes as a mark of respect. This was seconded by Clr. Higgins.

On the proposition of the Chairman seconded by Clr. Ryan a vote of sympathy was also passed to Ml. Tierney, C.A.C.E. on the death of his mother.

All the members, and the Manager on behalf of the staff, joined in the expressions of sympathy.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also adopted with the following -

Mrs. Shea, Creagh, Ballinasloe; Mrs. Hogan, Society St., Ballinasloe;
Mr. Terry Crosby, Bridge St., Ballinasloe; Mr. Pat Naughton,
Garbally Drive, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED FOR A FEW MINUTES

- 160 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

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

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

It was proposed by Clr. Ryan, seconded by Clr. Murphy and resolved;

"that subject to the consent of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby determine that allowances granted under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, 1939-1974, 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 the 31st Dec. 1979"

- 162 - PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME - 1979

The public lighting programme for 1979, as circulated, was submitted by the County Manager. In reply to Clr. Joyce he stated that a new 3 Year programme would be drawn up, starting next year, but he was anxious that the list before the Council would be approved for 1979. Clr. McCormack referred to a light provided at Lackagh and he felt that it could have been provided in a better location.

Clr. Ryan stated that some lights erected recently did not seem to be as good as existing lights and he asked that it be examined. Clr. Ruane noted that lights which he had proposed for Annaghdown and Loughgeorge were not included and he asked that they be included in the next programme. Clr. Byrne referred to the three lights on the list for Ballinamanagh, and asked that one be located on the road to the Council Estate in Clarinbridge opposite the Ballinamanagh road. Clr. F. Fahy noted that there were no lights on the list for Loughrea Road, Gort; the village of Nogra, Kinvara, and Parkmore Pier, Dooras; and asked that they be included in the next programme. Clr. O'Moran mentioned that public lighting is often on during the day instead of during the night, which is most wasteful, and he also stated that the E.S.B. had been asked to move a pole at Carna to facilitate and development of a car park at the local Church. The car park was now developed but the pole had not yet been removed. The Chairman referred to lights which had been provided on the Glenamaddy Road at Kilkerrin whereas there was greater need for them on the Moylough Road, and he asked that lights for this road be considered for the next programme.

On the proposition of Clr. Ryan seconded by Clr. Brennan the public lighting programme as presented was approved.

163 - ALLOCATION OF ARTS GRANTS, 1979

The County Manager stated that the list of recommendations for the allocation of the Arts Grants, as circulated to the members, was as received from the Arts Officer and, in accordance with, the objectives of the Regional Arts Committee. Clr. Higgins proposed that the list as submitted be approved. He said that this was the first occasion on which the Council was providing funds for the promotion of the Arts and he welcomed this new development and complimented the Arts Officer on the work she was doing. Although the amount of money provided was small nevertheless it was a most significant development and he called on the leaders of all the communities to support artistic activities. Seconding the proposal Clr. O'Morain felt that £5,000 was too small when divided out amongst a number of organisations and he urged that the figure be increased next year. Clr. Kilgannon also welcomed the proposal and hoped that the activities which would qualify for these grants would be extended. The Chairman referred to Headford Musical Society which was not mentioned in the recommendations and asked that it be considered for all or some of the reserve fund of £250. The list, as submitted was approved.

164 - NATIONAL ROADS PROGRAMME

The County Manager stated that since this item was last on the Agenda the Council had now received copies of the "Road Development Plan for the 1980s" and a copy had been circulated to each member. Each Local Authority had been requested by the Department to prepare an Action Plan for its own area within the context of the published document. When this has been prepared by the County Engineer it would be brought before the Council and in the meantime the members could be considering the report as published. Clr. McCormack made the point that it was very difficult for any Local Authority to draw up a programme when it did not know what funds it was getting from year to year and the estimates were usually adopted each year before the Council knew what road grants would be available for the year. He proposed that the Department be asked to notify the Council of the Road Grant Allocations in the month of December each year. This was seconded by Clr. Ruane and agreed.

Clr. F. Fahy asked that, if possible, a Progress Report on the first stage of the Road Development Programme be available at the Roads Estimates Meeting.

165 - AMENITY GRANTS 1979

The County Manager stated that the document circulated to each member gave full details of all the amenity grants and applications received for 1979, and those projects recommended for assistance out of the £20,000 provided in the Estimates for 1979. On the proposition of Clr. McCormack seconded by Clr. Ruane the recommendations as listed were approved. Clr. Ruane stated that £20,000 for the whole of the county was too small and he proposed that the Department be asked to restore the grant assistance which it provided in the past for amenity grants. This was seconded by Clr. McCormack and agreed. Clr. J. Burke considered that the Council should also increase its own allocation of £20,000.

166 - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME, 1979

A copy of the 1979 Tenant Purchase Scheme for Local Authority houses was circulated to each member with the Agenda.

The County Manager stated that the terms of the scheme were now being related to individual houses and tenants would shortly be circulated with copies of the scheme and particulars of the prices etc. Clr. Kilgannon proposed that the scheme be approved and was seconded by Clr. F. Fahey. Clr. Kilgannon stated that the scheme was a very desirable one as it enabled tenants to purchase their houses, which in turn provided some funds for the erection of other houses.

167 - DATE FOR ROADS ESTIMATES MEETING

The County Manager suggested that the Roads Estimates meeting be held on Friday, 4th January, 1980, and this was agreed. He also mentioned that the Council would need to fix the date for the December monthly meeting as the fourth Monday - which was the normal day for a meeting - was Christmas Eve. The third Monday was suggested but it was pointed out that this would clash with the Vocational Education Committee meeting and it was then decided that the C.E.O. be asked if the date of the V.E.C. meeting, could be altered and that the fixing of the date would be put on the November Agenda.

168 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1978:

The Abstract of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st December, 1978, was made available to the Members at the Meeting. The County Manager stated that while there was over expenditure on some headings, there were savings on others, and the overall position was that the Council lived within the Estimates during the year. He requested the Council's approval for the necessary adjustments.

It was proposed by Councillor Tyan, seconded by Councillor Molloy and resolved:

"That excess expenditure in excess of that provided in the Estimates be and is hereby authorised as follows in respect of year ended 31st December, 1978, and that the excess expenditure be financed from savings as set out."

DETAILS OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR 31ST DECEMBER, 1978:

<u>ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY</u>	<u>EXCESS</u>	<u>TO BE FINANCED FROM</u>
2.8. Administration and Misc.	£165,536	Savings in same Prog. Group.
<u>WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE</u>		
3.8. Administration and Misc.	£93,320	Savings in same Prog. Group.
<u>DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS</u>		
4.3. Other Development and Promotion	£21,251	Increased Receipts within Prog.
4.8. Administration and Misc.	£ 1,515	Savings in same Prog. Group.
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£22,766</u>	<u>=====</u>
<u>ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION</u>		
5.1. Waste Disposal	581	Savings of £2,748 in same Prog. Group and savings of £39,671 from Prog. Group 1.
5.2. Burial Grounds	31,834	
5.5. Pollution Control	2,743	
5.8. Administration and Misc.	7,261	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£42,419</u>	<u>=====</u>
<u>RECREATION AND AMENITY</u>		
6.1. Swimming Pools	2,722	Savings in same Prog. Group.
6.8. Administration and Misc.	9,546	Savings in same Prog. Group.
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£12,268</u>	<u>=====</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE</u>		
7.2. Education	95,136	Savings of £27,067 in same Prog. Group and savings of £84,246 from Prog. Group 1.
7.8. Administration and Misc.	16,177	
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£111,313</u>	<u>=====</u>
<u>MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES</u>		
8.4. Elections	13,614	Savings in same Prog. Group.
8.6. Property Damage	195	Increased Receipts within Prog.
8.7. Markets, Fairs, Abbatoirs.	67	Savings in same Prog. Group.
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£13,876</u>	<u>=====</u>
<u>TOTAL EXCESS EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£461,498.</u>	<u>=====</u>

169 - REVISION OF MEMBERS' TRAVELLING AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES:

Circular letter G.4/79 of the 18 Deireadh Fomhair, 1979, regarding revised expenses for Members was circulated to each Member. Councillor McCormack stated that at a very recent meeting of the General Council of County Councils, it was recommended not to accept the revised allowances set out in the Department's Circular. He said that it was proposed to hire a firm of accountants to prepare a case for adequate reimbursement for Councillors for expenditure incurred by them in carrying out their duties, and each Councillor would be asked to contribute towards the cost of the preparation of the document. He proposed that no action be taken on the revised allowances until further information comes from the General Council of County Councils, and this was seconded by Councillor Molloy. Councillor F. Fahey stated that each Councillor was at considerable out of pocket expenses in carrying out his work as a Councillor,

and sometimes, the Press unfairly highlighted expenses which Councillors receive. Councillor Joyce stated that the workload of Councillors had increased enormously and the amount of work which they did for nothing was not appreciated. Members only get paid for official meetings, whereas they attend all kinds of meetings, use their telephones to help out people, spend a lot of money on postage. It would be wrong if only people who could afford it could go forward for election, as each section of society should be represented on the Council. He proposed the setting up of a Local Authority Members Association which would try and ensure that Councillors were adequately compensated but maybe this was now being done arising from what Councillor McCormack had stated. Councillor Kilgannon agreed with Councillor Joyce and asked that he be allowed to take his motion, number 25 (c) on the Agenda on the question of supplies of franked envelopes. He said that Councillors had to pay for the privilege of serving on the County Council as they were involved in considerable expenses, and the least that should be done as an interim measure would be to supply members with franked envelopes. He said that this was done elsewhere and he proposed that each Councillor be supplied with a minimum of fifty franked envelopes per month. Councillor Joyce seconded this proposal, and the County Manager stated that it would be put forward to the Department for approval. A number of Councillors supported the case for extra allowances for Members to cover their expenses, but there was disagreement as to whether the revised allowances approved by the Minister should be accepted. Eventually, it was agreed to take no decision on the matter, but to place it on the Agenda for the December Meeting of the Council.

170 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF ENGINEERING STAFF:

The County Manager stated that the second phase of the revision of Engineering salaries which was an increase of 6% would take effect from the 1st January, 1980, and he requested the Council's approval thereto. It was proposed by Councillor Haverty, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve of the implementation of the second phase of the revision of Engineering salaries, i.e., an increase of 6% as from the 1st January, 1980."

171 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF LAW AGENT:

The County Manager stated that the salary of Law Agent was related to that of County Engineer, and as the salaries of Engineering staff had been revised recently, it was necessary to revise the salary of Law Agent, and he requested the Council's approval thereto.

It was proposed by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of a salary increase of 12% with effect from the 1st June, 1978, to the Law Agent employed by the Council, and a second phase increase of 6% from the 1st January, 1980, and that excess expenditure of £1,760 for 1979, be approved."

172 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - PART-TIME FIREMEN:

The County Manager stated that as a result of negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Group of Unions representing Part-time Fire Brigade Personnel, agreement had been reached on the introduction of a number of productivity measures in return for which it was proposed to increase the hourly rates by 3p per hour together with an upward adjustment in the inclusive allowances to Station Officer, Sub-Officer, Driver Mechanic, and firemen, with effect from the 1st April, 1979. It was also agreed that a "once off" payment of £15 be made to each Part-time fireman in lieu of calculation of arrears for drill fees and fire fees for the period from the 1st October, 1978, to 31st March, 1979. It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve revised rates of pay for Part-time Fire Brigade Personnel as set out in letter E.L. 17/79 of the 18th October, 1979, from the Department of the Environment, and that excess expenditure of £5,000 for 1979 be approved."

173 - NOMINATION OF NON-ELECTED MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY:

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the following appointments to the Area Committees on Itinerancy were approved:

Tuam Electoral Area:

Mrs. Kathleen McGrath, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
Mrs. Cora McNamara, Shop Street, Tuam.

Connemara Electoral Area:

Mr. Tom Brennan, Clifden.
Sr. Philomena, Carna.

Loughrea Electoral Area:

Fr. Larkin, Our Lady's College, Gort.
Michael Bermingham, Gallagher's Lane, Gort.

Ballinasloe Electoral Area:

Mrs. Mary O'Shea, Creagh Road, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Nicholas Power, Harbour Road, Ballinasloe.

Galway Electoral Area:

The Councillors for the Galway Electoral Area decided to hold a meeting at the County Buildings on Friday, 9th November, 1979, at 3 p.m. to nominate two Members for the Galway Area.

Councillor Joyce asked that a meeting of the Ballinasloe Committee be called as soon as convenient.

174 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £884,100 FOR DUNMORE/GLENAMADDY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme was £884,100 including the construction of a Reservoir, pumping, telemetric, chlorination, and fluoridation equipment, rising and trunk mains, and he requested the Council's approval to the raising of the necessary loan. It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Burke and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £884,100 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme - the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 30 years or such other period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the rate in force at the date of the issue of the loan to the Council."

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

175 - PROVISION OF SERVICED LAND - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Manager stated that he agreed in principle with the idea of having a land bank available, and the Council would be willing to engage in land acquisition provided funds for this purpose were available. Councillor Fahey stated that the most important aspect of his proposal was to increase the Council's overdraft by a £½ million and decide to buy so much land and provide so many sites over a given period. He also advocated the provision of technical assistance to people such as house plans, costings, quantities, all of which would encourage people to buy their own house. The Council should decide now to embark on such a programme. Replying, the County Manager stated that there would be no point in going ahead unless the Council was sure of the necessary funds, and stated that additional staff would be required to service such a programme. Councillor Haverty saw no objection to Councillor Fahey's proposal provided it didn't interfere with the Council's own house building programme. After further discussion, Councillor Fahey agreed to go into the matter further with Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager.

176 - CORÁS AISTRÍUCHAN GAELIGE GO BEARLA - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Dúirt an Comhairleoir O'Foighil gur scríobh se chuig Bord na Gaeilge le h-aghaidh deontas airgid chun an coras aistriúchan a chur ar fail ach fuair se freagra a ra nach raibh aon airgead le fail. Ni raibh se sasta leis an freagra sin agus scríobh se ar ais chuig an Bord.

Speaking in English, Councillor O'Foighil stated that he had written to Bord na Gaeilge for financial assistance towards the setting up of a direct translation system in the Council Chamber but he had received a reply saying there were no funds available. He had written back to An Bord as he was not satisfied with the response. He felt that it was wrong that Councillors who speak in Irish should have to repeat in English. The service would only cost approximately £3,000 plus the cost of a translator and he considered that provision should be made for it in next year's estimates. Councillor McCormack suggested that it would be better to spend the £3,000 improving the knowledge of Irish Members had. Councillor Haverty doubted if a translation system was necessary but would raise no objection provided it would be financed from non-Council funds. He would like to see Irish motions repeated in English on the Agenda.

Cuidigh an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair leis an Comhairleoir O'Foighil. Bhi dioma air as ucht seasamh an Bord. He said that the Council should take the matter up with the Board. Galway was the biggest Gaeltacht Area. He asked that the question of the use of Irish be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. Councillors Kilgannon and Higgins supported Councillor O'Foighil's motion. Councillor O'Morain said that the impression that no Irish was used in the Council offices was wrong as he had conducted business in every office through Irish. The County Manager stated that if the system was put into operation, the competence of the translators would have to be accepted by the Members and replying to Councillor O Conchubhair, he said that he would like to put the question to the staff first to get their suggestions on the use of Irish. Councillor O'Foighil's motion was passed and it was also agreed to write to Bord na Gaeilge on the question of assistance for the project.

177 - IMPROVEMENT OF SIGHT DISTANCE AT POLLATURICK VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the hedges at this point will be cut thereby improving the sight distance.

178 - MOTIONS BY SENATOR KITT:

In the absence of Senator Kitt, the Chairman asked that written replies be sent to Senator Kitt's motions.

179 - LEATHNU AN DROICHEAD AG AN SPIDEAL - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Dúirt an Leas Runai go raibh an obair seo tosnaithe anois.

180 - DROICHEAD AGUS CASADH AR BOTHAR BAILE AN TSAGAIRT - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Dúirt an Leas Runai nach raibh aon airgead solathraithe don obair seo i mbliana. Deanfar Meastachan ar an moladh seo maraon le moltai san ceantar seo i gcomhair na Meastachan 1980.

181 - SCEIM UISCE THIR AN FHIA/LEITIR MOIR - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Dúirt an Leas Runai go gdríchnofar an obair seo i gceann cupla la, se sin na tithe a cheangailt leis an coras uisce.

182 - CASHEL GRAVEYARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that trial holes were dug on the proposed extension to Cashel Burial Ground in May 1975, and October 1976. Both tests indicated flooding and the site was therefore considered totally unsuitable. A deputation from Cashel was received on the 11th May, 1979, and the matter was fully explained. The deputation was not satisfied that the land was unsuitable and it was agreed that the local residents would dig trial holes on the 22nd May, 1979, and that these would be examined by the Council's Technical Staff on the 22nd May and 23rd May, at 4.00 p.m. The trial holes were again flooded and following the

inspections and reports of the Acting County Engineer and the Chief Medical Officer, it was decided that the site was unsuitable. Even if it were possible to drain the site, the cost, allied to the cost of constructing a road to it, would be completely uneconomic. There is now no alternative but to acquire an alternative site by Compulsory Purchase Order.

183 - ROAD TO MICHAEL CANAVAN'S HOUSE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that an application to have this road (1,050 yards) from the County Road at Cashel Church to Cashel Burial Ground repaired under the Local Improvement Scheme was made in 1969. The scheme was examined and it was estimated that the work could be carried out for £857 and a local contribution of £60 was paid by the representatives, and £35 was to be paid by the Council as the road also served Cashel Burial Ground. When the work was about to commence, it was discovered that the job involved much more than was estimated for and that the estimate was entirely too low. The scheme was reviewed in 1979 and the estimated cost of a portion of the road starting from the County Road at Cashel Church north to Michael Canavan's house (720 yards) was £10,000. As this would only serve two, to house and lands, the cost was too high in proportion to the benefits which the work would afford, and therefore, the scheme was rejected, and Mr. Canavan was informed and the local contribution refunded.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the reason for the steep increase in the cost may have been due to the delay in carrying out the scheme. Mr. Howlett stated that the local A.C.E., who would be undertaking the work, found that the cost of the job had been very much under estimated.

184 - ROAD FROM CILL CHIARAIN TO CANAVAN'S HOUSE, ALL NA BRUN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road had suffered severe deformation due to the affect of the three very dry summers of 1976, 1977, and 1978. The cost of the reconstruction of this road would be far in excess of what can be undertaken by the Council out of normal allocations of finance. A special allocation would be required for the work. "Black spot" signs are unauthorised signs and their use is contrary to Council policy.

Councillor O'Morain stated that this was a very dangerous road and there were three very serious accidents on it in recent times. He was not necessarily asking for a "black spot" sign but said that some warning signs were necessary. The County Engineer agreed to re-examine the matter.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN, COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE, TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS STAGE.

185 - BOTHAR O GAILLIMH GO LEITIRMEALLAIN - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Dúirt an Leas Runai gur scrúdaiodh an ceist seo cheana agus bhi díspoireacht ar an gceist ag cruinniú den Comhairle i mí Samhain, 1978. Meastar go gcosnófaidh na feabhsúcháin ar an bothar na:-

(a) Galway-Spiddal-Tully	21 miles	-	£630,000
(b) Tully-Costello	4 miles	-	£600,000
(c) Costello-Bealadangan -Lettermullen.	10 miles	-	£300,000
	TOTAL:		£1,530,000
			=====

Caithfear airgead specialta a fhail dos na h-oibreacha seo mar ní feidir iad a dheanamh as an gnath airgead a gheibhimid dos na boithre gach bliain.

Dúirt an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair go raibh droch cui ar an bothar seo agus go raibh roinnt mhaith forbartha ag dul ar aghaidh sa cheantar. Councillor O Conchubhair said that the road from Galway to Carraroe was very bad and the development of industry in the area could be affected because of it. There was good potential for industry in the area because of Rossaveal Pier, etc., and there was the danger that industrialists would not come because of the bad condition of the roads. He wondered if some of the Capital allocated to Gaeltarra Eireann could be used for road improvements. Councillors O'Foighil and O'Morain supported Councillor O Conchubhair and enquired about the request to the Minister for a deputation on the matter. The County Manager stated that the Minister had decided to await the publication of the Road Development document. He also said that he was concerned about the development of the roads in Connemara and the Council would do its best to get the necessary allocation for improvement works.

186 - CAOI CEART AR BOITHRE PORTAIG UILIG - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Dúirt an Leas Runai go gcuirfear caoi ceart ar gach bothar ata fe curam an Comhairle Chondae i rith na mbliana seo chugainn comh fada is a bheidh airgead solaraithe.

187 - CROSAIRE SUILEORA AG SCOIL NAISIUNTA NA CEATHRUIN RUA - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Dúirt an Leas Runai go raibh an ceist seo faoi scrudu faoi lathair agus go mbeadh tuairisc ar fail ag an cead cruinniu eile den Comhairle.

188 - MOTIONS IN THE NAME OF SENATOR KITT:

The Chairman requested that written replies be sent on his motions to Senator Kitt.

189 - EASING OF TURN AT DERVAN'S HOUSE BETWEEN McNAMARA'S CROSSROADS AND DUNIRY CROSSROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVEFTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the estimated cost of these improvements were £3,000 and that they would be considered for inclusion in the 1980 proposals.

190 - REFUSE DUMP FOR KINVARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a suitable site has not yet been found and that enquiries were continuing.

191 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ENNIS ROAD, GORT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this location does not meet the requirements for an Zebra Crossing. Zebra Crossings are not provided at a location where pedestrians cross in large numbers at specific periods only during the day, e.g., schools, factories, etc. Councillor Fahey stressed that this was a very dangerous location and he asked if there was any other alternative to an Zebra Crossing. He was supported by Councillor Byrne. The County Manager said that he would have the location examined to see if it would be suitable for a School Warden service.

192 - ERECTION OF STONE WALL AROUND OUGHTERARD CARPARK AND FAIRGREEN - COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

In the absence of Councillor Welby, it was agreed to send him a written reply.

193 - INCOME LIMIT FOR LOANS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The Acting Secretary stated that the income limit governing eligibility for Local Authority Housing Loans was £4,000 Gross income as laid down in a Department Circular which he quoted as follows:

"For the purpose of eligibility for these loans, local authorities should satisfy themselves that the gross income of the applicant did not exceed £4,000 in the income tax year immediately preceding the date of application for the loan."

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the income limit was totally unsatisfactory as it included tax and overtime and no allowance was made for outlay. In order to promote private housing building, the gross income should not be taken. Some applicants had to travel long journeys to and from work which was quite expensive. He proposed that tax deductions be allowable, that only half overtime earnings be taken into consideration, and that where an applicant is obliged to travel to work, a car and travel allowance up to £500 be allowed.

Councillor Joyce seconded Councillor Kilgannon's proposal but agreed that it was not the officials fault and that the proposal would have to be submitted to the Department. He said that every case was different and they should be dealt with on their merits and it was wrong to apply a fixed gross income figure. It was agreed to submit the proposal to the Department.

194 - IMPROVEMENTS ON BALLYGLASS/SHANBALLYMORE ROAD AT GURTEEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The Acting Secretary stated that this will be considered with other desirable improvements for inclusion in the 1980 Roadworks Scheme. It will not be possible to carry out any improvements during the remainder of this year.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he would be happy if the sight distance was improved.

195 - SUPPLY OF FRANKED ENVELOPES TO COUNCILLORS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

This motion was already dealt with under item 10.

196 - LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that site development works are in progress and one advance factory is nearing completion.

197 - LAND FOR PRIVATE SITES IN BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the contract for the purchase of the land was being prepared by the Solicitor to the N.B.A. and the Council's Law Agent. Plans for the completion of the development works were being prepared by the N.B.A.

In reply to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that the cost of the sites are not yet known as the development works were not complete.

198 - SCHEME FOR CONVERSION TO SOLID FUEL HEATING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

Councillor Brennan stated that after a long delay he had now got the application forms for these grants and he asked that the Department be requested to expedite the supply of these forms and the processing of them.

199 - IMPROVEMENTS TO KILCOLGAN ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was proposed to include a scheme for Kilcolgan Village in next year's Primary Roadworks proposals.

200 - ERECTION OF FOOTPATH AND SIGNPOSTS, AND REMOVAL OF BENDS AT CLARINBRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no provision in this year's Estimates for the removal of bends. It was proposed, however, to carry out some footpath work and provide signs before the end of the year.

201 - POUND ROAD, GORT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road was not a public road. A proposal to declare it public was considered some years ago, but the position remains the same and the road surface is now in need of attention. The road is a subject of a further L.I.S. application at present and an offer of a grant has been issued. A report on the road by the County Engineer in 1970 was as follows:

"This road which has been improved recently by an L.I.S. grant is a useful link road from Gort to the Castletown Area. However, there are two difficulties in the way of adopting it as a public road. One is that the width between fences for a considerable portion of its length is less than 11 feet, and two, there is an unattended and rather dangerous level crossing on the road. Should the Council so wish, an estimate can be supplied for widening the road and installing a safe level crossing which would have to be approved by C.I.E. There is another section of the road which was not improved under the L.I.S. and this is about 280 yards long at the Gort end. I cannot recommend its adoption in its present condition."

Councillor Fahy stated that the applicants for the L.I.S. grant considered the estimate too expensive. It was agreed that the estimate be rechecked.

202 - PROVISION OF RANGES IN COUNCIL HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the total number of houses involved was approximately 220. The estimated cost of providing and installing a Stanley Range was £375 per house, so that the total cost involved would be in the region of £80,000. There was no provision for this expenditure in our Estimates and an enquiry had been sent to the Department on the possibility of raising a loan for the purpose. The Department had replied stating that it would not be possible to sanction the raising of a loan for this purpose due to the necessity to conserve available Capital resources for the provision of urgently needed new local authority dwellings and the financing of house purchase loans.

203 - TRANSFER OF LAND IN TUAM TO V.E.C. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the current situation regarding the Parkmore lands was that the Law Agent hadn't as yet got a folio number. When this was obtained, the legal transfer of part of the site to the V.E.C. would be finalised. Councillor Burke stated that this was only a technical point and both the County Council and the V.E.C. were suffering as a result of the delay.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Council was anxious to complete the transfer and every effort would be made to expedite it.

204 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR SLIEVEFINN - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

It was agreed to send a written reply to Deputy Killilea.

205 - BAD TURN ON KILL ROAD, KILTORMER. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this improvement was desirable and will be included for consideration at the preparation of the Estimates for 1980.

206 - KILLORA CEMETERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the care of this Church ruin was not vested in the County Council. Neither was the Office of Public Works interested in declaring it a national monument. Most of the walls are covered with ivy and it is difficult to gauge their condition. If it comes within the definition of a dangerous structure, the Council may be able to do some work on it to render it safe and this will be examined.

Councillor Joyce stated that stones from the walls of the Church had broken a headstone a few years ago, and the relatives were anxious to replace it but were afraid to do so in case it would be broken again, and he asked that the walls be made safe. He said it didn't appear to be of any historical or archaeological value. It had been raised at meetings of the National Monuments Advisory Committee and he asked that a report be available for the next meeting of that committee. This was agreed.

207 - TAKING OVER OF CARTY ROAD, CLONFERT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the taking over of this road would be considered at the preparation of the next list of L.I.S. roads for adoption.

Councillor Joyce stated that this road was recently improved and he would like it examined with a view to declaring it public.

208 - HOLY FATHER'S PLEA TO THE MEN OF VIOLENCE TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE AND SENATOR CONNAUGHTON:

The following motion was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor McCormack, and resolved:

"That this Council unreservedly support the Holy Father's plea to the men of violence to lay down their arms."

209 - ROAD TO J. SHAUGHNESSY'S HOUSE, GLENASCAUL. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MURPHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road requires continual attention due to the heavy traffic load it must bear. Further repairs will be carried out as necessary. Councillor Murphy stated that this road was in very bad condition and full of pot-holes mainly due to the fact that it was serving three factories. He said it needed urgent and regular attention. Other Councillors supported Councillor Murphy, and Councillor F. Fahey asked if a levy could be put on the factories involved. The County Manager agreed that the road needed attention and would consider approaching the factory owners.

210 - DRAIN BETWEEN RYDER CROSS AND MURRAY'S PETROL PUMPS, DERRYDONNELL. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MURPHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the forecourt of Mr. Murray's premises was mostly a hard surface with poor gradient and no adequate drainage outlet. There was an open drain along the road edge and this is maintained satisfactorily, but in view of the lowlying nature of the area and the inadequacy of the forecourt drainage, the run off from the heavy or persistent rainfall does not find its way into this drain quickly enough. Councillor Murphy, who was supported by Councillor Haverty, considered that the drain was not adequately maintained. The County Engineer agreed to have it re-examined.

211 - REMOVAL OF BENDS ON ROAD FROM MOYVILLA CROSS TO THE GALWAY/LIMERICK ROAD NEAR CLARINBRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS TONY MURPHY AND EDWARD HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this would be considered with other desirable improvements for inclusion in the 1980 Roadworks scheme. It would not be possible to carry out any improvements during the remainder of this year. Councillor Haverty asked for confirmation that the improvements would be carried out next year but the County Manager stated that this could not be confirmed until the Estimates were prepared and approved. Other Councillors agreed that there were some very dangerous bends on this road.

212 - LOSS OF V.A.T. RECOUPMENT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the amount of V.A.T. recouped in 1978 amounted to 3.91% of the total Roads Expenditure. On this basis the amount which would have been recoupable in 1979 amounts to £164,845.

The Department in its letter of 18th June, 1979, indicated that regard was had to the position concerning V.A.T. when determining Road Grants. The Grants notified to Galway County Council for 1979 were £232,000 in excess of those allocated for 1978.

As the overall roads estimates were affected also by inflation and the Government ceiling on rates increase, it is not possible to indicate what works were affected by the change in the V.A.T. arrangements.

Replying to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that this was the first year that the Council would be at the loss of the V.A.T. recoupment. Councillor McCormack stated that as a result of the change in the V.A.T. procedure, the Council stood to lose £164,000 this year which meant that Roadworks to this value would be left undone, and this was something which should be clearly understood.

213 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR KILRONAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that this scheme was being deferred until the proposed Water Supply Scheme is in hands. It is proposed to prepare a revised sewerage scheme for Kilronan as soon as the water scheme is advanced. Tenders have been invited for reservoirs for the water scheme and the closing date was in December 1979.

214 - PROVISION OF FOOTPATHS AT MOYCULLEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no provision for this work in the current year's Estimates. The matter will be considered for inclusion in the 1980 Roadworks scheme. This, however, will depend on priority and availability of finance. Councillor McCormack asked that his proposal be given high priority.

215 - ROAD TO TUMELTY'S AND KEANE'S HOUSE BALLINLASS. - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

This motion was moved by Councillor Kilgannon who was informed that repairs to the road were in progress.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. F. Glynn CHAIRMAN

26th Nov 1979 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 9TH NOVEMBER, 1979.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor F. Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; K. Hays and S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; D. Buggy, Staff Officer; J. Connolly, Planning Assistant; T. Fleming, Draughtsman; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

The Chairman stated that the meeting had been called at the request of Members of the Council who wished to discuss the extent to which resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, were being used in connection with Planning and what methods might be adopted to reduce the number of such resolutions.

The following points were made by Members and by the County Manager.

COUNCILLOR P. O'FOIGHIL:

1. He warned Members and staff of gathering "war clouds" regarding Section 4 resolutions.
2. He stated that the Manager had been subjected to fierce pressures to grant permissions in conflict with the plan.
3. Councillor Welby is noted for the number of Section 4 resolutions in which he is involved and that he is getting the full support of his Party for those resolutions.
4. Political capital is being made out of Section 4 resolutions.
5. A political football is being made of the County Development Plan.
6. Implementation of the Plan shows inconsistency with the present and previous plan.

He stated that of 18 Permissions granted for developments in Teach Mor, Inverin, only three qualified under the categories which are exempted from restrictions in this area, and that Section 4 was not used to grant any of the Permissions in question. Of three which were refused, one was a widow who required the house for a Member of her family. He stated that this type of case is not uncommon and leaves the door open for Section 4 resolutions which are used to capitalise on cases like these.

7. He warned staff regarding allegations made against them of Political influence in making Planning Decisions.
8. He stated that the Plan is not being fairly implemented by County Council staff.

9. He (Councillor O'Foighil) will request the Minister for the Gaeltacht to take all planning powers from the Council and give them to Udaras na Gaeltachta when it is established.
10. Planning Acts do not take account of language, culture and heritage of the Gaeltacht, and preservation of this heritage is more important than physical planning. This justified the take over of Planning functions by the Udaras, and the the plan was of no assistance in dealing with the case of Luxury Homes in Spiddal.
11. Septic Tanks have not proved satisfactory in Connemara.
12. Negative approach to Planning is not acceptable in the Gaeltacht. Physical planning and culture cannot be separated.
13. Precious County Council time is being wasted on Section 4 Resolutions and this calls for a realistic approach to them.
14. The Plan lacks a proper approach to problems of small farmers to culture and to social conditions in the Gaeltacht. Unless the Plan is amended, there will be a rash of Section 4 Resolutions. He (Councillor O'Foighil) has proposed a number of amendments to the Plan and he does not support the plan in its present form - in the absence of a change in the Plan, he would freely use Section 4.
15. There is lack of communication and consultations with applicants.
16. It is necessary to amend the Plan and then to enforce the controls.
17. Decisions are being made by Councillors who know nothing about local conditions.
18. If the Plan is not amended, there will be a "free for all" situation, and then people who are submitting Section 4 Resolutions will have competition - the penal clauses in the Plan should be amended.
19. Any small farmer has a right to get Planning Permission to house his family, and to use a Permission as a source of income. The present Plan goes against this principle.

DEPUTY J. CALLANAN:

1. The Plan was not approved unanimously by the Council - He (Deputy Callanan) and Councillor Haverty dissented from it.
2. Regarding allegation of political influence, he never believed that Engineers were politically influenced.
3. There have been differences of opinion regarding what is an amenity and the question of developments which are stated to be out of character. These are differences of interpretation.
4. He upholds a man's right to build a house on his own land.
5. Agrees that there is little the Council can do regarding developments on National Roads as this is Government Policy. He sees nothing wrong with houses beside National Primary Roads if they are kept back a reasonable distance from the road.
6. There is little need for Section 4 Resolutions in East Galway as in nine out of 10 cases, differences are resolved as a result of consultations with Planning Staff. He has found that if Engineers do not like a location proposed for a house, the Engineer in question generally asks the applicant to move the site of the house to a more suitable location.
7. There would be no need for Section 4 Resolutions if differences about interpretation could be resolved.
8. He would like to see more houses in Connemara.

9. He is convinced that there is now more consultation in difficult cases which could otherwise lead to Section 4 Resolutions. He wants to have Councillors' right to use Section 4 retained. One of the major problems is difference of opinion of what is an amenity and what should be preserved.

CHAIRMAN: Nobody has suggested that a Councillor's right to use Section 4 be taken away, and it is not suggested that this right should be taken from Councillors.

DEPUTY CALLANAN asked if a formula could be devised for discussing difficult cases as this could considerably reduce the number of Section 4 Resolutions.

COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

1. Councillors must give a service to their constituents and must give them an answer when asked to make enquiries on their behalf. He finds that due to pressure of work in the Planning Section, the staff have little time for consultations and he has found it difficult to get appointments for discussions.
2. He asked if one day per week or per fortnight could be set aside when Councillors could come in and put their cases to Senior Planning Officials - this facility is not available at present due to pressure of work on the staff.
3. Councillors are not being told of decisions when they call to make enquiries about a particular case. They are generally told about the last date for a decision, but occasionally have found that when they go subsequently to tell this to the applicant, the applicant already has received notice of the decision from the Council - this shows up the Councillor in a bad light with his constituents.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

1. As matters stand, nearly every Councillor will have to "get into the Act" with regard to Section 4 Resolutions. Some Members try to avoid these Resolutions while others make Capital out of them. If the Council adopts a plan, we should adhere to it.
2. If a Section 4 which is contrary to the Plan is passed, the Manager should have power to prevent the Permission being given.
3. Three quarters to four fifths of all Section 4 Resolutions come from the Connemara Area - the Council should look at this area and at Councillor O'Foighil's proposals. Unless something is done in this connection, a special meeting will be necessary every month to consider Section 4 Resolutions.

COUNCILLOR U. BURKE:

He stated that he expected that at this meeting officials would give an opinion as to where Councillors were going wrong but no statement from officials had been made.

CHAIRMAN:

It was the Members of the Council who asked for the Meeting, and it was, therefore, decided they should give their views in the first instance.

DEPUTY KILLILEA:

1. Discussion at a Committee Meeting should be kept private.
2. To be popular with the public, the best thing for a politician to do is to lash officials. He (Deputy Killilea) has never done this.

3. He put in a number of Section 4 Resolutions recently for the reason that while officials negotiate and are reasonable, they must interpret the Plan and carry out its provisions as they see them, humanitarian grounds are, however, valid to the Councillor and officials cannot take those into account. Of 76 Resolutions under Section 4 which were referred to in the document circulated to the Council, evidence is that only two of the sites were sold. He did not feel that the result of Section 4 Resolutions is as serious as the publicity they receive would suggest. Members must consider applications on compassionate grounds and it is accepted that Engineers deal with applications properly as they see the situation in accordance with the Plan.
4. It is important that every Councillor should exhaust every avenue open to him before resorting to a Section 4 Resolution.

COUNCILLOR M. O'MORAIN:

1. Councillor O'Foighil's document has a number of very important points and it should be circulated to Members.
2. He feels that the title "Plan" is a misnomer - it is regarded as a "Development" Plan - it is only one aspect in the full development of the County. It is not the "be-all and end-all" in planning.
3. An Bord Pleanála did not live up to expectations - planning does not take account of human aspect in Connemara. Operation of Planning might adulterate the use of Irish in the Gaeltacht.
4. The Engineer interprets the Plan as written - maybe he is right - while Councillors are talking about people and their human problems and will have to use Section 4 Resolutions in certain cases.

COUNCILLOR M. D. HIGGINS:

1. When dealing with Section 4 Resolutions, Councillors have insufficient information.
2. The first problem is the Plan and its requirements which Councillors do not feel belong to them but to officials - there is little commitment to the Plan from Councillors and the result is that there is clinical planning on one side and humanitarian planning on the other.
3. If there were more participation by Members in the preparation of the Plan, there would be greater commitment from Councillors, and Councillors, he felt had not assessed the planning criteria when the plans were being adopted.
4. He supported the view that the Plan should be more than physical - it should be social and cultural also. There is need for a more complete Plan. It should be revised to take account of circumstances and should evolve over a period of time and be under continuous review.
5. If preparation of the Plan were fully debated and understood and then adopted after full consideration, it becomes a duty of Councillors to prevent abuse.

COUNCILLOR U. BURKE:

1. When Section 4 Resolutions are being considered, they are sometimes deferred for re-examination. This shows that either Members or Officials have not done their homework.
2. A Plan should not prevent a man who wants to live in a rural area from doing so. He agrees with Councillor O'Foighil that persons who want to live in Connemara should be facilitated.

3. If there is an abuse of Section 4 Resolutions in West Galway, it will spread to East Galway and pressure will come on Members in the Eastern part of the County to use this method. This should be resisted. He referred to an amenity area near the Shannon which is at present in an unspoilt condition, but in certain circumstances, he would sign a Section 4 Resolution for a second family dwelling.

THE COUNTY MANAGER stated that a resolution under Section 4 is not necessary for a second family dwelling as provision is made for this in the Plan.

COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY:

1. He stated that he lives in a scenic area where almost all existing houses would be contrary to the Plan if they were now being erected.
2. There are about 200 foreigners living in the area.
3. If there were no Section 4 Resolutions, some people now living in the area would be in England because of lack of housing.
4. People come to him and say that their Engineer told them to ask him to arrange for a Section 4 Resolution. He stated that he would help people born in the area and those with ties in the Area, including people returning from England.
5. He does not see any support for a change in the use of Section 4 Resolutions.
6. People who are asked to sign a "Covenant" are being advised by their Solicitor not to do so.

At this stage, Deputy Killilea stated that a statement regarding the business of the Meeting had been given to the press.

COUNCILLOR O'FOIGHIL stated that he had given them only a copy of his own statement and that he had refused Radio na Gaeltachta when they requested him to discuss the proceedings of the Meeting.

The CHAIRMAN stated that it was wrong to issue a statement to the Press and he asked Councillor O'Foighil to withdraw the statement from the Press.

DEPUTY KILLILEA stated that he was protesting against this breach of confidence and was leaving the Meeting. Deputy Killilea then left the Chamber.

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY said that Councillor O'Foighil's statement includes wrong statements regarding Councillor Welby and the staff of the Council, and also regarding the use of the "whip" by Members of Councillor Fahey's party which were untrue.

COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

1. Section 4 has been used in a political context by Councillors. He has been asked "Why not do what other Councillors are doing?" and that this puts him in an awkward position.
2. He has abstained from Section 4 votes as he knew nothing about the cases in question.
3. Unless a Councillor is a professional politician, he has no time to examine fully the merits of planning applications.
4. The case made by Councillor O'Foighil regarding family economics and housing needs is valid.
5. There will be a spill over of Section 4 Resolutions from Connemara to East Galway. He (Councillor Kilgannon) is now being asked to arrange for

Section 4 Resolutions, but regarding Councillor Byrne's comment, if the Manager could prevent permission being granted under Section 4, Councillors would lose interest in the business of the Council.

6. Planning should not restrict an owner in the use of his own property. He should not be dictated to as to what he can do on his own property.
7. He favours development of villages but does not want rural areas denuded of population.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY:

1. He did not agree with certain aspects of the Development Plan.
2. He is not in favour of Section 4 Resolutions but to use it is a Councillor's right.
3. He believes the meeting will increase the number of Section 4 Resolutions.

COUNCILLOR P. RUANE:

1. A start has been made in his area with Section 4 Resolutions and pressure is now on him to use those resolutions also.
2. He had succeeded in getting permissions by discussion with the Planning Staff instead of using Section 4 Resolutions.
3. In dealing with Section 4 Resolutions, Councillors should see the site. If they do not, they should abstain from voting.

COUNCILLOR KILGANNON proposed and COUNCILLOR O'FOIGHIL seconded:-

"That Planning Committees of area Councillors and Council Officials be established to deal with potential Section 4 Planning difficulties."

COUNCILLOR M. RYAN:

He stated that he gets the fullest co-operation in the Planning Office and Councillors do not consult sufficiently with the Planning Staff.

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE:

1. Land in Connemara is not much use for agriculture. It's only value is as a site for building, and then its use for this purpose is stopped by planning law. The demand is growing for Section 4 Resolutions, and if a Councillor from Connemara asks for his support for a Section 4 Resolution, he will get it on condition that he informs him that it is a genuine case.
2. A worker in Connemara should be able to get Permission for a house in addition to those covered in the Plan.
3. Planning restrictions affect poorer sections - if permission is refused, owners should get the full value in compensation and land could be frozen.
4. The circumstances of an applicant should be taken into account including his need for cash.
5. A few houses, if properly placed, could add to a landscape.

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

1. He feels that if there is good-will by Councillors and staff, the number of Section 4 Resolutions can be reduced by consultation and communication.

2. If he cannot convince the planners that he has a genuine case, he should accept their decision.
3. Until there is a proper plan for Connemara, there will be problems resulting in Section 4 Resolutions.
4. The Council's Plan should become a "Development Plan" and then Members should give it their commitment. There is a need for goodwill on all sides who deal with Planning.

SENATOR CONNAUGHTON:

1. He sees merit in the proposal regarding establishment of Committees.
2. He asks that arrangements be made for consultations in cases of intended refusal.
3. Some reasons given for passing Section 4 Resolutions such as the applicant is "a good gaelic footballer" is not a valid reason for granting a Permission.
4. Something should be done to improve the position regarding the construction of certain farm buildings.

COUNCILLOR M. O'HIGGINS:

1. He agrees that Section 4 is not properly used all the time.
2. The County Development Plan at best cannot be more than a guideline. He agrees with Councillor M.D. Higgins that it should develop over a period of time and be under constant review.
3. The use of Section 4 in the Corporation is very limited probably because they can see the overall planning situation of the city which is a rather limited area - this is more difficult to appreciate in the case of a County.
4. An amenity which belongs to the whole Country has to be measured against the poverty of individual land owners in certain cases.

COUNCILLOR O'FOIGHIL proposed Ruin 1 and 2 on the Agenda.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that this is not in order at this meeting.

THE COUNTY MANAGER stated that these resolutions can have no affect as there is a legal procedure for changing the Plan and this must be followed. The purpose of the Meeting was to consider the use of Section 4 Resolutions for means of reducing the number of such Resolutions. No final decision can be taken at a Committee Meeting - such decisions would require confirmation at an ordinary County Council Meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that he was ruling Ruin 1 and 2 out of order for this meeting.

SENATOR KITT:

1. He supports the Committee proposal and wants meetings on the sites with travelling expenses for Councillors.
2. At one time, he felt that a way of resolving difficulties was to appeal to an Bord Pleanala, but now it takes far too long to get a decision from the Bord.
3. He sees no difficulty about supporting Section 4 Resolutions for development in West Galway.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

1. He supports the proposal regarding Committees but is afraid of limiting the Committee to areas. He felt that a broader view would be taken if Councillors from the East were included.
2. Neighbours' rights must be considered when dealing with Planning applications.
3. When permission is given, the conditions should be enforced.

CHAIRMAN:

1. He is impressed by the sincerity of the discussion and the points made, including the need for consultation and communication. Many Members feel the need for more consultation.
2. He suggested that officials be now given an opportunity of considering the various points made and that they would then submit proposals at a future meeting. He felt that it is necessary to give the Manager a chance to bring a report in the future to the Council even if another special meeting had to be held for this purpose.

COUNTY MANAGER:

1. As only about half the Members are present, this is not the time for the Council to make decisions.
2. One suggestion made is the need for greater consultation - he is prepared to examine this and see what can be done about it.
3. He has reservations about committees - he has seen problems arising from them in another County, nothing was achieved and the making of decisions came back to the Council Chamber.
4. On purpose, he did not come to the Meeting with proposals, he came to listen to the views of Councillors with an open mind.
5. If there is goodwill, a solution to the problem will be found, if not, a solution will not be found.
6. It was mentioned by Members that since the Press was not present, criticisms of staff were made - there is no objection to this and members are well within their rights in doing so. In return, he felt that Members should not object if he (Manager) were to refer to the frequent disregard by Members of recommendations made to them by officials. At one meeting after another, reports were submitted to Members. They ignored them and cast them aside. On one day, the Council was shown a map with a site on a dangerous bend and were also shown how it would be affected by re-alignment. The Council was shown the extent of the traffic hazard to the owner and to the general public. The proposer of the resolution under Section 4 stated that he did not agree and the resolution was passed. Anyone could see that there was no goodwill on that occasion - there was a predecision to grant the permission, and the facts of the case meant nothing. If we are to go back to that situation, consultation will get us nowhere.
7. There are certain legal requirements regarding the contents of a development plan. No provision has been made by law for including provisions regarding language and culture.
8. In the case of amenities, many permissions are given on humanitarian grounds. Regarding cases mentioned by Councillor Bartley, one applicant insisted on building his house on the highest point and he would not accept any other, although other sites were suitable. Many representations on humanitarian grounds were not made by applicants and some which were made, were not substantiated. Councillors cannot be expected to scrutinise the claims of applicants but officials can do this.

9. He is prepared to revise the application forms or supply a separate one to elicit further information on the circumstances, housing need, etc., of applicants.
10. In the past, the Council has been deceived regarding family need, and in some cases, the sites have been sold.
11. If we engage in a consultative process, we expect Councillors to have due regard to professional advice and would urge them not to cast reports aside.
12. If Councillors agree, he will examine the suggestions made and will come before them at a future meeting with proposals.

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

It is essential that goodwill come from Councillors. Efforts are being made in this direction, but the release of a statement to the press, with reference to a particular Councillor, hampered the efforts to get a better response from the Councillor in question to reduce Section 4 Resolutions, as an excuse is now available to him.

COUNCILLOR U. BURKE:

Can three officials as set out in Resolution (C)(ii) on the Agenda examine intended refusals.

COUNTY MANAGER:

At least three or four Senior Officials examine all applications and they are also examined by the Manager before he signs them.

COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK:

Councillor McCormack proposed that a special meeting commencing with a report from the County Manager setting out proposals be held.

COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON:

He stated that if the County Manager wants a response from Councillors, he would like to point out that the Council must have confidence in the officials and some decisions show that the Councillors lack this confidence in officials.

COUNTY MANAGER stated that he does not agree that this comment was justified but that he was not stating that officials are always right.

IT WAS AGREED:

That the business of the meeting stand adjourned to a special committee meeting to be held on 23rd November, 1979, at 3.30 p.m.

SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Mary Scarry; Cooloo, Brierfield.
Mrs. Naughton and Family, Carhoon, Gurteen, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Patrick Carney and Family, Ard Mhuire, Ballinasloe.
Micheal O Droighneain, Tuar Beag, An Spideal.
Mrs. O'Connor, Ballybane Cottages, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. Glynn CHAIRMAN.

17th December 1979 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

19th November, 1979.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

The adjourned meeting of the Committee of the Council dealing with Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 23rd November, 1979, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Agenda is the same as that for the meeting held on the 9th November,

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

Enclosures:

- (a) Minutes of Meeting held on 9th November, 1979.
- (b) Copy of Agenda for Meeting held on 9th November, 1979.
- (c) Copy of County Manager's report dated 19th November, 1979, together with documents referred to therein.
- (d) Statistics re Section 4 Resolutions previously passed.
- (e) Statement re Planning Objectives.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

5th November, 1979.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a meeting of a Committee of the entire Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 9th November, 1979 at 3.30 p.m..

Mise, le meas,

C. O. Dubhghaill.
COUNTY SECRETARY

A G E N D A

To Consider:

1. The use of the procedure set out in Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as amended, in connection with planning applications.
2. Members' Notices of Motion
 - (a) COMHAIRLEOIRI P. O FOIGHIL AGUS U. DE BURCA

Ta muid le na h-athruithe seo a leanas a mholadh san bPlean Forbartha Contae a ghlac Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an 29u Eanáir, 1979.

Run 1

2.01. The preservation and conservation of the amenities and scenic landscape of the county acknowledging the rights of the individual land-owners in such areas to interpret what is an amenity and/or a scenic landscape, to enable him fulfill his immediate family economic and housing needs.

Development Policy Map No. M2

Lettermore Area:

Rewrite as follows: Encourage growth centre settlement as natural resource development area including tourism, fish farming, crafts and cultural holidays. Encourage employment creations and light industrial units based on natural resources.

2.13. Add "This policy will in no way hinder local people from settling in family land in the southcoastal area".

2.13. Add "This policy will in no way hinder local people settling in family land in amenity areas."

3.07. Add the following sentence "A development and research unit to be set up within the Council to deal with sewerage effluent in Connemara to comply with the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977."

5.03. (iv) Add the words "except Connemara" after "particular area".

5.03

- (v) Add the following "Connemara will be deemed an exceptional area and a number of Communal Septic Tanks and treatment plants will be permitted under a trial basis, such units to be maintained by the Council either through direct Council labour or by local Co-ops or such bodies at a yearly charge.

6.02 Table No. 3 Restriction and Limitation

Add the following after (b)

- (c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.

6.02 Table No. 4 Restrictions & Limitations

Add the following after (b)

- (c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of four (4) suitable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

7.03 Table No. 6 Area No. 1

Add after (b)

- (c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.

Delete: "A size not less than a half acre having a frontage of not less than 23 metres" and substitute "of acceptable size and frontage".

Table No. 7

Add words "and economic needs" after first sentence.

Add (e)

- (e) The provision of four (4) saleable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

9.01 Delete the whole section.

9.03 Table No. 9

Landscape classification No. 1 - Areas of Special Amenity.

- (b) 1. Replacement of an existing inhabited dwelling house immediately adjacent to the site of the existing house.
2. The provision of dwelling houses for occupation by members of a farm holders family on the family holding of land.
(c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of four (4) saleable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

Table No. 10:

(f) Delete from "minimum frontage to further requirement" and instead the following "a reasonable frontage and depth".

2. (a) Replacement of an existing inhabited dwelling house.
(b) The provision of dwelling houses for occupation by members of a farm holders family on the family holding.
(c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of

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persons employed within the area.

- (d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of (4) saleable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

Table No. 11:

3. Re write as follows:

- (a) Replacement of an existing inhabited dwelling house.
(b) The provision of a dwelling house, for occupation by members of a farm holders family, on the family holding of land.
(c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.
(d) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.
(e) The provision of four(4) saleable sites to help the economic needs of farm holder.

Run 2

That a further question be added to planning application form to elicit from applicant his/her reasons for building on the site in question.

Run 3

That areas committees be set up comprising of area planning engineers and area councillors.

- (b) DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - We will propose:

That planning committees of area Councillors and Council officials be established to deal with potential Section 4 planning difficulties.

- (c) COUNCILLORS U. BURKE AND P. O'FOIGHIL - We will propose:

- (i) That in order to reduce the numbers of Section 4 coming before this Council, the Council should, before refusing a planning permission, discuss with the applicant or his representative (a) reasons for refusal (b) alternatives to site location (if applicable) (c) actual need for such permission. "The time factor" should not be used by the Council as a reason for failure to comply with above.
(ii) That in cases where there is a "pending refusal" at least 3 planning officers make the final decision with the Manager.
(iii) I will request:
The results of the Councils "efforts" in my proposal of last May and details of how final information was compiled.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Aras an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19u Samhain, 1979.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26u Samhain, 1979, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathrona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Charles Conneely of Moyard for dwellinghouse at Tooreen. - Planning Ref. No. 33100."

John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. N. O'Conchubhair.
 - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Patsy Kinneavy for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Roscahill East. - Planning Ref. No. 32319."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. John Molloy.
 - (c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Martin P. O'Sullivan of Carrick East, Cong. - Planning reference number 33705."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.
 - (d) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Padraic Niland of Furbo, Co. Galway, for erection of a dwellinghouse at Lenarevagh. - Planning Reference number 33624."

Thomas Welby. F. O'Cuagain. Michael Fahy.
 - (e) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Martin Murphy to erect a

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dwellinghouse in the townland of Cregboy. - Planning Ref. No. 33611."

John Molloy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.

- (f) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Peter Halloran to erect a dwellinghouse in the townland of Crocknaraw, Moyard. - Planning Reference No. 31187."

G. Bartley. M. O'Morain. Thomas Welby.

- (g) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Seosamh O h-Iarnain, Na h-Aille, Indreabhan. - Planning Ref. No. 33867."

G. Bartley. M. O'Morain. Thomas Welby.

- (i) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Allen Griffen to erect a dwellinghouse in the townland of Ballinaboy, Clifden. - Planning Ref. No. 33766."

G. Bartley. M. O'Morain. Thomas Welby.

- (j) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Peter Halloran to erect a dwellinghouse in the townland at Garraunbaun, Moyard. - Planning Reference No. 31187."

G. Bartley. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

- (k) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Walsh for the erection of a house at Keagh. - Planning Reference No. 32838."

Padraic McCermack. Thomas Welby. F. O'Cuagain.

2. Minutes:-

- (a) Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting 8/10/'79.
- (b) County Council Meeting 22/10/79.
- (c) County Council Meeting 2/11/79.

3. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
4. Election of Member of the Council on the Governing Body of University College, Galway.
Two nominations received - Clr. James Joyce and Clr. Michael D. Higgins.
5. December Meeting of County Council's General Council. Notices of Motion to be sent by 30th November, 1979.
6. Appointment of Representative on the Regional Arts Committee of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group.
7. Overdraft - Quarter ending 31st March, 1980.
8. Appointment of Coiste Gaeltachta (Min. No.40 of Meeting of 23/7/'79)
9. Establishment of a River Shannon Authority for management and development of the River - Letter from Roscommon County Council - copy herewith.
10. Housing Act 1979 (Report to follow).

11. (a) Fix date for December meeting.
(b) Fix date for Housing Committee meeting.
12. Appointment of Non-elected members on Galway Area Committee on Itinerancy.
13. Revision of Salary Scale for Clerk Typists.
Revision of Salary Scale for Social Workers.
Revision of Salary Scale for County Secretary.
14. Sale of Two Housing Sites At:-
Cullairbaun, Athenry -- Notice dated 12/11/'79.
15. Sale of Houses at:-
 - (a) Rabins, Mounthellev to Patrick and Bridie Lally.
 - (b) Maghermore, Killimor to Mrs. Angela Norris.
 - (c) Dublin Road, Tuam, to John Jennings.
 - (d) Loughnaclerybey, Kilconnell to Christopher Murphy.
 - (e) Lissybroder, Dunmore, to Martin BOWENS.
 - (f) Knowkdoemore, Claregalway to Mrs. Emily Keady.
 - (g) Kilkieran, Carna to Peter Halloran.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - McIaim:

- (a) Taim ag iarraidh ar an gComhairle Contae eolas a thabhairt ar an da leithreas poiblí ata geallta do Inis Mór, Arainn, le blianta agus cen fath nach bhfuil siad togtha.
- (b) Ceard a tharla don toscaireacht a h-ainmíodh ag Cruinniú den Chomhairle Contae ar an 27ú Deire Fomhair, 1979. Cen toradh a bhí ar a gcuid comhraití leis an Aire Comhshaoil faoi abhar na toscaireadhta seo.
- (c) Cen ait ar an líosta ata na haiteacha seo leanas o thaobh scillsí poiblí agus cen uair ata se measta go ndeanfar iad.
 - (i) Furbacha on tra go dtí an Seipeal.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council surface, tar and maintain the Pound Road, Gort, approx. 1 mile. This road is an entrance to the town of Gort.
- (b) That the Council reconstruct the footpath from Gort to Lough Cutra approx. 1 mile. This footpath is in dire need of repair.
- (c) That the Council erect 4 lights in Nogra Village, Kinvara.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE: - I will propose:

That provision be made in the Estimates for 1980 for the realignment of the road at Browns Grove School.

DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

- (a) That the Belclare Group Water Scheme adhere to the regulation that a public tap be made available at the source which was given to them by the County Council.
- (b) That the County Manager outline details, regarding negotiations between the Office of Public Works, and the Galway County Council to date, with reference to the arrangements being sought and made for the Drainage of the River Nanny in Tuam, which serves the Lavally and Cortoon areas, taking into account the completion of the Tuam Water source change.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - We will propose:

- (a) That this Council be given a full report on the work of the County Development Team including details of its proposals for the greater Ballinasloe Area.
- (b) That Galway County Council ensure that all water pumps erected by Galway County Council from now on be the sole property of Galway County Council.

COUNCILLORS J. JOYCE AND M. J. KILGANNON - We will propose:

That this Council call upon the Government to institute immediate reform of the tax system so as to ensure that all sections of the community pay their fair share of taxation according to their means. Such reform in particular, should also index tax allowances against inflation, eliminate differential treatment of marriage partners and involve an anti-tax evasion and avoidance campaign by the State. Furthermore, forms of taxation should be introduced which ensure an adequate contribution to public revenue by those who are especially well-off.

COUNCILLORS M. RYAN, P. CONNAUGHTON, J. BURKE, P. FINNEGAN AND F. GLYNN:

- We will propose:
at what stage the Council is at in acquiring the land in Glenamaddy, which has been offered to them for development.

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the flood on the Cartron Road in Cooltymurraghy, Killoran, between Peter Jennings' house and Will Kilgannon's house be released permanently.
- (b) That the Council purchase a site for a house for Kevin Hession, Aughrim.
- (c) That the flooding which takes place regularly at Stapleton's house in Clontuskert be relieved by means of piping the flood waters across the road.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That provisions be made in the 1980 Estimates for the easing of dangerous bend at the junction beside the old school residence at Cloughanover, Headford.
- (b) That a cover be fitted to the recently erected storage water tank at Moycullen so as to avoid it being polluted by birds.
- (c) That provisions be made in the 1980 Estimates for the laying of a footpath from Bohoona road to Credubh approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council improve the view at the head of the Pribbaun, Road, Roscahill.
- (b) That the County Council take over and declare public the road in the Fahy Estate, Claremount, Oughterard.
- (c) That a sewerage connection be given to the six houses on the Monivea Road at Ballybane to Folan's shop.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council declare public the road from Mrs. Healy's house leading to the gate into Kilmeen graveyard and which was made under the L.I.S. scheme less than two years ago.
- (b) That the Council declare public the road leading into Connaire's house which branches off the Loughrea-Ballinasloe Main Road between Patrick Donnoghue's and Bane's houses and was also made under the L.I.S. scheme.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL D. HIGGINS - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council, conscious of the importance of the fishing industry, establishes a Fisheries Committee.
- (b) That Galway County Council investigate the purchase of a heavy Boiler for use at the Galway Dump so as to facilitate recycling.

COUNCILLOR M. O'MORAIN - I will propose:

- (a) That the refuse collection in Connemara be revised and improved.
- (b) That the vacancy for Mini-truck driver in the Carna Area be filled.
- (c) That the paths in all graveyards be tarred from Notice of Motion Monies

COUNCILLOR PATRICK FINNEGAN - I will propose:

- (a) That this Council take all possible steps to deal with sewerage problems in Williamstown and Kiltvna.
- (b) That the bridge leading to Thomas Geraghty's house at Cloongowna, Clonberne, be widened.

COUNCILOR PADDY RUANE - I will propose:

- (a) That more money be allocated for the improvement of bog roads owing the scarcity of fuel.
 - (b) That work start immediately on the widening of corners at Cartymore roads and also at Higgins near Turloughmore.
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M A L L I C I O U S D A M A G E D E C R E E S

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Elizabeth M. Walshe, Monteroy House, 12, Upper Canal Road, GALWAY.	Damage to Motor Car.	Borough of Galway.	£7.97	£32.43
Gerard McGarry, Stoneleigh, Taylor's Hill, GALWAY.	Damage to caravan windows, caravan fittings and window sills.	County of Galway.	£150.00	£208.16
Lord Peter P'french, Castlefrengh, Mascragh, Ballinasloe.	Burning of Barn with corrugated iron roof.	County of Galway.	£2,500	£3,480.70
Dr. John Ellis Pourné, c/o Wolfe, Collins, O'Keefe and Partners, Market Street, Skibbereen, Co. Cork.	Damage to side window of car.	Borough of Galway.	£78.83	£149.43
Mr. R.J. Pierce, c/o Emerson & Conway, Solicitors, Galway.	Damage to glass window grid and jewellery.	Borough of Galway.	£71.48	£113.99
Michael Ryan, Crammagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.	Damage to Tractor	Borough of Galway.	£50.00	£93.40
St. Joseph's College Rowing Club, Galway.	Damage to Clubhouse at Riverside, Galway.	Borough of Galway.	£347.00	£423.36

M A L L I C I O U S D A M A G E D E C R E E S

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including Costs
Ballinasloe Cinema Co., Ballinasloe.	Damage to Aisling Cinema.	County of Galway.	£20.00	£46.71
Ballinasloe Cinema Co., Ballinasloe.	Damage to Aisling Cinema.	County of Galway.	£140.00	£191.95
Ballinasloe Cinema Co., Ballinasloe.	Damage to Aisling Cinema.	County of Galway.	£12.00	£26.50
Michael Costello, Pallas, Caltra, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to Motor Car.	County of Galway.	£25.00	£49.75
Madden Endowment of St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe.	Damage to windows and doors, door locks and handles.	County of Galway.	£250.00	£332.35
Patrick Connelly, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to Cattle drinking trough.	County of Galway.	£9.00	£24.44

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/7/1417

13th. November, 1979.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, 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 Lally, Rahins, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.

Location:- Rahins, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick & Bridie Lally of: Rahins, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5608.

The conditions to be included in the sale 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, 1978.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/278

13th. November, 1979.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, 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:- Edward Hanney, Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

Location:- Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Angela Norris of: Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £303.

The conditions to be included in the sale 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, 1978.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/10/1513

13th. November, 1979.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, 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 Jennings of: Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,865.

The conditions to be included in the sale 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, 1978.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/1/615

13th. November, 1979.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, 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 Murphy, Loughnaclerybeg, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

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

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Christopher Murphy of: Loughnaclerybeg, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1,280.

The conditions to be included in the sale 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, 1978.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/10/307

13th. November, 1979.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, 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:- Ina M. Cashel, Lissybroder, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

Location:- Lissybroder, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Martin Bowens of: Lissybroder, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1395.

The conditions to be included in the sale 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, 1978.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/3/243

13th. November, 1979.

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, 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:- Honor Kearney, Knockdoemore, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

Location:- Knockdoemore, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Emily Keady of: Knockdoemore, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £694.

The conditions to be included in the sale 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, 1978.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

13th. November, 1979.

Ref. No. 63/2/1205

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, 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 Cooke, Kilkerrin, Carna, Co. Galway.

Location:- Kilkerrin, Carna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Peter Halloran of: Kilkerrin, Carna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2057.

The conditions to be included in the sale 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, 1978.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

12th November '79

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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Secretary's Office,
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21st November, 1979.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALEAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

re: Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council - 26th November, 1979.

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

Items omitted in error from Agenda circulated on the 20th November, 1979:-

16. Declaration of Roads to be public Roads - List herewith.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE - I will propose:

- (a) That this Council recommends that a supplementary grant be paid to the Castletaylor Group Water Scheme due to excess expenditure on rock excavation.
- (b) What progress is being made in the provision of a sewerage treatment plant at Kinvara.

K. DOYLE,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

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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, 26th November, 1979, consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:

Area	From	To	Metres
Clifden	End of existing Co. Road Coolacloy	Patrick Joyce's house, Coolacloy	410
Clifden	Junction with Co. Road 48 Gleninagh	towards Bodkin's house, Gleninagh	404
Milltown	John Connelly's house Shannaghmore, Glenamaddy	Thomas Carr's house, Shannaghmore, Glenamaddy	80
Milltown	Co. Road 254 Parkbaun, Glenamaddy	towards John Ronan's house, Parkbaun	80
Milltown	Road from Butt's house in the townland of Springfield	towards Springfield house gate in the townland of Gortdrisagh	160
Oughterard	P. McDonagh's (Terry) in townland of Carraroe North	towards A. Griffin's in townland of Clynagh	450
Mountbellew	End of C.R. 279 Clooncullane	Gateway to P. Fleming's house, Clooncullane	73
Milltown	C.R. 218 Tonlegee	Joe Kelly's house, Tonlegee	127
Milltown	C.R. 128 Bellanagarraun	Meenaghan's house, Bellanagarraun	70
Clifden	Kieran Coney's gate, Aughrusbeg	Junction with C.R. 2 Aughrusbeg	1,015
Portumna	C.R. 556 Lissawullaun	J. Quinn's entrance gate, Lissawullaun	96
Athenry	C.R. 376 Bingarra (Athenry)	towards Dick Kelly's house	62
Ballinasloe	Inc. C.R. 517 Chainage 520 Castlegar	towards Bannerton's entrance gate, Castlegar	120
Galway	Corcullen/Drum West Road	towards M. J. Thornton's house	84
Mountbellew	C.R. No. 417 Ballinrooan	towards Molloy's house, Ballinrooan	88
Oughterard	Extend existing Co. Road at Curraghduff for a distance of 400 metres		400
Galway	Co. Road 98 in townland of Tawnbeg	Pat Faherty's house, Tawnbeg	382
Tuam	C.R. 153 Cluidrevagh	Dowd's house, Cluidrevagh	240
Galway	Co. Road 106 in townland of Cloonmore	John Walsh's gate, Cloonmore	276
Milltown	C.R. 265 Kilmore	Co. Road 265 Kilmore	250
Ballinasloe	Junct. 524 Oatfield	Stankards and Jennings houses	446
Milltown	Jim Burke's house in the townland of Monasterowen	Jim Finnegan's house in the townland of Monasterowen	194

K. DOYLE, COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1979.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor F. Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M.P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J.M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; and Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. C. Miney, F. O'Gallachobhair, and J. Connolly, Temporary Planning Assistants; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

The Chairman stated that at the previous meeting Members had given various views and opinions on the operation of the Planning Acts in the County with particular reference to Resolutions under Section 4 of the 1955 Act, and it was agreed at that meeting that the County Manager examine the suggestions made, and he would now ask the County Manager to give a summary of the main features of his report dated 19th November, 1979, to each Member of the Council.

Replying to a query, the County Manager stated that the Minutes of the last meeting were being sent to Members only as a reminder of the discussion which took place at that meeting and that there was no question of their confirmation at this meeting which is a continuation of that held on the 9th November, 1979. He stated that the Minutes of both meetings would be brought before the Council at a general meeting for approval.

The County Manager then summarised for Members the main features of his report of the 19th November, 1979, which had been circulated to Members. In a general comment, he stated that if the Council agreed to the suggestion made with regard to having Section 4 Resolutions considered each alternative month, it would help to streamline the business of the meeting to enable Councillors devote more time to their normal business. He suggested that if the Council agreed with this procedure, meetings could be held from 2.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. on the day for the normal date for the meeting or from 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. on that day.

The Chairman stated that the proposals made by the County Manager, if adopted, would provide a better discipline for the Council in dealing with Resolutions under Section 4 and would enable them to deal with the remainder of their normal business with greater efficiency.

Councillor Byrne stated that the County Manager's Report of the 19th November was the finest document presented to the County Council yet and it seemed to have met all the difficulties which had been raised by Members. The Manager had done a very good job in trying to meet the wishes of Members and to develop a discipline to enable Section 4 resolutions to be dealt with if Members found the need to use them in a more orderly fashion. He asked that the Council would give these proposals a trial as they were worthy of support, and depending on the Council's experience in operating them, they could be altered, if necessary, later. He proposed that the Council accept the Manager's recommendations.

Deputy Donnellan stated that many Section 4 Resolutions had been passed at Meetings against the recommendations of the Manager and he stated that he felt that where any Section 4 Resolution was passed, if the Manager thought it should not have been passed for very good reasons, he or somebody on his behalf, should lodge an appeal with an Bord Pleanála against the decision, giving reasons why he considered the resolution should not have been passed.

Councillor Coogan stated that while he has frowned on many Section 4 Resolutions, it was the democratic right of Councillors to use them.

Deputy Callanan stated that he appreciated what the County Manager is trying to do, and if the same co-operation were coming from all areas of the County as operates in the Eastern part of the County, he could see the Manager's proposals working. He would not, however, agree to having Section 4 resolutions considered only every alternate month and he wishes that the Council should retain the right to put down such resolutions for each meeting if they deem it necessary to do so. He would not agree either to morning meetings as he stated that there are teachers and others on the Council who would not be able to attend before the normal time for meetings which is 3.30 p.m. He felt that in nine out of every ten cases, there would be no need for Section 4 resolutions if proper consultation took place, but he considered that if Section 4 resolutions were taken only every alternate month, there would be so many of them on that day as to prevent the Council dealing with its normal business. He expressed appreciation of the County Manager's efforts and congratulated him on going a long way to meet the wishes of Members.

Councillor O'Morain stated that he did not agree that when a decision on a Planning application is taken by the County Council the Manager should appeal against it.

Councillor O'Morain stated that Members should adopt one or other of two methods when Section 4 resolutions come to be considered, either vote for them or against them as abstaining is in fact a vote for the resolution in many cases.

Senator Kitt welcomed the County Manager's proposal, particularly, in relation to consultation regarding difficult cases and he felt that this should reduce Section 4 resolutions. He felt that it would not be necessary to postpone dealing with Section 4 resolutions to every alternate month if the consultation procedures operated. He asked that if possible, reports on Section 4 cases would be presented well in advance to Members. He felt that goodwill on both sides could lead to a substantial reduction in Section 4 resolutions.

Councillor Welby stated that Councillor O'Foighil had made a statement at the previous meeting which was a reflection on him and he asked Councillor O'Foighil to give him a copy of the statement.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that he would give Councillor Welby a copy of the document.

The Chairman stated that Councillor O'Foighil did not bring any accusations against Councillor Welby but he had stated that he was one of the greatest users of Section 4 procedure.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that Councillor O'Foighil's statement implied that there was political influence used by Councillors and by the staff of the Council. Replying to a further complaint by Councillor Welby, the Chairman stated that he had reprimanded Councillor O'Foighil for the release of the statement made at the Meeting, to the Press.

Councillor Welby stated that there must be co-operation from both sides in dealing with difficult cases which lead to Section 4 Resolutions and he asked for co-operation from the County Manager in the matter of consultations.

Replying to the County Manager who asked what Councillor Welby had in mind, Councillor Welby stated that where one meeting was arranged on a site, no official of the Council came although an appointment was made.

The County Manager stated that he apologised to Councillor Welby for this incident and he would see to it that it did not happen again. He promised

Councillor Welby that he would get full co-operation from him and from the Council's staff.

Replying to a further query from Councillor Welby regarding an unauthorised development in Baurisheen- to be carried out by a Member of An Taisce, the County Manager stated that this case is still going on, that there were delays due to the postal strike and to delays which occur in Court procedures. He promised Councillor Welby a report on the matter in the coming week.

Councillor Welby stated that An Taisce are given copies of documents from files when they call to the offices while other people who call are refused those copies.

The County Manager stated that an Taisce is a Body mentioned in the Act as entitled to be notified of cases in amenity areas and it is in pursuance of their statutory position that they are given this information.

Councillor Welby referred to a house in New Village on the Glann Road which blocked the view and where permission was given without a Section 4 while following objection by An Taisce to a previous proposal, the Permission was refused on appeal. Councillor Welby, referring to one of the reports before the Council, stated that he noted that only two sites which were the subject of Section 4 resolutions for people who stated that they required them for themselves had been sold and that he never sold a site in respect of which he has Section 4 Resolutions submitted. He stated that there was an implication that he was selling sites in respect of such cases.

The Chairman stated that when Councillor Welby previously referred to a site with Permission being worth £15,000, he (Chairman) stated that this would indicate the reason for Section 4 resolutions but he had not made any allegations against Councillor Welby.

Councillor Welby stated that he would welcome co-operation with the Council officials and he asked for consultation in the case of a development in Knocknacarra where a person wished to extend a house three feet forward and where the Council intended refusing Permission.

The County Manager invited Councillor Welby to call into the office to discuss this with Planning Officials.

Deputy Killilea stated that what Councillor Welby had stated should lead to better consultations and proper respect for Councillors and officials when dealing with Planning, and that if this were done, it would be easy to deal with the number of Section 4 resolutions which come before the Council.

He stated that Councillor O'Foighil had stated on Radio na Gaeltachta he would never be a party to Section 4 resolutions although a recent document which he gave to the Press had indicated that he would propose them.

Councillor O'Foighil denied that he had made this statement.

Deputy Killilea asked if Councillor O'Foighil would publicly withdraw the statements he had made regarding the staff and convey his apology to them.

Deputy Killilea stated that he wished to stress two points:

- (a) That if the Planning staff and Councillor Welby could establish consultation and co-operation he could see 90% of the problems of Section 4 resolutions solved.
- (b) Section 4 resolutions could be dealt with more expeditiously in the Council if the Chairman would limit proposers of resolutions not more than five minutes, and the opposers of the resolution the same facility only.

The Chairman stated that Councillors should remember that the Manager must act within the constraints of Law and he welcomed Councillor Welby's statement, but pointed out that some Members erroneously feel that there is some difficulty about approaching the Manager for consultation regarding difficult Planning cases.

Councillor Kilgannon expressed concern at the implications of a large number of Section 4 resolutions by one Councillor as this had implications for other areas and would lead to pressures for similar resolutions. He stated that with regard to abstention from voting, he could not vote unless he knew the merits of particular cases. He welcomed the County Manager's report which he stated showed goodwill to Councillors Welby and O'Foighil, and he felt that if defects in the Plan which gave rise to Section 4 resolutions were considered, it might be helpful.

He expressed approval of the query form which it was now proposed to issue to applicants for Planning Permission in order to elicit information on their circumstances, housing needs, etc, and he suggested a similar form should be used in relation to housing loans. He considered that the County Manager was being realistic in his references to the Committee system, especially having regard to the time and expense involved. He expressed criticism of the fact that Section 4 resolutions appear to have been used in a political context.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that if a Councillor comes into the Council offices to discuss difficult planning cases, he should be paid travelling expenses as it is on the Council's business.

Councillor Holland stated that he had taken a particular stand regarding Section 4 resolutions, and that while he has no definite proof, he fears that the use of such a method could lead to abuse. He referred to the large increase in Section 4 resolutions on each Agenda in the past few years. He stated that to satisfy his own conscience, he had tried to find the actual situation regarding particular hardship cases before deciding what way he should vote.

Senator Connaughton stated that the County Manager's objections to committees and the reasons stated had convinced him that the Manager has adopted the right course. He expressed appreciation of the offer and facilities of consultation which are being made available and he asked that after giving the Manager's proposals a reasonable time to operate, they could then be evaluated.

Councillor McCormack welcomed the County Manager's proposals and felt that the document should be adopted for six months. He pointed out, however, that only 129 cases were the subject of Section 4 resolutions out of a total of 9,352 Planning applications, which was a very low percentage. He considered it unfair that some Councillors had inferred that there was no co-operation from high officials as in his own experience, he had got full co-operation, as far as it was physically possible for officials to help. He was glad that the County Manager had clarified the position regarding An Taisce and he expressed annoyance that in one case where An Taisce were instrumental in defeating a resolution under Section 4, a man and his wife were still left as a result living in a caravan. He stated that An Taisce had obligations to the people also and complained that while he wrote to them in Dublin about this particular case, they did not reply to him.

Councillor Murphy stated that he appreciated the problems which had to be faced by the County Manager but he pointed that Section 4 procedure is the legal privilege of Councillors. He considered that with the present atmosphere of co-operation between the Manager and Councillors, there should be less resolutions under Section 4 but he considered that, if following discussions as proposed there is a wide difference of opinion in certain cases, the Council would be free to re-use a Section 4 procedure.

Councillor O'Higgins welcoming the County Manager's document, stated that he preferred to see any Section 4 resolutions which had been received coming before each meeting. Referring to the preparation of the County Development Plan, he stated that it appears that there was no agreement among Members regarding the amenity areas or the thinking of the Councillors when the Plan was passed. He stated that the amenities which were the cause of problems in Galway are close to the city in many cases, and these cause problems from the point of view of people looking for an amenity area in which to live within the commuter range for people working in the City. Referring to the right of landowners in other cities to sell land surrounding the city, he stated that the position is somewhat different in Galway as here it is tied up with the question of amenity and it raised the question of whether the Council can deny the landowner

the right to cash in on the value of his land. He considered it would be useful if the Council could form a definite opinion and come up with some agreement as to what is an amenity and in what areas, etc., the amenities exist. There is a conflict between the rights of the individual and the rights of the community with regard to public amenities. Most of the problems extend to the West of the City, and it raises the question of how far the County Council should go in restraining landowners from selling land for building.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that the impression is often given that Councillors are always right and that others are wrong. He considered that Councillors are not right half of the time, and while he had proposed Section 4 resolutions it was questionable who was right in those particular cases. He did not wish planners to think that he felt that Councillors were always right, and there were situations where he considered Councillors should accept a decision to refuse. He felt that Councillors entering into consultation should be reasonable and should not push cases where it is obvious that the development should not be permitted. Equally, there is the responsibility on the planner to see where the Councillor has a case, and that the planner should also take into account the human element, particularly, where the amenity argument is not very strong. He felt that there must be a commitment of some degree at this meeting and he felt that if two cases as follows, to which he referred, which are the subject of Section 4 resolutions for the meeting of the Council on the 26th November, 1979, were the subject of proper consultations, they would not be on the Agenda at all. He stated that in one case a Mr. P. Niland, who wished to build a house on the road leading to Silver Strand, should not be granted, and he stated that he would not support it at the Council meeting as no houses should be allowed on that road.

In the second case, however, that of Seosamh O h-Iarnain, where the applicant proposed to build on a side road leading to the sea near Inverin, the applicant is engaged to a niece of the landowner, he has no other site, and in this case, permission should be given.

He was annoyed at the previous meeting and he felt that Councillor O'Foighil was wrong in some of the statements he made and he asked that he would now withdraw them particularly in relation to Councillor Welby, and to officials.

Deputy Callanan stated that at the previous meeting, Councillor O'Foighil had stated that the Plan was passed unanimously. He pointed out that he and Councillor Haverty did not vote for the Plan and they had reservations about it.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that he lives and works in an area where planning applications are a live issue and a bone of contention. He sees big difficulties still ahead for the Connemara area as it is classified as a scenic and high amenity area where provision has to be made for the needs of small holders, returning emigrants, second family dwellings, and workers. There are large tracks of land in Connemara which could be left undeveloped as amenity areas but he stated that the plan should relate to the needs of a community which is being built up. He believed that unless the plan is amended, there will be Section 4 resolutions continuously for the Cois Fharrage area. He asked the County Manager to state what steps are necessary to amend the Plan as he felt that without an amendment, even goodwill and good intentions, there will still be problems. He welcomed the County Manager's document as a first step towards lessening the impact of Section 4 resolutions. He stated that the points made by Councillor F. Fahey were very valid, and he stated that he had been told by the County Manager that he made allegations against the staff. As this was a private meeting, he was not making any statement on it but he is prepared to answer the Manager and the statements made by Deputy Killilea at the public meeting on the 26th November, 1979.

Councillor J. Burke suggested that the Council should consider not accepting the Section 4 resolutions unless the Councillor proposing them had already gone to the Planning Office for consultations, that if he were dissatisfied with the planner, he should then go to the Manager, and if still dissatisfied, could propose a Section 4 resolution.

The Chairman stated that this cannot be done as every Councillor has a legal right to propose a Section 4 resolution.

Councillor J. Burke then suggested that the Councillors might adjourn those Section 4 resolutions on the Agenda for the 26th instant for consultation. He stated that conditions are inserted on some planning permissions and they are not enforced - the Council should only insert those which it can enforce. He asked that better communication regarding the progress on a particular planning applications which are the subject of queries by Members should be established as he had frequently been told that if he maintained contact with the office, he would be informed of the result.

The Chairman stated that the situation should improve with the proposal made by the Manager for better consultation and communication. Councillor Ulick Burke, referring to a suggestion of meetings on the site at the meeting on the 9th November, suggested that if such meetings are held, they should be private and no publicity should be given as to what Councillors attended and those who did not. He stated that if a permission was given on a Section 4 resolution and if the Manager receives objections to it, he or some other named individual should lodge an appeal against it.

Replying to Councillor Bartley regarding covenants in Permissions, the County Manager confirmed that those are not very frequent now and that they are perfectly legal in accordance with the Planning Acts.

Regarding particular cases mentioned by Deputy Killilea and Councillor Bartley, the County Manager asked that the people affected by them or their solicitors should contact the County Council and they would be carefully examined to see if the Covenants in question could be released. He stated that such Covenants are necessary in certain cases, but the Council tries to keep them to a minimum.

Councillor O Conchubhair referred to a case in Cois Fharrailge where An Taisce had objected to a planning development and he asked if he could be informed of the names and addresses of officers of An Taisce so that he could take up the matter with them to point out the urgent need for housing involved in this particular case.

Replying to Councillor Welby, Councillor O'Foighil stated that he had given a copy of his statement made on the 9th instant to the County Manager and that the County Manager would be free to give a copy of it to Councillor Welby.

Replying to the discussion, the County Manager stated with regard to references to the preparation of the plan made by Councillor M. O'Higgins, new Councillors might not be aware of the process of making the Plan while Members who were on the previous Council had had long and many meetings both of the Council and of various committees to the point at which all of the Members were glad to adopt the Plan with the exception of the reservations which had been expressed by Deputy Callanan and Councillor Haverty. He pointed out that it is one of the great difficulties in planning to define what is an amenity and try to reconcile the purposes of the Plan with the needs of the individual, but he considered that all the people involved, Councillors and officials, should try to do what is reasonable in all circumstances.

Referring to Councillor O'Foighil's proposals for amendment of the Plan, he stated that he would like to take these proposals to have them fully examined and then to report back to the County Council who would say if they wished to initiate amendments to the Plan, and if so, in what respects. He pointed out that there is an obligation to prepare a plan and to implement it when adopted, but that a necessary result is that some will have to forego something and there may be hardship on some people in the operation of planning. It will be a matter for the County Council to state what amendments which they would wish to have considered in the Plan, and if necessary, they can decide to widen the scope of the amendments beyond those set out in Councillor O'Foighil's resolution. He stated that he would look at the two cases mentioned by Councillor F. Fahey which are on the Agenda for the meeting on the 26th November.

Regarding the question of allegations against the staff, he stated that if he gets particulars, he will have to investigate it fully, and he will give a guarantee that any official abusing his position will be dealt with. Similarly, if officials are innocent, he will defend them fully. He invited any Members who are interested in Section 4 resolutions to be proposed on the 26th November,

to come in for consultations that Monday, if this is possible, but he accepted that there are limitations on Members because of the time available.

Regarding the question of his appealing against a decision of the Council to grant Permission under Section 4, he stated that when the law gives Councillors a power, it is up to the Councillors in question to use that power correctly and that it is not his intention or his job to seek to defeat Councillors in the lawful use of the powers which have been given to them. He agrees that Covenants should not be used to penalise applicants and he is prepared to review those in force if any Member feels that there is a particular hardship involved in them.

Replying to queries regarding the voting necessary to pass a Section 4 resolution, the County Manager stated that there are two conditions for passing of such a resolution - the usual one which applies to all decisions of the Council where a resolution must be carried by a majority of those present and voting, but that in the case of a resolution under Section 4, it is not passed unless at least one-third of the total Membership of the Council vote for it, i.e., eleven Members out of the 31 in Galway County Council.

After further discussion, it was agreed that a copy of this provision regarding the votes necessary to pass a Section 4 resolution would be circulated to each Member of the Council.

The County Manager then stated that he assumed that the proposals made in his report were accepted by the County Council with the exception of that which suggested that Section 4 resolutions be taken on only each alternate month.

The Chairman stated that it appeared to him that the Members were agreeable to the Manager's proposal regarding consultation and he asked that they would use these procedures of consultation and not rush into proposing a Section 4 resolution. Deputy Callanan urged Members to use the consultation procedures proposed and to make an effort to come in for the consultations in the office rather than adopting a Section 4 procedure immediately.

on the proposition of Councillor Ulick Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, it was agreed that the County Manager would report back on item no. 2 on the Agenda (resolutions proposed by Councillor O'Foighil).

Councillor Kilgannon, referring to his proposal and that of Deputy Donnellan, on the Agenda for the meeting of the 9th November, stated that he was prepared to give the County Manager's proposals a trial for a period of two months to see how they would operate. If they did not operate satisfactorily, they would review the proposal which they had made.

Replying to Councillor Joyce who asked that the Council should publish particulars of Section 4 resolutions passed, the County Manager stated that the County Council would have to buy advertising space to enable this to be done.

It was ^{finally} agreed that the proposal made by the County Manager would be accepted with the exception of that suggesting with Section 4 resolutions only every alternate month. It was agreed that any Section 4 resolutions received would be dealt with each month as heretofore.

SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Willie Walsh & Family, Pearse Avenue, Mervue, Galway.
Mr. Edward Gilmore, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Margaret Folan, Lettercallow, Lettermore, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Paddy O'Connor, Ballybane, Galway.
Mr. Anthony Crowe, Brierfield, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. B. O'Flaherty, Oifig an Phoist, Leitirneallain, Co. na Gaillimhe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. Joyce CHAIRMAN.

10 December 1979 DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1979.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Frank Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M.D. Higgins, Holland, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors Molloy, O Conchubhair, O'Foighil, M. G. O'Higgins, Ruane, Ryan and Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; S. McMahon, R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Callagy, C.A. (Planning); R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; L. Kavanagh, W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; M. Flynn, C. Miney, F. O Gallachoir, Planning Assistants; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

216 - SECTION 4 MOTIONS:

Councillor O'Foighil, with the permission of the Chairman, stated that he wished to apologise to Councillors and Officials for the statement he made at the Planning Committee Meeting held on the 9th November, 1979. He stated that he was not fully familiar with Standing Orders and he did not intend to breach Standing Orders and apologised for it. On the accusations of bias and political patronage and influence that his statement had said were being levelled at Planning Staff, Councillor O'Foighil said that he personally did not support such accusations although his statement may have been open to that interpretation. The insinuations were made by people who did not understand the implications and he would deny them and publish this if necessary. He also apologised to the Manager and his staff for any non-intended reflections on them and said that he had been dealing with planners for many years and had always found them courteous and fair, and in no way influenced by political bias. Councillor O'Foighil also apologised to Councillor Welby whom he had mentioned in the statement.

The Chairman accepted Councillor O'Foighil's apology and thanked him for the withdrawal of his statement. The County Manager stated that he fully accepted Cllr. O'Foighil's apology and the detail and sincerity of the sentiments expressed by him.

Deputy Killilea said that he was not satisfied with Councillor O'Foighil's apology as it did not refer to all the statements made by him. He did not accept that Councillor O'Foighil was not familiar with Standing Orders. He (Deputy Killilea) referred to a statement made by Councillor O'Foighil on Radio na Gaeltachta in which Councillor O'Foighil said that he would have nothing to do with Section 4 resolutions which was contradictory to his statement that he would use Section 4 resolutions freely in certain circumstances. Deputy Killilea said that the County Development Plan was endorsed by all the Members of the Council except Deputy Callanan and Councillor Haverty, and Councillor O'Foighil's statement that the Plan got the full backing of the Fianna Fail Members was incorrect. He said that Councillor O'Foighil must apologise to the Fianna Fail Party. The Chairman said that Councillor O'Foighil gave a full and frank apology and that Deputy Killilea was not helping to create the goodwill which he hoped would be forthcoming from all sides and asked Deputy Killilea to desist from speaking any further. Deputy Killilea continued to speak and the Chairman adjourned the meeting for about five minutes.

The Meeting resumed at 4.05 p.m. Deputy Callanan said that he appreciated Cllr. O'Foighil's apology but in fairness, he should apologise to the Fianna Fail Party because the Development could not have been adopted without the support of the other parties as Councillor Haverty and himself did not vote for it. Deputy Killilea said that it was he as Chairman who signed the Plan on behalf of the Council and referred to Councillor O'Foighil's remark that the basic mistake was the passing of the County Plan last January, etc. He also referred to the innuendo in Councillor O'Foighil's statement about insinuations and criticisms against the Council Planning Staff and that it was because of this type of criticism that Environment Minister, Mr. Tully, set up an Independent Appeals Board. Deputy Killilea also referred to that part of Councillor O'Foighil's statement wherein he stated that he would press that the new Gaeltacht Authority be given all Planning powers in Gaeltacht areas. Councillor Welby said that he never made a statement that he had to withdraw and he was not accepting Councillor O'Foighil's apology. He referred to the references to him in Councillor O'Foighil's statement. He said he only used Section 4 Resolutions for the good of the community and his constituents. Councillor Welby continued his speech but the Chairman insisted that he resume his seat or withdraw from the Council Chamber. The Chairman proceeded to deal with the Agenda.

217 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33100 - APPLICANT: CHARLES CONNEELY.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

1. Permission has previously been refused on appeal for this development (reference no. 29999).
2. The site is extremely elevated and exposed in open scenic landscape. The site consists of cutaway bogland.
3. The proposed development is grossly insensitive and would destroy the high scenic amenity value of what is one of the finest panoramic landscape views in the country. No intrusive development exists at this place and it is an area which should be kept free of physical development. A small thatched cottage craft shop exists about 1/4 mile away but it is inobtrusively sited and does not detract from the fine view. It is an area which the Planning Authority should protect from inappropriate development.
4. The site is cutaway bog and unsuitable for the proper treatment of septic tank effluent. Effluent from the septic tank will pollute the adjacent stream and has been condemned by the County Medical Officer.
5. The applicant has not replied properly to a request for further information. He has omitted to show the location of the family dwellinghouse and contiguous lands. The site is so exposed on a small isolated hill that it is difficult to imagine how anyone could live there except in summer.
6. Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development would seriously detract from the scenic amenity of the area because it would be highly intrusive in the foreground of an outstanding panoramic view available from the adjoining public road."

Proposing the resolution, Councillor Bartley stated that the land was owned by the family and there was a son getting married and needed the site. The resolution was seconded by Deputy Mannion. Councillor Holland proposed that Permission be refused and was seconded by Councillor J. Burke who suggested that consultation should be arranged between the applicant and the Planning Staff. The County Manager drew the Members attention to the fact that the site was unsuitable for the proper treatment of septic tank effluent which would pollute the adjacent stream and this had been confirmed by the County Medical Officer. A vote was taken on the resolution set out on the Agenda which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputies Callanan, and Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, and Welby. (15)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Ruane and Ryan. (8)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

218 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955,
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32319 - APPLICANT: PATSY KINNEAVY.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located beside an improved section of the main Galway to Oughterard National Secondary route, four miles south of Oughterard. The applicant is the son of the owner of the family holding and the Planning Authority accept that this is a bona fide housing need claim. The applicant has had a previous application on this site (planning ref. no. 30879) refused by Galway County Council.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed site is located beside the main Galway to Oughterard National Secondary route, where it is Galway County Council's stated policy (as stated in the County Development Plan, 1979) to wholly restrict development. The one exception to this policy is where there is a bona fide housing claim which cannot be satisfied on any other site and where the site does not conflict with any other planning requirements.

In this case, neither of these factors apply. The applicant and his family have a large number of alternative sites available, which are not facing the main road. Moreover, the Planning Authority invited the applicant to re-apply on these sites, but received no reply to this letter.

The Planning Authority and the Chief Road Design Engineer regard this as an unsuitable site, because of inadequate sight distances available to the northern side of the proposed access due to the road curvature and the presence of existing fences and outbuildings. For these reasons, the proposed development would create a serious road hazard.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would contribute to a traffic hazard on a stretch of the heavily trafficked National Secondary route and the traffic movements thus generated would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the said road.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the 1979 County Development Plan because the applicant has access to more suitable sites away from the National Secondary route, on which his housing need might be satisfied."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution. He said that he had discussions with the Planning Officer about the re-location of the access to the site and he would be satisfied if a condition was incorporated in the Permission providing for the alternative access which was available to the applicant. The resolution was seconded by Deputy Killilea. The County Manager stated that it may not be necessary to pass the Section 4 resolution because of the new information which had come to light. Replying to the Chairman, Councillor Welby stated that he would not withdraw his proposal because of the fact that a decision had to issue within a matter of days. The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

219 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33705 - APPLICANT: MARTIN P. O'SULLIVAN.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located on the main Corr na Mona to Clonbur Road about one and a half miles east of Corr na Mona village. This elevated site is located on a bend on this road and it is directly overlooking Lough Corrib. This area is classified (by Map No. M.5 in the 1979 County Development Plan) as an Area of Special Amenity and the policy of the County Development Plan is to totally restrict development in this area. The only exceptions to this policy are bona fide and properly substantiated housing need claims from members of a farm holders family.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

The applicant, Mr. Martin P. O'Sullivan, initially bought this site without planning permission in or around 1968 as a building site. Since this date he has been regularly refused permission for the erection of a house on this site by Galway County Council, the Minister for Local Government and An Bord Pleanala.

- Planning Ref. No. 5015 - refused by Minister for Local Government - 12/8/'69.
- Planning Ref. No. 12476 - refused by Minister for Local Government - 12/4/'73.
- Planning Ref. No. 16733 - refused by an Bord Pleanala - 28/9/'77.
- Planning Ref. No. 30906 - refused by Galway County Council - 4/4/'79.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The proposed development does not come within the categories of housing need normally permitted by the County Development Plan in Areas of Special Amenity. In fact, this applicant already owns a house in this locality. Moreover, there is no housing need in this claim and the applicant has never claimed a housing need in any of his applications in the last ten years.
2. The proposed development would detract from the visual amenity of the area because it would be obtrusively located on an elevated site which is overlooking much of the coastal road and Lough Corrib. This is one of the most scenic areas of the County and a grant in this case would clearly conflict with the policy that the Planning Authority has been operating in this area for the last ten years.
3. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, because the site is located on a bend on a narrow winding stretch of the road where there is a view of Lough Corrib and where site distances are inadequate. Moreover, the traffic movements generated by this development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on this road.
4. The proposed development would contravene previous decisions of the Planning Authority, the Minister for Local Government and An Bord Pleanala.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal as above."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution saying that the applicant had come back from America and was living in a rented house. Councillor Molloy seconded the resolution. Deputy Killilea stated that the applicant bought the site while he was in America and wasn't aware of the difficulties as regards Planning Permission. Deputy Mannion also supported the resolution. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and this was seconded by Councillor Brennan.

Councillor Byrne stated that this application was in direct contravention of the Plan and should not be granted. A vote was taken on the resolution set out on the Agenda which resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, O'Higgins, and Welby. (12)

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Ruane, and Ryan. (12)

The Chairman gave his casting vote against the resolution and declared the resolution lost.

220 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33624 - APPLICANT: PADRAIC NILAND.

This resolution was not proposed and was taken to be withdrawn. Councillor Welby said that there were some local objections.

221 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33611 - APPLICANT: MARTIN MURPHY.

The County Manager stated that a Notice requiring Further Information in this case had been served on the applicant and it was decided to defer consideration of the resolution until a meeting subsequent to the date of receipt of the Further Information from the applicant.

222 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 31187 - APPLICANT: PETER HALLORAN.

This resolution referred to the same Planning application as referred to in item 1. (j) on the Agenda. The resolution was not proposed and was regarded as being withdrawn.

223 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33867 - APPLICANT: SEOSAMH O h-IARNAIN.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

1. Permission was refused three times previously on this site, planning ref. nos. 32867, 24577 and 31868.
2. The proposed development would impair the visual amenity of the area because it would create an excessive density of development in this area, situated between the main road and the sea. Other houses have been permitted in the area but permissions were granted on the basis of permissible housing need and on appeal.
3. Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The site proposed to be developed is situated in an area of Special Amenity where development is restricted to certain specific classes of housing need. No such need exists in this case and therefore, the grant of permission would be contrary to the terms of the County Development Plan, as specified in Paragraph 7.03, Table 7."

The County Manager stated that the applicant had not claimed a housing need in his application but he understood from Councillor F. Fahey that there was a housing need. It would be necessary, therefore, to request Further Information from the applicant to clarify the position. It was decided to defer consideration of the resolution until the meeting subsequent to the date of receipt of the Further Information from the applicant.

224 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33766 - APPLICANT: ALAN GRIFFIN.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council

1. Documents and maps submitted are inadequate to deal readily with the application and site map does not comply fully with the Planning Authority's minimum regulations.
2. Permission has been refused once on appeal by the Minister for Local Government (ref. no. 6121) and recently by the Planning Authority (ref. no. 31717). This is a repeat of application no. 31717. Permission has been refused several times for houses on adjoining sites.
3. The proposed development would be obtrusively located on an open elevated hillside overlooking the main Clifden/Roundstone road and a large area of scenic countryside and would be seriously injurious to the visual amenity of the area. The point is illustrated effectively by an obtrusively located existing house on the adjoining site. There is an even more compelling reason for not compounding an already offensive development.
4. No essential housing need is claimed.
5. Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

The site proposed to be developed is situated in an area designated in the County Development Plan as being an area of High Amenity and the proposed development should not be permitted because it would seriously impair the amenity of the area by reason of its extreme prominence in a very elevated location on the landscape."

Councillor Bartley proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda stating that there was a family need and the sea could not be seen anywhere from the site. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby. The County Manager stated that there was no reference to the sea in the report. Councillor Byrne proposed that the application be refused as there was no housing need claimed and this was seconded by Councillor Kilgannon. Councillor Higgins suggested that the housing need claim be investigated. Councillor Bartley agreed but said he would like the resolution to be considered at the next meeting, if possible. It was decided to defer consideration of the resolution until a meeting subsequent to the date of receipt of the further information from the applicant.

225 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 31187 - PETER HALLORAN: APPLICANT.

This resolution referred to the same planning application as referred to in item 1. (f) on the Agenda and was not proposed.

226 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 32838 - APPLICANT: JOHN WALSH.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

1. The site is located in open bogland in an area of high amenity value. The proposed house would be a visually obtrusive feature on this landscape which should properly be kept free of all non-essential development.
2. The site is undrained bogland and unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.
3. No substantiated housing need exists and applicant has stated that he wishes to sell the site.

4. Applicant has obtained permission for three houses on adjoining sites. A house has been built on one of these sites which was sold to the occupier of the house.
5. Alternate acceptable sites are still available on the family holding but the applicant apparently does not wish to comply with the Planning Authority's offer. It is believed that the applicant is fully aware of this situation.

Refusal is recommended for amenity and public health grounds."

Councillor McCormack proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the applicant had nine children and was an intensive farmer although he only had fifteen acres. He agreed the site was of a boggy nature but it should be possible to make the soil suitable for a septic tank. Councillor Coogan seconded the resolution. The County Manager reminded the Members that the site was unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent. Councillor Holland proposed that Permission be refused as there was no housing need and the applicant had already got Permission for three houses. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Holland's proposal. A vote was taken on the resolution set out on the Agenda which resulted as follows:

FOR: Deputy Callanan, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, and Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Deputy Killilea, Councillors Ruane and Ryan.

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The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

227 - MINUTES:

Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting on 8th October, 1979:

Referring to the Minutes of this Meeting, the County Manager stated that because of dissatisfaction with some of the provisions of the 1979 Higher Education Grants Scheme, the Committee met on the 8th October, 1979, to suggest amendments for the 1980 Scheme. The main area of disagreement related to the incorporation of a 15 mile limit in the 1979 Scheme whereby every student whose home is within 15 miles of the College will only get the lower rate of grant. Hitherto, the lower rate of grant applied to candidates who could reasonably be expected to travel daily between his home and the college. In case the Department insists on the 15 mile limit, the Committee recommended that the following clauses be added to allow some flexibility:-

"Provided satisfactory local public transport services are available".
and "An adjustment may be made in the grant to meet travel expenses, on the recommendation of the Galway County Council."

This means that the 15 mile limit would not apply if public transport services were not available and that an allowance should be made in the amount of the grant to cover travel expenses.

The County Manager then referred to a resolution adopted by Kilkenny County Council which had been circulated to the Members and which called for a return to the 1978 Scheme where there was no 15 mile limit. Councillor Kilgannon stated that the introduction of the 15 mile limit was a serious deterioration in the provisions of the Scheme. He said that students were obliged to study at night and to use the library facilities in the College which was provided for them, and that they could not be expected to use public transport. He proposed that the Department be asked to revert back to the provisions which applied to the 1978 Scheme. This was seconded by Councillor McCormack.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Coogan, the Minutes of the Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting held on the 8th October, 1979, were approved and signed by the Chairman, and it was agreed that Councillor Kilgannon's proposal be forwarded to the Department in addition to the recommendations of the Higher Education Grants Committee.

County Council Meeting on 22nd October, 1979:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Minutes of meeting held on the 22nd October, 1979, (numbers 145 - 158, inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman. Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Kilgannon referred to the Section 4 resolution regarding the compulsory acquisition of the site of Doon Pump (Minute No. 151). He stated that he had written to the landowner involved and the reply he received was that he did not own 300 cattle and he would like this recorded. He also said that he understood that reports were submitted to the Council on all Section 4 Motions and he asked why a report was not submitted in the case of this Section 4. The County Manager replied that he wanted to hear the reasons being put forward for compulsory acquisition. He said if Councillor Kilgannon put any questions in writing which he would like answered, replies would be sent to him. It was agreed that a copy of the replies would be sent to all Members.

County Council Meeting on 2nd November, 1979:

Councillor Joyce referred to Minute No. 169 and stated that his proposal to set up a Local Authority Members' Association was agreed to but this was not clear from the Minutes and he would like to have it included in the Minutes. This was agreed to. Mr. Kavanagh stated that he had circulated the proposal to all County Councils. On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of Meeting of 2nd November, 1979, (numbers 159 - 215 inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the above amendment.

228 - 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. Replying to Deputy Killilea, Mr. Howlett stated that rated occupiers are liable for Malicious Injury Charges leviable in their areas.

229 - ELECTION OF MEMBER TO GOVERNING BODY OF U.C.G.:

Senator Kitt proposed Councillor Joyce as the Council's representative on the Governing Body of University College Galway for the period commencing 1st February, 1980. This was seconded by Deputy Callanan. Councillor O'Foighil proposed Councillor M.D. Higgins as the Council's representative on the Governing Body of U.C.G. This was seconded by Deputy Donnellan. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR JOYCE: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, and Welby.

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FOR COUNCILLOR HIGGINS: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors O'Foighil, Ruane and Ryan.

(16)

The Chairman declared Councillor M. D. Higgins elected. Councillor Joyce congratulated Councillor Higgins on his election and wished him every success. Councillor Higgins thanked Councillor Joyce, the Chairman, and other Members for their good wishes.

230 - DECEMBER MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The County Manager informed the Members that the next meeting of the County Council's General Council would take place early in December and that notice of any matters which the Council would have liked to have placed on the Agenda should be submitted before the 30th November, 1979.

231 - REGIONAL ARTS COMMITTEE:

The County Manager stated that the Board of the Regional Development Organisation had appointed Councillor O'Morain as one of their representatives on the Regional Arts Committee. Councillor O'Morain was the representative of Galway County Council on the Committee and it was now open to the Council to nominate another representative to replace Councillor O'Morain or to allow Councillor O'Morain to continue to represent Galway County Council. It was decided that another representative would be appointed. Senator Kitt proposed Councillor F. Fahey and this was seconded by Deputy Callanan. Councillor Kilgannon proposed Councillor U. Burke and this was seconded by Councillor McCormack. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR FAHEY: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Holland, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, and Welby.

(14)

FOR COUNCILLOR U. BURKE: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors O'Foighil, Ruane, and Ryan.

(15)

The Chairman declared Councillor U. Burke elected as the Council's representative on the Regional Arts Committee.

232 - OVERDRAFT:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1 million be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31st March, 1980."

233 - APPOINTMENT OF COISTE GAELTACHTA:

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go gcuirfi an abhar seo ar athla go dtí an cruinniu i mí Eanáir 1980 toisc go raibh an Toghchan d'Udaras na Gaeltachta ar an 12ú Nollag, 1979, agus bheadh se níos fearr fanacht go dtí go mbeadh an Toghchan sin thart. Do chuidigh an Comhairleoir Mac Giolla Cheannain agus an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair leis an run seo.

It was decided to defer the matter to the January Meeting.

234 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A RIVER SHANNON AUTHORITY:

A copy of letter dated 22nd October, 1979, from Roscommon County Council requesting Galway County Council's support for the setting up of a River Shannon Authority had been circulated to each Member. The County Manager stated that there were several factors to be considered in relation to the Shannon including the tourist development potential, generation of electricity, amenity of the river bank, supply of water for industrial use. While the Board of Works was responsible for the drainage of the Shannon, etc., he felt that the Council should support and have involvement in any proposed authority. He understood that the Regional Development Organisations bordering the Shannon had made a submission to the Minister for economic planning and development requesting the Government to set up a Body to investigate the overall development of the River Shannon. Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, confirmed this and said that he represented the Western

Regional Development Organisation on the deputation to the Minister and showed the Members the printed copy of the submission to the Minister.

During the discussion which followed, all Members agreed that Galway County Council should support and be involved in any proposals for the setting up of an Agency to study the development of the Shannon. Some Members stressed that the question of drainage was of primary importance in any investigation. It was agreed to circulate a copy of the R.D.O.'s submission to the Minister and put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting and to inform Roscommon County Council of this Council's support.

235 - HOUSING ACT, 1979:

It was decided to defer discussion on this item to the next Housing Meeting.

236 - FIXING OF DATES FOR DECEMBER MEETING AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING:

It was decided that the December Meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 17th December, 1979, and that the date for the Housing Committee Meeting would be fixed at that meeting.

Councillor Joyce raised the question of the allocation of a vacant house in Eyrecourt. He said that there were many applicants in Eyrecourt in urgent need of housing and there were suggestions that the house might be allocated to a family from outside of the area. Other Councillors supported Councillor Joyce. Mr. Howlett stated that no decision had been made on the allocation of the house and that it would have to be allocated in accordance with the scheme of letting priorities.

237 - APPOINTMENT OF NON-ELECTED MEMBERS ON GALWAY AREA COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY:

The County Manager stated that the Members of the Galway Electoral Area had nominated the following for the Galway Area Committee on Itinerancy:

Mr. Peter Kenny, 13, Lough Atalia Avenue, Renmore, Galway.
Mrs. Breda Ryan, Forster House, Forster Street, Galway.

On the proposition of Councillor M. D. Higgins, seconded by Councillor Holland, Mr. Kenny and Mrs. Ryan were appointed to the Galway Area Committee on Itinerancy.

Councillor J. Burke asked that meetings of these committees be called soon.

238 - REVISION OF SALARIES:Clerk-Typists:

The County Manager stated that an Arbitration award under the Local Authority Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme had recommended an increased salary scale for Clerk/Typists of £2,630 - £3,570 from the 1st October, 1978. The old scale was £2,355 - £3,212. The cost of the increase for the current year including arrears was £11,000. It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the increased salary scale for Clerk/Typists outlined by the County Manager from the 1st October, 1978, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approve of excess expenditure of £11,000 in 1979, the excess expenditure to be financed from increased Revenue/Income.

Social Workers:

The County Manager stated that as a result of negotiations under the Local Authority Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme, an offer of a salary increase was made to Social Workers and had been accepted. The increase was in line with those granted in the scales of para-medical grades employed by Health Boards and resulted in an adjustment of 5% plus £308 at each point of the scale as from the 1st September, 1978. The new salary scale was £3,800 - £4,855.

Where a Social Worker acquired Post-Graduate qualifications which warranted a scale higher than the basic rate, the revised salary scale was £5,100 - £5,947. The estimated cost of the increase for the current year including arrears was £600. It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised salary scales for Social Workers as outlined by the County Manager from the dates stated, in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approve of excess expenditure of £600 during the current year, the excess expenditure to be financed from increased revenue/income."

County Secretary:

The County Manager stated that under the Local Authority Conciliation and Arbitration Scheme, an offer of an increase of 8½% on behalf of County Secretaries had been made to the Local Government and Public Services Union and had been accepted. The present salary scale for County Secretaries, excluding the 8½% was £7,795 - £9,009. The proposed increase would be effective from the 26th June, 1978, and the estimated cost during the current year, including arrears, was £1,000. It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the increase in the salary of County Secretary as outlined by the County Manager from the date stated and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approve of excess expenditure of £1,000 during 1979, the excess expenditure to be financed from increased revenue/income."

239 - SALE OF TWO HOUSING SITES AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of Housing Sites at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. and Mrs. Ledwith, and Mr. and Mrs. McGowan, in accordance with the terms set out in Notice dated 12th November, 1979, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, circulated to each Member of the Council."

There was a discussion about private sites generally and the County Manager agreed that the Council would put an advertisement in the Press giving details of the sites available. Councillor Kilgannon asked that the question of paying housing loan advances in four instalments be considered at the next Housing meeting.

240 - SALE OF HOUSES UNDER THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor F. Fahey, 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 November, 1979, pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, copies of which have been circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (a) Patrick and Bridie Lally.
- (b) Mrs. Angela Norris.
- (c) Mr. John Jennings.
- (d) Mr. Christopher Murphy.
- (e) Mr. Martin Bowers.
- (f) Mrs. Emily Keady.
- (g) Mr. Peter Halloran."

241 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The County Manager referred to the published list of roads which had been circulated with the supplementary Agenda. He said there was an objection in the case of the road in the Oughterard Area from P. McDonagh's in the townland of Carraroe North to A. Griffin's in the townland of Clynagh, and there was an error in the description of the road from C.R. 218 Tonlegee to Joe Kelly's house, Tonlegee, and he asked that these two roads be omitted from the list being declared public. It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved:-

"That the list of roads circulated with the supplementary Agenda be declared public roads subject to the exclusion of the following two roads.

Area	From	to	Metres
Oughterard	P. McDonagh's (Terry) in townland of Carraroe North	towards A. Griffin's in townland of Clynagh.	450
Milltown	C.R. 218 Tonlegee	Joe Kelly's house, Tonlegee.	127

242 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

242 - GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO ROUNDSTONE HARBOUR:

The County Manager stated that an offer of a grant had been received from the Department of Fisheries for improvement works at Roundstone Harbour. The Office of Public Works estimated the cost of five recessed ladders at £6,000 and the Department was prepared to offer the Council a grant of £4,500, i.e., 75% of the cost of installing the ladders. The cost of two additional lights is estimated at £500 and the Department is also prepared to give a grant of 75%, i.e., £375 towards the cost. Both offers are conditional on the work being carried out to the satisfaction of the Department, and that the Council will contribute 25% of the final cost and undertake the maintenance of the works when completed. It was proposed by Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor Coogan and resolved:-

"That the Council approve of the carrying out of improvement works to Roundstone Harbour as outlined by the County Manager for which the Department of Fisheries is offering a 75% grant, and that the Council agree to undertake the maintenance of the works when completed."

243 - RE-CLASSIFICATION OF GALWAY/CASTLEBAR ROAD T.40:

The County Manager stated that a letter from the Department of the Environment dated 9th November, 1979, indicated that the Minister was satisfied that special circumstances existed which warranted the classification of the Galway/Headford/Ballinrobe/Castlebar road, T.40, as a National Secondary Road, and the Minister proposes to make a necessary amendment of the Local Government (Roads and Motorways) Act, 1974, (Declaration of National Roads) Order, 1977, to give effect to this decision.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

As it was now 6.30 p.m., it was decided that written replies would be issued in respect of all Notices of Motion with the exception of the following:

COUNCILLORS

244 - ACQUISITION OF LAND IN GLENAMADDY - MOTION BY RYAN, CONNAUGHTON, BURKE, FINNEGAN AND GLYNN:

Mr. Howlett stated that no fixed price had been put on the Parochial Field which was approximately 2½ acres. The Parish Priest had referred the Council to his Auctioneer and the asking price was £6,000 and £7,000 which was high. The Council considered £4,000 per acre a reasonable price. There is also the question of an access to the site as an entrance through the carpark is not desirable.

In view of this, the Council suggested developing the lands at the rear of the Council houses and prepared a layout and invited the Community Council to discuss it. Some agreed it was an attractive proposal, but when they discussed it later amongst themselves, it seems they would prefer the Parochial Field. Senator Connaughton, who was supported by Councillors Finnegan, Ryan and J. Burke, said it should be possible to agree on a reasonable price for the Parochial Field and that the problem of the access could also be solved. Mr. Howlett agreed to have a further meeting with the Community Council.

245 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Kinneen, Presentation Road, Galway.
 Bairbre Ni Choistealbha, Ceathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Broderick, Kilcrimble, Gort, Co. Galway.
 Mr. William Burke, Creganna, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Thomas Diskin, Cloonkill, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. Glavin CHAIRMAN.

17th December 1979 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
 Aras an Chontae,
 GAILLIMH.

10u Nollag, 1979.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 17u Nollag, 1979, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL,
 RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Mr. Martin Hession, Cregg, Claregalway. - Planning Ref. No. 34169."

Paddy Ruane. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.
 - (b) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Mr. John Paul O'Grady, c/o E.B.S. House, The Square, Tuam, for a dwellinghouse at Townparks, 5th Division. - Planning Ref. No. 33809."

John Donnellan. Toddie Byrne. Michael Ryan.
 - (c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Michael Shaughnessy at Cahergowan for the erection of a dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 34056."

P. Finnegan. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.
 - (d) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to James O'Donnell of Ballyconneely for the erection of a house at Silverhill, Ballyconneely. - Planning Ref. No. 33907."

John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. P. McCormack.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.

4. Raising of the following Loans:-
 - (a) Carranurlar Group Water Supply Scheme (special contribution) £2,570
 - (b) Dooras/Cornamona Group Water supply Scheme (special contribution).. £2,576
 - (c) Killalcooty No. 2 Group Water Supply Scheme (Special contribution) £ 250
5. Declaration of roads to be public roads - list herewith.
6. Authorisation of Excess Expenditure.
7. Fix date for Housing Meeting.
8. Establishment of River Shannon Authority, copy of submission to Minister for Economic Planning and Development, attached.
9. Creation of additional office of Clerical Officer.
10. Revision of Members' Travelling expenses.
11. Scheme for the payment of Rates by instalments, 1980.
12. Seeds and Fertilisers Loan Scheme, 1980. - Draft herewith.
13. Applications for remission of Rates:- (a) Gaeltarra Eireann, Derrynea.
(b) J. Molloy, Cornamona.
14. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' MOTIONS NOT DEALT WITH AT NOVEMBER MEETING:

15. DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - We will propose:
 - (a) That this Council be given a full report on the work of the County Development Team including details of its proposals for the greater Ballinasloe Area.
16. COUNCILLORS J. JOYCE AND M. J. KILGANNON - We will propose:

That this Council call upon the Government to institute immediate reform of the tax system so as to ensure that all sections of the community pay their fair share of taxation according to their means. Such reform in particular, should also index tax allowances against inflation, eliminate differential treatment of marriage partners and involve an anti-tax evasion and avoidance campaign by the State. Furthermore, forms of taxation should be introduced which ensure an adequate contribution to public revenue by those who are especially well-off.
17. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL D. HIGGINS - I will propose:
 - (a) That Galway County Council, conscious of the importance of the fishing industry, establishes a Fisheries Committee.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

18. AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL:
 - (a) An bhfuil se i gceist ag an gComhairle Contae grup sceim na bhForbacha - Coismeig Mor a thogail ar lamha go luath agus cen polasai ata ag an gComhairle i leith freagracht na Grup Sceim a thogail ar lamha.
 - (b) An bhfuil an Comhairle Contae sasta a ghealluint go gcuirfead feabhas ar an gcoras bailiuchan bruscar ar Bhothar Chois Fharraige.

19. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

That the Council develop the dangerous bend near Ward's house at Carraunmore (Ballyfa, New Inn), and that provision be made for this work in the forthcoming Roads proposals.
20. COUNCILLOR PADDY RUANE - I will propose:

That a footpath be laid from Lackagh Church for 250 yards towards Lackagh Cemetery as this road is very narrow for school going children.
21. SENATOR PAUL CONNAUGHTON - I will propose:

That the County Council dig and pipe a drain opposite Glinsk Church to prevent surface water from flooding the newly erected dwelling house owned by Mr. Padraic Sirr, Glinsk.
22. COUNCILLORS M. G. O h-Uiginn, B. HOLLAND, F. O. CUAGANN, AND M. D. HIGGINS - We will propose:

That the Council hear a report on the possible pollution of the western seashore and beaches of the Borough Areas from the outfall of the Knocknacarra sewer and from possible outfalls in the further development of the Western Environs.
23. COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - I will propose:
 - (a) That Galway County Council site an official dump at Barnaboy, Lawrencetown.
 - (b) That Galway County Council remove the dangerous bend at Coolcarty, Lawrencetown, on the Banagher Road near John Grealish's house or that warning signs be placed on both sides of the bend.
 - (c) That the Bridge at Coolcarty Upper, Lawrencetown, be repaired as the collapsed state of the bridge is responsible for excessive flooding.
24. DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:
 - (a) That the County Council purchase the Parochial property for housing at Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
 - (b) That an immediate remedy be found for the Public Lighting at Ballygaddy Road, Tuam, to avoid causing road accidents to the children in the evening, and that the County Council ask immediately for lighting to be provided.
 - (c) In furtherance to a letter of the 22nd November, 1979, to the Secretary of the Galway County Council from the Mayo County Council that the County Council as requested draw up proposals for the quantity of water required for the proposed Carrownagheeye Group Water Scheme which is proposed to be serviced from the Ballindine source.
25. COUNCILLORS M. RYAN AND F. GLYNN - We will propose:

That the Council take steps to provide a proper sewerage scheme for Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, as the existing sewerage in a health hazard in its present state.
26. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN - I will propose:
 - (a) That the Council remove fence at Coolrea - Toghur junction as it is very dangerous and many accidents have occurred there recently.
 - (b) That the Council provide a few wide spaces along the road at Ballincurry, Glinsk, to enable a milk lorry to meet cars, if this isn't done, the farmers in that village are in danger of loosing the service of the milk collection.

27. DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE - We will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council erect stop signs at Railway Road, Gort, and Barrack Street, Gort.
- (b) That Galway County Council purchase the half acre of waste ground presently owned by C.I.E. at Station Road, Gort, as it would be suitable for a much needed car park particularly on mart days

28. DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

That Galway County Council purchase Parochial property at Glenamaddy for the purpose of providing private Housing sites.

29. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

- (a) That the County Council compensate the business people in Labane for the new by-pass - also to erect wall and remove old toilets at Labane School, also to erect sign posts at the entrances to Labane Village. The Council also make some compensation towards building a new road on children's playground which is very much affected.

30. COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That when an Itinerant vacates a County Council house, the house be let to someone other than an Itinerant thereafter.
- (b) That a refuse collection service be arranged for the 14 houses in Mackney Rural, Ballinasloe, that are by-passed each Tuesday by the refuse collecti lorry. The houses involved are:-

Padraic Clarke's, J. Burke's, P. Clarke's, F. Naughton's, S. Naughton's, J. Curley's, W. Kenny's, Mr. J. Curley's, J. Menton's, M. Lyons', J. Joseph's, J. Colohan's, P. Colchan's, and W. Wiley's.

- (c) That the Council provide a house for Michael McKeigue, Senior, Craughwell, Laurencetown.

31. COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council erect two lights on the Killalooonty Road, Tuam, in the next financial year.

31. COUNCILLORS F. GLYNN AND P. RUANE - We will propose:

- (b) That Galway County Council condemn the continued use of Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act and call on the Government and the R.T.E. Authority to have all censorship of the media abolished forthwith.

32. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That steps be taken to improve the water supply to Headford.
- (b) That the road from Ulridh to Cloonkeady, Headford, be widened and that a lay-by be provided to allow a bus to pull in.
- (c) That a bad bend at Knocknahard, Ower, Headfrod, near John James Earner's house be eased.

33. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

- (a) That a Development plan outlining proposed Development and Projected Expenditure throughout the County in the provision of infrastructural services, housing, land for expansion of Urban areas, Road improvement, Library and Fire Fighting services be produced for the period 1980-1985.

- (b) That land at Clarinbridge, Craughwell and Gort, be acquired for the provision of serviced sites and that the Council immediately develop lands in their possession in Loughrea.
- (c) That improvements be carried out to Gort Water Supply by improving the pumping equipment to the Reservoir and by providing satisfactory boosting equipment from the Reservoir.

34. COUNCILLOR J. BURKE - I will propose:

That Galway County Council develop the unused ground at the Dublin Road Housing Estate as a playground for the area; with due respect for the sensitive nature of the area.

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M A L I C I O U S D A M A G E D E C R E E S

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. costs.
Mr. John Kenny, Hillswood, Kilconnell, Co. Galway.	Damage to Motor Car. (Reg. No. BZM 256.)	Borough of Galway.	£40.00	£34.95
Mr. John A. Raftery, Church Street, Galway.	Damage to Plate Glass window and various musical instruments.	Borough of Galway.	£300.00	£251.76
Eileen Patricia Scanlon, 3, Devon Gardens, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to Motor Car. (Reg. No. TZM 634)	Borough of Galway.	£99.90	£84.90
Legion of Mary, Bethlehem House, Galway.	Damage to premises. (Bethlehem House.)	Borough of Galway.	£1,000	£333.40
Mary Gannon, 9, Merchant's Road, Galway.	Damage to door and wall of dwellinghouse at 9, Merchant's Road, Galway.	Borough of Galway.	£68.00	£52.37
Desmond Kearney, Headford, Co. Galway.	Damage to windows and windscreen of a motor car.	D.E.D. of Balrickard.	£100.00	£123.05
Bridie and Francis McKenna, Dunlo, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Burning of Haybarn and contents.	D.E.D. of Ballinasloe.	£2,000	£1,746.04

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, 1980 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 2nd May, 1980.
3. Applications will be accepted only from rated occupiers or cultivators resident in the County of Galway and must, before being submitted to the Galway County Council, be recommended by a responsible person, e.g. the Parish Priest, Curate, Secretary of Branch of Macra na Feirme of the Parish in which the applicant resides, Member of the Garda Síochána, County Council Member or Peace Commissioner, 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 or or before the 31st day of December, 1980, 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, 1981. Any sum so collectable will be payable in full with the arrears, if any, and the first moiety of the County Rates.
7. Before purchasing any seed, oats, wheat or barley, in pursuance of any authority given by the Galway Co. 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.

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, 17th December, 1979, consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads.

Area	From	To	Metres
Gort	Co. Road No. 337 in Townland of Cloonasee	towards Kavanagh's gate in Townland of Cloonasee	304
Milltown	Co. Road No. 232 in Town land of Shanballymore	towards P. Gleasons gate Shanballymore	95
Tuam	C.R. 110 in Townland of Curraghmore	O'Toole's house, Curraghmore	80
Loughrea	C.R. 533 in Townland of Cartron	Gate near S. Lawless's house in Townland of Cartron	195
Galway	Co. Road 99 Knockauranny	Michael Faherty's house, Knockauranny.	140

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1979.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor F. Glynn

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M.J. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, K. Hays, S. McMahon, and R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Messrs. R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); F. O'Gallachoir, Planning Assistant; A. Murphy, and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

246 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Council extended congratulations to Deputy Mark Killilea on his appointment as a Junior Minister and to Mrs. Maire Geoghegan-Quinn on her appointment as Minister for the Gaeltacht. It also congratulated Councillor POL O'Foighil on his election as a Member of Udaras na Gaeltachta.

The County Manager and ~~other~~ Members of the Council joined in the vote of congratulations.

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, the Council also congratulated Mr. Sean O'Neachtain and Mr. Tadhg Cuinn, on their election to Udaras na Gaeltachta.

247 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34169 - MR. MARTIN HESSION (APPLICANT):

The County Manager informed the Council that a decision to grant Planning Permission in this case had been made. The resolution was not, therefore, proposed.

248 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33809 - APPLICANT: JOHN PAUL O'GRADY:

The County Manager stated that he had been informed that this resolution was being withdrawn.

The resolution on the Agenda was not proposed.

249 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34056 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"1. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

Permission has previously been refused on appeal to a Mrs. E. Walsh and subsequently, to Mr. Shaughnessy the present applicant (Ref. numbers

33421 and 29612).

2. It appears that the present applicant bought the site, on which permission has already been refused, and is now seeking to obtain permission by means of a Section 4.
3. Essential housing need has not been claimed and on investigation by the Planning Authority, does not appear to exist.
4. The site fronts on the extremely heavily trafficked National Primary Route and is completely contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority. This section of the National Primary route from Galway to Loughgeorge has already been seriously overbuilt and the efficiency of the road and road safety standards have been greatly reduced since the new road was built. In other words, the value of the original investment of public funds has already been greatly reduced. The Planning Authority feel that this situation should ^{not} be allowed to deteriorate further.

5. REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked national primary road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road."

The County Manager stated that this is a very serious case as the development proposed would open on to a National Primary Road between Claregalway and Galway. It had previously been refused and he stated that he had been informed that the sale of the site had taken place in the knowledge of a previous refusal. NO essential housing need which had to be met on this road had been claimed.

Councillor Finnegan proposed and Councillor Welby seconded the resolution set out on the Agenda.

Councillor Finnegan stated that the applicant had returned from Africa and was not aware of the history of the site and that he was willing to erect the house in any position on the site which the Council required. He stated that other houses are being built in the area and that the recent consultation procedure agreed had been gone through.

The County Manager stated that no matter how often consultation takes place, an application like this cannot be agreed to. He stressed the seriousness of granting this application as it would lead to a serious difficulty in refusing any others along this road. He could not understand, he stated, how anybody would purchase a site like this for development without a condition regarding Planning Permission.

Councillor Holland proposed that the permission sought be refused.

Councillor U. Burke stated that Mr. Shaughnessy claims an essential housing need and that it appeared that a genuine mistake had been made by the purchaser and he hoped that the consultation procedure would work in the interests of the applicant.

Referring to a suggestion that the applicant would open a service road through the site which would service others, the County Manager stated that the only result of this would be to lead to more applications. He stated that it is not a question of how far back the house would be sited, but the importance of protecting the road against an extra opening. He stated that there is scientific evidence to show a direct relationship between the number of entrances and accidents on roads like this. Even the State had asked the Planning Authorities to protect those roads. Referring to a further enquiry, he stated that the applicant's housing need was not one which was covered by the Plan or one which had to be met in this particular location.

Councillor Ryan stated that this was just one more house in the area and that the applicant had informed him that he was in consultation with the County Council.

The County Manager stated that he invites consultation regarding borderline cases but he stated that it should not be used to throw the Plan out the window completely and open the flood gates to applications which should not be granted in any circumstances.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the applicant is in a difficult position and that he had been told that he had bought the land for the sum of about £10,000.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that there are no circumstances in which he could agree that a house should be erected at this location in this case. - the Plan caters for farmers' sons, for certain employees, and those with a particular need which has to be met on the family farm.

Deputy Callanan stated that a man should be allowed to build a house where he likes if it is a sufficient distance back from the road.

Replying to further comments regarding the purchase of the site by the applicant, the County Manager stated that the question of purchase has nothing to do with the application and that when he got an enquiry about this, he gave Councillor Finnegan no hope whatsoever that the application could be approved.

Regarding the conditions on which the applicant purchased the site, some members of the Council expressed a wish to see the Contract Documents for the purchase of the site, and the County Manager stated that if Members wished to see those documents, he would be happy to explore the ownership interests further to meet their wishes. He also stated that the Council is entitled to know the applicant's interest in the land and whether the purchase has been completed.

The Chairman asked Councillor Finnegan, who proposed the motion, whether he would give all the members of the Council an opportunity of examining the Contract Documents for the purchase of the site. Councillor Finnegan stated that he was agreeable to this, and the Chairman then declared the matter adjourned to the next meeting.

250 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33907 - APPLICANT: JAMES O'DONNELL.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:-

"1. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

Permission has already been refused twice on appeal, once by the Minister for Local Government (Planning Ref. No. 14569) and once by An Bord Pleanála (Ref. No. 29719).

2. The proposed development would seriously impair the scenic amenity of the area, because of its elevated and incongruous location on a hill overlooking Aillebrack Beach. It would also establish an undesirable precedent for backlands development adjoining Connemara Golf Club where considerable undesirable development pressure already exists. A grant of permission here would make the Planning Authority's task extremely difficult for the future.
3. No essential housing need claim has been made in any of the three previous applications.
4. Refusal is strongly recommended for the following reasons:
 - (i) The proposed development, located in an open scenic landscape and close to an attractive beach would seriously diminish the visual amenity of the area.
 - (ii) The proposed development, located on a site which has no public road frontage, would constitute disorderly development of backlands."

The County Manager pointed out that similar applications to this had already been refused on appeal, once by the Minister for Local Government and once by an Bord Pleanála. No essential housing need has been claimed in this case.

Deputy Mannion proposed and Councillor Bartley seconded the resolution set out on the Agenda.

Councillor Holland proposed and Councillor J. Burke seconded that the permission sought be refused.

Councillor Bartley stated that this is a local man who bought land and that there was an old house on the site which is now derelict.

Councillor Bartley stated that there is a housing need in this case.

The County Manager stated that he is prepared to investigate this aspect of the matter as the claim is now being made for the first time.

Councillor McCormack stated that the farm in question had been left to this man by his uncle and that there is no other land with a public road access on his farm.

The County Manager stated that the main problem here is one of amenity and it is a case in which a family need had not been advanced.

Deputy Mannion stated that he would agree to have consideration of this motion extended to the January Meeting. It was agreed to defer the matter to the January Meeting.

Councillor McCormack asked if it would be possible to have planning staff available for the full day every Monday or even every alternate Monday.

The County Manager stated that he would like to try out what has already been agreed, and if more time is necessary, he would try to meet the wishes of Members.

251 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Higgins, the Minutes of two meetings in Committee held on 9th and 23rd November, 1979, and the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 26th November, 1979, (numbers 216-245 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Joyce stated that he had not received a reply to his motion at the November Meeting regarding flooding near Stapelton's house at Clontuskert.

Councillor Kilgannon, referring to Minute No. 227 regarding Doone Group Water Supply Scheme stated that the Minute as recorded, was not his understanding of what occurred at the meeting. He understood that a report was to be prepared at his request setting out the Council's involvement in the scheme.

The County Manager stated that the Minute in question correctly represented what had happened at the meeting, and if Councillor Kilgannon had any particular queries regarding this scheme, a reply would be sent to him in writing to any such queries, and a copy would be circulated to each Member of the Council.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that he had not received a reply to his request for a pedestrian crossing at the National School in Carraroe.

Councillor Haverty, referring to the direction of the Chairman at the previous meeting that written replies be sent to Councillors in respect of motions which were not discussed at the meeting, asked that his two motions which were on the Agenda for the November Meeting would be put on the Agenda for the January Meeting.

Councillor O'Morain, also referring to the decision to send replies, stated that he got three replies to his motions, but he was not satisfied with the contents of them. He considered that his motions may have been misinterpreted and stated

that he wished to have his motions dealt with at County Council meetings.

252 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

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

253 - LOAN - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GROUP SCHEMES:

It was proposed by Senator Kitt, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a Loan of £5,396 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other sources as may be approved by the Minister, to defray the cost of special contributions towards Group Schemes at Carranurlar, Dooras/Cornamona and Killaloonty No. 2 - the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the usual rate."

254 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, it was resolved that the roads set out in the list referred to in item no. 6 of the Agenda be declared public roads.

255 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the expenditure of the sum of £129,500 on Environmental Improvement Schemes as an excess on the Estimates for the year ended 31st December, 1979. He stated that this amount would be recouped in full by the Department of the Environment but that a resolution authorising expenditure by the Council was necessary.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and resolved:

"That the Council hereby approve expenditure of £129,500 in excess of the expenditure authorised in the current year's estimates in respect of Environmental Improvement Schemes."

256 - DATES OF MEETINGS:

It was agreed that the date for the Roads Estimates Meeting would be changed from the 4th January, 1980, to the 14th January, 1980.

It was also decided that a special Housing Meeting would be held on Friday, 25th January, 1980, and on the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Coogan, it was agreed that the Press would be permitted to attend this meeting.

As requested by Deputy Mannion, Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that applications for purchase of the house would be sent to all persons whose houses are listed in the Purchase Scheme.

Councillor Kilgannon asked that the net purchase price be set out in the application forms when they are being sent to the applicants.

Senator Kitt agreed to forward information to Mr. Howlett regarding certain difficulties about payment of Capital contributions to the E.S.B. in respect of new houses.

257 - ESTABLISHMENT OF RIVER SHANNON AUTHORITY:

The County Manager referred to the discussion on this matter at the previous meeting of the Council and stated that a letter had been sent to the Minister for Economic Planning and Development expressing the Council's interest in the proposal.

258 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERICAL OFFICER:

The County Manager stated that this office was necessary because of the increased number of Housing Loans which have been allocated in respect of which repayment of instalments have to be collected.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of an additional office of Clerical Officer in accordance with the conditions and particulars of office approved by the Minister for the Environment."

259 - REVISION OF MEMBERS' TRAVELLING EXPENSES:

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Secretary stated that the Council had not received replies from other Local Authorities regarding the question of the formation of a Local Authorities' Members Association.

Referring to the increased mileage rate of 4p offered by the Department of the Environment, Councillor Joyce stated that he considered this to be totally inadequate to compensate Councillors for the costs of travelling and he criticised the failure of the Minister to provide for recoupment to Councillors of the expenses on postage and telephone. He proposed that the Council should postpone further the making of a decision regarding the revised travelling and subsistence rates offered by the Minister.

Councillor Ryan seconded this proposal.

Deputy Donnellan and other Councillors stated that the Councillors do good work and have to spend a considerable amount of their time at their work. He felt that they are entitled to some recognition by way of adequate travelling expenses and compensation for the time which they spend on their public duties.

The County Manager, Referring to Councillor Joyce's proposals regarding the formation of a Local Authorities' Members Association, stated that the Council could again write to the other County Councils and ask them to nominate a Councillor who would make contact with Mr Joyce regarding the formation of the Association. He stated that following a proposal at the previous meeting to give Members franked envelopes, a letter had been sent to the Department of the Environment and a reply had been received stating that under present legislation, this was not possible and that no such legislation was contemplated.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that franked envelopes are given out to Mayo County Council Members.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the revised rate of travelling expenses.

260 - SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS, 1980:

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Higgins, the Council approved the Draft Scheme for the payment of Rates by instalments in 1980 as circulated to Members of the Council.

261 - SEEDS AND FERTILISERS LOAN SCHEME, 1980:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Fahy, the Council approved the Draft Scheme for the advancing of loans for purchase of seeds and fertilisers in 1980.

262 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - GAELTARRA EIREANN FACTORY AT DERRYNEA:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the grant of two-thirds remission of the Rates on this factory under the provisions of the Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971, in respect of the period from the 1st January, 1979, to the 31st December, 1988. He stated the total cost is estimated at £1,999.78 for 1979, and a total of £31,871 over the entire period.

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds

of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Derrynea, provided by Gaeltarra Eireann, the remission to have effect in respect of the local financial years 1979-1988 inclusive, subject also to the other provisions of the Act - the appropriate certificate having been issued by Gaeltarra Eireann in respect of this factory."

263 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES AT CORNAMONA OCCUPIED BY MR. J. MOLLOY:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to grant two-thirds remission of the Rates for a period of ten years from the 1st January, 1977 to 31st December, 1986, in respect of a factory at Cornamona used for the manufacture of trailers and valued at £15.

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Cornamona occupied by Mr. J. Molloy, the remission to have effect in respect of the local financial years 1977-1986, inclusive, subject also to the other provisions of the Act - the appropriate certificate having been issued by Gaeltarra Eireann in respect of this factory."

264 - PROMOTION OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICE:

The County Manager referred to a Circular Letter dated 3rd December, 1979, from Mr. Liam O Murchu, Chairman of Bord na Gaeilge, copy of which and other enclosures referred to therein, was given to each Member of the Council. He stated that the documents in question contained a number of suggestions with regard to the promotion of the use of Irish and that it was regarded as most important that each Local Authority would make its own contribution towards the revival of Irish. Discussions had already taken place with some members of the staff and the Manager had received a very encouraging response to the suggestions. He stressed that there would be no compulsion on anybody to use Irish if they do not wish to do so, and he suggested that Members might read the letter and the enclosures and discuss the matter at the January Meeting and perhaps, come to some decisions regarding the promotion of Irish. This was agreed.

REGISTER OF ELECTORS, 1980/'81:

Deputy Donnellan complained that the Register of Electors which should have been available on the 1st December was not yet available and he asked if the date for receiving claims could be extended beyond the 15th January. The County Secretary stated that some difficulties had occurred with regard to the delay but that the Council does not stick rigidly to the latest date specified for receipt of claims, and that subject to being in a position to get revisions printed in the Register, claims are accepted up to the latest possible date.

Councillor Higgins referred to the inflexible nature of some of the rules regarding the registration of students in the register, and he asked if representatives of the Union of Students in Ireland could meet the people involved in the preparation of the Register to discuss the matter.

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The County Secretary suggested that as the County Registrar is / person who ultimately decides whose names are to go on the Register, the Union of Students might contact him and arrange an appointment for discussion with him.

Replying to Deputy Donnellan, the County Secretary stated that it is necessary to have some definite date for qualification for entry on the Register, and that if inaccuracies over a certain percentage are discovered in the Register, Rate Collectors, who are responsible for submission of new names are penalised in their remuneration payable.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION266 - WORK OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

Replying to this motion, the County Manager stated that he would send to each Member, when available, a copy of the Annual Report for 1979 of the County Development Team and he also promised to send each Member an extract from the I.D.A. Employment targets for the Ballinasloe Area.

267 - REFORM OF TAX SYSTEM:- MOTION BY COUNCILLORS JOYCE AND KILGANNON:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Joyce stated that there were many aspects of the tax system which were inequitable and which resulted in one section of the community having to pay an unfair burden of taxation.

Deputy Callanan stated that the problem about the Income Tax System is that nobody has spelt out exactly what reforms should be carried out and it raised questions of whether tax on incomes should be replaced by a tax on expenditure.

It was agreed that the resolution would be forwarded to the appropriate Government Department.

268 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A FISHERIES COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HIGGINS:

Councillor Higgins stated that such Committees as this are in existence in Kerry and Donegal and he proposed that one be established by Galway County Council. He pointed out that there are great employment possibilities in Mariculture and there are many problems such as the issue of licences, training and education grants, involvement of small farmers in fishing which could be examined by the Committee which he considered, could also have educational training functions.

Councillor O'Morain seconded Councillor Higgins' proposal.

The County Manager stated that in County Galway Sea Fishing is fairly well organised through the co-operatives, and nearly all the people involved are in co-operatives. He stated that a number of questions would arise from the establishment of the Committee and pointed out that the Vocational and Agricultural Committees, which provide training in their own areas have a statutory basis for their existence but that the Council would not have a statutory basis for a Fisheries Committee. He considered that the involvement of other organisations would need to be examined.

Councillor Higgins stated that his proposal did not seek to usurp the functions of co-operatives but he considered it important that a Committee be in existence to examine various reports and all aspects of the Fishing Industry and to bring reports to the County Council. He considered that traditional methods of fishing are ended and that the real future now is in farming of the sea. A problem for many people is how they can get into the Industry and he considered that in this respect, the Committee could gather information for people, cut through red tape, help to get groups organised through seminars, etc., and deal with national issues at County level. If there were no committee, he considered that the Council would be just onlookers in a dispute regarding the ownership of the sea. The County Council should not be just a spectator and should get involved.

Councillor Joe Burke suggested that the Council should ask the County Councils of Donegal and Kerry for a report on their experience of the Committees. Replying to Deputy Callanan, Councillor Higgins stated that he was referring to inland as well as sea fisheries in his proposal.

Councillor O'Morain considered that it is important that the Council should know what is happening in the Fishing Industry.

The County Manager stated that he was merely raising issues which would be advisable to examine, and then if it was found to merit further consideration, to examine the job to be done and the organisation necessary to do it.

In addition, it would be necessary to consider how the establishment of a Committee would impinge on the County Development Team.

Councillor Higgins stated that the reason why he suggested the establishment of a Committee is that co-operatives are doing their own business, that there is need for the establishment of a forward looking committee who would not have a direct interest in the industry and he considered it necessary that all publications concerning the fishing industry would come before the Committee who would discuss them, hear applications for licences, and that the Committee could then report to the County Council.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that fishing is the most under-developed resource and that it is important to have a Committee and he felt that the co-operatives should have involvement in it. He considered that there is a great potential for employment in the fishing industry.

The Chairman suggested the setting up of a steering committee to investigate the advisability of setting up a Fisheries Committee.

Councillor Higgins stated that every existing organisation has a vested interest in the Fishing Industry, and he suggested that after agreeing in principle to the establishment of a committee, the Council should establish a small sub-committee to deal with the matter.

It was agreed that the Council accept in principle that a Committee be established and the following ten Members were appointed to it:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Councillor Higgins	Deputy Donnellan	Senator Connaughton
Councillor O'Foighil	Deputy Donnellan	Councillor J. Burke
Councillor O'Morain	Senator Kitt	Councillor Higgins
Senator Kitt	Councillor Haverty	Councillor Finnegan
Councillor T. Byrne	Senator Connaughton	Councillor Ryan
Councillor T. Welby	Councillor O'Morain	Councillor Fahy
Councillor N. O. Conchubhair	Councillor Fahy	Councillor O'Morain
Councillor M. J. Kilgannon	Councillor Ryan	Senator Connaughton
Councillor Haverty	Councillor Finnegan	Senator Kitt
Councillor Coogan	Councillor Ryan	Councillor Brennan

269 - GPUP SCEIM UISCE NA BHFORBACHA - COISMEIG MOR - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

Replying to Councillor O'Foighil's motion, the County Secretary stated that no application had been received to have this scheme taken over for maintenance by the County Council and provided such an application were received, it would be necessary that the scheme be in good order and repair.

270 - FEABHAS AR CORAS BAILIUCHAN BRUSCAR - BOTHAR COIS FHARRAIGE - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

The County Secretary stated that when a new refuse collection vehicle is acquired, the Council will be in a position to improve the collection service on the Coast Road and to the County in general to a limited extent. Replying to a query by Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager stated that two new vehicles are being purchased, one will enable an old vehicle to be held in reserve for emergencies and the extra vehicle will be used so far as it is possible to improve this service.

Replying to a further query by Councillor O'Morain regarding the purchase of metal containers which could be lifted mechanically and have the contents disposed of, the County Manager stated that this type of container was used for a time near the Galway Dump and it proved to be another excuse for creating a dump on the roadside. Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that it is hoped to eliminate overtime in so far as it is possible as this is proving very costly.

271 - EASING BEND NEAR WARDS HOUSE AT CARRAUNMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that a report on this matter would be available for the January Meeting.

272 - FOOTPATH FROM LACKAGH CHURCH TO LACKAGH CEMETERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that if a special budget grant for minor improvements on national routes is allocated by the Department of the Environment in 1980, consideration will be given to doing some work at Lackagh, otherwise this work will have to await a major road grant for this National Secondary Route, and this particular location would not be of a high priority.

273 - CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAIN OPPOSITE GLINSK CHURCH - MOTION BY SENATOR CONNAUGHTON:

The County Secretary stated that the owner of the dwellinghouse involved constructed a new house towards the lower end of a hill at Glinsk and surface water always ran along the roadside channel between the carriageway and the fence to a stream which crosses under the County Road at the bottom of the hill and there was no flooding of roadway or land at this point. The owner in question has removed an earthen fence along the frontage of his new house and the water now runs along his house frontage at the edge of the road. As this problem is the direct result of the housing site development, it is the owners responsibility to lay a pipe culvert along his house frontage to take the surface water.

Senator Connaughton stated that he did not agree that the Council had no responsibility on the matter as the Council had given Planning Permission. The County Secretary stated that the grant of Planning Permission did not involve the Council in any such liability.

274 - KNOCKNACARRA SEWER - POSSIBLE POLLUTION OF SEA SHORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS O h-UIGINN, HOLLAND, O CUAGAIN, AND HIGGINS:

The Motion was proposed by Councillor McCormack in the absence of the above. The County Secretary reported as follows:

"The existing sewerage disposal system at Knocknacarra serving approximately 3,000 persons comprises a holding tank equipped to discharge automatically on the ebb tide shortly after the turn of the tide. The discharge point is so located that the effluent will be adequately diluted and taken out to sea by the ebb tide. The system is operated electrically by means of time switch controlled by a lunar clock. Provision is made for manual operation which might be necessary for maintenance purposes or during power failures. A problem in relation to access presently exists and is being dealt with by the Legal Adviser.

The condition of the Inner Bay i.e., from Knocknacarra to Oranmore has been monitored by various agencies during the past four or five years and all the evidence produced indicates that it is in good condition. However, arising out of the proposed discharge from Oranmore, the Corporation's new discharge at Mutton Island and the further developments at Knocknacarra, it is considered advisable to have a comprehensive base-line study of the bay undertaken so that a proper management plan can be prepared. The County Council proposes to have this put in hands as soon as arrangements can be made."

275 - DUMP FOR BARNABOY, LAWRENCETOWN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN:

The County Secretary stated that the location of tip heads is strategic to the daily scheduled routes of the refuse vehicles in built up areas overall management of the service. Official policy on dumps in respect of location and numbers and level of operation is presently under review and new sites may be acquired. A decision on any new location should await the outcome of the policy review.

Councillor Kilgannon, supporting the motion, stated that there is a proliferation of "No Dumping" signs in the area, and that the Council should consider acquiring bog areas as suitable locations to take care of local dumping.

The County Manager stated that if the Council provides dumps, it must maintain them and this is quite costly.

276 - DANGEROUS BEND AT COOLCARTY, LAWRENCETOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The County Secretary stated that the bend is one of a series of bends along this particular section of road. It would not be feasible to remove one of the bends in isolation to the bends on either side of it. Arrangements have been made to have advance warning signs erected as requested.

277 - REPAIR OF BRIDGE AT COOLCARTY UPPER, LAWRENCETOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The County Secretary stated that repairs have been carried out to the Bridge and there is no evidence that any excessive flooding was due to minor bridge damage.

278 - MOTIONS BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

In the absence of Deputy Killilea, the Chairman directed that written replies be sent to him concerning his motions.

279 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR KILKERRIN, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS RYAN AND GLYNN:

The County Secretary stated that no plans or estimate have been prepared for Kilkerrin Sewerage Scheme - that estimates of the cost of village schemes vary from £100,000 to £300,000, but that Kilkerrin could be investigated during the coming year. Councillor Ryan stated that the present sewer in Kilkerrin is altogether inadequate and he asked if some improvement could be carried out to improve the situation.

Councillor Finnegan pointed out that a large number of villages in the County have a similar problem.

280 - REMOVAL OF FENCE AT COOLREA-TOGHER JUNCTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Secretary stated that an effort will be made to acquire the land necessary for the desired improvement, and if successful, work will be carried out early in the new year.

281 - PROVISION OF SPACES ON ROAD AT BALLINCURRY, GLINSK, TO ENABLE VEHICLES TO PASS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Secretary stated that this road has a width of only 7 feet to 8 feet carriageway and 10 feet to 12 feet between fences with side drains between the carriageway and the fences. Portions of side drains have been piped and this is being done as an on going operation. It is intended to pipe some extra portions in the coming year when restoration works to Creggs Group Water Scheme, which runs along this road, are completed. They should allow sufficient passing points on the section to allow cars to pass trucks.

Councillor Ryan stated that in view of the urgency of providing these spaces, land would be made available for this purpose.

282 - PROVISION OF STOP SIGNS AT RAILWAY ROAD, GORT, AND BARRACK STREET, GORT - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that the existing "Yield Right of way" signs are considered to be appropriate within the town area.

Deputy Donnellan asked that the matter be again examined as additional signs are necessary.

283 - PURCHASE OF WASTE GROUND FROM C.I.E. AT STATION ROAD, GORT - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN AND COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that the land is lowlying and would be expensive to develop - estimated cost is £18,000 - £20,000, excluding land purchase.

The location is not desirable for a carpark due to the poor junction with the National Primary Route and is not recommended.

Councillor Byrne stated that this is a reply ^{differing} from that which he received to a similar motion some months ago and that at that time, it was indicated that if the Mart authorities were prepared to operate in the purchase and development of the land, the Council would also be prepared to assist.

The County Secretary then read Minute No. 261 of the Meeting of the 11th May, 1979.

Councillor Fahey stated that some months ago he had a motion in to the effect that the Council widen the road leading to the Railway Station and that he had asked at that time that the matter be further examined. He stated that he did not consider the job to be a major one and he had asked that the Council review the possibility of buying the necessary land. He stated that the road serves the Railway Station, Coens, Gort Dump, and the Mart. The County Manager stated that he would have the proposal, submitted by Councillor Fahey, re-examined, and he also asked if one of the local Councillors would approach the Mart authorities to ascertain what their attitude would be towards contributing to the necessary developments. Councillor Murphy also stressed the urgent need for this work, and stated that the Mart would be prepared to contribute.

284 - PURCHASE OF LAND FOR HOUSING SITES AT GLENAMADDY - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager stated that he had discussions with local interests in the matter and that further investigations are being carried out.

285 - BY-PASS ROAD AT LABANE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that it is not accepted that the Council has any liability to compensate the business people in Ardrahan for the work being done. The building of a wall and removal of the old toilets is part of the existing proposals and the provision of appropriate signs is also included in the existing proposals. The provision of a path or road for a children's playground is not included.

When Councillor Fahey stated that the by-pass road will deprive people of their livelihood, the County Manager stated that experience has been that the reverse is the situation and that business should improve in Labane as a result.

286 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE - (a) AND (c) RE HOUSING:

It was decided that those matters would be deferred for consideration at the special Housing Meeting.

287 - REFUSE COLLECTION IN MACKNEY RURAL AREA, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that the New Inn based vehicle is already seriously overloaded, particularly on Tuesdays which is the busiest day of the week incurring three hours overtime constantly. It is not recommended servicing the houses in question or any additional houses unless revised daily schedules will enable an additional vehicle recently purchased to accommodate the area. Part of the area is inside the Ballinasloe Urban Area and the Urban service may be in a position to accommodate the houses in question. An enquiry in this regard has been addressed to the Engineer to Ballinasloe Urban District Council as it is likely that the Urban Refuse Collection Service has spare capacity.

288 - TWO ADDITIONAL LIGHTS - KILLALOONTY ROAD, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN:

The County Secretary stated that consideration will be given to this location when the 1980-82 Programme for Public Lighting is being drawn up.

289 - SECTION 31 OF THE BROADCASTING ACT - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS F. GLYNN AND P. RUANE:

The Motion was proposed by Councillor Glynn and seconded by Councillor Ruane. Councillor Fahey stated that he did not go along with the Motion as he felt that people engaged in violent action should not be in a position to get publicity, but that he would support the motion if it were changed in order to refer to elected representatives.

Councillor Byrne stated he considered the motion too wide and that he would support it if it referred to elected representatives of Political Parties.

After discussion, the motion was adopted with the following addition being made to it - "in respect of all elected representatives".

290 - IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY TO HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that a scheme to improve the supply of water to Headford will be considered for inclusion in the 1980 Small Schemes (Revenue Account).

291 - WIDENING OF ROAD FROM ULRIDTH TO CLOONKEADY, HEADFORD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

As a report on this proposal was not available, Councillor McCormack stated that he would accept a written reply.

292 - EASING OF BEND AT KNOCKNAHARD, OWER, HEADFORD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

As a report on this proposal was not available to the meeting, Councillor McCormack stated that he would accept a written reply.

293 - PREPARATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN OUTLINING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND PROJECTED EXPENDITURE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

Councillor Fahey, proposing his motion, stated that a County Development Plan does not make provision for advance planning, that Galway does not get its fair share of Government finance, and that the reason is that there is no co-ordinated approach and no money being made available for our priority schemes. He stated that the Council has no concrete proposals and that other Counties fair better than Galway does. He stated that land zoned for industrial purposes in Gort will never be used as the owner has no intention of selling.

The County Manager stated that he does not accept what had been stated by Councillor Fahey, that the Council had already had before it a programme for Water and Sewerage Schemes costing £20 million - this report is sent to the Department every three months. With regard to housing, there is no such thing as multi annual budgeting and that the Council does not know in any year what money will be made available to it until notification of the Capital allocation is received from the Department. He pointed out also that in relation to housing, the Council's full proposals, including list of applicants and schemes which have been designed and in the course of preparation are all submitted to the County Council and to the Department. The Council always gets less than it could use for its programme, and that in relation to fire services and libraries, a five year programme had been prepared and presented in 1977. With regard to Capital allocations generally, including Loans, there is no commitment by the Department to the allocation of funds beyond any particular year. With regard to Roads, he pointed out that grants were allocated on a yearly basis and that lately the Council had got a Road Development Plan for the 1980s which would be brought before the Council for discussion in January.

Councillor Fahey stated that he agreed that lists of proposals are being sent to Dublin but he asked what pressure is being put on as he felt that the Council's priorities are not being pushed.

The County Manager referred to deputations which had previously gone to the Minister for Local Government. He stated that having regards to the amounts allocated to Galway Corporation and Ballinasloe Urban District Council, Galway County in general had fared well. In reply to further comment from Councillor Fahey, the County Manager stated that it is not his business to bring political pressure on Government Departments for allocation of extra funds.

294 - HOUSING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

It was agreed that this matter would be deferred to the special Housing Meeting.

295 - IMPROVEMENTS TO GORT WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that improvements to Gort Water Supply would be considered when compiling the Estimates for 1980.

Replying to a further query from Councillor Fahey, Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that the Council does not envisage undertaking any major improvement scheme having regard to the proposed new scheme for the town and surrounding area. Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, replying to a suggestion by Councillor Fahey that a further pump be provided, stated that he could not state if this could be provided, but that the overall position of the scheme was being examined.

296 - DEVELOPMENT OF SITE AT A PLAYGROUND AT THE DUBLIN ROAD HOUSING ESTATE, TUAM:
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

Councillor J. Burke, proposing his motion, referred to the necessity for exercising care and consideration in developing the area which he had suggested as a playground, having regard to the existence of a memorial on the site, a children's Burial Ground, and another Burial Ground adjoining.

The County Manager stated that having regard to the matters which were mentioned by Councillor Burke, the matter would now be examined further.

297 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following;

Mrs. T. Mannion, Brackloon, Dunmore.
Mr. Eugene Keane, Attymon, Athenry.
Mrs. Josie Finnegan, Williamstown, Co. Galway.
Ruairi O Donail, Uasal, Ceathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. Michael Connolly, River Street, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Bert Canavan, High Street, Tuam.

===== THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED =====
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

J. J. Glynn CHAIRMAN.

28th January 1980 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

7u Eanair, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Council in Committee at the County Buildings, Galway, on

MONDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1980,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O. DUBHGHAILL,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Provisional Road Works Scheme, 1980 - copy already circulated. Copy of reports of the County Manager and County Engineer herewith.
2. Proposals received from Councillors during the year - copy to follow.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 14TH JANUARY, 1980

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor F. Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M.D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. J. Dunne, County Engineer; M. Moroney, County Accountant; K. Hays, S. McMahon; F. Monahan; Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

298 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council extended its sincere sympathy to the Widow and family of the late Mr. Bartley Faherty, Boleybeg, Barna, former member of the Council. The Council adjourned for a short time as a mark of respect to his memory.

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Council extended sympathy to the family of the late Mr. John Joe Sheehy of Kerry.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the Byrne Family, Circular Road, Tuam; Bean Ui Eanaigh, Lochan Beag, Inverin; John Duffy, Lissanacody, Eyrecourt; Jerry Stephenson, Gortmor, Auhrim, Ballinasloe; Mrs. Martin Finnegan, Williamstown; Michael Meehan, Tycooley, Caltra, Ballinasloe; Mrs. Comer and Family, Ballyeigher, Auhrim, Ballinasloe; the Page Family, Ohily, Woodford; the McCleran Family, Heathlawn, Killimor, Ballinasloe; Mr. William Conroy, Kilenamelia, Luscaun, Woodford.

299 - PROVISIONAL ROADWORKS SCHEME FOR 1980:

The County Manager referred to the Provisional Roadworks Scheme and to the County Engineers Report thereon which had been circulated to each Member of the Council together with the List of Councillors' Proposals which were not included in the 1979 Estimate and those deferred to the 1980 Estimates. He stated that the County Engineers Report set out his approach to the compilation of the Estimate, that he had taken account of the needs and constraints but he directed the attention of the Council to the fact that Road Grants for 1980 had not yet been notified to the Council. As a result it may be necessary to amend this Draft Estimate in due course to take account of final road grant allocations, the amount of block grant allocated and any ceiling of rate increase which may be specified by the Minister for the Environment. He stated that the proposals were being brought before the County Council in accordance with normal practice but that they may have to be revised later.

Replying to Deputy Callanan, the County Manager stated that the Provisional Scheme/ as prepared which includes only a limited number of proposals made by Councillors during the last year would involve an increase of £1.25 in the pound. He stated that the Scheme did not provide for all of the wage increases which are expected to arise during the coming year. Mr. Dunne stated that last year the Road Grants were notified to the Council on the 20th February, and in reply to Deputy Donnellan he stated that some works which were provided for in last year's Road Works Scheme had been affected by the Council's liability for V.A.T.,

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that was previously recouped to the Council. While most of the jobs listed were done about three jobs costing about £1,000 each in the Eastern part of the County had not been carried out mainly because of the shortfall of £160,000 arising from the change in the liability for V.A.T.

Deputies Donnellan and Callanan asked to be supplied with particulars of the jobs under this heading which had not been carried out during the past year - Deputy Callanan stated that one of those jobs was now on the Scheme for the third year in succession and that the cost in the interim had risen from £4,500 to £8,500.

Replying to Councillor Ulick Burke, who enquired the position regarding the possibility of getting E.E.C. funds for major road improvements, the County Manager stated that the Council does not apply directly for such funds, that such applications are made by the Government and that this makes no difference to the County Council itself.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that as a result of a number of roadworkers retiring many roads were in bad condition and he understood that the Council had some time ago prepared a Scheme to encourage early retirement.

The County Manager stated that during the past few years, roadworkers and others could retire on more favourable terms and many of them decided to avail of the new terms.

Mr. Dunne outlined his proposals for National Primary Roads as set out on Page 3 of the Provisional Scheme. Replying to Deputy Callanan about the Ballinasloe Relief Road, he stated that the proposals for this road have been discussed with Department Inspectors and that the way is clear to implement work if a grant is available.

Replying to Councillor Fahy, Mr. Dunne stated that the proposals for the Labane Bypass does not make any provision for improvements in Andrahan but that it might be possible that some provision might be made next year for improvements in the Andrahan area.

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Deputy Donnellan stated that/the Galway - Tuam Road was being improved, clay was deposited on the roadside and had to be removed later when a hard-shoulder was being provided.

Mr. Dunne stated that hard-shoulders cost as much as a carriageway to construct and that by deferring the hard-shoulders at the time greater mileage of carriageway had been improved - this was decided on in order to get the best possible value for the limited amount of money available at the time.

Mr. Dunne referring to National Primary Surface Dressing Proposals stated that tests carried out by An Foras Forbatha indicated National Primary Roads are in good condition due to the quality of work carried out in previous years. He stated that by arrangement with the Department of the Environment, a Survey for National Signposts is being carried out and that the cost will be recouped by the Department.

In the course of discussion of the proposals for the National Secondary Improvement Works (Page 6) he stated that the Council is having difficulty in getting suitable Supervisory Staff for roadworks.

Councillor Ruane referring to the improvement of the Claregalway-Carnmore Road, stated that where the Council experiences difficulty in acquiring land on reasonable terms they should make Compulsory Purchase Orders for the acquisition of the necessary lands.

Councillor Byrne expressed disappointment that no provision had been made for improving the road from Kilcolgan to the Clare Border where he stated there are many dangerous bends and narrow sections. He proposed that a sum of £30,000 be provided in 1980 to carry out some improvements on this Road at places to be selected by the County Engineer.

Councillor Frank Fahey seconded this proposal.

Councillor Burke stressed the need for carrying out improvement works in the Gurtymadden, Heronsbrook, Ramore areas and he asked if any improvement could be carried out on the Bridge between Loughrea and Gort.

Councillor Joe Burke proposed that provision be also made in the Estimate for major Improvement works near Brownesgrove School as there has been considerable pressure for years for carrying out urgent improvements in this area.

Deputy Donnellan also stressed the urgency of providing for improvement works in the Brownesgrove area. He also asked that the road from Tuam to Cloonfad be improved, as he stated that drivers of vehicles are experiencing considerable difficulty in passing other vehicles on this road.

Mr. Dunne stated that the Council are completely in the hands of the Department of the Environment in respect of funds for National Roads and that when money is nominated for those roads the Department specifies where it is to be spent.

Mr. Dunne stated that plans for the Kinvara, North Clare Road and the Dunmore Road near Brownesgrove would be prepared during the year and will be submitted to the Department of the Environment with an application for a special grant.

Mr. Frank Fahey also appealed for a special effort to have a section of the Kinvara North Clare Road done this year and also improvement work on the Bridge at Kilchreest.

Mr. Dunne stated that this Bridge is on the Council's List for a bridge grant.

Replying to Councillor Fahey, Mr. Dunne stated land had not been acquired for improvements in Kilcolgan but subject to availability of land, work would be undertaken provided money is made available.

Deputy Mannion and Councillor O'Morain expressed disappointment at the inadequacy of the funds proposed for improvement of roads in Connemara in 1980. Deputy Mannion stated that years ago it was agreed that the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for the Gaeltacht would be asked to receive a deputation in connection with those roads and he proposed that the officials of the Council would now arrange for a deputation to meet both Ministers regarding roads in the Connemara area. Deputy Mannion also mentioned urgent repairs are needed to a Bridge in Leenane which collapsed during the previous few days.

Councillors O'Morain and O'Conchubhair supported Deputy Mannion's proposal that an effort be made to have a deputation received by the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for the Gaeltacht.

Several members referred to defects which had arisen where road surfacing had been done in previous years and they asked whether the Suppliers of the material had been held liable for the cost of restoring the road surface.

Mr. Dunne stated that many things can go wrong with regard to surface dressing and that the problem generally arises from weather conditions. He mentioned that causes of such problems could be not enough binder, the road surface may be cold, rain, heavy traffic after surfacing, shading by trees, and traffic on bends where the road surface may be hot, too much dust in chips etc. He stated that while it is difficult to pinpoint the actual cause it is most unlikely that the failure arose from a defect in the materials. He pointed out also that the amount of failures have been very small in relation to the total miles of road which has been surfaced.

The County Manager stated that because no evidence was found that defective materials had been supplied and that investigations which had been carried out did not justify the Council claiming against the Suppliers of materials.

Mr. L. Kavanagh replying to Deputy Donnellan stated that suggestions made for marking the square in Headford are being examined.

Referring to the Proposals for Main Road Improvement Work, Councillor O'Morain asked why no provision had been made for Main Road Improvement in the Clifden area. He referred to the disparity between the amounts provided in certain areas and he mentioned the small amount made available in Connemara by comparison with the considerably larger sum made available for the Milltown area. He proposed that the Road Works Scheme before the Council be rejected as far as Connemara is concerned.

Councillor Bartley stated that last year the former County Engineer stated that the Council would concentrate on improvement of the Connemara Roads in 1980. He mentioned the Recess-Kylemore Road which he stated was in bad condition with pot-holes and needed re-surfacing.

Deputy Donnellan referred to the need for improvement to the main roads leading in all directions from the town of Glenamaddy.

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He referred to a defect in two areas, one in Derrynea where re-alignment is necessary and also the restoration of roads in the Spiddal area where Contract work on a water supply scheme is being carried out. He stated that several million pounds are needed in the Connemara area and this should be impressed on the Ministers concerned.

Councillor O'Conchubhair supporting Councillors O'Foighil and O'Morain stated that Connemara is a fast developing area where new industries are being established. He referred to development at Rossaveal Harbour and to the need for the provision of major improvements in view of future development. He suggested that the Council should meet Udaras na Gaeltachta in connection with the needs of the area.

Councillor Welby stated that he was reasonably pleased with the provision made for roads in his area but he would like to see more improvements of County Roads. He also referred to the conditions in the Spiddal area where Contract work is going on and stated that he understood that the Contractors had prevented County Council workers from carrying out necessary repairs recently.

Mr. Dunne informed Councillor Welby that the traffic route lighting for Oulsterard is expected to be provided between the speed limits in the town.

Mr. Dunne also stated that the problem about Connemara roads is one of money and he stressed that the Council was not in any way biased against Connemara and would be quite happy to carry out major improvements if the necessary funds can be provided. He informed Councillor O'Morain that the block grant did not specify except in categories where block-grant money was to be spent.

Senator Connaughton stressed the necessity of carrying out improvements to the road between Mounballew and the Roscommon border.

Councillor Ryan stressed the need for carrying out improvements at Lecarrow-Laught as specified in Page 10 of the Scheme. He stated that there are tar barrels and lights on the roadside where there is one mile of road closed since November last.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Mervue-Monivea Road should be classified as a Main Road and stated that development works are urgently necessary near the Church in New Inn.

Councillor Joyce asked that the Council would look back on its performance during the past year stating that there are several areas where money was made available where the work had not been carried out in the Portumna area. He stated that Councillors lose credibility when they inform local people where it is intended to carry out works and those works are subsequently found not to have been carried out.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he had hoped work on the main road at Cloonkell which was sought both by himself and Councillor Ryan would have been provided for in the Road Works Draft Scheme.

Mr. Dunne stated that the Contractor carrying out the Spiddal Water Supply Scheme has responsibility for restoration of the road but that the final restoration will be carried out by the County Council. He stated that house connections are still to be done and the Contractor had difficulty about rock excavation. He had spoken to the Consultants to impress on the Contractor the need for keeping the road in a reasonable state of repair and he promised that the Council would move in if the Contractor does not carry out his responsibilities. He stated that in relation to work at Derrynea Radio na Gaeltachta was paying the cost.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, he stated no provision had been made for improvement work at New Inn and that there's a land acquisition problem here. In reply to Councillor Joyce he stated that the three jobs in the Portumna area had not been carried out mainly because of the loss of V.A.T. by comparison with previous years. They are included again in the current years Scheme but it is not possible to state definitely what can be done in this Scheme until the question of funds is clarified.

Replying to Deputy Callanan he stated that work on the Ballymacward to Kilconnell Road had to be deferred because of the financial situation and he stated that if money ran short in the coming year the Council will be informed before Estimates are exceeded.

Councillor Burke stated that difficulties have arisen because of the necessity in the course of Land Project work to cut open public roads in order to provide culverts. He said that the projects are held up and that a major difficulty is that the County Council demand a sizeable proportion of the grant allocated. He stated that many culverts are inadequate for land drainage and he suggested liaison between the Council and the Land Project people so that the Farmer can get the cost of the work in his grant.

The County Manager stated that the promoters of the Scheme can come to the Council for an Estimate and they will receive it and there is no problem about meeting the Inspector who deals with the Scheme at any time.

Mr. Dunne stated that the County Council is responsible for drainage of roads only - if it is necessary for land drainage purposes to put a culvert on the road the appropriate officer dealing with Land Project work sends in a map to the Council, gives the size of the drain required and asks for an Estimate. The County Council gives the Estimate and then gets a request to carry out the work at the expense of the Land Project Scheme.

Senator Connaughton stated that the problem is that the County Council must take note of the water level and that the Council is reluctant to tamper with the Scheme, Farmers want to deepen the stream but the Council then has to consider the effect this would have on the neighbour further down stream. The difficulty is to get the Land Project and the County Council to satisfy the Farmer regarding level as the Council is afraid of causing flooding down stream.

The County Engineer stated that the Council is not involved in Land Drainage and that the Land Project people come to the Council for an estimate of the costing and that the Council is only involved in construction of the road crossing. The County Manager stressed that the Council tries to facilitate people carrying out these works, it does not design the work which they have carried out but now and again they bring in Schemes where the Council sees a problem for another Farmer and it has to be careful that it does not carry out work which would entitle another Farmer to bring it to Court.

Deputy Callanan stated that the complaint often made is that it costs about three times as much to have the Crossing made by the County Council by comparison with what a Contractor would charge but that the Council will not allow the Contractor to carry out the work.

Mr. Dunne stated that with regard to costing, the actual charge is the amount which is charged to the job plus with a small percentage for overheads. If the Council can avail of an excavator which is carrying out the Land Project job it will do so but extra cost would be involved if it is necessary to transport machinery to the site.

Replying to suggestions that the Contractors carrying out the Land Project work might be allowed to construct a Bridge to the Council's specification, the County Manager stated that the Council's primary responsibility is to ensure that the work is properly carried out in order to ensure the safety of persons using the road and that it can not delegate this responsibility to any person.

Mr. Dunne informed Councillor Murphy that it is proposed to carry out some work on the footpath from Athenry to Caheroyne this year.

Mr. Dunne gave particulars of the total number of people employed on roads which showed an increase in 1979 over that for previous years. He informed Councillor Murphy that the road to Shaughnessy's house would be dealt with out of ordinary maintenance and a development levy.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain, Mr. Dunne stated that surface dressing is provided where it is established that it is necessary either for sealing of a surface of a road or for the provision of a non-skid surface. He stated that in most counties surface dressing is carried out about every 10 years but that because of lack of funds in Galway some work has not been repeated for 20 years. The aim at the moment is for repeating the work every 15 years.

Referring to further comment by Councillor O'Morain regarding the disparity between the amounts of money provided in the Milltown and Connemara areas, the County Engineer stated that the amount provided for Milltown is necessary. Regarding the Provisional Road Works Scheme it has been placed before the County Council to approve it or not to approve it as the Council sees fit. He hoped to come up very soon with a Report on the proposals for Roads in the '80's following the recent Document from the Department of the Environment. This will outline proposals for the improvement of all roads in the County in accordance with the requirements of the Document.

Councillor O'Morain proposed and Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded that the Provisional Roadworks Scheme as presented to the County Council be referred back for examination in relation to the needs of the Connemara area.

Councillor Byrne proposed and Councillor Ryan seconded that the Council accept the Document as presented.

The Chairman declared the proposal made by Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Ryan carried on a show of hands.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. Glynn CHAIRMAN.

28th January 1980 DATE.