

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

18th January, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER:

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Council at the Co. Buildings, Galway on Friday, 25th January, 1980 at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle

Co. Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Local Authority Housing Construction Programme - Assistant Co. Manager's report and Bar Chart herewith.
2. Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979 adjourned from Nov. '79 monthly meeting - Assistant Co. Manager's report re-circulated herewith.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION

3. Councillor F. Fahy - I will propose -
  - a. That Galway Co. Council accept a second charge on Title Documents as security for Co. Council Reconstruction loans.
  - b. That the County Medical Officer be requested to give Medical Reports on housing Accommodation within three weeks of their being requested.
  - c. 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.
4. Councillor Michael John Kilgannon - I will propose -
  - a. That the Co. Council Housing Loan be paid in four instalments to mitigate difficulties with bridging finance and high short term interest rates.
  - b. That eligibility for Local Authority Housing Loan be assessed on the basis of nett income rather than the present gross income. Many genuine applicants at present cannot get a loan because of the present unrealistic system of deciding income.
5. Councillor James Joyce - I will propose -
  - a. That when an Itinerant vacates a Co. Council house, the house be let to someone other than an Itinerant thereafter.
  - b. That the Council provide a house for Michael McKeigue, Senior, Craughwell, Laurencetown.
6. Senator Ml. P. Kitt - I will propose -
  - a. That Galway Co. Council would build houses in the Caltraduff, Derryfadda Muckloon areas near Ballyforan in view of the fact that a peat briquette factory will be built in Ballyforan.

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Oifig an Runai,  
Aras an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

21u Eanair, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag crínniu Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 28u Eanair, 1980 ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog so 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 grant Permission to Seosamh O h-Iarnain, Na h-Aille, Indreabhán. - Planning Ref No. 33867."  
G. Bartley. M. O'Morain. Thomas Welby.
  - (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 Planning Permission to Michael Shaughnessy, at Cahergowan for the erection of a dwellinghouse - Planning Ref. No. 34056.  
P. Finnegan. Thomas Welby. 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 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.
  - (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 Mrs Agnes Joyce, Bunowen Beg, Ballyconneely. - Planning Ref No. 25123.  
G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. 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 Ms. Maureen Law, Ballagh, Bushypark, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballagh. Planning Ref. No. 34366.  
John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby. G. Bartley.
- (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 Mr. Rod McGahon, c/o Leo Mansfield, Clifden for the erection of a Dwellinghouse at Enlaghmore. - Planning Ref No. 34413.  
John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. P. McCormack.
- (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 Colm O'Tuathail (Uas.) Aille, Indreabhain, Co. na Gaillimhe. Planning Ref No. 34143.  
N. O'Conchubhair. M. O'Morain. T. Welby.
- (h) "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. Patrick Rooney, Brockagh, Athenry for erection of a New House and Garage at Palmerstown, Athenry. - Planning Ref. No. 34345.  
Tony Murphy. Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy.
- (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 Mr. Jack Madden, Shrulegrove, Headford for the erection of a New House and Garage at Shrulegrove. Planning Ref. No. 34350.  
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. John Molloy.
- (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 Mr. Patrick Gavin, The Demesne Cottages, Tuam for the Change of Access Roadway at Townparks 1st Division, Tuam. Planning Ref No. 34408.  
Mark Killilea. Patrick Finnegan. 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 Outline Permission to Patrick H. Joyce of Barnagortheeny, Co. Galway, for erection of a Dwellinghouse at Barnagortheeny. Planning Ref. No. 34131.  
John Mannion. Padraic McCormack. Thomas Welby.

2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
4. Sale of 3 Perches of land at Townparks (1st Division) Tuam - Notice dated 8th January, 1980.

5. Creation of Additional Office of Clerk Typist.
6. Fix date of Estimates Meeting.
7. Appointment of Coiste Gaeltachta.
8. Promotion of the Irish Language in the Local Authority Service. (Members are requested to take to the Meeting correspondence from Bord na Gaeilge, circulated at the December, 1979 Meeting).
9. Directive by Minister for the Environment on the limitation of the Rate in the Pound for 1980.
10. Sanitary Services Capital Programme - copy to follow.
- 10(a) Applications for Remission of Rates on Industrial Undertakings:-
  - (i) Beola Crafts Ltd., Cushatrower, Roundstone.
  - (ii) Greaney Glass Ltd., Carrmore East.
  - (iii) Telectron Teo., Onought, Inis Mor.
11. Motion adjourned from December, 1979 Meeting.  
Clr. M. Kilgannon.  
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.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

13. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council declare public the road from Mrs. Healy's house leading to the gate into Kilmeen graveyard, 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 Donoghue's and Bane's houses and was also made under the L.I.S. Scheme.

14. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

That more money be allocated for the improvement of Bog Roads owing to scarcity of fuel.

15. COUNCILLOR M. FAHY - I will propose

- (a) That the Council supply transport for the Refuse Collection of Kiltulla Village, Athenry
- (b) That the Council erect traffic lights in Oranmore on Dublin, Galway - Limerick junction, to relieve traffic congestion.
- (c) That the Council speed up water for the Group Water Scheme Moneymore, Oranmore. There is dire need for water in this village.

16. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council erect additional public lights at Creggs, Co. Galway.
- (b) That Galway County Council carry out improvements to the Road/Bridge and corner at the entrance to Ted Conway's house at Bermingham, Tuam.
- (c) That Galway County Council take the necessary steps to bring all courthouses in County Galway up to a proper and acceptable standard.

17. COUNCILLOR P. MCCORMACK - I will propose:

- (a) That the Council requests that the draft ELECTORAL register is published, and made available each year by the 1st October to give people a proper opportunity of checking it and submitting connection by the end of each year.
- (b) That the road in Uggoole, Moycullen past Finnertys, John Cookes and Peter Cookes house, which was recently repaired under L.I.S. be declared a public road.
- (c) That a refuse collection service be made available in the Slievfin to Knockdoe area, Claregalway.

18. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council would build houses in the Caltraduff, Derryfadca, Muckloon areas near Ballyforan in view of the fact that a peat briquette factory will be built in Ballyforan.
- (b) That the option of erecting upright headstones with kerbing in graveyards will continue to be available as opposed to lawn cemeteries.
- (c) That a supply of water be made available from Ahascragh Water Supply to the Lurgan/Shruffaun Group Water Scheme.

19. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

That Galway County Council acquire land which is available adjacent to Kilbeacanty Church and car park for the provision of a new burial ground.

20. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That this Council transfer without delay the site for Community Centre at Cloughanover, Headford to the Cloughanover Community Centre Committee.
- (b) That this Council declare public a section of road from National Secondary Road to Michael Finnerty's gate at Uggol, Moycullen already blacktopped.
- (c) That this Council resurface the road from Spiddal village to Killough Road as I understand the watermains are complete on this section of road and it is in a dangerous condition at present.

21. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the flooding which regularly occurs on the County Road to James Kenny's house in Kilmacshane, (Banagher) be relieved by laying the long-promised pipe under the road where the flooding occurs.
- (b) That the Council take steps to make safe the very dangerous walls of the historical Franciscan Abbey (now in ruins) in Cloonkeenkirl graveyard, Gurteen, Ballinasloe.
- (c) That a refuse collection service be arranged for the people who live in Moher, Ballinasloe but who are outside the Urban boundary.

22. COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - I will propose:

- (a) That the Minister for Health and Social Welfare be asked to terminate the Local Old Age Pensions Committees.
- (b) That this Council, with the co-operation of Ballinasloe U.D.C. provide sewerage for the Pryal Stone Plant at Derrymullen, Ballinasloe.
- (c) That this Council calls for amendments to legislation governing Film Censorship and The Censorship of Publications Board so that objectionable matter on video cassettes and records may be controlled in this country.

23. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

- (a) That the road to Errislannon graveyard be repaired and turntable be constructed and the drain opened.
- (b) That a retaining wall be built outside Phil Coyne's house near Leenane on Main Road to Westport.
- (c) That Mrs. Ridge's house at Ballinafad, Recess, have the roof replaced by County Council, due to County Council damage, when blasting some years past, repairs by the Council since have been unsuccessful.

24. COUNCILLORS T. MURPHY AND F. FAHEY - We will propose:
- That proper lighting be provided in the Villages of Craughwell and Clarenbridge.
  - That Hard Shoulders be provided from the Green Briar Inn to Craughwell, and from Craughwell to Clostoken Crossroads.
25. AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molain:
- Cosan a chur ar fail o theach Miceal O Loideain go dti an Staid Tionnscoilocht san gCeathru Rua.
  - Cosan o Ceibh Ros a'Whil chomh fada le scoil Naisiunta Ros a'Whil agus soilse poibli freisin.
  - Cosan o Scoil Naisiunta Leitimoir chomh fada le teach Sean O Murcu, Leitimoir.
26. COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE -
- To ask if the conditions attached to housing development at Cloonarkin Drive, Oramore have been complied with, and if not what action the Council proposes to take.
  - That Public Lighting be provided in the Village of Shanaglish.
  - That provision be made in forthcoming estimates for the provision of a Sewerage Treatment Plant at Kinvara.
27. DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:
- That the road leading into Carrowbeg, Belclare be raised two feet in order to allow access by the locals arising from the flooding which now cuts them off.
28. COUNCILLORS JOSEPH BURKE, MICHAEL RYAN AND SENATOR PAUL CONNAUGHTON - We will propose:
- That Galway County Council provide Public Convenience in Glenamaddy.
  - That the County Council take over and maintain the Graveyard at Belclare Church.
29. AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molain:
- An gComhairle Contae ceangal uisce a thabhairt do Sean Cuddy, o na Forbacha.
  - An gComhairle Contae na moltai athruithe a bhi agam do Phleann Forbartha an Chontae a chuir ar an gClár Oifigiúil do chruinniú Feabhra.
30. AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN - Molain:
- Go mba cheart don gComhairle Oifigeach Caidrimh Poibli a fhostu.
  - Go mba cheart na Coirneil ag Cill Chiarain a ghlanach as an mbealach.
31. COUNCILLORS M. O'MORAIN AND JOHN MANNION - We will propose:
- That Galway County Council meet the wishes of the people of Cashel re the High Cashel Graveyard.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREE

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim.	Area of Charge.	Amount of Claim.	Amount of Decree including Costs.
Mr. Peter Warde, Keelogue, Cloominda, Castlereagh, CO. GALWAY.	Twines cut off 498 Bales of Hay at Kilbegnet.	County at large.	£105.00	£140.35.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

8th. January, 1980.

To The Chairman and Members of Galway County Council.

Re: Lands at Townparks (1st. Division) Tuam,

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

Description of the land:

3 perches of land at Townparks (1st. Division) Tuam, acquired by the Council for housing purposes from Tuam Town Commissioners.

Proposed to be Sold to:

Mr. Seamus O'Neill, Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, Co. Galway to allow him extend his premises.

Price and Conditions:

The land is being sold in fee simple at a cost of £100 plus all legal costs in connection with the transfer.

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

K. Doyle, Runal.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE  
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, ON 25TH. JANUARY, 1980 AT 3.30 p.m.

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 Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahey, P. Finnegan, Michael D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M.P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy John Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, M. Tierney and S. O'Neill, C.A.C.E's; Misses C. Hett, S.S.O. and J. Forde, S.O. and Mr. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer.

The opening prayer was recited.

The Chairman conveyed County Manager's apologies for his inability to be present at the Meeting because he was attending a function to mark his parents 55th. Wedding Anniversary. The Council on the proposition of the Chairman congratulated them both and expressed a wish that they would enjoy good health and happiness for many years to come.

Deputy Donnellan referred to Deputy Killilea's continued absence from past meetings and said he should attend or resign. Deputy Callanan said there was precedent for what Deputy Killilea was doing and that he was confident Deputy Killilea would resign in due course.

300-LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

The Assistant County Manager outlined the Council's housing programme to date and gave particulars of the present position in relation to Schemes under construction. Subject to the availability of funds, it is hoped to commence building at Loughrea, Eyrecourt, Woodford, Clarenbridge, Williamstown, Kilconnell and Kilconly. The provision made in the current estimate in respect of house constructions is £3,000,000 compared with £2,000,000 in 1979.

300A-HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1979.

The Assistant County Manager explained that the purpose of the Act is to validate changes made since 1972 in regard to housing grants, loans and subsidies; implementation of the new £1,000 housing grant and £600 house improvement grant is also provided for. Authority is given for the carrying out by the tenant at the Council's expense of pre-sale repairs. Discretion is given to Councils to whether they should obtain reports from the Chief Medical Officer in all cases or only in cases where priority is claimed on medical grounds. In Galway, there is an arrangement with the Western Health Board regarding reports. The employment by the Council of its own Health Inspectors could not be considered as it would also entail the employment of a County Medical Officer.

301-RAISING OF LOAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVATE HOUSING SITES.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:-  
"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of

£100,000 from the Council's Treasurer subject to the approval of the Minister for the Environment to defray the cost of developing private housing sites, the loan to be repaid over a period of seven years at usual rate of interest".

Senator Connaughton enquired how proposed cuts in Government spending would effect the Council's housing programme. He regretted the scrapping of the house improvement grants. Provision of water and sewerage facilities in private houses would be badly hit. He enquired why applicants in position to pay for the provision of an extra room were not permitted to do so. He understood the cost of re-siting demountable dwellings was quite high by comparison with the cost of the dwelling and suggested that the Council look at the possibility of providing its own re-siting service.

Councillor Byrne said that while the Council had set itself a target of providing 300 houses per annum, the numbers actually built between 1977 and 1979 had fallen. The capital allocation being received from the Department does not enable the Council to achieve the set target. He complimented the Council's Engineers on the houses provided for old people and said more should be provided. He felt there was little point in discussing the 1980 programme without knowing what funds would be available.

Deputy Donnellan enquired if there was any reason for the fall in the number of houses built between 1978 and 1979. He was pleased with the recently announced increases in the housing loan limits. He enquired why private sites were not being provided in Dunmore. The Council will have to provide more Council houses because privately built houses are costing around £21,000. A loan of £12,000 was not much good in these circumstances and even the repayments for such a loan would be a millstone around the neck of any young couple. We may well be seeing the last generation of house owners. Contractors who were found to be slow in completing houses should not be re-employed. He complained about Itinerants parked in the Cloonlyon area of Ballygar and of their insanitary and unhealthy habits. He also complained about Itinerants camping in the Milltown area.

Councillor O'Foighil said people in the Connemara area can no longer provide their own houses with the aid of loan and grant and will depend more and more on the Council to provide housing for them. For the first time in history the under 25's in the population of the Lettermore/Lettermullen area has exceeded the over 25's. This will pose serious housing problems for the Council. Many are returned emigrants. Many applicants cannot provide proper title to sites. Caravans are being placed on commonages as a result and are an eyesore. Consideration will have to be given to acquiring suitable areas of commonage for compulsory purchase and studies made on how sewerage can be dealt with. Title difficulties meant delays of several years for some applicants. The Council seems to be unwilling and unable to help people.

Councillor J. Burke referred to the Council's target of providing 300 houses per annum in the 5 years ending in 1981. The total provided to date was 588. The shortfall is a severe criticism of the Council's lack of progress. Tuam is bearing a large part of that burden. No houses have been built there since the final phase of the Dublin Road Scheme 2 - 3 years ago with the exception of the Old Peoples Houses. Tuam which is the major urban centre in the County, under the control of the County Council, has a mere 8 houses at tender stage. He understood the project at Parkmore is more advanced than indicated in the progress chart. He proposed that every effort be made to get the Parkmore project off the ground in 1980. The Council's staff were to be congratulated on progress made in the housing of Itinerants. The Council should look seriously at the problem over the whole County and try to find a solution. He suggested an early meeting of the Itinerant Committee for the Tuam area.

Councillor O'Morain said he had been plugging C.P.O. procedure for the past few years to get over problems where title was faulty. There were undue delays with C.P.O's but he wasn't blaming the Council. He did not agree with acquiring commonage by C.P.O. The Connemara people would prefer to live on their own holdings rather than going to live in group housing. He did not agree with Deputy Donnellan that £12,000 housing loan would be a chain around the necks of the house purchasers. A new house was a good investment for young people. Continental visitors never cease to be amazed at the lovely homes the ordinary people could acquire and own. He was pleased to hear the Roundstone scheme is in progress. He would like to be informed to what extent sites are being sought in Carna. Delays in acquiring sites in other areas seemed fast by comparison with the Connemara area. He said he has been referring to the need for houses in Rosmuck for the past 5 years. The demand for Council houses is increasing. Up to recently, people in Connemara were able to build their own houses with the aid of the state grants and emigrants remittances. Discontinuation of the latter plus rising costs made it impossible for people to continue doing so.

Deputy Callanan regretted the discontinuation of the house improvement grants which was done probably for financial reasons. People should be encouraged to provide their own houses. The revised limits for loans would enable couples who are both earning to get loans. He was in favour of applicants having Council houses built on their fathers' farms rather than being housed in the nearest town or village. He did not approve of acquiring land by C.P.O. as they only pushed up the price of land. He would like to see the scheme at Kilconnell starting in 1980. It is pointless for the Council to be passing resolutions, pushing schemes ahead until the capital allocation is notified. We cannot strike an unlimited rate and must keep within the ceiling set by the Government. The Council is doing its best with individual houses despite the difficulty in getting Contractors. He urged members to be practical. The number of houses built by the Council is more impressive when looked at over the 3 year period than when viewed one year with another. It was wrong for Councillors to make promises that things will be done - they should make it clear that they will be done provided capital funds are available. Most people selling sites don't own them and the first question that should be asked of applicants is the name of the owner.

Councillor Joyce requested and obtained the Committee's approval to the issue of the following agreed press release regarding the Council's proposals for settlement of the housing of Itinerants in the Ballinasloe electoral area. "The Committee are seeking sites for 2 permanent standard type houses in 5 different areas of Ballinasloe. We give a guarantee that no more than 2 houses will be built for Travelling People in any area chosen and consultation with interested people from various areas would take place before any purchase deals would be closed. We believe that if we are successful in this venture, it will solve the present housing need of Travelling People in Ballinasloe. We are also seeking sites for permanent houses for Travelling People in the rural areas where they are already residing in caravans." The Chairman suggested circulation of the statement to the Area Committees on Itinerancy in each electoral area. He suggested that other areas do their share of housing of Itinerants, otherwise there would be an influx of Itinerants into Ballinasloe. He hoped the Eyrecourt scheme recently advertised would go ahead soon. He was disappointed that some applicants recently approved had houses built for them before people who were much longer on the waiting list. This was probably due to difficulty in obtaining sites. He urged the Council to purchase as much land as possible in rural areas. He enquired how the

low rise mortgage scheme would be effected by the revised house loan scheme.

Councillor Kilgannon suggested that the public should be advised that Council loans for reconstruction of houses were available to approved applicants. It was a retrograde step to scrap the house improvement grants which can only result in the stock of houses being run down as people will neglect to carry out improvement works. He said we now have a housing crisis in the County. He deplored the system whereby good habitable houses were permitted by neglect to become derelict. He agreed we were probably seeing the last generation of house owners. The increased house loan of £12,000, while it was welcomed, could mean the applicant's wife would have to go out working to help meet the huge repayments. He welcomed the improved standard of design of Council houses.

Councillor Ryan said it seemed the Council's housing programme had slowed down. Many applicants who applied for houses 1½ years ago have not yet been approved. While the staff were not at fault, Councillors were often blamed for the Council's shortcomings. The standard of some rural houses was not as good as others. Small farmers avail of reconstruction grants more than any other sections of the community and will suffer more because of their withdrawal. He criticised the Council for putting an Itinerant family in a caravan in the centre of Moylough village and demanded that it be moved to another location. He agreed the higher house loans would help many young people to build their own houses. He hoped people could afford the repayments.

Councillor Ruane said while he welcomed the increased loans, he did not agree with the abolition of the house improvement grants. As a result, more people will look for loan to build new houses instead of reconstructing old houses. Loans are fine but repayments of them is another thing. He advocated that local applicants get preference for houses in the locality in which they are provided.

Councillor U. Burke said a housing emergency should be declared in the Loughrea area as no houses had been built there in the past few years. New industries had started there and workers were not able to provide their own houses. He suggested immediate development of the 17 acres of land owned by the Council. Many families were forced into substandard flats and may have to leave the area unless housing is provided immediately. He requested that houses be provided as a matter of urgency. He couldn't understand why the Council insisted on housing applicants in urban areas when sites are being given to the Council at nominal cost in the rural area. He enquired why Old Peoples' Homes had not been provided in Portumna. He suggested provision of telephone facilities in all future schemes of 10 or more Old Peoples' Homes. He proposed that consideration should be given to conversion of portion of old workhouse in Portumna into flats. He recommended that special consideration be given to deserted wives and broken families and that special consideration be given to them in the letting of houses. He enquired of the Council staggered house loan applications.

Councillor Michael Fahey welcomed the new house loans and felt that if the Council were more sympathetic to applicants for house loans, the demand for Council houses would be less. Houses are badly needed in Kinvara and Gort. Serviced sites were badly needed in Loughrea. People of South Galway felt they were neglected in the erection of houses. He hoped the Council would see about constructing houses in Kinvara, Craughweil, Gort and Ardahan.

Councillor Brennan said he was glad to hear it was intended providing houses in Laurencetown and Kilconnell. He would like to see private sites and houses provided outside the Ballinasloe Urban Area. He welcomed the increased housing loans. He proposed that applicants approved for house building loans of £9,000 would be approved for the increased limit of £12,000. He enquired regarding the guide lines for eligibility for Local Authority houses. He wondered would increase in house building result in curtailment of funds for Local Authority houses. He enquired why disablement grants were confined to elderly applicants. Houses when vacated should be re-let without delay. He agreed telephone kiosks should be provided in groups of houses provided for old people. He wished to compliment Mr. Peter Kearns, Assistant County Manager, on the high standard of houses provided in Ballinasloe.

Senator Kitt praised the standard of houses provided in Estates and in rural areas. He recommended installation of ranges in all Local Authority houses as back boilers were not suitable. He said houses provided by Council were so good that they were very attractive to tenant purchasers. He enquired about the possibility of low interest rates for purchase of houses under the 1980 purchase scheme. He welcomed the decision to provide houses at Caltra. He was pleased with the increased house loans. He hoped the operative date would be realistic. Information required from applicants for house loans should be sought on the application forms rather than at a later date. House loans should be paid out at an earlier stage than at present.

Councillor O'Connor said that the acquisition of sites on commonage by C.P.O. was not a good idea and only gave rise to trouble. He referred to a number of demountable dwellings which were vacant in Lettermore area. An extension of the Home for the Aged at Carraroe should be undertaken.

Councillor Finnegan said that while much good work had been done, there still remained much to be achieved. He recommended provision of houses in some of the smaller villages. Building of rural houses was slow and should be speeded up. He would like to see the Parkmore scheme in Tuam and the Williamstown schemes starting soon. The Council was to be complimented on progress made in housing Itinerants in Tuam.

Councillor Coogan said the provision of houses in the rural areas around Galway city would help to relieve pressure in the city.

Councillor Welby enquired when the second phase of the Oughterard scheme would commence. He said he hoped the Headford and Moycullen schemes would proceed at an early date. The provision of houses in Spiddal should be considered.

The Assistant County Manager replied to points raised by members as follows:-

He thanked the members for their complimentary remarks regarding the staff which were well deserved.

The operative date of the revised limits for S.D.A. loans is not known and the Council would be bound by the Minister's decision. Ability of applicants to repay amounts advanced will have to be taken into account.

The capital allocation for house construction will not be known until February. Proposed expenditure is contingent on the amount of money which will be made available to the Council.

Land acquired for housing in Dunmore had been handed over to the

Rural Housing Organisation for provision of a scheme of houses.

In Connemara, there were particular difficulties in regard to sites and contractors. Acquiring sites on commonage would be difficult and rural applicants were not likely to live in group housing. Firms providing Systems built houses had to be brought in where contractors could not be recruited.

Provision of houses in Tuam had been delayed because of problems arising out of the re-siting of a G.A.A. playing pitch. Plans were under preparation and development could commence when money was made available. A small scheme of 8 houses at St. Joseph's Park would be commenced soon. It was intended to hold a meeting of the Committee on Itinerary for the Tuam area on 12th. February next.

The Architect for the Loughrea scheme had been appointed and houses and private sites will be provided.

Acquisition of land by C.P.O. was not always the answer and could push up land prices.

There was always the residual problem, in regard to Itinerants, of more families going on the roads. Examination of the annual census figures proved Itinerants were not coming in from other Counties.

There is no limit for the low rise mortgage loans which are confined to approved applicants and tenants and tenant purchasers of Council houses.

Four bedroom houses are provided in appropriate cases. It would not be feasible to provide them in all cases.

Land for provision of houses in Moylough is being negotiated.

The need for additional housing in Loughrea is appreciated. The 12 houses being provided is only the final phase of the existing scheme. The Architect is preparing the layout for St. Laurence's Field.

Land is available in Portumna for provision of additional houses. There were some delays in the provision of old peoples houses and it is hoped to get the scheme moving soon.

The problem of deserted wives is on the increase and it is hoped to be in a position to do something for them.

Eligibility for Council houses is dealt with in the Regulations. The availability of sites in the rural areas is not the deciding factor. The applicant's need and distance from nearest town are considerations.

The capital cost of providing ranges in completed schemes is prohibitive and the Department refused to provide special funds for this purpose. Ranges are being provided in present schemes and in rural houses.

Extension of the Home for the Aged at Carraroe is a matter for the Western Health Board.

It was more satisfactory to have one Housing Authority dealing with the City and its Environs. The experience of separate Authorities dealing with urban and rural housing has been unsatisfactory in other areas.

Provision of telephone facilities was a matter for the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. The Department would provide these facilities at the expense of the Council but any deficit would have to be borne by the Council, and the Council had already decided not to become involved with this service.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION - ACCEPTANCE OF SECOND CHARGE ON TITLE DOCUMENTS AS SECURITY FOR COUNTY COUNCIL RECONSTRUCTION LOANS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY.

The Assistant County Manager replying to the motion said the Council follows the normal practice and require a first charge. It should not be necessary for the Council to be asked to accept a second charge because farmers, who wish to raise money on the security of their property, have the facility of opening a separate folio and leaving the house free of charges.

Councillor Fahey pointed out that the cost of opening a separate folio is too expensive and that the Council should consider changing its usual practice.

Deputy Callanan said that in the light of a personal experience, he would advise the opening of a separate folio.

The Assistant County Manager undertook to discuss the question further with the Council's Legal Adviser.

C.M.O.H's REPORTS ON HOUSING ACCOMMODATION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY.

The County Secretary stated that every effort is made to get housing reports returned as quickly as possible. Nevertheless it is not feasible to prescribe a rigid time for the submission of these reports as a lot depends on the number of enquiries which have to be made and the distance which has to be travelled. It is not uncommon for Health Inspectors to have to call back a number of times before meeting particular applicants for house inspections.

Councillor Higgins enquired what the average delay is and can it be improved by the employment of additional staff.

The Assistant County Manager stated that reporting is done by the Western Health Board on an Agency basis. In response to requests for an improved service, the Board some time ago agreed to assign particular members of its staff solely to housing applications. He agreed to advise the Board that Councillors were critical of the service being provided at present and were anxious to have it improved.

ACQUISITION OF LAND AT CLARENBRIDGE, CRAUGHWELL AND GORT FOR PROVISION OF SERVICED SITES AND DEVELOPMENT OF LANDS IN LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY.

(1) Clarenbridge:

The County Secretary stated the Council acquired 5 acres of land at Clarinbridge. This was the only land that could be acquired. Eight houses and eight sites have been completed and there is provision for 32 further houses. An interim development of 12 houses and 2 further sites is planned for 1980.



(2) Craughwell:-

It has not been possible to acquire land at Craughwell but a small area of land was recently acquired at Ardrahan.

(3) Gort:-

It was not possible to acquire land at Gort and a C.P.O. was made on approximately 7 acres of land. After considerable delay this C.P.O. was confirmed with modifications. These meant that 5 acres were excluded from the Order. Negotiations are continuing in Gort for the acquisition of land.

Councillor Fahy said the Council Officials are way wide of the position regarding provision of serviced sites. The Manager's report shows 78 sites and if the sites provided in Athenry are excluded, the total number provided in the County was only 24. The Council is going to run into trouble with applicants seeking sites in 4 or 5 years time. It wont be able to get land. The County Development plan proposes that people should be put into centres but is not providing serviced sites in the such centres. He could not see why the Council could not go out now and purchase land throughout the County which is available at £2,000 and £3,000 per acre. He would like to be given specific details about efforts to acquire land in Craughwell. If land is not purchased now, it will cost the Council £10,000 per acre in 10 years time, if available. He pointed to the very valuable asset we now have in land acquired in Athenry. No appreciable amount of land had been acquired recently in Co. Galway. The Council's programme for housing development in Gort is nil.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the C.P.O. on land in Gort had been confirmed with modifications. If Councillor Fahey would point out land available for acquisition in Gort, we would appreciate it.

Councillor Fahy stated that if the Council wanted land in Gort or anywhere else, it should go out and buy it. If land were bought now for even £100,000 we would have a land bank available.

The Chairman pointed out that Councillor Fahy should furnish the Assistant County Manager with the names of landowners with land available.

Councillor Kilgannon said it was unfair to ask Councillor Fahy to do this.

Councillor Byrne said the way the Council goes about acquiring land is unsatisfactory.

PAYMENT OF HOUSING LOANS IN 4 INSTALMENTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON.

The County Secretary stated:-

We have investigated the suggestion that housing loans be paid in four instalments. At present they are paid in two instalments - the first instalment being payable when the roof and walls are completed. This is a standard practice of Local Authorities generally and is, as we are aware, a condition in all Schemes. However, before any money can be paid, an applicant has to have his title in order and our experience indicates that in the overwhelming majority of cases the work of putting the title in order is not completed until at least the roof and walls of a house has been completed.

In the circumstances, we see no point in amending the Scheme, as for the most part, we would be unable to pay the earlier

instalments to applicants.

Councillor Kilgannon enquired how houses could be got to roof level without money as most applicants dont own site by time roof is on and bridging finance is not available from the Banks. If the applicants cannot get the money from the Council, they cannot get it from any other source.

The Chairman said advances cannot be made in many cases because site does not conform with the planning permission. The Council loan will not finance the house on its own and most people require to have some other capital besides.

Councillor McCormack seconded the proposal but pointed out that nobody could expect the Council to advance money if the title is not in order.

Councillor Ruane suggested that first instalment should be paid when foundations have been put in.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Law Agent had advised that the motion, if adopted, would be ineffective as applicants would not have their title in order and would not benefit. The Council would, in addition, be going out of line with what other Councils were doing.

ELIGIBILITY FOR HOUSING LOANS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON.

The County Secretary stated it is clear from directions given by the Minister that income is to be assessed on gross income. The income limit has recently been raised from £4,000 to £5,500 per year but the date of operation of this limit is not yet known.

Councillor Kilgannon pointed out that there was a substantial difference between gross and nett incomes and said he wished to express dissatisfaction with the scheme as operated by the Council.

The Chairman pointed out that the scheme was administered on the directions of the Minister and that he had promised to look into a previous request by the Council that eligibility be assessed on the basis of nett income rather than gross income. The Minister had not altered his directions and may do so under the revised scheme.

APPOINTMENT OF TENANTS TO COUNCIL HOUSES VACATED BY ITINERANTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE.

The County Secretary stated that vacancies in houses are filled in accordance with the Council's Scheme of letting priorities and after obtaining report from the Chief Medical Officer. He could not agree to a policy which would discriminate against Itinerants in considering all the factors which are relevant in regard to eligibility.

Councillor Joyce said the motion should be amended by inserting the word "may" before the words "be let".

The motion as amended was accepted and agreed.

Councillor Joyce said that he wished to avoid having any particular house permanently classified as an "Itinerant" house.

PROVISION OF HOUSE FOR MICHAEL MCKEIGUE (SENIOR), CRAUGHWELL, LAURENCETOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE.

The County Secretary stated that;

An application was first received from Mr. Michael McKeigue (Senior)

in March, 1976 to re-house himself then 75 years, his wife aged 60 years and two children aged 16 and 11 years. The application was investigated and reports showed that the house was in an unfit condition and not capable of economic repair.

Looking at his means however, his rate demand note showed that he owned 137 acres of land P.L.V. of which was £61.05. Having such means his application was refused as it was considered that he should be in a financial position to provide his own accommodation. Representations were made on his behalf to say that the land was transferred to his married son who had built a new house on the farm. The covenant stated that his son would work the farm for the use and benefit of his parents and their survivor and after their lifetime to have the exclusive use himself.

Councillor Joyce gave particulars of other relevant circumstances which warranted further consideration.

The Assistant County Manager agreed to re-examine the case.

PROVISION OF COUNCIL HOUSES IN CALTRADUFF, DERRYFADDA AND MUCKLOON AREAS - MOTION BY SENATOR M. KITT.

The County Secretary stated;

There are no public water or sewerage services in the areas mentioned. The County Council own serviced land in Ballygar (5 miles) and Mountbellew (9 miles) and have recently completed 6 No. houses in Mountbellew and the development of 7 No. private sites. The County Council are also currently engaged on the erection of 12 No. houses in Ballygar and have 6 No. private sites for sale. It would be more prudent for the County Council to concentrate any additional building in these serviced towns. A recent Press Release indicates that most of the permanent work force for the factory and bog will be recruited locally. In view of this, it would hardly be necessary to undertake a further building programme in the areas mentioned particularly in the absence of specific demand.

Senator Kitt said the area was a no man's land in which the population was falling. There are now more definite proposals regarding the Briquette Factory at Ballyforan and housing would be required for the Boards workers. Efforts to acquire land in the area should be pursued.

301A -  
SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-  
Mrs. D. O'Donnell, N.T. Carraroe Post Office, Carraroe.  
Tomas O'Neachtain Uasal, Baile an tSleibhe, An Spideal.  
Mr. Paddy Madden, Mooneen, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Grealish, Tierneevan, Gort, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. W. Mannion, Galway Road, Tuam.

The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. Flynn CHAIRMAN

25/2/80 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH 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, Cllr. F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. J. Finnegan, 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. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); S. McMahon, R. Killeen, F. Monahan and K. Hays, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; C. Miney, F. O. Gallachoir, and J. Connolly, Temporary Planning Assistants; N. Forde, A.C.E.; D. Barrett, and H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officers; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

302 - "GET-WELL" MESSAGES:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Deputy Killilea, the Council conveyed its good wishes to Councillor E. Haverly for a speedy and complete return to health.

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, the Council also expressed its good wishes to Mr. Gerard P. Fahy, Ennis Road, Gort, for his complete recovery following a recent accident.

303 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33867 - APPLICANT: SEOSAMH O HIARNAIN:

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on a relatively undeveloped boithrin leading to the sea at Aille in Inverin, approximately four miles west of Spiddal Village. There are only two houses on this boithrin, an old thatched cottage facing this site and a new bungalow further to the south.

BACKGROUND:

Permission has been refused twice previously on this site (Planning reference numbers 24577 and 31868). The applicant has also been refused permission on an adjacent site (Planning reference 32867). An analysis of grants of permission on this boithrin shows that it has been the consistent policy of the Planning Authority to refuse permission unless bona fide second family claims are substantiated and no satisfactory alternative site exists on the family holding.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed house would be visually obtrusive between the main road and the sea in an area of high visual amenity where the preservation of views and prospects is an objective of the County Development Plan 1979, (Map Nos. M5 & M6)

The applicant does not come within the categories of essential housing need which may be permitted in such an area of high amenity if a bona fide claim is substantiated and no alternative site exists. The applicant in this case is from Carna and is now living and working in Galway. His housing need should not be satisfied in an area of high amenity where it is the Planning Authority's policy to restrict development to essential local housing need. If this applicant wishes to live in Inverin, there are many sites available in areas of less visual amenity.

RECOMMEND:

Refusal as recommended above."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor O'Morain and seconded by Councillor O Conchubhair.

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

304 - 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:

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

1. 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 to 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 when this matter was previously discussed by the Council, members made reference to the question that the Contract signed by Mr. Shaughnessy, when he was purchasing the land, and following this discussion, Mr. Shaughnessy was invited if he so wished, to submit the Contract for inspection. He submitted a copy of the Contract and there is no stipulation in this contract about the Planning Permission. He stated that Mr. Shaughnessy had informed the Council that he had a three-bedroomed house and that he was going to give this to his parents. The County Manager stated that he wished to endorse what had already been said, i.e., that the fact that a man purchases a site without planning permission should not influence County Councillors in considering the application for Planning Permission. He emphasised that if this resolution is passed, it will be almost impossible to prevent the development of the area between this site and Galway. He stated that the matter was so serious that he felt the Council would have to refuse the application.

Councillor Ruane stated that two applications in respect of this site had already previously been refused and he stated that the grant of Permission on this site will result in a large number of applications in similar circumstances on this national Primary Road between the site and Galway.

Councillor Holland, referring to the use of Section 4 resolutions in general, stated that in many cases where those are passed and where a previous owner had been refused Permission in respect of the same site, it was unjust to those previous owners. He stated that the County Manager has the right to lodge an appeal against the grant of permission following the passing of a Section 4 resolution, but that he (The Manager) had stated that he was abiding by the wishes of the majority of the Council when they passed such resolutions. He considered that the County Manager has a function in this matter and that he should go further and lodge appeals as it is time to call a halt to the extent to which Section 4 Resolutions are being used in the Council.

The County Manager stated that what Councillor Holland had stated is not correct, that if he had a duty, he would carry it out. He considered it important to point out that the Law has given power to Councillors to pass Section 4 Resolutions and that law makes no provision for the County Manager as County Manager to lodge an Appeal against such decisions. If he were to do so, he might do so as a private individual but he is satisfied that he is behaving correctly in dealing with Section 4 cases.

Councillor Holland stated that he wished to apologise to the Manager following his explanation.

Deputy Killilea stated that he had previously felt that only second family dwellings should be permitted off main roads, but that following certain Ministerial decisions made some years ago, he was now taking into account the permissions given under those decisions.

Councillor Finnegan stated the applicant in this case was providing for his parents in their old age. He proposed that the Council pass the resolution set out on the Agenda.

Councillor Welby seconded Councillor Finnegan's proposal.

Councillor Ruane proposed and Councillor Holland seconded that the Permission sought be refused.

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

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

FOR COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN'S PROPOSAL: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ryan and Welby. (15)

FOR COUNCILLOR RUANE'S PROPOSAL: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors O'Foighil, and Ruane. (14)

The Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Councillor Finnegan carried.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, who asked if any advertisement had been published by the Council indicating that Planning Permission could not be given for sites on this road, the County Manager asked how could any advertisements specify where in the County of Galway a person could build and could not build. The Plan is there - it was debated for a long time by the Council before it was adopted, and if a man buys a site for the purpose

of building, the simple device which is adopted, is to buy subject to Planning Permission.

Councillor Ryan stated that when this man has built his house, he is prepared to freeze the remainder of the site which he has purchased. The County Manager stated that the only serious issue in this case is that there is access on to a National Primary Road which will result in an extreme traffic hazard.

305 - 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:

"The holding on which the above site is located has been examined. The location map of other family lands is not yet available. Several alternative and more acceptable locations for a house are available on the above holding in much more sheltered locations.

It is difficult to understand why the proposed location was selected for year round habitation as is claimed in this case. The house would be on the peak of a sand dune which is already very much eroded and it would appear to be a very unstable location for house foundations.

The site is very exposed and commands panoramic views of sea, beach and golf course.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development, located in an open scenic landscape and close to an attractive beach would seriously diminish the visual amenity of the area.
2. The proposed development, located on a site which has no public road frontage, would constitute disorderly development of backlands."

The County Manager stated that in relation to recent applications, only one Councillor had entered into very serious consultations about an application.

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 McCormack stated that he had entered into consultations in this case and following the information which was given by the applicant, he did not expect that the resolution would have to be on the Agenda. Referring to the first paragraph of the report, Councillor McCormack stated that the site proposed is on the nearest point to a public road on this man's 37 acre holding. He stated that there may be a site but it would be about a half a mile away and up on a mountain without any access to a road.

The County Manager stated that he understood that there was another location on this man's own land quit near the site, probably within about 100 yards of it. The applicant would be welcome to come in and he would be shown this on the Planning Maps.

The Chairman asked Deputy Mannion if he were prepared to agree to postpone the resolution in order to give an engineer an opportunity of visiting the applicant and showing him the site which the Council had in mind.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the resolution would be deferred to the next meeting, and the County Manager stated that, in the meantime, the applicant will be visited by a Member of the Planning staff.

306 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 25123 - APPLICANT: MRS. AGNES JOYCE:

The County Manager stated that the application in this case was not complete as a reply to a Further Information notice sent to the applicant is still outstanding. It was agreed that consideration of the resolution be postponed until the Further Information sought is received.

307 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34366 - APPLICANT: MRS. MAUREEN LAW:

The County Manager stated that this case was an example of the failure of the consultation procedures which had been agreed as the decision to grant Planning Permission was sent out on the 14th January, and the Section 4 Resolution came in on the 15th January.

The Chairman stated that there was never a need for a Section 4 resolution in this case and he expressed regret that the procedures already agreed had not been followed with regard to consultation.

Deputy Mannion stated that he was surprised that it was decided to grant Permission in this case as similar applications in respect of the same site had already been refused by the County Council and on Appeal.

Councillor McCormack asked if Engineers could be available for the full day each Monday in the Planning Section, but the County Manager stated that he would like to adhere to the arrangements already made, but he pointed out that there is no objection to anybody telephoning for an appointment at any other time.

308 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34413 - APPLICANT: MR. ROD MCGAHON:

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

1. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

Permission for the same development has been refused twice previously, reference numbers 29428, 33585. These decisions were not appealed.

2. PLANNING CONTEXT:

(i) Ribbon Development

It has been the consistent policy of the Planning Authority to restrict ribbon development along the Clifden/Roundstone Road. There has been tremendous pressure for holiday home development along this road and only substantiated essential housing need has been allowed by the Planning Authority. No such need exists in this instance. Such development is permissible in principle east of the Main Road. To grant this application will undermine the efforts and the credibility of the Planning Authority in this area.

(ii) Scenic Amenity

The proposed development will also contribute to the erosion of the open character of the landscape and detract from the fine views of the Twelve Bens available along this very important scenic route.

3. REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

The proposed development, not being of the essential housing need category as defined in the County Development Plan, would detract from the visual amenity of this scenic route, because it would contribute to ribbon development, along this road which would erode its open rugged and relatively unspoilt character."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Mannion, <sup>and</sup> seconded by Councillor Bartley.

Councillor Holland proposed and Councillor J. Burke seconded that the Permission sought be refused. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR DEPUTY MANNION'S PROPOSAL: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ryan, Welby. (18)

FOR COUNCILLOR HOLLAND'S PROPOSAL: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Glynn, Holland, Ruane. (6)

The Chairman declared Deputy Mannion's proposal carried.

The following Councillors did not vote:

Councillors U. Burke, Coogan, F. Fahey, O'Foighil. (4)

309 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34143 - APPLICANT: COLM O TUATHAIL:

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed development is located on a boithrin leading to the sea at Aille in Inverin, approximately four miles west of Spiddal Village.

BACKGROUND:

Permission has been refused for a dwellinghouse on this site on four occasions (Planning Ref. Nos. 22844, 28857, 30830 and 32924), by the Planning Authority and by An Bord Pleanala on one occasion. This site is located (without adequate road frontage) to the rear of two existing houses (Planning Ref. Nos. 20378 and 28967).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The proposed house would be visually obtrusive between the main road and the sea in an area of High Visual Amenity where the preservation of views and prospects is an objective of the 1979 County Development Plan (Map Nos. M.5 and M.6).
2. The proposed development would constitute disorderly development of backlands and would interfere with the residential amenity of the two adjacent houses, because it would be located to the rear of these houses.
3. The proposed development would contribute to a health hazard because it would be located adjacent to two existing septic tanks and would lead to the construction of a third septic tank in an area which is too small and the soil is not adequate to treat the resulting septic tank effluent.
4. The applicant's housing need does not come within the categories of essential housing need (as provided for in the 1979 County Development Plan) because there are alternative sites on the family holding. However, in this case, the applicant is not prepared to consider these alternative sites and insists on a site which has consistently been held to be inadequate by the Planning Authority. REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE ABOVE REASONS. "

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair go nglacfaí le run 1(g) sa chlar cibre agus Chuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Morain leis an moladh seo.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke and seconded by Councillor Holland that the Permission sought be refused.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the report presented to the Council was slightly misleading, although he accepted that this is not intentional, in that it states that the house proposed would be behind two existing houses. He stated that it is rather a staggering of houses on a road which is off the main road. Regarding the septic tank treatment, he stated that the Council can specify in the conditions the type of treatment which would be necessary in order to comply with the appropriate conditions.

The County Manager stated that the point being made is that the proposal would, if carried out, diminish the amenity of the other two houses and that this is a valid Planning objection. He reminded the Council that there is an obligation to have regard to the interest of existing householders, and he pointed out to the Council that Permission for a dwellinghouse on this site had already been refused on four occasions.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR O CONCHUBHAIR'S PROPOSAL: Councillors Bartley, U. Burke, Deputy Callanan, F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Welby. (15)

FOR COUNCILLOR J. BURKE'S PROPOSAL: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Clr. Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Ruane, Ryan. (12)

The Chairman declared Councillor O'Conchubhair's proposal carried.

Councillor O'Foighil did not vote.

310 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34345 - APPLICANT: PATRICK ROONEY:

At the request of Deputy Killilea, the Council agreed to defer consideration of this motion until the next meeting - Deputy Killilea stating that an application for an extension of time would be lodged by the applicant.

311 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34350 - APPLICANT: JACK MADDEN:

The County Manager stated that it had been decided to grant Planning Permission in this case.

312 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34408 - APPLICANT: PATRICK GAVIN:

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

"HISTORY

Outline Planning Permission for this estate of five houses was granted in Outline Planning Permission ref. No. 25015, and subsequent approvals were granted for the five houses which have since been built. All permissions were granted subject to access to and from the site being taken from Tullinadaly Road to the east of the site and on condition that no access, pedestrian or vehicular was permitted onto the National Primary Route to the west of the site.

The permitted access road was to be from points "Y" to "A" as indicated on the accompanying drawing.

Furthermore, the developer was required to erect a 6 foot high decorative timber fence along the western boundary between the site and the National Primary Route.

The purpose of these requirements was to restrict vehicular and pedestrian access onto the National Primary Route in order to maintain the safety and free flow of traffic.

#### CURRENT POSITION:

To date the developer has constructed all five houses and three are occupied. The developer has constructed an unauthorised road from X to Y and an unauthorised access at point X. No attempt has been made to construct the approved road from Z to A.

#### THE PROPOSAL

The current application is to have the access to the National Primary Route at point X and the road from X to Y retained as the authorised access to the site. This is undesirable as:-

- (i) An additional access onto the National Primary Route would have the effect of interfering with the free flow of traffic and of reducing the capacity of the route.
- (ii) A vehicular access would entail the provision of a pedestrian access onto the footpath adjoining the National Primary route with consequent danger to young children from the estate.
- (iii) There is little advantage in providing the proposed access in place of the original road, as the area of land adjacent to it, (Marked P.O.S.) is reserved as public open space and cannot be built on.

#### RECOMMENDATION - REFUSAL

The proposed development would involve the creation of an additional substandard vehicular access onto the National Primary route which would have the effect of interfering with the free flow of traffic, thus reducing the capacity of the route and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Deputy Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Finnegan. Deputy Killilea stated that this site is off a cul-de-sac and that the exit proposed is via a gateway which was already in existence. He stated that the development is in the heart of a town and inside a speed limit area, and that the road nearby is almost 60 feet wide. He stated that Permission for the proposed new exit was refused following negotiations. He also stated that there are five other access points on this road from five separate houses.

Councillor Byrne proposed and Councillor Holland seconded that the Permission sought be refused.

Councillor Byrne stated that in this case Permission had been given for development for five houses on specified conditions, that later full Permission had been given to five people, that the developer is not now carrying out those conditions and that he should be compelled to carry them out.

The County Engineer stated that the site provides for five houses and that refusal of the Permission now sought will not stop the erection of those houses. An unauthorised by-pass, which the Council has been trying to eliminate for safety reasons has now been provided. There is adequate access for the development to the old road according to the conditions in the original Permission. There is nothing to be gained by changing the access as it is the same distance to town as by either access point. The exit proposed, if approved, would cause a serious traffic hazard for people who would have to make a "U" turn towards the town.

Councillor J. Burke stressed the importance of having the conditions in the original Permission in this case enforced.

The County Engineer stated that if the alteration now sought is approved, there is a possibility that there would be an application for an extra house on part of the site which is reserved as an open space.

A vote taken on both proposals resulted as follows:

FOR DEPUTY KILLILEA'S PROPOSAL: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Mollody, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Welby. (14)

FOR COUNCILLOR BYRNE'S PROPOSAL: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Clr. Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors O'Foighil, Ruane, Ryan. (15)

The Chairman declared Deputy Killilea's proposal defeated.

313 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34131 - APPLICANT: PATRICK H. JOYCE:

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

#### "LOCATION

The proposed site is located in an Area of High Amenity (as Classified by the County Development Plan) at Barnagorteeny townland, Glann, which is approximately three and a half (3½) miles north of Oughterard. The site is located in an area of elevated ground, about 250 feet above sea level and overlooking Lough Corrib which is one mile away. The site is to the rear and overlooks the house site on which Outline Permission was granted to a Mr. John Wilson (Pr. Ref. No. 25570).

#### BACKGROUND

The applicant is a Mr. P. M. Joyce who has a farm holding in this area. Outline planning permission has been granted for a total of five houses on this holding including full permission for another one (Planning Ref. Nos. 6354, 8036, 25570 and 30740). Outline Permission has been refused for a dwellinghouse on this site on two occasions (Planning Ref. Nos. 31645 and 33499).

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- (1) The proposed house would be located on an elevated site in a high lying area where it is the opinion of the Planning Authority that it would detract from the visual amenities of this area which is classified as an Area of High Amenity and where it is an objective of the County Plan to restrict development.
- (2) The proposed development would constitute an undesirable development of backlands which have no road frontage. Moreover, the proposed site has an elevated position to the rear of a house site owned by a Mr. John Wilson and the proposed house would interfere with the residential amenity of Mr. Wilson's house because it directly overlooks his site.
- (3) The proposed house, together with existing and permitted development would constitute an undesirable increase in the housing density of this rural high amenity area. In fact, there is already permission for a total of five houses on Patrick H. Joyce's holding.

REPLY TO APPLICANT'S LETTER

The Planning Authority does not accept Mr. Joyce's points, as raised in the letter circulated to Councillors.

- (a) The Planning Authority feel that a house on this elevated site would detract from the visual amenities of this High Amenity Area (cf. County Development Plan.)
- (b) The site has no road frontage and this can be clearly seen from the site map. Moreover, the site is directly to the rear of another person's site.
- (c) The Planning Authority's policy (as outlined in the County Development Plan) is to restrict development to essential housing need in areas of High Amenity. The prospective buyer does not have any special case entitling him to a site in a High Amenity Area and there are many more suitable sites in this general area.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal as outlined above."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Mannion and seconded by Councillor Coogan.

Councillor Holland proposed and Councillor J. Burke seconded that the Permission sought be refused.

Councillor Joyce stated that a properly designed house in an amenity area can add to the beauty of the area rather than detract from it. He considered that the Council should have a Landscape Artist to advise it on this aspect of Planning.

Councillor McCormack stated that the site in this case is about two and a quarter miles by road from the Lake, and that in fact, it is lower than Mr. Wilson's site and that it does not overlook Mr. Wilson's site as stated in the report. He stated that while there is a view of the lake, it is not a good view and a house at this location would not interfere with any traffic.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR DEPUTY MANNION'S PROPOSAL: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, U. Burke, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahy, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ryan, Welby.

(23)

FOR COUNCILLOR HOLLAND'S PROPOSAL: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, Ruane.

(4)

The Chairman declared Deputy Mannion's proposal carried.

Councillors Byrne and O'Foighil did not vote.

At this stage, the Chairman condemned the action of an applicant for Planning Permission involved in a Section 4 resolution who had been taking down notes as to how each Councillor was voting.

Deputy Callanan stated that there is little they can do if the public come in and note what is happening.

314 - PLANNING GENERAL:

Councillor Ulick Burke asked if maps or slides or some such documentation could be brought to Council Meetings when Section 4 resolutions are being considered in order to give the Council more information on them. He stated that the Council would need this information as the applicants are presenting their side of the case to Councillors.

The County Manager stated that with regard to maps, the Council is doing all it can within the constraints which operate in the Planning Section, but he asked the Council to consider seriously whether it would really make any difference if additional maps or slides were provided.

With regard to information given to An Taisce, he stated that he takes the view that when information is given in public and circulated to Members and the Press at a Meeting, he takes the view that it is then a public document and that it may be possible that in those circumstances, a copy would be given to An Taisce. If however, they got any such copy, it would be after a County Council Meeting, not before.

Councillor McCormack stated that he did not consider that it was the business of an Taisce what reasons the Council had for granting or refusing a Permission.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the Planning Section needs greater staffing, and that it is not possible for that Section to meet the demands for consultations, etc., which are made on it.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that it appears that sometimes what happens is that work is undertaken and carried out, and that this is then used as a lever to get Permission for retention.

315 - MINUTES:

Arising out of the Minutes, Deputy Killilea thanked the Members of the Council for their vote of congratulations to him on his appointment as Minister of State and he expressed the hope that he could continue to serve the interests of the Council.

The County Secretary, in reply to the Chairman, stated that a copy of the resolution referred to at Minute No. 289 had been forwarded to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and that an acknowledgement had been received.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Minutes of Meetings held on the 17th December, 1979, and 14th January, 1980, (Numbers 246 - 299 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

316 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS:

Councillor Joyce stated that when this matter had come up for consideration previously, the Council had agreed on his suggestion that the Council would postpone a decision on acceptance of the revised rates of travelling and subsistence allowances proposed by the Minister in Circular G.4/79 dated 18th October, 1979. He suggested that the Council might now decide to accept the rates proposed.

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

- "(a) That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of travelling expenses at the rate of 26p in respect of each mile travelled to and from his official residence, to and from the place of meeting, to Members of Galway County Council and to Members of any Committee, Sub-Committee, Board, or Joint Committee, or Joint Board (other than a Vocational Education Committee or Committee of Agriculture) of, or appointed by the Council where the official residence of the Member is five miles or more by any route from the place of the Meeting - this rate to apply to attendances at meetings on or after 1st September, 1979.

(b) That an inclusive travelling and subsistence allowance, not exceeding £8.20 be paid to any Member who attends a meeting of the authority or of a Committee at a place less than 5 miles by any route from his official residence and who is obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than three hours - this allowance to apply to meetings held on or after 1st September, 1979.

(c) That the Council also approve the payment of the other travelling and subsistence allowances set out in the enclosure to Circular letter G.4/79 dated 18th October, 1979, from the Department of the Environment, at the rates set out in that Circular - in respect of all meetings held on or after 1st September, 1979."

317 - LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION:

Councillor Joyce stated that in order to continue discussions with representatives of other County Councils in Ireland, it would be advisable for the Council to appoint a Member who would represent Galway Councillors on the Committee which is organising a Local Authority Members' Association in Ireland.

On the proposition of Senator Kitt, seconded by Councillor McCormack, the Council agreed to appoint Councillor James Joyce to act on this Committee.

Councillor Joyce stated that a request had been made to the General Council of County Councils to appoint consultants who would investigate the expenses, duties, etc., of public representatives but they had decided not to appoint such Consultants.

Councillor Molloy stated that the Executive Committee of the General Council of County Councils had suggested that the Department of the Environment should pay the expenses. Replying to a query, the County Manager stated that the Galway County Council would not be authorised to incur expenditure under this heading.

318 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREE:

It was noted that a Malicious Damage Decree, particulars of which were set out in the schedule to the Agenda, had been received since the previous meeting.

319 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT TOWNPARKS (1ST DIVISION) TUAM:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Deputy Killilea, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of three perches approximately at Townparks (1st Division) Tuam, to Mr. Seamus O'Neill, Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 8th January, 1980, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

320 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERK/TYPIST:

It was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of an additional office of Clerk/Typist in accordance with the particulars of office, duties, and salary, etc., approved by the Minister for the Environment."

Replying to a query from Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that a list of Senior Staff, together with particulars of the services which they are administering, would be circulated in the very near future to each Member of the Council.

Replying to a further query by Councillor Kilgannon in connection with the preparation of a booklet giving information on the Council's services, the County Manager stated that this would come up for discussion in connection with a later item on the Agenda.

321 - DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING:

It was agreed that the Estimates Meeting for the year 1980 would be held on the 10th March, 1980.

322 - COISTE GAELTACHTA:

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Morain go dtoghfaí Coiste Gaeilge in ionad Coiste Gaeltachta, agus go bhfeadfadh an Choiste sin an gaeilge agus leas na Gaeltachta a chur chun cinn, agus go mbeadh ionadaí o gach cuid den Chontae ar an gCoiste sin. Ina theannta sin, dhean se tagairt d'a run uimhir 30 (a) ar an gClar agus duirt se go bhfeadfadh oifigeach caidrimh poiblí cunamh a thabhairt don gCoiste sin.

Councillor O'Morain then proposed that the Council would establish Coiste na Gaeilge which would have representation from Members throughout the County and which would help to promote the use of Irish among Members and among the staff of the County Council. He considered the employment of a Public Relations Officer as an important part of this function.

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Foighil go dtoghfaí Coiste Gaeltachta ina mbeadh cuigeir deag duine ann agus ionadaíocht ag gach partai sa Chomhairle agus ag na Chomharchumann. Duirt se go raibh tabhacht faoi leith le Coiste Gaeltachta a cheapadh agus go mbeadh baint ag an Choiste sin le Udaras na Gaeltachta maidir le boithri, uisce agus seirbhíse eile.

Do chuidigh an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair leis an moladh a rinne an Comhairleoir O Morain. Duirt se go mba cheart go mbeadh ceangail ag an Coiste Gaeilge leis an Udaras, agus go mba cheart daoine a bheith ar an Coiste taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht.

Councillor O Conchubhair stated that it is important that the County Council see what is happening within the Udaras and vice versa. He considered that the County Council on its own cannot help the improvement of Connemara Roads and that the Coiste Gaeilge could take an interest in improvement of roads in Connemara as well as other services.

Do chuidigh an Comhairleoir Seoighe leis an run a mhol an Comhairleoir O Morain.

Do chuidigh an Comhairleoir Mac Giolla Geanainn leis an run a mhol an Comhairleoir O Foighil ach duirt se gur cheart aitheantais oifigiúil a thabhairt do chaomhnu agus forbairt na Gaeltachta.

Councillor O'Morain suggested that Members who have a particular interest in the matter of the Gaeltacht and the Irish revival should have a meeting between themselves and discuss the possibility of a common approach to the matter.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that Councillors O'Morain and O'Foighil would arrange for discussions on this matter and that a decision be deferred to the next monthly meeting.

323 - PROMOTION OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICE:

Councillor O'Morain suggested that this matter be left over for further consideration in conjunction with the proposal to appoint a Coiste Gaeltachta or a Coiste Gaeilge.

The County Manager stated that there was one very important aspect to this matter and that was the goodwill of the staff of the Local Authority in promoting the use of Irish in the Local Government service. He stated that much will depend the voluntary effort which is put into it by the staff and that it is important that the voluntary aspect of this activity would be recognised and that no directions would be handed down from any authority putting an obligation on the staff with regard to the use of Irish.

The County Manager stated that he had already had meetings with two groups of staff members to discuss with them whether they wished to be involved in the formulation of policy with regard to the use of Irish and in promoting



its use. He had found a very ready response from the staff on their willingness to participate in an effort aimed at the greater use of Irish. When the matter is explored further, there may be a possibility of a joint meeting between the staff and Members of the Council.

It was agreed that further consideration of this matter would be deferred to the next monthly meeting.

Replying to a query by Councillor O'Foighil, the County Secretary stated that the cost of providing an instant translation service in the Council Room will be brought before the County Council when it is available.

324 - RATE LIMITS FOR 1980:

The County Manager informed the Council that a Circular letter dated 18th January, 1980, had been received from the Department of the Environment stating that the Minister for the Environment has directed that 10% shall be the maximum amount by which the aggregate rate in the £ to be determined by each rating authority in respect of the Local Financial Year 1980 shall exceed the aggregate rate in the £ determined by such rating authority in respect of 1979. He stated that the Estimates now being prepared on the basis of this guideline.

Senator Connaughton, criticising the 10% rate limit, stated that this will not be adequate to keep the old and new services in operation.

Deputy Donnellan enquired if this would result in curtailment of services.

The County Manager stated that it is not possible to say at the moment, that Estimates are being prepared and that he can foresee some difficulties particularly having regard to wage levels and increases over and above the National Understanding, which are being approved. Several items of expenditure will be well in excess of 10% over the level for 1979. The sum available for Roads will not be known until Road Grants for 1980 have been notified.

Deputy Callanan stated that he can foresee difficulties with regard to the limitation of the rate, but he pointed out that regard would have to be had to the small number of Rate payers who are still liable to pay Rates.

Replying to Councillor F. Fahey, the County Manager stated that he was not referring to Capital Works in his comments on the 10% Rate limitation.

Councillor Joyce stated that as the amount the Council will receive will depend on valuations, the Council should insist that all new buildings be valued as it seemed to him that many houses had not been valued.

The County Manager stated that he agreed with Councillor Joyce in that this was very important, and he pointed out that all such cases are sent to the Valuation Office for the purpose of having them valued.

324 - PROGRAMME FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

The County Manager referred to Circular dated 22nd January, 1980, prepared by Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, together with the list which was enclosed therewith, and he gave a brief outline of the contents of this report which had already been circulated to each Member of the Council. He suggested that the Council might adopt the programme outlined for say a year or two and then review it. He pointed out that the order in which schemes are shown would have to be regarded as being flexible as it could happen for Planning and other reasons that one scheme might go ahead before one which is higher up on the list. Referring to the need for water in the Gaeltacht areas, he pointed out that whereas the grant of 85% towards loan charges is available, the difficulty is to find the Capital in the first instance to construct the Scheme. He stated that many Gaeltacht Schemes had been planned and ready to go and he was calling attention to the need for water in this area in the hope that funds might be made available through Roinn na Gaeltachta for the purpose of having the schemes commenced. If funds are made available, the Council will be ready to proceed at very short notice with the schemes.

Councillor Byrne proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that a special meeting be held to consider the Sanitary Services Programme and the Notices of Motion on the Agenda. This proposal was approved by the Council and it was agreed that the special meeting would be held on Friday, 22nd February, 1980.

325 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - BEOLA CRAFTS LTD.  
RATED OCCUPIER: JOSEPH CONNEELY. TOWNLAND: CUSHATROWER.

It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor Welby and resolved:

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts 1969 - 1975, hereby remit two-thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of a new factory at Cushatrower, Rated occupier - Joseph Conneely, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1979 - 1987, inclusive - the appropriate certificate under Section 3 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972, having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

326 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - GREANEY GLASS CO. LIMITED, CARNMORE EAST:

On the suggestion of the County Manager, it was agreed that consideration of this matter would be deferred pending enquiries regarding the type of industrial activity being carried on in these premises.

327 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - TELETRON TEORANTA, INISHMORE:

It was proposed by Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor McCormack, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Inishmore, occupied by Telectron Teoranta, in respect of the Local Financial years 1979-1982 inclusive, under the Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971, the appropriate certificate having been issued by Gaeltarra Eireann in respect of this factory."

Councillor Ulick Burke asked if information could be made available on the total amount of remissions being given at present and the annual loss to Rates resulting from those remissions.

The Chairman stated that the Council might have to reconsider its policy on this matter and he pointed out that Rates are allowed against tax levied on Industrialists.

It was agreed that a list of cases where remissions under Industrial Development and Gaeltacht Acts are being given and the annual loss would be prepared.

328 - DANGEROUS BEND NEAR WARD'S HOUSE, CARAUNMORE, (BALLYFA) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Manager stated that this proposal had not been included in the Provisional Roadworks Scheme for 1980 but that it would be considered with other desirable works for the Estimates for 1981. He stated that the problem is one of making the necessary funds available for carrying out the work.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

329 - DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIVER SHANNON:

The County Manager stated that following representations by the County Council, a letter had been received from the Department of Finance stating that following a submission presented by the five Regional Development Organisations bordering

the Shannon to the Minister for Economic Planning and Development on the 15th November last, the Minister had then agreed that a comprehensive view of the River Shannon's potential was necessary. Consultations with the various departments and agencies involved in the question of **framing** proposals for such a study are going on.

330 - REMUNERATION INCREASES UNDER AGREEMENT ON PAY POLICY, 1979:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to payment of increased remuneration under the second phase of the "Agreement on Pay Policy between Employer organisations and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, 1979." He stated that the increase is 7% plus £2.40 per week with a minimum of £3 per week. The operative dates are as follows:

Maintenance Craftsmen and allied grades - From 1st January, 1980.  
All others - From 1st March, 1980.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve payment of increased rates of wages and salaries in accordance with the terms of the second phase of the Agreement on Pay Policy between Employer organisations and the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, 1979, to all officers and servants, whole-time and part-time, with appropriate adjustments for all related grades - the increase is to date from the 1st January, 1980, in respect of Craftsmen and Allied grades, and in respect of all others from the 1st March, 1980."

331 - INCREASE IN REMUNERATION - GENERAL OPERATIVES:

The County Manager stated that an offer had been made to the Unions representing General Operatives, i.e., excluding Craftsmen, Firemen, and all those who have previously benefited by Productivity Agreements, and he requested the approval of the Council to the increases proposed on the assumption that the offer would be accepted by the appropriate Unions. The offer is as follows:

£3.80 per week - from 1st August, 1979, and a further sum not exceeding £3.80 per week, from the 1st January, 1980.

The estimated total cost of the increase for 1979 and 1980 is £273,000, of which approximately £45,000 would represent the increase in 1979.

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Senator Connaughton, and resolved;

"That subject to acceptance of the offer referred to by the County Manager by the Unions, the Council approves the increases proposed under the provisions of Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and also votes the necessary money to pay the increases in accordance with Section 11 of the same Act."

332 - DATE FOR MEETING OF FISHERIES COMMITTEE:

It was agreed to defer the fixing of a date for the meeting of this Committee until later.

333 - ISLANDS RIVER:

Replying to Senator Connaughton, Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that he expected to have a report on this matter available for the next meeting of the Council.

334 - FREE FUEL SCHEME:

When Deputy Donnellan raised the matter about the Free Fuel Scheme, the Chairman

stated that he could not allow a discussion on this matter as it was the business of the Western Health Board.

335 - LANDING RIGHTS FOR RUSSIAN AIRLINES AT SHANNON AIRPORT:

Councillor McCormack stated that he had been asked by a number of people to protest against the granting of <sup>landing</sup> rights at Shannon Airport to Russian Airlines. Councillor Ulick Burke supported Councillor McCormack but the Chairman stated that he could not accept a resolution unless it were put on the Agenda.

336 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Nora O'Dea, Claretuam, Tuam.  
Mr. Joseph Higgins, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Rose Hennessy, The Square, Gort.  
Mrs. S.C. Kelly, Tyrone, Kilcolgan.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. Gilman CHAIRMAN.

25/2/80 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL) -

Oifig an Runai,  
Aras an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

15u Feabhra, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, 22u Feabhra, 1980, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathrona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Sanitary Services Capital Programme - copy already circulated.
2. Councillors' Notices of Motion adjourned from Meeting held on January, 28th, 1980 - list herewith.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

13. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:
  - (a) That the Council declare public the road from Mrs. Healy's house leading to the gate into Kilmeeen graveyard, 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 Donoghue's and Bane's houses and was also made under the L.I.S. Scheme.
14. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

That more money be allocated for the improvement of Bog Roads owing to scarcity of fuel.
15. COUNCILLOR M. FAHY - I will propose
  - (a) That the Council supply transport for the Refuse Collection of Kiltulla Village, Athenry
  - (b) That the Council erect traffic lights in Oranmore on Dublin, Galway - Limerick junction, to relieve traffic congestion.
  - (c) That the Council speed up water for the Group Water Scheme Moneymore, Oranmore. There is dire need for water in this village.
16. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway County Council erect additional public lights at Creggs, Co. Galway.
  - (b) That Galway County Council carry out improvements to the Road/Bridge and corner at the entrance to Ted Conway's house at Bermingham, Tuam.
  - (c) That Galway County Council take the necessary steps to bring all courthouses in County Galway up to a proper and acceptable standard.
17. COUNCILLOR P. MCCORMACK - I will propose:
  - (a) That the Council requests that the draft ELECTORAL register is published, and made available each year by the 1st October to give people a proper opportunity of checking it and submitting connection by the end of each year.
  - (b) That the road in Uggooie, Moycullen past Finnertys, John Cookes and Peter Cookes house, which was recently repaired under L.I.S. be declared a public road.
  - (c) That a refuse collection service be made available in the Sliewfin to Knockdoe area, Claregalway.
18. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:
  - (a) That Galway County Council would build houses in the Caltraduff, Derryfadca, Muckloon areas near Ballyforan in view of the fact that a peat briquette factory will be built in Ballyforan.
  - (b) That the option of erecting upright headstones with kerbing in graveyards will continue to be available as opposed to lawn cemeteries.
  - (c) That a supply of water be made available from Ahascragh Water Supply to the Lurgan/Shruffaun Group Water Scheme.

19. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

That Galway County Council acquire land which is available adjacent to Kilbercany Church and car park for the provision of a new burial ground.

20. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- (a) That this Council transfer without delay the site for Community Centre at Cloughanover, Headford to the Cloughanover Community Centre Committee.
- (b) That this Council declare public a section of road from National Secondary Road to Michael Finnerty's gate at Uggol, Moycullen already blacktopped.
- (c) That this Council resurface the road from Spiddal village to Killough Road as I understand the watermain are complete on this section of road and it is in a dangerous condition at present.

21. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

- (a) That the flooding which regularly occurs on the County Road to James Kenny's house in Kilmacshane, (Banagher) be relieved by laying the long-promised pipe under the road where the flooding occurs.
- (b) That the Council take steps to make safe the very dangerous walls of the historical Franciscan Abbey (now in ruins) in Cloonkeenkirl graveyard, Gurteen, Ballinasloe.
- (c) That a refuse collection service be arranged for the people who live in Moher, Ballinasloe but who are outside the Urban boundary.

22. COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - I will propose:

- (a) That the Minister for Health and Social Welfare be asked to terminate the Local Old Age Pensions Committees.
- (b) That this Council, with the co-operation of Ballinasloe U.D.C. provide sewerage for the Pryal Stone Plant at Derrymullen, Ballinasloe.
- (c) That this Council calls for amendments to legislation governing Film Censorship and The Censorship of Publications Board so that objectionable matter on video cassettes and records may be controlled in this country.

23. COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

- (a) That the road to Errislannon graveyard be repaired and turntable be constructed and the drain opened.
- (b) That a retaining wall be built outside Phil Coyne's house near Leengane on Main Road to Westport.
- (c) That Mrs. Ridge's house at Ballinafad, Recess, have the roof replaced by County Council, due to County Council damage, when blasting some years past, repairs by the Council since have been unsuccessful.

24. COUNCILLORS T. MURPHY AND F. FAHEY - We will propose:

- (a) That proper lighting be provided in the Villages of Craughwell and Clarenbridge.
- (b) That Hard Shoulders be provided from the Green Briar Inn to Craughwell, and from Craughwell to Clostoken Crossroads.

25. AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molain:

- (a) Cosan a chur ar fail o theach Miceal O Loideain go dti an Staid Tionnscoilocht san gCeathru Rua.
- (b) Cosan o Ceibh Ros a'Whil chomh fada le scoil Naisiunta Ros a'Whil agus soilse poibli freisin.
- (c) Cosan o Scoil Naisiunta Leitimoir chomh fada le teach Sean O Murcu, Leitimoir.

26. COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE -

- (a) To ask if the conditions attached to housing development at Cloonarkin Drive, Oramore have been complied with, and if not what action the Council proposes to take.
- (b) That Public Lighting be provided in the Village of Shanaglish.
- (c) That provision be made in forthcoming estimates for the provision of a Sewerage Treatment Plant at Kinvara.

27. DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

That the road leading into Carrowbeg, Belclare be raised two feet in order to allow access by the locals arising from the flooding which now cuts them off.

28. COUNCILLORS JOSEPH BURKE, MICHAEL RYAN AND SENATOR PAUL CONNUGHTON - We will propose:

- (a) That Galway County Council provide Public Convenience in Glenamaddy.
- (b) That the County Council take over and maintain the Graveyard at Belclare Church.

29. AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOICHIL - Molain:

- (a) An gComhairle Contae ceangal uisce a thabhairt do Sean Cuddy, o na Forbacha.
- (b) An gComhairle Contae na moltai athruithe a bhi agam do Phleann Forbartha an Chontae a chuir ar an gClár Oifigiúil do chruinniú Feabhra.

30. AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN - Molain:

- (a) Go mba cheart don gComhairle Oifigeach Caidrimh Poibli a fhostu.
- (b) Go mba cheart na Coirneil ag Cill Chiarain a ghlanach as an mbealach.

31. COUNCILLORS M. O'MORAIN AND JOHN MANNION - We will propose:

That Galway County Council meet the wishes of the people of Cashel re the High Cashel Graveyard.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

19u Feabhra, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Contae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u Feabhra, 1980, 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 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.
  - (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 Ulick Joyce of Letterfrack, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Letternoosh. - Planning Ref. No. 34508."  
  
G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. N. O'Conchubhair.
  - (c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Peter Halloran of Moyard, Co. Galway, for dwellinghouse at Crocknaraw. - Planning Reference No. 34513."  
  
G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.
  - (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 Gerry Joyce of Cleggan, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Crocknaraw."  
  
John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.

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2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decree. (List herewith.)
4. Overdraft - quarter ending 30th June, 1980.
5. Sale of Houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, to:-  
  
Liam Ainsworth, Dublin Road, Tuam.  
Daniel Hurley, Brackloon, Kiltulla.  
Patrick Qualter, Tenagarraun, Corrandulla.  
Andrew Reynolds, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
Patrick Connors, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
William ~~Hawd~~, Ballynastuckaun, Ballyglunin.  
Thomas Madden, Glenaun, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe.  
Patrick Hannon, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
Michael Maloney, Dublin Road, Tuam.  
Mrs. Mary Gavin, Magheramore, Oughterard.  
Tony Duane, Marian Terrace, Portumna.  
Mrs. Ellen Madden, Cartrondoogan, Fohenagh, Ahascragh.  
John Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan.  
Peter Flaherty, Ballinderreen, Kilcolgan.  
Colm and Margaret O'Grady, Mountain West, Oranmore.  
John T. Martin, Roevehagh, Kilcolgan.  
Patrick B. Kelly, Cloonahamper, Lavally, Tuam.  
Christy Egan, Crowe Street, Gort.  
Mrs. Bridget Flaherty, Spiddle Middle, Spiddal.  
Martin Nestor, Dublin Road, Tuam.  
Frank Donoghue, Derrybeg, Tynagh.  
Patrick J. Shiel, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
Patrick J. Larkin, Killeenaran, Kilcolgan.  
Peter Broughan, Craughwell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Murray, Ballygar.  
Michael Keon, Derrygoolin, Whitegate.  
John Scully, Dublin Road, Tuam.  
  
- Notices dated 12th February, 1980.
6. Sale of Plot of land at Cloughanower, Headford. - Notice dated 14th February, 1980.
7. Housing Loans - copy of Circular dated 30th January, 1980, from the Department of the Environment, and report of Assistant County Manager, herewith.
8. Raising of loan of £1,050 to finance the cost of increase in pipe sizes for Bushypark Group Water Scheme.
9. Fix date of Meeting of Fisheries Committee.
10. Appointment of Coiste Gaeltachta (Minute No. 322).
11. Promotion of the Irish Language in the Local Authority Service (Minute No. 323).
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

PROPOSALS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

14. Review of County Development Plan - proposals of an Comhairleoir O'Foighil.
15. Dangerous bend - Station Road, Gort, and proposal to purchase adjoining area from C.I.E. - Proposals of Councillors F. Fahey, T. Byrne, and Deputy J. Donnellan.
16. Deputation to Ministers for the Environment and the Gaeltacht re Connemara Roads.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

17. COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE - I will propose:  
That Public Lighting be provided in Kilbeacanty, Kiltulla, and Nogra.
18. DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council explain why the public lights at Clonberne, Ballinasloe, have not been in operation for the past three months.
19. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:  
(a) That the County Council acquire land for a Burial Ground at Peterswell, Gort.  
(b) That the County Council commence a programme of acquiring land for serviced sites in all major towns and villages throughout the County.  
(c) That a connection off the Public Main be given for the Rinn/Killeeneen Group Water Scheme.
20. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:  
(a) That the speed limit signs near the Crystal Ballroom in Kiltormer be brought out as far as O'Halloran's House in Kiltormer.  
(b) That the County Council erect a pump over the bore-hole in Mick Marner's garden in Kill, Clontuskert.
21. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:  
(a) That this Council take steps to ease two bad corners near the road into Carnacuil, Headford, from the Claran Church side.  
(b) That a public light at Claran Church and school be provided.  
(c) That a 40 m.p.h. speed limit sign be erected in Turloughmore.
22. AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN - Molaim:  
(a) Gur Cheart do oifig an Innealtora in Uachtar Ard a chur in iul do'n Chlochan nuair a chliseann ar an truc drabhail, sa gcaoi go mbeadh truc osgailte ar fail chun an obair a dheanamh.  
(b) Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go mbeadh bonn no badge ar fail a chuireadh na gaeilgeoiri in aithne da chelle.
23. SENATOR P. CONNAUGHTON AND DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - We will propose:  
That the County Council indicate their intention to supply Headford Town with a proper water supply in the forthcoming years.

24. SENATOR P. CONNAUGHTON - I will propose:  
(a) That the Council immediately improve the junction at Aughtart Crossroads Mount Bellew.  
(b) That the County Council do everything possible to help the local community at Tynagh to get a replacement industry for the mines which will be closing later this year.
25. DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council give consideration to a public sewerage scheme at Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway.
26. COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:  
(a) That this County Council ease the dangerous bends in the village of Ballinastack, Cloonminda, Castlereagh.  
(b) That the County Council take over the Estate of Curragh Park, Tuam, and carry out repairs to the road resulting from the laying of pipes there.  
(c) That having regard to an earlier Council discussion on the matter, a certain sum of money be provided in the Estimates for work on the Islands River.
27. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL D. HIGGINS - I will propose:  
That the Council include a sum of money from the next Estimates to be available as a discretionary fund for the Arts Committee of the Region.
28. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:  
That the Council give permission to the Committee of Ballyglass Group Water Scheme to take the water for their scheme from Ahascragh.
29. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:  
(a) That any L.I.S. applications made to this Council for roads leading to bogs be put on a priority list because of the uncertainty of the energy position.  
(b) That all pensioners being paid monthly at present be paid twice monthly in future by this Council.  
(c) What are the plans for the proposed carpark and landing place at Derreenmeel, Oughterard, which was to be jointly financed by Bord Failte and the County Council, now that half the property has been sold to the Inland Fisheries Trust.
30. COUNCILLOR M. FAHY - I will propose:  
That the Council provide extra lighting in Ardrahan, Clarinbridge, and Gort (Loughrea Road and Garabeg).
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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.
Rev. Charles McNeill Caldwell, "The Manse" Taylor's Hill, Galway.	Damage to dwellinghouse and contents.	Borough of Galway.	£540	£659.93

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

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/1483

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Daniel Hurley, Brackloon, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Location:- Brackloon, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Daniel Hurley of: Brackloon, Kiltulla, Athenry, 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. 63/3/704

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Thomas Lardner, Tonagarraun, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

Location:- Tonagarraun, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick Qualter of: Tonagarraun, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1308.

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.

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K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/1471

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Mr. John McTigue, St. Brendan's Home, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Patrick McTigue, St. Mary's Road, Galway.  
Mr. John Coen, Galway Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Edward Healy, Atherry Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Pollroeuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Andrew Reynolds of: Pollroeuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5384.

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.

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K. Doyle,  
Secretary.



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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

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12th. February, 1980.

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The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Thomas Lardner, Tonagarraun, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

Location:- Tonagarraun, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick Qualter of: Tonagarraun, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1308.

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. 63/6/1471

12th. February, 1980.

To: Each Member:-

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Mr. Patrick McTigue, St. Mary's Road, Galway.  
Mr. John Coen, Galway Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Edward Healy, Athenry Road, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Andrew Reynolds of: Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5384.

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. February, 1980.

Ref. No. 63/6/914

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

Location:- Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

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

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1629.

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. 63/10/1516

12th. February, 1980.

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:-

Liam Ainsworth of: Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6467

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. February, 1980.

Ref. No. 63/10/1203

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:- Mary Kirwan, Ballinastack, Ballyglunin, Co. Galway.

Location:- Ballynastuckaun, Ballyglunin, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

William Hawd of: Ballynastuckaun, Ballyglunin, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4322.

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. 63/1/43

12th. February, 1980.

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

Location:- Glenaun, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Thomas Madden of: Glenaun, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £893.

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. 63/6/903

12th. February, 1980

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

Location:- Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

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

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £3076.

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. 63/10/1418

12th. February, 1980.

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:-

Michael Maloney of: Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6751.

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. 63/8/603

12th. February, 1980

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 Gavin, Magheramore, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Location:- Magheramore, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Mary Gavin of: Magheramore, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2471

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. 63/9/1004

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Minister for Lands.

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

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Tony Duane of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £3588.

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. 63/7/607

12th. February, 1980.

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:- John Madden, Cartrondogan, Fohenagh, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cartrondoogan, Fohenagh, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Ellen Madden of: Cartrondoogan, Fohenagh, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1103.

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. 63/5/1417

12th. February, 1980.

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:- John Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

Location:- Caherduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John Fahy of: Caherduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4513.

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. 63/5/1401

12th. February, 1980.

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:- John Flaherty, Ballinderreen, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

Location:- Ballinderreen, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Peter Flaherty of: Ballinderreen, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4940.

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. 63/5/1406

12th. February, 1980.

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

Location:- Roevehagh, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John T. Martin of: Roevehagh, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4513.

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. 63/10/1406

12th. February, 1980.

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 B. Kelly, Cloondahamper, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cloondahamper, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick B. Kelly of: Cloondahamper, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4513

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. 63/5/1422

12th. February, 1980.

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 Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn, Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane, Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe St., Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Christy Egan of: Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4734.

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. 63/3/427

12th. February, 1980.

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 Conway, Spiddle Middle, Co. Galway.

Location:- Spiddle Middle, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Bridget Flaherty of: Spiddle Middle, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £338.

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. 63/10/1110

12th. February, 1980.

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:-

Martin Nestor of: Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5778.

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. 63/9/1202

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Joseph Killeen, Derrybeg, Tynagh, Co. Galway.

Location:- Derrybeg, Tynagh, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Frank Donoghue of: Derrybeg, Tynagh, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4322.

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. 63/6/1412

12th. February, 1980.

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

Location:- Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick J. Shiel of: Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5169

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. 63/5/1405

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Mary Larkin, Aran, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

Location:- Killeenaran, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick J. Larkin of: Killeenaran, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4915

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. 63/6/1401

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Peter Broughan, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

Location:- Craughwell, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Peter Broughan of: Craughwell, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4322

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. 63/7/1403

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Michael Pettit, Main Street, Ballygar,  
Co. Galway.

Location:- Ballygar, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Murray of: Ballygar, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7093.

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. 63/10/1415

12th. February, 1980.

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 Scully of: Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6112.

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. 63/9/607

12th. February, 1980.

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:- John Keon, Derrygoolin, Whitegate, Co. Galway.

Location:- Derrygoolin South, Whitegate, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael Keon of: Derrygoolin South, Whitegate, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2499.

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. 63/3/605

12th. February, 1980.

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:- Delia Freaney, Mountain West, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

Location:- Mountain West, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Colm and Margaret O'Grady of: Mountain West, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2449

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.

14th February, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER/

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to dispose of a plot of land, as set out hereunder:

Land Acquired From: Mr. Patrick McDonagh, Cloughanower, Headford.

Location: Cloughanower.

Area: 3 roods 18 perches (approx.)

To whom the site is proposed to be sold: Mr. John Newell, Windfort, Headford.  
Mr. Patrick O'Brien, Culleen, Headford.  
Mr. Michael Forde, Kiernaun, Headford.  
- Trustees of Cloughanower Social Club.


Sale price - £1.00 (nominal).

Conditions of Sale:-

The site is to be used for the purpose of erecting a Community Centre thereon in accordance with the plans lodged and approved for Planning Permission.

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

Signed:

  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON  
FRIDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1980, AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator P. Connaughton, Deputy J. Donnellan, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, 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. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; F. Monahan, C.A.C.E.; L. Kavanagh Acting C.A.C.E.; Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer; Messrs. A. Murphy and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; N. Forde, A.C.E.; O. Higgins, Temporary A.C.E.; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

337 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

It was decided to defer consideration of this and to consider dealing with it at the Meeting on the 25th inst.

338 - DECLARATION OF ROAD LEADING TO GATE IN KILMEEN GRAVEYARD TO BE PUBLIC -  
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY.

The County Secretary stated that this road was repaired under a Local Improvements Scheme and surface dressed in 1977. There is no house served and the burial ground is not in general use and there were no burials in 1978. It is considered that the road does not meet the requirements for adoption. Councillor Haverty said that he disagreed with the report that the road was not in general use and pointed out that the burial ground is not closed and that people would need the road for the purpose of going to visit the cemetery.

The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined again in the light of Councillor Haverty's comments. Councillor Haverty asked that the gate leading to the burial ground be repaired.

Replying to Deputy Donnellan, the County Manager stated that the fact that a road serves a burial ground would be a factor which would be taken into consideration in deciding whether it should be made public but the general test is general public utility.

339 - DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE PUBLIC ROAD - ROAD TO CONNAIRE'S HOUSE OFF LOUGHREA  
BALLINASLOE MAIN ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY

The County Secretary stated that this road is less than 11 ft. between fences and could only be considered for adoption if money for widening it were provided from N.O.M. funds.

Councillor Haverty stated that he disagreed with the reply as he stated that when the road was being repaired under a Local Improvements Scheme he asked the Ganger to take off an additional 1 1/2 ft. at a bend, the Engineer informed him that it was not necessary to do this and that the road would qualify for taking over for maintenance by the County Council. He asked if the conditions at the bend were the cause of the Council's refusal to take it over.

The County Manager stated that in view of Councillor Haverty's comments the matter would be re-investigated.

340 - ALLOCATION OF L.I.S. FUNDS FOR BOG ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

Councillor Ruane referred to the very importance of the need to make turf available in the present fuel crisis. He proposed that the Council should ask for more money for developing and constructing bog roads. Deputy Donnellan seconded Councillor Ruane's proposal that the Council seek more money from the Government for this purpose. The other members of the Council present supported the proposal.

Deputy Callanan & Senator Kitt stated that they would not wish that the amount available for roads to private houses should be reduced on account of the allocation of special funds for bog roads.

Councillor O'Morain asked that the number of Schemes on hands and the money available to meet them should be re-examined because Estimates go quickly out of date because of rising costs.

The Chairman declared the resolution passed and asked that it be sent to the Department of the Environment and the Department of Energy.

341 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR KILTULLA VILLAGE - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that it is unlikely that any finances will be available in the year 1980 for extension of the refuse collection service.

The County Manager stated that the Council are buying two refuse collection trucks - that one would be used to replace an existing vehicle which would then be used as a stand-by and that it was unlikely that the finances available in 1980 would enable the truck to be put into commission until later in the year. He stated that the main purpose for which the trucks will have to be used is to eliminate overtime which is proving to be very costly.

Deputy Donnellan stated that an existing refuse collection service passes near Kiltulla and he asked if it could be re-routed to serve the village. Deputy Callanan supported Deputy Donnellan's proposal. The County Manager stated that this case could be made for many other places throughout the county but that it is all adding to the cost of the refuse service.

342 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT ORANMORE - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that a traffic survey will be carried out to determine whether the Foras Forbartha warrants in relation to the installation of traffic lights are fulfilled in this case.

Replying to Councillor Fahy, the County Manager stated that some repairs had been done as agreed to a road leading to Shaughnessy's house near Oranmore. Deputy Callanan and Councillor O'Foighil stressed the need for greater co-operation between the County Council and Public Authorities such as the Post Office, E.S.B. etc. in relation to the opening and restoration of roads before new works are carried out by the County Council. Councillors Fahy and O'Morain also stressed the need for co-operation in this matter with Group Scheme promoters.

343 - WATER SUPPLY - MONEYMORE GROUP WATER SCHEME - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed in principle to allow a supply of 8,200 gallons per day for this Scheme from the Oranmore Mains but that the connection could not be permitted until such time as Stage 2 of the Oranmore Water Supply Scheme is completed.

344 - ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTS AT CREGGS - PROPOSAL BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN

The County Secretary stated that there is little prospect of any money being available in 1980 for extension of public lighting systems.

345 - IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD AND BRIDGE AT BIRMINGHAM, TUAM, - PROPOSAL BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that the Roads Estimate will be further considered at the Estimates Meeting to be held on the 10th March. Deputy Donnellan

stated that he had a petition from 21 local people to have this work done and he asked that provision be made for it in the Estimates.

The County Manager stated that this can be considered at the Estimates Meeting.

346 - IMPROVEMENT OF COURTHOUSES - PROPOSAL BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that provision for improvement of Courthouses has been made regularly over a number of years. Improvements have already been carried out to the Courthouses at Galway, Oughterard, Maam, Tuam and Ballinasloe and the provision in the Estimates for the past three years has been as follows:-

1977	-	£39,300
1978	-	£50,000 which was 27% up on that provided in 1977, although the general rate increase permitted was only 11%,
1979	-	£67,960 which was an increase <sup>over</sup> 55% on that provided in 1978 although the general rate increase permitted was only 10%.

He stated also that Courts may be discontinued in some areas and the Council has to be satisfied that it is likely that Courts will continue to be held in the areas where money is to be expended on improvements to Courthouse buildings. He also stated that provision for heating is included wherever improvements are being carried out and that improvements will continue to be provided within the constraints of the limit on the level of the rate and competing demands from other services. Deputy Donnellan and Councillor Kitt referred to complaints made by District Justices about the conditions of Courthouses.

Replying to further comments the County Manager stated that the Council can consider the provision of additional money if they so wish at the Estimates Meeting but that this will have to be at the expense of other services.

Deputy Mannion proposed and Councillor Ruane seconded that the Department of Justice and the Office of Public Works be asked to take over responsibility for provision and maintenance of Courthouses. Replying to further comments the County Manager stated that the Council would give a list of the Courthouses which were not in good condition and those which are rented to the Department of Justice with a request that they indicate those which are likely to continue to be used for Courts.

347 - PREPARATION OF DRAFT REGISTER OF ELECTORS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that the relevant regulations provide that the qualifying date for residence is the 15th September and that the date for publication of the draft register is the 1st December. He stated also that there is considerable difficulty in getting the draft register printed by that date.

Councillor McCormack stated that the draft register comes out only a short time before Christmas and that with the intervention of the Christmas holidays it leaves very little time for checking of draft register in order to ensure that the corrections are submitted by the 15th January. He proposed that arrangements be made so that compilation of the Register will start two months earlier.

Replying to Deputy Donnellan and queries from other Councillors the County Manager stated that the law provides that the final decisions are made at Revision Courts.

It was agreed that the request be forwarded to the appropriate Authorities to have the necessary work commenced two months earlier.

348 - DECLARATION OF ROAD AT UGGOOLE, MOYCULLEN TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLORS MCCORMACK & WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that there is an Australian gate or cattle grid across this road where it adjoins the National Secondary Road and since it does not provide free access for cattle it does not therefore qualify for adoption.

Councillor McCormack stated that there is one householder on this road who cannot get a Building Society loan because of this technicality. The County Manager stated that it is not a technicality but a legal requirement.

Councillor Welby stated that the man who installed the Australian gate would be agreeable to remove it and he asked if the road would be otherwise in order for taking over. The County Engineer stated that this would have to be investigated if the Australian gate is removed.

349 - REFUSE COLLECTION SLIEVEFIN TO KNOCKDOE, CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCCORMACK:

The County Manager stated that the position in this case is the same as that which was mentioned in the case of Kiltulla i.e. it is unlikely that any finance will be available in the current year for extension of the refuse collection service. Replying to a further query by Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that the Council will be consulted in the event of its been found possible to carry out any extensions to the refuse collection service.

350 - HOUSING AT CALTRADUFF, DERRYFADDA & MUCKLOON AREA NEAR BALLYFORAN - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The County Secretary stated that the position was still as set out in Report which was brought before the Special Housing Meeting held on the 25th January, 1980.

Senator Kitt again stressed the need for the provision of houses in this area in view of proposed developments by Bord na Mona. He stated that land and a water supply was available from the Sugar Company.

351 - HEADSTONES AND KERBING IN CEMETERIES - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The County Secretary stated that no proposal is under consideration to change existing procedures.

352 - LURGAN/SHRUFFAUN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The County Secretary stated that the amount requested by the group, 11,000 gallons per day from the Ahascragh water supply scheme had been approved and the Department of the Environment had been so informed in December, 1979.

353 - ACQUISITION OF LAND AT KILBEACANTY FOR CEMETERY AND CARPARK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that a Compulsory Purchase Order for acquisition of a site for a burial ground in this area had been made and it was the subject of recent Court proceedings which are now almost terminated and that the compensation for the land in question is now being lodged in Court.

Councillor Fahey stated that a number of people had asked him to submit this motion as the landowner involved in the Court proceedings had threatened violence if the Council entered his land and he was trying to avoid a situation where this might arise.

Replying to Councillor M. Fahy the County Manager denied that this man was being victimised and said an independent Arbitrator had fixed the amount of compensation payable and that the Council is quite prepared to pay this sum.

354 - SITE FOR COMMUNITY CENTRE AT CLOUGHANOVER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that a proposal to sell this land to the local Community Council would be brought before the Council at the Meeting on the 25th February.

355 - RESURFACING OF ROAD FROM SPIDDAL VILLAGE TO KILLOUGH ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that testing of water mains and tappings for house connections on this section will not be completed before mid March, 1980 and that final restoration of road surfaces will then be put in hands.

Replying to further queries Mr. Dunne, County Engineer stated that the Contractors have a very difficult problem arising from the weather, soil conditions etc., that continued pressure is being put on the Contractors and that only temporary restoration is available at present and that they are doing the best they can. Replying to Councillor O'Foighil, Mr. Dunne stated that he had no information about sub-letting of part of this contract. Councillor O'Foighil stated that the old road in Spiddal village had been opened and closed on several occasions and Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that warning signs be erected.

356 - FLOODING NEAR KENNY'S HOUSE, KILMACSHANE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that arrangements have been made to have this work carried out very soon.

357 - FRANCISCAN ABBEY AT CLOONKEENKIRL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that the Estimated cost of doing the work recommended is £3,000 and no provision has been made for this in the Estimates. Councillor Joyce stated that he had been asked by the Ancient Monuments Committee to raise this matter and he enquired if it would be possible to do the work over a period of years say at the rate of £1,000 per annum. The County Manager stated that this will be considered in the context of the environmental grants for 1980 but this will depend on the allocation.

358 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR MOHER, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that consideration was being given to the possibility of making arrangements for having this work done by the Ballinasloe Urban Council refuse collection service at the expense of the Council but that the indications at present are that it is unlikely there will be any money for carrying out any extension whatever of the refuse collection service in 1980. Deputy Callanan seconded Councillor Joyce's proposal. Replying to further queries the County Manager stated that any extension of the refuse collection service in the current year would have to be examined in the light of the availability of money.

359 - TERMINATION OF LOCAL OLD AGED PENSION COMMITTEES - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

Councillor Brennan outlined the history of those Committees and the need for Committees which existed at the time they were set up. He pointed out however that now Social Welfare Deciding Officers makes the decisions and that it could be an embarrassment to many people to have to come before a Committee and to disclose the intimate details of their circumstances. He pointed out that decisions or recommendations of the Committee were not binding on the Social Welfare Officer.

Deputy Callanan stated that he never found any instance of a breach of confidence by members of a Committee in connection with the circumstances of applicants. He pointed out that it was a democratic process and that he would be slow to recommend that a change should be made.

Deputy Killilea stated a local Committee often helps to present the facts more fully than an applicant might be able to do so to the Social Welfare Officer and he felt that the Committee could be a protection for individuals in certain cases.

Councillor Joyce stated that some people are often afraid to come to Officials



and he considered that the Committees could be helpful to them.

Councillor Kilgannon felt that Committees have outlived their usefulness.

After further discussion Councillor Brennan's proposal was defeated on a show of hands.

360 - EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE SERVICE TO PRYAL STONE PLANT, DERRYMULLEN, BALLINASLOE - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The County Secretary stated that this Plant is over  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the Urban District Council sewer line - the Plant is in the County area and to connect this with the existing sewer on the property of the Urban Council would entail the laying of approximately 900 yards of piping plus providing a pumping plant etc. This would be very expensive and as the land between the Plant and the sewer line is unsuitable for building no further users are envisaged. The proposed extension could not be recommended.

361 - CENSORSHIP - VIDEO CASSETTES & RECORDS - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

Councillor Brennan pointed out that under existing legislation there is no censorship control over video cassettes and records. He pointed out that the law is out of date and there is no difficulty about buying video cassettes and records which contain blasphemy and are contrary to moral and Christian principles. He suggested the Council should pass a resolution demanding amendment of the law so that censorship control could be exercised over the sale of these goods. He also criticised certain films which are shown on R.T.E. television. He stated that while R.T.E. gives advance warning on certain occasions when pictures depicting violence are shown, they do not give such a warning when pictures which are objectionable from other points of view are being shown.

Councillor Kilgannon supported Councillor Brennan's proposal and stated that while he is not intolerant of other peoples views he considered that young people were subjected to bad influences from pornography.

Deputy Callanan stated that while he was in agreement with Councillor Brennan's proposal, he did not know in the circumstances which we are living at the moment what could be done about improving the situation.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the only real remedy which people have is to switch off their television sets and he considered that while he agreed with the sentiments expressed by Councillor Brennan he considered that censorship would not work and that people can get those goods if they are determined to purchase them.

Councillor Joe Burke agreeing with Councillor Brennan's proposal stated that the Councils concern was only with the question of public morality and that it is not concerned with the private morals.

Councillor Murphy supported Councillor Brennan and stated that some films showing violence were a bad influence on children.

The Chairman declared the motion passed.

362 - ISLANDS RIVER DRAINAGE -

At the request of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan the Chairman agreed to allow Councillor Finnegan raise the question of the Islands River drainage at the Meeting on the 25th inst.

363 - ROAD TO ERRISLANNON GRAVEYARD - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The County Secretary stated that the road in question is not a County road and the proposed works would entail extensive drainage and improvements to the road estimated to cost £3,000. The work could be done under Councillors N.O.M. money.

Councillor Bartley stated that there are considerable difficulties sometimes

in getting a coffin into the graveyard for burial, that sometimes the coffin has to be taken from the hearse and brought across fields into the burial ground. He stated that it is an urgent matter that some improvements be carried out to the road.

The County Manager stated that the matter would be re-examined.

Deputy Mannion stated that he understood that there may be an L.I.S. Application for improvement of this road in the name of Angela King. It was agreed that this would be investigated.

364 - RETAINING WALL OUTSIDE PHIL COYNES HOUSE NEAR LEENANE - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The County Secretary stated that the retaining wall will be built in the near future at this location.

365 - DAMAGE TO HOUSE AT BALLINAFAD, RECESS - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The County Secretary stated that this refers to damage to the roof of a vested cottage caused by blasting operations during road construction works 10 years ago. The roof was repaired at that time, to the satisfaction of the vested owner, by the Council's Housing Repair Section under the supervision of the Clifden Area Engineer. The Council cannot now - 10 years later - accept liability for further repairs.

Councillor Bartley stated that the tiles and the roof are damaged and that when the work was carried out by the County Council no Engineer inspected it.

Following further discussion the County Manager stated that an investigation will be carried out to ascertain if the defects which are there at the moment are attributable to the blasting operations which were carried out 10 years ago but that the Council would not under any circumstances go beyond dealing with conditions which are directly attributable to the blasting in question. The Council does not at present accept that any conditions existing there at the moment are the result of the blasting operations but the necessary enquiries will be made as requested by Councillor Bartley.

366 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - CRAUGHWELL & CLARINBRIDGE - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLORS T. MURPHY & FRANK FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that it is hoped to install traffic route lighting in both of these villages later in the year but this will depend on funds being allocated by the Department of the Environment which contributes all of the cost of National Route improvement and maintenance. Councillor Fahey asked if Oranmore could also be included for traffic route lighting as well as Clarinbridge and Craughwell.

367 - HARD SHOULDERS BETWEEN GREEN BRIAR INN & CRAUGHWELL & CRAUGHWELL TO CLOSTOKEN CROSS ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS T. MURPHY & F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that a sum of £150,000 has been included in the 1980 Provisional Road Works Scheme for hard shoulder construction on the Galway/Ballinasloe road and that if this money is made available by the Department of the Environment the works already in progress will be extended and consequently some work will be done between Craughwell and Clostoken but it is unlikely that the work now being done at Frenchfort, Oranmore will have reached Moyvilla.

368 - COSAN O THEACH MICEAL O LOIDEAIN GO DTI AN STAID TIONSCAILLIOCHT SAN gCEATHRU RUA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Secretary stated that a Gaeltacht Grant of £2,000 was approved for this work some years ago but had to be abandoned because of land acquisition difficulties. There is no provision in the current year's estimate for the work.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that he understood that Miceal O Loideain, the owner of the land in question was now agreeable to sell.

It was agreed that an enquiry regarding the availability of a grant would accordingly be sent to Roinn na Gaeltachta.

369 - COSAN O CEIBH ROSAMHIL GO DTI SCOIL ROSAMHIL AGUS SOILSE POIBLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Secretary stated that no provision has been made in the current estimate for a path from Rossaveal quay to National School which is approximately a mile and would cost approximately £15,000. Roadway from the end of the pier is too narrow between fences to permit of a worthwhile footpath.

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked if the Council would apply to Roinn na Gaeltachta for funds for carrying out this work.

The County Manager stated that an enquiry would be sent to Roinn na Gaeltachta.

370 - COSAN O SCOIL NAISIUNTA LEITIRMOIR GO DTI TEACH SEAN O MURCU - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Secretary stated that the distance involved is about 250 yards and although it is a desirable proposal it is not very feasible as the width between fences averages about 18 ft. and any worthwhile footpath would seriously constrict the carriageway. There is no provision for this work in the current year's estimate.

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that a grant be sought from Roinn na Gaeltachta for the work and it was agreed that an application would be made.

371 - HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT CLOONARKIN DRIVE, ORANMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that there are two main elements involved in this namely sewerage treatment works and roads and paths.

In connection with the sewerage treatment works he stated that these works gave considerable trouble last winter, but the contractor had carried out improvements in its associated pipes and had undertaken to see to its operation and maintenance this winter. If this is done no unnecessary hardship should be experienced by the residents. The Planning Authority are keeping a watch on its proper operation. The normal breakdowns will be experienced and the contractor has undertaken to carry out any repairs as soon as possible.

Regarding roads, paths and open space, he stated that these have been inspected and found to be generally in a satisfactory condition except for a few areas of flooding where gully traps are required and also flooding to adjacent properties. These areas have been pointed out to the contractor and until they have been constructed to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority, the question of their being taken in charge has been deferred.

372 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - VILLAGE OF SHANAGLISH - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that it is not expected that any money will be available for extension of public lighting systems in 1980.

373 - SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT KINVARA - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated it is considered that a treatment plant for sewage disposal is not urgent in Kinvara. The sewage and surface water discharge to the sea where there are very large dilution waters available. No nuisance had been observed by this method of disposal.

Councillor Byrne stated he disagreed with the contents of this report and mentioned that evidence of sewerage pollution had been seen near the pier where bathing takes place during the Summer.

It was agreed that this matter would be investigated further.

When Councillor Fahey suggested that the outfall might be carried further out to sea, Councillor Byrne mentioned the need for care that the sewage should not damage the oyster beds nearby.

374 - PUBLIC CONVENIENCE IN GLENAMADDY - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLORS BURKE, RYAN & SENATOR CONNAUGHTON:

The County Secretary stated that at a Meeting in May, 1978, following a proposal by Councillor Ryan, it was decided that provision of a toilet for Glenamaddy would be added to the Council's waiting list.

375 - GRAVEYARD AT BELCLARE CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS J. BURKE, M. RYAN, SENATOR P. CONNAUGHTON, & DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that the Council had received no application to have this graveyard taken over.

376 - CEANGAL UISCE DO SEAN CUDDY, NA FORBACHA - MOLADH ON COMHARLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai go raibh lanchosc ar ceangail nua don sceim go go dti go mbeidh na h-oirbreacha feabhsuchain ata ar siul faoi lathair criochnaithe i mi Bealtaine se chugainn agus annsan tabharfar chead do Sean Cuddy an cheangal a dheanamh.

377 - PHLEAN FORBARTHA AN CHONTAE/MOLTAI ATHRUIGITHE ON CHOMHARLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai go mbeidh an abhar seo ar an gclár doh Chruinniu ar an 25ú Feabhra.

378 - HIGH CASHEL GRAVEYARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN & DEPUTY MANNION:

Deputy Mannion requested that this matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

379 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Jack Neilan, Glenbrack, Gort. Mr. Thomas Neilan, Knocklaurence, Tubber.  
Martin Gordan & Family, Carrabane, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.  
Michael Ryan, Gortnacarnaun, Gort.  
Mrs. Glynn, Vicar Street, Tuam.  
Mrs. William Corcoran, Taramuid, Clarinbridge.  
Mr. Patrick O'Connor, 1, George's Street, Gort.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Páirc Flannery : CHAIRMAN

24ú Márta 1980 : DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 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, E. Haverty, 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 T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Folghil, 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; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; K. Hays and F. Monahan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; Miss C. Hett, S.S.O.; Miss C. Burke, S.O.; Miss M. Nolan, S.O.; Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Messrs. L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; N. Forde, A.C.E.; D. Barrett, S.S.O.; F. O'Gallachoir, Temporary Planning Assistant; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

380 - DEATH OF MOST REV. DR. BROWNE, FORMER BISHOP OF GALWAY:

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to the Bishop of Galway, the priests of the Diocese, and to the relatives of the late Dr. Browne who died on the 23rd instant, that the Council adjourn for a short period as a mark of respect and that a special meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday, 27th instant, to enable the Council **formally** pay its respect to the late Bishop and to record its appreciation of his work.

Deputy Callanan seconded the Chairman's proposal and it was agreed that a special meeting would be held at 11.00 a.m. on the 27th instant.

381 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 25123 - APPLICANT: MRS. AGNES JOYCE:

Replying to a query by Deputy Mannion, the County Manager stated that a reply to further information sought in this case had been received and the matter would be on the Agenda for the March Meeting.

382 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33947 - APPLICANT: JAMES O'DONNELL:

The County Manager stated that this application was discussed on the site with the applicant's Solicitor on two occasions and arising from these discussions, it appears that the applicant is willing to accept an alternative site as pointed out to his Architect and that a new application on this site is to be submitted by him.

In the circumstances, the resolution as set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

383 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34508 - APPLICANT: ULICK JOYCE:

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

"PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

This is an application for a house on a site which substantially overlaps a site for which permission has already been granted. Permission also exists on adjoining sites (Ref. Nos. 32140, 13701, 8550).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

(i) Road Safety:

The proposed house would be located on a National Secondary route on the outskirts of Clifden Town. An excessive number of existing and permitted separate vehicular access points already exist between this site and Clifden Town. It is the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict such access points. The only permissible exception is for essential housing need, which has not been claimed or substantiated in this case.

(ii) Amenity:

The area is of high amenity value along an important National and Tourist Route. Excessive ribbon development already exists which detracts from the visual amenity of this road. The proposed development would worsen an already unacceptable situation.

(iii) Public Health:

The site consists of rough bogland (presently waterlogged) and slopes steeply to the road. It is unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent and so the development would be prejudicial to public health.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would impair the scenic amenity of the area which stretches along the National Secondary route just outside Clifden Town because in conjunction with existing and permitted development, it would lead to the erosion of the open rugged character of the area.
2. The proposed development would contribute to a road hazard on this unrealigned section of National Secondary route where the maximum speed limit exists because in addition to existing and permitted development the extra traffic movements generated would interfere with the free flow and safety of the said road.
3. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because the site is unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent.

No consultation took place on this application."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley and seconded by Councillor O Conchubhair.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke and seconded by Councillor Byrne that the Permission sought be refused.

The County Manager reminded the Council that this site is waterlogged and unsuitable for treatment of septic tank effluent.

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

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

FOR COUNCILLOR BARTLEY'S PROPOSAL: Cllr. Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Deputy Mannion,

Councillors Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Morain,  
Welby.

(14)

FOR COUNCILLOR BURKE'S PROPOSAL:

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke,  
Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillor  
Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn,  
Holland, Kilgannon, Ruane, Ryan.

(12)

The Chairman declared Councillor Bartley's proposal carried.

Councillors Higgins, McCormack, and O'Foighil did not vote.

384 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955  
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34513 - PETER HALLORAN:

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

"PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

- (1) Applicant has already been refused three times for an incorrectly shown adjacent site submitted in his own name but not actually in his ownership. This was also the subject of a Section 4 motion.
- (2) Permission has been refused by Bord Pleanala on an immediately adjoining site on the family holding, and submitted by a Mr. Brian Walsh.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

- (1) Amenity: The site is located on open bogland where a house would not be in keeping with the character of the area. Refusal on adjoining site by Bord Pleanala bears this out.
- (2) Public Health: The site is soft bogland and unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent. Furthermore the percolation area would be too near a boundary stream which flows into a nearby lake.
- (3) Housing Need: Housing need appears to be genuine but alternative more acceptable locations exist on another family holding nearby.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended on amenity and public health grounds.

PRIOR CONSULTATION:

No prior consultation took place to date. Section 4 Motion was received three weeks after application was received. Applicant was well aware of the problems involved which were pointed out to him on site and alternative locations suggested."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley and seconded by Deputy Mannion.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke and seconded by Councillor Kilgannon that the Permission sought be refused.

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

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

FOR COUNCILLOR BARTLEY'S PROPOSAL:

Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan,  
Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey,  
M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy  
Killilea, Senator Kitt, Deputy Mannion,  
Councillors Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Morain  
Ryan, and Welby.

(16)

FOR COUNCILLOR BURKE'S PROPOSAL:

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke,  
Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors  
Coogan, Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kilgannon,  
and Ruane.

(11)

The Chairman declared Councillor Bartley's proposal carried.

Councillors McCormack and O'Foighil did not vote.

385 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955  
- PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34707 - APPLICANT: GERRY JOYCE, CLEGGAN, COUNTY GALWAY:

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

"Notice of Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was received on the day the application was lodged.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located near Moyard on the main Clifden-Letterfrack road, approximately three miles south of Letterfrack. This area is classified as an area of High Scenic Amenity in the 1979 County Development Plan where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development to a limited number of housing need categories and to sites where development would not detract from the visual amenity of the area.

Planning Permission was refused for a dwellinghouse on three occasions -

- (a) Planning Ref. No. 3857, where permission was refused on appeal to Air Commander R.E. Vintras on 10th March, 1969.
- (b) Planning Ref. No. 5035 refused permission on appeal to C.A. Cully on 23rd January, 1970.
- (c) Planning Ref. No. 34074 refused permission to Mr. Gerry Joyce on a smaller site than the one under consideration in this application.

ADJACENT APPLICATIONS:

The Planning Authority's policy has been to restrict development in this area to claims for essential housing which cannot be satisfied in less visually obtrusive locations. Planning Ref. No. 27903 refused permission for a dwellinghouse on the adjacent site, to a Mr. Thomas O'Toole on amenity grounds, Planning Ref. No. 17190, refused permission to a Mr. Joseph O'Toole for a dwellinghouse on a nearby site. Both of these decisions were upheld on appeal.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The proposed development has been refused three times previously by both Galway County Council and by the Minister for Local Government on appeal.
2. The proposed development would seriously detract from the visual amenities of the area, because the height and resulting prominence of the house would render it visually obtrusive from the adjacent tourist route. The conservation of these views are a top priority of the Planning Authority as these views are of National importance.
3. The proposed development does not come within the categories of essential housing need classified in the County Development Plan. In fact, no housing need has been claimed. This applicant is the third person to attempt to obtain planning permission for this site.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal as above."



Liam Alnsworth, Dublin Road, Tuam.  
 Daniel Hurlley, Brackloon, Kiltulla.  
 Patrick Qualter, Tenagarraun, Corrandulla.  
 Andrew Reynolds, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
 Patrick Connors, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
 William Hawd, Ballynastuckaun, Ballyglunin.  
 Thomas Madden, Glenaun, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe.  
 Patrick Hannon, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
 Micheel Maloney, Dublin Road, Tuam.  
 Mrs. Mary Gavin, Magheramore, Oughterard.  
 Tony Duane, Marian Terrace, Portumna.  
 Mrs. Ellen Madden, Cartrondoogan, Fohenagh, Ahascragh.  
 John Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan.  
 Peter Flaherty, Ballinderreen, Kilcolgan.  
 Colm and Margaret O'Grady, Mountain West, Oranmore.  
 John T. Martin, Roevehagh, Kilcolgan.  
 Patrick B. Kelly, Cloondahamper, Lavally, Tuam.  
 Christy Egan, Crowe Street, Gort.  
 Mrs. Bridget Flaherty, Spiddle Middle, Spiddal.  
 Martin Nestor, Dublin Road, Tuam.  
 Frank Donoghue, Derrybeg, Tynagh.  
 Patrick J. Shiel, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.  
 Patrick J. Larkin, Killeenaran, Kilcolgan.  
 Peter Broughan, Craughwell.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Murray, Ballygar.  
 Michael Keon, Derrygoolin, Whitegate,  
 John Scully, Dublin Road, Tuam."

Councillor F. Fahey recommended that the attention of tenants be drawn to the advantages of purchasing under the terms of the earliest scheme available to them as the prices increase from one scheme to another. He stated that while it may be difficult on tenants in the earlier years, in the long term, there would be considerable saving to them.

Deputy Callanan expressed the hope that the purchase of houses would be speeded up as there was some delay and he hoped that all tenants, who were eligible to purchase, had been provided for in the purchase scheme.

391 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT CLOUGHANOWER, HEADFORD - NOTICE DATED 14TH FEBRUARY, 1980:

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Welby and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land containing 3 roods 18 perches at Cloughanower, Headford, to the Trustees of the Cloughanower Social Club for use as a site of a Community Centre in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 14th February, 1980, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which was circulated to each Member of the Council."

392 - REVISED LIMITS FOR HOUSING LOANS:

The County Manager summarised for Members the provisions of Circular H 5/80 dated 30th January, 1980, from the Department of the Environment.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that eligibility should be based on the net income set out in the Circular and not on the gross income.

Senator Connaughton stated that many former applicants would now be at a disadvantage since the income limit has been reduced from £60 to £44 but he stated that the biggest problem is that the flexibility which was heretofore enjoyed has now been removed in view of the obligation placed on the Council to get evidence of income from the Revenue Commissioners.

Replying to Councillor Holland, the County Manager stated that the new limits for loans for new houses apply in respect of persons entering into Contracts on or after the 1st February, 1980, or where foundations were completed on or after that date, and in the case of reconstruction loans, the increased limits

would apply where improvement work commenced on or after 1st February, 1980.

Councillor Brennan asked that steps would be taken to ensure that persons intending to get married, who apply for a loan, are not debarred on income grounds because of arrangements which might have to be made for combining both incomes and he also asked if loans could be sanctioned in a very short time particularly in the cases where houses are offered for sale by auction.

Deputy Killilea stated that with regard to the reduction of the valuation limit to £44 for farmers, this would still leave almost the same number of farmers eligible in view of the high percentage of farmers whose valuations do not exceed that figure. He stated that if applicants have not an income tax assessment, they should go to their Accountants to produce evidence of their income. He stated that the Council should make an effort to bring more people within the terms of the Low-Rise Mortgage Scheme.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that he now agrees that proper evidence of income should be sought and should be provided by applicants and that he saw nothing wrong with asking applicants to produce evidence of income from the Revenue Commissioners. He stated that persons getting loans at 12½% interest at present is an investment for them in view of the appreciation of the value of property.

Deputy Callanan stated that he considered that the Council has been treating applicants fairly with regard to incomes and he considered that for persons who were not in the Income Tax bracket, there should be an alternative means of supplying evidence. He agreed that all persons who are liable for Tax should pay their fair share of tax. Referring to the delays in dealing with loans, he felt that the Housing Office was not adequately staffed.

Councillor M. Fahy suggested that the Council publish the procedure which is necessary to qualify for a Housing Loan.

Senator Kitt proposed that a farmer with a valuation in excess of £44, who applies for a Loan should be given the option of providing evidence of his income from the Revenue Commissioners as an alternative to dealing with him on a valuation basis. Referring to the schemes for Loans, he felt that the Council has authority to give an instalment of the loan before the roof is on.

Councillor Kilgannon recommended that people should be told that the first priority in applying for a Loan is to have their titles in order.

Councillor O Conchubhair stated that in Gaeltacht Areas, Roinn na Gaeltachta gives a loan of up to £2,000 and he asked that the County Council would give a further loan on a second mortgage.

Councillor Joyce, referring to the procedure for obtaining unsecured loans of £1,000, stated that this sum is not adequate for people who are living in old County Council cottages which have not water and sewerage services installed.

Deputy Mannion proposed that the clause in the circular letter from the Assistant County Manager dated 15th February, 1980, which states that in future each applicant for a loan would have to supply particulars of his income as assessed by the Inspector of Taxes, should be deleted, and that the Minister should be requested to remove this requirement from the directives contained in the Department's letter of the 30th January, 1980.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that the County Council must have proper evidence and the only way to obtain this is from the Revenue Commissioners. Councillor Finnegan agreed with Councillor F. Fahey.

Deputy Mannion stated that the concession to the son of a farmer who has a total land valuation of not over £66 should be extended to the son of a businessman who has an income of not over £8,250. Councillor Byrne recommended that a farmer with a valuation over £44 should have the option of presenting accounts as assessed by the Revenue Commissioners.

Councillor Haverty pointed out that difficulties have arisen because of the fact that a mortgage has to be taken out on a whole farm unless the applicant is

prepared to divide the farm and open a second folio. He suggests that this procedure should be simplified.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter to a later date.

393 - DRAINAGE OF ISLANDS RIVER:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Finnegan raised the question of the need for providing some money in the Estimates for draining the area adjoining the Islands River. He stated that the Council had a duty to respond to the needs of the area and he proposed that the sum of £20,000 be provided in the Estimates for this purpose for 1980.

Deputy Donnellan seconded Councillor Finnegan's proposal and stated that the people affected were anxious to have an early decision.

Senator Connaughton, Councillors Higgins and Ryan supported the proposal.

Deputy Killilea stated that a sewer which has been laid by the County Council at Ballymore Bridge could cause some flooding.

Councillor M. Fahy also supported the proposal.

The County Manager read for Members the following report which he had received from the County Engineer on this matter:

"Since the November meeting of the County Council when this matter was last discussed approx. 7 of the 10 miles downstream from the Roscommon border towards the River Suck have been examined. The examination has achieved little except confirm that the extent of flooding previously estimated at 400 acres in County Galway is correct. The river has been in flood throughout the period and the normal channel was not discernible over much of the 7 miles. In places, flooding extended over a width of 100 yards.

There was no evidence of obstruction in the seven miles except some weed growths in places. It was evident from the extensive flooding downstream of these growths that their removal would not effect any improvement in the run-off.

It has already been established that the flows in the Suck and Islands Rivers immediately before their confluence are approx. equal under existing conditions. To achieve full flood relief of the 400 acres in County Galway and the 100 acres in County Roscommon would result in doubling the flow in the Islands River under flood conditions and adding 50% to the flow of the Suck at Ballymoe.

The Suck is subject to extensive flooding under existing conditions over much of its length. Any additional flow will increase the area under flood and extend the duration of the flooding. It would appear that the area under flood is more or less the same for the past 20 years, subject to the occasional abnormal year. Any extension of the flooding arising out of improvements - of whatever magnitude - in the Islands River will be readily determined. The Galway County Council if it becomes involved in any improvements whatsoever in the Islands River will be liable for damages for the extra flooding caused and will be so liable for as long as such flooding continues to occur, i.e., until the Shannon is drained, because no improvement in the Suck can be achieved until this is done.

Accordingly, I recommend that no improvement work of any nature whatsoever be undertaken on the Islands River by Galway County Council. The County Council has no responsibility in this matter. The Local Authorities (Works) Act under which it is sought to have improvements carried out is an enabling Act only and does not place any responsibility for flood relief on the Council.

The Islands River, as previously indicated forms part of an overall arterial drainage system and as such responsibility for its improvement rests with the Office of Public Works."

The County Manager also stated that the Estimates have now been prepared and are being typed and that there has been a very grave difficulty in providing finance in the Estimates for essential services. No provision has been made for the Islands River Area and if the County Council decides to make provision for it, they will have to omit a similar sum from some other service. He stated that there is still a major problem which has to be overcome and he was not advising or recommending that the County Council should undertake this work. He stated that if they did so, they would be incurring an immediate liability and also a recurring liability for claims which would undoubtedly arise for flooding. He stated that Roscommon County Council could decide to improve the section of the river which is in their own County but they are aware that by doing so, they would be liable for any flooding which would be caused downstream in County Galway. The County Manager also stated that a cosmetic exercise on the Islands River would make no difference to the present problems and that nothing can be done about it until the Shannon Catchment area is drained.

The Chairman stated that the matter will come up for discussion again at the Estimates Meeting on the 10th March.

394 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

It was agreed that the Council would meet specially at 2.30 p.m. on the 10th March, 1980, to consider the Sanitary Services Capital Programme. The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned to the March Meeting.

395 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Sheila Flannery, Milltown, Co. Galway.  
 Rev. Fr. Faherty, Tirnea, Lettermore, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. P. J. Rosengrave and Family, Curtane, Gort, Co. Galway.  
 Mrs. McEvoy, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
 Mrs. Fahy, Coolough, Galway.  
 An t-Uasal Micheal O Coistealbha, Pairc, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
 Mr. Dominick Joyce, St. Enda's Road, Shantalla, Galway.  
 Mr. Martin Coyne, Hospital Road, Clifden, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED  
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Seamus Flannery : CHAIRMAN.

24th March 1980. : DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON WEDNESDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor F. Glynn.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, T. Byrne, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain and P. Ruane.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. J. Dunne, County Engineer; T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

395A The Chairman stated that the Meeting was specially summoned to give an opportunity to members to pay respect to the memory of the late Most Rev. Dr. Browne, former Bishop of Galway, who he said was an ardent defender of what he believed in, and who left a legacy of schools and Churches, culminating in the Galway Cathedral, over a period of forty years.

All other members present paid tribute to the work done by the late Bishop for the Church in Ireland and for education.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of the Council joined in the tributes paid to the late Dr. Browne and in the expression of sympathy to his relatives and to the Bishop of Galway.

The following resolution proposed by Deputy Mannion and seconded by Clr. Ruane was unanimously adopted:-

"That Galway County Council extends to His Lordship the Bishop of Galway, the priests of the Diocese and the relatives of the former Bishop of Galway, their sincere sympathy on the death of Most Rev. Doctor Browne.

The Council acknowledges the contribution of the late Bishop to the Church in Ireland and in the Diocese of Galway, his dedication to the educational and spiritual welfare of his people and his achievement as a builder of Churches and Schools over a period of about 40 years."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

28th February, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 10th March, 1980, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O. DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1980. - Copy herewith.
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLINHE  
( GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL )

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

3rd March, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of the Council will be held

on

MONDAY NEXT, 10TH MARCH, 1980 at 2.30 p.m.

to consider the Sanitary Services Capital Programme.

Members are requested to take with them to the Meeting the Report on the programme already circulated.

The Estimates Meeting will commence at 3.30 p.m. on the same date.

Mise, le meas,

C. O. DUBHGHAILL,

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 10TH MARCH, 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, Councillor P. Connaughton, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, E. Haverty, 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.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. J. Dunne, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; M. Moroney, County Accountant; F. Monahan, K.Hays, S. McMahon, and R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineers; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer; Messrs. T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; B. Kennedy, Senior Staff Officer; N. Forde, Assistant County Engineer; N. Burke, Temporary Assistant County Engineer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

396 - CAPITAL PROGRAMME - SANITARY SERVICES:

The County Manager referred to the following reports which had been circulated to Members:

- (a) The Assistant County Manager's report dated 22nd January, 1980.
- (b) The ordinary Progress Report to the 31st December, 1979, in which schemes are not placed in priority order.
- (c) A more detailed description of the schemes as listed in the Progress Report.

He then gave a summary for Members of the main aspects of the Reports presented.

Replying to queries from Councillors regarding the Killimor Sewerage Scheme, the County Manager stated that immediately the Minister had approved the Preliminary Report for this scheme, the preparation of the final plans was put in hands and it is expected that these will be ready in about the month of May. He stated that there is no such thing as a block allocation of funds for Sanitary Services Schemes and that money is allocated for particular schemes as the documents are prepared and cleared in the Department of the Environment. He recommended that the Council should ask for £1,100,000 allocation to commence work in the present year on the seven schemes listed at the top of page 2 of the Assistant County Manager's report.

Councillor Haverty proposed and Councillor Ulick Burke seconded that the Council request the Minister for the Environment to make the sum of £100,000 available this year to commence the Killimor Sewerage Scheme.

The Chairman and the County Manager suggested that the Council should ask for the sum of £1,100,000 for commencement of the seven schemes listed in page 2 of the Assistant County Manager's report.

The County Manager stated that in addition to this sum, an additional sum of £1,100,000 would be required to finance schemes already in progress during the current year.

Deputy Callanan stated that there is no point in asking the Minister for an allocation of funds for any particular scheme until such time as the final documents for that scheme are lodged with the Minister. He agreed that Killimor is an urgent case.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that the Council has received no indication yet as to the amount of allocation for Sanitary Services in the current year.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager stated that initially the Capital Cost of Sanitary Services Schemes in Gaeltacht Areas comes from County Council borrowings and that whereas the normal subsidy for schemes in non-Gaeltacht areas is 60% of the annual loan charges, in Gaeltacht areas, the subsidy amounts to 85% of the annual loan charges. He stated that the Council's first problem is finding the Capital to carry out the schemes. The County Manager also stated that a special problem arises in Gaeltacht areas from the development promotion by Udaras na Gaeltachta and that this puts additional pressure on the County Council for more services in the Gaeltacht Areas.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the original plans for the Rosmuc Regional Water Supply Scheme which caters for the headlands of the Rosmuc area and Group Schemes had been enlarged to a very extensive scheme and he enquired if it would expedite the commencement of the scheme if the various stages of the scheme were phased.

The County Manager stated that this suggestion will be examined.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that Galway County is 10 to 20 years behind other Counties in the provision of water supply and sewerage schemes. He pointed out that all towns in the County are listed for major improvement works, and because of the lack of progress over the last 20 years, the County Council should now take drastic action to get an adequate allocation to make up the deficiency. He felt that Politicians, Members and Officials were not doing enough to promote Sanitary Services Schemes and he asked that the amount of money coming in for West of Ireland development from the E.E.C. should be examined with a view to getting an allocation for improved services.

Councillor Fahey also asked that the County Manager and Engineers make every effort to meet the farmers who have objected to the Proposal for the Water Supply Scheme for Gort. He complained also that the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme is not being planned as fast as it was promised and he asked that the process be speeded up. He considered also that Clarenbridge and Craughwell are restricted in growth because of the lack of sewerage services. He stated that the sum of £30,000 as the cost limit for "small schemes" is unrealistic and that this should be increased to £100,000. He recommended also that the Council should approach the Ministers for the Environment and the Gaeltacht with regard to services in Gaeltacht areas.

The County Manager informed Councillor Molloy that the Spiddal Regional Scheme will continue this year and that an extension to Ballindoooley has been carried out.

Replying to Councillor Murphy regarding improvement to the water supply in Athenry, the County Manager stated that the Mid-Galway Regional Scheme will ultimately service Athenry and for this reason, Athenry is not specifically mentioned as a town in the reports.

The proposal of Councillor Haverty, seconded by Councillor Burke, that the Minister be asked to make an allocation of £100,000 this year to enable the Killimor Scheme to commence was passed unanimously.

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Molloy, the Council also agreed to ask the Minister for the Environment to make a further sum of £1 million available to enable the other six schemes mentioned in page 2 of the Assistant Manager's report to be commenced in the present year.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that the deputation which is to meet the Ministers for the Environment and the Gaeltacht, would also include

in their proposals the allocation of additional funds for Sanitary Services Schemes in the Gaeltacht.

397 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Carmel Tighe, Gilmartin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Corcoran, Tarmuid, Clarenbridge, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Flaherty & Family, Cottages, Loughgeorge, Claregalway, Co. Galway.  
Bean Mhic an Iomaire, An Ard Mhor, Carna, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
Pluincead O Tuathail, Leitir Moir, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
Mrs. Winifred Nutley, Gurtyryan, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Taylor, Dominick Street, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. Meehan : CHAIRMAN

24th March 1980 : DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 10th MARCH, 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, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, E. Haverty, 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.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.J. Dunne, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; M. Moroney, County Accountant; F. Monahan, K. Hays, S. McMahon, and R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineers; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer; Messrs. T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; B. Kennedy, Senior Staff Officer; N. Forde, Assistant County Engineer; N. Burke, Temporary Assistant County Engineer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

398 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1980:

The County Manager referred to the Estimate of Expenses which had been circulated to Members of the Council and to his report dated 27th February, 1980, on those estimates which had also been circulated. He pointed out that the Estimates contain an enormous amount of figures and that in his report, he was calling attention to some items in which he felt most Councillors would be especially interested and also on those aspects of the Estimates which limited his own and the Council's discretion.

He stated that for the second year the level of the Rate is limited to 10% of an increase over last year's figure, that there has been a new measure of new valuations and that the overall result is a revenue increase of approx. 12.25% this year over last year's figure. He pointed out that much of the Council's work is labour intensive and that wage and salary increases have not been limited to increases of 10%. During the last year, he stated, that Roadworkers wages increased by 29.5%.

Referring to the Roads Estimate, he stated that on the 14th January last, the Council had considered the Provisional Roadworks Scheme for 1980 and that following this meeting and the announcement of a 10% limit on Rate increase, a revised Roads Programme was prepared and was now included in the Estimates circulated to the County Council. Furthermore, he stated that last week notification had been received of the amount of Road Grants for 1980 from the Department of the Environment and that a separate statement from the County Engineer, circulated at the meeting, showed the changes due to the Road Grants allocated. He then commented as follows on the various programmes.

PROGRAMME 1. - HOUSING AND BUILDING:

Wage increases amounted to well over 10% in the last year and it will be very difficult to live within the sum of £100,000 provided for housing repairs. In the Capital allocation column, an indication is given of the amount which could be spent if Capital of that amount is allocated.

PROGRAMME 2. - ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY:

The County Engineer's report indicates that he is making every effort to maintain a reasonable standard of maintenance despite the reductions which have had to be made in the original Estimate. Maintenance work will continue in so

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far as it is possible to do so with the existing labour force but approximately 50-60 Roadworkers retire each year and they are not being replaced.

PROGRAMME 3. - WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SERVICES:

It was estimated that the sum of £670,000 would be required for Loan charges in the current year but this sum had to be reduced to £600,000. A sum of £50,000 has been included for road restoration for Group Scheme works because of the fact that commitments in respect of this work had been given to certain groups. It will not be possible to continue this programme.

PROGRAMME 5. - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:

A management programme for Dumps and Scavenging services is being prepared. It is hoped to improve the maintenance and the visual appearance of Dumps, and while it was found necessary to reduce the provision for this from the sum of £55,000 approximately, to £35,000, it is hoped to make some progress on the matter. A contribution is being paid to Galway Corporation for use of its Dump. The cost of the domestic refuse service is rising rapidly mainly from increased wages and increased fuel costs, and while two domestic refuse collection vehicles have been delivered, sufficient funds are not available to provide a second service immediately, but the possibility of introducing a limited additional service later in the year will be investigated. The service at present is stretched to its limit and it is hoped as part of the programme to reduce costs, to eliminate overtime.

With regard to new Burial Grounds, it has not yet been decided which ones will be commenced, but it may be that all of them will have some work done on them this year and the work could be continued in 1981.

PROGRAMME 6. - RECREATION AND AMENITY:

For the past few years, the Council has been providing the sum of £20,000 each year for Amenity Grants even though state grants for this purpose were stopped several years ago. While it is most desirable that this programme be continued, it has not been found possible to provide the sum of £20,000 in the current year and this has had to be reduced to £10,000.

PROGRAMME 7. - AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE:

The demands for Agriculture and Vocational Education are within the 10% guideline increase but the amount demanded for land drainage by the Office of Public Works is 25.15% over the 1979 figure. It is desirable that this increased demand should be made known to the Government in the context of the general 10% limit on the level of Rates which had been imposed, and that the Council should point out that funds of this order are not available to the Council. Such extra demands can be met only at the expense of curtailment of other services.

The report before the Council indicates a serious position in relation to supplementary Welfare Allowances which are administered by the Western Health Board on behalf of the County Council. A demand for an extra sum of £121,500 was received on the 31st December last without any previous indication that a supplementary demand was to be made. No provision was made for this in last year's Estimates, and if it has to be provided in the current year, it will have to be at the expense of other services. In the 1980 Estimates, the sum of £400,000 has been provided under this heading and a letter was received only last week stating that the estimated demand was £347,000 but out of the £53,000 balance which is, therefore, available, additional expenses of the Western Health Board have to be met together with any increases arising from the recent Budget.

PROGRAMME 8. - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:

The cost of Rate Collection has increased although the amount of Rates being collected is down. Protracted negotiations are going on with the Union regarding the rationalisation of the Rate Collection position following the abolition of Rates on houses, and despite the considerable reduction in the amount of work involved, the Union has been seeking 80% of the previous

holder's salary where a vacancy arises in any area.

Senator Connaughton and all other Members of the Council complimented the County Manager and the other officials involved in the preparation of the Estimates for the amount of work which they had put into them and for the detailed information which had been supplied to Councillors.

Senator Connaughton stated that the deletion of the sum of £735,641 from the Draft Road Works Scheme will prove disastrous for the condition of Roads at the end of the current year. He stated that farmers with valuations in excess of £40 would now become liable for increased Rates, and will get a very poor return for their money. He considered the sum of £15,000 for Essential Repairs to be inadequate.

Councillor Ryan stated that during 1979, a deputation from Moylough had been informed that a sewerage scheme was being planned. He asked what is the present position concerning it. He also asked for an assurance that work would be completed on the Burial Grounds for Clonberne and Moylough.

Councillor Kilgannon also referred to the serious deterioration which will occur in the condition of Roads arising from the inadequate provision in the Estimates and he also stated that he considered the sum of £15,000 for essential repairs inadequate. He also criticised the increased demand of £121,509 for supplementary Welfare Allowances and expressed regret that no extra lights can be provided in the current year.

Councillor Finnegan expressed disappointment that no provision had been made in the Estimates for the Islands River Drainage. Referring to objections with regard to the incurring of legal liability for carrying out the drainage, he stated that similar work had been carried out before and that there had been no claims for compensation.

He proposed that £20,000 for the Islands River Drainage be provided in the current year's Estimates. Senator Connaughton seconded this proposal.

Councillor Welby proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that if this money is to be provided, it should be taken from the provision for Roads for that area.

Councillor Byrne stated that the Estimate before the Council provides for virtually no extensions of services and that people are not getting their services which they need. He stated that provision for Roads is only 9.6% over the 1979 figure while increases of 26% in costings are envisaged. He considered that the Council should take a stand against increased demand for drainage and for Supplementary Welfare Allowances. He proposed that the Council's contribution towards schemes being subsidised by Bord Failte be reduced by £10,000 and added to the Council's Amenity Grant funds. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Donnellan. He expressed disappointment that no provision had been made for a public toilet for Athenry or for a sewerage scheme for Craughwell.

Councillor Fahey, while agreeing that all Councillors are disappointed with the provision for various services made in the Estimate, stated that the Estimate must be taken in the context of Government policy of deflation at the moment. He felt that local authorities should play their part with regard to the national problems of inflation and balance of payments. He did not agree that farmers and business people should be liable for payment of a rate increase in excess of 10% even if the Council had power to do so.

Councillor O'Morain referring to the supplementary welfare demand, pointed out that Councillors had made demands during the year for an improved free fuel scheme and that there was then no objection, but he expressed concern over the additional demand of over £121,000.

Councillor O'Morain proposed and senator Kitt seconded that the Council does not take the sum of £10,000 from its contribution towards schemes being subsidised by Bord Failte as proposed by Councillor Byrne.

Councillor J. Burke stated that no provision for improved services in Tuam had been made in the Estimates despite the fact that Tuam was the fastest growing

town in the County. He stated that it was disastrous that provision for Small Sanitary Services Schemes had to be cut from £83,000 to £18,000. He expressed regret also that it was necessary to reduce the provision for swimming pools and for Amenity Grants, while the sum of £135,000 extra would be provided for a new Library in Galway.

Councillor Byrne proposed that the Council should not adopt the Estimate until it gets an answer from the various Government Departments regarding the cost of drainage and the additional cost of Supplementary Welfare Allowances.

The Chairman stated that Councillor Finnegan's proposal with regard to the provision of £20,000 for the Islands River Drainage could not be accepted unless he states where the money is coming from.

Replying to comments by Members, the County Manager stated that when he referred to the additional demand of £121,509 for Supplementary Welfare Allowances, he was not criticising the Western Health Board.

Deputy Callanan stated that the restrictions placed in the amount of money which the Council provided in the Estimates are necessary, having regard to the general need to curtail expenditure. He considered that even if the Council had the power, it could not justify an increase in the Rate each year more than 10% on the small number of people who are now paying Rates. He criticised the granting of wage and salary increases on a percentage basis. He did not see that a deputation to Government Ministers could meet with any success, but he saw no objection to approaching the Office of Public Works and the Department of Social Welfare. He proposed that the Estimates, as presented, be adopted.

Councillor F. Fahey seconded this proposal.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he was not advocating further increases in Rates payable by the number of people who were now liable for Rates and he supported Councillor Finnegan's proposal regarding the Islands River but he considered that the sum of £20,000 should be deducted from the provision for Roads in the Tuam Area.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that a greater proportion of the Council's funds should come from Central Government. He proposed that the provisions for remission of Rates in respect of Industrial premises be reviewed as well as the profits being made by those commercial enterprises, he considered that the Council should get back some of the Rates which had been waived. He also asked if the Council could examine the possibility of having some of the services provided on a Contract basis with a view to lessening the cost. He considered also that the Council should investigate the possibility of recouping from the I.D.A. part or all of the cost of services being provided in the vicinity of Industrial Estates and towns. He stated that the provision of £35,000 for Hard Shoulders is not a priority and they should be deferred for a time.

Councillor M. Fahy asked if Craughwell Sewerage Scheme could be first on the priority list for 1981 and he asked if it would be possible to stretch out the domestic refuse services from Gort to Ardahan and also to Kiltulla.

Councillor Murphy stated that if the Council cannot extend roadworks this year, it should be able to maintain roads in a fair condition.

Councillor Brennan stated that where no changes are proposed in the present Estimates, it means a real reduction in the work of about 30%. He also referred to the high cost of Rate Collection and he asked that the Department of Justice should take over responsibility for Courthouses.

Senator Kitt stated that good progress had been made with the provision of houses. He supported the provision of funds for the Islands River and asked if a special effort could be made to keep swimming pools open longer since many school children are brought in groups for lessons at swimming pools.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that money is available for the roadworks which are given in the yellow pages attached to the Estimate, and these will be done in the current year.

Councillor Joyce asked if something could be done to clear up difficulties which arise from payment of contributions towards the cost of provision of electricity services for local authority houses to the E.S.B. He stated that contributions paid to the E.S.B. at its Galway office are apparently not notified to the Athlone or Ballinasloe office, and as a result, the necessary connections to the houses are not made.

He asked that the Council should investigate the possibility of charging for services and pointed that there is inequity in that public water supply schemes have pipes laid and roads restored at the expense of the Ratepayers and Taxpayers whereas promoters of a Group Water Scheme have to pay a contribution of up to £300 towards the cost of the scheme and then the cost of road restoration. He considered that some charge should be made for the refuse collection service.

Councillor McCormack stated that because of increased costs, it is obvious that the Council will not be in a position to carry out the same volume of work as it did in previous years and cut backs will have a serious affect on employment. The additional sum of £121,509 being demanded in respect of Social Welfare Supplementary Allowances is a serious matter for the Council. With regard to the proposal to provide £20,000 for drainage, he stated that a sum of £14 million for Arterial Drainage in the West had been provided and that none of this money had been taken up. He considered it a retrograde step that the roads are not being kept up to standard.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that he did see that the Estimates would have any affect on the employment of people on plant at New Inn.

Councillor Kilgannon asked what is the position in regard to the provision of money for boring of wells in the Estimate.

Councillor Welby expressed satisfaction with the improvement of Roads in his area. He considered that a machine being used by the County Council in the Oughterard area should be scrapped as it has broken down frequently and left men without machinery to carry out roadworks. He considered that where possible, money on roads should be expended in the summertime in order to get a better return from it.

Councillor Ruane stated that more money should be spent on County Roads and he asked that some provision be made for the Galway/Monivea Road in 1981.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that he considered that in the current year the conditions of roads will disimprove and stated that it appears that very soon Group Scheme promoters will be liable for the full cost of road restoration. He could not see how the County Council could hope to improve the general condition of roads in Connemara where several million pounds would be required to effect the necessary improvements.

Deputy Mannion stated that he could not see how the Council could meet its commitments with only £15,000 for Essential Repairs.

Councillor Ulick Burke asked about the provision of new lights for Portumna, and Councillor Haverty asked if any money had been provided for improvement of the road at Hearnbrook.

Replying to the discussion, the County Manager made the following points:

It is hoped to avoid laying off workers this year. Some retirements are expected and this would ease the situation. If there is any necessity to lay off men, the matter will be brought before the County Council in the first instance.

Replying to Councillor Ryan, he stated that planning for the Moylough Sewerage Scheme has commenced and that his proposal with regard to the two Burial Grounds will be examined.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, he stated that the Council had not yet been notified of the Capital allocations for Housing and Sanitary Services but that they are expected in the very near future. He stated that no additional lighting anywhere in the County, including Portumna, would be provided in the current year except under the heading of traffic route lighting on National Primary or National Secondary Roads for which Government grants are allocated.

Replying to Councillor Byrne's proposal with regard to Bord Failte Grants, he stated that if the Council were to lose the £10,000 provided as a contribution towards schemes being grant-aided by Bord Failte, the Council might lose the entire schemes which are provisionally envisaged to cost £50,000. He considered that the allocation of any sum by an Bord Failte would be dependent on the provision of money by the County Council.

Replying to Councillor J. Burke, the County Manager stated that he agreed that Tuam town was expanding and he stated that the main demands for investment are in water services and roads. He was conscious of the need to strengthen the capability of Tuam to attract industry and the provision already being made in the Council's Sanitary Services Programme for Water and Sewerage Services will help this objective. He agreed that the provision for roads is not as great as is desirable.

Referring to Deputy Callanan's proposal with regard to land drainage and Social Welfare, he stated that the only thing the Council could do would be to make representations to the appropriate Government Departments, and that while it may not result in any reduction in demands for this year, it may have the effect of restricting them in 1981 and afterwards. He again stated that in referring to the Supplementary Welfare Allowances, he was not criticising the Western Health Board. He suggested that the Council should ask the Department of Social Welfare to make general changes in the financing of Social Welfare. He considered that this should be a State charge rather than a local one.

Replying to Councillor Burke's reference to Rate remission on factories, he stated that in 1979, there were 25 separate ratings in respect of remissions which have been already given for factory buildings. The total valuation involved was £5,302 and the total rate remitted was £42,415. He stated that the Council cannot investigate the financial affairs of those concerns or recover the amounts of Rates remitted, but it could examine this policy in relation to such remissions in the future.

He stated that there is very little scope for undertaking Contract work with the exception on occasions of Bridge construction, as most of the Council's work is of a maintenance nature. Refuse collection involves specialised equipment which the Council must provide and this service does not lend itself to Contract work. The suggestions made by Councillor Burke would, however, be borne in mind.

Replying to Councillor J. Burke, he stated that no separate provision is made for permanent housing of travelling families and they are dealt with as part of the Council's normal housing programme for people in need of new housing. There are grants amounting to 100% of the cost for temporary housing of those families.

With regard to refuse collection, he stated that he did not see much possibility of extending this service but it will be examined later in the year.

He informed Councillor Joyce that an effort will be made to eliminate the difficulties which arise with regard to payment of contributions to the E.S.B. for electricity connections. Referring to the question of making charges for the refuse collection service, he stated that there was no problem up to recently while people were paying Rates on houses but it would require legislation to permit such charges to be made. A submission on this matter is being prepared on the initiative of Managers.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that £6,000 had been provided in the Estimates for new pumps and he stated also that he did not see any danger to the employment in the New Inn area. He informed Councillor Welby that his reference to the machinery in the Oughterard area will be examined.

The County Manager, referring to Councillor Finnegan's proposal, to provide funds for the Islands River Drainage, stated that he had made no provision in the Estimates for this work and that the legal advice which was given on behalf of the promoters did not alter the situation or make it any less difficult for the Council. He stated that he would be most unhappy to undertake this work and that the County Engineer and the Council's Law Agent had advised him that under no circumstances should the Council get involved in carrying out this drainage work. Even if the Council provides the money and directs that the work be carried out, it will still pose very serious problems and those would be brought back before the County Council for further consideration.

The County Manager, referring to further discussion on the proposal to transfer £10,000 from Bord Failte Grants to Amenity Grants, stated that the money could be left as it is, and if it were to happen that Bord Failte Grants were not going ahead, the Council could then consider whether it would transfer the sum of £10,000 to Amenity Grants - it could be examined later.

Councillor Byrne then withdrew his proposal.

The County Manager and the Chairman stated that if the sum of £20,000 is to be provided for Islands River Drainage, the proposers must state where the money is to be obtained.

Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that there are no road schemes from which money could be taken without causing serious problems. He could not agree to any reductions in the expenditure recommended for roads.

Senator Connaughton asked if the sum of £20,000 could be taken out of the provision for roads in the Mountbellew and Milltown areas.

A proposal by Deputy Donnellan that the sum be taken off Road Maintenance County at large was not seconded. Replying to further comments on the Islands River Drainage proposal, the County Manager stated that even if the Council makes a transfer from another account for this purpose, it will still have very serious implications and would carry serious risks. The Council's solicitor has advised against it and he (the Manager) was again advising the Council to accept the Solicitor's advice. He stated that if the Council still goes ahead with the provision of the money, it does not mean that he will authorise the carrying out of the work, and he will not accept personal responsibility for it in any circumstances. The appropriate statutory warning will be given to Members in due course if the occasion arises.

After further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Senator Connaughton that the County Road Maintenance Fund in the Estimates be reduced by £10,000, that the allocation in this fund for the Milltown and Mountbellew Areas be reduced by £5,000 in each case and that the total sum of £20,000 be allocated to drainage of the Islands River.

A proposal by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Haverty, that no works listed under pages 9 to 22 inclusive of the Roadworks Scheme will be withdrawn as a result of the provision of the sum of £20,000 for Island River Drainage, was unanimously agreed by the Council.

A vote was then taken on the proposal made by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Senator Connaughton and it resulted as follows:

**FOR THE PROPOSAL:** Councillors J. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Kitt, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan and Welby.

(22)

**AGAINST THE PROPOSAL:** Councillor U. Burke.  
Councillor P. McCormack did not vote.

(1)

The Chairman declared Councillor Byrne's proposal carried.

Deputy Callanan proposed and Councillor Welby seconded that the Council adopt the Estimate of Expenses as amended.

Councillor Byrne proposed and Senator Connaughton seconded:

"That the Council defer the adoption of the Estimates until a meeting is held with the Minister for Finance with a view to (a) increasing the Road Grants to meet increased costs; (b) meeting the increase over 10% on Statutory obligations, i.e., land drainage, and (c) resolving the matter of the Council's liability to the Western Health Board for Supplementary Welfare Allowances."

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

**FOR:** Councillor J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors O'Foighil and Ryan.

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**AGAINST:** Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(14)

The Chairman declared the amendment defeated.

On the appeal of the Chairman, the Council unanimously agreed to the adoption of the Estimates as amended and determination of Rates in the pound, on the proposition of Deputy Callanan and seconded by Councillor Welby, as follows:

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1980, the Estimate of Expenses, as amended, set out in Tables A, B 1, C and D, and hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimates, the Rates set out in Column 11 of Table B 1, Column 11 of Table C, and Column 7 of Table D, to be the Rates in the pound to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B 1 and in Tables C and D."

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

The demands on the Galway Borough Council and on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1980, were then sealed and signed.

The following resolution was adopted by the Council on the proposition of Deputy Callanan, seconded by Senator Kitt:

"That Galway County Council write to the Minister of State in charge of the Board of Works, asking that he reduce the demand on Galway County Council for the maintenance of drainage work, and that the Department of Social Welfare be written to protesting at the making of an additional demand for Supplementary Welfare Allowances for 1979, on the 31st December, 1979."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

P. Mac Gloinn: CHAIRMAN

24th March 1980: DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

18u Marta, 1980.

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 Contae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 24u Marta, 1980, 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 Mrs. Agnes Joyce of Bunowen Beg, Ballyconneely for a dwellinghouse at Bunowen Beg. - Planning Ref. No. 25123."  
G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.
  - (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 Richard Quinlivan for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Thornfield. - Planning Ref. No. 33600."  
Ulick Burke. Joe Brennan. Edward Haverty.
  - (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 for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Mr. & Mrs. James Donoghue. - Planning Ref. No. 34199."  
James Joyce. Ulick Burke. Edward Haverty.
2. Minutes.
3. 4th Annual Conference of the County Councils' General Council at Owenahincha, Co. Cork - 17th - 19th April - Notice already circulated to Members.
4. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
5. Housing Loans and Supplementary Grants - Initial Capital Allocation for 1980.
6. Local Authority Housing Construction - Initial Capital Allocation for 1980.-

7. Raising of Loan of £3,000,000 for construction of Local Authority houses.
8. Low-Rise Mortgage - approval to increase subsidy from existing maximum of £4.50 per week to a maximum of £6.00 per week.
9. Sale of housing sites at Cullairbaun, Athenry to:-  
Mr. Hugh N. Kelly, Palmerstown, Oranmore.  
Mr. Martin Starr, C/o Patrick Mahoney, Ballybritt, Galway.  
Mr. Francis O'Loughlin, Mellows Barracks, Renmore, Galway.  
- Notice dated 12th March, 1980.
10. Local Improvement Schemes - Allocation for 1980. - Report to follow.
11. Revision of Wages of Craftsmen's Mates.
12. Islands River Drainage - Copy of Report of Mr. M. J. Dunne, Co. Engineer, dated 25th February, 1980 and of Mr. P. Lynch, former County Engineer dated 28th September, 1978, herewith.
13. Fix date of Meeting of Fisheries Committee.
14. Raising of Loan of £56,600 to finance the cost of increased pipe sizes for Williamstown, Bushypark (Galway) and Chestnut Lane (Galway) Group Water Supply Schemes.
15. Appointment of Coiste Gaeltachta.
16. Promotion of the Irish Language in the Local Authority Service.
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

PROPOSALS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

18. Review of County Development Plan - proposals of an Comhairleoir O'Foighil.
19. Dangerous bend - Station Road, Gort, and proposal to purchase adjoining area from C.I.E. - Proposals of Councillors F. Fahey, T. Byrne, and Deputy J. Donnellan.
20. Deputation to Ministers for the Environment and the Gaeltacht re Connemara Roads.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE - I will propose:

21. That Public Lighting be provided in Kilbeacanty, Kiltulla, and Nogra.

DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:

22. That Galway County Council explain why the public lights at Clonberne, Ballinasloe, have not been in operation for the past three months.

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

23. That the County Council acquire land for a Burial Ground at Peterswell, Gort.
24. That the County Council commence a programme of acquiring land for serviced sites in all major towns and villages throughout the County.
25. That a connection off the Public Main be given for the Rinn/Killeeneen Group Water Scheme.

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

26. That the speed limit signs near the Crystal Ballroom in Kiltormer be brought out as far as O'Halloran's House in Kiltormer.
27. That the County Council erect a pump over the bore-hole in Mick Marner's garden in Kill, Clontuskert.

COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

28. That this Council take steps to ease two bad corners near the road into Carnacuil, Headford, from the Claran Church side.
29. That a public light at Claran Church and school be provided.
30. That a 40 m.p.h. speed limit sign be erected in Turloughmore.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN - Molaim:

31. Gur Cheart do oifig an Innealtora in Uachtar Ard a chur in iul do'n Chlochan nuair a chliseann ar an truc drabhail, sa gcaoi go mbeadh truc osgailte ar fail chun an obair a dheanamh.
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33. That the County Council indicate their intention to supply Headford Town with a proper water supply in the forthcoming years.

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42. That any L.I.S. applications made to this Council for roads leading to hogs be put on a priority list because of the uncertainty of the energy position.
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COUNCILLOR M. FAHY - I will propose:

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

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1) K. A. Fahy Ltd., 3, Bridge Street, Galway.	Damage to windows.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£85.05
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3) Mr. Patrick G. Madden, 18, Prospect Hill, Galway.	Destruction of two tyres.	Borough of Galway.	£23.22	£48.77

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

12th March '80

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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

A Chara,

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

LAND

sites for houses at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - areas as given hereunder:-

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>Site No's</u>	<u>Area of Plots</u>
Mr. Hugh N. Kelly, Palmerstown, Oranmore	43	(.073 acre)
Mr. Martin Starr c/o Patrick Mahoney, Ballybrit	51	(.13 acre)
Mr. Francis O'Loughlin, Mellows Barrack's Renmore	54	(( 11 acre)

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
43	1500
51	3200
54	2900

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

- The sites will be sold in fee simple.
- The Co. Council will retain wayleaves in respect of watermains and sewers.

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

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle Runai.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Co. Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Re: Local Authority Housing Construction Capital Allocations.

In 1979 the amount sought by the Council in respect of its commitments for Local Authority House Construction was: £1,475,000  
amount granted was: £1,000,000

For new works the Council sought an allocation of: £1,302,000  
amount granted was: £ 350,000

The initial allocation was sought for the following requirements:

(a) finance debit balance at 31/12/'78 estimated to be	£ 308,000
(b) pay balances in respect of completed scheme	92,500
(c) finance schemes then in progress	£1,074,700
TOTAL:	£1,475,200

Shortfall here was : £475,000

The new works allocation was used to supplement the above. This meant that most of the Schemes listed for new works had to be deferred. Only the Rural Programme continued until after the late summer review when a further amount of £200,000 was granted to allow the Rural Programme continue and also for late starts to be made on Clifden and Roundstone Schemes.

The total allocation made in respect of Local Authority House Construction for 1979 was:- £1,750,000

Made up  
Local Loans Fund: £1,277,000  
Amount by way of Overdraft: £ 473,000

This was used to finance

(a) Debit Balances at 31/12/'78:	305,000
(b) Expenditure (excl. land) 1/1/79 to 31/12/'79:	£1,775,130
TOTAL	£2,080,130

The Council could only draw £1,277,000 from the L.L.Fund to finance the above. There is therefore a debit balance of £803,000 at the 31/12/'79 which has to be financed from the current year's allocation.

The Department stipulate that no new works can start without their specific approval. In 1979<sup>18</sup> our new works claim the following schemes were listed, giving anticipated starting dates and showing the amounts which could be expended if finance was available:

Scheme	Anticipated starting date	Estimated expenditure in 1979
Clarínbridge (12)	1/6/1979	£ 70,000
Corofin (6) * 7 sites	1/4/1979	62,000
Tuam (8)	1/4/1979	68,000
Loughrea (4)	1/6/1979	80,000
Moycullen (12) + 21 sites	1/6/1979	100,000
Total		£380,000

These schemes were not catered for in the new works allocation, accordingly they had to be deferred. Clifden and Roundstone were the only schemes where starts could be made last year.

With regard to the 1980 commitments, our return submitted to the Department showed total requirements for on-going works and works ready to start to be £2,719,000 Breakdown as follows:-

(a) Estimated Amount required to finance debit balance at 31/12/'79	£746,000
(b) Estimated balances due on completed schemes	100,000
(c) Estimated expenditure in 1980 on schemes already in progress	
Athenry (34)	£306,000
Ballygar (12)	44,000
Clifden (11)	250,000
Roundstone (2)	140,000
Rurals (66)	443,000
Demountables (12)	36,000
	£1,219,000
(d) Estimated expenditure on schemes for which contracts had been arranged.	
Tuam (8)	£ 90,000
Corofin (6)	136,000
Portumna (10)	155,000
Moycullen (12)	273,000
	£654,000
TOTAL a+b+c+d	£2,719,000

Even if (d) above was excluded from the total commitments an allocation of £2,065,000 would be required to cover on-going commitments, i.e. a+b+c above. The allocation granted falls short of this amount by £585,000. If this amount is not made up now the new works allocation will have to supplement it. The result will mean that no new works can be undertaken and the present programme of Rural houses may have to be curtailed.

A list of schemes proposed for 1980 is appended:

L	Est. Start.	Est. Expenditure in '80
Loughrea (12)	1/4/'80	£100,000
Eyreccourt (3)	1/4/'80	70,000
Loughrea (20)		
(St. Law's field)	1/7/'80	120,000
Tuam (Parkmere) 30	1/7/'80	180,000
Woodford 8	1/7/'80	50,000
Clarínbridge 12	1/7/'80	80,000
Williamstown 6	1/8/'80	20,000
Kilcennell 6	1/8/'80	20,000
Kilconly 6	1/8/'80	20,000
		£380,000

It is apparent from the above that the Council would need an increased allocation:

- (a) to finance current commitments.
- (b) to allow for new starts in 1980.

Yours sincerely,

Co. Manager.

20 MAR 1980  
 GALWAY

Assistant County Manager's Office,  
 County Buildings,  
 Prospect Hill,  
 GALWAY.

19th March, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

RE: Local Improvement Schemes 1980

Dear Member,

We have received notification from the Department of the Environment that a grant of £171,000 has been allocated to Galway County Council for this year's local improvement schemes.

The amount of grant for last year was £236,000 and a further £4,000 was allocated towards the end of the year.

The Department have requested that when Councils are preparing their programme of works, they should ensure, as far as practicable, that schemes are selected on a county-wide priority basis rather than rely on a crude allocation by area. It is the responsibility of each Council to decide the priority within the county of the different schemes eligible for grant.

A table is attached, for the information of Members, showing the present position with regard to applications and expenditure for the eleven engineering areas. A further table shows the allocation of the current year's grant (a) on a percentage basis relating to the volume of applications on hands, and (b) on a similar percentage but allowing an amount of £10,000 to each area. It will be seen that under the first method of allocation, two of the engineering areas would absorb more than 50% of the entire grant. The second method appears to give a reasonable allocation to each area and also takes into account the volume of applications in hands. It is recommended that the Council would adopt this method of allocation.

Last years grant was underexpended as there was considerable difficulty in having works carried out due to vacancies in supervisory staff posts. These vacancies arose in five of the Engineering areas and there were lengthy delays in having them filled because of a shortage of suitable applicants. Further delays arose from the fact that grant offers totalling £139,343 were not accepted by applicants and further offers had to be made later in the year. The administration of the scheme was also made more difficult because of the postal strike.

At the February Meeting of the Council a resolution was adopted requesting the Government to allocate special funds for the development of bog roads. This request has been conveyed to the Department. In the meantime works of this nature are eligible for assistance in the normal course, from the current L.I.S. allocation.

Yours sincerely,

J. HOWLETT

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

Area	1979					1980			
	Allocation for 1979	Amount expended in 1979	Value of offers accepted in 1979 and balance to be expended from 1978	Offers issued but not accepted	Balances to be expended on schemes commenced in 1979	Schemes authorised in 1979 but not yet commenced	Total	Value of applications on hands	
Clifden	36,460	37,543	55,943	22,264	12,315	—	12,315	103,741	
Congliscard	50,360	30,350	43,119	27,944	5,308	5,660	10,968	171,953	
Galway	25,510	4,616	19,463	10,722	—	15,147	15,147	80,945	
Tram	13,780	8,047	7,932	7,154	531	—	531	5,482	
Milltown	17,560	29,214	25,964	13,968	264	—	264	19,411	
Leighin	16,820	14,747	25,046	3,939	11,140	—	11,140	779	
Gett	20,080	18,780	20,545	16,942	6,646	—	6,646	13,861	
Portunna	15,040	11,026	12,429	13,866	1,113	—	1,113	12,989	
Ballinasloe	11,260	—	56	3,899	—	—	—	12,005	
Athenry	13,780	21,052	20,239	9,313	59	—	59	31,541	
Mountbellew	13,780	16,270	32,508	9,372	922	13,470	14,392	24,919	
<b>Total</b>	<b>236,000</b>	<b>191,645 *</b>	<b>263,244</b>	<b>139,343</b>	<b>50,298</b>	<b>34,277</b>	<b>72,575</b>	<b>477,626</b>	
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\* Provisional until final accounts are available

Area	A L L O C A T I O N	
	(a) on a percentage basis	(b) 10,000 to each area and dividing the balance on a percentage basis
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Oughterard	36%	£ 31,960
Galway	17%	£ 20,390
Tuan	1%	£ 10,610
Milltown	4%	£ 12,440
Loughrea	-	£ 10,000
Gort	3%	£ 11,830
Portumna	3%	£ 11,830
Ballinasloe	2%	£ 11,220
Athenry	7%	£ 14,270
Mountbellew	5%	£ 13,050
		£ 171,000

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH MARCH, 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, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. 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, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Puane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; S. McMahon, M. Tierney, and K. Hays, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, and S. O'Neill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; Miss C. Hett, S.S.O.; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; Miss A.M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Messrs. D. Barrett, S.S.O.; F. O Gallachoir, M.J. Connolly, Temporary Planning Assistants; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

399 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Deputy Mannion, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council extended its sincere sympathy to Councillor F. Coogan on the recent death of his wife. The Council also agreed to adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes as a mark of respect.

Deputy Killilea felt that the Council might adjourn its meeting altogether for the day where it was the death of a near relative of a member of the Council but other members present expressed the view that, in the circumstances, Councillor Coogan might prefer if the Council would continue the business of the meeting.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, joined in the expression of sympathy to Councillor Coogan.

The meeting then adjourned for 15 minutes.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Murray, Senior, and Family, High Park, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Meehan, Portnick, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Burns, St. Michael's Place, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Mooney, Farm Yard, Athenry.  
P. Divilly, Coill Rua, Indreabhan.  
Mrs. Pat Greally and Family, Gortadooey, Claregalway.  
Mr. Edward Bolkin, Kylemore Village, Letterfrack.  
Mr. and Mrs. Paddy Smith, Lisnadrisha, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway.  
Bairbre Bean Uí Chualain, Muighinnis, Carna.

400 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 25123 - MRS. AGNES JOYCE:

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

1. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

(i) Outline Permission already refused, to same applicant in 1972 on amenity grounds. Site and holding inspected by Planning Officer with applicant's husband in 1972. Reasons for refusal explained and several alternative locations pointed out.

(ii) Applicant re-applied for the same site in 1977 and claimed essential housing need on this occasion. Further information was sought to substantiate the claim. A reply was received in January 1980 together with a Section 4 Motion.

(iii) No prior consultation between Councillors and Planning Officer took place. Planning Officer again met applicant's husband on site in January 1980 and explained reasons for refusal and pointed out numerous alternative locations.

2. PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Site is on scenic shoreline of Ballyconneely bay remote from public road system and other houses. House is proposed on site of old house. New development would be incongruous and out of keeping in such an isolated and open setting beside the shoreline. It would be a most undesirable precedent especially where essential housing need is not properly substantiated and where alternative sites are available.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development would be prominently located within 100 ft. of the High Water Mark of Ballyconneely Bay, with no road frontage or accessway of any kind to a public road. The proposed development would thus constitute disorderly development of backlands in an area of high scenic amenity and open character."

The County Manager stated that in this case, the resolution under Section 4 was sent in with a reply to a request for Further Information sent to the applicant. He expressed disappointment at this procedure as he felt that a solution could be found since alternative sites were available as set out in the report.

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

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke and seconded by Councillor Holland that the permission sought be refused. It was decided that a vote would be taken on those proposals after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR DEPUTY MANNION'S PROPOSAL: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, U. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ryan and Welby.

FOR COUNCILLOR J. BURKE'S PROPOSAL: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, Ruane.

(21)

The Chairman declared Deputy Mannion's proposal carried.

Senator Connaughton and Councillor O'Foighil did not vote.

401 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 33600 - RICHARD QUINLIVAN:

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

"SITE:

The site is situated on a heavily trafficked unaligned section of the National Secondary route between Gurtymadden and Portumna and is an unnecessary house on this route as the applicant is working in Portumna and would be advised to build his house in the town. He has claimed that it is difficult to obtain a site in the town and in fact is unable to do so. The Local Authority has not experienced this difficulty itself and has a number of developed sites available for applicants such as this, however, this applicant does not consider the sites suitable."

Councillor Ulick Burke proposed and Senator Connaughton seconded the resolution as set out on the Agenda. Councillor Ulick Burke stated that he disagreed with the report, that he had visited the office five times in connection with this and that he had left the office feeling that the Permission would be granted. A definite housing need had been established as this man was living in a flat and he stated that the only person who could get a site now in Portumna would be an existing landowner. The site in this case is on an unaligned section of road and he did not believe that the road would be re-aligned on the side of the road on which the site is situated. Regarding the alternative site suggested which is owned by the Council, he stated that the site is unsuitable from the point of view of size, area, and location.

The County Manager stated that the Council's greatest difficulty in Portumna is to sell sites which are available, - he stated that the sites are adequate and up to the standard approved by the Department of the Environment.

It was proposed by Councillor Holland and seconded by Councillor J. Burke that the Permission sought be refused. It was decided that a vote on those proposals would be taken after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR COUNCILLOR U. BURKE'S PROPOSAL: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, U. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ryan and Welby.

(23)

FOR COUNCILLOR HOLLAND'S PROPOSAL: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, Ruane.

(4)

The Chairman declared Councillor U. Burke's proposal carried.

Councillor O'Foighil did not vote.

402 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34199 - APPLICANT: MR. AND MRS. JAMES DONOHUE:

The County Manager stated that it had been decided to grant Permission in this case.

403 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Senator Connaughton, the Minutes of meetings held on 22nd February, 25th February, 27th February, 10th March (two meetings), (numbers 337 - 398, inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 404 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The arrangements for the 4th Annual Conference of the County Councils' General Council to be held at Ownahincha Hotel, Ownahincha, Co. Cork, on the 17th, 18th, and 19th April, 1980, were noted. It was agreed that the following Motions would be submitted for consideration by the Conference.

- (a) That a full cost grant should be available for improvement of Bog Roads.
- (b) That the General Council of County Councils condemn the action of the Government in reducing the amount of Travelling expenses by about 50% in respect of the Members of the Galway County Committee of Agriculture for the year 1980, and to ask for an explanation.
- (c) That the General Council of County Councils seek from the Minister for the Environment the following improvements for Councillors:
  - (i) A suitably large increase in the mileage rate to cover travelling expenses of Councillors.
  - (ii) A subsistence allowance which would take into account the increased costs of Councillors when away from home attending meetings and also their financial losses when away from their work.
  - (iii) A postage and stationery allowance.
  - (iv) A telephone allowance.
  - (v) The inclusion of attendance at meetings of Development Associations, Community Groups, etc., for travelling and subsistence allowances, when a Councillor attends those within his electoral area, a register of such associations to be compiled by the County Council.

## 405 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the schedule to item 4 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

## 406 - HOUSING LOANS AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS - INITIAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION - £800,000:

The County Manager stated that this is <sup>now</sup> mainly for making Housing Loans to persons building their own houses as supplementary grants had virtually stopped. He stated that the amount allocated for the period up to the 30th June, 1980, is likely to be adequate, but that in the second half of the year, a larger sum might be required following the impact of the increase in the maximum Housing Loan to £12,000 and of the income limit to £5,500.

## 407 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION - INITIAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR 1980:

The County Manager referred to a circular N5/80 from the Department of the Environment dated 14th March, 1980, notifying the Council of the initial Capital allocation of £1,480,000 to cover the Council's on-going commitments at the 1st January, 1980, for expenditure in 1980 on Local Authority Housing and estimated expenditure in 1980 on schemes of cottages commenced since then. He pointed out that getting an allocation was not the same as getting money and he quoted from his report dated 24th March, 1980, circulated to Members at the Meeting the deficit of £305,000 on the Capital Housing Account at the beginning of 1979 which had increased to £803,000 at the beginning of 1980. In view of the shortfall during 1979, many schemes which are ready to start could not be commenced, and he pointed out that the Council is not allowed to start the construction of any houses until specific financial arrangements for the construction of those houses is made. He stated that he was drawing the particular attention of the Council to the difficulties which the Council had experienced in getting money so that they would be fully aware of the problems and that they might be able to assist in obtaining the adequate funds to carry out the Council's programme. He expressed disappointment with the allocation and stated that an effort will be made to get a further substantial allocation. He mentioned also that approval had been received to the raising of a loan of £100,000 for private sites but he

pointed out that this was out of the Council's Capital Allocation for housing construction which is already inadequate so that it is not available for private sites as originally proposed.

Replying to queries by Senator Connaughton, the County Manager stated that the debit balance of £803,000 was the first claim on the Council's allocation for 1980. It had been hoped to embark on a programme of further new housing schemes but this is not now possible until a further allocation to enable new starts to commence is received. He pointed out also that if the Council does not get money to start new schemes, it will have a load of commitments coming into 1981 and it will experience the same difficulty in getting funds in that year.

Replying to Councillor Joe Burke, the County Manager stated that the Council had not yet received sanction to overdraft amounting to £1,500,000, including £500,000 for Housing Construction for the quarter ending 30th June next. He also stated that the Department's circular stated that additional allocations will be made in the near future for new work to be started before the 31st July, 1980.

Senator Kitt stated that he was informed by the Department of the Environment that the Council had received £1.48 million for commitments and new starts up to the 14th March. The County Manager stated that there were no new starts as the Council got no funds and no clearance for new starts from the 1st January, 1980, to the date of the circular letter, i.e., 14th March.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that a deputation should be sent to the Minister to seek additional funds.

Deputy Callanan stated that apparently the allocation to the County Council took account of the sum of £1 million allocated to Galway Corporation.

Deputy Callanan agreed that a deputation should go to the Minister.

The County Manager stated that subject to getting a further allocation, the Council would be specifying approximately 50 to 60 rural houses for which money is urgently needed.

Deputy Killilea stated that an allocation of £2.719 million would enable the Council to finish the schemes on hands and to start those listed at (d) in the County Manager's report. He stated that a further £0.79 million would enable the Council to complete 146 houses this year.

Deputy Killilea also stated that the Council should publicise the Low-Rise Mortgage Scheme as many existing tenants of Council houses would avail of it and leave local authority houses available for further lettings.

Replying to Councillor F. Fahey, the County Manager gave particulars of houses erected in 1977, 1978, and 1979, and on the debit balance at the end of each year.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that there is a very large number of people on the County Council's present waiting list and that virtually no young couple could now build or buy a house at present costs.

The County Manager stated that he could not give the exact number of people at present waiting for houses as many do not apply until they see houses being built.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that the Council should expand its programme of house building. He agreed that the situation regarding the allocation of Capital was not satisfactory and that pressure would be put on the Minister for a further allocation. He stated that the Council had now a considerably greater programme of house building that it had in 1976. He stressed that every possible effort should be made to ensure that serviced sites will be expanded and not curtailed.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Senator Connaughton, it was agreed that the Minister be asked to receive a deputation from the Council on a date to be arranged.



Councillor M. Fahy stated that the public are not sufficiently aware of the Low-Rise Mortgage Scheme and stated that the appointment of itinerants as tenants of houses in Estates was a failure.

Councillor J. Burke strongly disagreed that the housing of itinerants in estates had not been successful.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that the construction of further houses in Eyrecourt was awaiting the allocation of finance.

408 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £3 MILLION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

It was proposed by Deputy Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3 million from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the construction of local authority houses, the loan to be repaid over a period of 35 years by annuity with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the County Council."

409 - LOW-RISE MORTGAGE SCHEME:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator Kitt, the Council unanimously agreed that the maximum subsidy payable by the County Council under the Low-Rise Mortgage Scheme be increased from £4.50 per week to £6 per week in the first year and diminishing annually by 66p per week, in accordance with the provisions of Circular H5/80 dated 30th January, 1980, from the Department of the Environment.

410 - SALE OF SITES AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of sites numbered 43, 51 and 54 at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Hugh N. Kelly, Mr. Martin Starr, and Mr. Francis O'Loughlin, respectively, on the terms set out in Notice dated 12th March, 1980, circulated to each Member of the Council under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

411 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - ALLOCATION FOR 1980:

The County Manager stated that the Council had been notified by the Department of the Environment that the Council's allocation for Local Improvement Grants for 1980 amounted to £171,000 and he referred to the Assistant County Manager's report dated 19th March, 1980, with proposals for the distribution of this sum, copy of which report had been circulated to each Member of the Council. He stated that in addition to the reason set out in the Assistant County Manager's report for not expending the full amount of the allocation for 1979, there was also an element of industrial action in the early part of the year which slowed down the work.

Councillor McCormack stated that the Council should try to organise the execution of the work better in order to ensure that the full allocation was spent.

The County Manager stated that in 1978 the amount was overspent and the over expenditure had to be taken off the 1979 allocation.

Deputy Killilea stated that several times during 1978 and 1979, he had made representations regarding the village of Lavally where a community effort was involved in trying to meet all the requirements for the allocation of a grant for a Local Improvement Scheme. He felt that the Council should have tried harder to meet the efforts of the local community. He asked now that as an exceptional case the Council meet the wishes of the people of the area this year as failure to carry out the work involves bringing cattle on to a public road where they are being killed by traffic.

Replying to Councillors' queries, the County Manager stated that as an instance of some of the difficulties encountered, offers amounting to £139,000 had been processed and not accepted by the promoters. As a result, the Council had to have other applications processed and the delay occasioned by the failure of the original promoters to accept the offer was a factor in the difficulties involved in expending the full grant.

Deputy Callanan stressed the need for having applications processed early in the year, and if acceptance of an offer is not notified in time, the grant would be made available for other schemes on the waiting list. He asked that inspections be carried out as early in the year as possible.

Councillor Haverty stated that money which is not spent in one area should be transferred to another. He stated that while Councillors can get information on any individual application in the offices, it is not possible to get overall information on the progress of allocations throughout the County. He felt that Councillors could help in their own areas in getting local people to speed up their portion of the work. He asked that a monthly progress report would be made available to Councillors.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he had always found the staff most helpful to him and that the difficulty appears to be that promoters are not able to collect the money. He suggested that a time limit be given to them and if necessary, to give an extension before cancelling the offer. He felt that bog roads should get a full cost grant for making new roads and repairing existing bog roads as the country will have to rely largely on turf in the future.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the sum of £20,000, not spent in the Oughterard area last year, could have been used if it had been allocated to the Clifden area.

Councillor Finnegan stated that some roads in north Galway are in a bad state of repair and that roads leading to villages should have priority for funds.

Councillor Ryan asked that a scheme approved for Moylough to relieve flooding should be started early in the Spring before the crops have grown as people may object later if carrying out of the work would interfere with crops.

The County Manager stated that this scheme could have been done last year but that the money was not collected until the end of the year.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that an application for a Local Improvement Scheme for the Pound Road in Gort had been sent in last year but that the local contribution was too high.

The County Manager stated that he could not answer queries about individual cases but that this case will be investigated.

Councillor McCormack stated that occasionally there is a delay of three years in making an offer of a grant and that by this time, it could happen that the original promoter would either have died or have gone away and that the participants would not be aware that the grant is available. He asked if all beneficiaries could be notified.

Replying to a further query, the County Manager stated that the allocation of £171,000 does not include allocations from Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Replying to Senator Kitt, the County Manager stated that problems about recruiting supervisors had caused the delay in starting a scheme authorised in 1979 in Caltra.

The County Manager stated that a quarterly report on progress with Local Improvement Schemes will be submitted to Members.

On a show of hands, the Council agreed to a proposition by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Senator Kitt that a period of two months would be allowed to promoters to send in the money following an offer.

Councillor Welby stated that offers are sometimes made where a Notice of Motion job is being done. He stated that a greater effort should be made to have the money spent in the areas to which the funds are allocated. He stated that different difficulties experienced in getting information regarding roads to which Gaeltacht Grants are allocated and he asked if there is priority for these.

The County Manager stated that Roinn na Gaeltachta occasionally asks the Council for estimates of costs of carrying out work on certain roads, the Council agrees to do this work for them on the allocation of funds by Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Councillor Welby stated that he had not received any reply to queries he sent regarding schemes in Spiddal and Kilronan.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that a special case had been made last year for the road to Fohenagh Cemetery and he asks that this would be taken into account in the current year as local people were prepared to carry out the work under a Local Improvement Scheme.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, explained in response to a query by Councillor J. Burke, the method by which the allocation on a percentage basis recommended had been worked out.

On the proposition of Deputy Callanan, seconded by Councillor Joyce, the Council unanimously agreed to the allocation of funds to each Engineering area as set at (b) in the schedule to Mr. Howlett's report, i.e., on the basis of £10,000 to each area and dividing the balance on a percentage basis. It was noted that the amounts allocated to each area would therefore be as follows:

Clifden	-	£23,420
Oughterard	-	£31,960
Galway	-	£20,370
Tuam	-	£10,610
Milltown	-	£12,440
Loughrea	-	£10,000
Gort	-	£11,830
Portumna	-	£11,830
Ballinasloe	-	£11,220
Athenry	-	£14,270
Mountbellew	-	£13,050
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£171,000</b>
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#### 412 - REVISION OF WAGES OF CRAFTSMEN'S MATES:

The County Manager stated that as a result of negotiations between a Group of Unions in the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board, a new wage scale has been agreed for Craftsmen's Mates employed by Local Authorities and he requested the approval of the Council to the revised scales.

It was proposed by Senator Kitt, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the following revised scales of wages for Craftsmen's Mates from the dates stated and in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, approve excess expenditure of £13,500 in 1979, subject to funds being available in the 1979 Accounts, alternatively, the amount to be charged to the 1980 Accounts;

	New Scale effective from 1.4.1979	New Scale including Phase 1 of 1979 National Agreement from 1.4.1979*	New Scale including Phase 2 of 1979 National Agreement from 1.1.1980*
	£	£	£
On recruitment	57.60	63.10	69.92
After ½ years service	58.94	64.44	71.35
After 1½ years service	59.60	65.10	72.06
After 2½ years service	60.31	65.81	72.82
After 3½ years service	60.98	66.48	73.53
After 4½ years service	61.34	66.86	73.94
After 5½ years service	61.66	67.21	74.31
After 6½ years service	62.02	67.60	74.73
After 7½ years service	62.36	67.97	75.13
After 8½ years service	62.93	68.59	75.79
After 9½ years service	63.34	69.04	76.27
After 10½ years service	64.39	70.19	77.50

\* 1.6.1979 and 1.3.1980 respectively in the case of "late starters".

#### 413 - ISLANDS RIVER DRAINAGE:

The County Manager stated that since the Estimates Meeting when the Council voted £20,000 for the Islands River Drainage, a new situation had arisen which meant that the Council is not now dealing with this matter on the basis on which it was discussed at the Estimates Meeting, as a letter dated 12th March, 1980, from Messrs. Claffey, Gannon & Co., Solicitors, who were acting for the Islands River Drainage Committee had been received informing the Council that the scheme must now be "prosecuted to expeditious and satisfactory completion and that any delay will be deemed to be negligence in respect of which their clients will take appropriate action in respect of damage as will unquestionably follow." He stated that a copy of this letter threatening legal proceedings is now being given to each Councillor so that they may be under no illusions as to how the Council stands on the matter. He also stated that he was sending out to each Member copy of an advice dated 24th March, 1980, on this matter received from the Council's Law Agent.

The County Manager then stated that the present position as indicated in those two letters is consistent with everything which he had already told the Council and which was set out also in the reports of the present and the former County Engineers. Taking all those matters into account, he was now repeating to the Council the advice which he has already given, i.e., that there was no obligation in law on the Council to carry out the work, that he was strongly advising them not to do so and that if they do so, the Council will be liable for damage to be caused by flooding downstream. The problem, he stated, is that the Suck Drainage is part of the Shannon basin and that until the Shannon Basin Drainage is improved, nothing can be done either with the Suck Drainage or with the Island River Drainage. To carry out the drainage now would mean liability for damages in the current year and on a continuing basis until such time as the Shannon Basin is drained. He stated that it is his obligation to

give this advice to the Councillors and he was repeating that irrespective of the provision of money in the Estimates, he had no intention of authorising the carrying out of the Island River Drainage on his own responsibility.

Councillor McCormack stated that the spirit in which this matter was previously considered by the Council had changed and he stated that he could not understand the necessity of the letter on behalf of the Drainage Committee at this time.

Replying to a further query by Councillor McCormack, the County Manager repeated that the Council has no obligation to carry out the Drainage Work and that the letter is indicative of the attitude at present being adopted.

Councillor Finnegan stated that the background to the letter was that it was stated at a previous meeting that there would be liability on the Council if the river were cleaned. He felt that if people were to benefit by a Drainage Scheme, they should not be expected to forget about the opportunity which they have of getting the work done. Local people state that no change in the river conditions had taken place in 20 years and that their solicitor had stated that there would be no liability arising from cleaning the bank and the bed of the river. They did not think that the letter was directed to each Councillor and he suggested that the Solicitors for both parties would draw up a statement of the facts and submit them to a legal authority for a decision. He felt that people have the right to question the opinion which has been given to the Council and he stated that the proof of the public interest in the matter is the amount of care and urgency which local people feel about the need for the drainage.

Senator Connaughton stated that the Council has two diverging legal views. He agreed that the letter received from Messrs. Claffey, Gannon & Co., is worded rather strongly and he felt that something went wrong with regard to the briefing of Mr. Gannon. He stated that the people have the right to want to get the river cleaned and he stated that he felt after talking to Mr. Gannon that morning, that local people had a good case, so also he agreed had the Council's Solicitor made a case for the Council's point of view. He proposed that the Council engage the services of a Senior Counsel and that he be briefed by the two solicitors involved, and that when Senior Counsel's opinion is received, it be brought back to the Council and that the Council be obliged to accept his opinion. He proposed that the Council employ a Senior Counsel, that he would be briefed by both solicitors, and that his advice be brought back to the Council.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

Councillor Ryan stated that he attended a meeting at Williamstown the previous Wednesday night which was attended by four Members of Roscommon County Council among others. He stated that the advice given by a Solicitor at the meeting was that there was no liability for flooding if the bed of the river is not interfered with. He felt satisfied with this. He stated that Roscommon County Councillors had stated that the Suck Drainage Committee had carried out drainage on the River Suck within the past few years and assured people who were present at the meeting that drainage of the Islands River would create no further problem in the Suck River. He pointed out that the Council had voted £20,000 and unless some genuine reason was given, the Council was entitled to do the work. He supported Senator Connaughton's proposal about getting legal advice. He stated that Galway County Council did work on the Islands River 25 years ago, and if it was right then, it should be right to do it now.

The County Manager stated that what was done previously by the Council was a very small job and he felt that the people who were agitating for the drainage scheme should be made perfectly aware that a "cosmetic" job on the river will not relieve flooding, and that if the work to relieve flooding is carried out, it can be done only at the expense of causing flooding down river. It can relieve flooding in one place only by causing flooding in another. The Council has received advice from the Board of Works and from its own Engineers and all agree on the need for relief of flooding but the way now proposed is not the way. People who seek relief from flooding should go where they can be helped and this is not to the County Council.

Councillor Joyce stated that he voted for the allocation of £20,000 for the Islands River Drainage in the spirit of neighbourliness though the County Manager had advised the Council at the time that there was no obligation and his advice was against the Council doing it, and although the Manager had said that land in his area would be further flooded. He stated that the threatening letter now received was a slap in the face to him stating that the Council would be made liable. Councillors had tried to help people in that area and now because they did this, they are being threatened with legal action. He now felt that the Council should accept the County Manager's advice and the advice of the Council's own solicitor. He did not agree with the employment of Senior Counsel on the terms proposed.

Deputy Callanan, referring to the County Manager's statement that he would not carry out this work on his own responsibility, asked him if he would clarify the position for Councillors by stating whether he has legal authority to do this.

The County Manager stated that as the matter stood on that date, he would not carry out the work even if the Council passed a resolution asking him to do so. He pointed out that he has a responsibility as County Manager to have regard to the legal and engineering advice which is available to him and this advice was clearly against having the work carried out as proposed. However, he stated that the Council still wanted to go ahead with the Drainage Scheme, he would give advice to the Council as to how they should go about this and he would give them a statutory warning, require that a vote be taken, record the names of the Council Members voting for and against the resolution, and point out to Councillors the liability which they would incur for damages in the event of loss to the Council's funds. Councillor J. Burke stated that if the Council agreed to the proposal to employ Senior Counsel as proposed, he did not feel that it is any reflection on the competence of the Council's Solicitor and he enquired whether the Manager would have to give warning in the event of the legal advice being that the Council would not be responsible.

The County Manager asked on what question would the legal opinion be sought. He pointed out that there are two dimensions to this problem; one which is an engineering and on which there has been a clear warning that carrying out the work proposed would result in flooding in another area, and the only legal question is whether the Council would be liable if flooding did occur further down river. The question is a hypothetical one at present.

Deputy Killilea stated that the Manager's warning to the Council is a strong one and the Council should understand that if they pass a resolution to carry out the work, the Manager will not do it and will advise the Council on how to go about getting it done. He considered that the Council should go ahead and have a vote on the matter now. He is now of opinion that the work will not be done and he sees no point in getting Senior Counsel's opinion.

The County Manager replying to a query by Deputy Killilea stated that if the Council agrees to the employment of Senior Counsel, he would not advise on engineering matters only on the question of legal liability. If Senior Counsel were to advise that there is no liability, the County Manager will then consider the situation, but he pointed out that he had already stated that he will not accept personal liability for losses to the Council's funds.

Deputy Callanan stated that in order to get the advice which the Manager requires, Senior Counsel would need to consult engineers. The County Manager stated that the Council would put the engineering advice in his possession into his hands.

Councillor Finnegan stated that to be satisfied that the matter would be dealt with fairly by Senior Counsel, he should be presented with a statement of facts by both sides.

The County Manager stated that he is not talking about Arbitration, only legal opinion and there is no question of putting any submission by other parties to him.

Councillor Brennan stated that if he had been present at the time, the sum of £20,000 was voted in the Estimates for this work, he would have voted against it. He had sympathy with the people whose land is at present being flooded, but he referred to paragraph 18 of the report of 28th September, 1978, by Mr. Lynch, former County Engineer, which set out the position very clearly. It is a question of putting the cart before the horse to carry out the Islands River Drainage before the Shannon is drained. He suggested that the people who require the drainage scheme in the Islands River area, Roscommon County Council and Galway County Council should all get together and see to it that a proper drainage scheme to cater for the entire area is carried out.

Replying to a query by Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that Roscommon County Council is in the same position vis-a-vis Galway County as the Galway County Council would be vis-a-vis the people downstream from the Islands River.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he agreed that the letter from Messrs. Claffey, Gannon & Co., was ill-advised but the matter at issue is the question of restoring the situation to what it was in 1958 and that no liability arose downstream from work carried out in 1958. He considered it reasonable that this position should be restored and he felt that people in the Islands River area should be entitled to have this done. He stated that personally he had no funds to meet any surcharge if the question arose.

The County Manager stated that if he were to authorise it, he would be liable for losses.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that he was still opposed to County Council involvement in land drainage and he pointed out that this river area is part of an arterial drainage system. He considered that people who are campaigning for this scheme have been misled by having them come in here on four or five occasions to Council meetings. He stated that the Islands River is part of an Arterial Drainage Scheme and that it is the responsibility of Government Agencies to solve the problem and not the responsibility of Galway County Council.

He proposed that the Council drop the issue of carrying out drainage on the Islands River.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Joyce.

Senator Connaughton stated that having regard to the fact that Galway County Council could not agree to having submissions by the Solicitor for the Islands River Drainage Committee submitted to Senior Counsel, enquired if the two letters written by Messrs. Claffey, Gannon and Co., could be referred to Senior Counsel. The Council agreed that those two letters could be given to Senior Counsel.

A vote was then taken on Councillor Ulick Burke's amendment and it resulted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors U. Burke, Joyce, McCormack. (3)

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Deputy Mannion, Councillors O Conchubhair, O' Foighil, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan, and Welby. (21)

The Chairman declared the amendment defeated.

A vote was then taken on Senator Connaughton's proposal and it resulted as follows:

FOR THE PROPOSAL: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Kilgannon,

Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors O Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan, and Welby.

(22)

AGAINST THE PROPOSAL: None.

The Chairman declared Senator Connaughton's proposal carried.

Councillors U. Burke and Joyce did not vote.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain, the Chairman stated that the decision to get legal opinion does not bind the Council to any particular decision in the future.

414 - DATE FOR MEETING OF FISHERIES COMMITTEE:

It was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting.

415 - LOAN - £56,600 - CONTRIBUTION TO GROUP SCHEMES:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Senator Connaughton, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £56,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of financing the Council's contribution towards the cost of headworks and increased pipe sizes for Williamstown Group Water Supply Scheme, and for increased pipe sizes to Chestnut Lane and Bushypark Group Water Supply Schemes, the loan to be repayable by instalments over such period as may be approved by the Minister at the usual rate of interest for such loans."

416 - APPOINTMENT OF COISTE GAELTACHTA:

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

417 - PROMOTION OF THE IRISH LANGUAGE IN THE LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICE:

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

418 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

419 - DANGEROUS BEND - STATION ROAD, GORT:

It was decided to defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

420 - DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GAELTACHT RE CONNEMARA ROADS, WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

The County Manager stated that in the term of the previous Council one of the members of the delegation appointed at the time was Councillor Pat Galvin who is no longer a Member of the Council.

The Council agreed, on the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, that Councillor Joe Brennan be appointed instead of the former Councillor Galvin on the deputation.

421 - MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

Replying to a query by Councillor Haverty, the County Secretary stated that under standing orders, Member's name may not be included in more than three Notices of Motion for any Agenda, that each part of a multiple motion must be treated as a separate motion, and that where a number of members sign one motion, it is often necessary to exclude some of the names from that motion in order to give the Members an opportunity of having as many motions as

possible in their names on the Agenda.

422 - TRADERS' CARAVANS - DUNMORE ROAD, TUAM:

Deputy Donnellan asked if the Council could take any action to have Traders who were recently parked on the Dunmore Road in Tuam, moved from the area. The County Manager stated that the Council has no power to insist on their immediate removal and that legal procedures take a long time and that they are not very effective. However, an effort is being made to get these people to move from the Dunmore Road.

423 - FIRE AT GLENAMADDY:

Senator Connaughton referred to a recent fire at Glenamaddy in which a man lost his life. He stated that people in Glenamaddy had asked that the Council would supply a portable pump and that if this were provided, locals would undergo training in fire fighting.

The County Manager stated that he had no information that the location of a small fire brigade unit in Glenamaddy would have saved the life in this case and that serious problems have been encountered in many places with regard to recruitment of Part-time Firemen and their availability to fight fires. He stated, however, that the matter would be investigated.

424 - NOTICES OF MOTION:

It was agreed that replies would be sent to Members to Notices of Motion submitted in their name and that if any Members wished to do so, they could have the Motions repeated on the Agenda for the next meeting by so informing the County Secretary.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. Glynn CHAIRMAN

28th April 1980 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

22u Aibreain, 1980.

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 Contae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 28u Aibreain, 1980, 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 requires the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Aoife Joyce of Waterloo, Clifden, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Munterowen East, Maam. - Planning Reference number 35467."
 

G. Bartley. Micheal O'Morain. Thomas Welby.
  - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, this Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant planning permission to Thomas Bohan, Curra, Moycullen, for the erection of a dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 34601."
 

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 Mr. Edward Kelly of Ballinwoyle for retention of garage at Castlegar. - Planning Ref. No. 35379."
 

John Molloy. Paddy Ruane. Thomas Welby.
  - (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 Mr. Oliver Hogan of Beechlawn, Ballinasloe, for a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Moher. - Planning Reference Number 34467."
 

James Joyce. John Callanan. Joe Brennan.

## 2. Minutes :

- (a) Council Meeting held on 24/3/'80.  
 (b) Meetings of Area Committees on Itinerancy - already circulated.
3. Raising of Loan of £80,000 for development of serviced site for travelling families at Roscam.
  4. Appointment of representative of Galway Council for Travelling people on Galway Area Committee on Itinerancy.
  5. Initial Capital Allocation for Sanitary Services for 1980 - Report of Assistant County Manager on the allocation and on Water Supply proposals for Islands herewith.
  6. Raising of Loan of £65,000 for financing of Small Sanitary Services Schemes for 1980.
  7. Allocation of grants under the Arts Acts.
  8. Membership of delegation to Minister for the Environment and the Gaeltacht re funds for Roads and Sanitary Services in Connemara.
  9. Creation of extra post of Draughtsperson for Road Design Team.
  10. Revision of remuneration of:-
    - (a) Telephonist.
    - (b) Storekeeper.
  11. Approval of Overdraft accommodation.
  12. Fix date for meeting of Fisheries Committee.
  13. Appointment of Coiste Gaeltachta.
  14. Promotion of the Irish Language in the Local Authority service.
  15. Request of residents of Cloughnacave and Gortstuckanagh, Gort, to have road through those townlands named "Circular Road".
  16. Malicious Damage Decree:-
 

<u>Name and Address:</u>	Mrs. Timothy Richardson, c/o C.P. Crowley & Co., Solicitors, 9, Eyre Square.
<u>Particulars of Claim:</u>	Damage to Motor Car - Reg. No. 621 ZM
<u>Area of Charge:</u>	Borough of Galway
<u>Amount of Claim:</u>	£80.00
<u>Amount of Decree:</u> (incl. costs)	£131.80.
  - 16(a) Sale of site at Cullairbaun, Athenry. - Notice dated 15/4/'80, refers.
  17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

PROPOSALS AND MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

18. Review of County Development Plan - Proposals of An Comhairleoir O Foighil,
19. Dangerous bend at Station Road, Gort, and proposal to purchase adjoining area from J.I.E. - Proposals of Councillors F. Fahey, T. Byrne, and Deputy J. Donnellan.

20. SENATOR P. CONNAUGHTON: - I will propose:

That the County Council do everything possible to help the local community at Tynagh to get a replacement industry for the mines which will be closing later this year.

21. DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - I will propose:

That the Council give permission to the Committee of Ballyglass Group Water Scheme to take the water for their scheme from Ahascragh.

22. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

That any L.I.S. applications made to this Council for roads leading to bogs be put on a priority list because of the uncertainty of the energy position.

23. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

That all pensioners being paid monthly at present be paid twice monthly in future by this Council.

24. COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

What are the plans for the proposed carpark and landing place at Derreenmeel, Oughterard, which was to be jointly financed by Bord Failte and the County Council, now that half the property has been sold to the Inland Fisheries Trust.

25. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:

That repairs be carried out on the road to Tommy Wall's house, Ballinlass, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.

26. COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE, DEPUTY J. CALLANAN, SENATOR M. P. KITT, COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - We will propose:

That the Council provide a building for a Museum in the town of Ballinasloe.

27. AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

Fiosroidh me cen fath nach bhfuil £6,000 ata ceadaithe d'Inis Meain o 1979 caite fos chomh maith le raiteas o Choiste Comharchumann Inis Meain, go bhfuil neamh shuim deanta ag an gComhairle Contae sna' boithre.

28. COUNCILLOR J. BURKE - I will propose:

That this Council authorise a feasibility study on acquiring a proper premises and disposing of the existing County Buildings at Prospect Hill.

COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

That the exit arrangements at the following road junctions be changed to reduce the danger of accidents:-

29. Junction of Newcastle-Tiaquin road near Rohan's house.
30. Junction of Gurteen-Attymon and Clough Roads at Temple National School.
31. Junction of Menlough-Ballymacward, Castleblakeney Roads at Ruane's Shop, Glentane.
32. COUNCILLORS U. BURKE, T. MURPHY, E. HAVERTY - We will propose:

That Galway County Council adopt the road at Kilcooley as marked red on attached map at the existing width with two laybys, as no machinery can be brought up this road from Portumna - Loughrea main road owing to 250 yards already declared public at 7' wide up to graveyard "The cost of widening the said stretch of road would be too enormous.

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32. (a) AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O CONCHUBHAIR:  
Cruinniu a bheith ag an gComhairle Conndae san nGaeltacht m.s. Cheathru Rua.
33. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:  
That the Council improve Culvererae Crossroads, Loughrea, i.e., carry out improvements, widen roadway.

34. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:  
That an Exit sign be erected on both sides of the Housing Estate at Claregalway, showing "Housing Estate".

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

35. AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:  
Go mbainfi an coirneal fíor chontrárteach ata ar an mbothar o Cheibh na hAirdé thiar ag teach Mhaire Ni Chaolaidhe.
36. AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:  
Go lgcuirfi comthara contabhairt ag ceann an bhothair o theach Sheosaimh Mac an Iomaire ag Tigh Donworth, Coill Saile, Cill Chiarain.
37. AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:  
Go ndeanfach an Comhairle Chontae mapail ar na trí Roillig i gCarna i gcomhair leis an bpobal.
38. COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:  
That this Council ask the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk at St. Joseph's Park, Tuam.
39. COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:  
That the County Council provide a pump for an improvement in the water supply to Ballymote, Tuam.
40. COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:  
That this Council supply a hard stand in Tuam for Itinerant Caravans.
41. COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:  
That some development work be carried out on the series of dangerous bends south of Gurteen Village on the Gurteen-Attymon Road.
42. COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:  
That this Council call on the Department of Justice to introduce effective controls on the sale of alcoholic drink to young people.
43. DEPUTY JOHN M. MANNION - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council prohibit parking on one side of the street from Cleggett's shop to Bank in Oughterard.
44. DEPUTY JOHN M. MANNION - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council take whatever steps are necessary to allow the Dawros Group Water Scheme connect to the Letterfrack Water Supply.
45. DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council provide a road and parking space at Creevaghbawn graveyard, Tuam, Co. Galway.

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46. DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council erect no Dumping signs at Castlecreevy Bridge, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.
47. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:  
That the County Council build a retaining wall around the dump in Oughterard and also that the Council take steps to ensure that the dump does not pollute the Corrib by an existing drain from the dump.
48. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:  
That this Council take steps to improve the bog road, Oughtérad, from the graveyard towards the Corrib and left branch out to the new Oughterard pier. This is a very scenic road.
49. COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:  
That the Council restore the surface on the Monivea Road from the Industrial Estate to Connolly's Shop, Kiltulla, as this road is in a shocking state.
50. COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:  
That the Ballinasloe-Portumna Road, Route No. T.31 be removed from the list of roads subject to Class 2 control of the County Development Plan.
51. COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council would investigate means of establishing a Twinning arrangement with one of the Local Authorities in Northern Ireland.
52. COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:  
That this Council would inform the Department of the Environment that there are still many old County Council houses in this County which have not got water, bathroom and toilet facilities and that the Council be authorised to make grants available for the provision of same and that the necessary funds be made available by the Department of the Environment.
53. AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:  
Bhfuil se i gceist an Deontas Forlionteach (Supplementary Grant) a cheadu do Sceim Uisce Inis Mean i mbliana.
54. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council provide land for Local Authority Housing in towns and villages in South Galway as there is urgent requirement for the County Council to provide more houses in this area.
55. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council acquire land for a graveyard in Gort.
56. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:  
That Galway County Council require land for parking in Gort town where parking is impossible to find.
57. COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:  
That this Council recommends that speed limit signs be erected at Kilchreest.
58. COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:  
That steps be taken this year to have the road junctions in the Maree area, Oranmore, signposted.

59. COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

That in the granting of extensions to Loughrea Water Supply, care be taken that householders and landowners in the immediate locality suffer no loss of pressure (i.e., Caheroyan Road).

60. COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN: - I will propose:

That the Ganaveen Cross/Crow's Nest Road to the Lawrencetown/Somerset Road at Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, be bordered, edged and that the fences/hedges be trimmed, that a barrier be erected at corner at Thomas Brennan's deserted house, and that protective barriers be erected on each side of the bridge near the corner.

61. COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

That three extra lights be provided in Derrymullen Rural, Ballinasloe.

62. COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

That the refuse collection service be extended to the few houses in Derrymullen.

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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Assistant Co. Manager's Office,  
County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

21st April, 1980.

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

RE: Capital Allocation for Water Supply & Sewerage Schemes

Dear Member,

Since the last Meeting we have received notification from the Department of the Environment with regard to the 1980 Capital Allocation. The amounts allocated are £600,000 for major Water & Sewerage Schemes and £65,000 for small Schemes. The initial allocation for 1979 was £885,000 for major Schemes and £80,000 for small Schemes. By the end of the year the amount for major Schemes had been increased to a total of £1,306,730.

MAJOR WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE SCHEMES

In a Report which was considered at the March Meeting of the Council it was pointed out that the amount estimated to be required during 1980 for Schemes in progress was £1.1 million pounds and that a similar amount was required for new starts making a total of £2.2 million pounds. It would not be possible to start any new Schemes from the amount now allocated and unless the allocation is subsequently increased funds for Schemes which are in progress will be inadequate as a further £500,000 is required for these works. As already stated the amount estimated to be required for Schemes in progress was £1.1 million pounds. In round figures this was made up of a £900,000 for withdrawals from loans which had been sanctioned at the commencement of the year and £200,000 in respect of Supplementary Loans. The bulk of this money is being spent on the following four major Schemes which are in progress:-

- (1) Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme;
- (2) Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme;
- (3) Construction of Briarhill Reservoir;
- (4) Extension of Water Supply to Oranmore;

Of the £600,000 allocated for Schemes in progress, over £200,000 has already been drawn from the Local Loans Fund and the balance of £400,000 is inadequate as stated above.

It should be understood at this stage that there can be no question of starting any new Schemes until the Council can see its way to finance commitments on Schemes in progress to the end of the year. It is obvious that if Schemes are delayed until very late in the year, the expenditure on new works will be less than 1.1 million. It should be noted, however, that in respect of the Dunmore Glenamaddy Scheme which was to absorb the bulk of the Estimate for new works tenders have already been received and arrangements to start the works are now dependent on finance being made available.

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SMALL SCHEMES

The Small Schemes allocation of £65,000 is in respect of new works as there are no small Schemes in progress at the moment.

A proposal to borrow for the Schemes which will be done in 1980 is being submitted to this meeting of the Council.

A separate Circular which is attached to this Report has been received in respect of provision of piped water supplies on inhabited islands off the west coast. It is understood that Schemes which may be considered under this Circular are subject to the financial ceiling which applies to small Schemes. As no separate allocation for these works appears to have been made in the current year any Schemes which come within the scope of this Circular will be considered when the Small Schemes Programme for next year is being submitted for approval. The Department have been asked to confirm that this is the correct procedure to be followed under the Circular.

Yours sincerely,

J. HOWLETT

ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
O'CONNELL BRIDGE HOUSE  
DUBLIN 2

Telephone (01) 713377  
Telex No. 31014



AN ROINN COMHSHAOIL  
TEACH DHROICHEAD UÍ CHONAILL  
BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH, 2

2 April, 1980.

Provision of piped water supplies on  
inhabited islands off the West Coast

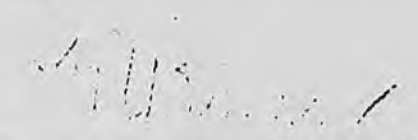
A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for the Environment to say that with a view to the provision and improvement of public water supply schemes on inhabited islands off the West Coast special consideration will be given to the financing of such schemes including schemes for the provision of headworks and/or trunk main to facilitate private group water schemes.

Appropriate proposals should be put forward as a separate sub-section of the authority's Small Schemes Programme in due course.

A schedule of eligible populated western islands is attached (Appendix).

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To relevant Sanitary Authorities.

Appendix

Schedule of Eligible Islands off the West Coast of Ireland

<u>Oileán Ghaeltachta</u>	<u>Non-Gaeltacht Islands</u>
<u>Contae Chiarraí</u>	<u>County Clare</u>
An Blascaod Mór	Canon
Inis Mhicilcáin	Coney
	Inishloe
<u>Contae Chorcaí</u>	Inishmacowney
Oileán Cléire	Inishmore
	Saint's
<u>Contae Dhún na nGall</u>	<u>County Cork</u>
Árainn Mhór	Bear
Toraigh	Dursey
Inis Bó Finne	Hare
Gabhla	Long
Inis Meán	Sherkin
Inis Oirthir	Whiddy
Inis Fraoigh	
Oileán Uaigh	
	<u>County Galway</u>
<u>Contae na nDeálinne</u>	Inishbofin
Inis Trá Mhór, Leitir Mór	
Inis Barra Cluain, Leitir Mór	<u>County Kerry</u>
Inis Oiro Leitir Mhallain	Beginish
Deighnis Leitir Mhallain	Dinish
Oileán Mór an Cheathru Rua	
Inis Mór Árainn	<u>County Mayo</u>
Inis Meán Árainn	Annagh
Inis Oírra Árainn	Clare
	Clynish
<u>Contae Mhaigh Eo</u>	Illantaggart
Inis Bigil	Innishcottle
	Inishgort
	Inishlyre
	Inishmakillew
	Inishturk
	<u>County Sligo</u>
	Dernish
	Inishmulclohy

MAYO

DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION REGION

Director: T.A. SMYTH (091-63746)  
Regional Arts Officer: HELEN BYGROVE (091-68316)

Woodquay Court  
Woodquay,  
Galway.

April 1st, 1980.

GALWAY CO. COUNCIL ARTS GRANT 1980.

TOTAL GRANT AVAILABLE £5,000

18 APR 1980

APPLICATIONS:-

Donach Ealaíona na Samhna	£2,000.00
Tuam Theatre + Arts Committee	£2,000.00
Gort Arts Group	£ 500.00
Athenry Arts Group	£ 500.00
Ballinasloe Arts Group	£ 700.00
Clifden Arts Society	£ 800.00
Loughrea Drama Festival Committee	Unspecified
Lily Puppet Theatre	£ 250.00
Feile Ealaíona na nOg. Camus	£ 300.00
R.D.O. Discretionary fund - for 'Ad Hoc' events -	£ 250.00
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RECOMMENDATIONS:-

Donach Ealaíona na Samhna - Spiddal -	£ 500.00
Tuam -(via the Arts Council) for the renovation of Theatre + Arts Centre	£ 500.00
Tuam -(Specifically for the direct promotion of Arts Events) -	£ 500.00
Gort Arts Group	£ 500.00
Athenry Arts Group	£ 500.00
Ballinasloe Arts Group	£ 250.00
Lily Puppet Theatre - Moycullen -	£ 800.00
Clifden Arts Society	£ 100.00
Loughrea Drama Festival Committee	£ 200.00
Feile Ealaíona na nOg. Camus	£ 500.00
Regional Arts Committee Discretionary fund - for 'Ad Hoc' events -	

£ 4,850.00

Remaining balance for 1980 Arts Grant ... ..

£ 150.00

HELEN BYGROVE  
REGIONAL ARTS OFFICER

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

15th April 1980

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

A Chara/

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

Land:

1 site for house at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder:-

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>SITE NO'</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
Thomas Spellman, Carnkelly, Kiltulla, Athenry	46	.11 Acre

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
46	£2,750

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The site will be sold in fee simple.
2. The Co. Council will retain wayleaves in respect of watermains and sewers.

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

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K. Doyle Runai.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

24th April, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

re: Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council - 28th April, 1980.

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

Item omitted in error from Agenda circulated on the 22nd April, 1980:-

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

63. COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

That the advantages of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, giving costings, be advertised and circulated to all tenants.

T. KAVANAGH,  
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY FOR  
THE BALLINASLOE ELECTORAL AREA HELD IN HAYDEN'S HOTEL, BALLINASLOE  
AT 8.00 P.M. ON 23RD. JANUARY, 1980.

Attendance:-

Councillor J. Brennan, Deputy J. Callanan,  
Councillors J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon,  
Senator M. Kitt, Councillors Lily Broderick  
and T. Boyle, U.D.C. Mrs. Mary O'Shea and  
Mr. Nicholas Power.

Officials Present:-

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
Misses J. Kangley and C. Scully, Social  
Workers and Mr. J. O'Kelly, Administrative  
Officer.

Mr. J. Howlett welcomed the members and thanked the non elected members for agreeing to act on the Committee. He explained that formerly there was a Joint Committee on Itinerancy comprised of members from the County Council, Corporation and Ballinasloe U.D.C. Under the new system, there are 5 Area Committees, one for each County Electoral Area. In the Ballinasloe Area, the membership is comprised of the elected County Council members for the Electoral Area together with 2 elected members from Ballinasloe U.D.C. plus 2 non elected members who were co-opted to the Committee.

Mr. Howlett gave particulars of Itinerant families houses, living in Tigeens and in caravans on roadside as follows:-

At the time of the last census taken on 17th. October, 1979, the following was the distribution of families in the Ballinasloe area:-

Living in houses:-

Creggaune	3
Ahascragh	2
Castleblakeney	1
New Inn	1
Aughrim	1
Kilconnell	1
Clonfert	1

Living in Tigeens:-

Poolboy	4
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Living in Caravans:-

Poolboy	10
Creggaune	2
Clonfert	1
Castleblakeney	1

Since then the following have been housed:-

Ballinasloe Urban	2
Tigeens Poolboy	2.

leaving a balance of 7 families on the roadside at Poolboy.

There is an urgent need for further housing in Ballinasloe, preferably not adjacent to Poolboy so as to aid integration

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and avoid health hazards and social problems arising from having large numbers of travelling families living in the same location. Perhaps it would be possible to acquire sites around the town for the purpose of housing at most two families together. The two roadside families at Creggaune are willing to be housed at Ahascragh and I feel that this would be the most suitable location.

The above is an outline of the progress that has been made and that, I feel, should be made in the future.

He pointed out that as there are 7 No. families still living in caravans at Poolboy, there is need for further action.

Mrs. O'Shea said the apparent increase in numbers of families arose because the equalisation of Irish Social Services with those in Britain resulted in male Itinerants staying at home instead of emigrating to England. She said there was a much greater concentration of Itinerants in Tuam, Loughrea and Galway than in Ballinasloe.

Councillor Mrs. Broderick said 2 new families in the Bog Road came in recently from Ballyeighter. Another family came in from Roscommon. She said the Ballinasloe people felt they had done more than their share for Itinerants. A house in Ballyeighter, Aughrim had been let to an Athenry Itinerant family whereas, an Itinerant family living at Ballyeighter for the past 10 years was passed over. Consideration should be given to provision of additional houses on Health Board land at Creggaune and Creagh. She suggested that houses be built in the field beside Mr. Power's house. She referred to a recent newspaper report that there were 200 children at Poolboy when in fact there were only approximately 55 there. According to her information, there were only 5 families at Poolboy. Two families could be accommodated on Tommie Kelly's land at Poolboy. Parking of caravans at houses occupied by Itinerant families should be forbidden.

Deputy Callanan said he agreed with all that Mrs. Broderick had said. Everyone agreed the Itinerants should be housed as long as they were not housed beside them. It was a fact of life that Itinerants must be housed but group housing was just not on. Families from the rural area now living in the town don't want to go back and live in the rural area again. The Council policy of allocating one house in 10 to an Itinerant family was a good one. The group settlement at Creggaune was resented by the locals because the Itinerants kept dogs, horses and other animals. Their relatives also parked their caravans on the roadside outside the houses. He suggested that when sites or houses are being purchased, the local settled community should be consulted in advance. He said a site at Corraneena which the Council acquired for one family was sub-divided to provide a second house at a later date. He had to get an undertaking from the Council that a second house would not be built there. His Lordship, the Bishop, could be asked to urge the people to accept the Council's plans.

Councillor Brennan said the families at Poolboy should be housed in 5 different sites around the town. Bye-laws prohibiting roadside camping should be drawn up and enforced. They should be made keep houses clean. The McCarthy family at Aughrim could not be accommodated in the house at Ballyeighter unless at least 2 additional rooms were provided. Itinerants should not be housed in the area beside St. Grellan's Terrace. Sites should be sought in the Mackney, Creagh, Kilgarve and Kilclooney areas. Sites were available at Garbally College and

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Kilclooney. Settled people would not object if only 2 families were housed in the areas.

Councillor Boyle said he did not consider housing to be the answer because as soon as families living in the urban area were housed, other families from the rural area moved in and took their place. He agreed with Councillor Brennan's suggestion that the families should be housed in groups of 2 around the town. Houses should not be provided near St. Brigid's Hospital.

Councillor Kilgannon said that while some members of the Committee are from the rural area, they were discussing what seemed to be an urban problem. He had gone to school with some of the families being discussed. He couldn't blame the locals at Creggaune for their attitude to the Itinerants as they feared they were being swamped by the big number of Itinerants in the houses and the caravans. He did not favour group housing. The Ballyeighter house should not have been given to a family from Athenry. The Itinerants were now in competition with the settled people for houses. The Council should not give notice if its intention to house Itinerants in various sites around the town as this would result in opposition of locals. Houses coming on the market should be purchased instead. A criticism of the Settlement Committee seemed to be that it wanted to house the Itinerant families in one area. He said the settled people objected more to rowdiness by Itinerants going home at night rather than objecting to them being housed.

Senator Kitt said that although there were only 7 families now at Poolboy, they could have many more in the future. A family from England was now camped at an abandoned position of road at Castleblakeney. Two families housed in Ahascragh had settled very well and great credit was due to the Social Worker as a result. The families now housed at Creggaune would prefer to be housed at Ahascragh. Itinerants were no different from other human beings. Houses provided should be of good quality and ranges should be provided. Beds and furniture should be of good quality. The Council policy of reserving one house in 10 for Itinerants was a good one.

Mr. Power said that while there was a tradition among Itinerants not to work, those who had been housed had looked for and found work. The Council should embark on a crash programme. Families presently living at Poolboy have been there for the past 10 years. All the points made had already been discussed by the Settlement Committee. The Irish Land Commission had land and houses in every area and should be approached. The families in Ballinasloe had been there for a long time and should be housed. If they were not housed, the children would go on the road. He said if his Lordship, the Bishop, exhorted people to accept 2 families in each area, he felt confident the people would agree.

Mr. Howlett replied to points raised by members as follows:-

When the tenancy of the house at Ballyeighter was being allocated, none of the Itinerants at Poolboy were prepared to go there. The house is vacant again and a family from Poolboy is prepared to go there now.

Ranges are now being provided in all rural houses.

The Council did not select the Tigeen Site at Poolboy by choice - there was no other alternative site at the time.

If houses were provided at Taughmacconnell, the residents there, as in other residential areas, were likely to object. It might

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be best to try and acquire some land from St. Brigid's Hospital in an area which was unlikely to attract objections.

The Council had been very successful in purchasing house in Tuam and had built 2 houses on a site near the town which had been acquired from the Irish Land Commission.

He hoped we would make the same type of progress in Ballinasloe as had been made in Tuam.

Instead of making a decision tonight, could we not go ahead with acquisition of sites at Garbally and on St. Brigid's Hospital land and report back to next meeting. We could simultaneously negotiate for sites in the other areas mentioned.

It was not our business to oppose the provision of houses near St. Grellan's Terrace - the Urban District Council were the body concerned and they decided against it.

Regarding the newspaper report that the families at Poolboy were using water from a polluted drain, there was running water laid onto the Tigeens there. It was intended to provide a tap there for the use of the families living in caravans.

The asking price for land offered for sale at Poolboy was prohibitive and could not be considered.

It was hoped to hold a further meeting of the Committee before Easter.

The Chairman said he felt it would be more advisable for the Committee to be frank and make its intentions known in advance. As a Committee, we should say we intend to look for sites in 5 different areas and people would agree if they knew the Council would not proceed until all sites had been acquired. While he agreed families now living in the urban area were unlikely to move to the rural area, the Council should, nevertheless, acquire a site in each parish or half parish. He agreed with Councillor Kilgannon that we should purchase houses in rural and urban areas. He said if there were 10 families at Poolboy, we would need 5 sites capable of accommodating 2 houses each. The Committee should decide on the areas in which sites would be acquired viz. Poolboy, Mackney, Creagh, Kilclooney, Magher and Cleaghmore. He suggested and it was agreed that a statement should be issued to the Press stating that;

"The Committee are seeking sites for 2 permanent standard type houses in 5 different areas of Ballinasloe. We give a guarantee that no more than 2 houses will be built for Travelling People in any area chosen and consultation with interested people from various areas would take place before any purchase deals would be closed. We believe that if we are successful in this venture, it will solve the present housing need of Travelling People in Ballinasloe. We are also seeking sites for permanent houses for Travelling People in the rural areas where they are already residing in caravans".

Deputy Callanan suggested that Thursday nights would be more convenient for Deputies and Senators than Wednesday nights for future meetings.

Date of Next Meeting:-

Mr. Howlett said it was hoped to hold the next meeting before Easter.

The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*P. J. Glynn* CHAIRMAN.  
28/4/50 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MEETING OF AREA COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY  
FOR THE GALWAY ELECTORAL AREA HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY  
ON WEDNESDAY, 30th. JANUARY, 1980 AT 4.00 p.m.

Attendance:-

Members:

Councillors F. Coogan, J. Molloy, P. O'Foighil,  
Miss Mary Byrne, Mrs. B. O'Flaherty,  
Mr. Stephen Kenny, Mrs. B. Ryan.

Officials:-

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
Miss C. Hett, S.S.O. Misses J. Kangley and  
C. Scully, Social Workers and Mr. J. O'Kelly  
Administrative Officer.

Election of Chairman:-

Councillor Miss M. Byrne was elected on the proposition of  
Councillor Coogan and seconded by Councillor Molloy.

The Assistant County Manager welcomed the members and thanked the  
non-elected members for agreeing to act on the Committee. He  
explained that formerly there was a joint committee on Itinerancy  
comprised of members from the County Council, Corporation and  
Ballinasloe Urban District Council. Under the present system,  
there are 5 Area Committees, one for each Electoral Area. In the  
Galway Area, the membership is comprised of the elected County Council  
members for the Galway Electoral Area with two elected members from  
Galway Corporation and two non-elected members who were co-opted on  
to the Committee.

The Assistant County Manager gave details of the distribution of  
families living in the Area on the census dated 17th. October, 1979  
as follows:-

Living in Houses:-

Headford 3  
Corrandulla 1

Living in Tigeens:-

Briarhill 2

Living in Caravans:-

Corrandulla 4  
Castlegar 1  
Briarhill 2  
Merlin Park 11

Since then one family from Belclare has been housed in Headford  
and one family that had been living in a caravan at Briarhill  
has been housed in the Galway urban area. At present there are  
nine families residing in caravans at Merlin Park on a permanent  
basis. One of the families living in a caravan at Cluid,  
Corrandulla have been living in the same district for 13 years  
and are most anxious to be housed. All the families living at  
Merlin Park are anxious to be housed in the Galway urban area.

A site for a family at Cluide, Corrandulla was being sought from  
the Land Commission.

The biggest problem was at Merlin Park where 11 No. families were  
presently living in caravans on the roadside. He gave details of a

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proposal to provide a halting place for 20 caravans for these  
and other families at a site between the old road and railway  
line at Roscam. This proposal was considered by the  
Joint Committee on Itinerancy but no decision was taken.  
He produced plans and site map of the halting place for  
perusal by the members.

Councillor Coogan said the provision of the halting place in a  
woodland area could pose serious fire problems. He enquired  
if the proposed site would be used by Traders. He suggested  
that the County Council should build a scheme of houses along  
the same lines as the Corporation scheme at Ballybane. He also  
suggested that the Parish Priest be requested to call on the  
residents who were objecting with a view to getting them to accept  
the proposed halting place. He enquired if the Committee had to  
decide now on the provision of the halting place.

Councillor O'Flaherty enquired if objections were received from  
all of the local residents and if a decision to provide the  
halting place would be taken without consultation with the  
residents. The only access road to the residents house was  
along by the proposed site. It would be better to develop the  
present site at the main road instead of providing the new site  
further on. If some of the families at Merlin Park were housed  
by the Corporation in the scheme at Ballybane the provision of  
20 places at new site would only attract families from other areas.  
She couldn't understand why the Corporation had not housed some of  
these families who had been there for many years.

The main objections put forward by the residents were

- (a) The Woodland would be destroyed.
- (b) Danger of fire damage
- (c) Council would not be able to control the site.
- (d) The Itinerant families might not move to the site if it  
was provided.

Would some of these families be housed in the Ballybane scheme? She did  
not understand the necessity for 20 places at the halting place  
when 23 of the 30 families in the Galway area would be housed at  
Ballybane. She enquired if the County Council would be responsible  
for the actions of the occupants of the halting place. She was  
not anti-itinerant but the residents who had provided expensive  
homes were entitled to be protected. Provision of a number of  
small halting places at different locations around the city should  
be considered instead. Perhaps the site at Salthill offered by  
the Bishop should be considered again. Halting places which she had  
inspected were appalling.

Mrs. Ryan referring to halts she had seen in other places said  
some were good and others very bad. She enquired if a fulltime  
caretaker would be employed. The proposed halt site at Merlin  
Park, while it had natural advantages, also had some disadvantages.  
These could be overcome by provision of lighting and caretaking.  
The new road proposals would provide better long term means of  
access. She had sympathy for the immediate local residents.  
Bord Failte had repeatedly drawn attention to the appalling state  
of the present site on the side of the main road which was in  
full view of Tourists coming into Galway. Itinerants who had  
been camping at Loughatalia Road at the back of her garden some  
years ago were better behaved than some of the settled Community.  
She urged the Committee to recommend provision of the halting place  
to the County Council.

Councillor Molloy enquired if the Itinerants camped at Merlin Park  
were not there much longer than many city families. The proposed  
site is in a backward area. The road is unlit and residents  
would have to pass the proposed halting place and were liable to  
be attacked. He asked if it was proposed to provide a compound

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for horses in the City area. The long established Itinerant families were acceptable but other families who would only be coming for one or two nights couldn't be spoken for. The wood in the vicinity of the halt could be burned down by the Itinerants.

Councillor O Foighil enquired if it had been established whether the camp at Merlin Park was a County or City problem. Perhaps the rural community should be approached with a view to having some families housed in the rural area. He enquired if there were any sites available within the City.

The Chairman pointed out that there was no evidence to indicate that the conduct of Itinerants was any worse than that of the settled community. The present site was detrimental to the Tourist trade and to business interest in the immediate locality. She suggested that the Chairman and Secretary of the Residents Association be invited to meet the Committee and Officials to discuss the proposals and to enquire from them if their objections still stand. Perhaps the Committee would obtain some information regarding the site recently opened in Ennis by the Minister for the Environment.

Mr. Kenny suggested that surely the Committees terms of reference related to the adequacy of the accommodation and facilities proposed to be provided, the broader issues being left to the County Council to decide. There were four objections put forward by the residents of Roscam and Rosshill but there were not objections in principle.

The Assistant County Manager replied to points made by the Members as follows:-

The proposed halt was to be provided on approximately 5 acres of a total of 44 acres acquired by the Council from the Department of Forestry and Fisheries. There were very few trees in the area which was covered mostly by scrub.

Many objections had been received from residents over a wide area but the numbers actually concerned in the immediate area were quite small. Some objected but others did not.

The halt which provided for 20 places was designed to cater for the hard core of families who did not wish to be housed and for Transient families. A caretaker would be employed and water and toilets provided for each place. Central washing facilities and compound for storage of scrap would also be provided.

Only one of the families at Merlin Park would be housed in the Ballybane scheme.

Legislation was being prepared to cope with the roadside Traders who will have to obtain a licence and pay a fee. The problems these people were posing for traffic and the damage they were causing to the environment would have to be relieved.

Some trees and scrub would have to be removed to accommodate the halt.

The families at Merlin Park had according to the annual census been there for some considerable time and had certainly always lived within the County.

He couldn't say why the families at Merlin Park had not been housed by the Corporation before now - it was probably because the Corporation regarded them as a County responsibility. If they are to be housed it was more logical that the Corporation should house them rather than have two Local Authorities dealing with them.

The Council for the settlement of Travelling People were constantly

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urging that the provision of halts was necessary.

The residents at Roscam and Rosshill were quite a distance away and the proposed halt only meant moving the Itinerants a very short distance from where they are at present.

Provision of full-time caretaking would have to be considered in the light of experience.

In Ballinasloe the rural community was being requested to accept responsibility for housing some families in the rural areas.

The County Manager met a deputation from the area and explained the proposal to them. The residents made known their objections.

The bulk of the woodland in the land acquired by the Council lay between the old road and the new road at Merlin Park and the halt could not be sited at any other location but the one proposed.

He felt it was unfair at this stage to involve the Parish Priest until the Committee and the County Council had made up its mind about the proposal.

The provision of the halt is a County Council problem. The County Council owns the land and the land around the proposed site.

The site in Sligo was in operation for some time and the Galway site would be along similar lines according to standards laid down by the Department for the Environment.

Mr. Kenny proposed that the Committee recommend provision of the halt to the County Council. Mrs. Ryan seconded.

A vote on the proposal resulted as follows:-

FOR:- Kenny, Ryan and Byrne

AGAINST:- O'Flaherty, Coogan and Molloy

Councillors Coogan and O'Foighil abstained.

The Assistant County Manager pointed out that if the halt was not provided, development of the existing site might have to be considered.

After some further discussion, it was agreed the Committee would advise the County Council that it was undecided on the question of the proposed halt.

The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

P. F. Glynn : CHAIRMAN

25th April 1980 DATE.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE AREA COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY FOR  
THE LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA HELD IN THE SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE,  
LOUGHREA ON WEDNESDAY, 6TH. FEBRUARY, 1980 AT 8.00 P.M.

Attendance:

Members:

Councillors E. Haverty and Michael A. Fahy.  
Commissioners N. Morgan and S. Kelly,  
Mr. U. Bermingham.

Officials:

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
Misses J. Kangley and C. Scully, Social Workers  
and Mr. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer.

On the proposition of Commissioner Sean Kelly and seconded by  
Councillor M. Fahy, Councillor E. Haverty was elected Chairman.

The Assistant County Manager welcomed the members and thanked the  
non-elected members for agreeing to act on the Committee. He  
explained that formerly there was a Joint Committee on Itinerancy  
comprised of members from the County Council, Galway Corporation  
and Ballinasloe U.D.C. Under the present system, there are five  
Area Committees, one for each Electoral Area. In the Loughrea  
area, the membership is comprised of the elected County Council  
members for the Loughrea Electoral Area, with two elected members  
from Loughrea Town Commissioners and two non-elected members who  
were co-opted onto the Committee.

The Assistant County Manager gave details of the families living  
in the Area as follows:-

At the time of the last census taken on the 17th. October, 1979,  
the following was the distribution of families in the Loughrea area.

Living in Houses:

Athenry	5
Loughrea	5
Gort	1

Living in Tigeens:

Loughrea	6
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Living in Caravans:

Athenry	3
Loughrea	8
Killimor	4
Tynagh	1
Gort	3
Portumna	1

Living under Canvas:

Killimor	1
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Since then one family has been allocated a tigeen in Gortbride,  
Loughrea. There is a need for housing in all of the above areas,  
most urgently in Loughrea, for the O'Donoghues who are a T.B. family  
He referred to two families named Donoghue each with a number of deaf

children in need of special schooling. Their present accommodation  
was inadequate and it was proposed to accommodate them in new  
Johnstown type caravans which it was hoped would be sited on the  
east side of the Old Town Dump which is about 200 yards away from  
where they are camped at present. Their present site is insanitary  
and is a traffic hazard to road users. It is proposed to provide  
water/sewerage and electricity. At present, there is some dumping  
being done at the Old Dump which it is hoped will be stopped.

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that as members were not  
familiar with the locations where families are living and that  
members and officials should visit all the locations for the  
purpose of familiarising themselves with the said locations.  
He enquired how families who had been housed were getting on.  
He referred to some families which parked caravans on dangerous  
road bends and suggested that the Council should select safe  
locations where the road had been widened or at lay-bys.  
He suggested the Engineer for the area should be involved in  
selecting suitable sites and should notify the office where  
families moved to locations which were a traffic hazard or  
were unsafe for the families. Roadside traders monopolised  
the best roadside locations and forced the ordinary families  
to use unsafe locations. He enquired if the families in the  
Tynagh area were willing to be housed. He recommended the  
provision of a caravan for the Maughan family who were now  
living under canvas at Tynagh. He recommended that the  
Committee meet at least every three months.

Commissioner Morgan supported the proposal to site the Johnstown  
caravans for the Donoghue families at the East side of the Old Dump.  
These families were in need of better accommodation if any progress  
was to be made with the deaf children. He enquired if the Council  
had got possession of Bernard Ward's Tigeen at Gortbride. He said  
families who had been housed should not be permitted to keep animals,  
dogs or poultry. They should be educated to respect their houses and  
the rights of their neighbours. Addition of extra bedrooms for  
large families was essential. They should be discouraged from  
bringing relatives to live with them after they were housed.  
He suggested the provision of larger houses intended for accommodation  
of Itinerant families. He advocated provision of hard stands so  
that families who had to be evicted for breaches of the tenancy  
agreements had a place to which they could go. He agreed that  
caravans should be sited at lay-bys and other safe places. He  
enquired if the Council insurance covered caravans parked in  
dangerous places. He suggested that the field owned by the  
Council beside the Tigeen site at Gortbride be used for provision  
of a hard stand. He enquired if any of the houses in the final  
phase at Pollroebuck be allocated to Itinerant families. He said  
Itinerant families had so many children that the Council would be  
hard pressed to house them. The Council should agree not to house  
families unless they had been living in a Tigeen for a probationary  
period.

Mr. Bermingham enquired if families were approached regarding the  
type of accommodation preferred i.e. caravan, tigeen or house.  
He enquired if the Social Workers reported on families progress.  
The Authorities in other areas particularly in Dublin and Wicklow  
could not prevent Itinerants from moving from safe sites to dangerous  
locations. It would be better if caravans could be sited in safe  
places such as lay-bys and abandoned roads. He enquired if the  
Council has any plans regarding the provision of hard stands.  
If a hard stand was established as a pilot scheme it could perhaps  
be used as a guideline for others.

Commissioner Kelly said the people in the Loughrea area are fed up  
with Itinerants and don't want any more of them. Caravans parked  
on the roadside at Gortbride were hindering traffic. He enquired  
if the Assistant County Manager had received a deputation from the  
locals at Gortbride.



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Councillor Fahy said there were eleven families at present living in caravans in the Gort/Ardrahan area.

The Assistant County Manager replied to points made by the members as follows:-

The locals in the vicinity of the old dump would not be any worse off than at present as the Donoghue families were parked on the roadside approximately 200 yards away.

Numbers of people already housed were merely included for statistical purposes.

Possession of Bernie Wards Tigeen had been obtained and had been re-let to another family.

When Itinerant families were housed they were always allotted four bedroomed houses and were much better off than they had been when living in tigeens or caravans.

The alternative to families who are blatantly in breach of the terms of the tenancy agreement is eviction but District Justices are unlikely to give decrees for possession unless alternative accommodation is available. Social Workers are requested to visit families in breach of the terms of the tenancy agreements.

Caravans delivered by the Council are placed on safe sites but the Council has little control over their movement subsequently and the Gardai are reluctant to act.

The Council subscribes to the National Policy regarding provision of hard stands but the Council is deadlocked at present on the question of providing a hard stand at Merlin Park, Galway.

There are only a small number of houses being provided in the final phase at Pollroebuck and it is unlikely that more than one family could be housed there.

Families are generally housed from Tigeens but there can be some exceptions.

Proceedings of Committee meetings will be reported back to the County Council.

There are five Area Committees to be served and for this reason, it may not be possible to hold meetings every three months.

There are no caravans on the road at Gortbride at present.

All families in the area are interested in being housed with the exception of the families in Tynagh/Killimor areas.

Provision of a caravan with a solid fuel stove for the Maughan family at Tynagh will be examined.

The Chairman thanked the officials and Mr. Birmingham for attending the meeting.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

P. J. - J. H. : CHAIRMAN

28/4/80. DATE

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY FOR THE TUAM  
ELECTORAL AREA HELD IN IMPERIAL HOTEL, TUAM AT 4 P.M. ON  
WEDNESDAY, 13TH, FEBRUARY, 1980.

Attendance:-

Councillors P.J. Finnegan, F. Glynn, J. Burke.  
Commissioners K. Dwyer and M. O'Grady.  
Committee Members; Mrs. C. McNamara and  
Mrs. K. McGrath.

Officials Present:-

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
Misses J. Kangley and C. Scully, Social  
Workers; Mr. J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer.

Mr. J. Howlett welcomed the members and thanked the non-elected members for agreeing to act on the Committee. He explained that formerly there was a Joint Committee on Itinerancy comprised of members from the County Council, Corporation and Ballinasloe U.D.C. Under the new system, there are five Area Committees, one for each County Electoral Area. In the Tuam area, the membership is comprised of the elected County Council members for the electoral area together with two elected members from Tuam Town Commissioners plus two non-elected members who were co-opted to the Committee.

Mr. Howlett gave particulars of Itinerant families housed and living in caravans on roadside as follows:-

Standard Housing:

Ballygar	2
Dunmore	1
Parkwest, Glenamaddy	1
Kilkerrin	1
Mountbellew	1
Tuam	16
Barnaderg	1

Living in Caravans:

Ballygar	1
Kilkerrin	1
Moylough	1
Mountbellew	1
Tuam	25
Caltra, Belclare	1
Abbeyknockmoy	4

Since then three families have been housed in the town of Tuam. Two other families have been allocated houses in Coole Park although as yet they have not moved in due to a delay in the installation of electricity and water. One family from Caltra, Belclare has been housed in Headford and a member of the same family has returned home and has been allocated the former's caravan. A native couple from Barnaderg who spent some time in Dublin have returned home and have been re-allocated a caravan. At present we are exploring the possibility of allocating a caravan to a family who are housed in Kilkerrin as their present accommodation is unsuitable.

Mrs. McNamara complimented the officials for their efforts during the past but said she was still worried as too many families were being housed in the same area of the town. Three families were allowed to come in from other areas to take the place of families

who had been housed for which the Settlement Committee had been ~~incorrectly~~ blamed.

Councillor Finnegan agreed with Mrs. McNamara and said the County Council and the Itinerant Settlement Committee had achieved a great deal. The reactions of the people of Tuam reflects their antipathy to families coming in from other areas. If families were allowed to come in from other areas, the Settlement Committee could lose heart. The Council should provide houses in other areas outside Tuam town.

Councillor Burke enquired who decided which families were Tuam families. Families should not be housed in one area but should instead be spread over the whole town.

Mrs. McNamara pointed out that Tuam families were identified by reference to the 1972 census.

Commissioner O'Grady suggested that only Tuam families be put on the housing list.

Councillor Glynn pointed out that while it was Council policy to allocate not more than 10% of new houses to Itinerants, some people feared the Council intended to house 7 - 8 families in the new houses at St. Joseph's Park. The elected representatives should dispel peoples fears on this score. Families which did not belong to Tuam should be informed they would not be housed in Tuam and that they would have a better chance of being housed in their own areas.

Mrs. McGrath stated that one family which had come in from another area said they belonged to Tuam and intended to stay there.

Commissioner Dwyer enquired if a Tuam girl married an outsider would they be regarded as a Tuam family?

Mrs. McNamara said she would not like Dublin Road to become another Gilmartin Road. Families <sup>are</sup> being housed in Gilmartin Road houses which lacked basic essentials like bathrooms and hot water. She enquired if there could be one housing authority responsible for Tuam town.

Councillor Glynn said he would prefer to see Itinerants getting houses with hot water and bathrooms as they were less able to cope without these facilities than the settled community. If Itinerant families who had been housed were seem to be making progress and keeping their houses well, there was likely to be less objections from the settled community.

Councillor Burke proposed that the Government should be requested to provide additional funds for the housing of Itinerants and not expect the Council to do so within the normal housing capital allocation. Town Commissioners houses were very often in poor repair and there were no funds available to repair them. He suggested that the Government should make special funds available for this purpose.

Councillor Finnegan supported Councillor Burke but said it was doubtful if the Government would make special funds available for new houses or for repairing old houses. He could not understand why the County Council could not come to some arrangement to help the Commissioners finance these repairs.

Commissioner O'Grady said the County Council could not appoint tenants to Commissioners houses without the latter's consent and expect the repairs to be done by the Commissioners. The County Council seemed to him to be only interested in housing Itinerants

in Commissioner's houses.

Councillor Glynn enquired if each Parish could accept one family as had been suggested in Ballinasloe. He pointed out that while all families would not agree to live in the rural area, a fair proportion of them would. He suggested that the Community Councils be written to and requested to suggest or provide sites.

Councillor Finnegan agreed to furnish the names of the Secretary's of the Community Councils.

Councillor Burke pointed out that if sites were provided by Community Councils, the Council would not be in a position to provide sufficient finance to build on all sites provided.

Mrs. McGrath said she understood the Government would finance the housing of Itinerants in full.

Councillor Burke enquired what was the highest price the Council could pay for houses being purchased for Itinerants?

Mrs. McNamara suggested that houses be purchased in other areas even if higher prices had to be paid.

Commissioner O'Grady said that if the County Council allocated houses to ordinary families, the Town Commissioners would get higher rents which could be utilised for repairing houses in poor repair.

Councillor Burke proposed that the Committee make a recommendation to the County Council that the Government be requested to make an additional allocation of £100,000 available for the repair of houses purchased for or let to Itinerants. Councillor Glynn seconded and it was agreed.

Councillor Glynn suggested that the purchase of the Railway cottages at Castlegrove and Liskeavy level crossings be considered.

Mrs. McNamara said many newly married couples who had been reared in houses were forced to live in caravans because there were no houses available for them - these are really not Itinerants at all. She enquired if the Council would consider providing flats for them.

Councillor Glynn enquired if a special effort could be made to provide houses for Itinerants on the Parkmore development.

The Assistant County Manager replied as follows to points made by members:-

The County Council has no special powers to prevent families from moving from one area to another and all that can be done is to advise these families that their names will not be put on the housing list and that they would only be considered for housing when they moved back to the areas from which they had come.

Purchase of houses in Gilmartin Road has been possible because houses have been available there but efforts to purchase in other areas has not been very successful to date.

It was not right to blame the Settlement Committee if families moved in from other areas but the County Council should not be blamed either.

Due to limitations imposed by the Government, the amount of money available to the County Council for house repair is also limited.

A single housing authority to cater for Tuam town was not possible as the Town Commissioners are the housing authority in respect of Town Commissioner houses.

Financial assistance for accommodation of Itinerants is mainly confined to special projects.

The County Council was anxious to provide houses for Itinerants in the rural areas but not all families were prepared to live there. Two houses had been provided at Coolpark and three more are being provided at Moyne Park, Ballyglunin. He would welcome information regarding sites in the rural areas.

The proposal to erect two houses at Barnaderg had met with a lot of opposition.

The County Council endeavoured to maintain some proportion between price paid for houses and the cost of building new houses.

C.I.E. level crossing cottages were generally tenanted by Employees of the Company and besides the locations would not be suitable for young children.

Many housing authorities which had provided flat dwellings now regretted their decision.

If present progress is maintained, we should make good inroads into the problem.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

P. F. Glynn : CHAIRMAN

28th April 1980 : DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH APRIL, 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.J. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M.D. Higgins, E. 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; M. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. Tierney, S. McMahon, K. Hays, F. Monahan, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Callagy, C.A.C.E. (Planning); L. Kavanagh and W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. J. Connolly and F. O Gallachoir, Planning Assistants; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

425 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Coogan, the Council extended its sincere sympathy to the County Manager on the recent death of his mother-in-law.

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor Coogan, the Council extended its sympathy to the family of Private Griffin from Ragoon who was wounded and died while serving for the United Nations in the Lebanon.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Alfie Kelly & Family, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Gillane & Family, Glenbrack, Gort, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Canavan & Family, 15, Rockbarton Park, Salthill, Galway.  
Mr. E.G. Canavan, Tuam, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Kevin Donohue, Cooloo, Brierfield, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mr. & Mrs. Griffin, Mincloon, Ragoon, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. M. Kenny, St. Joseph's Place, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Martin Conroy, Bridge Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.  
Mr. T. Mannion, Adderagoole, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. & Mrs. C. McDonagh, Oranmore, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Breege Duffy, 33, Ard-na-Mara, Salthill, Galway.

426 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35467 - APPLICANT: AOIFE JOYCE:

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

- "1. The site of the proposed development is situated adjacent to an important tourist route between Leenane and Maam Cross approximately three miles from Leenane. Development has already been refused twice on Appeal to the same applicant for amenity reasons.
2. No housing need exists. Applicant resides in Clifden approximately thirty miles away.

3. No formal consultation took place with the Planning Authority concerning this Section 4 motion, the planning application was received on 3rd April, 1980, and Notice under Section 4 received 17th April, 1980.

4. Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development would be an unduly prominent and obtrusive element in a virtually undeveloped, elevated, open landscape and would seriously detract from the high scenic amenity of the Maam Valley which is an important tourist area."

The resolution set out in the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley and seconded by Councillor O'Morain. Proposing the motion, Councillor Bartley stated that the site in question was part of a farm holding which was retained for a building site when the rest of the farm was being taken over by the Land Commission.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused but there was no seconder.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

427 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34601 - APPLICANT: THOMAS BOHAN:

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 shore of Lough Corrib approximately 3½ miles north-east of Moycullen Village. This area is classified as an area of High Amenity in the 1979 County Plan. The Planning Authority's policy in this area is contained in the County Development Plan and is to wholly restrict development on the shore of Lough Corrib in order to preserve the visual and recreational amenity of the lake. The only exception to this policy is essential housing need on a local family holding, where no alternative site exists.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

To date, it seems that eight houses have been permitted on the holding (Planning Reference Nos. 5558, 7899, 7152, 18187, 29743, and 7587) four of which are built. Only two of these houses seem to be occupied by members of the family.

Permission was refused to Mr. Tom Bohan (Planning Ref. No. 29750) for a house on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

- (a) Mr. Tom Bohan has not made any housing need claim in this application. If a bona fide housing need existed, the Planning Authority acknowledge that suitable lands exist east of the existing farmhouse. A fresh application would be required in respect of these lands.
- (b) The proposed house is contrary to Galway County Council's policy as outlined in the County Development Plan 1979 (as passed by the Council) because it amounts to non-essential housing on the shore of Lough Corrib which would detract from the visual amenities of this unspoilt area and detract from the recreational amenities of Lough Corrib.

NO PRIOR CONSULTATION

RECOMMENDATION

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:-

The proposed development would seriously detract from the scenic amenity of Lough Corrib because it would be an intrusive feature on the lakeshore which should properly be kept free of development to preserve its largely unspoilt character.

An extension of time has been granted in this case to the 14th May, 1980. Latest date for decision to issue is 12th May, 1980."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor Coogan. Proposing the motion, Councillor Welby stated that the applicant was a member of the family who owned the lands but was living away from home and was entitled to permission for a house.

The County Manager drew attention to the report which stated that if a bona fide housing need existed, an alternative site was available.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused but there was no seconder. The chairman declared the motion carried.

428 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35379 - APPLICANT: EDWARD KELLY:

The County Manager stated that this was one of the most serious applications ever to come before the Council and the Council had already brought the developer before the Courts for an Injunction.

The applicant completed a form on the 10th May, 1978, in which he indicated that he intended to build a Hayshed at Castlegar which would comply with the terms of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 1977, relating to exempted development. No building drawings or site map was submitted with the form.

The Planning Authority wrote to Mr. Kelly on the 10th August, 1978, indicating that his proposal was regarded as exempted development within the terms of the Regulations provided it was used for agricultural purposes only, and excluding such uses as cow byre, piggery, poultry house, silage pit.

The site was inspected on the 7th November, 1978, by Mr. T. Fleming, Draughtsman, who reported that the excavation of the site commenced and that having spoken to Mr. Kelly, it appeared to him that the structure to be built would be 35 feet x 37 feet instead of 21 feet x 25 feet as proposed by Mr. Kelly on the 10th May, 1978, and that it would also be nearer the road than the original proposal.

Mr. Callagy, Planning Officer, inspected the site on the 16th November, 1978, and reported that the construction of the building had commenced and that it did not appear to him to be a Hayshed as originally proposed.

Mr. Fleming inspected the site on the 22nd November, 1978, and took measurements of the structure which had been erected on site at that date, which did not appear to be a conventional Hayshed.

A warning notice issued to Mr. Kelly on the 29th November, 1978, to the effect that the Planning Authority considered that the lands were likely to be developed in contravention of the Planning Act and requested that development cease.

The site was inspected again on the 14th February, 1979, and it was noted that the work had continued since the issue of the warning notice.

Mr. Fleming inspected the site again on the 20th October, 1979, and found that the building erected thereon was being used for the repair of commercial vehicles and equipment necessary for such work had been installed therein.

Mr. Kelly made an application for the retention of a garage on the site on the 11th July, 1979, and Permission was refused by the Planning Authority on the 11th September, 1979. Mr. Kelly appealed against the Planning Authority's decision and Permission for retention of the garage was refused on Appeal on the 31st January, 1980. The applicant applied for retention on the 28th March, 1980, and this application was now the subject of the Section 4 resolution.

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

"(1) Existing development was erected without planning permission despite warning notice being sent to the developer to cease work. Two officers of the Planning Authority called and explained that the development was unauthorised but development continued. Legal proceedings (High Court Injunction) are currently being taken by the Planning Authority against the developer.

(2) Permission was refused already on appeal for road safety reasons. The development is located at a dangerous road bend and along an unaligned section of main road along which all commercial development is restricted in the interests of road safety. It is considered that increased direct access to such roads will lead to traffic hazard. The availability of sight distance as claimed by appellant does not reduce the hazard because of its turning movements in and out of the traffic flows which are the source of hazard. The existence of some commercial developments along the road cannot be taken as a basis for extending the incidence of such development.

(3) The development is contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority for commercial development fronting this particular road.

(4) All existing commercial developments along this road for several miles have been granted on appeal with at least four being granted by means of Section 4. A commercial premises (mineral water factory) across the road from this site specifically mentioned by the applicant was granted on appeal by the Minister in 1971.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

The retention of the development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because it is located on a heavily trafficked main road and regardless of the actual site layout, the turning movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on this road."

The County Manager stated that when the case came before the High Court on the 14th April, 1980, it was admitted that it was always intended to be a Workshop although the first application was for a Hayshed.

The County Manager stated that he was placing the full history of the case before the Members in order that they would know the full facts before making a decision and he appealed to the Members not to pass this Section 4 resolution.

Councillor Coogan proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda saying that he knew the family background and alot of money had been invested in the development. Seconding the resolution, Councillor Molloy stated that the applicant had got a few acres of land from his father and he was trying to make the best use of it.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused saying that it was quite clear that misleading information had been given, and if the Council granted Permission, they would not be acting responsibly. Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal.

The County Engineer appealed to the Members not to grant the Permission. He drew attention to the dangerous location of the site and the traffic hazard

involved. The proprietor was involved in the repair of large vehicles and the site was so small that it was not able to accommodate the vehicles. There was no visibility and the turning movements generated would present a hazardous situation.

Senator Connaughton said that he had visited the site and alot of site development works would have to be carried out to make it satisfactory and he asked if this could be put in as a condition for the Permission, including an entrance from the rear.

The County Manager stated that the application before the Council was an application for retention of the existing development and that could not involve any further development works. If a new application was submitted, it would be fully examined and dealt with on its merits. Replying to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager stated that when the case came up in the High Court, the Judge on hearing that there was a Planning application lodged, considered this relevant to the case before him. He adjourned the case to the 5th May and asked that the Planning application be dealt with quickly.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the facts as outlined by the County Manager had not been given to him when he was asked to support the application. Councillor U. Burke complained that the report on Section 4 motions should be circulated well in advance of the Council Meetings.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that a decision be deferred to the May Meeting, and this was seconded by Councillor Ruane. Councillor M. O h-Uiginn asked if a new application was lodged, would the proceedings for an Injunction be withdrawn. Councillor Haverty asked what would happen when the matter came up in the High Court again.

The County Manager stated that a decision could be deferred to the next meeting but it would be as well if the applicant consented to an extension of time. He said that when the case would come up in Court, the Council would be prepared to tell the Court that the Council would agree to an adjournment of the case.

It was agreed to defer a decision to the May meeting.

429 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34467 - APPLICANT: OLIVER HOGAN:

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

"THE SITE:

The site in question is situated on the Ballinasloe/Portumna Road, at Moher approximately 1/4 mile from the Brackernagh junction with the Galway/Ballinasloe road. The section of roadway has not been realigned. The site forms part of a site on which an application for a number of houses were refused - reference number 26221 both by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala, on the 18th August, 1978, to a Mr. Peter McCarthy on traffic hazard grounds. A permission has been granted to an adjoining site on Appeal in March 1973 provided the access to the site would be on to an adjacent County road side road, reference number 11829.

HISTORY:

The present applicant, Mr. Hogan has purchased a site (ref. no. 11829), with a permitted entrance to the minor road and now wants permission for the present site which is adjacent to it, with an entrance directly onto the main road. The Planning Authority, in consultation with him and Councillors acting on his behalf, suggest a combined entrance from the minor road for both sites, but this was not acceptable.