

BACKGROUND TO APPLICANT'S NEED:

The applicant claims the house is for his mother. He is married with two children, who has recently sold his own residence at Kilgarve Gardens, Ballinasloe, and is presently living in a rented house at Brackernagh having purchased the total site which includes the permission referred to and the present site under consideration. He was aware at the time of purchase, of the refusal of permission on the remainder of the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The site is located in a rural area just outside the Ballinasloe Urban area on a heavily trafficked main road where strong ribbon development pressure exists. The proposed development, in conjunction with existing and permitted development in the vicinity would result in a concentration of development inappropriate to a rural area and is an intensification of ribbon development which would result in unnecessary and avoidable interference with the safety and free flow of traffic on the adjoining main road and could ultimately lead to demand for the uneconomic extension of public services."

Deputy Callanan proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that consultations had taken place with officials from the Planning Office. He said that the site was on the Ballinasloe/Portumna road which was not a National Secondary road, and until such time as it was declared such by the Minister, the planning restrictions applying to National roads should not apply to it. He referred to Councillor Joyce's Notice of Motion, number 50 on the Agenda, to have this road removed from Class 2 control. He said that the Council wanted the applicant to make an entrance on to the by-road. He did not agree with this and said that it would be safer if the house was set back far enough with an entrance on to the main road which at some future date would be widened. Councillor Joyce seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal and said that it would not be good planning to make an entrance on to the by-road as it would be too near the junction. He said that there was better visibility on the main road and the applicant should be allowed an access on to the main road. Councillor Brennan supported the proposal.

The County Engineer stated that there was ^{a Condition} already in the permission for the adjoining site that the exit would be on to the by-road. The County Engineer stated that the site was in a rural area, on a heavily trafficked road and the development would lead to an intensification of ribbon development along the road. Any relaxation of restrictions along this road could lead to similar relaxations on other roads.

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

430 - UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT:

Councillor Byrne referred to unauthorised development taking place at Menlo Galway, and stated that he had met a group of people from the area who were aggrieved by it and asked what was the position on it. Councillor Higgins stated the people felt that the proceedings which the Council were taking were being delayed and adjourned far too long.

The County Manager stated that it was a matter for the Courts to decide whether or not to grant adjournments and the Council would urge that the proceedings be concluded as quickly as possible.

Councillor Welby stated that he had raised the question of unauthorised development at Baurisheen, Oughterard, and he asked for a report on it.

431 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Minutes of Meeting held on the 24th March, 1980, (numbers 399 - 424 inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of Itinerancy Committee Meetings:

Councillor Haverty referred to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Itinerancy Committee for the Loughrea Electoral Area. He considers that the Minutes should have been placed before the Committee for approval before coming before the County Council. He was not satisfied with the way the Committees were working and said that the local committee could be blamed for any unpopular decisions made. After the meeting in Loughrea, certain developments took place which the Committee had not approved of. Mr. Howlett stated that at the Loughrea Meeting, the Committee were informed of the pending developments (top of page 2 of Minutes), and if the Council had to await the approval of the Committee to every move, progress could be very slow.

The Chairman declared the Minutes of the Meeting of the Itinerancy Committee for the Galway, Ballinasloe, and Tuam Electoral Areas approved and said that the Minutes for the Loughrea area would be referred back to the Committee.

432 - HOUSING:

In reply to a question by Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that no additional Capital allocation for housing had been notified to the Council. Councillor M. Fahy referred to the new rents under the Differential Rents Scheme and said that some tenants were unable to pay. The County Manager stated that both items would be reported on at the next meeting.

433 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICED SITE FOR TRAVELLING FAMILIES AT ROSCAM:

The County Manager stated that the question of the provision of a serviced Hardstand for travelling families at Roscam was considered by the Committee on Itinerancy for the Galway Electoral Area at its meeting on the 30th January, 1980, and as will be seen from the Minutes, the Committee was undecided on the question and decided to advise the County Council accordingly.

The County Manager stated that the problem of travelling families within and bordering the City had been under examination for a considerable time, and it was decided to make a two pronged attack on the problem. Galway Corporation decided to build 24 special houses for travelling families, and these were now under construction through the agency of the N.B.A. Realising that this number of houses would not solve the problem and having regard to the rapid growth rate through new family formation, it was decided to provide a Hardstand where travelling families living in caravans could live in decent sanitary conditions with toilets, water, refuse collection, etc. The County Council acquired over 30 acres of land at Roscam and approximately 5 acres of this was set aside for 20 Hardstands. The site would be properly developed and would include a Caretaker's Office. The site was well located and there was no more suitable site available, travelling families having located in the area for years. The finance for the development would be provided by the Department of the Environment. The householder near the site was objecting to the proposal. Others objected but their grounds of objection seemed to be unsustainable. The place where the travelling families were presently located near Merlin Park, on the main approach road to the city, was in a dreadful condition and there was little the Council could do about it as the families had no alternative place to go. The time had come to make a decision on the provision of a site for Hardstands.

Councillor Coogan said that he objected to this proposal previously and still does. It would encourage itinerants and traders from other Counties to come into Galway and would be an eyesore. Councillor Higgins paid tribute to the County Manager and officials for their courage in trying to improve the conditions for travellers. However, he was not fully convinced

in relation to the present proposal. He did not think that the objectors were anti-travellers. In order to develop the site, an old wooded area which was an amenity would have to be destroyed. There was also a danger in locating the site in a woodland area. Given the total area in the Council ownership, the site chosen did not seem to be the most suitable and perhaps, a better layout could be devised. Councillor Molloy stated that he was objecting to the proposal. The road at the side is used by a large number of residents and their children. There was no public lighting. The whole wooded area could be destroyed. Referring to the tigeens at Doughiska, he said that the promised refuse collection was never provided and the same could happen in Roscam. Councillor Murphy stated that there were strong local objections to the proposal and £80,000 was too much to spend on Hardstands. He would prefer to see the money spent on something better than Hardstands. Councillor McCormack said that the provision of Hardstands was a backward step and would not solve the problem of itinerants, and might in fact discourage them from accepting houses. The trees and vegetation at the existing site in Merlin Park had been destroyed, and it was likely that the same would happen to the woodland area at the proposed new site. He would prefer to see the money being spent on houses. Councillor Holland said that local authorities had a duty to house people and Galway Corporation had played its part in housing itinerants and was providing houses for them. The present proposal could lead to an atmosphere where people would become anti-itinerant and this would be bad. He blamed other local authorities for not playing their part. Councillor Welby said that he had visited the site and he was against the proposal. It was an area of high amenity and would be spoiled. It would encourage travellers to come and go. He would prefer to see houses being built for the needy families. Councillor O' Higgins said that there seemed to be little support for the proposed site. It was within a very short distance of the dirtiest site in the County which would be cleaned up if the proposal went ahead. If the residents of Roscam were happy to live with the present site, should an alternative be forced on them. Councillor Byrne stated that there were two kinds of travellers, the traders who sold goods and had expensive caravans, and the itinerants who were poor and in bad need of housing. He would prefer to see the £80,000 being spent on houses. He said that travellers want to be along the main road and he suggested providing a site on the main road. Councillor Kilgannon stated that it was not too clear as to who would be allowed use the Hardstand and that the residents of Roscam should know the full details. It seemed there was no alternative to the present proposal. He said that the area around the County Council development at Creggauns was in an unsatisfactory condition. Councillor U. Burke said that Roscam was a high amenity area and he questioned the Council's ability to adequately maintain the site.

Senator Connaughton said that he appreciated the desire of the Manager and officials to try and improve the housing conditions for itinerants. He also understood the feelings of the Roscam people. He doubted if the Council would be able to provide an adequate caretaking arrangement. Deputy Callanan stated that it was very difficult to control Hardstands whereas itinerants had been satisfactorily housed. Councillor M. Fahy said that he was against the proposal, that it would bring too many travellers together on the one site, and that it would be better to build some small houses such as at Gortbride, Loughrea.

Replying to some of the matters raised by the Members, the County Manager stated because of the growth rate, it would never be possible to provide sufficient houses for itinerants, and there was a great necessity for a Hardstand. It would offer proper sanitation and dry ground for the families and seemed to be the obvious place. A site along the main road could not be considered because of the traffic hazard involved.

Councillor Higgins suggested that the total site of 30 acres be examined to see if the Hardstand could be better located with a better layout. He then proposed that the Council agree in principle to the raising of the loan of £80,000 for the provision of a Hardstand for travelling families on lands in the Council's ownership on the southern entrance to the city. Councillor Kilgannon seconded Councillor Higgins' proposal subject to it being clearly decided who would be allowed occupy the Hardstand and that the site be properly maintained.

Councillor Molloy proposed that the Council not go ahead with the proposed site. This was seconded by Councillor Welby. After further discussion, it was agreed that it would be better to have the site re-examined and report back to the Council before taking a decision on the matter.

434 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE OF GALWAY COUNCIL FOR TRAVELLING PEOPLE ON GALWAY AREA COMMITTEE ON ITINERANCY:

The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Galway Council for Travelling People requesting representation on the Galway Area Committee on Itinerancy. He said that in setting up the Committees, the Council decided that the number of non-local authority members on each Committee would be two, but if necessary, this could be increased to three. If the Council agreed to give representation on the Committee to the Galway Council for Travelling People, they could be asked for a nomination and this would be placed before the Council at the next meeting. This was agreed to.

435 - SANITARY SERVICES ALLOCATION FOR 1980:

Report dated 21st April, 1980, from Assistant County Manager, which was circulated to each Member, was considered. The County Manager stated that the Council's Sanitary Services Capital Programme for 1980 was considered by the Council at the special meeting on the 10th March, 1980, when it was agreed that an allocation of £1.1 million would be required to cover estimated expenditure during the current year on schemes already in progress, and a further £1.1 million to cover seven schemes which could commence during the current year. The allocation notified by the Department of £600,000 for major schemes in progress was totally inadequate and the Council will have to go back to the Department for the £1.1 million for schemes in progress. No allocation was received for new works. Senator Connaughton stated that the Council had entered into legal contracts in relation to the schemes in progress and asked what would happen if no further allocation was received. The County Manager replied that Contractors would have to be paid for work in respect of Contracts entered into. Councillor Kilgannon deplored the shortfall of £500,000 for schemes in progress. Referring to the fact that no allocation was received for new works, he said that this would leave the Council with no commitments coming into the new year. Councillor J. Burke stated that, in addition to seeking an extra allocation for schemes in progress, it was essential that an allocation be made for new works and Councillors Ryan and McCormack agreed with this. Councillors Haverly and U. Burke requested that the Department be asked for an allocation of £100,000 for Killimor Sewerage Scheme.

Mr. Howlett explained that the Council had requested an allocation of £2.2 million for the current year. This was made up of £1.1 million to cover expenditure during the current year on schemes in progress. The remaining £1.1 million was to cover expenditure on seven new schemes which could commence, including £100,000 for Killimor Sewerage Scheme. After a discussion, it was agreed that the Council would press the Department for the full allocation of £2.2 million.

436 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £65,000 FOR FINANCING OF SMALL SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES FOR 1980:

The County Manager stated that the allocation notified to the Council for small sanitary services schemes for the current year was £65,000, and it was necessary to raise a loan for this amount.

It was proposed by Senator Kitt, seconded by Senator Connaughton, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £65,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the Council's programme for small water and sewerage schemes for 1980, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a period of 25 years, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

Councillor Joyce referred to the Eyrecourt Water Scheme about which there were difficulties of late. He understood that it was the only scheme with no storage facilities and he asked that consideration be given to the provision of storage facilities. Senator Kitt asked that consideration be given to the provision of a small sewerage scheme for Caltra using the existing piping that had been provided for drainage some time ago. Councillor O Conchubhair asked about the possibility of extending the sewerage scheme in Carraroe and asked that a reply be sent to him.

437 - ALLOCATION OF GRANTS UNDER THE ARTS ACTS FOR 1980;

The County Manager stated that £5,000 had been provided in the current year's Estimates for grants under the Arts Act. The list of applications received and the recommendations of the Regional Arts Officer for the disbursement of the £5,000 had been circulated to each Member. These recommendations were as follows:

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Aonach Ealaiona na Samhna - Spiddal	500
Tuam (via the Arts Council) for the renovation of Theatre and Arts Centre	500
Tuam (specifically for the direct promotion of Arts Events)	500
Gort Arts Group	500
Athenry Arts Group	500
Ballinasloe Arts Group	500
Lily Puppet Theatre - Moycullen	250
Clifden Arts Society	800
Loughrea Drama Festival Committee	100
Feile Ealaiona na n-Og, Camus.	200
Regional Arts Committee Discretionary Fund - for 'Ad Hoc' events	500
	£4,850
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Remaining balance for 1980 Arts Grant	£150

On the proposition of Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor McCormack, the Council approved of the allocation of the Arts Grants as recommended. Councillor Higgins thanked the Council and the Regional Arts officer for their assistance in the promotion of the Arts.

438 - MEMBERSHIP OF DELEGATION TO MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GAELTACHT RE FUNDS FOR ROADS AND SANITARY SERVICES IN CONNEMARA:

The County Manager stated that there was a problem over the number of people to go on the deputation. The Council had been in touch with the Department and had been asked to limit the number to seven or eight people. He suggested the County Manager, County Engineer, and perhaps, one Fianna Fail Deputy from the Constituency, one Fine Gael Deputy, and four Councillors.

Councillor O'Higgins suggested sending six Members and inviting all Deputies from the West Galway Constituency. The Chairman suggested that the six Members consist of Councillor Coogan, Councillor M.D. Higgins, two Fine Fail Councillors and two Fine Gael Councillors. Eventually, it was agreed that the following Members would go on the deputation plus the Deputies for the Constituency:

Councillors O Conchubhair, Welby, O'Morain, O'Foighil, McCormack, M.D. Higgins, and Councillor Coogan.

439 - CREATION OF POST OF DRAUGHTSPERSON:

The County Manager stated that it was proposed to create an extra post of Draughtsperson for the Design Team for the new Galway/Oranmore Road in order to speed up the design of the project. He said that the person appointed could be absorbed into the existing staff compliment when the project is completed.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of one additional post of Draughtsperson."

440 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF TELEPHONIST:

The County Manager stated that the wage scale for blind telephonists in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs had been revised from the 1st March, 1978. The Council's telephonist was related to that grade and it was proposed to revise his wages accordingly. The estimated cost of implementing the increase for the current year was £200. The Council's telephonist was on the maximum of the scale which from the 1st March, 1980, was £89.90 per week.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the application of the revised wage scale for blind telephonists in the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to the telephonist employed by Galway County Council, the revised scale to be effective from the 1st March, 1978."

441 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF STOREKEEPER:

The County Manager stated that negotiations had been going on for some time between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Local Government and Public Services Union regarding the regrading of Storekeepers. A number of Storekeeper jobs were examined and evaluated, and under the proposals which emerged, the Storekeeper posts were divided into two grades, Grade A and Grade B. The Grade A post would attract the Staff Officer salary scale, and the Grade B post would attract the Assistant Staff Officer scale, and in future the pay of Storekeepers would be related to those scales. The Storekeeper post in Galway County Council came under Grade A category. The new grading structure was effective from the 1st September, 1979, and the cost of implementing the proposal during the current year was £3,500, including arrears.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the regrading of the post of Storekeeper under Galway County Council and the application to it of the Staff Officer salary scale as outlined by the County Manager with effect as from the 1st September, 1979."

442 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

The County Manager stated that for a number of years, the Council's Overdraft had been limited to £1 million, but having regard to the present level at which overdraft was running, it would be necessary to seek approval to increase the ordinary overdraft accommodation to £1,250,000 for the period ending 30th September, 1980. At the February Meeting of the Council, the Council approved of special overdraft accommodation of £500,000 to finance the Housing Capital Programme pending payment of loans, etc. He requested the Council's approval to continue this special overdraft for the period ending 30th September, 1980. He also requested the Council's approval to a further special overdraft of £500,000 to finance Sanitary Services Capital Works for the period ending 30th September, 1980, which would be necessary because of the shortfall in the Sanitary Services Capital Allocation notified to the Council for the current year.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1,250,000, be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the period ending 30th September, 1980."

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve of special Overdraft accommodation, not exceeding £500,000, in respect of Housing Capital Works for the period ending 30th September, 1980."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor F. Fahey, and resolved:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council approve of special Overdraft accommodation, not exceeding £500,000, in respect of Sanitary Services Capital Works for the period ending 30th September, 1980."

443 - DATE FOR MEETING OF FISHERIES COMMITTEE:

Councillor Higgins proposed that the Meeting of the Fisheries Committee be held on Friday, 30th May, in Carna. This was seconded by Councillor O Conchubhair and agreed.

444 - APPOINTMENT OF COISTE GAEILGE AGUS GAELTACHTA:

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Foighil go mbeadh naonur ar an Coiste agus go mbeadh cead comhthoghadh ag an Coiste.

Councillor O'Foighil's proposal was seconded by Councillor U. Burke.

Do rinne an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair tagairt do tairiscint uimhir 32 (a) ar an clar agus mhol se go mbeadh an ceard cruinniu eile den Chomhairle Chontae san nGaeltacht, i gCeathru Rua, bh'feidir.

Councillor Higgins seconded Councillor O'Conchubhair's motion to have the May meeting of the Council in Carraroe and this was agreed, the meeting to commence at the normal time of 3.30 p.m.

It was agreed unanimously that the following Members be appointed to the Coiste Gaeilge agus Gaeltachta:-

Councillors O'Morain, O Conchubhair, Joyce, Senator Kitt, Councillors, Kilgannon, U. Burke, Brennan, O'Foighil, Byrne, and Higgins.

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

It was agreed to include this item on the Agenda for the May Meeting of the Council being held in Carraroe.

446 - REQUEST OF RESIDENTS OF CLOUGHNACAVE AND GORTSTUCKANAGH, GORT, TO HAVE ROAD THROUGH THOSE TOWNLANDS NAMED "CIRCULAR ROAD":

The County Manager stated that a request had been received from residents in Cloughnacave and Gortstuckanagh, Gort, to have the by-road linking the N 66 Loughrea-Gort Road to the N 18 Gort-Limerick Road named Circular Road. The request was reputed to be signed by all the residents. The postal authorities had no objection to the proposal and he saw no objection to it from the Council's point of view. Councillor Coogan said that all the residents were not in favour of the proposal and he suggested that the road be called Cloughnacave Circular Road. Councillor F. Fahey agreed with Councillor Coogan.

The County Manager suggested that the matter be deferred and that in the meantime, members could look at the names of the residents who had signed the request, and the Council would also write to the people who had sent the request into the Council.

447 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that the Malicious Damage Decree set out at item 16 on the Agenda was received since the last meeting.

448 - SALE OF SITE AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY.:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of site no. 46 at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Thomas Spelman, Carnakelly, Kiltulla, Athenry, on the terms set out in Notice dated 15th April, 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."

449 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

CLERICAL OFFICERS - EQUAL PAY - ARBITRATION AWARD:

The County Manager stated that an Arbitration award had been made in respect of a claim by Clerical Officers for total abolition of Marriage differentiated pay scales with effect from the 1st January, 1976. Marriage differentials had been abolished as from the 1st July, 1977, and this award backdated the abolition of the differentials to the 1st January, 1976, as applied in the Civil Service. The number of Clerical Officers involved was 43 and payment would be made in three phases. The total cost for 1980 was estimated at £2,400. It was proposed by Councillor U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the implementation of the Arbitration award in respect of the claim by Clerical Officers for total abolition of marriage differentiated pay scales with effect as from the 1st January, 1976, as outlined by the County Manager."

450 - BOG ROADS:

The County Manager read letter dated 24th March, 1980, from the Department of the Environment in response to the Council's request for additional funds for the construction of bog roads. The letter stated that the only funds available to the Minister for this purpose were those provided under the Local Improvements Scheme, and that it was a matter for the Council to appraise the priorities as between the various classes of schemes on which the grant would be allocated.

451 - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OF £9,865 FOR TULLY/ROSSAVEEL GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that a / special contribution of £9,865 was recommended for Tully/Rossaveel Group Water Supply Scheme in respect of increased pipe sizes and the loan charges would qualify for the usual subsidy. It was proposed by Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Councillor O Conchubhair, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £9,865 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister to defray the cost of a special contribution for Tully/Rossaveel Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister, with interest at the usual rate."

452 - SPECIAL MEETING:

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Council be held on the 12th May, 1980, to deal with the remaining items on the Agenda.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Seán Mac Fíneáin CHAIRMAN

26/5/80 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

6th May, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A special meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 12th May, 1980, at 3.30 p.m., to consider the Councillors' Notices of Motion which were adjourned from the April Meeting of the Council.

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T. KAVANAGH,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

1. List of Councillors' Notices of Motion which were adjourned from the Meeting of the Council held on the 28th April, 1980. - Copy herewith.
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PROPOSALS AND MOTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

1. Review of County Development Plan - Proposals of An Comhairleoir O Foighil.
2. Dangerous bend at Station Road, Gort, and proposal to purchase adjoining area from C.I.E. - Proposals of Councillors F. Fahey, T. Byrne, and Deputy J. Donnellan.
3. 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.
4. 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.
- COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:
5. 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.
6. That all pensioners being paid monthly at present be paid twice monthly in future by this Council.
7. 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.
- SENATOR M.P. KITT - I will propose:
8. That repairs be carried out on the road to Tommy Wall's house, Ballinlass, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
9. 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.
10. AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL 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.
11. 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:-
12. Junction of Newcastle-Tiaquin road near Rohan's house.
13. Junction of Gurteen-Attymon and Clough Roads at Temple National School.
14. Junction of Menlough-Ballymacward, Castleblakeney Roads at Ruane's Shop, Glentane.

15. 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."
16. AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:
Cruinniu a bheith ag an gComhairle Conndae san nGaeltacht, m.s. An Cheathru Rua.
17. COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY - I will propose:
That the Council improve Culvererae Crossroads, Loughrea, i.e., carry out improvements, widen roadway.
18. COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:
That an exit sign be erected on both sides of the Housing Estate at Claregalway, showing "Housing Estate".
- COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:
19. That the County Council commence a programme of acquiring land for serviced sites in all major towns and villages throughout the County.
20. That a connection off the Public Main be given for the Rinn/Killeeneen Group Water Scheme.
- AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN Molaim:
21. Go mbainfi an coirneal fíor contuirteach ata ar an mbothar o Cheibh na h-Airde thiar ag teach Mhaire Ni Chaolaidhe.
22. Go gcuirfi comhthara contabhairt ag ceann an bhothair o theach Sheosaimh Mac an Iomaire ag Tigh Donworth, Coill Saile, Cill Chairain.
23. Go ndeanfach an Comhairle Chontae mapail ar na tri Roillig i gCarna i gcomhair leis an bpobal.
- COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:
24. That this Council ask the Department of Posts and Telegraphs to provide a telephone kiosk at St. Joseph's Park, Tuam.
25. That the County Council provide a pump for an improvement in the water supply to Ballymote, Tuam.
26. That this council supply a hardstand in Tuam for Itinerant Caravans.
- COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:
27. That some development work be carried out on the series of dangerous bends south of Gurteen Village on the Gurteen-Attymon Road.
28. That this Council call on the Department of Justice to introduce effective controls on the sale of alcoholic drink to young people.
- DEPUTY JOHN M. MANNION - I will propose:
29. That Galway County Council prohibit parking on one side of the street from Cleggett's shop to Bank in Oughterard.
30. That Galway County Council take whatever steps are necessary to allow the Dawros Group Water Scheme connect to the Letterfrack Water Supply.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

- 31. That Galway County Council provide a road and parking space at Creevaghbawn graveyard, Tuam, Co. Galway.
- 32. That Galway County Council erect no dumping signs at Castlecreevy Bridge, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- 33. 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.
- 34. That this Council take steps to improve the bog road, Oughterard, from the graveyard towards the Corrib and left branch out to the new Oughterard pier. This is a very scenic road.
- 35. 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.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

- 36. 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.
- 37. That Galway County Council would investigate means of establishing a Twinning arrangement with one of the Local Authorities in Northern Ireland.
- 38. 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.

39. AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

Bhfuil se i gceist an Deontas Forlionteach (Supplementary Grant) a cheadu don Sceim Uisce Inis Mean i mbliana.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

- 40. 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.
- 41. That Galway County Council acquire land for a graveyard in Gort.
- 42. That Galway County Council require land for parking in Gort town where parking is impossible to find.

COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:-

- 43. That this Council recommends that speed limit signs be erected at Kilchreest.
- 44. That steps be taken this year to have the road junctions in the Maree area, Oranmore, signposted.
- 45. 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).

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

- 46. 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.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN (Cont./)

- 47. That three extra lights be provided in Derrymullen Rural, Ballinasloe.
- 48. That the refuse collection service be extended to the few houses in Derrymullen.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

7th May, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

re: Special Meeting of Galway County Council - 12th May, 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 6th May, 1980:-

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

49. 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 SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 12TH MAY, 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, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M.P. Kitt, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors N. O Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineer; Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

453 - ATHSCRUDU PLEAN FORBARTHA CHONTAE - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

The Acting Secretary suggested that the Planning Committees for the Galway and Connemara Electoral Areas meet to discuss this motion which mainly affected those areas.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil gur cheap se go mbeadh diospoireacht ar an abhar ach bhi se sasta an ceist a phle fe mar a mhol an Runai.

Councillor O Foighil also suggested that the meeting need not be confined to Members from the Galway and Connemara areas and hoped that there would be no delay in setting up the meeting. Councillor O'Morain suggested that there be a Committee meeting of all the Members as all the Members were affected, and that the plan should be reviewed in the context of the experience gained since it was adopted. Councillor O'Morain's proposal was seconded by Councillor U. Burke. Councillor O Conchubhair suggested that special consideration be given to the Gaeltacht area which would help the survival of the Irish language. Councillor J. Burke expressed reservations about having another planning meeting and said that there was little point in adopting a plan if it is not adhered to. Councillor Kilgannon said that the plan only sets out the planning policy for the County, and that the problems only arise when individual applications are made. He suggested that in preparation for the meeting, each Councillor should submit his observations in writing as to how he sees the plan operating in his area.

The Chairman said that the date for the meeting could be fixed at the next meeting of the Council at which the County Manager would be present. It was agreed that the meeting would be in Committee and that Councillors would be notified about submitting their observations. Councillor O' Foighil asked that these be circulated before the meeting.

454 - NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL IN CARRAROE:

Toisc go raibh an chead cruinniu eile den Comhairle ins an Gheeltacht, mhol an Comhairleoir O'Morain go dtabharfaí cuireadh do Aire na Gaeltachta teacht chun an cruinniu agus labhairt leis an Comhairle.

It was agreed that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be invited to the next meeting of the Council which was being held in Carraroe, and that if she was available to attend, that the Meeting would start before before 3.30 p.m., possibly 2.30 p.m.

455 - DANGEROUS BEND AT STATION ROAD, GORT. - Proposals of Councillors F. Fahey, T. Byrne, and Deputy J. Donnellan:

The Acting Secretary read the report from the County Engineer which stated that he had examined the proposals and had written to C.I.E. The proposals would be seen from the maps attached to the report, one of which shows in red the plot owned by C.I.E. measuring 2 roods, 11 square perches, the other map in blue showing the same area together with a possible road improvement line. Alternatively, the road could be improved by easing of existing bend towards the centre of the plot. However, this road is rarely used by the general public but is extensively used on Mart days as they own adjacent property. The estimated cost for providing a carpark of £18,000 to £20,000 is considered conservative.

The County Engineer did not recommend a public carpark in such a location at such a cost as it is too far away from the central town area and would be under-utilised other than on Mart days. The amount of traffic would hardly justify a costly improvement. However, easing of the bend would be undertaken if C.I.E. are agreeable to sell the plot. A recent report from the County Engineer on the matter stated that C.I.E. had now indicated that they are willing to sell the plot of land to the Council. The Council will endeavour to purchase same and improvements of the roadway can be considered next year. Councillor F. Fahey said that he was glad that C.I.E. were prepared to dispose of the property and that the Council would pursue the purchase of it. He asked that provision be made in next year's Estimates for improving the road, and that if any money was available in this year's Estimates, that the wall be removed. Councillors Coogan and M. Fahy supported Councillor F. Fahey's proposal.

456 - CLOSURE OF TYNAGH MINES - MOTION BY SENATOR CONNAUGHTON:

Senator Connaughton said that Tynagh Mines would be closing shortly and 350 people would be out of work as a result. It was vital that a replacement industry be provided. The workers at Tynagh had developed a special expertise and it would be difficult to retrain them for other jobs. There were no jobs in the area where these skilled workers could be employed and he asked that the County Council do everything in its power to get a suitable alternative industry. An alternative industry on the same site would be desirable. Deputy Callanan said that he had been involved in arranging a deputation with the Minister on this question. He understood that some workers would be kept on for a time and that the various bodies concerned were doing everything possible to get another industry. Councillor U. Burke supported Senator Connaughton. He said that a heavy type industry was required as the skills which the workers had developed at Tynagh were of this nature. Councillor Haverty also supported the motion and said that it was important that any industrial development there would suit the skills of the redundant workers.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the County Development Team was aware of the problem at Tynagh and everything possible was being done to find a suitable industry. The County Development Team included representatives from the I.D.A., and therefore, all the important bodies were involved in trying to secure an industry.

457 - BALLYGLASS GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was not possible to allow this group a connection from the Ahascragh Mains as the source of supply for Ahascragh and Groups fed off Ahascragh Mains is now fully extended. The Department of the Environment were so informed in April, 1979. Deputy Callanan said that he could not understand why a connection could not be given in view of the fact that increased pumping had been provided for the Ahascragh public scheme. He wondered was it a question of a shortage of water or storage facilities. Senators Kitt, Connaughton, and Councillor Kilgannon supported Deputy Callanan's proposal, and said that there was only a small number of houses involved.

The County Engineer undertook to examine the matter further and report back at the next meeting.

458 - DEVELOPMENT OF BOG ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a letter dated 24th March, 1980, from the Department of the Environment was circulated with the Agenda for the last meeting and this referred to a resolution passed at the February Meeting of the Council requesting special funds for the development and construction of bog roads. At that meeting, some of the Councillors stated that they did not wish that the amount available for roads to private houses should be reduced in order to allocate special funds for bog roads. At the March meeting of the Council, the Local Improvement Scheme Allocation of £171,000 for the current year was allocated on the basis of £10,000 per area, the balance to be divided on a percentage basis. Offers of grant have now been issued on this basis.

Councillor Welby proposed that this item be put on the Agenda for the deputation to the Minister for the Environment and that a special allocation for bog roads be sought because of the energy situation. This was seconded by Senator Kitt and was also supported by Councillor Ruane who said that he had raised this previously.

Councillor Finnegan said that L.I.S. applications should be put on a waiting list according to their urgency rather than on the basis of the date of receipt of the application. He said that applications for drains under the L.I.S. scheme seemed to be very slow in being processed. Councillor Haverty said that he would raise no objection to extra funds being sought but would object to any proposed changes in this year's L.I.S. allocations. Deputy Donnellan said that he had raised the question of bog development in the Dail. A vast amount of turf was being cut by the Sugar Company and privately with the result that the roads are gone into a very bad condition. He said that a special free cost grant was needed for the proper development of the bogs in the West of Ireland, and he proposed that the Department of Industry, Commerce and Energy be requested to make such a grant available. This was seconded by Deputy Callanan and agreed.

459 - PAYMENT OF PENSIONS TWICE MONTHLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council was now operating its own Computer since the 1st April, 1980, and since that date, all Pensioners are being paid fortnightly.

460 - PROPOSED CARPARK AT DERREENMEEL, OUGHTERARD. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that plans were being prepared for the provision of landing stages and a carparking area at Derreenmeel. The Inland Fisheries Trust were being recommended a Lease for a very small site for a store provided by them and which will be incorporated in the site as a whole. There were, as yet, no arrangements for the financing of the project. Councillor Welby said that an undertaking had been given to the former owner of the site that no buildings would be allowed on it, and seeing that a building was allowed by the Council, there was both a breach of contract and a breach of trust. He was surprised that planning permission were granted in this case when it was so difficult to get planning permission along the lake for houses and he asked to be kept informed of discussions on the matter with Bord Failte. Deputy Mannion agreed with Councillor Welby but he appreciated that the undertaking had not been given by Galway County Council.

The County Engineer said that an application had been lodged by the Inland Fisheries Trust in the normal way and had to be dealt with by the Council, as Planning Authority. It was considered that the store was a facility which the Inland Fisheries Trust required for the development of fishing in the Corrib. A recent meeting had taken place between the interested parties including the landowner, at which agreement was reached and there would be no wall around the site and no infringement of the right-of-way by the lake. Councillor Coogan enquired about the fishermen building small sheds on the lakeside for boats and was informed that such development would have to be the subject of a Planning Application.

461 - ROAD LEADING TO WALL'S HOUSE, BALLINLASS. - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road carriageway at this location is in good repair but there is a drainage problem on the margin which will be attended to later in the year if funds permit.

462 - PROVISION OF MUSEUM IN BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS JOYCE, BRENNAN, DEPUTY CALLANAN, AND SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were no funds available at the present time for the provision of a Museum in Ballinasloe. Councillor Kilgannon said that he wished to be associated with the request for the Museum for Ballinasloe.

463 - DEONTAS £6,000 DO INIS MEAIN - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

Duir an leas Runai gur bhain an moladh seo le deontas £6,000 o Roinn na Gaeltachta chun príomh bothar an oilean a feabhasu le gairbheal agus tarra. Ta an cuid is mó den obair deanta agus cuirfear críoch leis comh luath is a bheas tarra ar fail.

The Acting Secretary stated that this referred to a grant of £6,000 from Roinn na Gaeltachta to improve the main road on Inishmaan with gravel and tar. Most of the work was done and it would be completed as soon as tar is available.

464 - PROVISION OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that plans and estimates were being prepared by Consulting Engineers for possible extensions of the County Buildings. The County Engineer explained that the extension being considered was divided into two phases, ^{phase} would comprise the filling in of the recess of the existing extension at the rear of the County Buildings between the office formerly occupied by the County Development Officer and the Rates Office, and the offices over these. This would be at Ground, first and second floor level, and the design would be such as to accommodate and support another floor overhead. The second phase would comprise another floor over the existing and suggested extension, and the provision of a lift.

Councillor Burke stated that there was a parking problem at the existing County Buildings and before any decision is taken to extend it, a full study should be undertaken of the office needs for the next 20 years, allowing for the County Solicitor and County Development Officer, etc., to be accommodated in the same building as the County Council.

Some Councillors expressed surprise that a planning application had been lodged with the Corporation for a proposed extension.

The Deputy County Manager explained that the planning of the proposed extension was only at a preliminary stage. Councillor O'Morain asked that when the plans were being brought before the Council that an alternative proposal be also investigated which would centralise all the offices. Deputy Callanan also agreed that an alternative site should be looked at. Councillor Haverty said that the provision of new accommodation on an alternative site could be a very long term proposition and he would agree with improving the present accommodation. In particular, he referred to the fact that the Planning Office, which is visited a lot by the public, is on the top floor and he asked that provision be made in the Estimates for 1981 for a lift. This was seconded by Councillor Joyce and it was generally agreed that this should be investigated for next year's Estimates.

Councillor Coogan suggested that the County Council and the Corporation should consider coming together in one new office building. Councillor O'Connor said that it was disgraceful that so many public bodies in the City were accommodated in rented offices.

Replying, the Deputy County Manager stated that while it may be desirable that the various bodies would be together, there was always the difficulty of getting the different bodies to agree to a proposal. Another problem was the financing of a large office building, whereas for instance, the Corporation

might be able to ^{get} finance for a building which would meet their own needs. He said that the matter would be brought back before the Council when further information is available.

465 - ROAD JUNCTIONS AT (a) NEWCASTLE-TIAQUIN, (b) GURTEEN-ATTYMON AND CLOUGH ROADS AT TEMPLE NATIONAL SCHOOL, (c) MENLOUGH-BALLYMACWARD, CASTLEBLAKENEY ROADS AT RUANE'S SHOP, GLENTANE - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were no funds available in the current year for improvement of these road junctions. They would be considered for inclusion in the 1980 minor improvement programme.

Councillor Kilgannon explained that these were dangerous junctions, particularly the junction of the Menlough-Ballymacward, Castleblakeney Road, and that it would cost very little to improve the traffic arrangements. The County Engineer undertook to re-examine the proposals. It was assumed that widening, etc., was being requested but Councillor Kilgannon had explained that this was not involved.

466 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT KILCOOLEY - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS U. BURKE, T. MURPHY, AND E. HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road marked red and proposed for adoption is considerably less than 11 feet wide between fences. It is bounded on both sides by high stone walls and its width reduces to as low as 8 ft. 6 in. at some points. It is estimated that the cost of widening, rebuilding wall, and surfacing from County Road 483 at Corbaun to the National Secondary Road (N.65) at Kilcooley, a length of 963 metres would be £16,270.

It is not recommended that the Council adopt this road at the existing width and construct two lay-bys. This would be establishing a precedent for adopting roads of inadequate width for present day traffic and would create traffic hazards, congestion, and early pressure to have the road brought up to general County Council standard as the above estimate. The short stretch of road from Kilcooley Graveyard to the National Secondary Road at Kilcooley was blacktopped and maintained by the County Council as a road leading to a burial ground and is not a public road.

Councillor Haverty pointed out that all the Councillors for the Loughrea Electoral Area, but their names were deleted because of other motions in their names. He realised that the cost of widening the road was excessive and proposed that it be taken over as it is, and provide two lay-bys where traffic could pass. He said that the people in the area were being deprived of the use of this road and he asked how the road to the burial ground could be maintained by the Council when it was not a public road. Councillor U. Burke stated that this was a link road and the Council had opted ^{out} completely on making it a public road. It would be a waste of time allocating Notice of Motion money for it because of the high cost involved and he asked that the Council reconsider this road as a particular case and try and arrive at some solution. The County Engineer stated that a road less than 11 feet wide could not be taken over, and the only suggestion that he could make was that if the landowners could come to some agreement as regards widening and fencing, it would reduce the cost involved. The Chairman asked that this aspect be investigated.

467 - CRUINNIU DEN COMHAIRLE SAN nGAELTACHT - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

The Acting Secretary stated that this motion had been dealt with at the last meeting and arrangements had been made to hold the May Meeting of the Council in the Comprehensive School in Carraroe.

468 - IMPROVEMENT OF CULVERERAE CROSSROADS, LOUGHREA. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Engineer for the area was unable to identify the particular crossroads mentioned in the motion.

Councillor Haverty said that he would submit further particulars of the location.

469 - HOUSING ESTATE IN CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the sign suggested was considered unnecessary as the Housing Estate was clearly visible from the National Primary route and there was no such statutory sign. As regards the school children from the estate, there was a traffic warden on duty during the relevant hours.

470 - INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE IN R.T.E.

Councillor F. Fahey raised the question of the present industrial dispute in R.T.E. He said that the decision on Saturday last not to broadcast the English F.A. Cup Final highlighted the disadvantages of viewers in the single channel areas. He proposed that a telegram be sent to the R.T.E. Authority and the Government requesting that the proposal to re-broadcast B.B.C. and I.T.V. in the single channel areas be re-examined. Councillor Holland seconded Councillor F. Fahey's proposal and said that it was a bitter disappointment to the many people who had arranged to watch the match, but did not know until the last minute that it would not be broadcast. Councillor Higgins stated that the dispute in R.T.E. had serious implications and the Council should be cautious about getting involved.

The Chairman declared Councillor F. Fahey's motion carried. Councillor O'Morain disassociated himself from the motion.

471 - LAND FOR SERVICED SITES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

Councillor Fahey stated that the written reply which he had received to the motion indicated that there were no funds at the present time to embark on a programme of acquiring land for serviced sites. He accepted that there was a shortage of funds but wanted to put emphasis on another aspect, i.e., the will of the Council to acquire land. He was not satisfied that sufficient effort was being put into the question of buying land. He said that the Council has acquired land from the Irish Land Commission in Kilconnell and there was no reason why this should not be done in other areas. The Council must continue to try and get funds for land acquisition and cannot afford to sit back as the price of land is always increasing. Councillor Joyce supported Councillor Fahey and said that it would be better that people would live in villages where better services would be available, and the villages in turn would prosper. However, this could only happen if serviced sites were made available.

Mr. Howlett stated that if extra Capital was allocated for housing this year, the first priority was to finance the schemes already in progress and the next priority was to commence new houses for needy families. It was only after these needs were met that the Council could embark on a programme of land acquisition. The Council had intended developing sites this year but the necessary Capital Allocation was not provided. The Council had land where the greatest pressures were and had not abandoned the purchasing of land.

Councillor F. Fahey disagreed with what Mr. Howlett had said and pointed out that the I.D.A. were able to purchase 9 acres of land where the Council had failed. He said that no progress was made in the acquisition of land in some areas of the County. Councillor O Conbhuhair said that there seemed to be no progress in acquiring land in the Gaeltacht areas and suggested that Roinn na Gaeltachta may be able to give assistance.

472 - RINN/KILLEENEEN GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a pump was successfully tested for this Group and a report was sent to the Department of the Environment in August, 1979. The Council has no application for a connection from a public main and is not aware of what main is involved. The main at Kilcolgan and the other at Craughwell have been refused already as a source for Group Schemes as the supply of water is restricted. Councillor F. Fahey asked that his motion be taken as an application for a connection for the Killeeneen part of the Group and the connection was required from the Clarinbridge Scheme at Kilcolgan.

473 - COIRNEAL OF CHEIBH NA h-AIRDE THAR AG TEACH MHAIRE NI CHAOLAIDHE - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an leas Runai nach raibh aon airgead ar fail don obair seo i mbliana.

474 - COMHATHARA CONTABHAIRT AG COILL SAILE - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an leas Runai go gcuirfi comhthara bothar uimhir 110 ar an príomh bothar in aice le gabhal leis an aithbothar comh luath is feidir.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain, the County Engineer stated that the type of sign that would be erected on the main road would be the junction type sign.

475 - MAPAIL NA TRI ROILLIG I gCARNA - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an leas Runai go raibh an Comhairle ag iarraidh na roillig seo a mapail.

Councillor O'Morain explained that there were problems in identifying grave spaces in these old burial grounds and asked if maps could be prepared. It was often necessary to rely on old people living in the area to identify spaces. The County Engineer said that all new burial grounds had maps prepared but this was not the case with old burial grounds. The Burial Ground in question would be surveyed to try and identify spaces in so far as this is possible.

476 - TELEPHONE KIOSK AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARK, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

Councillor J. Burke stated that there was a great need for a telephone kiosk at St. Joseph's Park, Tuam, where there were 300 houses. The nearest telephone kiosk was a half a mile away. It was agreed to forward the request to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

477 - WATER SUPPLY AT BALLYMOTE, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was proposed to instal the booster pump, which is at present located on the Tullinadaly Road, on the Dublin Road when the water tower is in operation later this year. Investigations will be carried out in the meantime to determine how best the water pressures can be boosted in the Ballymote area.

478 - PROVISION OF HARDSTAND IN TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that an estimate for this work was prepared in September 1978 and amounted to £56,750 for ten units. This would work out at about 40% higher than comparable costs at Roscam. The terrain here is bog and our Engineers have always had considerable reservations about doing any development there. It should be noted that the land is not owned by the County Council. It is in fact owned by a traveller but it is understood that he would be prepared to sell the site. The reason why the proposal did not go ahead was because the Roscam proposal had priority and had been approved by the Department. It was felt that until this got off the ground, there was no point in putting another proposal forward. There are divided views in Tuam as to whether a Hardstand should be provided. The Council have made reasonable progress over the past few years in the town of Tuam with the rehousing of travellers. Houses have also been provided and other houses are being commenced in the rural area to cater for travellers who are prepared to move out from town. Because of this, the local settlement committee have not been pressing the case for a Hardstand.

Councillor Finnegan stated that good progress had been made in housing itinerants in Tuam and that a Hardstand might not be welcomed there. If finance was available, he would prefer to see it spent on the provision of back-up services for families who have been housed and on the provision of flats for newly married couples.

479 - DANGEROUS BENDS AT GURTEEN VILLAGE AND GURTEEN-ATTYMON ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The Acting Secretary stated that a sum of £4,000 was provided in the Provisional

Roadworks Scheme for improvement to bends on this road, but due to lack of funds, this had to be omitted from the adopted scheme. Consequently, it will not be possible to carry out any easing of bends on this road in the current year and the work will have to be reconsidered for the 1981 Estimates. Councillor Kilgannon stated that these were very dangerous bends, and that if something could be done by way of improving the sight distance, it would make a big improvement.

480 - SALE OF ALCOHOLIC DRINK TO YOUNG PEOPLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the question of drink among young people was now a major problem and he had been approached by the North-East Galway Community Council about the seriousness of the situation. He said that the three departments of Health, Finance and Justice had a responsibility in the matter. He proposed that the Department of Justice be asked to introduce a system of identity cards for young people. Councillor Coogan proposed that the motion be amended to read "controls on the supplying of" instead of "controls on the sale of".

Councillor Joyce seconded Councillor Kilgannon's proposal. He said that the only people who could help in the situation were the suppliers. Councillor Kilgannon's motion was carried with Councillor Coogan's amendment.

481 - PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that the new Galway (County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, which included Oughterard, were forwarded to the Garda Commissioners in 1978. The new Bye-Laws have not yet been brought into operation. In reply to a question from Deputy Mannion, the Acting Secretary stated that the delay in introducing the Bye-Laws was related to the fact that it was proposed to introduce this new system of Bye-Laws all over the country. The first set of Bye-Laws had been brought into operation in Cork and a problem had arisen there which was the cause of the delay.

482 - CONNECTION FOR DAWROS GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that a scheme for the improvement of Letterfrack Water Supply to provide for a supply of water for Dawros Group Scheme was included in the Council's original estimates. It had to be subsequently deleted on the revised estimates due to lack of finance. Deputy Mannion asked that the proposal be reconsidered for the 1981 Estimates.

483 - MOTIONS BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

In the absence of Deputy Donnellan, it was decided to send him written replies.

484 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

In the absence of Councillor McCormack, it was decided to send him written replies.

485 - RECLASSIFICATION OF BALLINASLOE-PORTUMNA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

It was agreed that this would be considered as a Notice of Motion at the Planning Meeting which the Council agreed to hold arising from Councillor O'Foighil's motion to amend the County Development Plan.

486 - TWINNING ARRANGEMENT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Councillor Joyce asked that this motion be deferred to the next meeting of the Council when more Members would be present. This was agreed.

487 - LOCAL AUTHORITIES' MEMBERS ASSOCIATION:

Councillor Joyce stated that the Annual Meeting of the Association was being held next Saturday and asked if the Council could make a payment of £2 per Member to the Association and deduct it from the Members' Travelling expenses.

The Deputy County Manager explained that if this was to be done, it would be necessary for each individual Member to consent to it and there may be some Members who did not claim any expenses. The Chairman said that he would mention about the Membership fee at the next meeting and that Councillor Joyce might make the collection himself.

488 - PROVISION OF SANITARY FACILITIES IN OLD COUNCIL HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are about 70 - 80 non-vested Council houses which have not water or sewerage facilities. It is estimated that it would cost approximately £3,000 per house to instal these services, making a total of £210,000 - £240,000. The Council had previously applied for funds to provide ranges in houses and had been turned down. Councillor Joyce stated there were many Council houses built without any sanitary facilities. There were now no grants available for this work and many of the people living in these houses were in receipt of state assistance. He asked that the resolution be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment with a request that special consideration be given to this type of applicant. This was agreed.

489 - DEONTAS FORLIONTEACH SCEIM UISCE INIS MEAN - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

Dúirt an leas Rúnai go raibh an Roinn Comhshaoil tar eis litir a scriobh don grup a ra nach raibh an Roinn ag cur airgead ar fail don sceim seo toisc go raibh an costas thart ar £533,000.

Councillor O Foighil asked if the scheme could be considered under the proposals outlined in a recent letter from the Department of the Environment for the provision of piped water on islands off the west coast.

The Acting Secretary stated that the schemes which would qualify under the Circular letter had to be within the "small scheme" category on which there was a limit of £30,000. He also stated that representatives of the Group had called to discuss the scheme with the Council officials and an alternative scheme was being investigated.

490 - PROVISION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING IN SOUTH GALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council owns land for housing in Loughrea, Kinvara, and Clarinbridge, and are in the process of acquiring land in Ardahan. Recently a C.P.O. was confirmed for land in Gort and negotiations were taking place for the voluntary acquisition of adjoining land. A proposal to build additional houses in Loughrea and Clarinbridge have to be deferred because of shortage of funds. Councillor Fahy stated that the Council had a bad record in the provision of houses in towns and villages in South Galway.

491 - LAND FOR GRAVEYARD IN GORT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the County Council had acquired land by Compulsory Purchase Order at Rakerin, Gort, for a burial ground. Certain difficulties arose in implementing the order which necessitated reference to the Courts. The Court had ruled in favour of the Council. The compensation was now being lodged in the High Court and other necessary steps will be taken by the Council.

Councillor Fahy stated that land should be acquired in Gort town for a burial ground for the Gort people.

The Acting Secretary stated that the proposed burial ground at Rakerin was intended to cater for the Gort area and that the Council had spent many years trying to acquire the land and intended to proceed with it. Councillor Fahy still felt that a burial ground should be provided in Gort town and was supported by Councillor Coogan.

492 - NOTICES OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE:

In the absence of Councillor Byrne, it was decided to send him written replies.

493 - NOTICES OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN:

In the absence of Councillor Brennan, it was decided to send him written replies.

494 - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that all tenants are sent details of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, including full details of house costs. There did not seem to be any point in advertising the scheme in the press when each tenant is notified individually.

Councillor F. Fahey said that tenants did not see the advantages of buying out their houses and he felt that a public relations exercise was necessary.

495 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Peg Wickin, Cloonkell, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Bertie Rodgers, Ballyhue, Gort.
- Diarmuid Mac an Adhastair, Beal a Daingan, Conamara.
- Mrs. Jack Larkin, Ballymana, Craughwell.
- Mr. Seamus Forde, Killeeneen, Craughwell.
- Bean Uí Iarnain, Baile Nua, Bearna.
- Mr. Peter Joyce, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
- Mrs. Dolcie McMahon, Woodford, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Patrick Felle & Family, Killeen, Ballyshrulie, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. William Lyons, Lissaphuca, Newtowndaly, Loughrea.
- Mrs. Kilaheene, Cloonminda, Castlerea.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Kathleen Stas Macgiblin, CHAIRMAN

26/5/80 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

20u Baeltaine, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BAIL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins

An Scoil Coimsitheach, sa Cheathru Rua

De Luain, 26u Baeltaine, 1980,

ag tosnu ag 2.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Ta glactha ag Aire na Gaeltachta ag an cuireadh a thug an Comhairle Contae di bheith i lathair ag an cruinniú seo.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL,
RUNAI.

C L A R

Usaid an Gaeilge a chur chun chinn sa seirbhís aitiúil.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

Dear Sir,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of Galway County Council to be held at

The Comprehensive School, Carraroe,

on Monday, 26th May, 1980,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The Minister for the Gaeltacht has accepted the invitation of the Council to attend the Meeting.

Yours faithfully,

K. DOYLE,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

Promotion of the Irish language in the Local Authority service.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

20u Baeltaine, 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

An Scoil Coimsitheach, sa Cheathru Rua,
De Luain, 26u Baeltaine, 1980,
ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O. DUBHGHAILL,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Mr. Edward Kelly, of Ballinfoyle for retention of garage at Castlegar. - Planning Reference no. 35379."
John Molloy. Paddy Ruane. 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 John F. Coughlan, 56, Rahylin Glebe, Ballybane, Galway, to erect a dwellinghouse in the townland of Parkmore. - Planning Reference No. 34896."
John Molloy. Thomas Welby. G. Bartley.
 - (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 D. Davis of Emlagh, Cleggan, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Claddaghduff. - Planning Reference No. 35551."
John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
4. Overdraft Accommodation.
5. Local Authority Housing - Capital Allocation for 1980. (Minute No. 432)

6. Differential Rents Scheme, 1980.
7. Raising of Loan of £8,400 to finance contribution to cost of headworks for Sceim na n-Oilean (Lettermullen) Group Water Scheme.
8. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £463,600 for Spiddal Regional Water Supply.
9. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £51,800 for Brierhill Reservoir.
10. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £25,000 for Extension to Oranmore Water Supply - Stage 2.
11. Seminar for Elected Members of Local Authorities - Galway - Thursday, 26th June, 1980, - theme of Seminar - Planning and Development.
12. Sale of housing site at Cullairbaun, Athenry to Patrick J. Conlon, Cross Street, Athenry. - Notice dated 14th May, 1980.
13. Sale of Houses to:-
Jarlath Shally, Tobberjarlath, Tuam.
Patrick Kenny, Demesne, Tuam.
Patrick Purcell, Gortnabragh, Portumna.
Patrick & Mary McNeill, Acres, Knocknacarra, Salthill, Galway.
Peter Moran, Dublin Road, Tuam.
Patrick Connolly, Gortachalla, Moycullen.
Anthony Flaherty, Curryulka, Lettermore.
John Madden, Kilkerrin, Carna.
Joseph Kennedy, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.
Mrs. Barbara Casey, Kilbeg Upper, Clonbur.
- Notices dated 15th April, 1980.
14. Environmental Improvement Schemes, 1980.
15. Engineering Establishment (report to follow).
16. Proposed Hardstand at Roscam.
17. Assessment of Housing Needs.
18. I.F.H.P. Congress - Jerusalem - 9th - 16th November, 1980.
19. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTIONAdjourned from Previous Meeting:

20. Ballyglass (Ahascragh) Group Water Scheme - Motion by Deputy Callanan (Minute No. 457).
21. Twinning arrangement with Local Authority in Northern Ireland - Motion by Councillor Joyce (Minute No. 486).

Other Motions received:AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN

22. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi 8 solas nua aibhleise ag an Ionad nua pobail, Rosmuc.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

23. That the carpark opposite Clonfert Catholic Church be taken over by the County Council and surface-dressed.
24. That the Council draw up an Estimate for the provision of a Reservoir in Eyrecourt and any other necessary improvements to the Public Water Supply in Eyrecourt - the cost to be included in next year's Estimates.
25. That the County Council provide a Zebra crossing and flashing beacons at Ballinasloe Vocational School, Ballinasloe.

DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN - I will propose:

26. That the Kilconnell Water Scheme be extended to Mrs. Bridget Ward, a County Council house, John Dillon's house and Murphy's field at Corraneena, Kilconnell.

COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

27. That the Council bore a well for the residents of Graigue, Caltra, in accordance with Councillors' nomination procedure already done.
28. That the refuse collection service collect refuse from the premises of Mr. Frank Burke, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe. The service is already in the area.

COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

29. That an inspection be carried out on the structure of the bridge at Corbally, Cummer.
30. That the Carnmore/Monivea County Road be surfaced dressed as soon as possible.
31. That the carpark at Carnmore G.A.A. Park be levelled and surface dressed.

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

32. What is the latest position on the Orammore Sewerage Scheme?
33. What is the latest position in the Gort Water Scheme?
34. That the advantages of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, ^{giving costings,} be advertised and circulated to all tenants.

COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - I will propose:

35. That the drains on roadside adjoining Jimmy Bermingham's land at Meelick, Eyrecourt, be cleaned as flooding on land is caused by drains remaining uncleaned.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

36. Go gcuireadh an Comhairle Condae Seirbhis Bríogaide Toiteain ar fail san gCeathru Rua chun freastail ar an ceantair timpeall air.
37. Cosan a chur ar fail o Siopa Domhnaill Seoighe chomh fada le seipeal an Mullach.
38. Go gcuireadh an Comhairle Condae comhthairi bothar ceart o ceibh Rossamhil.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

39. Iarratas a dheanamh ar an Roinn Poist agus Telegrafa Kiosk a chur i dTír an Fhia.
40. Cen staid 'na bhfuil an t-iarratas i gcoir Grup Sceim Uisce Leic/Cruimne Leitir Moir.
41. Cen staid 'na bhfuil an t-iarratas i gcoir Grup Sceim Uisce An Aill Bhui Rosmuc.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN: - I will propose:

42. That Galway County Council condemn the action of the Government in relation to the changes in the regulations governing the provision of school transport, made by them.
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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 Decrie incl. costs
Patrick J. Marnion, Derryglisane, Menlough, Ballinasloe.	Damage to Simca 1301 motor car - reg. no. XZM 345.	Borough of Galway.	£150.00	£140.30
Michael Donoghue, Rathorgan, Craughwell.	Damage to Ford Escort car - reg. no. TZM 477.	Borough of Galway.	£48.95	£57.29
Helen Cooke, 2, Cross Street, Galway.	Damage to pane of plate glass.	Borough of Galway.	£50.00	£94.79
Padraic Faherty, Purymella East, Barna.	Damage to a car aerial on motor car, reg. no. SZM 491.	Borough of Galway.	£6.80	£34.65
T. Lydon & Sons Ltd., Lydonhouse, Galway.	Damage to a plate glass window.	Borough of Galway.	£500.00	£108.36
Sean Walsh, Eglinton Street, Galway.	Damage to a plate glass window.	Borough of Galway.	£100.00	£163.19
Maurice Aberne, Main Street, Loughrea.	Damage by fire to 50 bales of hay.	County at large.	£75.00	£162.09
John Murphy, 13, Francis Street, Waterford.	Damage to red Datsun 120 Y Motor car - reg. no. YW1 655.	County at large.	£250.00	£303.95
Aloysius Corcoran, 1, Lakeshore Drive, Remore.	Damage to pipe and valve in a steam machine used for making confectionary.	Borough of Galway.	£65.00	£143.63

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

15th. April, 1980.

Ref. No. 63/2/1201

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, Kilkerrin, Carna, Co. Galway.

Location:- Kilkerrin, Carna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John Madden of: Kilkerrin, Carna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1,751.

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.

15th. April, 1980.

Ref. No. 63/6/1470

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 Rd., Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Joseph Kennedy of: Pollroebuck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,384.

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.

15th. April, 1980

Ref. No. 63/8/1401

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 Flaherty, Curryulka, Lettermore, Co. Galway.

Location:- Curryulka, Lettermore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Anthony Flaherty of: Curryulka, Lettermore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1,755.

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. 63/3/703

15th. April, 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 Connolly, Gortachalla, Moycullen, Co. Galway.

Location:- Gortachalla, Moycullen, Co. Galway

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick Connolly of: Gortachalla, Moycullen, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1,069.

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. 63/10/1417

15th. April, 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, Merlin Park, Galway.

Location:- Toberjarlath, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Peter Moran 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. 63/3/1414

15th. April, 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:- Mrs. Patrick McNeill, Acres, Knocknacarra, Salthill, Galway.

Location:- Acres, Knocknacarra, Salthill, Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick & Mary McNeill of: Acres, Knocknacarra, Salthill, Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,374.

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. 63/9/1005

15th. April, 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:- Gortnabragh, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick Purcell of: Gortnabragh, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £3,410.

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. 63/10/616

15th. April, 1980.

To: Each Member:-

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The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- His Grace, The Archbishop of Tuam, Tuam,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick Kenny of: Demesne, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1,511.

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. 63/10/1419

15th. April, 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, Merlin Park, Galway.

Location:- Toberjarlath, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Jarlath Shally of: Toberjarlath, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6,751.

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.

15th. April, 1980.

Ref. No. 63/8/217

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:- Hon. A. Guinness, Kilbeg Upper, Clonbur,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Kilbeg Upper, Clonbur, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Barbara Casey of: Kilbeg Upper, Clonbur, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1005

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.

X. Doyle,
Secretary.

CONHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

14th May 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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

A Chara/

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

LAND

1 site for house at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder:-

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
Mr. Patk. J. Conlon, Cross St., Athenry	9	11.75 sq. pers (.073 acre)

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
9	£2150

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.

T. Kavanagh
Acting Secretary.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
GALWAY

23rd May, 1980

TO/

THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

ENGINEERING ESTABLISHMENT

Councillors will be aware that for a considerable period of time negotiations have been proceeding as between Unions representing Local Authority Engineers and a Management Team representing local authorities, on the conditions of service of the Engineers, including such matters as,

- 1 - Grading structure
- 2 - Levels of remuneration, and
- 3 - Numbers of officers in each grade.

The Working Party representing both sides reported on the 30th May, 1978. The Agreement recommended a new Grading structure which was designed to increase the productivity and effectiveness of the Engineering staffs, and agreed measures to lead to increased efficiency including the following.

- A - Engineering and cognate professional officers at all levels of County Councils would have responsibility for work in Urban areas without specific payment for this work, and existing allowances would cease. The reference to Urbans in this connection does not include an Urban Authority of the size of Galway Corporation.
- B - Engineers will co-operate with local authorities in achieving a significant reduction in the amount of consultancy work going to outside Consultants.
- C - More efficient deployment of Engineers etc., would be effected by the increased use of Technicians and analogous grades, and by greater delegation of duties.
- D - Engineers would be available for attendance, with specific payment, outside normal work, where circumstances required.

The Report recommends the following Engineering structure: -

- (a) 1st level -- County Engineer
- (b) 2nd " -- Senior Executive Engineer
- (c) 3rd " -- Executive Engineer
- (d) 4th " -- Assistant Engineer and Graduate Engineer

The following are particulars of the roles attached to each level.

(a) COUNTY ENGINEER -- 1st level.

Responsibilities: The County Engineer is head of the engineering services of the County Council and is responsible under the County Manager for the conduct and management of the services and the supervision and direction of the engineering staff.

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Duirt an Runai gur fhreastal 40 d'fuireann an Chomhairle ar ranganna Gaeilge i rith an gheimhridh cupla blian o shin agus gur chuir siad in iul le deanai gur mhaith leo bheith pairteach san iarracht ata beartuighthe san oifig chun usaid na Gaeilge a chur chun chinn.

(b) SENIOR EXECUTIVE ENGINEER -- 2nd level.

Responsibilities: The second level engineer, operating on a staff basis at county headquarters, will be responsible for selected engineering services whose provision by district engineers is not feasible. He will work in close co-operation with other officers of the authority. The specific services for which the second level engineer will have responsibility will be determined by the county engineer with the approval of the county manager. He will assist the county engineer to promote implementation of policy in such services.

It is intended that the post of Second Level Engineer (Co-ordination) will be provided in counties where the number of districts or the range and complexity of engineering services is such that it would be impracticable for the county engineer to co-ordinate and direct the district engineers himself. In such cases the second level engineer will co-ordinate the activities of the district engineers on behalf of the county engineer. He will act, when required, for the County Engineer during his absence for any reason.

(c) EXECUTIVE ENGINEER -- 3rd level

Responsibilities: The Executive Engineer (District Engineer) will supervise, control and carry out the engineering services assigned to him by the local authority within the district to which he is assigned. He will be part of the engineering management team and he will co-operate with and provide any necessary services which may be required in connection with major schemes.

(d) ASSISTANT ENGINEER -- 4th level

Responsibilities: To carry out the duties assigned to him in accordance with the instructions of the local authority. He will act, when required, for the second level/third level engineer during his absence for any reason.

EXISTING STRUCTURE

The existing Engineering structure provides for the following Grades: -

- (a) County Engineer
- (b) Deputy County Engineer
- (c) Chief Assistant County Engineer
- (d) Assistant County Engineer

It will be noted that the office of Deputy County Engineer is not mentioned in the Working Party Report. However, in the case of Galway County Council it has been agreed to continue the post while it is filled, and to consider the matter further when and if a vacancy in the office should arise.

2 - REMUNERATION

Following conclusion of the Agreement as to structure, efforts were made to reach agreement on levels of remuneration for the new grades. In order to find a way forward when an impasse had been reached in the negotiations, at Conciliation stage, a Third Party was appointed as Assessors. The Assessors presented a Report on the 12th January, 1979, which was incorporated into a further Agreement between the Engineering Unions and the Management side on the

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18th April, 1979. The Agreement provided for improved pay scales, arrangements for assimilation to the scales, procedures for the filling of posts and a number of incidental matters. As a first measure, the remuneration of all existing officers of engineering and cognate professional grades was increased by 12% from the 1st June, 1978. The newly agreed scales for the grades in the new structure were to carry increases of a further 6% from 1st Jan. 1980 and a further 5% from the 1st September, 1980.

The attached Table 'A' sets out the pay scale for offices in the old and new Engineering structure.

COST

As at 1st March, 1980 the existing structure is estimated to cost in terms of salaries £460,300 in a full year.

By contrast the new structure would cost Galway County Council £490,000 in a full year as at 1st March, 1980 (that is, assuming the 6% is paid) and £ 497,000 at the 1st September 1980, on the full implementation of the scheme.

3 - NUMBERS IN EACH GRADE

The Agreement of the 18th April, 1979 provided for negotiations at each local authority level as between Engineering staffs and Managers. In the event of failure to reach agreement as to the number of appointments to each grade in the structure, Third Party Assessors were to be invited to make an independent recommendation. The Assessors were also to be employed if agreement had been reached at local level but refused sanction by the Minister for the Environment. Protracted negotiations have taken place and in the case of some local authorities the Third Party procedure was employed. In the case of Galway County Council agreement was not reached with the Engineers in the first round of discussions but when these were resumed after the publication of the Assessors recommendations, where they had made investigations, an Agreement for a new structure in Co. Galway was finalised when the Council's Engineers accepted my proposals of the 6th May, 1980.

ENGINEERING STRUCTURES -- OLD AND NEW

For a considerable period of time, the Galway County Council engineering structure contained a disproportionate number of temporary offices at Chief Assistant and Assistant Co. Engineer level. This was allowed to continue because it was known that a new grading structure was under consideration. In addition, some re-organisation and strengthening of the organisation was overdue. The proposals herein will now have the effect of bringing the structure up-to-date and will aim at the incorporation of the temporary offices into the permanent structure.

The attached Table 'B' sets out the existing Engineering structure.

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OLD STRUCTURE - 1st March, 1980		NEW STRUCTURE		1st Jan. 1980		1st March, 1980		1st Sept. 1980	
County Engineer	£ 11,259 - 12,946	County Engineer	10,962 - 12,623	County Engineer	11,855 - 13,632	County Engineer	12,352 - 14,204	County Engineer	11,855 - 13,223
Deputy Co. Engineer	£ 10,487 - 11,785	Deputy Co. Eng.	10,203 - 11,481	Deputy Co. Eng.	9,328 - 11,123	Deputy Co. Eng.	9,718 - 11,589	Deputy Co. Eng.	7,500 - 10,251
• Chief Asst. Co. Eng.	£ 9,344 - 10,562	Senior Executive	8,601 - 10,278	Senior Executive	6,701 - 9,079	Senior Executive	6,288 - 8,924	Senior Executive	6,288 - 8,924
• Asst. Co. Engineer	£ 6,930 - 9,344	Executive Eng.	5,500 - 7,888	Executive Eng.		Executive Eng.		Executive Eng.	
• Includes Planners		Assist. Eng.		Assist. Eng.		Assist. Eng.		Assist. Eng.	
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EXISTING OFFICES -- 26/5/1980

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Section	Co. Engineer	Deputy Co. Eng.	C.A.C.E.	A.C.E.
	1	1		
ROADS DIVISIONS			3	13
DESIGN		1	1	3
MACHINERY			1	
PLANNING			3	4
HOUSING			2	5
SANITARY			2	8
ENVIRONMENT			1	-
FIRE			1	-
TOTAL	1	2	14	33
Including Temporary		1	2	9
				GROSS TOTAL 50

PROPOSED STRUCTURE

Section	Co. Eng.	Deputy Co. Eng.	Sen. Ex.	Ex. Eng.	Asst. Eng.
	1	1			
Environmental			1	1	-
Planning			2	3	2
Mechanical			1	-	-
Roads Districts			3	11	4
Roads Design			1	2	2
Housing			1	3	3
Sanitary Services			1	4	3
General Purposes			1	1	-
TOTAL	1	1	11	25	14
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The position in relation to the Fire Service is that an independent study of structure is in progress and will be the subject of a further report to the Council.

COGNATE GRADES

In the proposals at Senior Executive, Executive and Asst. Engineer level all of the posts are Civil Engineering posts with the following exceptions;

- (a) Senior Executive Engineer - Mechanical

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I recommend the proposed structure herein for adoption by Galway County Council and for submission to the Minister of the Environment for approval. The new structure, when approved, will represent the full Engineering Establishment (and cognate professional grades) to meet the needs of the Council as seen at this time. Any variations of the establishment to meet altered circumstances or increased workloads will require the approval of the Council in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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D'aontaigh an Comhairleoir O Foighil leis an Aire ^{nach} Ceist poilitiochta i an Ghaeilge. Duirt se gur cheap se ar a thoghadh mar Chomhairleoir go bhfeadfadh se a ghno a dheanamh tre Gaeilge san oifig ach gurb'e a tharla na go raibh air uaireanta labhairt as Bearla. Mhol se aris go gcuirfi deis aistriuchain ar faghail sa seomra cruinnithe. Ghlac se leis go bhfuil deagh-thoil an fhuirinn sa teanga agus go bhfuigheann se litreacha as Gaeilge on oifig 25% de na h-uaireanta nuair a scriobhann se as Gaeilge.

D'iarr se ar an mbainisteoir go dtabharfai deis d'fhuireann an Chomhairle feabhas a chur ar labhairt na Gaeilge, agus chuige sin, go ligfi doibh seal a chaitheamh sa Ghaeltacht.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Morain go raibh dualgas ar gach Udaras Aitiuil an Ghaeilge a chur chun chinn ach go raibh dualgas speisialta ar Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe mar go raibh trian de Ghaeltacht na tire sa Chontae. Chuir se i gcumhne do'n chruinniu gur mhol se cheana go gceapfai oifigeach caidrimh poibli chun cabhru le forbairt na Gaeilge agus mhol se go gcuirfi an fainne nua ar faghail doibh siud san oifig ata tóilteannach pe Ghaeilge ata aca a labhairt.

D'fhailtigh an Comhairleoir O Cuagain roimh Aire na Gaeltachta agus roimh tuairisceoiri o na nuachtain agus o Radio na Gaeltachta.

Duirt an Comhairleoir M.D. O h-Uiginn gurb'e an caoi is fearr eacnamaiocht na Gaeltachta a chur chun chinn na fostaiocht a chur ar fail sa Ghaeltacht. Mhol se go mbainfi nios mo usaid as an Ghaeilge ag cruinnithe. Maidir le deacrachtaí ata ag baint leis an aithbheochaint, duirt se go bhfuigheann muinntir mean-aicmeach postanna de bharr eolas ar an nGaeilge ach gur comhartha an bhochtannais i an Ghaeilge uaireanta, dar le muinntir na Gaeltachta. Mhol se go mbeadh na gnath daoine pairteach in aon iarracht maidir le h-usaid na Gaeilge a leathnu agus duirt se go raibh se an-thabhachtach go mbeadh oifigigh an Chomhairle in aon gno a dheanamh leo in a dteanga duchais.

Duirt an Comhairleoir P. O Fathaigh go mba mhaith leis na Comhairleoiri an Ghaeilge a usaid nios mo ach go raibh easbadh cleachtadh aca ar i a labhairt. Mhol se an iarracht ata a dheanamh ag an mbainisteoir agus ag fuireann an Chomhairle. Ni raibh se sasta leis an modh in a muintear an teanga ins na scoileanna - ta ga ann an teanga a dheanamh nios taitheamhai dos na daltaí scoile.

Chuir an Comhairleoir O Broin, leas Cathaoirleach, failte roimh an Aire agus duirt go raibh pairti Fine Gael fadhbarach an Ghaeilge a chur chun chinn. Ta dluth bhaint dar leis idir staid na Gaeilge agus staid eacnamaiocht na Gaeltachta.

Thug an Comhairleoir hOlain tacaiocht do'n meid a duirt an Aire agus dhein se tagairt dos na deacrachtaí ata ag daoine a d'fhoghlum Gaeilge roinnt blianta o shoin, leis an nua-Gaeilge ata a usaid anois.

Duirt an Comhairleoir Mac Giolla Ghannain gur feidir le muinntir an Chontae taobh amuigh de'n Ghaeltacht, foghlum o mhuintir na Gaeltachta agus mhol se go dtabharfai deis do dhaltai o'n nGaeltacht cuairteanna a thabhairt ar scoileanna eile.

Cheap an Comhairleoir O Fionnagain gurb'e tuairim a lan daoine nach bhfuil an Ghaeilge ag dul ar aghaidh, ach gurb'e a thuairim fein go bhfuil caighdean mhaith Gaeilge ag oifigigh an Chomhairle, a bhfuil an Ard-Teistimeireacht bainte amach aca.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Braonain go raibh suil aige go n-eireochadh leis an Aire sa mheid a mhol si agus gurb'e a thuairim go bhfeadfai dul chun chinn ma bhionn gach aoine i ndairire.

Duirt an Teachta Mac Giolla Leith gurb ocaid tabhachtach an chruinniu seo agus go raibh athas air bheith pairteach ann. Mhol se go leagfai amach leath uair la amhain gach blian nuair a deanfai gno an Chomhairle ag cruinniu tre Ghaeilge amhain.

Roimh críoch an chruinnithe, ghabh an t-Aire buidheachas leis na Comhairleoiri as ucht an failte a chuir siad roimpi. Duirt si go raibh a lan Gaeilge ag na Baill agus ag an bhfuireann agus go raibh tus maith deanta an la sin le h-usaid na teangan a chur ar aghaidh. Chuir si in iul go bhfuil scéim ann ag Gaeleagras na Stait Seirbhise chun deis a thabhairt do daoine sa seirbhis poibli cuairteanna a thabhairt ar an nGaeltacht chun a gcuid Gaeilge a fheabhsu.

Ghabh an Cathaoirleach buidheachas leis an Aire as ucht glacadh leis an gcuireadh chuig an cruinniu agus as ucht a tacaiocht a thabhairt do'n bhfeachtas ata idir lamhaibh ag an Comhairle maidir leis an nGaeilge.

CUIREADH CRIOCH LEIS AN CRUINNIU ANNSIN

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED?

Joddie Byrne

CHAIRMAN

23 / 6 / 80

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL, CARRAROE, ON MONDAY, 26th MAY, 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. O'Higgins, B. Holland,
J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator
M. P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, T. Murphy,
N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, 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; T. Kavanagh,
Administrative Officer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer;
F. Monahan and S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineers;
B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W. A. Cahill, Acting
Chief Assistant (Planning); and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

497 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT,
1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35379 - MR. EDWARD KELLY:

Copy of the Report of the Chief Assistant Planning on this application which was
circulated to Members at the Meeting on the 28th April, 1980 was re-circulated
to Members.

The County Manager referred to the discussion on this case at the Meeting of
the Council held on the 28th April, 1980, and he outlined the circumstances of
the case as reported to the Council at that Meeting. He stated that the
Council's application for an Injunction had been adjourned by the Court to the
16th June, 1980.

He also stated that when the Council were considering this matter on the 28th
April, Members felt that they needed time to consider the matter further, and
accordingly, the period for making a decision had, with the agreement of the
applicant, been extended to the 30th June. He stated that if the Council were
now to make a decision to grant the Permission sought, it is likely that costs
would be awarded against the County Council in Court. The Court had been
asked for an Order to stop the use of the development concerned and the Court
had decided that consideration of the matter would be adjourned in order to
enable the Council to make a decision on the application for retention. He
informed the Members that the 1976 Planning Act makes provision for applications
to a Court for an Order to prevent unauthorised development and the Court will
make a decision on the Council's application when it is informed of the Council's
decision in relation to the application for retention. He reminded Members
that this application had not been presented in a bona fide fashion. The
applicant had stated that the building was to be for agricultural purposes and
he admitted that he always intended to use it as a garage.

Councillor M. O'Higgins stated that he accepted what the Manager had said but
that there was a bona fide application for retention before the Council and
he asked if there was any possibility of negotiations. He understood that
proposals had been made to the Council but had not been accepted.

The County Manager stated that what had been proposed by the applicant was not
in the context of the application received. The Planning Application before
the Council is a request that the structure be left as it is and the Council
cannot deal with some other aspect of the matter without a new application. The
applicant could, if he wished, make another application to the Council to cover
the proposals which he already made and which were not relevant to the application
at present before the Council.

Councillor Coogan stated that information had not been brought before the
Council to the effect that the applicant was prepared to put in two exits from
the site.

The County Manager stated that the application before the Council was simply
for the retention of the existing structure and that the documents which the
applicant submitted were returned to him to enable him to send them in properly.

Councillor Ulick Burke asked how was the change of use of the building brought
to the notice of the Council.

The County Manager stated that while the development was going forward, the
attention of the Council was drawn to it and the applicant was warned. He stated
also that the Council was suspicious of the development from the very beginning
because of its location and its size.

Senator Connaughton stated that he had tried to propose a compromise - a new
set of plans are in the hands of the applicant and he thought that he had only
to show the plans with the extra exits. He asked what type of plans would the
applicant have to submit which would be acceptable. If the application were
refused, his business will be closed down. He also asked that if the owner
makes an application, what would he be applying for.

The County Manager stated that this would be the business of the applicant himself,
and that if a new application is submitted, it will be dealt with on its merits.

Senator Connaughton stated that he agreed that the structure is not in the
location where it should be. He asked if it could be altered to reduce the
traffic hazard.

Deputy Killilea stated that this is not the first sin which has been committed on
this road. He had seen the site - there is much to be done on it and it can
be done. He felt that what had to be done with the building should be done
now and he suggested that the Council should make the best it can out of it and
agree on something.

Councillor Murphy stated that the applicant had made improvements on the two
sides of the site and if he does improvements, he felt the Council should agree,
if possible. The applicant is willing to do more than this.

Councillor Frank Fahey stated that the Council is in a dilemma - whether to
listen to the County Manager's advice which it must accept or listen to the
applicant on a humanitarian basis. The applicant is in a mess. He put
himself into it and he is calling on the Council to take him out of it. The
problem here is that it is hard to say "No", as there are two young married men
in business and a decision to say "No" would be hard on them. It is also
difficult to ignore the Manager's advice. He agrees with the Manager that the
precedent is a dangerous one. He felt that while the Manager's advice is
strong, it is obvious that humanitarian aspects are stronger. He felt that
the action taken should have been taken, the Council should now decide on the
policy that cases such as this will not come before the Council again as Section
4 resolutions. He stated that he is supporting the Section 4 resolution
before the Council after a lot of thinking and heart-searching. Regarding
the Court case and the cost involved, he proposed that the County Manager
be asked to withdraw the case and asked that parties interested in the application
to pay the costs and that they be told to send in further information or a new
application for permission.

Councillor Holland stated that the man who built the structure would not suffer
in this case and he had no sympathy with the owner, but he had sympathy with the
two occupiers. He stated that three permissions for three garages had been
given by Section 4 resolutions in this area, and that to refuse this one would be
discrimination. One other application in the area was given on Appeal. The
occupiers in this case would need a place which is well outside Galway as they are
delivering in large trucks.

Councillor Ruane stated that he did not like where the structure has been built.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that Permission would not have been necessary for a hayshed, and when it came to the notice of the Council that this was not to be used as a hayshed, the applicant was warned but he carried on with the building. He pointed out that if the Council takes two different lines of action in this case, i.e., seeking an Injunction to prevent the use of the structure and now condoning it, the Judge is likely to give costs against the County Council.

Councillor Haverty stated that he did not think that it was such a bad decision to give Permission in this case.

The County Manager stated that the site in this case had been excavated out of a steep bank on the side of a road and he considered it a most serious traffic hazard.

Senator Kitt stated that the Council had gone far in taking legal proceedings - that this had resulted in no consultations taking place and no discussions with the applicant. He considered that the legal proceedings had put the County Council in a difficult situation. There is scope for changing the entrance and he supported Councillor F. Fahey out of consideration for the people who are occupying the premises.

Councillor Welby stated that whatever is necessary on the site will be done by the occupiers. He referred to a permission given in Derrymoyle which he considered should not have been given and stated that the Council is operating double standards in refusing the application now before the Council.

The County Manager stated that he resented Councillor Welby's remark and disagreed that double standards were being applied.

The Chairman stated that he would not allow Councillor Welby to refer to the development at Derrymoyle as it was irrelevant.

Councillor Welby then proposed the motion set out at 1 (a) on the Agenda. This proposal was seconded by Councillor M. Fahy. Councillor Kilgannon asked if the applicant had exhausted all reasonable avenues open to him for consultation.

The County Manager pointed out that this is an application for retention of a structure already erected.

Councillor Kilgannon then asked if the Council has any credible policy on planning at all.

Deputy Callanan stated that he believed that a mortal sin had been committed in this case. This man had applied for permission for an agricultural building and used it for other purposes, and then applied for retention. He asked if any other applications for an Injunction had been made by the County Council, and if so, with what result. The County Manager stated that some applications had been taken and that Court Orders had been obtained to stop the development.

Deputy Callanan stated that the applicant went ahead in this case and did the work and the occupiers went in without knowing what the position was. He was informed that trucks would be kept in off the road. Deputy Callanan also stated that he was supporting the resolution on the Agenda because of the occupiers.

The County Manager pointed out that this man did not need the building for himself and that he built it solely for commercial purposes. Referring to consideration of Members for the occupiers, he stated that the greatest humanitarian consideration which he (Manager) had, was for the safety of road users and he pointed out the particular hazards involved in this case as the premises would be used for repairing articulated trucks.

Councillor O'Morain stated that he had now heard for the first time that the application is from a speculator. He stated that the Council has an application before it and he asked if the Council could stipulate conditions if it granted it.

The County Manager stated that the Council has power under the Act to specify conditions but that this is a different thing from the matter which is being discussed which is for retention of an existing structure.

Replying to comment by the Chairman, Councillor O'Morain stated that he did not believe that any Councillor would advise an applicant to go ahead with a structure in circumstances such as this.

The Chairman stated that he did not intend his comment to refer to Councillors.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain, the Chairman asked if the County Council could now specify conditions. The County Manager stated that the Council could make conditions which might improve the situation somewhat but it could not eliminate the problem.

Councillor O'Morain commented that the County Council had been put in a position which it should never be again.

Councillor Byrne stated that the Council is setting a dangerous precedent and it is throwing the Plan out the door. The applicant was very wrong in what he had done, but apparently, feelings of sympathy were going to the occupiers. He considered that the Section 4 resolution should not be granted, and if it were, it should be with conditions or alternatively, it should be withdrawn and re-submitted with all possible safeguards. If certain conditions were put in or if the application were withdrawn, he might support it.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that before the Council is proof of the abuse of Section 4 resolutions. The evidence is that it leads to a situation such as this. Three Permissions have been given under Section 4 in this location already and they are an indictment of the County Council. They have created a need for the next one and for the next one again. The structure in this case had been built in disregard of the County Council and it is unfair to ask the County Council to give this Permission now. The concept of the development Plan is being destroyed. The suggestion is now being made that it should be granted because people are being put out of business. He said that this is a new method of getting Planning Permission - build a structure first and then apply for a Section 4 resolution. He considered it important that the Council realise where it stops as it will result in having no Planning. He stated that the first condition for seeking Permission under Section 4 should be to go through the normal Planning process and that if this Permission is now given, it will create a precedent. The owner in this case has said in Court that he consciously misled the Council.

Councillor Welby interjected that this is not correct.

The County Manager stated that this man used words in Court to the effect that he knew what he was doing and deliberately went ahead with it.

Councillor J. Burke continued that Councillors agreed that this was a disastrous position, yet it appeared that they were prepared to vote for a Section 4 resolution. He considered that the question of the costs was neither here nor there and that the important fact to consider was safety.

Councillor Joe Burke then proposed that the Permission sought be refused, and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Kilgannon.

Deputy Donnellan stated that this is the most desperate case to come before the County Council - Councillors are now being used for humanitarian purposes to save jobs. A Public Relations exercise was done by the applicant for Permission. Deputy Donnellan also stated that he is against the Section 4 resolution in this case but it appears that he should support it on humanitarian grounds.

Councillor Coogan stated that the men occupying this building are willing to work and should be helped.

Councillor Joyce stated that the County Council is at fault, that similar things had been tried previously and that a hayshed can mean anything. Regarding the objection on safety grounds, he stated that he was informed that the three men

occupying the premises have contracts for maintenance of trucks from Nilands, Texaco, and Shell - they are top class drivers and this would minimise any dangers that might exist. He did not think that the development would add gravely to the dangers of traffic.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that the Council should unanimously agree to the resolution to grant the Permission otherwise the three men working in the building would be the victims.

The Chairman stated that if the discussion did nothing more than to highlight the problems which have arisen in relation to Section 4 resolutions, it was worthwhile. He stated that there are two questions arising from the discussion, one related to the question of imposing conditions and the second was a suggestion made that the applicant should look at the question of whether he should withdraw the application and explore the possibility of sending in a new proposal. He felt that the applicant should follow the latter.

Councillor Welby stated that he would agree that the Councils resolution specify that the Manager could add whatever conditions he felt necessary.

The County Manager stated that there is no question of having discussions with regard to the conditions with the applicant, and that on the question of conditions, he would have regard to the County Engineer's advice.

Councillor O'Morain suggested that conditions might be added to improve safety.

The County Manager stated that he wished to make perfectly clear that he was not acquiescing in any way in suggestions that this resolution be passed, and that his advice to the Council is that the resolution on the Agenda should be rejected.

The Chairman then referred to the two resolutions which were before the Meeting, one for the resolution on the Agenda, and one for rejecting the planning application, and it was agreed that a vote would be taken for or against granting the Permission.

A vote was then taken and resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, U. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan and Welby. (24)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn, Holland and Kilgannon. (4)

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

Councillors Higgins and O'Foighil did not vote.

18 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34896 - MR. JOHN F. CAUGHLAN:

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

1. LOCATION:

The proposed site is located at Parkmore, Castlegar adjacent to the main Galway to Tuam Road. The site is elevated above surrounding land. It is located to the rear of two two storey houses which face onto the main road and to the rear of three other houses which face onto the public road to the south. The proposed site has no frontage onto a public road and there is no existing access to the site.

2. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

Permission was refused to this applicant by Galway County Council and An Bord Pleanala (Planning Ref. No. 25075).

4. PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development would constitute a disorderly development of backlands on a site which has no road frontage or access. In fact the proposed site is located to the rear of existing houses and because of the elevated nature of the site, the proposed house would interfere with the residential amenity and privacy of adjacent houses.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

Refuse for the above reasons.

6. ADDENDUM: - TRAFFIC:

The proposed development would also create an additional vehicular access (completely omitted from drawings submitted to the Planning Authority) on to a National Primary Route at a very heavily trafficked section close to the Borough Boundary.

The County Manager emphasised that the proposed house would be to the rear of existing houses and would be from 10 to 15 ft. of a higher level over the level of those houses.

The resolution sent out in the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor Welby.

Councillor J. Burke proposed and Senator Connaughton seconded that permission sought be refused.

A vote taken for or against granting the permission resulted as follows:-

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

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Ruane and Ryan. (11).

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

Councillors Byrne and O'Foighil did not vote.

499 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35551 - MR. D. DAVIS:

The County Manager stated that enquiries in connection with this application were not complete and it was agreed that the matter would be deferred to a future Meeting.

500 - MINUTES:

Councillor Welby referred to Minute No. 460 of the Meeting of the 28th April and stated that a statement that the landowner in this case attended a Meeting was not correct. Mr. Dunne stated that he informed the Council at the Meeting on the 28th April in good faith that he believed that the owner had been present but he accepted that he was not in fact in attendance.

Councillor Welby also stated that he proposed at that Meeting that any further information regarding development at Derrymoyle be given to him (Cllr. Welby).

The County Manager stated that it had again been stated that an undertaking was given by the Council in relation to the development of this land. He reiterated that no undertaking was given by any officer of the Council that Ireland West may have given an undertaking and that they had agreed that they did not tell the Council if they did so. He stated that he was pleased to grant permission for fishery development on the lakeshore as it would contribute to development of fishing on the Corrib.

Also arising from the Minutes, Cllr. M. Fahy referring to Minute No. 446 of the Meeting of the 28th April, stated that he was informed by residents of Cloughnacave and Gortstuckanagh that they objected to naming their road referred to as Cloughnacave Circular Road, - they simply wanted the road named Circular Road.

Councillor Fahy then stated that he will send in a Motion on this matter for the next Meeting.

Replying to a query by Councillor Coogan who asked if Councillors N.O.M. Money can be spent on bog roads, the County Engineer stated that they can not unless they are such roads as suitable for adoption as Public Roads.

Referring to a proposal at the Meeting on the 12th May to take over a road at Kilcooley, referred to in Minute No. 466, the County Engineer stated that in response to a request by Councillor Haverty, he will have this road examined to see if there is any way by which it can be made suitable for taking over as a Public Road.

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Joyce asked that any Members of the Council who wished to join the Local Authorities Members Association would then arrange to hand him the appropriate membership fee.

Deputy Killilea then asked if the gate to the Tuam Dump could be left open over weekends so that people who wished to dispose of rubbish in the Dump could do so and he asked that a section of the Dump be allocated for weekend dumping by private persons.

On the proposition by Councillor Welby, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council extended its good wishes on their retirement to M/s R. Lee, former Chief Planning Assistant and Michael Moroney, former County Accountant.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator Connaughton, the Minutes of Meetings held on 28th April and 12th May, 1980, (numbers 425 -495 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

501 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

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

502 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £1.5 million on the Council's Revenue Account for the period ending 30th June, 1980 in lieu of the sum of £1,250,000 specified in a Resolution adopted on the 28th April last, (Minute No. 442). He stated that it is estimated that a sum of £1,250,000 authorised at the April Meeting will be sufficient from the 1st July to the 30th September.

Replying to Councillor Byrne, the County Manager stated that in addition to the question of capital allocations, the increase arose from the fact that rates have not yet been collected, that the Council has a greater Budget than in previous years and he pointed out that the Council has always had an Overdraft for some years of £1 million.

It was proposed by Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair

and resolved, "that subject to sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £1,500,000 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the period ending 30th June, 1980"

503 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR 1980:

The County Manager stated that following discussion at previous Meetings of the Council, a letter was sent to the Department of the Environment pointing out the difficulties which the Council had with an inadequate allocation and asking for an increase.

He then read the following letter which had been received from the Department of the Environment, dated 16th May, 1980, in reply.

"I am directed by the Minister of the Environment to refer to your letter of 2nd May, 1980, requesting additional capital to finance the councils housing construction programme in 1980. The contents of your letter have been noted and your claim for new works is being considered in the context of the amount of capital available for the local authority housing construction programme, the number of such schemes in progress at the present time and the priority rating of the schemes.

Meanwhile, no contractual commitments should be entered into until your council is assured of the necessary finance to construct the houses out of the current years capital allocation notified on 14th February, 1980."

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that priorities are wrong. He pointed out that Udaras na Gaeltachta can build 10 or 12 summer houses for certain people and he asked that the Council would apply to Udaras na Gaeltachta for part of the land which they have recently purchased at Spiddal.

After further discussion on the matter, the Chairman suggested that the matter be left over in view of the statement made by Councillor Joyce that the Minister informed him that he is to make a second allocation, and as a deputation is to go to discuss the matter with the Minister on the 5th June, 1980.

504 - DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME 1980:

The County Manager stated that letter dated 22nd May, 1980, from Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, to each Member set out particulars of this Scheme. Several Members complained that this Scheme results in a very severe increase in rents for some families - some of them have been increased from approximately £1.00 to £8.96.

Councillor Burke stated that such increases were being imposed on people with houses with no water or sewerage facilities. He stated that what he is complaining about is that the income being taken into account is the total family income and not the income of the principal earner.

Senator Kitt also referred to hardships being imposed by the new Scheme on Social Welfare recipients.

Deputy Killilea stated that the Scheme would benefit people who are on low incomes.

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Higgins and resolved, "that the Minister for the Environment be requested to restore the conditions in the previous Scheme whereby only 50% of Social Welfare payments were taken into account and also that the Council be allowed to retain 50% of the proceeds of sales along with all grants to meet management and maintenance costs of these housing estates."

Councillor Higgins stated that the Scheme was an injustice to Social Welfare recipients in that especially when there are large families, high costs of food and clothing make them most vulnerable to increased prices and increased rents.

505 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £8,400 FOR SCEIM NA N-OILEAN (LETTERMULLEN) GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £8,400 to finance the contribution to the cost of headworks for Sceim na n-Oilean (Lettermullen) Group Water Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works, or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, and over such period as may be approved by the Minister at the usual rate of interest."

Councillor O'Foighil asked the County Manager to re-examine the possibility of authorising the original amount of £18,400 sought, and the County Manager replied that the costs had already been examined.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that the Department of the Environment engineers had asked that £18,400 be paid due to extra costs on 3 phase electrical supply and other additional costs.

506 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £463,600 - SPIDDAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £463,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works for Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister with the rate of interest usually applicable to such loans."

Replying to queries by Councillor McCormack, Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that trenches are the responsibility of the Contractor, but he had now handed over the road to the County Council for restoration, and the Council was now putting in hands the restoration of the road from Spiddal to Staunton's shop.

507 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £51,800 - BRIERHILL RESERVOIR:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £51,800 for Brierhill Reservoir from the Commissioners of Public Works, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister, with interest at the usual rate for such loans."

508 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £25,000 - EXTENSION TO ORANMORE WATER SUPPLY - STAGE 2:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £25,000 for extension to the Oranmore Water Supply Scheme - Stage 2, from the Commissioners of Public Works, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the usual rate of interest applicable to such loans."

Councillor McCormack asked that early attention ^{would} be given to giving a connection from this scheme to a Group Scheme in Roscam.

509 - SEMINAR FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS - GALWAY - 26TH JUNE, 1980:

The County Manager stated that this Seminar, which is being organised by the Institute of Public Administration, is to be on the theme of Planning and Development.

The Chairman asked the Members to notify the County Secretary if they proposed attending this Seminar.

510 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a housing site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Patrick J. Conlon, Cross Street, Athenry, on the terms set out in Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council on the 14th May, 1980."

511 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale to the following tenants of the houses which they occupy on the terms set out in Notices dated 15th April, 1980, circulated to each Member of the Council under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978:-

Jarlath Shally, Tobberjarlath, Tuam.
Patrick Kenny, Demesne, Tuam.
Patrick Purcell, Gortnabragh, Portumna.
Patrick & Mary McNeill, Acres, Knocknacarra, Salthill, Galway.
Peter Moran, Dublin Road, Tuam.
Patrick Connolly, Gortachalla, Moycullen.
Anthony Flaherty, Curryulka, Lettermore.
John Madden, Kilkerrin, Carna.
Joseph Kennedy, Pollroebuck, Loughrea.
Mrs. Barbara Casey, Kilbeg Upper, Clonbur.

512 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES, 1980:

The County Manager referred to the proposals for Environmental Improvement Schemes, 1980, circulated at the meeting to each Member, and he asked the approval of the Council to this Programme estimated to cost £122,500.

Deputy Killilea asked if the Council would defer the work on the Old Mill Wall at Tuam and resume work which had been partially done on the old graveyard.

The County Manager stated that he would discuss this matter with Deputy Killilea.

Senator Kitt asked if the Council could continue the work carried out in Menlough Village in 1979, stating that there is now only approximately 25 yards of footpath to be constructed. Councillor Kilgannon supported Senator Kitt's request.

Councillor O'Morain asked that a sum of money be made available for extra lighting at the carpark and amenity area at Rosmuc.

Replying to Councillor Holland, who stated that there was no proposal for money to be spent in the Galway Electoral Area but the County Manager stated that a substantial amount had been allocated to Galway Corporation.

Councillor Welby asked that a sum of £5,000 be allocated for Derrymoyle, and

he also asked that seating be replaced in the Pier Road, Oughterard, and that the approach road to the Dump be kept clean.

Councillor O Conchubhair asked that some money be allocated towards footpaths and lighting to the Comprehensive School in Carraroe.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Killilea, the Council approved the scheme submitted by the County Manager.

513 - ENGINEERING ESTABLISHMENT:

The County Manager referred to his report dated 23rd May, 1980, which was circulated to each Member of the Council in connection with the grading structure of the Engineering establishment and cognate grades in the Council which he stated had been the subject of negotiations for some years, and in particular, he referred members to the proposed new structure set out in page 5 of the report. He requested the approval of the Council to the structure recommended so that he could proceed to seek the Minister's approval and in due course, arrange for interviews.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the proposals of the County Manager for re-structuring of the Council's Engineering staff and cognate grades as set out in his report to the Council dated 23rd May, 1980, including the creation of the additional offices arising from the restructuring and the abolition in due course of any existing offices of Engineer or cognate grade becoming appropriate after the making of appointments to offices within the new structure."

514 - PROPOSED HARDSTAND AT ROSCAM:

The County Manager stated that at the request of the Council at a previous meeting, he had the land on the opposite side of the road from that proposed for a Hardstand examined. He stated that it was considered that this land had no advantage over that one proposed. He felt that this as a fairly large block of land should be kept as an entity and as an amenity.

Councillor Coogan stated that he did not agree with Hardstands. He felt that travelling families should be accommodated in houses throughout the County.

Councillor Molloy stated that Councillors should not go ahead with this proposal, the people concerned could be housed in Ballybane. Councillor Ruane stated that the site would be on a main road to the city and he stated that horses and donkeys would cause traffic problems. The County Manager stated that the site would not be on a main road.

It was proposed by Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor Welby, that the Council does not proceed with the provision of a Hardstand at Roscam.

As there was no amendment to the proposal, the Chairman declared it carried.

515 - ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS:

The County Manager referred to Circular dated 22nd May, 1980, from Mr. J. O' Kelly, Administrative Officer, which had been circulated to Members for their information.

516 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS - JERUSALEM - 9TH-16TH NOBEMBER, 1980:

Councillor O'Morain suggested that the Council should defer consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

Councillor Higgins stated that the Council had been speaking during the meeting of shortage of money and that he considered it completely unjustified that the Council should now propose to spend £1,000 per person to attend this Congress.

Councillor Higgins then proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that the Council does not send any delegate to this Congress.

Councillor Haverty proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that the Council send four Councillors to the Congress and it was suggested that one official should also accompany the four Councillors.

A vote taken for or against sending four delegates to the Congress in Jerusalem resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Bartley, U. Burke, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Morain, Welby.

(18)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Coogan, Higgins, McCormack, O'Foighil, Ruane, Ryan.

(9)

The Chairman declared Councillor Haverty's resolution carried.

It was agreed that the Council would select the persons who would attend at the June Meeting of the Council.

517 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF ROAD OVERSEERS:

The County Manager stated that he had been informed by the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board that a pay increase on behalf of Rural Road Overseers employed by Local Authorities had been negotiated and approved by the Minister for the Environment, the revised rates to provide for a scale effective from 1st August, 1979, varying from a minimum of £73.92 per week at 1st August, 1979, to a maximum of £100.31 per week at 1st March, 1980.

It was proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:

"That in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve the revision of remuneration of Rural Road Overseers in accordance with the proposals of the County Manager which had been approved by the Minister for the Environment."

518 - DATES OF MEETINGS:

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the Council would be held at the date of the normal monthly meeting, i.e., 23rd June, 1980.

It was agreed that a date to consider review of the County Development Plan would be fixed at the June Meeting.

519 - COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

(a) Proposals to broadcast B.B.C. and I.T.V. in single channel areas:

The County Manager stated that an acknowledgement of this resolution had been received from the Taoiseach's Office and had been referred to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.

(b) Censorship Legislation:

The County Manager informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Department of Justice on this matter stating that the Minister had received many suggestions and recommendations from interested parties regarding the amendment of the Censorship Acts, and although he is considering

all of those suggestions carefully, he is not in a position to say what if any changes he would recommend to the Government.

520 - DEMAND BY OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR MAINTENANCE OF DRAINAGE SCHEMES 1980:

The County Manager stated that the Council recently wrote to the office of Public Works pointing out that while the Council had been required to limit its rate increase to 10% over last year's, the demand received for maintenance of Drainage Schemes from the Office of Public Works was 27.53% over that for 1979, and he asked that they should also live within the guidelines specified by the Minister for the Environment with regard to limitation on expenditure. He stated that the following reply had been received from the Office of Public Works:-

"We refer to your letter of 27th March, 1980, regarding the demands on your Council in respect of maintenance of drainage schemes in 1980.

We should point out that this Office has a statutory obligation under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, to maintain the schemes in question. In preparing the Estimates of the probable cost of maintenance of such schemes, the Commissioners of Public Works have every regard for economy insofar as it is consistent with their responsibility to maintain the drainage works in proper repair and effective condition. Having regard to their statutory obligation to so maintain the works, the Commissioners could not commit themselves to keep within any defined limits in regard to expenditure.

Even if the actual expenditure on each scheme in 1980 could be brought into line with the 10% limit, we would not be statutorily empowered to alter accordingly the demands as issued."

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Senator Kitt, the Council unanimously agreed that the Minister for the Environment be asked to ensure that demands from the Office of Public Works for Drainage maintenance should be limited to the same increase as is specified by the Minister for the Environment for Local Authorities generally.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that with regard to Supplementary Welfare Allowances, the Council had asked the Western Health Board and the Department of Social Welfare to live within the limits of the amount provided by the Council in the Estimates for 1979.

521 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:-

Mrs. Brid Mulkerrins, Mynish, Carna.
The Cloherty Family, Loch Con Aortha, Cill Chiarain.
Mrs. Ellen Nestor, Bealadangan.
Mrs. Margaret McDonagh, Knock, Lettermullen.
Mrs. Aggie Mahon, Rahasne, Ardrahan.
Mrs. Canavan, Rockbarton Park, Salthill, Galway.
Mr. Charlie Earley, Tonabrocky, Galway.

522 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

It was agreed that the remaining items on the Agenda will be adjourned to the June Meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Joddie Byrne

CHAIRMAN

23/6/80

DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SHELLFISH RESEARCH LABORATORY, CARNA, ON FRIDAY, 30TH MAY, 1980.

PRESENT:

Members: Councillors M.D. Higgins, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, E. Haverty, and T. Byrne.

In Attendance: Mr. K. Doyle, County Secretary.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, Councillor M.D. Higgins was elected Chairman of the Committee for the coming year.

Opening the discussion, the Chairman stated that in proposing the establishment of the Committee originally, he had in mind a number of factors including that of various groups and organisations which are in existence and which deal with different aspects of fishing and that it is difficult for any one group to get complete information as to how a particular individual or another group could get started on fishing. His objective in proposing the Committee was that it would act as a kind of clearing house of information for any people who are interested in getting into the fishing business in any of its forms, with a view to having available for them information which would enable them to overcome any problems or difficulties which might arise. He suggested, therefore, that the Committee should set about getting information from all sources possible on the fishing industry, including information on specific studies which may have been made by any particular groups or authorities, including the Department of Fisheries, National Board of Science and Technology, Inland Fisheries Trust, E.S.B., Bord Iascaigh Mhara, An Foras Forbartha, Zoology Department, U.C.G., etc.

Councillor O'Morain stated that it would be necessary for the Committee to get up-to-date information to clear up any doubts as to the position regarding ownership and maintenance of landing points from Inishboffin to Kinvara, including the question of navigation lights. He also suggested that information should be got with regard to the problems which have appeared to arise between the Inland Fisheries Trust and the Angling fraternities and that information might also be obtained on the position on the Shannon in the Portunna Area. He considered that the Committee should have power to invite people to meetings of the Committee who might have any submissions to make or who might be in a position to give specific advice on any aspect of fishing.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that the Committee could also look into the question of licences and he suggested a special study of small landing points along the coastline, some of which had fallen into disrepair over a long period of years. If any such facilities which are necessary for fishing had fallen into disrepair or disuse, the Committee could examine the possibility of having them made operable again. He also stressed the importance of getting information on costings, including the cost of time spent on various activities as he pointed out that on a number of occasions the final cost of a particular activity amounted to approximately three times the original estimate.

The Chairman suggested that information might be got from a Killary Group which produced a paper some time ago for a Seminar which it had organised. Councillor Byrne recommended that the Committee would try to quantify information on fishing, its value, etc.

Councillor O'Foighil stressed the importance of becoming acquainted with the relevant legislation in relation to fishing, particularly, legislation now going through the Oireachtas. He suggested that the Committee should have meetings in different places particularly where specific activities in relation to fishing were being carried out in which the Committee would be interested.

On the suggestion of Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that the next meeting would be held at the County Buildings, Galway, and it was also agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman that information be sought from the Donegal and Kerry County Councils with regard to the activities of the Committees in operation in those Counties.

It was agreed that the Committee would hold four meetings per annum but that a specific meeting could be arranged outside of those times if any particular problem which might arise would render this necessary.

It was agreed also that the Committee would seek to be put on the mailing list for any relevant publications in relation to fishing, and in particular, in relation to oil exploration and development which might have an effect on fishing.

For the next meeting it was agreed that the following matters would be on the Agenda:

1. Problems facing the development of fishing in the County.
2. Report on piers and landing places - those maintained by the County Council and others.
3. Community involvement in the development of fish farming.
4. Availability of expert submissions on fishing.
5. Fish farming in the context of County Development - in this regard, the Committee noted the relevance of the work which the Committee proposes to do to the functions of the County Development Team.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, the Committee expressed its sincere thanks to Dr. John Mercer for providing facilities for the meeting at the Research Laboratory, for explaining to Members the work being carried on in the Laboratory and for his hospitality to the Members of the Committee.

The Members of the Committee expressed appreciation of the work being done by U.C.G. in the Research Laboratory and recorded that in recognition of this work they had appointed Councillor Higgins, who is a Member of the staff of the University, as its first Chairman.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Joddie Byrne CHAIRMAN

23/6/80 DATE

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
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16u Meitheamh, 1980.

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Mise, le meas,

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RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman for year 1980/'81.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for year 1980/'81.
3. Appointment of representatives on:
 - (a) County Councils' General Council (3)
 - (b) Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group (6)
4. Appointment of Committees:
 - (a) County Libraries Committee
 - (b) National Monuments Advisory Committee
 - (c) Education (Grants) Committee
 - (d) Sheep Dipping Committee

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING - 23RD JUNE, 1980.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF EXISTING COMMITTEES

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

No. of Members to be appointed: 3

Members for Last Council:
Councillor Padraic McCormack
Councillor John Molloy
Councillor Michael Ryan

GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION:

No. of Members to be appointed: 6

Members for Last Council:
Councillor Frank Glynn
Councillor Toddie Byrne
Councillor M.D. Higgins
Councillor Micheal O'Morain
Deputy John Mannion, Co.C.
Councillor Frank Fahey

(The Chairman is ex officio a member of this group)

COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE:

No. of Members: 38 Members on Last Committee.

Members for the Last Committee:

Councillor Lilly Broderick, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Joseph Murray, Shantalla, Galway.
Mr. Tom Creaven, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Ambrose Dalton, Assistant Librarian, U.C.G.
Mr. Fintan Coogan, Jnr., Menlo, Galway.
Mr. Seamus Davoren, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Patrick Hynes, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Liam McCanna, Spiddal, Co. Galway.
Mr. Christopher Townley, Librarian, U.C.G.
Mr. Peter Raftery, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
Ms. Margaret Stewart, 17, Lr. Newcastle, Galway.
Mr. Bartley Faherty, Barna, Co. Galway.
Mr. Colman Hernon, Aran.
Ms. Mary Burke, Kiltarnan, Dunmore.
Mrs. Mary Croffy, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Councillor Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.
Mr. James Greaney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
Mr. Tom Burke, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Councillor P. O'Foighil, An Cnoc, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Deputy John M. Mannion, Co.C., Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Councillor Michael J. Kilgannon, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Joseph Burke, Headmaster, Vocational School, Tuam.
Mr. John Joe Crehan, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Luke Glynn, Athenry, Co. Galway.
Mr. Francis Donoghue, Coolfin, Abbey, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

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Senator Michael P. Kitt, Co.C., Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor Edward Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor Patrick J. Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
 Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Frank Fahey, Kilbeacanty, Gort, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry.
 Mrs. Melody, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Padraic Conneely, 5, Upper Newcastle, Galway.
 Mr. Mairtin O Cathain, Glinsk, Cashel.
 Mr. Sean Fahy, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Jarlath Burke, Tuam Herald, Tuam, Co. Galway.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

No. of Members: 10

Composition: The law provides that up to 10 members may be appointed. It has been the custom here to appoint additional 'honorary' members - these members, however, can not be paid travelling expenses.

Members for the last Council:

Full Members:-
 Rev. P. K. Egan, P.P., Portumna.
 Very Rev. G. Canon Quinn, P.P., Gort.
 Mr. Martin Joyce, N.T., Aughrim, Ballinasloe.
 Dr. A. Claffey, Christian Brothers School, Tuam.
 Mr. D. J. Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
 Prof. Etienne Rynne, U.C.G.
 Rev. Martin Coen, C.C., Craughwell.
 Mr. Hubert Bermingham, Dunmore.
 Mr. M. J. Molloy, Milltown.
 Mr. James Joyce, Co.C., Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe.

Honorary Members:-
 An tAthar E. Mac Phinn, Na h-Aille Thoir, Indreabhán.
 Mr. Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea.
 Mr. Garry O'Lochlainn, 63, Cruachan Park, Galway.
 Mr. Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE:

No. of Members: 25 on last Committee.

Members for the last Committee:

BALLINASLOE:
 Councillor Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor M. J. Kilgannon, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
 The President, St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Michael Hogan, Caltra, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. P. Conneely, Principal, Vocational School, Ballinasloe.

CONNEMARA:
 The Headmaster, Community School, Clifden.
 Mr. Tom Connolly, Clifden, Co. Galway.
 The Headmaster, Community School, Carna.
 Mr. Brendan Flynn, Community School, Clifden.
 Mr. Micheal O Flatharta, Carraroe.

GALWAY:
 Mrs. B. Whoriskey, Devon Park, Galway.
 Mr. Sean Donnellan, Dovepark, Moycullen.
 Mr. Fintan A. Coogan, Jnr., Menlo, Galway.
 Sr. Brigid, Secondary School, Oughterard.
 Mr. Danny Howley, 58, Glenard Crescent, Salthill, Galway.

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LOUGHREA:

The President, Diocesan College, Gort.
 Councillor U. Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea.
 The Principal, Seamount College, Kinvara.
 Mr. S. Cullinane, Principal, Vocational School, Athenry.
 Councillor E. Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor, Ballinasloe.

TUAM:

Sr. Dorothy Sommers, Currylea, Secondary School, Tuam.
 The President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.
 The Headmaster, Vocational School, Tuam.
 Rev. Mother, Mercy Convent, Tuam.
 Sr. Nuala Courtney, Presentation Convent, Headford.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE:

No. of Members: 9 on last Committee.

Members for the last Committee:

Deputy J. Callanan, Co.C., Callow, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Hugh Melvin, Ganty, Craughwell.
 Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor Patrick Ruane, Carnmore, Oranmore.
 Mr. Joseph Higgins, Castlelambert, Athenry.
 Councillor Frank Glynn, Cartron, Milltown, Tuam.
 Mr. John O'Connor, Kinturla, Kinvara,
 Mr. Hubert Reynolds, Gort na Grough, Roscahill.

17th June, 1980.

T. KAVANAGH,
 ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

Minutes

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11. Raising of a loan of £8,400 to finance the cost of headworks for the Criminagh/Leic Group Water Scheme.
12. Islands River.
13. Road Development Plan for the 1980s
14. Fix dates for Headford Fairs.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

Adjourned from Previous Meeting:

16. Ballyglass (Ahascragh) Group Water Scheme - Motion by Deputy Callanan (Minute No. 457).
17. Twinning arrangement with Local Authority in Northern Ireland - Motion by Councillor Joyce (Minute No. 486).
18. AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN

Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi 8 solas nua aibhleise ag an Ionad nua pobail, Rosmuc.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

19. That the carpark opposite Clonfert Catholic Church be taken over by the County Council and surface-dressed.
20. That the Council draw up an Estimate for the provision of a Reservoir in Eyrecourt and any other necessary improvements to the Public Water Supply in Eyrecourt -- the cost to be included in next year's Estimates.
21. That the County Council provide a Zebra crossing and flashing beacons at Ballinasloe Vocational School, Ballinasloe.

DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN - I will propose:

22. That the Kilconnell Water Scheme be extended to Mrs. Bridget Ward, a County Council house, John Dillon's house and Murphy's field at Corraneena, Kilconnell.

COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

23. That the Council bore a well for the residents of Graigue, Caltra, in accordance with Councillors' nomination procedure already done.
24. That the refuse collection service collect refuse from the premises of Mr. Frank Burke, Colmenstown, Ballinasloe. The service is already in the area.

COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

25. That an inspection be carried out on the structure of the bridge at Corbally, Cummer.
26. That the Carnmore/Monivea County Road be surfaced dressed as soon as possible.
27. That the carpark at Carnmore G.A.A. Park be levelled and surfaced dressed.

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

28. What is the latest position on the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme?
29. What is the latest position in the Gort Water Scheme?
30. That the advantages of the Tenant Purchase Scheme, giving costings, be advertised and circulated to all tenants.

COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - I will propose:

31. That the drains on roadside adjoining Jimmy Bermingham's land at Meelick, Eyrecourt, be cleaned as flooding on land is caused by drains remaining uncleaned.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

32. Go gcuireadh an Comhairle Condae Seirbhis Briogaide Toiteain ar fail san gCeathru Rua chun freastail ar an ceantair timpeall air.
33. Cosan a chur ar fail o Siopa Domhnaill Seoighe chomh fada le seipeal an Mullach.
34. Go gcuireadh an Comhairle Condae comhthairi bothar ceart o ceibh Rossamhil.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

35. Iarratas a dheanamh ar an Roinn Poist agus Telegrafa Kiosk a chur i dTir an Fhia.
36. Cen staid 'na bhfuil an t-iarratas i gcoir Grup Sceim Uisce Leic Cruimne Leitir Moir.
37. Cen staid 'na bhfuil an t-iarratas i gcoir Grup Sceim Uisce an Aill Bhui Rosmuc.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN: - I will propose:

38. That Galway County Council condemn the action of the Government in relation to the changes in the regulations governing the provision of school transport, made by them.

Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

39. That Galway County Council in future make payments of house loans as soon as the applicant has the blocklaying of the dwellinghouse erected.
40. That the Council give its plan to future Local Authority Housing Development in South Galway for 1981-'82.
41. That the County Council remove the very dangerous bend at Walshe's House, Farnane, Peterswell.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE - I will propose:

42. That Galway County Council provide sewerage facilities at Lower Ballygaddy Road, from existing sewer to Airglooney.
43. That Galway County Council take over the services in Curragh Park, Tuam.
44. That the County Manager inform the Council of his proposals for the improvement of the sewerage service so that normal development in Tuam can continue.

SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT, CO.C. - I will propose:

- 44. That an increased quota of water be allowed by Galway County Council to the Bovinion/Ballyderney Group Water Scheme from the Mountbellew Town supply.
- 45. That Galway County Council would sanction the turning-on of public lighting in Hillfort View housing estate, New Inn, Ballinasloe.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

- 46. That Kiltormer village be swept and cleaned by the County Council weekly.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

- 47. When is it proposed to start work on the Mid-Galway Regional Water Scheme, and what areas will be catered for in the scheme.
- 48. That the County Council fix and make workable the pump at Ballybrone, Turloughmore.
- 49. What progress has been made in the provision of a service road to the back of the 16 County Council houses at Caheroyan Estate, Athenry.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Bridget Mahony, Ballinive, Ardahan, Co. Galway.	Walls and Fences knocked and cut, and scattered stones and bushes.	B.E.D. of Killogilleen.	£70.00	£60.00
Albert Devine & Abbey Fathers, Loughrea, Co. Galway.	Statue of white Italian marble damaged.	County at Large	£1,450.00	£1,605.9

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed Sale of land, Clarinbridge

Date: 9th June 1980

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 required 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:

2 sites for houses at Clarinbridge, Co. Galway - areas as given hereunder:-

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Galway Diocesan Trustees

<u>PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD</u>	<u>Site Nos.</u>	<u>Area of Plots</u>
Very Rev. Canon E. Conway, Clarenbridge	8	.0388 acre
Mr. Philip Henderson, Biochemistry Dept. UCG	7	.0368 acre

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
8	£1450
7	£1600

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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)

HEADFORD FAIRS - 1981

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FAIRS</u>
January	Wednesday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
February	Friday, 13th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
March	Friday, 13th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
April	Tuesday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
May	Thursday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
June	Monday, 15th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
July	Tuesday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
August	Friday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
September	Tuesday, 8th) Monday, 28th) Tuesday, 29th)	Cattle & Sheep Sheep Cattle
October	Wednesday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
November	Monday, 9th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs
December	Monday, 14th	Cattle, Sheep, Horses & Pigs

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR:

- (a) Councillor F. Glynn.
(b) Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, 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. 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; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; M. Tierney, S. McMahon, K. Hays, R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; Miss M. Flynn, and Messrs. F. O Gallachoir, J. Connolly, Planning Assistants; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

523 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 1980/'81:

The out-going Chairman, Councillor F. Glynn, thanked all the Members of the Council, the County Manager and all the staff, for their co-operation during his term of office as Chairman. He said that it was a most rewarding and gratifying year for him and he hoped that the good co-operation which existed between the Chairman, Members and staff, would continue to operate in the years ahead.

All the Members of the Council joined in paying tribute to Councillor Glynn for the efficient and impartial manner in which he carried out his duties as Chairman during his term of office.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, joined in the compliments paid by the Members to Councillor Glynn.

Deputy Donnellan then proposed that Councillor T. Byrne be elected Chairman for the year 1980/'81. This was seconded by Councillor U. Burke.

Senator Kitt proposed and Deputy Killilea seconded that Deputy Callanan be elected Chairman for 1980/'81. A vote was taken on the two proposals which resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors O'Foighil, Ruane, and Ryan.

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FOR DEPUTY CALLANAN:

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

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The Chairman declared Councillor Byrne elected Chairman of Galway County Council for 1980/'81 and invested him with the Chain of Office. Councillor Byrne then took the Chair. The new Chairman thanked the Members who elected him and said that he felt it a great honour to be elected as Chairman of Galway County Council and he would carry out the duties to the best of his ability. Many Members congratulated Councillor Byrne on his appointment as Chairman.

524 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 1980/'81:

Councillor Glynn proposed and Councillor M.D. Higgins seconded that Councillor Holland be elected Vice-Chairman. Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor M. Fahy seconded that Deputy Callanan be elected Vice-Chairman. A vote was taken on the proposals which resulted as follows:-

FOR COUNCILLOR HOLLAND:

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors O'Foighil, Ruane, and Ryan.

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FOR DEPUTY CALLANAN:

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

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The Chairman declared Councillor Holland elected Vice-Chairman for 1980/'81. Councillor Holland thanked the Members on his election.

525 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor Haverty seconded that Councillor J. Molloy be appointed representative of the County Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1980/'81.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Senator Connaughton seconded that Councillors McCormack and Ryan be appointed representatives of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1980/'81.

As there were only three vacancies and three nominations, the Chairman declared Councillors Molloy, McCormack, and Ryan, appointed as representatives to the County Councils' General Council for the year 1980/'81.

526 - APPOINTMENT OF SIX REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council are ex officio members of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation, and therefore, only four further vacancies remained to be filled.

Senator Kitt proposed and Deputy Callanan seconded that Councillors O'Morain and F. Fahey be appointed to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation for 1980/'81.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Senator Connaughton seconded that Deputy Mannion and Councillor M.D. Higgins be appointed to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation for 1980/'81.

As there were no other proposals, the Chairman declared Councillors O'Morain, F. Fahey, M.D. Higgins, and Deputy Mannion, together with the Chairman (Councillor T. Byrne), and Vice Chairman (Councillor Holland) appointed as representatives on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation for 1980/'81.

527 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE:

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Senator Connaughton seconded that all the out-going Members of the Committee for 1979/'80 be appointed to the Committee for 1980/'81. Senator Kitt said that he would agree with this proposal provided Councillor N. O Conchubhair was also appointed to the Committee.

This was unanimously agreed and the Chairman declared the following appointed to the County Libraries Committee for 1980/'81:-

Councillor Lilly Broderick, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Joseph Murray, Shantalla, Galway.
 Mr. Tom Creaven, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Ambrose Dalton, Assistant Librarian, U.C.G.
 Mr. Fintan Coogan, Jnr., Menlo, Galway.
 Mr. Seamus Davoren, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Patrick Hynes, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Liam McCanna, Spiddal, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Christopher Townley, Librarian, U.C.G.
 Mr. Peter Raftery, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
 Ms. Margaret Stewart, 17, Lr. Newcastle, Galway.
 Mr. Colman Herson, Aran.
 Ms. Mary Burke, Kilternan, Dunmore.
 Mrs. Mary Croffy, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. James Greaney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Tom Burke, Clifden, Co. Galway.
 Councillor P. O'Foighil, An Cnoc, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe.
 Deputy John M. Mannion, Co.C., Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Michael J. Kilgannon, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Joseph Burke, Headmaster, Vocational School, Tuam.
 Mr. John Joe Crehan, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Luke Glynn, Athenry, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Francis Donoghue, Coolfin, Abbey, Loughrea.
 Senator Michael P. Kitt, Co.C., Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor Edward Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor Patrick J. Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
 Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Frank Fahey, Kilbeacanty, Gort, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry.
 Mrs. Mellody, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Padraic Conneely, 5, Upper Newcastle, Galway.
 Mr. Mairtin O Cathain, Glinsk, Cashel.
 Mr. Sean Fahy, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Jarlath Burke, Tuam Herald, Tuam, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Nioclas O Conchubhair, Leitrim, Co. na Gaillimhe.

528 - APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 1980/'81:

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Senator Kitt seconded that the 10 out-going full members (names circulated) of the Committee be appointed to the Committee for 1980/'81, and that Councillors McCormack and Welby be appointed Honorary Members. This was unanimously agreed and the Chairman declared the membership of the Committee for 1980/'81 as follows:-

FULL MEMBERS:

Rev. P.K. Egan, P.P., Portumna.
 Very Rev. G. Canon Quinn, P.P., Gort.
 Mr. Martin Joyce, N.T., Aghrim, Ballinasloe.
 Dr. A. Claffey, Christian Brothers School, Tuam.
 Mr. D.J. Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
 Prof. Etienne Rynne, U.C.G.
 Rev. Martin Coen, C.C., Craughwell.
 Mr. Hubert Bermingham, Dunmore.
 Mr. M. J. Molloy, Milltown.
 Mr. James Joyce, Co.C., Lawrencetown, Ballinasloe.

Honorary Members:

An tAthar E. Mac Fhinn, Na h-Aille Thoir, Indreabhan.
 Mr. Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea.
 Mr. Garry O'Lochlainn, 63, Cruachan Park, Galway.
 Mr. Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam.
 Councillor Padraic McCormack, 3, Renmore Park, Galway.
 Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

529 - APPOINTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE FOR 1980/'81:

Senator Kitt proposed and Deputy Donnellan seconded that all the 25 out-going Members of the Committee be appointed for 1980/'81. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared all the out-going Members re-elected to the Higher Education Grants Committee for 1980/'81 as follows:-

BALLINASLOE:

Councillor Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor M. J. Kilgannon, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
 The President, St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Michael Hogan, Caltra, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. P. Conneely, Principal, Vocational School, Ballinasloe.

CONNEMARA:

The Headmaster, Community School, Clifden.
 Mr. Tom Connolly, Clifden, Co. Galway.
 The Headmaster, Community School, Carna.
 Mr. Brendan Flynn, Community School, Clifden.
 Mr. Micheal O Flatharta, Carraroe.

GALWAY:

Mrs. B. Whoriskey, Devon Park, Galway.
 Mr. Sean Donnellan, Dovepark, Moycullen.
 Mr. Fintan A. Coogan, Jnr., Menlo, Galway.
 Sr. Brigid, Secondary School, Oughterard.
 Mr. Danny Howley, 58, Glenard Crescent, Salthill, Galway.

LOUGHREA:

The president, Diocesan College, Gort.
 Councillor U. Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea.
 The principal, Seamount College, Kinvara.
 Mr. S. Cullinane, Principal, Vocational School, Athenry.
 Councillor E. Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor, Ballinasloe.

TUAM:

Sr. Dorothy Sommers, Currylea, Secondary School, Tuam.
 The President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.
 The Headmaster, Vocational School, Tuam.
 Rev. Mother, Mercy Convent, Tuam.
 Sr. Nuala Courtney, Presentation Convent, Headford.

530 - APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE FOR 1980/'81:

Senator Kitt proposed and Deputy Donnellan seconded that all the nine out-going members of the Sheep Dipping Committee be appointed for 1980/'81, and that Mr. P. Thornton, Carragarew, Maam, and Mr. Mark Canavan, Glann, Oughterard, be also appointed to the Committee. This was agreed unanimously and the Chairman declared the following appointed to the Sheep Dipping Committee for 1980/'81:-

Deputy J. Callanan, Co.C., Callow, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
 Mr. Hugh Melvin, Ganty, Craughwell.
 Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
 Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
 Councillor Patrick Ruane, Carnmore, Oranmore.
 Mr. Joseph Higgins, Castlambert, Athenry.
 Councillor Frank Glynn, Cartron, Milltown, Tuam.
 Mr. John O'Connor, Kinturla, Kinvara.
 Mr. Hubert Reynolds, Gort na Grough, Roscahill.
 Mr. P. Thornton, Carragarew, Maam.
 Mr. Mark Canavan, Glann, Oughterard.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Joddi Byrne CHAIRMAN

25/7/80 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD JUNE, 1980, WHICH COMMENCED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, 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 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; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; M. Tierney, S. McMahon, K. Hays, R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; Miss M. Flynn, and Messrs. F. O Gallachoir, J. Connolly, Planning Assistants; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

531 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35815 - APPLICANT: SEAN O CONFHAOLA:

The County Manager stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application. It was agreed to defer consideration of the resolution until a meeting after the further information had been received from the applicant.

532 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35460 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL McGRATH:

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

"The site proposed to be developed is situated on the line on the proposed relief road in the Galway Transportation Study Stage 2.

It is a specific development control objective of the County Development Plan (1979) page 60 to create relief routes in the village of Oranmore and pending finalization of a decision on such routes to restrict development on or along the routes.

The Council commissioned traffic consultants at considerable cost to advise on a new Approach Road to Galway City from both the Dublin and Limerick Roads in an effort to relieve the considerable congestion around the village of Oranmore. The site of this development is directly on the line proposed by them on the Oranmore/Derrydonnell Section and the site in question has already been refused permission for this reason by the Planning Authority in August, 1979, and by An Bord Pleanála on the 30th January, 1980. A grant of permission now would seriously affect the establishment of this new road, and the application must be considered premature until such time as a final route has been agreed.

It is proposed to refuse the development on the following grounds:-

The Transportation Study at present being undertaken by the Planning Authority for the erection of a new approach route system to link to the proposed new Galway City Road network indicates the need to reserve a corridor of land traversing the site proposed to be developed for the creation of a limited access route to the city. It is considered that the proposed development would be premature pending finalisation of the plans for the construction of the said route system."

A copy of a map showing the site of the proposed house in relation to the proposed relief road was circulated to the Members at the meeting.

The County Manager stated that the Council had engaged Consultants on the Galway Transportation Study which included the question of the creation of relief routes at Oranmore. The site proposed to be developed was situated on the line of one of the proposed relief routes and the Oranmore by-pass was one of the schemes included in the Road Development Plan for the 1980s. The Planning Application, therefore, had very serious implications and it would be improper to grant Permission on a site which was on a corridor reserved for a new road.

The resolution set out at 1.(b) on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy and seconded by Councillor E. Haverty.

The Chairman stated that he had been approached by the applicant and by Councillor M. Fahy and put his name to the motion. Since then, he had studied the site on the map and had discussions on it and was of the opinion that Permission could not be granted as the site may have to be acquired in the future by the Council. A decision could be deferred to the next meeting, and as the site was part of a 7 acre field, it might be possible through consultation, to agree on an alternative site. Councillor M. Fahy said that the applicant had only 7 acres and wanted to build a private house for his family, and there was no speculation involved. It was not certain where the new road would go as yet. Councillor Haverty, supporting the resolution, referred to a similar Planning Application in Gurtymadden where the application was refused because of a road proposal. Subsequently, the Council changed its mind and gave permission, but it meant that the applicant was delayed for over 12 months. If the applicant in the present case, had to wait while the exact location of the road was being defined, there could be a very big expense involved and he felt that Permission should be given.

The County Manager explained that the road was not designed as yet, that the corridor in question was part of Stage 2 of the Transportation Study, and would take a considerable time to finalise. This corridor should be kept open and it would be a very serious step to allow a house on it which could affect the final design of the road there. Replying to Senator Connaughton, the County Manager stated that he could not give a date as to when the position of the road would be decided as it was not in the first phase of the Study.

Deputy Callanan stated that it should be possible to accommodate a house some place on the 7 acres. The County Manager said that the land being reserved was a corridor and the ultimate route of the road would depend on surveys to be undertaken and problems which may arise in the design and on land acquisition, etc. Councillor Bartley asked if Permission would be given on some part of the site when the position of the road is decided. The County Manager said that the Council was anxious to facilitate the applicant and had no desire to hold him up. However, it was necessary to reserve land for proposed roads and as Roads Authority, the Council cannot avoid affecting land owners' property. Councillor Higgins stated that the Council had an obligation to protect design proposals, but if a man needs a house, this also has to be considered. He wondered if all the 7 acres was affected by the road reservation. The County Engineer stated that he could not say precisely where the road would go on the site. This would depend on the detailed design, levels, cross-sections, existing buildings, junctions, etc. All the land boundaries would have to be examined to try and ensure that as few as possible are severed. Some land may have to be acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order, and in doing so, the Council would have to ensure that the affect on each landowner is minimised. The Council may be in a position to have some information in about 12 months.

Councillor Welby said that the applicant was trying to build a house for his family. Other parts of his site were unsuitable for building and it was unreasonable not to give him permission. Any delay would be an expense on him. Councillor O'Higgins said that having regard to the length of frontage of the field, it should be possible to accommodate a house on it. He said it could be ten years before the position of the road is known and it was unrealistic to ask the applicant to wait that long. Councillor McCormack said it appears to him that if the site was shown more north, it would still leave the option for the corridor to be reserved. Councillor Murphy said that the time factor was a problem and there was really no limit as to how long the design would take, and it was unfair to keep the applicant waiting. Councillor M. Fahy said the applicant had only 7 acres and Permission should be given on humanitarian grounds. Councillor Coogan said that the application should be re-examined between now and the next meeting. Deputy Killilea said that the road corridor as shown on the plan seemed to be dividing about 11 land holdings. He suggested that the officials should look at the site with the applicant and try and agree on an alternative location. Alternatively, the road could be moved, and perhaps, make use of less valuable land. The County Manager said that he agreed that the applicant was in difficulty until the design was completed but the design job had to be done in its entirety and it was not possible to deal with just one part of it. Councillor F. Fahey said that he would not like to see any difficulties with the proposed new road, but with 7 acres of land, it should be possible to reach a compromise. He suggested a consultation on the site with the applicant and Planning Officer. Councillor J. Burke said that the applicant appeared to be in one of the categories of applicants who normally qualify for Planning Permission, and didn't see why a decision on the road could not be made within a few months. The County Manager said that he would like to do this, but it was not possible as there is a lot of design work to be done and the Design Team are engaged on the First Phase of the Study and cannot be taken off it. He repeated that roads cannot be provided without affecting land holdings. Members must concern themselves with their statutory obligations as roads and planning authority, whereas they had no statutory obligations to private individuals. If Permission is given and the Council has to acquire the site subsequently, the value would be greater with Planning Permission and there may be a loss to the Council's funds. It was his duty to give this warning to the Members, and those voting for the resolution could be liable to be surcharged. Councillor Kilgannon said that the applicant had called to his house. The applicant said he didn't know about the road problem until he (Councillor Kilgannon) informed him of it. He didn't see how permission could be given and said the proposed road should be given more publicity. The Chairman suggested deferring a decision to the next meeting and that it be re-examined in the meantime. The County Manager said that the officials would agree to examine the application, but he could not give any guarantee as to the result. The Chairman suggested that the applicant, the three members who had signed the motion, and the Planning Officer would meet on the site and discuss an alternative. This was agreed.

Deputy Killilea said he didn't like the warning about the surcharge and asked who would be surcharged. The County Manager said that if the Council had to acquire the site after Permission had been granted as a result of the Section 4 resolution, the value would be enhanced and the Council would have to pay more compensation and he was obliged to advise the Members of this and record the names of those voting for it.

533 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of the Special Meeting (Irish) and the ordinary meeting (numbers 497-522, inclusive) held at the Comprehensive School, Carraroe, on the 26th May, 1980, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Brennan referred to Minute No. 504 regarding the new Differential Rents Scheme. He said people did not realise the significance of the changes in the new scheme and the people who are most vulnerable were being affected. He asked all Members to use their influence to have the Minister amend the Scheme. Senator Connaughton agreed with Cllr. Brennan and said that there was supposed to be a hardship clause, but it was not being applied. Councillor J. Burke agreed that the new Differential

Rents Scheme was a disaster and said that the larger the family, the greater the hardship as larger families were in receipt of greater welfare allowances. He proposed that the scheme be not implemented and this was seconded by Deputy Donnellan. The Chairman suggested that if the matter was to be pursued, a Notice of Motion should be put down for the next meeting. Mr. Howlett stated that the Council was obliged to implement the scheme. It was clear from the scheme that 100% of Social Welfare payments were to be taken into account. The hardship clause could not be used in order to revert the scheme to what it was before the change. He said the Council had written to the Department and should await a reply.

Councillor O'Morain referred to newspaper headlines about the Council's decision regarding the Hardstand at Roscam. He advocated the appointment of a Public Relations Officer by the Council who would answer misleading reports such as these.

Councillor Joyce, referring to the Local Authority Members' Association, asked if he could be paid travelling expenses for attending meetings of the Association. He was informed by the County Manager that the Council could not pay expenses. Councillor Joyce asked Members to sign the Membership application form which was circulated to them in order that £1 per month could be deducted by the Council from their expenses.

Referring to Minute No. 516, Councillor Haverty said that he did not suggest that only one official should accompany the Councillors to the I.F.H.P. Congress in Jerusalem.

Deputy Killilea, referring to Minute No. 500 in relation to Tuam Dump, said that what he intended was that a section of the Dump should be left open on a continuous basis for private users. Mr. Howlett said that this had been discussed with the Engineer and his experience was that the Dump could not be left open unless there was somebody on duty because of the problems presented by uncontrolled dumping.

Councillor O'Morain said he would like to place on record the reception which they received from the Minister for the Gaeltacht and the Minister for the Environment on their recent deputation to them. Cuidigh an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair le seo, and he congratulated the County Manager, Assistant County Manager, County Engineer, and Members on the case they put forward.

534 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35379 - MR. EDWARD KELLY - RETENTION OF GARAGE:

The County Manager referred to the Section 4 resolution passed in connection with the Planning Application of Mr. Edward Kelly for the retention of a garage and said that he had not implemented the Section 4 direction and had refused the application. The County Manager said that he had a statutory duty to comply with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 and 1976. He considered that to implement the Section 4 direction would have required a decision contrary to the proper planning and development of the area. He also got Senior Counsel's opinion on the matter and was advised that he may not lawfully implement the Section 4 direction. When the case came up in the High Court the previous week, it was stated that the applicant was starting new proceedings against the Council, and therefore, the matter was somewhat "sub judice". The County Manager said that he had asked the Council's Solicitor to attend the meeting to deal with the legal aspects if required.

The Chairman said that the position with regard to this Planning Application was a very serious one for the Council and he would like to hear the Solicitor's opinion on it.

Mr. O'Donoghue stated that he had sought the advice of Senior Counsel, Mr. E.M. Walsh, who was a leading authority on Planning and Local Government Law. He said that when the Council takes on itself to perform an executive function of the Manager, it had an obligation to operate within the same legal framework as the Manager. In deciding an application, the Manager is restricted under Section 26 of the 1963 Act to considering the proper planning and development of the area, and any decision must be in accord with that. In the present case,

the Section 4 resolution was discussed at two meetings and from the details of the Minutes, Senior Counsel considered that the Council had not rejected the Manager's opinion that the development was contrary to the proper planning and development of the area but concerned itself with non-planning and humanitarian reasons. This was not provided for in the law. The application was an application for retention and the Manager had little or no scope for imposing conditions. An application was made previously and was refused. It was also refused on Appeal. The application for retention, the subject of the Section 4 resolution, was identical to the previous application. If the Manager had granted Permission, he would be going against the decision of An Bord Pleanála which also had considered the proper planning and development of the area. The advice of Senior Counsel was that the County Manager could not lawfully comply with the Section 4 resolution.

The Chairman reminded the Members when discussing the case of the "sub judice" element. Councillor F. Fahey asked what was the final date for making a decision and did the Manager consult the Chairman before making the decision. The County Manager replied that the latest date for a decision was the 30th June, and the date on which he made the decision was the 18th June. He said the application was fully discussed at two County Council meetings at which he had given his advice as to what decision should be made. After he made the decision, he informed the Chairman.

Councillor J. Burke said that the Manager's decision was a strange one and was setting a precedent. The advice of Senior Counsel, based on Minutes, was doubtful as the Minutes could be disputed. Section 4 was the right of Councillors and Councillors must preserve that right. Councillor Burke said that the Manager was going off the track in this case as against previous Section 4 cases when the Manager always stated his case, and then it was up to each Councillor to vote whichever way he wished. He appealed to the Manager to take back the decision and he appealed to the Members to ensure that their right to use Section 4 is preserved.

Councillor Welby asked why the Manager did not inform the Members at the Meeting in Carraroe that he proposed refusing the application. He said the Manager was the Executive and the elected members were the Planning Authority. The Manager seemed to be contravening the Management Act and the Planning Act. The applicant had tried to co-operate in every way. The Manager had acted in a very dictatorial way and it may be necessary to call for the Manager's suspension. Councillor McCormack said there were five pages in the Minutes of the last meeting dealing with this item. The advice of Senior Counsel seemed to be based on some material in the Minutes. At no stage did he (Councillor McCormack) say that Permission should be granted on humanitarian grounds. He felt his rights as a Councillor were being affected.

Councillor O'Morain said that he had sympathy for the Manager who believed that he was doing the right thing. He said the County Plan was the base line for decisions and it was up to the Council to interpret that plan. At the next review of the County Development Plan, the Council must provide for humanitarian grounds. He said the Council should realise how important the Minutes were and that they could be used in Court. He referred to page 4 of the Minutes where he asked if conditions could be specified and the answer given did not seem to be in accordance with the facts now.

Councillor Murphy said that he was reliably informed that the use of Section 4 was the Councillors' privilege, and now it was being taken away from them. He did not think it right that Members should be liable for surcharge and would like full information on it. Deputy Donnellan said that this application was discussed at great length by the Council and he had supported it on humanitarian grounds. If Members had not the power to use Section 4, what power have they.

Deputy Callanan said that in view of what had happened in this case, it looks as if the Councillors have no power at all. He said the Plan was made by the Council and the Council have a right to use Section 4 if they do not agree with the Manager's interpretation of the Plan. In view of this decision, the Council have wasted an awful lot of time. He maintained that the Council had the right to use Section 4 and he would not accept the

Manager's decision. Councillor Kilgannon said that he had voted against the Section 4 as the Manager had made a sound case against it. He felt the Members had little powers, and in the case of Section 4, felt that they must have the right to be wrong. He asked if the Manager was going to refuse to comply with all future Section 4 resolutions. Councillor F. Fahey said that this was the most serious situation which arose during his ten years as a Member where the Council was in direct conflict with the Manager. He said the Council made a decision directing the Manager to give Permission and the Manager did the opposite and did not inform the Chairman until after. When a decision did not have to be made until the end of June, why did the Manager take it upon himself to make the decision in the manner in which he did. He considered it a very serious situation. He said the kernel of the legal advice, based on the reading of the Minutes, was that the Members made the decision, based on humanitarian and not Planning grounds, and that it would be illegal for the Manager to comply with the Section 4. Councillor Fahey said that it was implicit in the decision of the Council that conditions be stipulated in order to bring the development as far as possible within the Development Plan and the Planning Act, and he referred to paragraph 4 of page 4 of the Minutes of the 22nd May, 1980. He agreed that the Members argued on humanitarian grounds but they did not want to contravene the Act. The Co. Manager said that the question of the Members not wanting to contravene the Act or the Plan was not mentioned in the Minutes. Councillor Fahey said that Senior Counsel's advice was that because the Council's decision was given on humanitarian grounds, the Permission could not be given. He said that it was the Council that made the Plan and it was their prerogative to change the Plan and to make decisions which they thought complied with the Plan. The Council decided to ignore the Manager's advice. He wondered why the Manager handled the situation the way he did.

Councillor Coogan asked if the matter was "sub judice" and if it was, would the Minutes be used, and he said that they should not stand for this. Cllr. U. Burke asked what standing would a normal Appeal have by the Manager against the Section 4 decision. Mr. O'Donoghue, Solicitor, said that the normal Appeal procedure applied but that the Manager could not Appeal against his own decision. In reply to some questions on this, the County Manager said that at no stage did he say that he could appeal as Manager against his own decision. Councillor Coogan asked what would happen if a new application was lodged and he was informed that it would be treated on its merits.

Councillor Holland said that he often asked why the Manager complied with Section 4 directions and was told by the Manager that it was in order to meet the wishes of the majority of the Members. In this case, the Manager's decision seemed to be based on the fact that the application was refused by An Bord Pleanála. Why did the Manager select this case? Councillor Bartley said that this was the most serious thing on the Agenda. At the Meeting in Carraroe, the Manager should have indicated his position to the Members. The majority of the Members voted for the Section 4 and he disagreed with what the Manager had done. He said this could be the beginning of the end of Section 4 resolutions. He asked if the Manager's decision was final or if the Chairman could sign Planning Permissions. Mr. O'Donoghue replied that he could not.

Councillor Joyce said that the main objection to the application was on safety grounds and he was of the opinion that the danger could be minimised and he never said that he was voting on humanitarian grounds. He always admired the Manager for his integrity but on this occasion, he may be treading on a dangerous path which may cause him many sleepless nights and he was sorry for this.

Councillor Haverty said that he was one of two who opposed the Plan as adopted and always said that the Council should hold on to their power under Section 4. He said the Manager had plenty of time to wait for this meeting before making a decision. He said the Manager made too speedy a decision and asked what action can the Council take when the Manager does not carry out their instruction. He was not as concerned about this case as he would be about other applications that might come up.

Councillor Ruane said he was disappointed with the Manager's decision and understood that once a Section 4 was passed, that it would be complied with. Councillor M. Fahy said that he did not know the legal aspects of the matter and he had no regrets about seconding the Section 4 resolution. He said if the Manager was let go with this, all future cases could be refused.

Councillor M.D. Higgins said that it was only a matter of time before they came to this point as regards Section 4 resolutions. It was interesting to note that there was no reference to Planning in Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and it was never intended to apply to Planning. It dealt with various other functions whereas here, it had come to be known in relation to planning only. The use of Section 4 for planning was in conflict with the spirit and purpose of the Act and the statements made in the Oireachtas when it was being debated. The Council made a decision which the Manager considered was in contravention of the Plan and the Planning Act. There was mention of humanitarian grounds but he doubted if a decision could be based on this. The Manager had the right to get legal opinion and he did this. If people are trying to isolate the Manager and get an opinion that would say that Councillors have the absolute power to give Planning Permission, he would not place much value on it. The question now was how to retreat from the conflict and meet the reasonable housing needs of the people and alter the Plan, if necessary.

The Chairman said that he would ask the Manager to reply and there would then be no further discussion on it. The County Manager said that much of the comment did not take account of the legal opinion referred to by Mr. O'Donoghue. He said the Section 4 resolution was a direction to him to decide to grant Planning Permission. He asked himself what was the right decision to make in the circumstances. He felt he had a personal responsibility to do the right thing. It was too facile to say that Councillors could direct him to do what they liked irrespective of the law. All the information available was given to Senior Counsel and Senior Counsel advised that he may not lawfully implement the direction. He said that as Manager he could not appeal a planning decision. He was not attempting to interfere with the rights of Councillors. The decision cannot be altered at this stage. As to why he did not inform the Members at the Meeting in Carraroe, he said that he had not decided then to take the course he did. Replying to Cllr. O'Morain, he said that he did what he believed was right and in doing this, he was concerned with complying with Section 26 of the Planning Act. The Plan was subordinate to the Act.

Deputy Callanan asked if the Plan was irrelevant and the Manager said that he did not say that. Councillor Fahy asked if the relevant section of the Act could be circulated, and the Manager agreed to do this. Continuing, the County Manager said that he made the decision at the time he did in the light of the legal advice he had got and the events in Court the previous week were also taken into consideration. As to whether he was going to take a similar stand on other cases, the County Manager said that he was determined to confine the discussion to this case. On the question of imposing conditions, he said that he was satisfied that conditions could not be imposed which would make the application comply with the Act. As regards doing the opposite to what the County Council had directed, the County Manager said that his only concern was to do what was right and he did this having been advised by Senior Counsel and advised the Chairman after the decision was made. Replying to Councillor Holland's query as to why he took this decision in this particular case, he replied that he did it because he was satisfied that to do otherwise would have been contravening the Planning Act. As regards treading on a dangerous path, he said that he had no desire to do this. The matter was put on the Agenda to advise the Members and no decision was called for on it. He said that the Solicitor would say what documents were sent to Senior Counsel.

Councillor Kilgannon said that there were other Section 4 resolutions passed and what would be the position with these. The Manager said that he was confining the discussion to this case. Councillor Joyce said that he did not intend the remarks he made to be a threat. Mr. O'Donoghue said that the documents sent to Senior Counsel consisted of an Affidavit and supporting

documents, copy of the Minutes of the April Meeting, copy of the Minutes of the May Meeting, and copy of a report from the County Engineer. Deputy Callanan said that the Minutes of the May Meeting were not signed at the time. The County Manager said that it was necessary to give the history of the case and no improper use was made of the Minutes. Councillor Haverty said that the Minutes should not have been used until they were signed. Mr. O'Donoghue said that the resolution was relevant from the date it was passed. There was a very detailed account of the proceedings in the Minutes and there was no reason to doubt their accuracy. Councillor O'Morain said that he was informed that conditions could be imposed. Councillor J. Burke asked if the County Manager had ever appealed a decision to An Bord Pleanála. The Manager replied that as County Manager, he had no right of appeal but as a private individual, he would. Mr. O'Donoghue pointed out that the applicant, of course, had a right of appeal against the Manager's decision.

Councillor F. Fahy said that the Manager did what he thought was right and he believed the Manager to be a man of the highest integrity. However, he believed he made a wrong decision and he wanted this recorded. He also said the Minutes should not have been used until they had been signed.

535 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF FULL-TIME FIREMEN:

The County Manager stated that the Ryan Report on Garda Pay and rent allowances had been conceded to full-time firemen in Dublin, Cork and Limerick Corporations. Galway City firemen are related to the Limerick firemen and a claim has been lodged by their Union which it is proposed to concede subject to the Minister's sanction and to the Union agreeing to implement whatever agreement emerges from a study to be undertaken on the relationship which exists between Gardai and Firemen. The increases are backdated to 1st March, 1979, and existing pay scales from the 1st March, 1980, and the revised pay scales from the same date are as follows:

	Existing	Revised
Fireman -	£73.36 to £96.78	£73.36 to £110.45 plus long service increment.
Sub Officer -	£106.21	£124.20
Station Officer -	£106.47 to £114.43	£124.47 to £132.43
<u>Rent Allowances:</u>		
Married -	£4.12	£12.09
Single -	£2.06	£ 9.07

The estimated cost of the increase in 1980, including arrears, was £16,000 and provision had been made for it in the current year's Estimates. It was proposed by Councillor Higgins, seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the increased pay and rent allowances to full-time firemen employed by the Council with effect as from the 1st March, 1979, as outlined by the County Manager."

536 - SPECIAL MEETING:

It was decided to have a Special Meeting on Monday, 30th June, commencing at 3.30 p.m. to deal with the remaining items on the Agenda.

537 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Teresa Moloney, "Tara", Ennis Road, Gort.
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Leonard, Ballymana, Craughwell.
The Mannion Family, Ballymaquive, Ardahan.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Godie Byrne

CHAIRMAN

29/7/80

DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 30TH JUNE, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Deputy Callanan, Senator Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, O Conchubhair, O Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan, and Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; F. Monahan, S. McMahon, Chief Assistant County Engineers; W.A. Cahill, L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. F. O Gallachoir and J. Connolly, Planning Assistants; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

538 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as set out in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting. The County Manager informed the Members that ten Malicious Injury claims had recently been lodged on behalf of the Minister for Fisheries and Forestry in respect of forest fires, the total compensation claimed amounting to over £31,000. He said it was important to note that a state Department was now claiming compensation from a local authority for malicious injuries arising from forest fires and he considered that the Department should reconsider the position.

The Members agreed that the Council should not be held liable for these particular claims and it was agreed to take the matter up with the Department.

539 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS - JERUSALEM - 9TH-16TH NOVEMBER, 1980:

The County Manager said that the cost of the trip would work out at approximately £900 per person and he reminded the Members of a Circular from the Minister for the Environment about limiting the number of people attending conferences abroad. Councillor Haverty said that it would appear from the Minutes that the Council was restricting the number of officials who might go on the trip to one, but this was not the case. The County Manager said that there was no question of sending any more than one official and he would consider sending no official unless the delegates wanted an official to accompany them. Deputy Mannion proposed that one official and four Councillors attend and this was seconded by Deputy Donnellan.

Senator Kitt proposed Councillor O'Morain as one of the delegates and this was seconded by Councillor Haverty. Deputy Donnellan proposed Councillors Coogan, Kilgannon and Holland as delegates and this was seconded by Councillor McCormack. Senator Kitt proposed Councillor O Conchubhair as a delegate and this was seconded by Deputy Callanan. As there were now five delegates proposed and seconded, it was agreed that Councillors O'Morain, Coogan, and Holland would be nominated and that a vote would be taken for the fourth nomination between Councillor Kilgannon and Councillor O Conchubhair. A vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. which resulted as follows:

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FOR COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Clr. Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Deputy Mannion, Clr. O Foighil, Councillors Ruane and Ryan.

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FOR COUNCILLOR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Kitt, Councillors Molloy, O Conchubhair, O Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby.

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The Chairman declared Councillor Kilgannon nominated to attend the Congress in addition to Councillors O'Morain, Coogan and Holland.

540 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERICAL OFFICER:

The County Manager said that he was requesting the approval of the Council to the creation of an extra post of Clerical Officer for the Housing Department mainly for work in connection with the cottage rental which work had increased considerably. Several Councillors agreed that the staff in the Housing Section were overworked and agreed with the creation of an extra post. Clr. Glynn said that there seemed to be delays in the Legal Department and he asked that this be investigated. Councillor J. Burke referred to the post of Clerk/Typist for the Tuam Office and was informed by Mr. Howlett that this post was tied up with a proposal relating to the position of Town Clerk in Tuam. Councillor Bartley said that there was only a staff of two in the Clifden Office and extra staff was needed. He also said that extra staff was needed in the Planning Office, and because of the volume of work, the Planning Officer had to spend too much of his time doing inspections and it was difficult to meet and discuss applications with him. Mr. Howlett confirmed that all the certificates and information required of Housing Loan applicants was in accordance with regulations laid down by the Department. It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor Joyce, and resolved:

"That in accordance with Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council approve of the creation of one extra post of Clerical Officer as outlined by the County Manager."

541 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICES OF LIBRARY ASSISTANT:

The County Manager said that there was provision in the Estimates for four additional Library Assistants from June 1980, three for the new Galway City Library and one for the Book Intake Section. A loan has been approved for work on the new Library in Galway City and it is proposed to start the work shortly, and the Council's approval is requested to the creation of the four extra posts of Library Assistant. The extra staff would not be appointed until they were needed. The County Manager also said that the Branch Librarian in Ballinasloe had recently resigned and it was proposed to replace her with a full-time Library Assistant. This would leave the Ballinasloe Branch staffed with two full-time permanent officers thereby enabling the Library to open for longer hours including Saturday. The County Manager said he was therefore requesting the Council's approval to a total of five extra posts of Library Assistant, two of whom would be appointed in the near future and the remaining three at a later date to coincide with the opening of the new Library in Galway.

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

"That in accordance with Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve of the creation of five extra offices of Library Assistant as outlined by the County Manager."

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Dolphin, retired Branch Librarian in Ballinasloe, for the excellent service she had given over the years.

542 - SALE OF SITES AT CLARENBRIDGE - NOTICE DATED 9TH JUNE, 1980, CIRCULATED TO EACH MEMBER:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Holland, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of housing sites at Clarenbridge to Mr. Philip Henderson and Rev. Canon E. Conway, on the terms set out in notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which has been circulated to each Member of the Council, on the 9th June, 1980."

543 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £61,000 FOR TUAM WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

The County Manager said that a supplementary loan of £61,000 was required to complete the construction of the Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme. The estimated total cost was £364,000 and loans to the value of £303,000 had already been approved.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £61,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

544 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £8,400 AS SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR CRIMINAGH/LEIC GROUP WATER SCHEME:

The County Manager said that the Department of the Environment had recommended a special contribution of £8,400 towards the cost of headworks - pump and pumphouse, site, fencing, rising main, 12,000 gallon tank, and E.S.B. supply, for the Criminagh/Leic Group Water Supply Scheme. The contribution is recommended by the County Engineer and will rank for the usual subsidy on loan charges.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £8,400 to finance the special contribution for the Criminagh/Leic Group Water Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved."

D'iarr an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair an feidir an sceim grupa seo dul ar aghaidh anois. Dúirt an Runai go raibh na pleananna ceadaithe ag an Chomhairle Chontae ách gur e an Roinn Comhshaoil a chuireadh sceala chuig an ghrupa. D'iarr an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair ar thainig toscaireacht runda isteach chun an Comhairle Chontae chun stop a chur leis an sceim seo. Dúirt se gur cuireadh raiteas mar sin amach agus nach raibh se fíor. Dúirt an Bainisteoir nach raibh aon eolas aige ar an toscaireacht a bhí i gceist ag an Comhairleoir.

545 - ISLANDS RIVER:

The County Manager said that the Council had asked that Senior Counsel's opinion be obtained on this matter and this had now been received. He said that there were two main aspects:-

- The Engineering opinion that any relief would cause flooding downstream; and
- Whether the County Council would be liable for damages, and Senior Counsel had confirmed that it would.

The County Manager said that the Council's Solicitor had put other questions to Senior Counsel such as whether an Injunction could be taken against the Council. Senior Counsel's opinion on this was that an Injunction would not be got to stop the work as there were compensation provisions in the Act to cover any damage caused. Mr. O Donoghue, Solicitor, gave further details of the Opinion. He said that two important questions were the Council's entitlement to do the work and the Council's liability for damages. On the question of the Council's entitlement to do the work, Senior Counsel's opinion was that the Council could do the work provided that it was in the public interest to do so. Whether the work would be in the public interest, was difficult to say. The work would be in the private interest of a number of landowners, but whether it was in the public interest would be a matter of opinion. On the question of the Council's liability for damages, Senior Counsel has confirmed that the Council would be liable for damages and the liability would not be restricted to persons living within the County and the Council may be liable on a recurring basis. On the question of an Injunction, Senior Counsel stated that the compensation clause in the Act would be a defence to Galway County Council in an action for an Injunction, which meant that, as the Council would be liable for compensation for any damage caused by the drainage, an Injunction should not be got to stop the work provided, of course, the work was being carried out in the public interest.

The Chairman said that the Council had carried out a very thorough examination to try and find a way of reaching a solution on this matter but it now seemed that the Council should not undertake the work.

Councillor Finnegan said that the Opinion was based on the report of the Engineer. He said that the second report of the Engineer was inadequate as it was impossible for the engineer to carry out a proper investigation because the river was in flood. The legal opinion may be correct but it was based on wrong information. Only some of the river was inspected. He said the area in question was a depressed area with a declining population and poor resources. He said it would be a shame if the money, which was provided for this work, was lost as it could make land available for half a year. He said the question should be further examined. Senator Connaughton said that he was disappointed with the legal advice. He said that he saw no reason why people living in a disadvantaged area should not be able to come in and press their case for improvements. He said he had some doubt about the Engineer's report but agreed that it was a subject which was difficult to be accurate about. It appeared from the legal advice that the work could not go ahead. He said that if it transpired that the legal opinion was wrong, he would take up the case again. Councillor J. Burke said that this was the second time in two weeks that Senior Counsel had advised that what the Council wanted to do was wrong. Because of the advice, the money provided could not be spent. He said the Council should have asked how the money could be spent without breaking the law. The Chairman said that it was the Council's decision to get Senior Counsel's opinion on the matter. Councillor Ryan said that as one who wanted to see the work being done, he was very disappointed. He could not understand how the Council carried out work there twenty years ago. He said that the Islands River remained flooded for two months after flooding on the River Suck would have cleared. Deputy Donnellan said that he too was disappointed with the legal advice and did not know what the solution to the problem was. He wondered how Roscommon County Council could be satisfied to do the work. The County Manager said that Roscommon County Council was not satisfied to do the work and would not do it unless Galway County Council also did it as they would be passing the problem on to County Galway. Likewise, Galway County Council cannot transfer the flooding problem from one owner to another. Senator Kitt said that he was also disappointed and asked if the

riparian owners had submitted legal opinion on the matter. The County Manager replied that he had not seen any other legal opinion. Senator Kitt said that at a River Suck Joint Drainage District Committee, it was suggested that suitable legislation be requested which would allow the River Suck Joint Drainage District Committee to maintain rivers such as the Islands River, and he suggested that the Council support this idea. Deputy Callanan agreed with Senator Kitt and said that what was required was to extend the area of responsibility of the River Suck Joint Drainage District Committee to include the Islands River area. Councillor Kilgannon said that the result of the request of the people to have this drainage carried out showed the hopelessness of the Council to meet the needs of the people. In reply to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager said that the cost of the legal opinion was 60 guineas.

It was agreed to support the proposal of Senator Kitt and Deputy Callanan to Have the powers of the River Suck Joint Drainage District Committee extended.

546 - ROAD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE 1980:

An eighteen page document, prepared by the County Engineer, on the Road Development Plan for the 1980s was circulated to each Member with the Agenda. Mr. Dunne said that the document set out the improvements needed in order to bring the roads in the County up to the required standard. He went through the report page by page and answered questions raised by Members. He said that the Council would be pressing for a substantial increase in Road Grants. As regards the question of upgrading the Ballinasloe/Portumna Road, the County Engineer felt that it would have a better chance of attracting a grant as it stands than if it was upgraded. Some Councillors said that some roads had been omitted from the Plan and the County Engineer explained that these could be provided for under category C on the last page of the document which referred to an allocation of £15,000 per annum for each of the 11 Engineering Areas.

Councillor O Conchubhair referred to the deputation to the Minister about the Connemara Roads and asked if there was any further development. He also asked if Udaras na Gaeltachta had given a grant for Bealadangan Bridge. The County Engineer said that documentation was being compiled this year. No information had been received in relation to a grant for Bealadangan Bridge.

The Report was approved.

547 - FIXING OF DATES FOR HEADFORD FAIRS:

The schedule of dates for Fairs at Headford, as circulated with the Agenda, was approved.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

548 - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES:

The County Manager said that a resolution had been passed by the Western Health Board requesting an amendment in the Law whereby increases in the costs of Supplementary Welfare services would be met in full from Central Funds and recommended that the Council pass a similar resolution.

It was proposed by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby call on the Minister for Social Welfare to introduce an amendment of Section 20 of the Social Welfare (Supplementary Welfare Allowances) Act, 1975, to ensure that increases in the cost of Supplementary Welfare services are met in full from Central Funds."

549 - FIXING OF DATE FOR PLANNING MEETING:

It was decided to defer fixing a date for the Planning Meeting to the July Meeting.

550 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRAMME:

The County Manager read the following reply from the Department of the Environment in connection with the Council's request for an increased allocation for Sanitary Services works:

"The overall capital allocation for sanitary services is determined each year in the context of the relevant Capital Budget for the Public Capital Programme so that the Department cannot anticipate the overall capital allocations for sanitary services in future years. Accordingly, the Department cannot give any commitment as to when all schemes in planning in a particular county will be financed. The Council can be assured, however, that the importance of the schemes planned for County Galway is fully appreciated and that the schemes listed will be released and loan financed as and when the financial circumstances permit.

As regards major schemes in Gaeltacht areas, these form a legitimate part of the overall sanitary services programme and the continuing heavy demands on the resources available would not enable the separate funding of such schemes."

551 - SCHEME FOR ESSENTIAL REPAIRS:

The County Manager said that when the Estimates were being prepared, it was estimated that a sum of £30,000 would be required for Essential Repairs, but it was only possible to include a sum of £15,000 in the Estimates because of the restriction on the rate. Half of this was already spent and it was clear that there would be a shortage of funds to meet applications and he wanted to make the Members aware of the situation. The Members said that this would affect the worst off people in the community and asked if funds could be taken from some place else or if the £20,000 provided for the Islands River be used. The County Manager said that the County Engineer had indicated that the £20,000 would be required to maintain the level of employment in the areas concerned. The County Manager also said that he had asked the County Engineer and County Accountant to do a major review of expenditure because he could foresee difficulties arising from the limitations imposed. He said that the need to close the Council's two quarries at Tonabrocky and New Inn and re-employ the men elsewhere was under examination.

552 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR PART-TIME FIREMEN:

The County Manager said that the sanction of the Minister for the Environment had been received to the implementation of a Labour Court recommendation recommending revised rates of pay for Part-time firemen with effect from the 1st April, 1979. There were approximately 97 men involved, and the recommendation was in effect restoring a historical pay relationship which

existed between Part-time Firemen and Craftsmen. The increases covered annual allowances, drill rates, and fire rates, and the cost was estimated at £14,500, including £5,800 arrears for 1979.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised rates of remuneration for Part-time Firemen employed by the Council as outlined by the County Manager and with effect as from the 1st April, 1979."

553 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF CLERICAL OFFICERS:

The County Manager said that a claim had been lodged on behalf of Clerical Officers employed in Local Authorities and Health Boards for a pay increase by reference to internal relativities and outside employments. The claim went to Arbitration and the Arbitration Award recommended a 4% pay increase from the 1st July, 1978, and a further 3.9% from the 1st January, 1979, and that the incremental scale be reduced from 16 point to a 14 point scale, from the 1st March, 1979. The cost of implementing the award, including arrears back to the 1st July, 1978, was estimated at £49,000.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the pay increases for Clerical Officers employed by the Council as outlined by the County Manager with effect as from the 1st July, 1978."

554 - DELEGATION TO MINISTERS FOR GAELTACHT AND ENVIRONMENT:

The County Manager referred to the deputation to the Ministers for the Gaeltacht and Environment. In relation to the Council's request for funds for Connemara Roads, he said that the County Engineer was preparing documentation for submission to the Minister for the Environment and the Minister had agreed to consider it sympathetically. On the question of the allocation for Sanitary Services, the Minister undertook to examine the Council's case. The Minister also undertook to examine the Council's request for an additional housing allocation. As regards special funds for bog roads, the Minister indicated that this was a matter for the Council to decide within the scope of the grant for Local Improvement Schemes

Councillor M. Fahy asked if the Council would tar and surface the entrance to Ardahan Sportsfield and the County Engineer replied that this would have to be investigated. The Chairman supported Councillor Fahy.

Councillor O'Morain raised the problem of abandoned and wrecked cars in the Connemara area and asked whose responsibility it was to have them removed. Councillor O'Higgins agreed that these vehicles were an eyesore, and said that if somebody was appointed to look after this problem, they may be able to persuade the owners to get rid of them. Councillors Joyce and Kilgannon agreed that the disposing of these abandoned vehicles was a service which was needed. The County Manager agreed that there was a case to be made for the provision of this type of service but there were no funds in the Estimates for it because of the rate limitation. He said that there was a private firm engaged in this business but did not know if it was still in operation. He said further problems were presented if the vehicles were on private property. The County Engineer said that identifying the owners was a major difficulty, and unless they were removed with the owner's consent, the question of compensation could arise.

Deputy Callanan raised the question of funds for the development of roads to bogs. He said he was surprised that the County Development Team had not applied for funds for bog roads from the Employment Guarantee Fund. Deputy Callanan read a letter from the Minister for Finance to Deputy Molloy saying that a grant of £600,000 had been allocated and that the Galway Development Team were not in a position to submit a list of schemes for finance. Senator Kitt said that there were a number of applications for bog roads amongst the applications on hands for Local Improvement Schemes. Councillors Ruane and Welby said that they had suggested that special funds be applied for in respect of bog roads.

The County Manager said that while the County Development Officer had received an enquiry about the matter, no indication was given that a grant was available. The County Development Officer was compiling a list of schemes, and he (County Manager) recommended to him that the list of Local Improvement Scheme applications on hands be examined with a view to extracting suitable bog road schemes.

Councillor Coogan paid tribute to Mr. Moroney who had retired from the position of County Accountant in respect of his long and dedicated service with Galway County Council.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

555 - BALLYGLASS (AHASCRAUGH) GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary read a report from the County Engineer dated 19th May, 1980, stating that the full capacity of the source for the Group Scheme was already committed and covered the following group schemes:

<u>NAME OF GROUP</u>	<u>GALLONS PER DAY</u>
Lowville	9,000
Ballybaan	3,260
Creggane Keaves	8,000
Ervilla Ballinruane	16,000
Castlegar Lisegan	21,000
Lurgan Sruffaun (not yet connected)	11,000

To this must be added the supply to Ahascragh Village which, at over 70,000 gallons per day, is considered excessive, and is indicative of considerable waste. The scheme has been under investigation for some time, and if a major leak is located, the position in regard to a supply for Ballyglass will be reconsidered.

The Acting Secretary said that a further report had been received from the County Engineer stating that savings had been achieved in the Ahascragh Village supply, and therefore, a supply can now be given for the Ballyglass Scheme.

556 - TWINNING ARRANGEMENT WITH LOCAL AUTHORITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Proposing the Motion, Councillor Joyce said that in the years ahead, the Council could be asked what it had done to improve the situation in Northern Ireland. He said little was being done except to condemn what was happening and the people of the north and south were becoming strangers to one another. He felt that the Council should do something to improve relations but had no particular northern local authority in mind. Some months ago, he read of a visit by Dublin County Council to Lurgan which was a great success. He hoped that the Members, Officials, and also Bord Failte would agree to a similar type arrangement.

The County Manager said that after Councillor Joyce's motion appeared on the Agenda, he had an approach from Mr. O'Regan of Co-Operation North. Many contacts had been made under the auspices of this Body. Mr. O'Regan suggested exploring the possibility of the contact with Fermanagh centring on Enniskillen, and when the approach was made, the reply was that the County Council would welcome. The County Manager said that if the Council agreed, he would follow up the matter and arrange a suitable date.

The Members agreed with the proposal and authorised the Manager to go ahead with arranging a date.

557 - SOLAS NUA AIBHLEISE AG AN IONAD NUA POBAIL, ROSMUC. - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai nach raibh aon airgead ar fail don obair seo i mbliana. Duirt an Comhairleoir O Morain gur thuig se go raibh airgead solaraithe do carr clos san ait seo agus mhol se chuid den airgead sin a usaid le h-aghaidh solas nua aibhleise a chur ar fail.

Councillor O Morain said that he was given to understand that there was money available for the carpark and he suggested that some of this be allocated to the provision of public lighting. Without lighting, the parking arrangements would be dangerous. He asked that his request be examined again.

558 - CARPARK AT CLONFERT CATHOLIC CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary said that the estimated cost of this work was £800 but there were no funds available in the Estimates for the work. In reply to Councillor Joyce, the County Engineer said that he would list the proposal for consideration in next year's Estimates.

559 - PROVISION OF RESERVOIR, ETC. IN EYRECOURT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this matter is being investigated and will be considered as a possible small sanitary scheme for 1981.

560 - ZEBRA CROSSING AT BALLINASLOE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that traffic management in Ballinasloe was a matter for the Ballinasloe Urban District Council and the County Council had no responsibility. Councillor Joyce said he had been advised that it was a matter for the County Council and he asked that the position be checked and a reply sent to him.

561 - EXTENSION OF KILCONNELL WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that connections could not be supplied by gravity from Kilconnell Reservoir and that Messrs. Dillon and Murphy are included in the New Inn No. 2 Group Scheme proposals. There was a storage tank and an electric pump in Mrs. Ward's Council house and it would be open to her to join the Group. Deputy Callanan said that because of Mrs. Ward's poor financial circumstances, it would be impossible for her to join the Group and the existing supply in the house was not working properly. He asked that the Council assist in having Mrs. Ward's house connected with the Group and Mr. Howlett said that this would be examined.

562 - WELL FOR RESIDENTS OF GRAIGUE, CALTRA. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The Acting Secretary stated that this application would be put on the list of wells for drilling and work would be done as soon as possible.

563 - REFUSE SERVICE FOR MR. FRANK BURKE, COLEMANSTOWN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The Acting Secretary stated that the refuse service does not operate in the immediate area of Mr. Burke's premises. The New Inn based truck travels on the Glentane-Gorteen Road and would have to travel at least 2½ miles each way (total 5 miles) to service Mr. Burke. There is no available capacity to grant the request and Mr. Burke's house could not be considered in isolation.

Councillor Kilgannon said that it should be possible to re-arrange the collection service so that no extra mileage would be involved in servicing Mr. Burke's house and he asked that this be considered.

564 - BRIDGE AT CORBALLY, CUMMER. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this bridge had been inspected on a number of occasions following complaints by a school mini-bus driver and some Councillors. There was no evidence of damage to the structure and no indication of any inordinate deflection on the deck, the railing, or the approach road. A continual check is being kept on its condition. Councillor Ruane said that he had several complaints about this bridge and there could be a serious accident if anything happened. He asked that the Council would keep a check on it.

565 - SURFACE-DRESSING OF CARNMORE-MONIVEA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that County Road 144 between Ballybane and Carnmore is to be surface-dressed during the current summer. There is no provision for continuing the work between Carnmore and Monivea this year but it will be considered for next year's surface dressing programme.

566 - CARPARK AT CARNMORE G.A.A. PARK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the normal situation relating to carparks such as this was that the landowners or Trustees dedicated the area to public use, level and surface with suitable material and the County Council would then blacktop and maintain the area.

Councillor Ruane said that what he was asking that the area be restored to the condition it was in before the laying of the watermain. He said that there was no objection to dedicating the area in question for public use. The County Engineer said that it appeared that from what Councillor Ruane had said that this area may have already been dedicated for public use and may have been surface-dressed by the Council and he would have the matter re-examined.

567 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the preliminary report on this scheme was received from the Consultants and was being examined.

Councillor F. Fahey asked when would the examination of the report be completed. The County Engineer stated that the scheme was somewhat complicated. There was an outfall point indicated which was acceptable but the route to the outfall was the problem. Councillor F. Fahey asked that every effort be made to expedite the scheme, and if possible, to proceed with the next stage as the position in Oranmore was very serious.

568 - GORT WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that an application for a Provisional Order to confirm the water supply proposal had been forwarded to the Department of the Environment. A Public Enquiry will be held. Some of the lands required for the scheme have to be acquired by Compulsory Purchase Order and the ownership of these lands is being checked in the Land Registry Office. In reply to Councillor F. Fahey, the Acting Secretary stated that the application for the Provisional Order was submitted in March 1979. Councillor F. Fahey said that it was strange that it was taking so long to hold the enquiry. Mr. Howlett stated that it was the practice in the Department that where an application for a Provisional Order for water rights was made and that it was also necessary to acquire lands by Compulsory Purchase Order for the same scheme that both enquiries would proceed together. The Council had the Compulsory Purchase Order ready and the Order would be made as soon as the ownership was clarified.

569 - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

Councillor F. Fahey said that the Council should do a Marketing job in getting tenants to purchase their houses under the Purchase Schemes. He said that it should be pointed out to the tenants the long-term saving in purchasing as against continuing to rent. He felt that if people were aware of the advantages that more of them would purchase. Mr. Howlett explained that full details of the Purchase Scheme is circulated to each tenant. The difference between the rent and the purchase annuity could be substantial and every tenant would not be able to afford to purchase. It would be wrong for the Council to go too far in advising tenants to purchase in case they would not be able to pay the annuity and they must be allowed to make up their own minds on it. Councillor O'Morain agreed generally with Councillor F. Fahey's proposal but he appreciated that the difference between the rent and annuity in some cases was substantial.

570 - CLEANING OF DRAINS AT MEELICK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a proposal had been submitted by a Mr. Kieran Lynch, of Mayour, Eyrecourt, to deepen these drains under a Farm Development Scheme. If Mr. Lynch does not proceed with the work, the Council will carry out maintenance work on the drains in the period September/October this year. It is not anticipated that the work will relieve the flooding which was evident on Mr. Birmingham's lands during the winter months as the flooding appears to be caused by overgrown downstream land drains. The Council's responsibility extends only to road drainage.

Councillor Brennan asked if anything could be done if a farmer did not clean drains going through his lands. The County Engineer said that there was nothing the County Council could do unless the road drain was flooded.

571 - SEIRBHIS BRIOGAIDE TOITEAIN I gCEATHRU RUA - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai go raibh plean Seirbhis tine ag an Comhairle Chontae ach ta costas an seirbhis ag meadu nios tapula na meid an teora ar an rata sa phunt. Ta teora leis an seirbhis is feidir a thabhairt. S'e a bhi beartuighthe na seirbhis don cheanntar seo a chur ar fail o Uachtarard. Ta deacracht freisin fir tine pairt aimsireach a fhosú agus iad a bheith ar fail nuair a bheadh gadh leo.

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council had a development plan for the Fire Service but the cost of maintaining the existing service was increasing at a faster pace than the rate limit increase each year, and therefore, it was difficult to expand the service. There is also a limit to the extent of the service which can be provided. It was intended to service this area from Oughterard. There is also a problem in recruiting part-time firemen in these areas who will be available when required.

Councillor O Conchubhair asked if a 100 metre hose could be made available and said that there would be no problem in getting volunteers to use it. Cllr. O'Morain said that the whole question of a fire service for Connemara needed to be examined. The County Manager said that he was uneasy about providing a first-aid type service as it could result in a delay in calling the fire brigade. He would ask the Chief Fire Officer to examine the position but he had to say that the Council could not expand the service at the present time because of the limited resources and in an area of low density, the service which had to be provided had to be limited.

572 - COSAN O SIOPA DONAL SEOIGHE GO DTI SEIPEAL AN MULLACH - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai nach raibh aon airgead leagtha amach le h-aghaidh le h-oibre seo i mbliana. Cosnochadh se timpeall £10,000 chun 1,000 meadar den obair seo a dheanamh.

573 - COMHTHAIRI BOTHER O CEIBH ROSSAMHIL - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai go gcuirfear comhthairi stop (202) suas san ait seo comh luath is feidir.

574 - TELEFON KIOSK I dTIR AN FHIA - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Foighil scríobh chuig Roinn Poist agus Telegrafa a iarraidh telefon kiosk a chur ar fail i dtír an Fhia. Socraíodh faoi seo.

575 - GRUP SCEIM UISCE LEIC/CRUIMINNE, LEITIR MOIR. - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai go raibh pleananna an sceim seo ceadaithe ag an Comhairle Chontae. Ar dtús, bhi an Comhairle ag iarraidh ar an grupa piopa 200 n.m. a chur síos chun feistiu le Sceim Reigiunach Costello ata beartaithe ach nil an Comhairle ag iarraidh e sin anois mar ní bheidh an sceim Reigiunach ag dul ar aghaidh go luath. Ta deontas speisialta £8,400 i gcoir teach caideal, caideal agus taiscumar ceadaithe ag an gcrúinniú seo inniu. Duirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil go raibh an sceim seo ceadaithe anois ag an Roinn Comhshaoil agus go raibh an Teastas curtha amach. Bhi iarratas curtha isteach chun ceadunas a fhail chun an bhothar a oscailt.

576 - GRUP SCEIM UISCE AN AILL BHUI, ROSMUC. - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai gur scríobh an Comhairle Chontae chuig an Roinn Comhshaoil i Samhain, 1979, go raibh siad sasta 4,000 gallúin uisce sa la a chur ar fail don ghrup seo ach nil aon plean den sceim curtha ar fail fos.

D'iarr an Comhairleoir O'Morain an feidir an uisce seo a thabhairt don grup gan cur isteach ar an daoine a raibh uisce acu faoi lathair.

Councillor O'Morain said that the Rosmuc supply was inadequate in the past. Mr. Howlett said that he was satisfied that the report was in order and approval would not have been given if the water were not available.

577 - SCHOOL TRANSPORT - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

Deputy Donnellan withdrew this motion.

578 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

It was agreed to defer motions numbered 39 and 40 to the July Meeting.

579 - DANGEROUS BEND AT WALSHE'S HOUSE, FARNANE, PETERSWELL. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that agreement had been reached with the landowner, and if funds allow, the work will be undertaken later in the year.

580 - SEWERAGE FACILITIES AT LOWER BALLYGADDY ROAD, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this proposal was considered as a small scheme for 1980. However, it was rejected on investigation as the cost would considerably exceed the limit of £30,000 on small schemes. A gravity system is not feasible and a collection system and pumping system would be required.

581 - TAKING OVER OF SERVICES AT CURRAGH PARK, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this Estate will be considered for inclusion in the next list of Housing Estates to be adopted for maintenance by the County Council. There is some dispute relating to ownership of some or all of the access or open space from the National Secondary Route to the Housing Estate, and legal advice is being obtained on the matter.

582 - SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the preliminary report for Stage 1 of the scheme, consisting of a new pumping station and treatment works, is being considered by the Department and an early decision is expected on the final proposals. A preliminary report for Stage 2, consisting of main gravity sewers, collecting sewer, and storm overflows, has been received and is being examined and will be submitted to the Department following agreement on Stage 1. Councillor Burke said that the lack of adequate sewerage facilities was presenting a real problem in Tuam and planning permissions were being refused on account of it. He asked if permissions could be given in view of the Council's proposals to extend the sewerage system. The County Manager said that this could not be done as there was no guarantee as to when the scheme might commence.

583 - BOVINION/BALLYDERNEY GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that this Group Scheme was allowed a supply of 2,700 gallons per day at present and the average daily consumption during the month of May was only 1,330 gallons and until the Group avails of their full allocation, there would seem to be no reason to consider increasing the quota. Senator Kitt said that the existing connections were only for domestic use and some people wanted agricultural connections. He also said that the pressure from the Mounthellew supply was poor. Senator Kitt was advised to ask the Group to submit full details of their requirements to the Council.

584 - HILLFORT VIEW HOUSING ESTATE, NEW INN. - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

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

585 - CLEANING OF KILTORMER VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the village would be cleaned and swept each week.

586 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

Councillor McCormack asked for written replies to his motions.

587 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Thomas Geoghegan, Tiernea, Lettermore, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Raftery, Lower Salthill, Galway.
Mrs. McDonagh, Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Joe Turnea, Kilkevrin, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Luke Mannion, Ballinastack, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
Mr. Mickey Gough, Beach View, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Mr. Vincent Fallon, Corragarry, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. John Dooley, Annagh, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Patricia Moloney, Upper Georges Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Toddie Byrne CHAIRMAN

29/7/80 DATE

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(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Rúnai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

21u Iúil, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 28u Iúil, 1980, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL

RÚNAI

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "Ar aon dul le cuid a ceathar de Acht na mBainisteoirí Condae agus Catharach, molaimid agus ordainn muid don Bhainisteoir cead a thabhairt do Shean O Conphaola teach a thogail i gCoill Saile, Cill Chiarain. - Iarrtais uimhir 35815."

Micheal O Morain. Nioclás O Conchubhair. 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 Michael McGrath, Frenchfort, Oranmore, for a dwellinghouse at Frenchfort. - Planning Ref. No. 35460.

Michael Fahy. Toddie Byrne. Edward Haverty.
 - (c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Joseph Kelly, Ballinaboy, Clifden. - Planning Ref. No. 36173.

Gerald 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 Planning Permission to Mr. Paraic O Flatharta, Crocnarow. - Planning Ref. No. 36212.

Gerald Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.
2. Minutes.
3. I.F.H.P. Congress - Jerusalem - 9th - 16th November, 1980. - Copy of Circular Letter from Department of Environment dated 9th July, 1980, herewith.
4. Raising of Loan of £25,000 - Water Extension to Oranmore - Stage 2.

5. Raising of Loan of £3,000,000 - Housing Loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act 1966.
6. Amenity Grants 1980 - Report herewith.
7. Sale of Housing Site at Athenry to Michael Fleming and Marian Breen. (Notice dated 7th July, 1980.)
8. Sale of houses to the following tenants:-
 Patricia Flannery, Coose, Whitegate.
 Michael Corless, Killaney, Dunmore.
 Gerard O'Neill, Caheroyan, Athenry.
 Sean Conneely, Spiddal East, Spiddal.
 Maria Connolly, Carrigeen, Craughwell.
 Annie Loughrey, Cappaghcon, Moyglass, Loughrea.
 (Notice dated 14th July, 1980).
9. Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council - August, 1980 - Resolutions to be submitted by 12th August, 1980.
10. Higher Education Grants Scheme 1980 - Draft Scheme and Minutes of Committee Meeting herewith.
11. Business submitted by County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

Adjourned from Previous Meeting

COUNCILLOR M. FAHY - I will propose:

12. That Galway County Council in future make payments of house loans as soon as the applicant has the blocklaying of the dwellinghouse erected.
13. That the Council give its plan to future Local Authority Housing Development in South Galway for 1981-'82.

SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITTE, CO.C. - I will propose:

14. That Galway County Council would sanction the turning-on of public lighting in Hillfort View housing estate, New Inn, Ballinasloe.

Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE & DEPUTY J. CALLANAN - We will propose:

15. That the road to Ambrose Farrell's house be allowed to be taken over under Notice of Motion as it is a continuation of a road already taken over by the Council.

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose:

16. That the Western Health Board be asked to form a Visiting Committee to St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe, comprised of Councillors from the Ballinasloe Electoral area, the South Roscommon Electoral area and Urban Councillors from the Ballinasloe Urban Council.
17. That the Council would co-operate with Mr. Furse Whyte, Ballymana, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe who is removing a large hill of gravel and sand at Kelly'sgrove, Ballinasloe, such co-operation would be to the Council's advantage because it would eliminate the danger at and near the Kellysgrove junction with little or no expense to the Council.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

18. Iarraim ar an gComhairle Contae an 6Op in aghaidh an mheadar ata gearrtha ar Grup Sceimeanna Uisce i gcoir aitchoiriu boithre a chur ar ceal.
19. Iarraim ar an gComhairle Contae airgead a chur ar fail do Sceimeanna "Essential Repairs".
20. Iarraim ar an gComhairle Contae £10,000 breise a chur ar fail do Grup Sceim na nOilean Leitir Meallain d'reir moladh an Roinn Comshaoil.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN: - Molaim:

21. Go mba cheart Kiosk Guthain a sholathar i Muighinnis.
22. Go mba cheart Sceim Shoillse an Chaisil a chur chun cinn.
23. Ba mhaith liom fhail amach oen staid a bhfuil droichead bhaile an Tobair.

COUNCILLORS F. FAHEY & TONY MURPHY: - We will propose:

24. That the Council take over, repair and maintain Tawin Pier, Maree, Oranmore.

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY: - I will propose:

25. That the Council ask Galway Corporation to consider the possibility of providing Roundabouts at Moneenageesha Cross.
26. That the road leading from Cloughnaceva, Gortstuckanagh and Carragh be called Circular Road.

DEPUTY J. CALLANAN: - I will propose:

27. That the Council take over the Esker (Banagher) Group Water Scheme.

SENATOR PAUL CONNAUGHTON: - I will propose:

28. That the Council provide a limited fire fighting service in Glenamaddy as a result of some very big fires that resulted in loss of life and property in the town.
29. That the Council provide a bored well for the provision of water for the people of Drinane, Ballygar (Hand Pump).

COUNCILLOR P. RUANE: - I will propose:

30. That the bad corner on the Lakeview/Gortatlewa Co. Road near Lakeview, Claregalway be widened to give a view to traffic.
31. That the loop road at the Ballybane end be repaired and surface dressed as it is in very bad repair since the sewerage scheme was carried out.

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

32. That a supply of water be made available to Cornamuckla Group Water Scheme from Ahascragh Water Supply.

DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA: I will propose:

33. That a public tap be provided at the Belclare Group Water Supply pumphouse at the crossroads and not 1½ miles down the road where it serves no purpose.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE: - I will propose:

34. That this Council do all that is necessary to ensure the smooth legal transfer of the houses to the tenants who have bought out their property.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:- I will ask:

35. Is it the intention of this Council to close down the Tonabrucky Quarry in the near future and for what reason.
36. That this Council prohibit the parking of temporary dwellings including tents, camps, caravans and mobile homes on road leading to Pier at Oughterard, Car park at Lemonfield and Road from Camp Street to Hill O Doon, also that signs be erected relating to above.

37. What is the position regarding the filters that were to be fitted to the intake on the supply to the Moycullen Water supply, the quality of the water is very bad at present.

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

38. That the Planning Law and Regulations take account of the area of intensive livestock production systems to prevent avoidable pollution and to prevent serious interference with living conditions for people living near such developments.
39. That the Department of Justice expedite legislation to control the growing incidence of under age alcoholic drinking.

COUNCILLOR M. FAHY: - I will propose:

40. That one-quarter mile of road be named Circular Road in the village of Cloughnacava Gort.

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

41. That an information booklet be prepared explaining the services of the Council.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

7th July 1980

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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

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 Co. Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder:

LAND

1 Site for house at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area as given hereunder:

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD: Site No.. Area of Plot

Michael Fleming (Jnr) & Marian Breen 47 .11 Acre
Quam Road, Castlegar.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
47	£2,900

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
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/701

14th. July, 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 Flannery, Coose South, Whitegate,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Coose, Whitegate, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Patricia Flannery of: Coose, Whitegate, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2391.

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. 63/4/606

14th. July, 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 & Bridget Corless, Killuney, Dunmore,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Killuney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael Corless of: Killuney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price, after making appropriate deductions is £2,015.

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. 63/6/1446

14th. July, 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:- Mrs. K. Smith, Corrib Terrace, Galway.

Location:- Caheroyan, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Gerard O'Neill of: Caheroyan, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6379.

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. 63/3/1403

14th. July, 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:- Sean Conneely, Spiddle West, Spiddle, Co. Galway.

Location:- Spiddle West, Spiddle, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Sean Conneely of: Spiddle West, Spiddle, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,343.

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. 63/5/1418

14th. July, 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:- Maria Connolly, Carrigeen, Craughwell,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Carrigeen, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Maria Connolly of: Carrigeen, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,608

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. 63/6/1201

14th. July, 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:- William Loughrey, Cappaghcon, Moyglass,
Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cappaghcon, Moyglass, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Annie Loughrey of: Cappaghcon, Moyglass, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4,010

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.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF HIGHER EDUCATION
GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON
WEDNESDAY, 16TH JULY, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Brennan.

ALSO PRESENT:

MEMBERS:

Michael F. Hogan, Fintan A. Coogan, Michael J. Kilgannon,
Riobard P. O h-Eili, Rev. Michael Carney, Sean Donnellan,
Tom Connolly, Seosamh C. De Burca, Pdraig O Conghaile,
Edward Haverty.

OFFICIALS:

Mr. K. Doyle, County Secretary, Mr. Tony Murphy, Senior
Staff Officer.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from:

Mrs. Whoriskey, Devon Park, Galway.

Fr. Kirby.

Mr. S. Cullinane, Principal, Vocational School, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The County Secretary gave an outline of the main features of the Scheme to Members, and he pointed out that amendments previously recommended by the Committee when considering the 1979 Scheme had not been implemented in the Draft Scheme which had been received from the Department of Education. He stated that the major change is that the Lecture Fee has been increased from £386.00 in 1979 to £448.00 in the 1980 Scheme. He stated that there was no change in the position as it existed in the 1979 Scheme whereby people within fifteen miles of the educational establishment could get only the 'adjacent' grant. He informed the Members also that in a number of cases where it was considered that hardship existed because of the lack of suitable Public Transport the Department of Education had refused consent during the year to payment of the non-adjacent grant for students who were between twelve and fifteen miles from University College, Galway.

It was proposed by Mr. Connolly and seconded by Mr. Donnellan that further representations be made to the Department of Education with a view to allowing the non-adjacent grant in certain cases of students within fifteen miles of the College where suitable Public Transport was not available.

Councillor Haverty stated that he did not agree with the £50 rateable valuation limit for eligibility and he also stated that the £1 rateable valuation equivalent of £125 cash income was too high. He pointed out that the figure used by the Department of Social Welfare when assessing means of applicants is £92.00 income for each £1.00 rateable valuation.

Councillor Kilgannon considered that the income limit of £6,100.00 is unrealistic as it would exclude many students whose parents are in the middle income group.

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan seconded by Councillor Kilgannon it was agreed that the National Council for Education Awards be asked to expedite the process in connection with the recognition of additional courses for the purpose of Higher Education Grants.

At the request of An t-Uas. O h-Eili it was agreed that the list of successful applicants for Higher Education Grants would be circulated to members of the Higher Education Grants Committee.

Following further discussion it was proposed by An t-Uas. O h-Eili and seconded by Councillor Kilgannon and resolved that the Draft Scheme for 1980 as circulated to Members, be approved.

Ar mholadh an Comharleoir O'Braonain gabh an coiste comhgairdeachas le Pdraig O Conghaile as ucht e a cheapadh mar chigire fe'n Roinn Oideachais. Cuireach crloch leis an gcuinniu le sin.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH JULY, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant
County Manager; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager;
T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; M. J. Dunne, County Engineer;
S. McMahon and M. Tierney, Chief Assistant County Engineers;
Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Miss C. Burke, Staff
Officer; Messrs B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning);
W. A Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); A. Murphy,
Senior Staff Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer;
and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

588 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Coogan, the Council extended its sincere sympathy to the relatives of Garda Byrne and Detective Sergeant Morley who recently lost their lives in dealing with a bank robbery in Ballagherreen, County Roscommon. The Council also adjourned the meeting for a short time as a mark of respect to the deceased gardai.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Michael Kelly, "Andy Kelly's Cross", Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Mr. Edward Hayes, Power's Cross, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe.

Mrs. Hanniffy & Family, Ballinacourty Hill, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Bridget Dooley, Annagh, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

589 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35815 - SEAN O CONFHAOLA:

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

"LOCATION/BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located at Kylesalia, approximately 1½ miles east of Cill Ciarain. The proposed site is located on the seaward side of the main road in an area of open bogland landscape where it is an objective of the 1979 County Development Plan to preserve views and prospects of Special Amenity Value (Map No. M.6). This area is classified as an Area of High Amenity by Map No. M.5 of the 1979 County Development Plan.

PREVIOUS APPLICATION

There was one previous application on this site (planning reference no. 34385) which was refused by the Planning Authority because the proposed house would be visually obtrusive to views across Cill Ciarain Bay to Leitir Moir. An Taisce objected to the proposed house on the grounds that the development would interfere with the view of the sea from the public road.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

(a) The applicant Sean O Confhaola has made a second family claim in this application. He is living in England and states that he wishes to return home. He states that this land has been given to him by his uncle. The Planning Authority has requested the applicant to resubmit a planning application for a house to the north of the main road on his uncle's holding. However, Mr. O Confhaola has refused to do so.

(b) The proposed development is located along a stretch of road where there is no housing between the said road and the sea. This road offers panoramic views of Cill Ciarain Bay, across a stretch of open rugged landscape. The proposed development would interfere with the panoramic views, of the sea and therefore, detract from the visual amenities of the area. Moreover, a grant of permission in this case would be a very difficult precedent for the Planning Authority and could lead to a build up of ribbon development along this existing open stretch of road.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper Planning and Development of the area because it would detract from the visual amenities of the area by reason of being visually obtrusive between the main road and the sea, and because it would interfere with existing scenic views across Cill Ciarain Bay to Leitir Moir."

Councillor O'Morain stated that to grant Permission in this case would not be creating a precedent and would not be interfering with a view towards Leitir Moir.

The County Manager stated that the report deals with a stretch of road about a quarter of a mile in length where it is the objective in the development Plan to maintain it free of development.

Councillor O Morain stated that this area consists mainly of rock; it is not a scenic area, and is not overlooking any bay. He stated that the sea is between 1 and 1½ miles from the site which is not overlooking the sea, and he stated also that the site is under road level.

The County Manager stated that the house on this site would interfere with the view of the sea.

Councillor O'Morain, referring to the question of an alternative site on the north side of the road stated that another nephew of the owner had been given a site on the north side of the road and that this was not available to the applicant. Regarding the designation of the area, he stated that Members did not fully appreciate what was involved when the Plan was being adopted and that the provisions of the Plan in relation to the amenity areas in Connemara should now be reviewed.

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

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil go raibh se ag tacu leis an moladh.

Councillor O Foighil also stated that he had always contended that the argument of a high amenity area should not be used and a review should now take place as to what is scenic and what is not. He stated that he has sympathy with a man trying to build a house for himself on his return from England.

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

590 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 35460 - MICHAEL McGRATH:

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that as arranged at a previous meeting, two Members of the Council together with officials of the Council had met Mr. McGrath on the site, but following discussions, had not arrived at any ^{FORMULA} which might resolve Mr. McGrath's problem. He expressed regret that the Council could not suggest any compromise which would help Mr. McGrath. He stated that this was the only site available to the applicant who needed a house as he is getting married. He stated that the Council had not made any offer of compensation to Mr. McGrath.

Councillor Haverty seconded Councillor M. Fahy's proposal.

The County Manager submitted the following report on a site meeting held on the 9th July, 1980, with the applicant and Councillors:

"Those in attendance were:

Mr. Michael McGrath, applicant.
Mr. Patrick McGrath, applicant's brother.
Councillors E. Haverty and M. Fahy.
Mr. J. Kinneen, Transportation Study.
Mr. W. Cahill, Planning Officer.

Mr. Kinneen set out the extremities of the roadway at the location of its proposed crossing of the Frenchfort road and further indicated that the level of the new road would be approximately 19'.0 over the level of existing roadway. This information would, of course, be subject to a detailed survey which has yet to be carried out.

The proposed site was totally within the proposed extremities of the new roadway, and on the suggestion of Councillor F. Fahy to move the site to the northern corner of the seven acre field, Mr. Michael McGrath and Mr. Patrick McGrath said that this would not be done, as the site in question was the only land to be given to Mr. Michael McGrath on the settlement of their late father's will, and could not be varied to any alternate site.

The possibility of siting Mr. McGrath's house at the northern corner of the Frenchfort road frontage, directly adjacent to an existing house is a marginal possibility but it would be directly beside the side slope of the new road.

A house on this site would be approximately 19 feet under the level of the new road and directly adjacent to it and could not be considered a desirable location for residential purposes.

As a result of this disclosure a discussion followed, and Mr. Michael McGrath was asked to reconsider his position with a view to the Council purchasing the site which would allow him to purchase an alternate site elsewhere. He did not agree to this.

Councillors Haverty and Fahy then had private discussions with the McGrath brothers and agreed to let the Planning Authority know what was decided a reasonable time prior to the next Council Meeting.

The meeting terminated at 4.00 p.m."

He stated that the matter had been explained fully to the Council at the last meeting and he reminded Members that the Council had incurred expenditure of over £20,000 on the preparation of a Transportation Study for this area. One recommendation was that the land should be reserved for the line of roadway recommended in the Study. It was not possible now to make a final decision on the actual route of the road or to say how exactly the applicant in this case would be affected by the route ultimately until such time as a decision is made on the line of the road. In the meantime, he stated that it is of vital importance and in the interests of proper planning and development of the area that this land should be reserved. He pointed out

that it may be necessary to buy this site eventually and it is important that the Council did not enhance the value of it by passing the resolution now to the effect that Planning Permission should be given. He stated that if the resolution is passed, he would have the unpleasant duty imposed on him by law to warn of the possibility that the passing of such a resolution could result in a loss to public funds and that he would have to have a vote recorded with the names of those voting for the resolution recorded. If ultimately, the Auditor decided that as a result of this resolution, a loss incurred to public funds, he might decide that the Members voting for it should be held liable. He pointed out that he did not like having to issue such warnings to Members but he had a statutory duty to do so. He considered that it would take from eight to twelve months before final information on the actual route of the road would be known. He stated also that the Planning Acts make provision for cases such as this where the necessity to refuse Permission arises from the obligation of carrying out objectives in the Plan. He pointed out that it is not for the County Council to advise the applicant and he considered that he should get legal advice regarding the remedies in which the Planning Acts provide for him. On refusal of his application, certain procedures could then be put in train by him which would give him certain rights against the County Council if it refused his application. He emphasised that the Council was not wronging the applicant and that the Act envisages a situation such as this arising and makes provision for it. He reminded Members that they must consider the application solely on the basis of the proper Planning and Development of the area.

Senator Connaughton asked if the compensation provisions would ensure that the applicant would not have to incur any additional cost in getting an alternative site.

The County Manager pointed out that the Act, for instance, provides for service of a purchase notice and he did not want the County Council Members to feel that they are entitled to deal with this application except on the basis of the proper Planning and Development of the area.

Replying to Councillor J. Burke, the County Manager stated that with regard to the question of compensation, etc., he would prefer to follow the procedures in the Planning Acts. The County Manager again referred to the fact that the new road would be approximately 19' over the level of the existing roadway near the site and that to this extent, any other location on the site might not be very attractive to Mr. McGrath. He again recommended that Mr. McGrath should get legal advice on his position. He pointed out that if Permission were now to be given to Mr. McGrath and he built the house and eventually it was found that the roadway would have to be constructed along the area where the house would be built, the Council would have to proceed for Compulsory acquisition of the house and for its demolition.

The Chairman stated that he had certain sympathy with the applicant but he pointed out that the reality of the situation is that the site is on the route of where the road is likely to go. He considered that the applicant should get a site elsewhere and he asked the County Manager, arising out of the discussion on purchase notice, whether the applicant could have an alternative site at no extra cost.

The County Manager stated that he was dealing only with the site which is the subject of the Planning application and he again pointed out that the Act makes provision for cases such as Mr. McGrath's if the application is refused.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the site would now have only an agricultural value if permission is refused whereas the man would have to buy a site on the basis of the value of a site with permission. He considered that it is ludicrous to pursue the question of building on this site both from the view of the County Council and of the applicant.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that the price, if necessary, can be fixed by Arbitration and it is open to the Arbitrator to consider all relevant factors and that it is open to the applicant to make the best case which he can setting out how adversely he would be affected by a refusal. He stated that he did not know what factors the Arbitrator would

take into account in fixing a price but he pointed out that recently an Arbitrator awarded £25,000 per acre in the vicinity of Galway City where Planning Permission was refused by Galway Corporation.

The County Manager stated that the question of compensation was not relevant to the matter before the Council and that separate provision has been made by law for the question of compensation. He pointed out that the Council at the moment is confined to considering the proper planning and development of the area in dealing with this application.

The Council's Law Agent, Mr. O'Donoghue, stated that there are many provisions in the Planning Act on the question of compensation and since he did not know what case the applicant could make and what proofs he would submit to an Arbitrator, he could not give any indication on the amount of compensation. The applicant should be advised by his own solicitor on this matter. He outlined in general the provisions in the Act on the question of compensation and on the possibility of subsequent purchase.

The Chairman stated that the Council should not pass the resolution just for the sake of passing it and he pointed out that if the resolution is passed and Permission is granted, the applicant is likely to be faced with Compulsory Purchase proceedings in a short time. He felt that the applicant should avail of the provisions in the Act for compensation or for purchase.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be refused.

Councillor T. Murphy ^{proposed} and Councillor Joyce seconded that four Councillors would now discuss the matter with the applicant who was available for discussion and would report back to the Council in a short time at this meeting, on the possibility of reaching a satisfactory formula.

Following a discussion with the applicant and some Members of the Council, Councillor M. Fahy reported that they had agreed that the Section 4 resolution would be delayed until the 31st December to give time to the Council to come forward with a design for the road. He stated that if the design were not completed by the 31st December next, the Council would then press ahead with a Section 4 resolution.

The County Manager pointed out that this would need a new application as further extensions of time cannot be granted on the present one and that a decision had to be made not later than the 29th July.

Replying to queries by Members of the Council, the County Manager stated that he could not give any guarantee with regard to the date on which the Road Design would be completed.

The Chairman stated that he agreed with the approach being made by the applicant and he considered it reasonable to adjourn the matter for five months until the 31st December by which time he thought that the road design should be available.

Councillor F. Fahey proposed that the decision should also include an undertaking by the Council to proceed to buy the remainder of the land in the vicinity so that the applicant would have the benefit of the basis of the value of the site with Planning Permission.

The County Manager stated that once the Road Design is decided, it is the Council's intention to buy the land as soon as possible. He stated that the application would now be refused and while he could not give any guarantee about times, the Council would act reasonably in all circumstances.

The Resolution under Section 4 was not put to the Meeting.

591 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36173 - APPLICANT: JOSEPH KELLY, BALLINABOY, CLIFDEN:

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

"LOCATION/BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located at Ballinaboy, approximately 2½ miles south of Clifden and 3½ miles north of Ballyconneely. The proposed site is located on a minor road beside the sea, which leads out to Errislannan peninsula. This area is classified by Map No. M.5 of the 1979 County Development Plan as an Area of High Amenity.

There are no previous applications on this site. Permission has been refused on two occasions on an adjacent site to a Dr. John Burke and a Mr. Tom Burke respectively. (Planning Ref. Nos. 35404 and 36233).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- (a) The proposed house, located on an elevated site, would detract from the visual amenities of this area of high amenity which has a very high scenic character. There is high pressure for housing development in this area, which, if permitted would destroy the existing visual amenities.
- (b) The proposed development would be contrary to the Planning Authority's policy of restricting development in this area solely to local housing need which must be satisfied on family farm holdings in the area. This applicant lives in Clifden and has no local housing need which must be satisfied on this vulnerable site in this scenic area. He has made no second family claim and he is not a member of the farm holder's family. Mr. Feeney, the farmholder, is offering to sell the applicant this site. It seems that Mr. Feeney is attempting to sell off much of his holding as sites because he also attempted to sell the adjacent site, on which permission already has been refused.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed development would be contrary to the proper Planning and Development of the area because it would contribute to an undue concentration of development along the lower Errislannin road and it would detract from the scenic amenities of this area of high amenity (as classified by the 1979 County Development Plan) because it would be located on an elevated site and where such development has already eroded the open rugged character of this area.
- (2) The proposed development would be contrary to the proper Planning and Development of the area as the proposed development does not come within the categories of essential housing need to which permission is normally restricted in an area of high amenity by Map No. M.5 of the 1979 County Development Plan."

Councillor Bartley stated that there is a heavy demand in the area for housing sites and that most sites in the area are classified as in high amenity areas. He said that this applicant was a technician in the Post Office and was looking for a site for a long time. He realised that the site is in a high amenity area but he pointed out that the man wants to get married and wants a house of his own. He said that most sites which he tried to purchase would cost £3,000-£4,000. He proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Welby.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused.

As there was no seconder for Councillor Burke's proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

592 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36212 - PARAIC O FLATHARTA, CROCNARAW:

The County Manager stated that a request for further information had been sent out in this case and that when the necessary information is received, the resolution will be brought back on the Agenda for consideration by the Council.

593 - CLOSING OF TYNAGH MINES:

The Chairman stated that he had given permission to Senator Connaughton and Councillor U. Burke to raise certain matters concerning the proposed closing of Tynagh Mine.

Councillor Burke stated that the Tynagh Mine would be closed in the very near future and he asked that the owners of the property would take precautions to prevent a dangerous body of water which would lead to pollution of polluting rivers or adjoining lands. He said that landscaping measures being taken did not stabilise the movement of land and have proved unsatisfactory for people downwind who are affected by the dust. He asked that the Council would demand the utmost safety precautions from poisoning arising from the presence of lead and that the question of finance should not influence the Council in insisting that adequate protection be provided. He stated that there is a large body of water on the site which has a high concentration of cyanide and he asked that every measure would be taken, including getting the assistance of the Water Pollution Council to ensure that this does not pollute adjoining rivers or lands.

Senator Connaughton stated that this is a potential danger, and that while it had been reasonably well contained during the operation of the Mine, he felt that steps should be taken to ensure that when the operations of the Mine cease it does not become the cause of the source of pollution. He said that there is a very large area of 200 acres of a lagoon which contains cyanide. He considered it may be difficult for the Council when the developers leave the area and that it is urgent that the matter be dealt with now.

Deputy Callanan, supporting Councillor U. Burke and Senator Connaughton, stated that the Mine operators did a reasonable job while they were working there, but that it might be difficult if the problem had not been properly dealt with before they leave.

The County Manager stated that the Council has been in touch with the authorities there regarding pollution and dangerous structures. The matter of the stability of certain shafts has been discussed with them and also the environmental dangers.

He stated that discussions have also taken place between the Council's Environmental Engineer and the authorities in Tynagh regarding the tailings lagoon which is at present being used by Milchem. The Council has suggested that the Tynagh Mining Company be held responsible even though it is operated by Milchem. He pointed out that some of the activities in Tynagh predated the Planning Acts but that the Council is now concerned and is examining the situation about pollution and similar problems. He stated that the Council's Engineer will be reporting back to him when his discussions with the Mining Authorities are completed. Replying to Deputy Callanan, he stated that it is unlikely that other areas even in other countries experience problems which would be exactly similar to the conditions prevailing in Tynagh.

The Chairman stated that the Council should await the report of its Engineer on the matter.

594 - MINUTES:

Deputy Callanan referred to the discussion regarding funds for bog roads referred to in page 8 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the 30th June, 1980, and stated that he was not quoted accurately in the relevant Minute. He stated that he was referring to the question of the availability of the sum of £600,000 in the current year from the Department of Energy for bog roads and that he was not referring to proposals which might be made in the future.

The Chairman suggested that the words "for the current year" should be added after the entry of the sum of £600,000 on the fifth line of page 8, and this was agreed.

Councillor Welby stated that the Minutes did not record that he made a proposal that the County Manager would make available to the Council a copy of the submission made to Senior Council and of the Opinion received in the case of Mr. Edward Kelly.

The Chairman stated that he did not accept the proposal and he gave no reason for not accepting it. He pointed out that under Standing Orders, only the accuracy of the Minutes can be questioned and that he could not accept a motion on them.

Councillor Welby asked that it be now included in the Minutes that he made this request.

The Chairman stated that if Councillor Welby wished, he could put a motion down for the next meeting on the matter.

On the proposition of Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the Minutes of meetings held on the 23rd June (Annual and Monthly), and on the 30th June, 1980, (numbers 523 - 587, inclusive), were approved subject to the above amendments and were signed by the Chairman.

595 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS IN JERUSALEM - 9TH-16TH NOVEMBER, 1980:

Letter dated 9th July, 1980, from the Department of the Environment, copy of which had been circulated to each Member in connection with this Conference, was submitted.

Councillor Coogan asked what decision had been made by Galway Corporation. Councillor M. O'Higgins stated that no decision would be taken on the matter until the September Meeting.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that a preliminary decision to send delegates to this Conference had been made at the Meeting in Carraroe and that in the meantime, many comments had been made about it. He considered that any further information which Members might obtain on the matter of housing which is a problem with all Councils, would be worthwhile, and he proposed that the Council would stand by its decision to send four Members.

The Chairman stated that the Minister's letter is a recommendation only.

Councillor M. D. Higgins stated that he agreed that such Conferences are useful but that he had proposed that in the financial stringency of the present year, the Council should not send delegates. He considered that this one might not be the most useful of Conferences and that in any event, they were often badly organised. He felt that they were conferences more for professional planners than for elected Members. He felt that because of cuts in the finances for essential services, the Council should agree with the Minister's recommendation.

Deputy Callanan and Councillor Haverty supported Councillor Kilgannon's proposal that the Council send four delegates.

Councillor Haverty seconded Councillor Kilgannon's proposal.

This proposal was agreed.

The County Manager stated that he had received notification of a National Housing and Planning Conference and Exhibition at Brighton on the 28th - 30th October, 1980. It was decided to defer consideration of this to the next meeting.

596 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £25,000 - WATER EXTENSION TO ORANMORE - STAGE 2:

The County Manager stated that a supplementary loan of £25,000 was required to complete the construction of the water extension to Oranmore - Stage 2. The loan was required mainly to cover the inordinate increase in the cost of Asbestos cement pressure pipes.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a Supplementary Loan of £25,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the water extension to Oranmore - Stage 2, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

597 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £3 MILLION FOR HOUSING LOANS:

The County Manager advised the Council that it was necessary to make an application for a loan of £3 million for Housing Loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966. He said the balance on the existing loan was considered sufficient to cover loan advances in 1980 and the £3 million loan was required for 1981.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3 million from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of Housing Loans under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, the loan to be repaid over a 25 year period at such interest as may be approved by the Minister."

In reply to Deputy Donnellan and Senator Connaughton, Mr. Howlett stated that notification had not yet been received from the Department of the Environment of the Housing Loan allocation for the second half of the year.

598 - AMENITY GRANTS, 1980:

The County Manager stated that there was a sum of £10,000 provided in the current year's Estimates for Amenity Grants and full details of the applications received and the projects recommended for grants had been circulated to each Member.

Councillor F. Fahey proposed that the Council accept the recommendations of the County Manager and this was agreed to. Councillor O'Morain said that few grants were recommended for West Galway. The list of projects approved for grants was as follows:-

Applicant Body	Amount
St. Colman's Park Development Committee, Gort.	£200
Killiererin Community Committee	£200
Eyrecourt Community Council	£500
Ardrahan Parish Hall Committee	£400
Joe Cooley Memorial Hall Committee, Peterswell	£800
Casltetpark Development Committee, Peterswell	£200
Glenamaddy Community Council	£250
Gurteen Sportsfield Committee	£400
Cartoon Hall Committee	£400
Moycullen Community Council	£400

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Shannonside Community Group, Woodford	£600
Lought Lake Development Association, Moylough.	£200
Headford Sports Complex Council	£500
New Inn Community Council	£100
Kinvara Community Council	£750
Twelve Pins Community Committee, Letterfrack.	£400
Catholic Boy Scouts of Ireland, Tuam.	£800
Killimordaly Community Council	£500
Cloughanower Social Club	£400
Kiltormer Parish Committee	£300
Leenane Development Association	£750
Claran Development Association	£100
Newbridge Sportsfield Committee	£300
Mountbellew Development Association	£300
Kilbeacanty Sportsfield Committee	£250

£10,000

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599 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY - NOTICE DATED 7TH JULY, 1980:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Senator Connaughton, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of housing site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Michael Fleming (Jnr.) and Marian Breen on the terms set out in Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which was circulated to each Member of the Council on the 7th July, 1980."

600 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Senator Kitt, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale to the following tenants of the houses which they occupy on the terms set out in Notices dated 14th July, 1980, circulated to each Member of the Council under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978;

Patricia Flannery, Coose, Whitegate.
Michael Corless, Killuney, Dunmore.
Gerard O'Neill, Caheroyan, Athenry.
Sean Conneely, Spiddal East, Spiddal.
Maria Connolly, Carrigeon, Craughwell.
Annie Loughrey, Cappaghcon, Moyglass, Loughrea.

601 - ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - AUGUST, 1980:

Councillor Kilgannon referred to his two motions numbered 38 and 39 on the Agenda and said that he had submitted these with the intention of forwarding them for consideration at the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council. It was agreed to forward the two motions to the County Councils' General Council.

602 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1980:

The County Manager referred to the draft scheme for Higher Education Grants which had been circulated to each Member of the Council and stated that the scheme had been drafted in accordance with the requirements of the Minister for Education.

Councillor Kilgannon said that there seemed to be little point in recommending amendments as amendments proposed last year were not approved. He said that many students, for whom the scheme is intended, are not in fact eligible to apply.

Senator Kitt recommended that in the case of valuations, the Council should accept incomes based on an accounts system in accordance with the option available for income tax purposes for farmers.

The Draft Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1980, as circulated, was approved.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

603 - REBROADCASTING OF B.B.C. AND I.T.V. IN SINGLE CHANNEL AREAS:

The County Manager read a reply dated 21st July, 1980, from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in connection with the Council's request that the proposal to rebroadcast B.B.C. and I.T.V. in single channel areas be re-examined.

Councillor F. Fahey said that the Department's reply referred to the licensing of multi-channel cable systems which was not what the Council had proposed. He asked that the Council's request for the rebroadcasting of B.B.C. and I.T.V. in single channel areas be referred back to the Department and this was agreed.

604 - LETTER FROM THE VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF STATE:

The County Manager read a letter dated 25th June, 1980, from the Vatican Secretariat of State acknowledging the copy of O Flaherty's Iar Chonnacht presented by Galway County Council to Pope John Paul 11 on his visit to Ireland.

604 - FOOTBRIDGE AT MUICENAHIGHERHASHAILE:

The County Manager reported to the Meeting that it had been brought to his attention that a footbridge at Muicenaigherhashaile had collapsed during the previous week. He had received a verbal report on the matter from the County Engineer which stated that the bridge had not been constructed by the County Council and it was not maintained by them. It was not on a public road but a public road did go to a point approximately 100 yards from the bridge. The County Manager said that if a new bridge was to be built, it should be suitable for vehicular traffic. He said that if the Council agreed, he would examine the question of the Council designing and building a new bridge on condition that a grant would be made available from Roinn na Gaeltachta for the full cost of the work. The public road would also have to be extended to provide approaches to the bridge. An estimate of the cost was not yet available.

Councillor O Foighil said that luckily no lives were lost when the bridge collapsed and he proposed that the County Manager's recommendation be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor Coogan. Deputy Donnellan and Councillor O'Morain also supported the proposal. Councillor O Conchubhair said that he understood that finance would be made available for a new bridge. He said that there may be difficulties as regards ownership of the necessary land for the bridge and he asked that every effort would be made to expedite the construction of the new bridge. The County Manager's recommendation was approved and it was decided to ask Roinn na Gaeltachta for a grant for the full cost of the work.

605 - 1963 AND 1976 PLANNING ACTS:

Councillor Welby referred to the Section of the 1963 Local Government (Planning and Development) Act which had been circulated and mentioned that part of this may have been amended by the 1976 Act. He asked that a copy of the relevant sections of the 1976 Act be circulated and this was agreed.

606 - ISLANDS RIVER:

Councillor Finnegan said that he understood that a letter from the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee had been sent to Galway County Council regarding a meeting of representatives of Galway and Roscommon County Councils on the question of the Islands River.

The Acting Secretary confirmed that such a letter was received. Senator Connaughton said that it would be a good idea to have a joint meeting of Councillors, officials, and the County Managers of both Counties in order that a number of points could be clarified for once and for all. He said it had never been clarified whether in fact Roscommon had a scheme prepared. He proposed that a joint meeting be arranged. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Finnegan who said that a joint meeting was necessary to clear a lot of confusion which had arisen.

The County Manager said that he did not see any advantage in having a joint meeting and he had to be guided by the advice of his own engineers. He said that Roscommon had never reached the stage where a scheme had been decided upon. However, if a deputation wanted to come to discuss the matter, he saw no objection to it. Senator Kitt agreed that it would be desirable to have a meeting and said that he understood that some arrangement was made previously for such a meeting. Deputy Callanan also agreed that a joint meeting would be desirable and said that he would like to ask representatives from Roscommon about flooding downstream. Councillor Kilgannon said that Roscommon should be asked to forward details of their scheme if they have one. After further discussion, it was agreed that the Council would meet representatives from Roscommon. Councillor Finnegan said that the meeting could, if necessary, take place in Tuam.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

On a show of hands, it was decided to continue with the Agenda.

607 - INSTALMENTS OF HOUSING LOANS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the present loans are paid in two instalments, the first instalment being payable when the outer walls and roof are completed. This is the standard practice of local authorities in general. In cases of hardship, the Council is prepared to pay an instalment before this time where a reasonable amount of work has been carried out. However, before any money can be paid, the applicant has to have his title in order and the Council's experience is that in the majority of cases, the work of putting the title in order is what causes the delay. Councillor M. Fahy said that an instalment should be paid as soon as the applicant has the block laying completed and that this would relieve the applicant of the very heavy financial burden which they have to endure during the construction of the house.

Mr. Howlett said that the position generally was that it was not even possible to pay the first instalment when the houses were roofed because title was not in order and he did not see any advantage in the motion. Councillor F. Fahey said that paying an extra loan instalment in cases of hardship only might not be satisfactory and he would prefer a more straight forward rule such as suggested by Councillor M. Fahy. Councillor Kilgannon said that he had raised this question before and it was most important that loan applicants should be advised at the earliest possible date of the importance of having their title in order.

In reply to further questions, the Assistant County Manager emphasised the delays in payment of loan instalment were normally caused by the fact that the applicant's titles were not in order. The scheme allowed for certain flexibility and this would be exercised where it was warranted.

608 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING IN SOUTH GALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that consultations with the Department of the Environment had taken place recently regarding an extra allocation for the current year's housing construction programme. Until the Council knows the extent of this allocation, next year's programme cannot be determined. The Council's proposals for South Galway are as follows:

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>No. of houses</u>	<u>Present Position</u>
Clarinbridge	12	At Tender stage
Loughrea	12	At Tender stage
Portumna	10	At Tender stage
Ardrahan	6	Land acquired
Woodford	-	2½ acres acquired, layout being prepared.
Killimor	-	Purchase of 3 acres being negotiated.
Gort	-	Purchase of land being negotiated.

Councillor M. Fahy said that no local authority houses had been provided in places like Ardrahan and Craughwell. He said that there was a need for local authority housing in those places and in Gort, Clarinbridge, and Kinvara, where there were young populations.

609 - ROAD AT CLOUGHNACAVE, GORTSTUCKANAGH AND CARRAGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

Councillor F. Fahey proposed and Councillor M. Fahy seconded that the road leading from Cloughnacave, Gortstuckanagh and Carragh be called "Circular Road". The County Manager said that whatever decision the Council made on this matter would have no legal significance and it would only be an informal agreement. The Chairman declared the motion carried.

610 - HILLFORT VIEW HOUSING ESTATE, NEW INN. - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that no request had been received to take in charge the services which includes the public lighting in this estate of approximately 6 houses. The matter will now be examined.

611 - CORNAMUCKLA GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that a supply of water cannot be made available for this Group Water Scheme at present. When Ballyglass Group Scheme is connected, the position of making 9,000 gallons per day available for this Group will be reviewed, this would be in 1981.

Senator Kitt said that the Group was considering another source and he asked that information be given as soon as possible as to whether water would be available for the Group from the Ahascragh supply.

612 - ROAD TO AMBROSE FARRELL'S HOUSE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE AND DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road leading to Mr. A. Farrell's house was adopted from its junction with County Road 526 to the gate leading to Mr. Farrell's house under N.O.M. 105, second list, 1977. Mr. Farrell subsequently removed the gate at the head of his private avenue and it is the remaining portion, approximately 100 metres leading to his house, which the Council is now being asked to take over. The road does not qualify for adoption under N.O.M. as Mr. Farrell is the only beneficial user. Deputy Callanan said that this was a complete change of policy as it was possible to do these roads in the past. Deputy Callanan said that he understood that once the gates were taken down and the road declared public, that there was a public right-of-way there. The county Manager said that this was not so. He said that the question of a public right-of-way was a question of fact, and before a road could be considered for declaration as a public road, a public right-of-way had to exist over it. The road had to be also of general public utility. Councillor Kilgannon said that the owner had given a public right-of-way over the road and his understanding was that a road could be taken over until the last house is served.

The County Engineer said that the two requirements laid down in the law were that the road had to be of general public utility and a public right-of-way had to exist over it, and a road leading to one house only could not be regarded as of general public utility, and therefore, the road could not be taken over.

613 - VISITING COMMITTEE, ST. BRIDGET'S HOSPITAL, BALLINASLOE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Councillor F. Fahey moved this motion and asked that it be forwarded to the Western Health Board and Ballinasloe Urban District Council. This was agreed.

614 - JUNCTION AT KELLYSGROVE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Councillor F. Fahey moved this motion. The Acting Secretary stated that the County Council will consult with Mr. F. Whyte, Ballymana, when the gravel has been removed.

615 - MOTIONS FROM AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

These motions were deferred to the next meeting.

616 - TAWIN PIER - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLORS F. FAHEY AND T. MURPHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a search in the Land Registry had established that the access way to the pier and the pier itself are in private ownership and the County Council has no responsibility for repair or maintenance of the road or pier. The cost of blacktopping the access road is estimated at £1,800 and of repairing the pier at £2,500, and such costs would have to be assessed in relation to the benefits to the ^{Tawin} area as it is not clear that there is any intensive use being made of the pier. There is no provision in the current year's Estimates for this expenditure.

617 - ROUNDBOUT AT MONEENAGUISHA CROSS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

Councillor F. Fahey said that he proposed a similar motion in the past and he also wanted to include a request for a roundabout at Cemetery Cross. He said that the traffic at these junctions had now become chaotic and something had to be done to improve the situation. He was satisfied that enough land was available at both junctions for a roundabout, and he asked that the Corporation give serious consideration to the proposals.

Councillor O'Morain supported Councillor F. Fahey and also referred to the junction of College Road with Lough Atalia Road. Councillor Welby also supported the motion and it was agreed to forward same to the Corporation.

618 - ESKER GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that an application to take over this Group Water Scheme, signed by 27 Members, was received in April, 1980. The Council was informing the Group of the necessary steps to be taken, and if everything was in order, the scheme would be taken over.

619 - KIOSK GUTHAIN I MUIGHINNIS - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Mhol an Comhairleoir O Morain kiosk guthain a sholathar i Muighinnis. Socraíodh go gcuirfi an iarratas chuig an Roinn Poist agus Telegrafa.

620 - SCEIM SOILLSE I gCAISIL - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai nach raibh aon airgead ins na Meastachan 1980 le h-aghaidh soillsi poiblí nua.

621 - DROICHEAD AG BAILE AN TOBAR - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

The Acting Secretary stated that a report was not yet available on this motion. The County Engineer asked for details of the exact location. A report will be available at the next meeting.

622 - FIRE SERVICE IN GLENAMADDY - MOTION BY SENATOR CONNAUGHTON:

The Acting Secretary stated that the extension of the Fire Service was related to the availability of finance. No additional funds are available this year to extend the fire service. The Council already provides a limited fire service under the control of Mr. G. L. Garvey. Senator Connaughton said that all that was required was a small amount of equipment and training in its use. Councillor Finnegan supported Senator Connaughton.

The County Manager said that a regular fire unit for Glenamaddy could not be provided and a first aid service could be potentially dangerous as it could build up a false sense of security, and in the event of a fire, somebody might fail to notify the fire brigade which would be the proper thing to do. Councillor J. Burke said that Glenamaddy was a village which was well organised with a Community Council and it should be possible to have sufficient people trained.

Councillor O Conchubhair said that the same position applied to Carraroe, and that a limited amount of equipment should be supplied to these villages subject to the condition, however, that in the event of a fire occurring, the fire brigade would be notified immediately.

The County Manager said that there was no finance available this year for any extra equipment and the matter would be reviewed again.

623 - BORED WELL AT DRINANE - MOTION BY SENATOR CONNAUGHTON:

The Acting Secretary stated that the provision of a bored well at Drinaun is included in this year's programme.

624 - TRANSFER OF COUNCIL HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that all the necessary steps are being taken by the Council to have its houses transferred to tenant purchasers as quickly as possible. If there are any particular cases which Councillor Burke is referring to, these would be looked at if he supplied the necessary particulars.

Councillor Burke said that he was referring to the houses at St. Joseph's Park, Tuam. Mr. Howlett stated that there was a title difficulty with these houses and the Council's Solicitor was putting the matter in order.

625 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that Tonabrocky Quarry closed temporarily on the 25th July, 1980, because of the fact that there was no demand for chippings due to the reduced surface dressing programme in the current year.

Councillor Welby asked if the quarry was closed for good and if chippings were being purchased from outside sources. The County Engineer replied that the quarry was closed on a temporary basis and that materials normally produced in the quarry would not be purchased from private firms. He also said that the employees at the quarry would be given alternative employment and that this was being discussed with their Union.

626 - PARKING OF TEMPORARY DWELLINGS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the carpark at Lemonfield and the road from Camp Street to the Hill of Doon are already prohibited areas for caravans and temporary dwellings under the Temporary Dwellings Order which prohibits parking within 100 feet of these roads. New signs showing "No Camping" are on order and will be erected in the near future. The road leading to the pier is ^{not} prohibited under the present Order. The Chief Medical Officer and the County Engineer are considering the advisability of prohibiting temporary dwellings on this road and a report will be submitted to a future meeting of the Council.

627 - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that straining equipment was fitted to the main at the Pumphouse on the 26th April, 1980. The E.S.B. supply to power same was completed week ended 17th July, 1980. This strainer is due for commissioning the week ending 3rd August, 1980. It should be noted that this filter will only remove solids in suspension and will not alter the colour of the water. Councillor Welby asked if any more permanent filtering system was proposed. The County Engineer replied that Moycullen would eventually form part of the Regional Scheme, which scheme would provide for this. He said it would be very expensive and uneconomic to provide this in the present scheme and there were no funds available for it.

628 - INFORMATION BOOKLET - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON:

The County Manager said that Mr. Doyle had agreed to prepare a booklet giving details of the services provided by the Council. Councillor Kilgannon said that he had seen a similar booklet issued by another local authority and it provided a great deal of useful information.

629 - NAMING OF ROAD AT CLOUGHNACAVE, GORT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

This motion was already dealt with under motion no. 26.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Proctor and CHAIRMAN

25/8/80 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

18u Lunasa, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u Lunasa, 1980, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Martin Anthony Coyne of Hospital Road, Clifden. - Planning Ref. No. 36143."

G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. N. O'Conchubhair.
 - (b) "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 for retention of garage to Edward Kelly at Castlegar. - Planning Ref. No. 36518."

John Molloy. Paddy Ruane. Thomas Welby.
2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
4. Auditors' Reports and Abstracts of Accounts Of:-
 - (a) River Fergus Joint Drainage District Committee
- 2 years ended 31st December, 1979.
 - (b) River Suck Joint Drainage Committee
- year ended 31st December, 1979.
 - (c) Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee
- Period 1st January, 1979, to 30th June, 1979.

NOTE: This Committee has been wound up, as the Commissioners of Public Works entered on the District in January 1979, in connection with the Corrib-Mask-Robe Catchment Drainage Scheme.

5. Overdraft - quarter ending 31st December, 1980.
6. Review of Council's Finances, 1980.
7. Parkmore Pier, Kinvara. - Contribution of 25% of the cost of two lights (estimated cost, April 1980 - £1,004).
8. Differential Rent Scheme - copy of letter of 24th June to Department of the Environment and of reply dated 25th July, thereto, herewith.
9. Road Development Plan for the 1980s.
10. Planning Circular PD 42/17 - PD 2/80.
11. National Walk Day - 28th September, 1980. - Copy of letter dated 5th August, 1980, from The National Sports Council, herewith.
12. Housing Conference - Brighton - 28th-30th October, 1980 - Minute No. 595.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Adjourned from July Meeting:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

14. Tarraim ar an gComhairle Contae an 60p in aghaidh an mheadar ata gearrtha ar Grup Sceimeanna Uisce i gcoir aithchoiriú boithre a chur ar ceal.
15. Tarraim ar an gComhairle Contae airgead a chur ar fail do Sceimeanna "Essential Repairs".
16. Tarraim ar an gComhairle Contae £10,000 breise a chur ar fail do Grup Sceim na nOilean Leitir Meallain d'reir moladh an Roinn Comhshaoil.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O'MORAIN - Molaim:

17. Ba mhaith liom fhail amach ce'n staid a bhfuil droichead Bhaile an Tobair.

COUNCILLOR P. RUANE: - I will propose:

18. That the bad corner on the Lakeview/Gortatleva County Road near Lakeview, Claregalway, be widened to give a view to traffic.
19. That the loop road at the Ballybane end be repaired and surface dressed as it is in a very bad repair since the sewerage scheme was carried out.

DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA, CO.C. - I will propose:

20. That a public tap be provided at the Belclare Group Water Supply pumphouse at the cross-roads and not 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles down the road where it serves no purpose.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR T. MURPHY - I will propose:

21. That the Town Walls of Athenry in their entirety be taken in charge by the Council.

SENATOR PAUL CONNAUGHTON, CO.C. - I will propose:

23. That Galway County Council take notice of the dangerous junction known as Finn's Cross, Ballyglunin, Tuam where a fatal accident took place some time ago. The trees on the roads leading to the junction should be cut down.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

24. That the Council carry out work on the Toolooboon River, Kiltulla.
25. That the Council speed up its plans on the Craughwell Sewerage Scheme.
26. That the Council instal pedestrian lights (beam lights) in the Square, Gort, - on the upper side of the Square.

COUNCILLORS T. WELBY, M. FAHY, AND G. BARTLEY - We will propose:

27. That the County Manager circulate to the Members of the Galway County Council a copy of the submissions made to Senior Counsel regarding the Section 4 resolution passed by this Council on 26th May to Edward Kelly for a garage on the Headford Road, also copy of the advice he received from the Senior Counsel on this matter.

COUNCILLOR PATRICK J. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

28. That public lighting be provided at Kilbannon Church.
 29. That the County Council ease the bends on the Dunmore-Williamstown Road at Polredmond.

COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

30. That the Poor Law Valuation system for valuing land be abandoned and that this Council recommend that "Adjusted acreage" be the yardstick in establishing the potential income value of a holding.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

31. What is the cause of the undue delay in approving and starting of the Roscam Park Group Water Scheme?
 32. What is the position of the Roscahill Group Water Scheme? Is it taken over by the County Council? What is the policy re connecting fees for new applicants to the scheme?
 33. That the County Council take action against people dumping refuse at collection points on days other than the day ratified for the collection.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will ask:

34. What is the present position regarding the allocation of £600,000 to County Development Teams for bog road development in the Western Counties in so far as Galway County Council are concerned.
 35. When does the County Council propose to fix the chlorination system on the supply line to the Oughterard Regional Water Supply from Lough Buffy.

COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

36. That in view of the increased demand for water in Kinvara, a new source be bored immediately as provided for in the 1980 Estimates.
 37. That consideration be given to the provision of a school warden service to cater for children attending the Convent School, Gort.
 38. I will ask for an up-to-date statement on the housing programme for 1980.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Dr. Christina o'Brien Lenaboy Gardens, Salthill, Galway.	Damage, removal, breakage and destroying of two headlamps, and bulbs together with selflock aerial of car reg. No. VIE 806 (Capri).	Borough of Galway	£62.00	£131.42

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH AUGUST, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillors F. Coogan, 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, P. O'Foighil, M. G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, C.A.C.E.; T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; L. Kavanagh, Acting C.A.C.E.; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Mr. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Mr. B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer; Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

630 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Deputy Mannion, the Council extended its sympathy to Mr. P.J. McGovern, Acting County Accountant, on the death of his father.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Myles King, Killagoola, Moycullen, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary McDonald, Wellfield, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary Scott, Ballinrobe Road, Westport, Co. Mayo.
Mr. James Ryan, c/o Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Co. Galway.
Bean Uí Mhaolain, Tra Bhan, Leitir Moir, Co. na Gaillimhe.

631 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36143 - APPLICANT: MARTIN ANTHONY COYNE.

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

"Previous Applications:

The proposed development has already been refused by the Planning Authority for reasons of serious injury to visual amenity.

Planning Considerations:

(i) Visual Amenity:

The site selected is the most prominent and elevated on the family holding of land which is quite extensive. The house would be approximately at the same level as the nearby water reservoir.

The Planning Authority examined the proposal very thoroughly and had profiles erected on the site. These indicated that the house would be very obtrusive over a wide area and could not be satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings.

(ii) Zoning:

The site is 500 feet from the public road on a large family holding with 1800 feet of road frontage. The proposed development is located on lands zoned agricultural in the Clifden Town Plan which is potential building land. Such development as proposed would be undesirable planning wise as it is both premature and avoidable in the circumstances. It would form an undesirable precedent and would prejudice the proper planning and development of the area.

(iii) Housing Need:

No essential housing need exists as there is approximately 1800 feet of frontage and approximately 30 - 40 acres in the holding. The applicant was invited to apply for an alternate site but has not done so.

(iv) Public Health:

The proposed development will also be an undesirable precedent for locating a septic tank in close proximity to a public reservoir.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended on the grounds (1) of serious injury to visual amenity, and (2) undesirable premature development of backlands in potential development land."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley. He said that the site was on the applicant's fathers farm and was very close to the town of Clifden. Replying to the County Manager as to whether the applicant would agree to an alternative site, Councillor Bartley said that the only alternative site was lowlying and the applicant would not build there. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby. Councillor O'Morain said that the area where the site was would eventually be developed for housing.

Replying to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager said that a decision on the application could not be deferred to the next meeting. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

632 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36518 - APPLICANT: EDWARD KELLY:

The County Manager stated that a request for Further Information had been sent out in this case and that when the necessary information is received, the resolution will be brought back on the Agenda for consideration by the Council.

633 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon, the Minutes of Meeting held on the 28th July, 1980, (numbers 588 - 629 incl.) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

634 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that the Malicious Damage Decree as set out on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

635 - AUDITORS' REPORTS AND ABSTRACTS OF ACCOUNTS:

The Auditors' Reports and Abstracts of Accounts of the following Drainage Committees were submitted to the Meeting and noted:

- (a) River Fergus Joint Drainage District Committee
- 2 years ended 31st December, 1979.
- (b) River Suck Joint Drainage Committee
- year ended 31st December, 1979.

- (c) Lough Mask and River Robe Joint Drainage Committee
- Period 1st January, 1979, to 30th June, 1979.

636 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION:

The County Manager stated that the approved Overdraft Accommodation for the quarter ending September, 1980, was, Ordinary Overdraft £1,250,000, Special Overdraft for Housing Capital £500,000, Special Overdraft for Sanitary Services Capital £500,000, Total: £2,250,000. He requested the Council's approval to the same Overdraft Accommodation for the quarter ending December, 1980. He also said that for the month of September, 1980, it looked as if extra Overdraft Accommodation would be required and he requested the Council's approval to a sum of £250,000 for the month of September in addition to the amount already approved for the quarter ending September, 1980.

It was proposed by Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £1,250,000 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the period ending 31st December, 1980."

It was proposed by Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve a special Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £500,000 in respect of Housing Capital Works for the period ending 31st December, 1980."

It was proposed by Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve of a special Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £500,000 in respect of Sanitary Services Capital Works for the period ending 31st December, 1980."

It was proposed by Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve of additional Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £250,000 for the month of September, 1980, on the Council's Revenue Account, ^{bringing} the total Overdraft Accommodation for the month ended 30th September, 1980, to £2,500,000."

Replying to Senator Connaughton, the County Manager stated that the over-expenditure was arising under all headings and that notification had not yet been received of a second allocation for Housing Construction. Councillor Kilgannon referred to Capital allocations for housing construction in previous years and said that the Council had always been notified of a second allocation by this time of year. Referring to the fact that no allocation had been received for new works, he said that if no new works were started this year, the Council would have no commitments coming into next year. Councillor J. Burke said that the housing situation was very serious. He was aware of a house which had fallen in, and because of the lack of funds, the Council was unable to provide even a caravan. Councillor O'Higgins enquired if the Council had priorities in the event of an allocation becoming available and the County Manager replied that details of the Council's programme had been forwarded to the Department. Senator Connaughton said that there seemed to be no hope of rural houses being provided for people who had been approved and the Members would now have to tell these people the bad news. Councillor McCormack also complained about the shortage of funds for housing.

637 - REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S FINANCES, 1980:

The County Manager said that at the previous meeting, he informed the Members that a review of the Council's finances was being undertaken. This had now been done and for the purpose of the exercise, the accounts were divided into two parts:

- (a) Expenditure affecting the outdoor work force;
(b) Other expenditure.

The best forecast that could be made of the Council's financial position at the end of the year was worked out and a submission was made to the Department of the Environment. Under the heading (a) outdoor work force, there was a shortfall of £208,800 and under (b) other expenditure, a shortfall of £411,000. The figure of £208,800 was a net figure after taking savings into account and after foregoing the purchase of machinery. The Department was advised that the deficiency in funds would result in a substantial layoff of the Council's work force. The total shortfall for the year including Capital was estimated as follows:

Works with Labour Content	£208,800
Other Expenditure headings	£411,000
Funds required but not included in Council's Estimate because of Rate limitations	£673,000
Housing Capital	£650,000
Sanitary Services Capital	£667,000
	<u>£2,609,000</u>
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The County Manager said that the Department was advised of the serious financial position of the Council in order to give the Department an opportunity of supplying additional funds. The reply from the Department was that there were no funds available for Revenue Expenditure, and on the question of Capital funds for housing, the Department stated that this was under consideration and that a separate letter would issue to the Council.

Councillor J. Burke said that to have to consider redundancies was a drastic step and it was only transferring the problem from one Department to another. He was aware that some temporary workers had already been let go and it would be retrograde step if permanent skilled workers had to be let go. He asked if the Department would finance the interest arising from the Overdraft. Councillor U. Burke asked where would the redundancies occur, and if there were any Youth Employment Schemes this year. Councillor O'Morain suggested that discussion on the matter be deferred until the September meeting when documentation on the matter would be circulated to the Members. The County Manager said that there was Overdraft interest in the region of £105,000 largely attributable to the shortfall in the Council's Capital Allocation, for which no provision had been made in the Estimates. He said it was too early to say what affect the deficiency in the funds would have on the Labour force. He said that a grant had been notified for Youth Employment Schemes this year.

638 - PARKMORE PIER, KINVARA:

The County Manager said that the Department of Fisheries was prepared to make a grant of £1,004.27 towards the cost of the installation of two lights at Parkmore Pier, Kinvara, on condition that the Council would contribute 25% of the final cost and maintain the completed works. It was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor P. Ruane and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the installation of two lights at Parkmore Pier, Kinvara, for which the Department of Fisheries was providing a grant subject to the County Council contributing 25% of the final cost and that the Council agree to maintain the completed works."

639 - DIFFERENTIAL RENTS SCHEME:

The County Manager said that at the June Meeting of the Council, the Members raised the question of the new Differential Rents Scheme. The matter was referred to the Minister for the Environment and the County Manager read the reply from the Minister's Department dated 25th July, 1980, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council. The Minister had rejected the Council's request. Councillor Brennan said that he disagreed completely with the reply from the Minister. He said it was clear that the Council had not enough money for Housing Maintenance. He could not understand how the new scheme was considered to be fair and equitable while a family with an income of £60 per week was asked to pay an increase of £6 rent. Councillor Kilgannon said that a case came to his attention where the bread winner had the take home pay of £68. He had five children, some teenagers, and his rent bill was £6.97 per week. Because his job was away from home, he was obliged to have a car but he got no allowance for this. He said it was impossible for a family in those circumstances to feed and clothe the family and pay such an exorbitant rent. He said there was a definite defect in the scheme as it did not take into account a family's commitments. Councillor J. Burke agreed with the previous speakers and said he was award of a family earning £55 per week and the rent had increased from £1 to £6.41 per week. He said that in percentage terms, this was a massive increase which would not be tolerated anywhere else. He said that as far as he was concerned this was a hardship case.

Deputy Callanan said that the Council had requested that the Minister change the scheme back to what it was and this had been refused. He wondered if the Council should now make a case on some other grounds.

The County Manager said that the Council cannot use the hardship clause in order to defeat the purpose of the scheme. For a hardship case, there had to be something individual and special in the circumstances of the family, otherwise the Council was obliged to apply the scheme as laid down. If there was a special case of hardship, the Council would examine it.

Senator Connaughton said that he had submitted a number of cases which he considered hardship cases and these were all rejected. He said that the new Differential Rents Scheme was the worst piece of legislation that he had experienced and that it militated very much against poor people, particularly itinerants where rents had increased from £1 to £8 per week. He appealed to the County Manager to treat itinerants sympathetically, otherwise, they would be back on the roadside.

Deputy Killilea said that the new scheme was fairer than the old scheme in that anomalies in the old scheme in assessing Social Welfare payments had been eliminated.

Councillor Kilgannon proposed that the Minister be asked to review the new Differential Rents Scheme having regard to its implications on family life. This was seconded by Deputy Killilea and agreed.

640 - ROAD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE 1980s:

The County Manager referred to the Road Development Plan for the 1980s which had been approved by the Council at a meeting in June 1980. The submission of the Plan to the Department was deferred for the purposes of examining the required Roads system to serve the proposed new briquette factory for Bord na Mona near Ballyforan. Discussions had taken place with Bord na Mona and details of likely traffic movements to and from the factory are awaited from the Bord. In the meantime, The County Manager recommended that the plan as approved, be submitted to the Department and the Department be advised that a further submission would be made in relation to the roads system for the briquette factory. The County Manager said that the road proposals for the briquette factory would be brought before the Council before being submitted to the Department.

The Council agreed to the County Manager's proposal.

641 - PLANNING CIRCULAR PD 42/17 - PD 2/80:

The County Manager read Circular letter 28th July, 1980, from the Department of the Environment on Physical Planning which has been circulated to each Member. He said that the Council was building alot of rural houses and may have to look at its policy in this regard and divert some housing into villages and other centres. Deputy Callanan said that he disagreed completely with the policy of urging people to live in towns and villages. He said there were no sewerage facilities in most villages and it would be years before these facilities were provided. Councillor U. Burke said that he had been campaigning for proper water and sewerage facilities for villages for years, and in the absence of such facilities, the proposals in the Circular letter were useless. Councillor Joyce said that he was disappointed with the reaction of members to the letter. He had always advocated the development of towns and villages as he felt that this was the only policy. It created a good community spirit, good living conditions, good facilities, and less vandalism. Senator Connaughton said that it was to the credit of the Council that it had what he called a decentralised housing policy resulting in a good number of rural houses being built. He said it was against human nature to have societies too large and the rural house scheme had many benefits. He was against urbanisation and was surprised to see such a letter issuing from the Minister for the Environment.

Councillor Kilgannon said that the letter recommended that the only way to live was in the city and that this was based on the assumption that there would always be a sufficient supply of energy but for which there was no guarantee. He was happy with the way small villages in County Galway were being built up and developed. Councillor Finnegan said that the Circular letter was asking local authorities to examine ways and means of accommodating population growth in smaller towns and villages. In order to do this, the first priority was the provision of sewerage facilities which were badly lacking in County Galway. Councillor Glynn said that this circular should be sent back to the Minister as the recommendations could not be implemented because of the lack of sewerage facilities which in turn, the Council was unable to provide because of the lack of finance.

It was agreed that the Members' observations on the letter be sent to the Minister.

642 - NATIONAL WALK DAY - 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1980:

The County Manager said that he had received documentation from the National Sports Council requesting the Council's support in making National Walk Day a successful event. It was scheduled to be held on Sunday, 28th September, next. He suggested that the Members might consider participating in the event.

643 - HOUSING CONFERENCE - BRIGHTON - 28TH - 30TH OCTOBER, 1980:

The County Manager said that at the July Meeting, he informed the Members of a Housing and Planning Conference to be held in Brighton next October and that the estimated cost for delegates would be approximately £350 per person. Since then, a letter had been received from the Department of the Environment dated 7th August, 1980, discouraging the attendance of Members because of the present economic situation. The circular which had been distributed to members was read by the County Manager. Councillor J. Burke proposed that no delegates be sent to the Conference. This was seconded by Councillor Brennan. Councillor Glynn asked what was the difference between the conference in Brighton and in Jerusalem. The County Manager named some of the Conference speakers from the brochure on the Brighton Conference. Deputy Callanan said that the Council would be inconsistent if it decided not to send delegates to Brighton. Councillor McCormack said that this would not be so as the Council was now more aware of the critical financial situation. Councillor Glynn proposed that one official from the Housing Department only attend the Conference. The County Manager said that he would prefer not to send any official in the present circumstances. Councillor Haverty proposed that delegates be sent to the Conference and this was seconded by Deputy Callanan and a vote was taken for or against

attending the Conference which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Kitt, Deputy J. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, M. G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, F. Coogan, P. McCormack, P. O'Foighil, and P. Ruane.

The Chairman declared the motion favouring attending the Conference carried. Deputy Mannion then proposed that four Members and one official attend the Conference and this was seconded by Councillor Kilgannon. The following Members were then nominated and agreed:

Senator Kitt, Councillor M. Fahy, Councillor M. Ryan, and Deputy J. Mannion.

The Members asked the County Manager to send one official to accompany the delegates.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

644 - CONNACHT REGIONAL AIRPORT:

The County Manager said that he had received a letter from Monsignor Horan, P.P., Knock, concerning a proposed Regional Airport for Connacht. The letter stated that a firm of International Consultants had carried out a feasibility study for a Regional Airport for Connacht and their report was that a Regional Airport was feasible and workable. The suggested location for the Airport was in the general area of Charlestown. The County Manager said that he considered that the Members might like to form a committee of not more than two members for each electoral area to consider the matter and that all T.D.s and Senators would be invited to any meetings. This was agreed and the following members were elected to the Committee:

BALLINASLOE AREA: Councillor J. Joyce
Councillor M.J. Kilgannon

LOUGHREA AREA: Councillor E. Haverty
Councillor U. Burke

GALWAY AREA: Councillor M.G. O'Higgins
Councillor P. McCormack

CONNEMARA AREA: Councillor M. O'Morain
Councillor G. Bartley

TUAM AREA: Councillor J. Burke
Councillor F. Glynn

645 - MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS AS A RESULT OF FOREST FIRES:

Letter dated 12th August, 1980, from the Department of Fisheries and Forestry in reply to the Council's letter concerning Malicious Injury Claims as a result of forest fires was submitted to the meeting. It was decided to refer the matter back to the Department pointing out that the financial resources of the Council were not adequate to meet the Council's statutory obligations and that it was extraordinary that a state department was seeking to recover compensation from a local authority under the Malicious Injuries Code in such circumstances.

646 - NEW COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE:

The County Manager referred to letter dated 14th August, 1980 and accompanying documents issued to each Member by the Secretary, advising the Members of the new legislation for the appointment of the new committee of Agriculture which would be appointed at the September meeting. There was a discussion on the nomination of persons from the voluntary organisations listed in the

Ministerial Order.

Councillor U. Burke said that it was an insult that the I.F.A. could only nominate one member. Councillor Murphy considered that the appointment of one person from all the organisations listed in the Order was a satisfactory arrangement bearing in mind that farmers would also be selected by the County Council from its 12 nominations. Some Members questioned whether the I.C.M.S.A. was organised in County Galway. The question as to whether the persons to be elected by the County Council to the Committee could be members or non-members was also raised.

Councillor O Higgins said that the new arrangements were an effort to ensure that all groups would be represented on the Committee which could be regarded as a sub-committee of the County Council. He said the Council should wait to see if all the organisations listed submitted nominations.

The County Manager said that the Members' observations would be forwarded to the Minister and the Members would be written to clarifying whether non-members could be appointed as Council representatives.

647 - NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS:

The County Manager said that he had a note from the County Engineer stating that there was an unallocated balance of £43,582 in respect of Notice of Motion money out of a total allocation of £68,200. Half the members had their full amount unallocated and he said that it was essential in the interests of employment that the balances be allocated immediately so that the money will be available for spending before the end of the year. Councillors Welby and McCormack stated that they were awaiting estimates on roads in order that they could make the allocation. Councillor Kilgannon asked if there was a list of L.I.S. roads to be published for taking over as he was aware of a road which was awaiting taking over. He asked that the taking over of L.I.S. roads be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

648 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON GALWAY COUNCIL FOR TRAVELLING PEOPLE ON ITINERANT COMMITTEE FOR THE GALWAY ELECTORAL AREA:

The County Manager stated that at the April Meeting of the Council, it was agreed that a nominee from the Galway Council for Travelling People would be appointed to the Committee on Itinerancy for the Galway Electoral area. He said that Mrs. Sholdice had now been nominated for appointment and it was necessary for the Council to formally appoint her a member of the committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and resolved that Mrs. Sholdice be appointed a Member of the Committee on Itinerancy for the Galway Electoral Area.

649 - DATE FOR PLANNING MEETING:

It was decided to have the special planning meeting on Monday, 29th September, 1980.

650 - DEPUTATION:

Councillor U. Burke proposed that the Council receive a deputation from the Irish Wheelchair Association to address the Council at the September meeting. This was seconded by Councillor McCormack and agreed.

651 - GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM - ACTIVITIES REPORT, 1979:

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, it was agreed that the Activities Report 1979 of the County Development Team be placed as an item on the next Agenda.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

The Chairman directed that written replies be sent to Members who were absent from the meeting.

652 - AITHCHOIRIU BOITHRE - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O' FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai gur
/gearradh an taille 60p an meadar mar sintius 50% i gcoir aithchoiriu na boithre. Ta an costas fe lathair i bhfad nios mo na 60p agus is feidir e a bheith comh h-ard le £5 an meadar.

Cuireadh £50,000 sna meastachan i mbliana don obair seo agus ta se go leir caite anois. Ta se beartaithe an taille a ardu go dti 75p an meadar i gcoir sceimeanna nua.

Councillor O' Foighil said that he was not against a charge as such but that it was a hardship on the Group to have to pay the charge before work commenced. He said that it would be better if the charge was deducted from grants due to the Group. The County Manager said that the position was even worse than stated by the County Secretary. In preparing this year's Estimates, £85,000 would have been necessary to finance 50% of the cost of restoration but it was necessary to confine the Council's contribution to £50,000 because of the rate limitation. This £50,000 had already been spent and there was no further finance available. The County Engineer has stated that there was 92 kilometres of unrestored trenches now on public roads. He said that the Council was subventing Group Schemes with road restoration but could do it no longer. The County Manager said that the matter could be considered again at the next meeting. Councillor O' Foighil said that it would be very serious if groups who are willing to go ahead are unable to do so because of the problem of road restoration.

653 - ESSENTIAL REPAIRS - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O' FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Leas Runai gur
/de bharr an teoraim ar an rata sa phunt, ni rabhamar in ann ach £15,000 a chur sna Meastachan i gcoir "Essential Repairs" ce go raibh fhios againn go mbeadh £30,000 ag teastail. Ta an £15,000 go leir caite. Taimid ag scrudu iarratais nua i dtreo is go mbeidh na h-iarrachoiri in ann an deontais Stait £300 a fhail ach nilimid a ra leo go mbeidh aon deontais le fail acu on Comhairle Chontae.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O' Foighil gur sceal bronach e nach raibh aon airgead ann le h-aghaidh Essential Repairs. Duirt se go raibh daoine go dona i gConamara gan aon airgead acu chun an obair seo a dheanamh. D'iarr se an raibh aon bealach chun airgead a fhail chun dion a chur os a gcionn.

Councillors Joyce and M. Fahy asked about people who had been approved for grants and encouraged to go ahead with essential repair work. The County Manager said that there were no more funds available this year for essential repairs and he could not say what funds, if any, might be provided next year.

654 - £10,000 BREISE DO GRUP SCEIM NA NOILEAN - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O' FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Leas Runai gur
/ iarr an Grup Sceim sintius speisialta £42,000 i gcoir taiscumar agus staisiun caidealaithe i Mean Fomhair, 1977, agus fuair siad e. I mi Eanáir 1980, d'iarr siad deontas breise £18,100 (iomlan £60,100). Thug an Comhairle Chontae deontas breise £8,400 ('se sin ardu 20%) mar cuiteamh ar bolgadh airgid. Nil ann sintius eile molta ag an Comhairle.

Councillor O' Foighil said that the Department Inspector had recommended a contribution of £18,100. He said that the extra expenditure arose from the fact that a three phase electricity supply had to be provided which was not anticipated originally. The County Manager said that the Council would write to the Department for full details and a breakdown of costs.

655 - ATHENRY TOWN WALLS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MURPHY:

The County Manager said that about two years ago, he had met Archeologists and discussed with them the question of the Athenry Town Walls. A plan proposed entailed the Board of Works taking over the Walls and the working out of an arrangement for handing them over to the County Council with a

reasonable work programme as the County Council could not undertake everything that might be necessary. There was no further communication on the matter but notwithstanding that, the Council had carried out work on the Walls through the Environmental Improvement Scheme.

Councillor Murphy said that the Athenry Walls were of very historical nature and, as far as he was aware, there were only two other walls of this kind in the country. He felt that the expenditure involved would not be great.

Councillor Joyce said that the Athenry Walls were of great historic and archeological value and had been mentioned regularly at meetings of the National Monuments Advisory Committee. He asked that the Committee be kept informed of any developments taking place in relation to the Walls. The County Manager said that the Council would take the matter up with the Office of Public Works.

656 - TOOLOOBAUN RIVER, KILTULLA. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that maintenance work to the value of £1,500 would be expended on the Dunkellin Drainage District this year and the Tooloobaun river was one of the channels in this district. The river would be considered and the worst sections would be cleared of obstructions.

657 - CRAUGHWELL SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that preliminary work has been carried out on the design of a sewerage scheme for Craughwell village. It was originally intended to include £65,000 from Revenue in the Estimates for 1980 but this had to be omitted due to the rate limitation on funds.

658 - PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT THE SQUARE, GORT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the carriageway at Gort Square was over 50 feet wide. The standards laid down by An Foras Forbartha for pedestrian crossing facilities are very much in excess of those appertaining at Gort. Standards are approximately over 600 vehicles per hour and over 100 pedestrians per hour. Consequently the provision of these facilities at Gort cannot be recommended. Councillor M. Fahy said that he was not happy with the reply. The County Manager stated the garda authorities would not approve of the lights if the standards laid down were not met.

659 - SECTION 4 RESOLUTION - EDWARD KELLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS WELBY, M. FAHY, AND G. BARTLEY:

The County Manager said that if this motion was passed, the documentation would be circulated. The motion numbered 27 on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, and carried.

660 - PUBLIC LIGHTING - KILBANNON CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this would be considered when the next three year Public Lighting programme was being drawn up. There was no provision in this year's Estimates for new public lighting. Replying to Councillor Finnegan, the Acting Secretary stated that if funds were provided in next year's Estimates for new public lighting, a programme would be drawn up then.

661 - EASING OF BENDS ON DUNMORE/WILLIAMSTOWN ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that it would be desirable to have full re-alignment carried out on the main road between Williamstown and Curragh West and a horizontal design profile had been prepared for the work for some time past. However, there are no funds available at present.

662 - POOR LAW VALUATION SYSTEM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

Councillor Kilgannon said that there was a very important principle involved in his motion. He said that many farmers in the over £40 valuation bracket were now getting income tax bills for the first time and were unable to meet the payment. He said that Griffith's valuation was hopelessly out of date and full of anomalies and bore no relation to the present position. Many valuations were artificially high and if farmers are to get a fair deal, a change is needed. He said that the "adjusted acreage" system would be more relevant to the present time.

Councillor Joyce said that he had also given consideration to this problem. He said that in his area some valuations were very high even for poor land. The anomalies of the present system have been brought to the attention of the Minister on previous occasions, but no change has been made. It was agreed that the resolution would be forwarded to the Minister.

663 - ROSCAM PARK GROUP SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the design for the Roscam Park Group Water Supply Scheme was approved by the Council and the Department notified on the 28th April, 1980. The scheme has not as yet been approved by the Department.

Councillor McCormack stated that there seemed to be an extraordinary delay in having this scheme approved by the Department. He also stated that the Inspector from the Department had not been present in the Group Schemes office on the day of the last two Council meetings and asked if this arrangement had ceased.

The Acting Secretary agreed to refer both matters to the Department.

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The Acting Secretary stated that it would be desirable that action would be taken to prevent indiscriminate dumping but it was difficult to do this because of lack of evidence.

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(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
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15u Mean Fomhair, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tioncfaid ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 22u Mean Fomhair, 1980, ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

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J. M. Mannion. G. Bartley. P. McCormack.
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P. O Foighil. M. J. Kilgannon. J. Donnellan.

2. Minutes.
3. Appointment of Committee of Agriculture - 12 persons to be appointed by Galway County Council plus 8 persons nominated by voluntary organisations - list of nominees attached.
4. Review of Council's Finances, 1980.
5. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - list herewith.
6. Taking over of L.I.S. Roads.
7. Fix date for October Monthly Meeting (27th October - Public Holiday).
8. Remission of Rates on Industrial premises - Hibernia Marble Products, Kiltormer.
9. Fire Consultant's Report on Galway Docks - copy herewith.
10. "Irish Road Statistics, 1980." - Copy herewith.
11. "People of the Year Awards." - Copy of correspondence from Rehabilitation Institute attached.
12. Dangerous Substances (Petroleum) Regulations, 1979, - Fire Precautions and Staffing Requirements - Report to follow.
13. The European Communities (Waste) Regulations, 1979. - Report to follow.
14. Malicious Injury Decrees - List herewith.
14. (a) Revision of salaries for officer grades analagous to Clerical Officer.
14. (b) Raising of supplementary loan for adaptation of New Galway City Library.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

16. That a special contribution be made by the Council towards the heavy costs involved in the Ardrahan Group Water Scheme.
17. That the Council collect the refuse collection from the village of Nogra, Kinvara. The Council refuse lorry passes here on its way to the Youth Hostel at Traught.
18. That Galway County Council give a connection of water supply to the Palmerstown area from the Main at Derrydonnell, Oranmore.

SENATOR P. CONNAUGHTON, COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON, DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN, COUNCILLORS M. RYAN, P. O FOIGHIL, P. McCORMACK, F. O CUAGAIN, DEPUTY J. MANNION, COUNCILLORS U. BURKE AND J. BRENNAN - We will propose:

19. That the Council debate the serious situation that has arisen because of lack of finance made available by the Government to the County Council for housing, housing loans, water and sewerage schemes, and other schemes that are administered by this local authority.

COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

20. That this Council asks the Government to ensure, through legislation, that independent family retail businesses are protected against the Supermarket Chains many of whom are foreign based and have no commitment to the country.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

21. I will ask the County Manager how much has been spent under each heading of the 1980 Road Estimates up to the end of August.
22. That this Council take steps to improve the very poor water supply at Headford.
23. That provisions be made in the 1980 Estimates for the laying of footpaths in the village of Moycullen.

DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN - I will propose:

24. That the County Council take over, fence and maintain as a children's playground the open spaces at Crosscorrig, Loughrea, if and when the Tenants purchase the Estate from Irish Base Metal and National Building Society, which I understand they are now negotiating to do.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE - I will propose:

25. That this Council request the Architect who designed the Parkmore Housing Scheme to meet on site with the Commissioners' and the Community Council.
26. That this Council request the N.B.A. and I.D.A. to return the houses sold to them by this Council so that they can be allocated in the normal way.
27. That the extra staff allocated to the Tuam Office almost twelve months ago, be appointed forthwith.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

28. That the Council give a full report on the Laurencetown Sewerage Scheme the lack of which is a major draw-back to the village.
29. That the roadside drain at John Dolan's house, three roads, Clonfert, be piped and covered around the site of his house as it is of little use except to attract vermin and create a nuisance to this man and his family.
30. That the roadside drain in front of Tom Connerty's house in Clonfert be piped and covered in front of his site as it is very dangerous to children and road users.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

31. That this County Council seek to acquire finance, specifically for sewerage schemes in smaller towns from the £300 million to be provided jointly by the Irish Government and the E.E.C. for infrastructural improvements.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on or after Monday, 22nd September, 1980, consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads

Area	From	To	Metres
Tuam	Co. Road No. 154 in Townland of Ardumkillia	Towards Co. Road 152 Castlehackett	330
Milltown	Co. Road 216 in Townland of Pollacorragune	Towards John Grenham's house, Pollacorragune	200
Portumna	Junction C.R. 574 in Townland of Gortnacooheen	Gate at J. Muldoon's house in Townland of Gortnacooheen	254
Portumna	C.R. 568 in Townland of Cloonacusha	For a distance of 280 metres towards terminal point	163
Gort	End of C.R. 305 branch in Townland of Kilcornan	Back gate to Kilcornan house	280
Athenry	Junction with C.R. 385 in Townland of Creggatlough	Mulachy Raftery's house in Townland of Creggatlough	255
Gort	Co. Road No. 319 Kinturla	Entrance gate at John O'Connor's, Kinturla	80
Gort	End of C.R. 337 (branch) Cloonasee	Gate at Thomas Kavanagh's, Cloonasee	330
Athenry	Branch of C.R. 433 Caltrabreedy (Clooncah)	John Kenny's house, Caltrabreedy	20
Mountbellew	C.R. 427 in Townland of Colemanstown	Towards C.R. 428 Cloonkeenerrill	60
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 514 Clooncannon (Kelly)	Jnc. C.R. 513 in Townland of Eskermore	45
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 517 chainage 640 Castlegar	Bannerton's entrance gate in Townland of Castlegar	60
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 521 chainage 916m. Killurebeg	S. Jennings's gate, Killurebeg	100
Athenry	Co. Rd. No. 435 in Townland of Ballynanulty (Atlymon)	F. Connair's yard gate, Ballynanulty	245
Athenry	End of branch road No. 437 in Townland of Knockatogher (Kiltulla)	L. Connor's house in Townland of Knockatogher	55
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 477 chainage 554 yds. Killaghmore	Towards T. J. Nevin's house, Killaghmore	150
Milltown	Co. Road 254 in Townland of Parkbaun	Towards John Ronan's house in Townland of Parkbaun	40
Milltown	Co. Road 267 in Townland of Springfield	Towards Springfield house gate in Townland of Gortdrishagh	60
Gort	C.R. No. 303 in Townland of Killeeneen	Opposite John O'Dea's house, Killeeneen	110
Gort	C.H. No. 603 Caherapheepa	Entrance to W. Dooley's house in Townland of Caherapheepa	155
Loughrea	C.R. 406 at entrance to De La Salle Monastery, Loughrea	Entrance to S. Leahy's house, Knockanima	27
Gort	C.R. 368 in Townland of Ashfield	Gate at M. Perrill's land in Townland of Ashfield	122
Athenry	M.R. L.13 Section 480 Lisaloodon	Gate to W. Dempsey's land	90
Gort	C.H. 326 Tullira	W. McInerney's gate, Tullira	95
Gort	C.R. 332	Towards B. Hall's house, Cahermore	130
Milltown	Fahy's Cross, Ahgloragh	Kelly's house, Ahgloragh	450
Milltown	C.R. 226 in Townland of Corrownurlaur	James Brogan's house in Townland of Corrownurlaur	121
Milltown	C.R. 226 in Townland of Illaun	Towards Michael Turner's house, Illaun	300
Loughrea	C.H. 493 Allykeolaun	Towards E. Shiel's house, Allykeolaun	109
Oughterard	Pier Road, Oughterard, in Townland of Lemonfield	E. Shiel's house, Allykeolaun	231
Portumna	C.R. 583 in Townland of Glebe	Bobby Curran's gate in Townland of Lemonfield	160
Portumna	C.R. 529 in Townland of Cloonlahan	P. Comber's house, Glebe	160
Portumna	C.R. 526 in Townland of Springfield	P. J. Graney's gate, Cloonlahan	394
Portumna	C.R. 581 in Townland of Lismany	Gate at P. Headd's house in Townland of Springfield	349
Athenry	Junction with Co. Road 431 Cormacough East (Tisquin)	Gate leading to A. Poland's house	181
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 427 in Townland of Pollacrossaun	Towards John Keane's house, Cormacough East	87
Athenry	M.R. L.99-410 in Townland of Gortnalone North (Gurteen)	Towards W. Duggan's house, Gorteendrisagh	47
Athenry	C.H. 376 in Townland of Bingarra (Athenry)	Towards B. Qualter's field gate in Townland of Gortnalone North	157
Mountbellew	C.R. 417 in Townland of Ballinroosaun	Dick Kelly's house in Townland of Bingarra	62
Ballinasloe	Jnc. 471 in Townland of Hampstead	Towards Molloy's house in Townland of Ballinroosaun	60
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 467 in Townland of Garafine	Towards Kenny's house, Hampstead	71
Athenry	Co. Rd. 441 in Townland of Grange (Ballyfa)	Towards John Rock's house in Townland of Garafine	80
Loughrea	Bretts house in Townland of Benbeg	Towards burial ground in Townland of Grange	135
Mountbellew	From M.R. 460 in Townland of Corracoolia	Towards John Finnerty's house, Benbeg	70
Ballinasloe	C.R. 518 in Townland of Ballyglass	Towards J. Hurley's house in Townland of Corracoolia	30
Tuam	C.H. 171 in Townland of Corbally South	Towards Geraghty's house in Townland of Ballyglass	120
Tuam	C.R. 124 in Townland of Mountross	Feeney's house, Corbally South	140
Gort	C.R. No. 363 Ballysheedy	Towards Ballyhale with branch to Fahy's gate	360
Athenry	Co. Rd. 173 in Townland of Island (Mira, Turloughmore)	M. Loughrey's house in Townland of Ballysheedy	800
Oughterard	End of Co. Rd. 86 in Townland of Annaghkeelaun	James Morris's yard gate in Townland of Mira	500
		Willie Lee's gate in Townland of Annaghkeelaun	200

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including Costs
John Salter, Main Street, Ballinasloe.	Damage to Plate Glass Window	County at large.	£200	£163.76
John Salter, Main Street, Ballinasloe.	Damage to Plate Glass Window	County at large.	£200	£156.76
Mike and Ann Davis	Damage to lock-up shop - window frames and glass shelves. Books, shelves, javelins in bookshop destroyed.	Borough of Galway	£300	£129.18
St. Joseph's College	Damage to fishing boat.	Borough of Galway	£1,000	£394.39
Screbbe Estates Ltd., Connemara.	Damage to windscreen, other windows of 4 cars and a window of a car washing operating hut.	County at large	£400	£310.95
William Rooney, Milltown Road, Tuam.	Damage to a window	County at large	£250	£285.45
Sean Nolan, c/o Athenry Vocational School, Athenry, Co. Galway.	Damage to household furnishings, camera, clock, and weighing scales.	Borough of Galway	£100	£140.75
Ignatius Flannery, Ballybourke.	Five ton cock of hay destroyed by fire.	County at large	£200	£274.96
Christopher O Toole, Ballynageeha, Oranmore, Co. Galway.	Fifteen hundred bales of hay cut open and scattered.	D.E.D. of Oranmore	£450	£451.76
Patrick Fahy, Ballindoooley, Galway.	Damage to window frame and panes of glass.	County at large	£500	£396.66
Peter Hackett, 12, St. Bridget's Terrace, Galway.		Galway Borough	£22.50	£32.60

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Kevin Naughton, Ardmore, Carna, Co. Galway.	Damage to dwellinghouse and two carts of turf which were burned.	D.E.F. of Skannive	£1,000	£1,134.85
Anne McWiffe, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway.	Damage to three windows and two doors of a house.	D.E.D. of Doon- loughan.	£200	£264.85
Patrick Fahy, Ballindoooley, Galway.	Milking Machine, a Generator and 7 churns of milk were damaged.	County at large.	£600	£744.96
Martin Connolly, Caherghlassaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.	One sheep was shot and another was injured and walls were knocked.	D.E.D. of Gort.	£164	£209
Peter Hackett, 12, St. Bridget's Terrace, Galway.	Damage to window frame and panes of glass.	Borough of Galway.	£22.50	£32.60

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