



GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

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**23 September 1980 –
21 December 1981**

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Aras an Chontae,
Geillimh.

23u Mean Fomhair, 1980.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh, de Luain, 29 Mean Fomhar, 1980 ag tosmu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

AGENDA

1. Overdraft.
2. Review of County Development Plan.

COMHAIRLEOIRI P. O FOIGHIL AGUS U. DE BURCA

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

Run 1

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

Development Policy Map No. M.2.

Lettermore Area:

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

- 2.13. Add "This policy will in no way hinder local people from settling in family land in the south coastal area".
(b)
- 2.13. Add "This policy will in no way hinder local people settling in family land in amenity areas."
(c)
- 3.07. Add the following sentence " A development and research unit to be set up within the Council to deal with sewerage effluent in Connemara to comply with the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977."

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

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

6.02. Table No. 3 Restriction and Limitation.

Add the following after (b)

(c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.

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

6.02. Table No. 4 Restrictions and Limitations

Add the following after (b)

(c) The provision of a dwellinghouse for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.

(d) The provision of a dwellinghouse for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.

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

7.03. Table No. 6. Area No. 1.

Add after (b)

(c) The provision of a dwellinghouse for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.

(d) The provision of a dwellinghouse for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.

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

Table No. 7

Add words "and economic needs" after first sentence.

Add (e)

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

9.01. Delete the whole section.

9.03. Table No. 9.

Landscape classification No. 1 - Areas of Special Amenity.

- (b) 1. Replacement of an existing inhabited dwelling house immediately adjacent to the site of the existing house.
2. The provision of dwelling houses for occupation by members of a farm holders family on the family holding of land.

(c) The provision of a dwelling house for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.

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

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

Table No. 10.

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

2. (a) Replacement of an existing inhabited dwellinghouse.

(b) The provision of dwelling houses for occupation by members of a farm holders family on the family holding.

(c) The provision of a dwellinghouse for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.

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

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

Table No. 11.

3. Re write as follows:

(a) Replacement of an existing inhabited dwellinghouse.

(b) The provision of a dwellinghouse for occupation by members of a farm holders family, on the family holding of land.

(c) The provision of a dwellinghouse for the substantiated need of persons employed within the area.

(d) The provision of a dwellinghouse for the substantiated need of emigrants returning to again reside in the area.

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

Planning Officer's Report herewith.

3. Resolution from Councillor J. Joyce.

That the main road from Portumna to Ballinasloe, Route T.31 be removed from the list of roads subject to class 2 control and placed among the roads mentioned in Paragraph 6.03 on Page 37 of The County Development Plan.

Planning Officer's Report Herewith.

4. Resolutions from Councillor J. Joyce.

- (a) That a Preservation order be put on all road-side trees along approach roads to towns and villages for one mile outside the town or village boundary.
- (b) That a preservation order be put on the trees along the roadside from Bellview to Laurencetown.
- (c) That the County Council take into care the "New gate" at Bellview, Laurencetown and have it and its two gate lodges restored in time for 16th April, 1982, the Bi-centenary of the great event which led to the building of this very historic and beautiful gate.

Special Meeting - 29th September, 1980

ADDITIONAL MOTION

(Original mislaid in post)

I will ask the Council to pass the following resolution:-

"to have the 1963 and 1976 Planning Acts revised as follows and to ask the Government to pass legislation accordingly"

"when the land to which the application relates is situated in the Gaeltacht, the special interests of the Gaeltacht and the Irish Languages may have regard to the following:-

- (1) The social and economic needs of the area.
- (2) The special interests of the Gaeltacht and the Irish Language."

If this motion is carried, I will ask the Council to have it circulated to Gaeltacht Counties, Donegal, Mayo, Meath, Cork, Kerry and Waterford, for support.

P. O'FOIGHIL

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

MEMBERS: As recorded in 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.J. 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; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; P. J. McGovern, Acting Finance Officer, B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. F. O' Gallachoir, Temporary Planning Assistant; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, S. McMahon, R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Acting Chief Assistant County Engineer; P. B. Sugrue, Chief Fire Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

668 - COMHGHAIRDEACHAS:

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Morain run comhghairdeachais le foireann iomanaiochta Condae na Gaillimhe a bhuaigh craobh na h-Eireann le deanai.

Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal. The Chairman, other Members and the County Manager also joined in the vote of congratulations.

On the proposition of Senator Kitt, the Council also extended its congratulations to St. Grellan's Football Club, Ballinasloe, on winning the County Championship and to Sarsfield Hurling Club on winning the County Championship.

Councillor Kilgannon suggested that they should honour the occasion of the success of the Galway Hurling Team by some function or by giving some recognition to the team.

Councillor Murphy supported Councillor Kilgannon's proposal and the Chairman asked Members if they wished to make any suggestions about how this might be done.

On the proposal of Councillor O Conchubhair, the Council extended its congratulations to Miss Sheila O Hanrahan of the Western Health Board on her selection of Rose of Tralee.

669 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Coogan, seconded by the Chairman, the Council extended its sympathy to the relatives of the late Mick Gill of Ballinderreen.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

The Mullins Family, Ennis Road, Gort.
Mr. John Folan, Errislannon, Clifden.
Mairead Bean Uí Flaitheartaigh, Muighinnis, Carna.
Mrs. Mac Donncha & Family, Cill Chiarain, Carna.

670 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 31841 - APPLICANT: MR. J.T. GRIFFITHS:

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

1. Further to the previous report, the following is the current position:
 - (i) The information requested in relation to adequacy of site maps has not yet been supplied by applicant.
 - (ii) A site meeting was arranged with applicant. The Planning Authority pointed out the very serious injury to the scenic amenity and the highly exposed elevation of the site for year-round living conditions. It was suggested by the Planning Authority that an alternative site on the family holding should be sought. The applicant is a brother-in-law of the owner of the holding, which is quite extensive. The applicant would not consider this suggestion.

2. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

- (i) Outline Permission previously granted on a smaller and lower site. This location is not now suitable for the applicant, since the Golf Course was developed.
- (ii) A subsequent application (similar to the current application) on higher ground and on a larger site was subsequently refused by the Planning Authority on amenity grounds.

3. PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

- (i) AMENITY: The proposed house would cause the most serious and widely visible injury to the scenic amenity of this part of Connemara since the initiation of the Planning Act.
- (ii) HOUSING NEED: Essential housing need does not appear to be critical in this case. The location selected would be virtually uninhabitable in winter, or high wind conditions. More sheltered locations with equally good views are available on the family holding.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Option (i) Await full return of full details of site map sought by the Planning Authority.
- Option (ii) Refusal on the grounds of visual amenity with invitation to applicant to apply for alternate site on family holding."

The County Manager referred to paragraph 1. (ii) of the report and stated that it was hoped to have discussions with the applicant with a view to finding out if the Council could assist in selecting a suitable site.

Deputy Mannion stated that he thought that the matter had been resolved with the applicant who had now gone back to England. It was agreed that the matter would be deferred to a later meeting.

671 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36383 - MR. THOMAS FORTUNE:

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

"HISTORY

There have been two previous refusals on this site under Planning Ref. No. 26513 and 35025, the lands referred to having been sterilized in connection with another grant of permission ref. No. 13394 by the then Minister for Local Government.

An agreement sterilizing these lands has been lodged as a charge on the title of these lands.

While the Planning Authority and the applicant would be willing to waive this agreement as the infrastructure has now advanced to a point where the density now applied for is acceptable, the successor to the third party of the agreement under Permission Ref. 13394, Mr. M. Burns, is not prepared to waive the sterilization order.

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to a registered agreement entered into on foot of a permission granted by the Minister for Local Government, dated 8th January, 1974, Planning Ref. No. 13394, not to permit any further buildings on these lands. This agreement is still in force."

The County Manager, referring to the sterilization agreement, stated that the reasons which existed then for including this provision, do not now exist and that if water were available on the site at the time, the sterilization condition might not have been inserted in the Permission. He pointed out, however, that there is now a legal difficulty against releasing this condition which was imposed by the Minister. When deciding on the case, he did not advise the Council to give the Permission now sought which would have the affect of removing the sterilization as he felt that this might make the Council liable for compensation to the man who had the benefit of the sterilization agreement.

Councillor Molloy stated that the applicant had been advised by a Solicitor that the Council had the right to **remove** the condition.

The County Manager stated that the position is not as simple as that as the benefits of the sterilization agreement have accrued to the person who is objecting and that the best way is for negotiation between the applicant and the person who has the benefit of the sterilization agreement.

Councillor M. D. Higgins stated that it is doubtful if the Council can pass the Section 4 resolution before it. He considered the strategy outlined by the Manager to be the only one and that it would be dangerous to follow a different course. He felt that the Council could not act properly in giving Permission in this case through a Section 4 resolution.

Councillor McCormack stated that he understood that in other cases, land which had been frozen has now been built on and he considered that the manner suggested by the County Manager for dealing with the case would have the effect of handing the power of granting the Planning Permission over to an objector. He stated that a relative of the person objecting could buy the land and then get the sterilization clause removed and get Planning Permission. Otherwise, he stated the owner of the site might have to sell it at a loss.

The County Manager stated that while the covenant is there, the County Council's right to remove it is inhibited because another person has protection and the Council could not unilaterally remove the clause. He understood that the sterilization clause was one method used at the time to justify the granting of the Planning Permission then given.

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and he read extracts from the covenant which he stated pointed out that the sterilization clause was not to be withdrawn except with the consent of the County Council as planning authority. He considered that Mr. Byrne who was building the

house may not be complying with the planning conditions.

The County Manager stated that the agreement does not leave the County Council free to give its consent as Mr. Byrne had acquired rights and he urged the Council not to pass the Section 4 resolution.

The Chairman stated that the latest date for decision is the 7th November, and he asked if legal opinion could be obtained on the matter for that meeting.

The County Manager stated that the difficulty in this case is a legal one not a planning one.

Deputy Killilea considered it morally wrong to enforce the covenant now and he felt that there would be no legal comeback on the County Council if it granted the Planning Permission now sought.

Councillor Molloy seconded Councillor Welby's proposal.

Replying to the Chairman's suggestion, the County Manager stated that he would examine the legal position in this matter before the next meeting - if he gets a legal opinion stating that he is entitled to give the permission, he will do so, if not the matter will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

It was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting and the motion was not, therefore, put to the meeting.

672 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36583 - APPLICANT: MR. HENRY C'TOOLE:

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

"(1) PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

Permission has been refused twice previously by the Planning Authority Ref. Nos. 35859 and 31208.

(2) PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

- (a) Amenity: The site is located in a highly elevated and exposed location on the Sky Road near Clifden. A house would be unduly prominent and obtrusive and visible over a wide area of scenic countryside and it could not be assimilated into its surroundings.
- (b) Housing Need: Essential housing need does not appear to be genuine in this case. Applicant resides in Market Street, Clifden. The site is a steeply sloping mountainside of approximately 2 acres. Under the application form query on ownership, in the first application, the applicant claimed that site was being transferred from a cousin. In the second and current application, it was stated to be "family owned". Now essential housing need is being claimed on the basis that the site is a new farm.

RECOMMENDATION

Refusal is recommended for the following reason.

The proposed development would seriously detract from the high scenic amenity value of the area because it would be unduly prominent and obtrusive on open elevated landscape which should properly be kept free of all non-essential development not connected with agriculture, to avoid over development of the area.

No consultation took place in this case between applicant, Councillors and Planning Authority. "

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley who stated that there is a genuine housing need in this case.

Councillor Welby seconded Councillor Bartley's resolution.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the permission sought be refused and he pointed out that there did not appear to be a genuine need in this case and that no consultation had taken place.

Councillor Holland seconded Councillor Burke's proposal.

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

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

FOR GRANTING THE PERMISSION: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Deputy Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Morain, and Welby.

(13)

AGAINST GRANTING THE PERMISSION: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Holland, McCormack, O Foighil, Ruane, and Ryan.

(12)

The Chairman declared Councillor Bartley's motion carried.

Councillors Coogan and Kilgannon did not vote.

673 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36733 - APPLICANT: MR. JOHN BARRETT:

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

"1. PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

b There have been two previous applications on the site. Both have been refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala. The first application was for two houses on the site, the second application and the current application are for one house on the site.

2. PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

(a) Traffic Hazard:

The development would contribute to a traffic hazard on this heavily trafficked unaligned section of main road. It is also located near a bend with inadequate sight distance and close to a vehicular access from commercial development (permitted on appeal). On the opposite side of the road is a currently unauthorised garage development also the subject of Section 4 motion. These developments worsen the hazard which will result from the proposed development.

(b) Housing Need:

The site is located on the Galway/Headford Road where applications for housing are permissible only for substantiated housing need by family members of family lands or for replacement of substandard houses. No such housing need exists in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the reason set out hereunder:

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

No consultation has taken place on this application."

The County Manager drew the attention of the Council in particular to the traffic hazard which would be involved in granting Permission in this case. He pointed out also that the site is approximately 12 feet under the level of the existing roadway.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor Welby.

Councillor Burke proposed that the Permission sought be refused. He stated that this development was across the road from a development which was previously the subject of Section 4 resolutions - that one Section 4 resolution obviously leads to another, and that in those cases, they result in traffic hazards.

Councillor Holland seconded Councillor Burke's proposal. It was agreed to defer taking a vote on these proposals until after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR GRANTING THE PERMISSION: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, Deputy Callanan, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Killilea, Senator Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Morain, Welby.

(17)

AGAINST GRANTING THE PERMISSION: Councillors J. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Ruane, Ryan.

(8)

The Chairman declared Councillor Molloy's proposal carried.

Councillor Kilgannon, Deputy Mannion, and Councillor O Foighil did not vote.

674 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 -

PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36789 - APPLICANT: SEAN O'CONAIRE.
PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36794 - APPLICANT: PADRAIC O CUALAIN.
PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36793 - APPLICANT: CAIT BEAN UI FLAITHEARTA.
PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36791 - APPLICANT: BRID UI CHUALAIN.

The County Manager stated that in those applications a claim had been made that they were for second family dwellings and that replies to queries which had been issued to the applicants had not yet been received. He suggested that the matter should be deferred until a Council meeting after receipt of the necessary information.

Councillor Holland asked if resolutions under Section 4 should include particulars of the name and address of the applicant and the location at which the houses or house is proposed to be built.

The County Manager stated that the resolution should be sufficient to enable the application in question to be identified and the fact that the planning reference no. is quoted is sufficient to do this. Councillor O'Foighil stated that in those cases there is a genuine reason why consultation did not take place.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the resolution should state what type of development is proposed. He asked Councillor O Foighil to withdraw his resolutions under Section 4 as he had abstained on previous occasions from voting on such resolutions and he had already made reasonable cases against use of Section 4 resolutions. He suggested that the resolutions in question might be withdrawn until the Council considered the question of review of the Plan at a future meeting.

Councillor O Foighil stated that he was in agreement with what Councillor Burke had stated regarding Section 4 resolutions, that he had held back submitting such resolutions for over a year and that at the time he sent in those resolutions, he was not aware that a date had been fixed for the meeting to consider a review of the plan. He stated that he was prepared to leave the resolutions over until after the next meeting.

Councillor Higgins stated that, recently, when members of the public attended a meeting at which Section 4 resolutions were being considered, insulting remarks were passed to Members while voting was going on and he pointed out that this was no credit to the people whose applications were being considered by the Council. He asked that the Chairman might point out to such people that they had no right to interfere with Members at a meeting.

The Chairman stated that he agreed completely with what Councillor Higgins stated and that he would have intervened if he had been aware of the interference referred to.

The resolutions set out at numbers 1.(e), 1.(f), 1.(g), and 1.(h) on the Agenda were not put to the meeting. It was agreed that they would be deferred to a future meeting.

675 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36790 - SEAN O LOINGSICH:

The County Manager stated that it is proposed to grant the Permission sought in this case.

The resolution was not, therefore, put to the Council.

676 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36792 - SEAN O FLAITHEARTA:

The County Manager stated that a request for Further Information had been sent in this case.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the resolution to a meeting to be held after receipt of the information sought.

677 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36786 - MAIRTIN O CADHAIN:

The County Manager stated that it was proposed to grant the Permission sought in this case.

The resolution was not, therefore, put to the Council.

678 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36785 - TOMAS O CURRAIDHIN:

It was agreed that the applicant would be asked to extend the date for making a decision in this case. The resolution was not, therefore, put to the Council.

679 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36788 - SEAMUS O MUIRI, PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36787 - EOIN O CATHAIN:

The County Manager stated that a request for Further Information had been sent to the two applicants concerning those applications and he suggested that the matter would be deferred to a later meeting after receipt of the replies.

It was agreed to defer consideration of those resolutions until a meeting after receipt of the information and the resolutions were not, therefore, put to the Council.

680 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of meeting held on the 25th August, 1980, (numbers 630 - 667 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Welby referred to Minute No. 594 regarding the question of submission of list of bog roads for grants to the County Development Team.

The Chairman stated that this referred to a previous meeting and could not arise from the Minutes now approved.

Senator Connaughton asked if any funds were available for people who wished to have bog roads repaired and Deputy Callanan stated that the money set aside for bog roads had been allocated to other Counties and none had been allocated to Galway.

681 - APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE:

It was noted that the following persons nominated by the Voluntary Rural Organisations referred to, had been nominated for membership of the new County Committee of Agriculture by their various organisations in accordance with the list already supplied to Members of the Council:

Connemara Pony Breeders' Society: Mr. Graham Tulloch, Moyard, Connemara.

Galway Sheep Breeders' Society: Mr. James Greaney, Claran, Ower, P.O., Headford.

Irish Co-Operative Organisation Society Limited: Mr. Padraic Raftery, Coshla, Athenry.

Irish Countrywomen's Association: Mrs. Ann Greaney, Rinnaknock, Ower, Co. Galway.

Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association: Mr. John Tarmey, Kilnalag, Williamstown.
Irish Farmers' Association: Mr. Gerald F. Colleran, The Glebe House, Moylough.

Macra na Feirme: Mr. Oliver Robinson, Limehill, Newtowndaly, Loughrea.

Munitir na Tire: Mr. John Donnelly, Conicare, Abbey, Loughrea.

Councillor Ruane complained that the Potato Growers' Association had been omitted from this list and he proposed that Mr. Michael Gilhooly, Cussane, Athenry, be appointed to the Committee. This proposal was seconded by Senator Kitt and agreed.

It was also agreed that the omission of this association from the list approved by the Minister be brought to the attention of the Minister for Agriculture.

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Senator Connaughton, the appointment of the representatives of the eight organisations approved by the Minister, together with the following Councillors, to the new Committee of Agriculture was approved:-

Deputy John M. Mannion
Senator Paul Connaughton
Councillor Padraic McCormack
Deputy John Donnellan

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Councillor U. Burke seconded that Councillor Michael Ryan be appointed to the Committee.

Senator Kitt proposed and Councillor Haverty seconded that Councillor Welby be appointed to the Committee.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted in 16 votes for Councillor Ryan and 14 for Councillor Welby. The Chairman declared Councillor Ryan appointed to the Committee.

On the proposal of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, Councillor Ruane was appointed to the Committee.

On the proposition of Councillor Higgins, seconded by Deputy Mannion, Dr. Michael Cuddy, University College Galway, was appointed to the committee.

On the proposition of Senator Kitt, seconded by Councillor Joyce, the following Councillors were appointed to the Committee:

Deputy John Callanan
Councillor Edward Haverty
Councillor P.J. Finnegan
Councillor Tony Murphy

It was noted that the following Members were, therefore, appointed to the new Committee of Agriculture:-

Mr. Graham Tulloch, Moyard, Connemara.
Mr. James Greaney, Claran, Ower, P.O., Headford.
Mr. Padraic Raftery, Coshla, Athenry.
Mrs. Ann Greaney, Rinnaknock, Ower, Co. Galway.
Mr. Gerald F. Collieran, The Glebe House, Moylough.
Mr. John Tarmey, Kilnalag, Williamstown.
Mr. Oliver Robinson, Limehill, Newtowndaly, Loughrea.
Mr. John Donnelly, Conicare, Abbey, Loughrea.
Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Cussane, Athenry.
Dr. Michael Cuddy, University College Galway.
Councillor Patrick Ruane, Carnmore, Oranmore.
Deputy John Mannion, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Deputy John Callanan, Callow, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
Councillor Edward Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor, Co. Galway.
Senator Paul Connaughton, Mountbellew.
Councillor Padraic McCormack, 3, Renmore Park, Galway.
Deputy John Donnellan, Cloonmore, Dunmore.
Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
Councillor Patrick J. Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
Councillor Tony Murphy, Willmount, Athenry.

682 - REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S FINANCES, 1980:

The County Manager referred to his memorandum dated 18th September, 1980, on this matter, copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council, and he stated that he had not, so far, received definite information on additional funds for which application had been made to the Minister for the Environment before the August meeting. He stated that if reasonable additional funds were made available for roadworks, it was expected that no redundancies would arise in this area. He pointed out, however, that it might be necessary to re-allocate money between districts in order to balance the employment problem. In reply to Councillor J. Burke, he stated that everything possible would be done in order to save jobs of the Council's workers.

Councillor Higgins asked if the County Manager had discussed the matter with the Men's Union.

The County Manager replied that he had arranged to have a discussion with the Union on the matter, but when the prospect of additional funds being made available arose, he agreed with the Union that they should defer discussions on the matter until such time as definite information became

available. He stated that he is preparing a return for the next meeting showing the estimated out-turn under the main headings of expenditure and that he would then be seeking an Excess Vote and the Minister's sanction to inescapable extras.

683 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

Councillor F. Fahey stated that he wished to have road number 368 in the townland of Ashfield excluded from the roads to be declared public. This was agreed by the Council.

It was then proposed by Councillor Kilgannon and seconded by Councillor McCormack that with the exception of County Road No. 368 Ashfield, the Council hereby declare the roads on the list published for adoption and circulated to each Member of the Council, to be public roads. This resolution was adopted by the Council.

684 - TAKING OVER OF L.I.S. ROADS:

The County Manager informed the Council that a list is being prepared and is expected to be published in October and available for adoption at the November Meeting of the Council.

Replying to a query from Members, the County Manager stated that all of the money allocated for Local Improvement Schemes this year will be spent.

Replying to Councillor O Conchubhair, in connection with Connemara roads, the County Manager stated that written submissions with maps in relation to improvement of roads and sanitary services in the Connemara Area would be forwarded to the Ministers for the Gaeltacht and the Environment this week. The County Manager, replying to Councillor M. Fahy, stated that the balance of a local contribution for L.I.S. Roads cannot be made up from Notice of Motion Funds.

The Chairman read a letter from a Sculptor in Dublin expressing appreciation of the artistic value of roadside walls built in County Galway.

Councillor Kilgannon complimented the Council's roadworkers for the work they had done in his area.

685 - DATE OF OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING:

It was agreed that the Monthly meeting of the Council for October would be held on Friday, 24th October, 1980.

686 - REMISSION OF RATES ON INDUSTRIAL PREMISES - HIBERNIA MARBLE PRODUCTS, KILTORMER:

It was proposed by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 and 1975, hereby remit two-thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of a new factory at Newtown Eyre, Kiltormer - rated occupier: Hibernia Marble Products, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1979 to 1988, inclusive, - the appropriate certificate under Section 3 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972, having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

Councillor Ulick Burke asked is a list of remissions granted could be supplied to Members of the Council.

The County Manager stated that this had been circulated some time ago but that a further copy would now be issued.

Councillor Welby asked that he be informed about the remission of rates on an industry in Oughterard.

Replying to a query from Councillor Burke regarding the discretion of the Manager in relation to payment of Rates, the County Manager stated that he

must have regard to the financial situation of the County Council, and that subject thereto, he would be as reasonable as possible with people in difficulties.

On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Ulick Burke, the Council agreed to forward a further resolution to the General Council of County Councils requesting the Minister for the Environment to meet the loss in Revenue Account of Local Authorities arising from the limitation in the amount of the Rate.

687 - FIRE CONSULTANT'S REPORT ON GALWAY DOCKS:

The County Manager informed the Council that some time ago, he deemed it necessary to get an independent report on the standards of safety, etc., of the oil installations in Galway Docks. Since then, standards have been set for such installations under various regulations made under the Dangerous Substances Act, 1972, and there are many things in those regulations apart from the question of oil storage. He stated that a copy of the Consultant's Report had been sent to each Member of the Council, and that a memorandum by the County Engineer on this report was circulated to the Members on the date of the meeting. Copies of the report had also been forwarded to the Harbour Authority and to Messrs. Irish Shell Limited, and also the Galway Corporation. He gave an outline of the main points in the Consultant's report and he pointed out that one of the most onerous was that which recommended the recruitment of additional full-time firemen, the cost of which is now estimated to be about £140,000 per annum for remuneration alone with extras for equipment and for fire station facilities. It would not be possible to do all that is recommended now because of the lack of finance and a request will be sent to the Department of the Environment for special funds. He also referred to the proposal that an elevated platform be purchased at a cost of £110,000, and he pointed out that this was already in the Council's programme. He stated also that the report and recommendations made will be the subject of discussions with the Harbour Board and Irish Shell and that special consultations will take place between the Chief Fire Officer and Messrs. Irish Shell Limited with regard to safety problems.

Councillor Coogan stated that this was a very serious document and he suggested the formation of a Committee from the different authorities involved in it.

Councillor Kilgannon asked why the Council had to go to a Consultant in England to get the report prepared and he also enquired what it cost. He considered that a serious outbreak would have catastrophic affects and he asked that everything possible be done to make up the shortage of manpower and equipment irrespective of the financial problems.

Councillor Glynn stated that there are many shortfalls in the report and many grey areas regarding responsibility for different functions. He considered that there should be discussions with the oil company and with the Harbour Board. He considered it to be very difficult to get £140,000 for employment of staff and that a special case be made to the Minister for funds in order to do this.

Councillor Holland stated that when the tanks were being constructed, the people in the area were conscious of the danger and were under threat of extra insurance costs, but he was assured at the time that there was no danger.

Councillor McCormack stated that it is a grey area and he referred to the expression of doubt as to the responsibility by the Consultant which he stated was not fully clarified. He asked what was the position about those parts of the harbour outside the Harbour Board Area and he agreed that the discussions should take place with the various bodies.

The County Manager stated that on the question of responsibility, the Consultant did not ask about this matter and it was not, in fact, something that he was asked to examine. Mr. Taylor was selected as an appropriate Consultant to do this work because of his experience in this particular field,

and this was done on the recommendation of the Chief Fire Officer and of the Institution of Engineers. Mr. Taylor had discussions with the Oil Company and with the Harbour Board, and as a result of his report and the Council's examination of it, further recommendations will be made to the Oil Company involved.

The County Manager pointed out, however, that the Council has no money with which to put the recommendations in the report into affect, and it is, therefore, proposed asking the Department of the Environment for money to enable this to be done. The purchase of a platform was already on the Council's programme but the increasing costs of the Fire Service over the past 10 years has been one of a very serious concern. Costs under this heading have been escalating much greater than the inflation rate.

Councillor Glynn stated that the Council cannot allow the situation to continue, that the lack of the sum of £140,000 could prevent the implementation of the necessary safety measures. He proposed that a special application be made to the Minister for the Environment for the necessary funds to enable the recommendations in the report to be implemented fully, and this proposal was seconded by Councillor McCormack and agreed by the Council.

Councillor Welby enquired if Irish Shell had complied with the conditions in the Planning Permission and he recommended that the Company should be asked to provide most of the cost of the precautions necessary.

Deputy Callanan stated that he could not understand why planning permission was given for this installation in the first place.

688 - IRISH ROAD STATISTICS, 1980:

The County Manager stated that he had circulated the report of the Confederation of Irish Industry together with the press release to Members as he considered that the information therein might be of interest to them.

689 - PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS - SPONSORED BY REHABILITATION INSTITUTE:

It was agreed that, subject to the consent of the people involved, the following might be nominated for these awards:-

Dr. Eamon Casey, Bishop of Galway: - Proposed by Councillor M. Fahy.

Mr. Joe Connolly, Captain of Galway Hurling Team: - Proposed by Councillor Fintan Coogan.

Sr. Bridget, Little Sisters of the Assumption, Galway: - Proposed by Senator M. P. Kitt.

690 - DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES (PETROLEUM) REGULATIONS, 1979 - FIRE PRECAUTIONS AND STAFFING REQUIREMENTS:

The County Manager referred to his memorandum on the Dangerous Substances Act, 1972, and the regulations made thereunder regarding Petroleum and stated that as from the end of September, all petroleum service stations, bulk stores, etc., are required to be licensed under these regulations. The implementation of the regulations will impose substantial obligations on the Council and on the Chief Fire Officer and his staff, and as outlined in the report, he stated that it will not be possible to have those regulations implemented without additional staff which is estimated to cost £17,000 in one year.

In addition to the implementation of the regulations, he stated that a substantial programme of fire prevention is to be undertaken as well as a follow up on new buildings to ensure that they comply with safety regulations. He stated that it will not be possible to implement the regulations and the fire prevention programme without the staff and that he proposes informing the Department of the Environment that it will not be possible to employ the necessary staff until such time as funds to pay their salaries and expenses are provided.

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor U. Burke and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of additional office of Temporary Engineer (Executive), and subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, the creation of a permanent office of Second Fire Officer in accordance with the particulars of office approved by the Minister for that office."

Councillor Joyce stated that up to about 12 or 14 years ago, it had been the practice to have drills carried out in small towns and villages throughout the County. He stated that he would like to see the fire brigade doing practice drills in every town during which operations, they could check hydrants, water pressure, water sources, etc..

Councillor Kilgannon stressed the need for a fire prevention programme with the object of educating people with regard to the risk of fire in the home. He also suggested that a fire extinguisher should be provided in every home. Councillor Brennan asked if a meeting of the Fire Brigade Authority could be arranged soon. The County Manager stated that this can be arranged soon.

Councillor O Conchubhair stated that he had some time ago, already proposed the provision of mobile hoses of say 100 metre lengths in outlying towns and villages. He also pointed out that there is no fire brigade available to fight forest fires in outlying areas.

Councillor Finnegan asked if fire fighting equipment could be provided for Glenamaddy.

Councillor Joe Burke stressed the importance of making people more fire conscious and aware of the precautions which they can take to prevent fires.

Councillor Coogan asked that the Names of the Fire Brigade Advisory Committee could be circulated to Members.

Mr. Sugrue, Chief Fire Officer, stated that drills take place regularly but some difficulties have been encountered in recent years with regard to finding instructors. With regard to education on fire prevention, he stated that the Government had recently set up the Fire Prevention Council which is financed by the Department of the Environment and Insurance Companies jointly. This Council is about to start a fire prevention education programme about the end of October. Regarding provision of hoses in outlying villages, he stated that some have fire squads in small towns, but in the event of fire, the tendency is to call the nearest fire brigade although he stated that the squads had provided valuable help in some cases. Regarding Carraroe, he stated that some time ago, it was hoped that Gaeltarra Eireann would have been in a position to help, but they had experienced difficulty with regard to recruitment of staff. Regarding Glenamaddy, he stated that there was some equipment and a fire squad in Glenamaddy, but on the occasion of a recent fire, they were not available at the time. He pointed out that this has been a constant difficulty with regard to part-time firemen who may be working many miles away from the town in which they reside.

Replying to Councillor Burke who asked about the provision of breathing apparatus for Tuam Fire Brigade, Mr. Sugrue stated that this requires a long training course, that it is confined to people who are not over 40 years of age and that one of the problems nationally is that there is a shortage of instructors. He stated that it needs about two weeks constant training before breathing apparatus can be supplied to a fireman.

Councillor O Conchubhair asked if a review of fire fighting services in the Carraroe area could be carried out and if a local meeting could be arranged with the Chief Fire Officer. Councillor O Conchubhair stated that local people are willing to form a fire squad and to undergo training.

The County Manager stated that the Chief Fire Officer will arrange for a meeting in Carraroe, but he pointed out, that with regard to expenditure on the service generally, the Council is constantly going beyond the limits of its budget. He stated that a second Fire Station is required in Galway City and that it was considered at one time that Oughterard might be the most appropriate location for a fire station for the Connemara Area. He pointed, however, before additional commitments can be undertaken, additional finance would be required.

Replying to Deputy Killilea regarding fire fighting equipment in Athenry, Mr. Sugrue stated that there is a fairly good fire engine in Athenry which is at present under repairs. There is, however, difficulty in the town with regard to manpower as many of the firemen are working five to seven miles away and are not often available when required.

Councillor Welby welcomed the proposal to have a fire station provided in Oughterard.

Replying to Senator Connaughton, who asked if a recruiting campaign for part-time firemen could be undertaken, Mr. Sugrue stated that the difficulty is that people who might be willing to become part-time firemen are not available when they are required because they are living so far away from their work. He stated that part-time men are fairly well paid and can earn a minimum of up to between £20 and £25 per week. Frequent advertisements have been placed in the papers for part-time firemen but with very few applications.

Replying to Councillor Brennan, Mr. Sugrue stated that alerters had been ordered for the Ballinasloe Fire Brigade and it is expected they will be delivered in about a month.

Councillor Coogan proposed and Councillor Brennan seconded that arrangements be made for having fire drills carried out in various small towns and villages throughout the County.

691 - THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES (WASTE) REGULATIONS, 1979 -

The County Manager referred to the memorandum on those regulations circulated to each Member of the Council and stated that, at present, a Waste Disposal Plan is being prepared and that arrangements are being made for implementing the regulations.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that it would be an appropriate time now to set up an Environmental Committee to consider waste dumps, industrial waste, etc., which would become a serious problem. He stated that such a committee could deal with amenity grants and other such matters.

The County Manager stated that the preparation and the implementation of the regulations is a major exercise and at the end of a few months, it is expected that he will be in a position to present a draft Waste Plan which will provide for the disposal of waste, classification of wastes, where such wastes can be disposed of, and how.

Deputy Callanan welcomed the proposals and stated that it was important that the public should know what is being done.

The County Manager, replying to Councillor Haverty, stated that dead animals on the roadside are generally removed by their owners. Where, however, the existence of dead animals on the roadside comes to the notice of the Council, firms disposing of such animals are notified and they generally collect them. If a health problem arises, the Council arranges for the burial of the carcasses.

It was agreed to defer further action until a Waste Disposal Plan is prepared.

692 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as listed in the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

693 - REVISION OF SALARIES FOR OFFICER GRADES ANALAGOUS TO CLERICAL OFFICER:

The County Manager gave particulars of revision of salary scales of Clerical Officer from the 1st July, 1978, to the 1st March, 1980, and he requested the approval of the Council to payment of the appropriate scales for grades analagous to Clerical Officer grade as follows:

Library Assistants, Rate Collectors, Assistant Civil Defence Officer, Law Conveyancing Clerk, and Rent Collectors.

He requested the approval of the Council to additional expenditure of £42,980 under this heading.

It was proposed by Councillor Coogan and seconded by Senator Connaughton, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revision of the salary scales of the grades of officers who hold posts analagous to those of Clerical Officer as proposed by the County Manager, and hereby approve additional expenditure of £42,980 in order to pay those increases effective from the 1st July, 1978."

694 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF SECOND FIRE OFFICERS:

The County Manager stated that following negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Local Government and Public Services Union, a salary revision had been agreed and sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment in respect of Second Fire Officers. The cost of implementing the increase which is retrospective to the 1st March, 1979, is £3,135.

It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Senator Connaughton, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve revised remuneration for Second Fire Officers as agreed between the Local Government and Public Services Union and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board, retrospective to the 1st March, 1979, and hereby vote additional expenditure amounting to £3,135 to implement this agreement."

695 - REFITTING - BRANCH LIBRARY, HYNES BUILDING, GALWAY - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £30,000 from the Council's Treasurer to complete the refitting of the Branch Library in the Hynes Building, Galway, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be specified by the Minister, with interest at the usual rate applicable to such loans."

696 - HOUSING AND SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL WORKS ALLOCATION:

The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received from the Minister for the Environment that the allocation for local authority housing has been increased from £1,480,000 to £1,880,000, an increase of £400,000, but that there was a deficit of £650,000 on this account at the end of December last in respect of commitments. He stated, however, that the Council's overdraft was £1.8 million more than it was in September, 1979, but that despite the restricted amount of Capital available for housing, he was anxious to get new starts so that an allocation could be got for next year's programme. He referred to Mr. Howlett's report of the 19th September, copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council in which he stated that he proposed putting the following schemes in hands:

Eyrecourt	8 houses
Loughrea	12 houses
Tuam	8 houses
Rural Houses	15
Demountables	10

Councillor Joyce proposed and Councillor Joe Burke seconded that the programme outlined by the County Manager be implemented in the current year.

Mr. Howlett, replying to Councillor Ulick Burke, stated that the Council could not undertake the development of further private sites in Loughrea at present but that industries had been asked if they would be prepared to carry out development work on sites and had invited them to submit proposals on the matter.

Replying to Councillor Welby, Mr. Howlett stated that the Council had received Tenders for Moycullen Housing but because of the fairly high cost, work could not go ahead. He stated that it is proposed to provide 12 houses and 21 private sites there.

Councillor Glynn stated that the extra allocation was altogether inadequate and he referred to the large number of applicants on the Tuam Housing list. He considered that the Department of the Environment should give more definite information on the allocation for the full year as the banks were reluctant to give bridging loans when there was an element of uncertainty about the Council's ability to pay out housing loans.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Council had been paying reconstruction grants on foot of old applications out of Capital Receipts.

Deputy Callanan expressed disappointment that no provision was made for commencing housing schemes in Portumna or Kilconnell.

Mr. Howlett, replying to a query by Deputy Callanan, stated that in addition to providing 10 demountables this year, it is hoped to re-allocate about 10 others which are to be removed from existing sites.

Councillor Kilgannon expressed disappointment with the allocation and stated that the Council had been asked to help with getting developed sites in Ballinasloe.

Mr. Howlett, replying to Councillor F. Fahey, stated that the Council's allocation for 1979 was £1,750,000. He stated, however, that the Council forwarded a programme to the Department of the Environment for £3 million but that every effort will be made to maintain a programme of building.

The County Manager also informed the Council that no further allocation had been received for water supply and sewerage schemes, that it was estimated that there would be a debit of up to £650,000 at the end of the financial year under this heading.

697 - TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

Councillor Kilgannon congratulated Councillor Joyce and the people of Lawrencetown on their work in securing the selection of Lawrencetown as the tidiest town in County Galway in the Bord Failte Competitions.

Councillor Joyce thanked Mr. G. Cleary, B.E., and workers in the Portumna Area for their help in this matter and also for the great environmental work they are doing in their area. He also expressed appreciation of the work done by the people of Lawrencetown.

Councillor U. Burke also joined in the expressions of appreciation of the work done.

698 - DECLARATION OF GALWAY-CASTLEBAR ROAD TO BE A NATIONAL ROAD:

The County Manager informed the Council that the Minister for the Environment had made an Order on the 5th September, 1980, under the Local Government (Roads and Motorways) Act, 1974, which provides that the road from Galway to Castlebar (via Headford-Shrule-Kilmaine-Ballinrobe) shall be a National Road.

699 - MAINTENANCE OF THE ISLANDS RIVER AREA:

The County Manager informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Office of Public Works in relation to a resolution passed by the Council at its June Meeting to the effect that the Islands River Drainage Maintenance Area be added to the area for which the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee is responsible. The reply stated that the function of the Office of Public Works under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945, in relation to drainage districts is to ensure that the drainage works are maintained by the Drainage Boards, County Councils, to the standards set down in the Drainage Awards for each Drainage District. It states also that where additional works seem desirable, the authorities concerned should consult with their legal or technical advisers as to the possibility of carrying out such work under existing legislation or with the consent of the riparian owners affected.

700 - VISITING COMMITTEE - ST. BRIDGET'S HOSPITAL, BALLINASLOE:

The County Manager informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Chief Executive Officer, Western Health Board in relation to a resolution passed by Galway County Council at its meeting on the 28th July last in connection with the establishment of a visiting committee for St. Bridget's Hospital, Ballinasloe. The reply stated that following a full discussion and taking cognisance of the fact that the Board has already a visiting committee for this hospital which includes Public Representatives elected to local authorities, the Council's request was noted and renewed call was made to the Minister for Health to provide additional funds for the upgrading and improvement of this hospital.

701 - TELEPHONE KIOSK - ST. JOSEPH'S PARK, TUAM:

The County Manager informed the Council that a letter had been received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs replying to a Council's resolution in connection with this matter stating that such kiosks are provided in towns and villages where they are expected to pay their way and the existing facilities are inadequate to cope with the demands made on them. This condition would not be satisfied in the St. Joseph's Park area. The nearest kiosk at Ballygaddy Road is not used to an extent that would warrant the provision of an additional kiosk in the general area at present, and in the circumstances, it would not be possible to meet the Council's wishes on the matter.

702 - PROPOSED AIRPORT FOR CONNACHT:

It was decided to leave the arrangement of a date for the meeting of the Committee for this purpose to the County Manager.

703 - ARDRAHAN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION:

Councillor M. Fahy proposed and the Chairman seconded that a special contribution be made by the Council towards the Ardrahan Group Water Scheme.

The County Manager stated that when a request for special contribution and a proposal in connection therewith is received from the Department, the matter will be considered. He stated, however, that there is no expectation that a contribution from the Road Funds can be made towards the cost of road restoration either in the current year or in 1981.

704 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR NOGRA, KINVARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that the Council's refuse truck does not travel to the Youth Hostel in question to collect refuse and has not done so in recent years. He also stated that applications for extension of the refuse service cannot be conceded at present due to the workload and the financial situation.

705 - WATER CONNECTION FOR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - PALMERSTOWN AREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that there is not a public watermain at Derrydonnell and that a design for the Palmerstown/Derrydonnell Group Water Supply Scheme with a private source (a borehole), was approved by the Council in May, 1980, and the Department of the Environment was so informed. Councillor Fahy stated that he understood that the Oranmore Water Supply Scheme will be extended towards Derrydonnell.

706 - Shortage of finance for housing and sanitary services schemes - MOTION BY SENATOR CONNAUGHTON AND OTHERS:

Senator Connaughton stated that all house building has been at a standstill for several months in the County and that while 15 rural houses are now proposed to be started, there are at least 50 other applicants who are in very urgent need of housing. He asked if there is any possibility of further rural houses being commenced. He expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of planning on behalf of the Government and he pointed out that the Minister should give advance notice at least for 12 months of the amount of money which will be available so that the housing authorities could prepare appropriate plans. It is too late when information on allocations is received. He stated also that during the last few months, there were delays in the issue of the payment of housing loans although he agreed that some are getting through. He stated that the Minister should ensure that local authorities are notified of the total amount of money which would be available to them to the end of the year.

Councillor F. Fahey expressed disappointment with the curtailment of funds for housing, but he stated that scare-mongering was not justified. He stated that he was not aware of any applicants in serious need who were not getting attention. He expressed agreement, however, with Government Policy regarding the need to curtail public spending.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that the Council had applied for £3 million for housing and stated that there are many people in dire need. He complimented the County Council on the progress made and he asked that the County Manager look at the prospect of getting a sanitation scheme going in Tuam where there is an urgent need for it.

Deputy Callanan stated that he, like others, was disappointed with the allocation but he pointed out that we are living in a recession and that the demand for housing is a sign of progress. He congratulated the County Manager who is doing the best job possible with the amount of money available.

Councillor Kilgannon complained that local authorities are the first hit during a recession and he criticised the lack of finance for water supply schemes and housing.

707 - PROTECTION OF RETAIL BUSINESSES AGAINST SUPERMARKET CHAINS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he had received representations from a number of family retailers who were expressing serious concern about unfair competition from Supermarket chains. He pointed out that many retailers have dropped out of business in recent years and he considered that action should be taken against monopolies. He pointed out also that multinational organisations are prepared to take loss in order to get a foothold in the market.

Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Kilgannon's motion. Councillor Joe Burke also supported the motion and stated that in the last 10 years, about 5,000 grocers went out of business, that about 5 years ago, 40% of the retail trade was controlled by Supermarkets and that now, the figure has increased to 60%. He stated that multinational organisations had no loyalty to Irish jobs and he advocated that people should support the "Buy Irish" campaign.

708 - FENCING OF PLAYGROUND AT COSCORRIG, LOUGHREA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN:

The County Secretary stated that there will be no objection to taking over and maintaining the children's playground at Coscorrige when this becomes the property of the tenants.

The County Manager stated that if the tenants approach the Council on this matter when they become owners, the proposal will be sympathetically considered.

709 - OTHER NOTICES OF MOTION:

It was agreed that replies would be sent to the Motions submitted by the following Councillors:-

Councillors Welby, J. Burke, Joyce and Finnegan.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Joddie Byrne CHAIRMAN

24/10/80 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Burke, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverly, M. D. Higgins, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors N. O' Conchubhair, P. O Foighil, M. O Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. J. Dunne, County Engineer; Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); J. Connolly and F. O Gallachoir, Temporary Planning Assistants; P. J. McGovern, Senior Staff Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. Fleming, Draughtsman; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

710 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council extended its sympathy to Mr. John Molloy, Co.C., on the death of his brother and agreed that the meeting would be adjourned for 10 minutes as a mark of respect. Other members of the Council, as well as the County Manager, joined in the expression of sympathy. The meeting then adjourned for 10 minutes.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Bridget Feehan, Leenane, Co. Galway.
Mr. Joseph Kelly, Clooncannon, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Daniel Mullins, Dangan, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Hughes, Dangan, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Padraic Fox, Carnmore East, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
Mr. Stephen Gill & Family, Carrowgariff, Kinvara.
Mr. Richard McDonagh, Kilkerrin, Connemara.
Mrs. B. Feehan & Family, Leenane, Co. Galway.

711 - OVERDRAFT:

The County Manager stated that the Overdraft approved to the 30th September amounted to £2.5 million and he requested the approval of the Council to seeking Overdraft accommodation of this amount up to the end of the year.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Overdraft Accommodation, not exceeding £2,500,000 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the period ending 31st December, 1980."

The County Manager circulated to the Council the supplementary list of Road Grants totalling £180,000 of which notification had been received from the Department of the Environment.

Replying to queries by Members, the County Engineer stated that the money must be expended where specified by the Minister, and that he felt that this would solve the threat of unemployment in the areas where it was to be expended.

Replying to Senator Connaughton who enquired about the position of private drivers of trucks employed by the County Council, Mr. Dunne stated that the first consideration is the Council's own plant and its employees, but that long serving private plant owners will be considered. Replying to Councillor O Conchubhair, Mr. Dunne also stated that there are no national roads in South Connemara and that this is the reason why no special allocation had been made. He stated, however, that a positive proposal for funds for roads in South Connemara had been sent to the Department of the Environment and the Department of the Gaeltacht.

Replying to Councillor Welby, Mr. Dunne stated that the road in the vicinity of Clydagh Bridge is being examined.

Councillor Kilgannon complained about the condition of roads in the Castleblakeney/Glentane/Ballymacward Area and he requested that attention be given to the improvement of the surface of those roads.

712 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS, JERUSALEM:

The Chairman stated that notification had been received from Councillor Holland that he would not be attending this Conference and he asked for proposals for the appointment of a substitute. Councillor McCormack stated that he considered that the three other members already nominated would be sufficient to go.

Councillor Welby proposed and Councillor Haverty seconded that Councillor Nioclas O Conchubhair be nominated to attend the Conference.

Senator Connaughton proposed and Councillor O Foighil seconded that Deputy Donnellan be nominated.

Deputy Donnellan then withdrew his name and it was agreed that Councillor O Conchubhair would attend the Conference.

713 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Chairman stated that motions had been received from three members of the Council and he suggested that a general discussion on the Plan should take place in order to give all Councillors an opportunity of expressing their views on it.

The County Manager stated that the Plan had been adopted in January 1979 and it would be due for review in January, 1984. It could, of course, be varied at any time in between. He stated that if it is decided to vary the plan, it would have to be put on display for three months for observations, after which time the observations would have been considered by the Council. He stated that he hoped Councillors might discuss in general terms the contents of the Plan and decide in general what they would like to see done about it. He stated also that he had circulated a summary of the position with regard to Section 4 resolutions which were considered during the period from January 1978 to the present time as he considered that these might give an indication of what Councillors wished to do. He stated that a broad discussion on the Plan would help him in advising the County Council where they could go and he would like, in particular, their views on the amenity areas.

Deputy Callanan stated that having seen the resolutions on the Agenda, he would like to ask the proposers of those resolutions, if adopted, whether they would have development plan left. He would not agree with removing all the restrictions in the Plan but he pointed out that no matter what amendments were made, the question still would be one of interpretation, and, for instance, he referred to such phrases in the resolutions as "fulfill need", "frontage of an acceptable size". He stated that such matters should be expressed very clearly. He stated that the result of different interpretations would be additional Section 4 resolutions. He expressed the need for clear descriptions and specific measurements. Deputy Donnellan stated that it took a long time to adopt the present plan and it seems that a lot of problems had arisen in connection with it, which

resulted in Section 4 resolutions, that Councillors were being pushed into the position of voting for or against Section 4 resolutions. He stated that the most daring example of inability of the County Council to get through to an applicant that he was not fulfilling the conditions was the question of a development which started as a hayshed on the Headford Road. This man had been told to stop the development and he refused. He asked what can the Council do about developments where the applicant makes no attempt to comply with the conditions.

He also referred to a Section 4 resolution which was not adopted regarding five houses in Tuam Town which dealt with the question of access on to a new National Primary Road. He stated that he did not like voting for or against Section 4 resolutions, and that very often, the livelihood of an applicant was an issue. It is hard to know, he stated, who is right on many occasions - the County Council or the applicant. He stated that there are probably many things wrong with the Plan but the difficulty is to know how to solve them. He considered that all the Members of the County Council with the help of the Planning Staff should be able to draw up a type of a plan which would avoid having time of the County Council spent debating Section 4 resolutions. It was unfair to part-time Councillors to spend their time on having to decide on applications in the Council Chamber. Councillors should try to adopt a plan which is acceptable to everybody or as an alternative, the Council would have to meet and deal with applications altogether.

Councillor O Foighil stated that the South Connemara Area is the most difficult one in the County arising mainly from the amenity and scenic aspects. He agreed that planners and Councillors are responsible for the National Heritage. As a Councillor living and working in the Gaeltacht, he could not accept the Plan in its present form as protecting the Gaeltacht Heritage. Heritage in the Plan deals only with scenic amenities and it makes no provision for recognition of the social, economic and cultural aspects of the Gaeltacht. He considered that the areas marked out for restrictions in the Connemara Gaeltacht were ill advised, that people were not consulted when areas of special significance were being defined. Many people are small holders who have scattered holdings and they are now being refused Planning Permission on the northern side of the coast road where they would interfere with nothing but with a bog aspect. He agreed that the question of interpretation is very important. He did not agree that amenity areas outlined are really amenity areas in the context of the Gaeltacht. He stated that if the Plan makes land unworkable, such people who are prevented from developing their land, are entitled to compensation and could compel the County Council to purchase the land from them. Few have done little about this but speculators in the vicinity of Galway City have recently got over a quarter of a million pounds. He stated that these problems could be covered by a new motion which had been circulated and he asked if the Council would pass a resolution to revise the Planning Acts to include the following:

"To have the 1963 and 1976 Planning Acts revised as follows, and to ask the Government to pass legislation accordingly -

when the land to which the application relates is situated in the Gaeltacht, ^{the} special interest of the Gaeltacht and Irish language may have regard to the following:

1. The Social and economic needs of the area.
2. The special interests of the Gaeltacht and the Irish language."

He considered that this amendment of legislation could go a long way to solving the problems. It is now a question of the Members of the Council and Planners getting down together and getting a workable plan for the Gaeltacht.

He stated that there are thousands of acres of scenic areas in Connemara where houses will never be built, that the plan is too harsh in relation to restrictions on the areas where people wish to build. Economic needs should be attended to and a small holder should be able to sell a site to help his economic and family needs. The Plan does not give him that opportunity. He stated that all the motions submitted by him relate to

family needs, immigrants, etc. Regarding the question of road hazard in the Connemara Area, he stated that roads had been neglected for the past 50 or 60 years and the road itself in its present condition is a hazard.

Councillor O Morain stated that Councillor O Foighil had put a considerable amount of work into the preparation of his motions and that these had been referred to by Deputy Callanan. He stated that while he agreed with many of the sentiments expressed by Councillor O Foighil, he pointed out that if the Council accepts the first part of the motion, it is abdicating its authority and responsibility as a Planning Authority. He stated that he had been worried about the question of who, if these changes were made in the Act would interpret social and economic needs of the area and special interests of the Gaeltacht and the Irish language. He would not like to see either the County Council or say Udaras na Gaeltachta trying to interpret it. Looking at the maps in the Plan, he stated that the Council had accepted the Plan as originally presented, too easily, particularly the map setting out the landscape classification. He considered that instead of the broad area covered by Councillor O Foighil's resolutions, the Council should do an in depth examination of the west of the County and re-examine the situation as it is. He considered that if the base lines are changed in the Plan as proposed, the Council would no longer have control. The Section 4 process which has to be gone through publicly is a better alternative to abdicating responsibility. He asked if there are amenity areas in East Galway that should be shown on this map. The County Manager stated that there are some amenity areas near the Shannon.

Councillor O Morain suggested that the Council should form an Area Committee say consisting of the Members of the Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas and Members from other areas if they wished, for the purpose of carrying out an indepth examination of the areas designated amenity areas in the Plan and deciding whether or not any alteration in those areas or relaxation of the controls should be made.

Senator Connaughton stated that there will always be a difference of views between planners and developers but that the County needs orderly development. The Plan does not appear to take sufficient note of the people owning the land particularly small holders in amenity areas. It is difficult to tell a man that he cannot use his land to gain economic benefit from it. He considered that the Plan should be re-drawn to help dis-advantaged areas. He understood that An Foras Forbartha and other organisations proved that more exits lead to a greater degree of accidents. He would, however, be inclined to question this theory. He understood that some Counties had a special section to deal with Section 4 cases and that consultation between Members and Officials results in solving the problems without Section 4 resolutions being passed. This takes the pressure off Councillors and he suggested that a similar system might be considered here. The general public are not aware where they can build and he asked if the Council could activate a public discussion on this. He asked the County Manager if he could see any benefit accruing since the special planning meeting when arrangements were made about consultations and he also expressed dissatisfaction in relation to farm buildings. Councillor Joe Burke stated that he has consistently voted against Section 4 resolutions but he stressed that it is important that the Council have the right to use Section 4 where they deem it necessary. In the Tuam case already referred to, there was a good example of a traffic hazard. He stated that he voted against it as he felt the Council must have law and order, but that he might have been wrong since the area in question was within the speed limit zone where the situation is different and should be recognised. He considered that where permission is given, the conditions specified should be rigorously enforced: - such conditions are to protect some neighbours and others against noise, pollution, etc., and while there may be difficulty at first with regard to these matters, they would be accepted if the Council enforced the conditions.

He agreed with Councillor O Morain that a sub-committee should be appointed to examine the amenity areas as he considered that it was necessary to re-define those. He suggested that these reviews should take place every year and examine how problems had been dealt with in the meantime. The Council should decide what a traffic hazard is and implement its decisions in relation to such hazards.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that he expected to get comments from the Planners at the meeting regarding any points in the County Development Plan which the Planners themselves felt should be changed, altered or fully enforced. The County Manager stated that there were no such points which they wished to specifically make, but when he had seen the classified summary of the reasons for Section 4 resolutions, he felt that there was a need to look at the provisions in the Plan which related to amenity areas.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that Councillors are not adequately equipped to deal with the wider spectrum of Planning throughout the County. He pointed out that there are virtually two Counties to be dealt with with different conditions, East and West. It raises the question of which is the most important, the people or the Plan and he considered that people are more important. He stated that he had sympathy with those who wanted to sell sites - the Plan in relation to the Cois Fhairaige area provides considerably leniency for people living in the area and takes into account the needs of people employed in the area, second family dwellings, etc. He considered that every Section 4 resolution has a certain amount of merit and this should be recognised. There are many people who press Councillors to use Section 4 procedure and he stated that Councillors should not be intimidated by such people as they were at a recent meeting. Regarding the Tuam case already referred to, he recently saw it on the ground and stated that the local background was different from the Planning case made. He stated that the question of farm buildings had been generally ignored in the Development Plan and referred to the case of the intensive stock rearing unit which was built within a distance of 70 metres from another man's house on the south side of it. Such development should not take place at the expense of neighbours and there is no protection for people against this in the Plan. With regard to traffic hazards, he agreed that the number of exits on to roads should be controlled. He agreed that there are different points of view on the matter and that there is a question of interpretation. He also considered that Councils have an important input in Planning and that the question of amenity is a subjective one.

Councillor Bartley stated that there are speculators prepared to move into the scenic areas of Connemara who wished to build big houses but he considered that the Council's Plan should provide that only working class houses should be built there. He stated that in the Cashel/Renvyle Area, there were approximately 300 houses used for tourist purposes and which were closed for the Winter. Some of those Permissions were given to locals and some on the basis of second family dwelling, and subsequently sold. He stated that the present Plan is not a bad one, that it may need changes but that in general most cases of a claim for second family dwellings are heeded and are not refused. He agrees that a strict plan is needed in relation to development in peninsulas where foreigners are anxious to build. He stated that the present plan may need to be examined.

Councillor Ryan stated that at every review of the Plan some improvements result. He considered it is good to have a Plan and good to review it every two or three years. Many people make a mistake in not specifying that they are applying for Permission for a second family dwelling. He agrees that much more information is now being sought and more information is being given which is a help in considering their applications. He stated that Councillors are under strong pressure to vote for Section 4 resolutions and that it is wrong that applicants for Permission call to Councillors' houses for support on many occasions for developments which are not in that Councillor's Area. He appealed to Councillors not to use the Section 4 procedure without prior consultations and discussions with the Planning Staff. He considered that the Council should discourage the building of houses on sites which are obviously bad, generally in bog areas. He considered that something should be included in the Plan for the improvement of roads, e.g., for the peat campaign.

Councillor Haverty stated that the position in regard to Section 4 resolutions had become worse since the special meeting to consider the matter. Regarding the 24 decisions set out in the summary in connection with Section 4 resolutions, he asked if those would have been refused by the Manager if Section 4 resolutions had not been submitted.

The County Manager stated that those applications would have been granted in any event, that a Section 4 resolution was not necessary in those cases.

Councillor Haverty stated that he still thinks that there should be a relaxation on the provision in the plan to deal with needy cases especially in relation to National Secondary Roads. He stated that in many areas, such as Portumna, there is a difficulty in obtaining sites except on National Roads and that there should be a reasonable approach in dealing with such cases. He considered that more accidents are caused by high speed on good roads than by exits onto them. He referred to a case where an applicant was told that he would have to put in narrow windows in a house because of another house with similar windows nearby. He disagreed totally with this. He was doubtful about the use of committees but if there are to be any, they should be confined to Councillors to deal with applications in their own areas. He asked if the Council is too strict in relation to signs as he considered that they meet a need for the applicant and for the public.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that he had come to the meeting to be educated on the interpretation of the Plan by County Council officials and he would have liked to see the staff come out and say what their interpretation of the Plan is and what their problems are in regard to its implementation. He stated that if people knew where development is not permitted, they might not be seeking Permission in those areas. He stated that in Map 5, the entire shoreline of the lake is classified as a high amenity area and feels that this is unjustified and he would prefer it to be more specific as it caused undue difficulties to applicants. He stated that the entire shoreline seems to be frozen and he considered that certain people, e.g., those looking for second family dwellings should be exempt. He considered that a notice on the site of intention to apply for Planning Permission would be preferable to a notice in a newspaper as publishing in certain newspapers can be unsatisfactory and an abuse. He supported Councillor Haverty regarding the blanket prohibition on development on National Primary and Secondary Roads. He stated that sites are at a premium because so few come on the market. He stated that one applicant for Permission has been held up for two and a half years needlessly, waiting for the realignment of a road. In another case in the Loughrea Area, a development was held up until finance is available for water and sewerage services.

The County Manager, replying to a query by Deputy Callanan, stated that the Council could not amend the Plan at that meeting but that he hoped an indication might be given of the next step which might be taken in the consideration of the Plan.

Councillor O Morain proposed that an area committee be set up to examine the amenity areas in Connemara. This committee could consist of Councillors from Galway City and Connemara and others if they wished to go on it, with the object of examining specific areas and to go on the ground if necessary.

The County Manager said that he felt that the consensus of the Meeting was that the amenity areas should be examined, that the areas which are mapped should be reviewed with a view to ascertaining whether some of those areas should be removed from that category. He would welcome the establishment of a committee of members from the two areas to examine the amenity areas and he suggested that the committee should meet in the County Buildings in the first instance to decide the areas to be examined in depth. He felt that the time had come to review the amenity areas and that nobody wished to have a Plan which did not provide for such amenity areas but that the amenity areas should be examined in their proper perspective.

Regarding the consultation procedure, the County Manager thought that where it took place, it had proved useful, but on the basis of experience, the arrangements need to be modified and he suggested that perhaps there might be some merit in having a Standing Committee of the Councillors from each area to be called to the County Buildings on meeting days before 3.30 p.m. He believed in the consultation system which perhaps was too restrictive in that it was confined to only the two or three Councillors who were involved in a Section 4 resolution. Councillor Higgins stated that it would appear to be better to have a committee consisting of one member from

each area which would be independent and would make decisions on applications. Councillor O Morain stated that his proposal was for a Committee which would deal with the County Development Plan not with individual applications for Permission. He considered that a Committee for an area would be susceptible to local pressures.

Councillor Haverty said that he was not in favour of Committees as there was no time for them on dates of meetings.

The County Manager stated that there could also be a committee to examine the amenity area near the river Shannon and that this Committee could also look at the question of development on roads. Regarding roads, he stated that the Government had laid down certain guidelines copy of which had been circulated already to the Councillors, and the Council decided to adopt the guidelines set out by the Department of the Environment on that occasion. Councillor Glynn stated that the Council should guard the power which it has to make a development plan as if they abused it, the Minister might take it away from the Council. He stated that next to Dublin and Cork, the Council has the most complex plan in Ireland because of the varying circumstances and activities throughout the City and County. Much of the City development has extended into the County area. There is the agricultural area in the East and North-East and the amenity areas in the West of the County. There are also the problems of control on National Primary and Secondary Roads and agricultural buildings. The Council should rigidly enforce the Planning Law and take protective measures against pollution. An Foras Forbartha and other organisations had proved that the number of exits on to roads lead to a greater risk of accidents and in the case of the Naas dual carriageway, the major accidents had occurred at crossings. He felt that the County Development Plan has worked well and that up to 95% of applicants get Permission without any difficulties. Many people see the Plan in the negative aspect of control and it should be seen instead as encouraging orderly development. He considered that the Council in considering amendments to the Plan should not go as far as it was proposed in Councillor O Foighil's motions and it should not leave it in a situation whereby it could be interpreted by individual applicants for Permission. He considered that the County could soon see a surplus of houses. In the amenity areas, he stated that in many cases, the County Manager would be prepared to grant permission if the applicant would move to a less objectionable site but that Councillors had backed Section 4 resolutions for the original site. He repeated that Councillors should not be intimidated at meetings and they should not be under pressure in their homes to support Section 4 resolutions. He did not agree that the Plan prevents development of towns and villages on National routes. In fact, he considered the Plan encourages this type of development. He complimented the County Manager and Planning staff for their positive approach to Planning.

Councillor Joyce expressed disappointment that the motions on the Agenda had not been discussed. He stated that he was interested in Architectural and historical sites as a Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee. He had put down a motion in connection with those but he was informed that it was not necessary, and he stated that there may be up to a thousand of such sites not recorded in the Plan. He asked would these be taken into account in the review.

He asked if the persons voting for and against a Section 4 motion must be recorded and that it was possible that a different result would be obtained if a secret vote could be taken. He stressed the need for a decent Caravan Park in the Ballyconneely area. He agreed that signs could become unsightly.

He referred to an application for extension of a former County Council cottage where the applicant was asked for very detailed drawings which he considered to be unusual and unnecessary in the case of an extension to a house. He considered that this should not be necessary but he agreed to discuss the matter with the staff in the Planning Office.

Replying to Councillor Joyce's comment on the report in his proposal in connection with Road T.31 Ballinasloe/Portumna, the County Manager stated that what the reply means is in fact that the road can go back to a Main

road status instead of being included as a Class 2 Control road. Referring to his proposal re. Preservation of Trees, he stated that it would be a pity if those trees were destroyed and he asked if a Preservation Order could be made.

The County Manager stated that there would be a risk of being liable for compensation if a Preservation Order were made. Referring to his proposal in connection with the "new gate" at Bellevue, Laurencetown, Councillor Joyce gave an account of the historical significance of this gate since 1782. He stated that if the County Council took over the two gate lodges, they could be used as maisonettes and also preserve the monument. He considered that there would be no great cost involved.

Councillor M. Fahy suggested that the refusal of Permission for exits on to National Primary Roads should be eased and that an applicant should not be required to come through the property of another person as a condition of Planning Permission, as the ownership of the land might change.

He also considered that a person should be permitted to sell a site to build a house for himself or for his family or for the purpose of earning money to educate his family. He criticised the lack of control over caravan parking on the Galway/Limerick road because of the refuse that they leave after them.

Councillor Welby stated that it did not seem that there were very ^{many} problems needing a vast change in the Development Plan as outlined in Councillor O Foighil's motion. The Plan is not working out very badly. There could be improvements in the Plan by abolishing the freezing of lands and there could also be some easing off on the policy with regard to backland development. If so, the Plan would then not be a bad one. He stated that he had reached agreement in about 7 out of every 10 cases following discussions with the Planning Officer and he referred to a case where he proposed sending in a Section 4 resolution where a teacher was seeking Permission where no other site was available to him in the area. He considered that it would be preferable if signs could be grouped in one area and that this might, in fact, be more affective than scattered sites throughout the County. He considered that steps should be taken to deal with the question of parking of caravans on roadsides. Referring to exits from houses to County roads, he stated that the roadway constructed in those cases often blocks roadside drains as no gulleys are provided. The result is that the water flow on the side of the road is stopped. He considered that the Plan should provide for the sale by a smallholder of a site in order to educate his family. Councillor O Conchubhair stated that he was worried with regard to the cultural aspects of the Plan in relation to the Gaeltacht which he stated is being eroded. He referred to a controversial Planning Application in the Spiddal Area, the site of which had now been purchased by Udaras na Gaeltachta and he asked if the Council with Udaras na Gaeltachta could arrange for the erection of houses for young people on that site. He considered that there are not sufficient Planning Officers for the Connemara Area. He would like to see more consultations with the applicant on the site. Referring to road signs in Irish, Councillor O Conchubhair stated that the maps are still in the english language and that the Council should take steps to try to get the place names in maps changed to the Irish form. He considered it difficult to convince an applicant that the Council was reasonable in refusing permission because of a view.

Councillor O Morain asked if the County Manager, instead of making a statement at that stage to the Council, could send a memorandum to them setting out his views on the suggestions made in regard to review and amendment of the Plan.

The County Manager stated that the matter can be put on the Agenda for the next meeting to consider the question of an Area Committee as proposed. He felt that this was a very constructive proposal and if the County Council decides in principle to do so, the formation of the Committee could go ahead.

Councillor J. Burke stated that if the Council changes the Plan, it should abide strictly by its conditions. He suggested the formation of two Committees, one which would deal with the main roads and amenity areas in the Eastern part of the County and the other committee already proposed for the West.

714 - PETROL TANKER DRIVERS' DISPUTE:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that a telegram would be forwarded to An Taoiseach asking him to use his good offices to secure a settlement of the petrol tanker drivers dispute.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED!

Joddie Byrne CHAIRMAN

24/10/80 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17u Deire Fomhair, 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 h-Aoine, 24u Deire Fomhair, 1980.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:

- (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Creggaduff for Mr. J.T. Griffiths - Planning Ref. No. 31841."
J. M. Mannion. G. Bartley. P. McCormack.
- (b) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleanála a thabhairt do Padraic O Cualain o Lochan Beag, Indreabhán. - Uimhir Thagartha Pleanála 36794."
P. O'Foighil. J. M. Mannion. P. McCormack.
- (c) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleanála a thabhairt do Cait Bean Uí Flaithearta o Lochan Beag, Indreabhán. - Uimhir Thagartha Pleanála 36793."
P. O'Foighil. John M. Mannion. Padraic McCormack.
- (d) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleanála a thabhairt do Brid Uí Chualain o Lochan Beag, Indreabhán. - Uimhir Thagartha Pleanála 36791."
P. O'Foighil. John M. Mannion. Padraic McCormack.
- (e) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleanála a thabhairt do Sean O Flatharta of Lochan Beag, Indreabhán. - Uimhir Thagartha Pleanála 36792."
P. O'Foighil. M. J. Kilgannon. Padraic McCormack.

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- (f) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleanála a thabhairt do Tomás O Curraidhín o Cnoc Glas, An Spideal. - Uimhir Pleanála 36785."
P. O'Foighil. M. Ryan. John Donnellan.

- (g) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Mr. P. M. Mannion of Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Market Hill, Clifden. - Planning Reference Number 36977."
J. M. Mannion. P. McCormack. G. Bartley.

- (h) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James and Bridget Gardiner Labane, Ardrahan, for road entrance to the National Primary Road from their dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 36953."
Michael Fahy. Tony Murphy. Thomas Welby.

- (i) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Mary Fahy, Ballyglass, Turloughmore, for a filling station. - Planning Reference Number 36701."
Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Tony Murphy.

- (j) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Gavin, Demesne, Tuam, for entrance onto the main road from the new estate of 5 houses. - Planning Reference Number 36819."
M. Killilea. P. Finnegan. G. Bartley.

- (k) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission to Gerard Rooney, Blain, Athenry, for a new house and garage. - Planning Reference Number 36913."
M. Killilea. John Molloy. Tony Murphy.

- (l) "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 Mairtin Breathnach for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Kilroe East. -
Thomas Welby. Nioclás O Conchubhair. M. O'Morain.

2. Minutes - Meetings held on 22nd and 29th September, 1980.

3. Review of County Development Plan - Committee.

4. Fire Prevention - proposals for entering into Agreements under the Fire Brigades Act, 1940, and Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, with Galway Corporation and Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

5. Creation of office of Museum Curator and Agreement with Galway Corporation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, to share services of Curator.

6. Sale of houses to the following tenants:-

Martin and Mary Mannion, Trihill West, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.

Ellen Usher, Eastwell, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe.
Edward Hardiman, Lissybroder, Dunmore.
Frank Moriarty, Dublin Road, Tuam.

- Notices dated 9th October, 1980.

7. Sale of Housing site at Cullairbaun, Athenry to Mr. Seamus Mulkerrins, Caheroyan, Athenry. - Notice dated 8th October, 1980.
8. Disposal of site at Lemonfield, Oughterard. - Notice dated 13th October, 1980.
9. Meeting of the County Council's General Council on 26th November, 1980. - Copy of Notice herewith.
10. Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, - waiver of conditions under Section 7.
11. Sanitary Services Capital Allocation.
12. Review of Council's Finances, 1980. - Estimated outturn and authorisation of Excess Expenditure.
13. Raising of Loan of £3,500 towards cost of headworks for Brockagh/Lisduff Group Water Supply Scheme.
14. Local Authority Members' Association - copy of letter from Secretary herewith.
15. Fix date of Housing Meeting.
16. Protection of Fresh Waters - E.E.C. Directive - Lough Corrib and River Corrib - Copy of Circular from Department of Environment herewith.
17. Galway County Development Team - Activities - Report 1979.
18. Business submitted by the County Manager.

19. DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:

That a suitable tap be erected on or about the pumphouse of Belclare Group Water Scheme to serve the needs of school children and members of the public.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

20. An bothar i dtreo pairc peile Micil Breathnach (Inverin) agus comh fada leis na tithe in aice leis, a dheisiu agus a tarail.
21. An sean Droichead na Trachta a scrudu agus na ballai ar an príomh bothar o Anach Meain comh fada leis an droichead nua a dheisiu.
22. Cen fath nach bhfuil an Roilig nua san gCeathru Rua oscailte fos.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

23. That relevant fire brigades carry out practice fire-fighting drill in each of the following towns, Eyrecourt, Laurencetown, Kiltormer, Kilrickle, Aughtim, Kilconnell, Caltra, Ahascragh, Castleblakeney, New Inn, Menlough, Monivea, and Bullaun.
24. That Mr. Tom Fanning, Department of Archaeology, U.C.G., be elected as an Honorary Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee of Galway County Council.

SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

25. That Galway County Council would provide a housing scheme in Caltra village where land has been acquired by Galway County Council from the Land Commission.
26. That in discussions between Galway County Council and Bord na Mona, joint action be discussed on improving the roads in the Ahascragh area, and particularly, easing bends on the Eglis Road where Bord na Mona machinery travels frequently.

SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT, DEPUTY M. KILLILEA, COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - We will propose:

27. What is the position concerning pump nominated for Lissavrugy, Newbridge, Ballinasloe?

COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

28. That the County Council improve the view at the head of the Cahereenashillagh road, Turloughmore, leading to Paddy Newell's house.
29. That the County Council provide a hard shoulder on the path on the Oranmore/Clarenbridge road.
30. That the County Council cut the bushes and improve the view on the Ballindooley/Castlegar road and on the Ballindooley to McHugh's Pub road, and take steps to improve the view generally at Ballindooley cross.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN - I will propose:

31. Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach ce'n staid ina bhfuil droichead Bhaile an Tobair, Duchta, Corna Mona.
32. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi clar le aistriuchan d'ainmneacha na mbailte ag Mor Chrosbothair na Gaeltachta.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

33. That this Council put down a continuous white line on a stretch of the Galway/Headfrod road between Kilroe Cross and Rawfree Cross because of the large number of accidents on this road.

34. That this Council make provisions in the 1981 Estimates for the supply and fitting of new iron gate to Annaghdown Cemetery, also the removal of clay banks outside emeetry wall.
35. What is the present position regarding the proposed sewerage scheme for Barna village.
- COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:
36. That because of the inadequacy of the present scheme of Higher Education Grants, this Council calls on the Government to introduce a scheme for third level educational loans - such loans to be repaid on the recipient taking up full-time employment.
- COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:
37. That Galway County Council employ a Traffic Warden on the Westport road at the entrance to the National School in the Convent Grounds, Clifden.
- COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:
38. That the Department of the Environment be asked, as a matter of urgency, to make sufficient funds available to Ballinasloe U.D.C. to enable it to proceed with its planned housing programme.
39. That Galway County Council build a bathroom and bedroom for (name and address supplied).
40. That Galway County Council serve notice on the owner of caravans illegally parked in Aughrim, to remove same.
41. Resolutions from other Local Authorities - copies herewith.

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MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. costs
Peter Treston, Brendan Street, Portumna.	Two signs were destroyed.	Electoral Division of Portumna.	£100	£226.27
Patrick Connolly, 24, Glenard Ave., Salthill, Galway.	Damaged and destroyed tyre of motor car.	Borough of Galway.	£32	£83.86
Robert O'Leary, Ardcavan Coach Tours.	Damage to a 44 seater coach by smashing 2 side windows.	Borough of Galway.	£800	£717.18
Kevin Connolly, 24, Glenard Ave., Salthill, Galway.	Damage to 2 tyres of motor car.	Borough of Galway.	£36	£87.66
Patrick Gallagher, c/o Patrick J. Keys & Son, 14, Eglinton Street, Galway.	Damage to motor vehicle.	Borough of Galway.	£1,250.00	£513.83
Comhar Caomhan Teo.	8, 32 oz. panes of glass each measuring 2' x 5½" and 1' x 3½" at the Community Hall, Inisheer.	D.E.D. Inisheer.	£60	£81

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

I wish to refer to the Special Meeting of Galway County Council on the 29th September, 1980 and the Minutes of that meeting which are for adoption at the Council meeting on the 24th October, 1980. At the conclusion of the meeting I was asked to prepare a note of the observations which I wished to make in response to the debate.

It is apparent from the trend of the discussion on the 29th September, 1980 that Councillors are generally satisfied as to the need for a County Development Plan which would control development and preserve the amenities of the county. While Councillors are concerned about amenity, much of which is located in Connemara, though not exclusively so, members are concerned about the possibility of restrictions applying over too wide an area. Extensive amenity areas are mapped on the County Development Plan but development is not automatically excluded in these areas. Nevertheless, an effort is made, when an application is received from an amenity area, to encourage a developer to locate his development where least damage would be caused to the environment.


A suggestion was made at the Council Meeting that a Committee be formed to examine in depth the areas mapped as amenity areas in the County Development Plan with a view to ascertaining whether these are the most appropriate in order to strike a proper balance between the preservation of the environment and the legitimate development objectives of applicants. I recommend that such a committee be formed and that it consist of all of the Councillors from the Electoral Areas of Connemara and Galway. I would recommend that this Committee should initially meet for detailed consultations with the Council's Planning Staff. These discussions could include consideration of those areas mapped as amenity areas with a view to identifying those parts of the area where on-the-spot meetings should take place. It should be the task of the Committee to prepare a Report and Recommendations for the Council as to the changes which they would propose in relation to the Plan.

In proposing that initially the Committee of Galway and Connemara Councillors be appointed, I am not ruling out the proposal that another Committee may be necessary for the amenity area on the Shannon. However, I feel that the resources of the Planning Staff, which are limited, should be concentrated initially on the Connemara area. If, however, the Council proposes to form another Committee at this point of time, it would be understood that its work would commence after the Connemara task has been completed.

With regard to the arrangements proposed previously for consultation as between Councillors and Planning Staff in connection with Planning Applications the time might be opportune for a review of those arrangements. The Council's Planning Staff are appreciative of the consultations that take place and I strongly recommend that consultation procedures should continue. At the Council meeting on the 29th September, 1980, I suggested that the existing arrangement might need modification. It will be noted that the intended consultation has not always taken place before motions came up for discussion at Council meetings.

Even in cases where the consultation has taken place, information about the detailed circumstances is confined to those Councillors participating in the discussions. This has the effect of excluding from the detailed discussions, other Councillors who would be called upon to take up a position in connection with the Section 4 motion when it comes before the Council. Perhaps the Council would again consider the desirability of having a Standing Committee of the Council to deal with Section 4 motions at a Committee meeting at 2.30 p.m. on the day of the normal Council meeting. This Committee could, in fact, consist of all the members of the Council though it is appreciated that certain Council members may not be able to attend at 2.30 p.m. In any event, the proposed Committee offers the opportunity to attending Councillors to become aware of the full facts of each case. The Committee would be concerned with proposing ways and means by which differences could be reconciled as between the Council and applicants. Measures contributing to this objective could include, examination of alternative sites, re-design of proposals, altered accesses and other such matters. In any case where the Committee recommended that permission should not be granted the Council would take due note of this recommendation. In any case where the Committee recommended deferral of the application for further examination, the matter would not be discussed at the County Council meeting until that examination had been concluded. In any case where progress could not be made at the Committee meeting, a report of this development would be made at the following Council meeting and a decision would be made on the application at the meeting. In addition to the Committee system proposed herein I would suggest that the existing consultation arrangement should continue as between individual Councillors and Planning staff so as to obviate as far as possible the need for proposals to reach the Section 4 stage.

(Signed:)


COUNTY MANAGER

(Date: 22nd October, 1980)

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ÁRAS AN CHONTAE
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GAILLIMH
(Galway)

16th October, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

Local Improvements Schemes - 1980

Dear Member,

I attach herewith table showing the present position with regard to offers of grant and expenditure on Local Improvements Schemes in the current year. It will be seen that the total to be expended in the Portumna and Ballinasloe areas is much less than the amount allocated. This is due to the fact that a large number of offers were not availed of in 1980. Offers were issued for five schemes in Portumna area and only one offer was taken up. One offer was also availed of in the Ballinasloe area out of a total of eight schemes for which offers were issued; however offers are still valid for three schemes in that area.

Expenditure is low in the Clifden area due to the fact that work is being carried out first on the Gaeltacht schemes. However, it is expected that the allocation will be fully expended before the 31st December. If the allocation for Portumna and Ballinasloe areas is not fully expended, it may be possible to transfer the balances to Gort and Milltown if the outstanding offers in these areas are availed of. If not, the balances can be transferred to Galway, Oughterard and Clifden areas.

Yours sincerely,

J. HOWLETT
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 1980

AREA	ALLOCATION	OFFERS ISSUED 1980	OFFERS ISSUED BUT NOT ACCEPTED	OFFERS STILL OUTSTANDING	AUTHORISED	AMOUNTS TO BE EXPENDED IN 1980 FOR SCHEMES COMMENCED IN 1979	TOTAL AUTHORISED	EXPENDITURE TO 30/9/1980
Clifden	23,420	23,735	11,412	-	12,323	15,666	27,949	30.00
Oughterard	31,960	35,935	9,223	-	26,712	12,175	38,887	21,548.83
Galway	20,370	19,440	6,731	-	12,709	15,075	27,784	21,855.34
Tuar.	10,610	20,627	10,191	-	10,436	-	10,436	5,251.02
Milltown	12,440	23,306	7,123	4,479	11,734	-	11,704	4,092.00
Loughrea	10,000	4,373	-	-	4,373	5,975	10,348	5,397.40
Gort	11,830	24,333	6,570	9,745	8,018	3,125	11,143	3,761.01
Portumna	11,830	16,450	13,772	1,848	835	1,372	2,207	420.38
Ballinasloe	11,220	22,558	10,374	11,210	974	2,822	3,796	1,872.78
Athenny	14,270	21,869	6,263	-	15,666	125	15,791	5,592.20
Mountbellew	13,050	5,451	3,037	-	2,414	14,762	17,176	16,052.81
TOTAL	171,000	216,077	84,636	27,277	106,164	71,057	177,221	85,873.77

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/7/171

9th. October, 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:- Irish Land Commission.

Location:- Trihill West, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Martin & Mary Mannion of: Trihill West, Ballinamore Bridge,
Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1,651.

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 Regulations, 1980.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/1/1407

9th. October, 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:- Ellen Usher, Eastwell, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Eastwell, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Ellen Usher of: Eastwell, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe, 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 Regulations, 1980.

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. 63/10/306

9th. October, 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:- Ina M. Cashel, Lissybroder, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

Location:- Lissybroder, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Edward Hardiman of: Lissybroder, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £227.

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 Regulations, 1980.

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. 63/10/1425

9th. October, 1980

To: Each Member:-

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to sell a dwelling owned by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Western Health Board.

Location:- Toberjarlath, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Frank Moriarty of: Dublin Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,385.

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 Regulations, 1980.

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,
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TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

8th October 1980

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

A Chara/

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the 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.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

Seamus Mulkerrins, Caheroyan, Athenry

Site No.
56

Area of Plot
.123 Acre

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
56	£3,000

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.

K. Doyle
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

13th October, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

Land Acquired From: Irish Land Commission.

Location: Lemonfield, Oughterard.

Area: 1 rood 32 perches.

To whom land is to be transferred:

Irish Land Commission for inclusion of the site in a Trust Deed held by Local Trustees for adjoining land.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:

The Land Commission to transfer to the Council an area of 2 roods 11 perches fronting the main road, as shown in map attached to Land Commission letter of consent dated 4th October, 1976.

Other Conditions:

1. The Council shall redeem the annuity of 50 p. on the plot being transferred to the Council.
2. The plot being transferred to the Council shall be consolidated in the Council's Folio No. 57348.

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

SIGNED:

[Signature]
COUNTY SECRETARY

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21st October, 1980

TO EACH COUNTY COUNCILLOR/

REVIEW OF 1980 ESTIMATES

I attach hereto a Statement showing the anticipated out-turn under the prescribed headings in the Estimate of Expenses. The Statement shows the amount in the Estimate as adopted, together with the anticipated out-turn and any excesses or savings that arise.

Increased expenditure under National Roads is covered by the amount of increased grants recently allocated. The Department has been unable to offer additional funds under any other heading, and accordingly, the excess expenditure arising — aside from (a) National Roads, and (b) items covered by savings, — must remain as over-expenditure ranking as a first charge on next year's funds. The following is a summary of the over-all situation.

Gross excess expenditure as per attached statement.....£692,140

The Gross excess expenditure is financed as follows:

Additional Road Grants allocated.....£180,000

Transfers within the Estimate headings.....£170,882

Nett Over-expenditure.....£341,258

After consideration of this report by the Council; I propose to make a submission to the Department of the Environment, again calling attention to the short-fall of funds affecting the Council's services, and seeking additional allocations. I propose, with the approval of the Council, to suggest to the Department that if additional funds cannot be made available this year, that a Special Allocation will be made by the Department in 1981 to discharge the debit balance arising this year, without detriment to the funds that will be necessary for next year's programmes.

It will be noted that the excess expenditures that are outlined in the attached statements, arise because they were inescapable commitments requiring to be met by the Council regardless of any rate limitation imposed by the Department of the Environment for purposes of the 1980 Budget.

HOUSING AND BUILDING - Because of the importance of local authority House Repairs, and in view of the proposed over-expenditure of £22,000, a sum of £10,000 has been brought to credit from Programme 6.3.2. This item represented provision made by the Council to match Bord Failte grants for amenities throughout the county, but, in fact, the Bord Failte grant did not materialise.

ROAD TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY - A sum of £20,000 excess expenditure is proposed in this Programme, to be financed by the transfer of a similar amount from the provision made in the Estimates for drainage of the Island River.

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WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE - It will be seen that the various items of excess expenditure in this service amounted to £97,430 of which £59,220 is set off by foregoing other works. Programme 3.1.2 refers to funds provided for Minor Water Supply Improvements. Programme 3.1.3. refers to a small saving on loan charges in the Water Supply Programme arising because of the fact that the Council's Capital Allocation this year was not as great as anticipated. Programme 3.2.6 included provision for the construction of sanitary conveniences which are being deferred. Programme 3.3.6 refers also to loan charges and Programme 3.2.7 refers to loan charges and sewerage works.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES & CONTROL - The estimate excess in this service is £8,000 of which £4,700 is financed by a transfer from Programme 4.1.3. which referred to Planning Control within the same service.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL - The total excess in this service is £58,700 against which there is a set-off of £29,600 from Programmes 5.1.2 and 5.4.4. Programme 5.1.2 refers to provision and equipment of dumps. Item 5.4.4. refers to Fire Prevention.

RECREATION & AMENITY - The excess expenditure in this heading is fully set off by saving within the same programme group. These savings are procured mainly from the deferral of book purchases.

AGRICULTURE, HEALTH & WELFARE - The total excess expenditure in this service is £87,650 towards which there is a set-off of £14,100 from other programmes. All of these transfers are from the programme group covering Recreation and Amenity. I wish to direct particular attention to the Item of £72,350 proposed under the heading "Contribution to the Western Health Board." I referred to this item in my Estimate statement for 1980. In that statement I advised the Council that at the end of the last financial year I had received a demand from the Dept. of Social Welfare for the payment to the Western Health Board of £121,509 more than budgeted for in 1979. My statement further explained that, at the time of preparing the 1980 Estimate, the Department's demand had not been received for 1980. Nevertheless, I provided in the Estimate a figure representing an increase of 20% over the figure originally demanded in 1979, in order to meet an anticipated increased demand and to make provision for increases of allowances to recipients in 1980. The most recent statement available to the Council of its liabilities in 1980 under this heading indicates that a figure of £179,190 is due by the Council in excess of the provision in the Estimate. I suggest that it would be altogether unreasonable to expect the Council to be able to supply this money in circumstances where funds are inadequate to maintain over Council services, and accordingly, I am proposing that excess expenditure be authorised in the sum of £72,350 for payment in 1980, and that the question of providing for the balance of the liability be considered in preparing the Estimate for 1981.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES - I wish to direct particular attention to the item totalling £121,000 arising by way of excess expenditure for the payment of overdraft interest. The Council's overdraft requirements this year were considerably in excess of any previous year. One of the principal contributing factors to the situation is the short-fall in the Capital Allocation to the Council for work in progress under Housing, Water and Sewerage Schemes. At the end of the current financial year it is

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anticipated that the Council will be carrying on overdraft the following short-falls under capital allocations:

- (a) Housing.....£650,000
- (b) Sanitary Services.....£500,000

In addition to the problems under the heading of Capital Funds the Council is also financing a larger programme of current expenditure consistent with increased costs. In addition the Council is experiencing the affects of three years in succession when the rate of inflation was considerably higher than the maximum rate increase permitted to the Council under statute. During the current year, interest rates were at a particularly high level. I recommend that the Council make an application to the Department of the Environment for a Special Grant to finance the increased borrowing charges necessary because of the short-fall of capital funds as set out above.

The approval of the Council is required for the excess expenditures listed in the attached report under the headings indicated. Departmental sanction is available for the transfer of expenditure between sub-heads of the Estimate, but it will be necessary to seek the approval of the Minister for the excess expenditure not covered by such transfers.

(Signed:)


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23rd October, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council - 24th October, 1980.

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A

Motions received which were omitted in error:-

COUNCILLOR M. G. O h-UIGINN - I will propose:

- 42. What stage have contract documents for Barna Sewerage Scheme reached?
- 43. That provision be made in the 1981 Road Estimates for the extension and proper repair of footpaths in the Knocknacarra area, Galway.

K. DOYLE,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 24TH OCTOBER, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O Conchubhair, P. O Foighil, M. G. O h-Uiginn, M. O Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; B. Kennedy, D. Barrett, and H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officers; P. J. McGovern, Acting Finance Officer; Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Miss M. Nolan, Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); F. O Gallachoir, Temporary Planning Assistant; C.P. Lynch, County Development Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

715 - SECTION 4 RESOLUTIONS - GENERAL:

Councillors Coogan and Holland asked that Members of the Council should consider taking some action to restrict the number of Section 4 resolutions in relation to Planning.

716 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 31841 - MR. J. T. GRIFFITHS:

The County Manager stated that this application had been on a Further Information but that in the meantime, a new application with an altered site had been submitted and he understood that it was the intention that this application would not be proceeded with.

The resolution set out at 1. (a) on the Agenda was not proposed.

717 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36794 - PADRAIC O CUALAIN:

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

"BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located adjacent to two other sites on which S.4 notices have been proposed for the meeting, Planning Ref. Nos. 36791 and 36793. It is the Planning Authority's policy to restrict development in this area to the existing development area in order to preserve the visual amenities of the area and to protect the Public's enjoyment of the adjacent small beach. There has been no consultation with the Planning Authority prior to the submission of this Section 4 notice.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

This is the first application on this site. This applicant appears to be a brother of Brid Ni Chulain (see report on Notice under S.4 on Planning Ref. No. 36791).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area and interfere with the public enjoyment of the nearby beach because it would be located too near to the said beach, in an area where there is no housing at present.

The family holding has been investigated and there are a number of alternative sites, some of which are between the road and the sea. The Planning Authority would give sympathetic consideration to any application on these alternative sites, even those between the main road and the sea.

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area because it would be elevated and obtrusive between the main tourist road and the sea in an area which has a bare, rocky landscape.

The proposed development would interfere with public amenity because it would be located too close to the sea shore in an area of high visual amenity.

The proposed development is contrary to the 1979 County Development Plan because the applicant is able to satisfy his housing need on an alternative site which would not detract unduly from the visual amenity and public enjoyment of the area."

He reminded the Council that no urgent immediate family needs had been established, that there were two previous applications in this case and that there are restrictions against this type of development in the Development Plan as it stands. He considered that this is an area which the Council might examine later with regard to the provisions of the present Plan, but he considered it not desirable that applications such as this should be approved until the review of the Plan is complete.

Councillor O Foighil stated that in this immediate area, there are 18 cases where Permission was given for all types of development and so far as he knew had been given through Section 4 resolutions. In this case, he stated that the family consists of a mother and 10 in family, and when the Plan was originally adopted, she and another person were the only residents on this road. She and her family now want a house near the sea and it is essential that she be accommodated in this area. He stated that the owner of a house beside the applicant in this case lives in Dublin, and got Permission, and he stated that in this case there is a family need for the applicant and for his brothers and sisters. He proposed the resolution set out at 1.(b) on the Agenda.

Councillor McCormack seconded Councillor O Foighil's proposal.

The County Manager stated that if there was a need established in this case and no other land were available, he would agree to grant the Permission but there is an alternative site available in this case. Councillor O Foighil stated that it is not consistent with the other decisions made in this area to force this family to move to an alternative site.

Councillor Holland proposed that the Permission sought be refused.

As there was no seconder for this proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor O Foighil's proposal carried.

718 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36793 - CAIT BEAN UI FHLATHARTA:

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

"BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located adjacent to two other sites on which Section 4 notices have been proposed for this meeting, Planning Ref. Nos. 36791 and 36794. It is the Planning Authority's policy to restrict development in this area to the existing developed area in order to preserve the visual amenity of the area and to protect the public's enjoyment of the adjacent small beach. There has been no consultation with the Planning Authority prior to the submission of this Section 4 notice.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

Permission has been refused on this site by Galway County Council to Brid Inion Ui Fhlatharta (Planning Ref. No. 30909).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area and interfere with the public enjoyment of a nearby beach, because it would be located too near to the said beach in an area where there is no development at present.

The family holding has been investigated and there are a number of alternative sites, some of which are between the main road and the sea. The applicant herself has admitted that there are three other suitable sites on the family holding. The Planning Authority would give sympathetic consideration to any application on these alternative sites which are further from the sea shore.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area because it would be elevated and obtrusive between the main tourist road and the sea in an area which has a bare, rocky landscape.

The proposed development would interfere with public amenity because it would be located too close to the seashore in an area of high visual amenity.

The proposed development is contrary to the 1979 County Development Plan because the applicant is able to satisfy his housing need on an alternative site which would not detract unduly from the visual amenity and public enjoyment of the area."

The County Manager stated that the situation in this case is similar to that in the previous one, that an alternative site is available and that the applicant is stated to be a student.

Councillor O Foighil, proposing the resolution set out on the Agenda, stated that the same arguments that he had made in the previous application applied in this case, that the application was made by the mother who wished to have a site set aside for her daughter.

Councillor McCormack seconded Councillor O Foighil's proposal.

Councillor Holland proposed that the Permission sought be refused.

As there was no seconder, the Chairman declared Councillor O Foighil's motion carried.

719 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36791 - BRID NI CHULAIN:

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

"BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located adjacent to two other sites on which Section 4 notices have been proposed, Planning Ref. Nos. 36794 and 36793, for this meeting. The site is located approximately 300 feet from a small beach and is closer to the sea than any previously permitted development. It is the Planning Authority's policy to restrict development in this area to the existing developed area in order to preserve the visual amenity of the area and to protect the public enjoyment of the adjacent small beach. There has been no consultation with the Planning Authority prior to the submission of this Section 4 notice.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

Permission has been refused on this site by Galway County Council on one occasion, Planning Ref. No. 30903 to Brid Inion Ni Chulain (Nora).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area and interfere with the public enjoyment of the nearby beach because it would be located too near to the said beach where there is no development at present.

The family holding has been investigated and there are a number of alternative sites, some of which are between the main road and the sea. The Planning Authority would give sympathetic consideration to any application on these alternative sites, even those between the main road and the sea.

RECOMMENDATION

The proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area because it would be elevated and obtrusive between the main tourist road and the sea in an area which has a bare, rocky landscape.

The proposed development would interfere with public amenity because it would be located too close to the sea shore in an area of high visual amenity.

The proposed development is contrary to the 1979 County Development Plan because the applicant is able to satisfy his housing need on an alternative site which would not detract unduly from the visual amenity and public enjoyment of the area."

He stated that the circumstances in this case are much the same as that in the previous two applications, that the applicant is a student and that an alternative site is available.

Councillor O Foighil proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda and stated that it is in the same area and the same boithrin as the sites referred to in the previous applications. He stated that the applicant, in fact, is not a student, that she had recently returned from Boston, having spent two years in U.C.G.

Councillor McCormack seconded Councillor O Foighil's proposal.

Councillor Holland proposed that the Permission sought be refused.

As there was no seconder to this proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor O Foighil's proposal carried.

720 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36792 - SEAN O FLATHARTA:

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

"BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located on an undeveloped part of a narrow non-public road between the main road and the sea at Loughaunbeg, Inverin. There are a number of houses on the northern section of this boithrin, adjacent to the public road, but the proposed site is approximately 1,200 feet to the south of existing house. Two previous applications have been refused on this site by the Planning Authority. There has been no consultation with the Planning Authority prior to the submission of this Section 4 Motion on this application.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because:-

- (a) The proposed septic tank cannot be located on this site in a position far enough from an adjacent fast flowing stream to satisfy County Council standards.
- (b) The proposed development would be located too close to the sea and would introduce development into an area which is presently undeveloped and, therefore, detract from the visual amenities and public enjoyment of the area.
- (c) The proposed development would be located on an unsurfaced stretch of road and would lead in time to demands for the surfacing of this stretch of road by Galway County Council, and therefore, the County Council would unnecessarily incur extra costs.
- (d) The applicant has a number of alternative sites, including one adjacent to his existing house, which he states is substandard. A representative of the Planning Authority inspected the farm holding with the applicant and suggested alternative sites. The applicant has refused to consider these sites.

RECOMMENDATION

Refusal for the above-mentioned reasons."

He reminded the Council that the report stated that a septic tank cannot be located on this site in conformity with the required standards and that there is a danger of pollution arising from it. He stated that a number of alternative sites are available and had been suggested to the applicant.

Councillor O Foighil proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He stated that with regard to the septic tank, negotiations could take place regarding its siting and he stated that the area is serviced with public water supply.

The chairman stated that as there is a problem about the septic tank in this matter, he suggested that the matter would be deferred as a decision had not to be taken until the 14th December and in the meantime, there could be consultation about the septic tank.

Councillor O Foighil agreed that the matter could be deferred for discussion.

The resolution on the Agenda was not put to the meeting.

721 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36785 - TOMAS O CURRAIDHIN:

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

"BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located on the northern side of the main Spiddal to Carraroe road, approximately half a mile west of Spiddal village. Planning Permission has been refused to Mr. O Curraidhin on two previous occasions (Planning ref. nos. 30616 and 35818).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed development is contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because:-

- (a) It would contribute to a traffic hazard because the site is located on an important main road where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic turning movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the said road.
- (b) It would contribute to an inappropriate housing density situated on the main road in a rural area outside Spiddal Village.

The applicant has at least four alternative sites on which to build the proposed house and has been informed by the Planning Authority that applications on these sites would be sympathetically considered. However, the applicant has refused to consider these sites, thus leaving the Planning Authority no choice.

RECOMMENDATION

Refusal for the above reasons."

He stated that Planning Permission had been refused on two previous occasions and that the applicant has four alternative sites available.

Councillor O Foighil proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He stated that the applicant in this case is the eldest of a family working at home, and wants a house near the original family house. Referring to the suggested reasons for refusal, in particular, the question of the traffic hazard, he stated that since this man applied, permission had been given to another applicant within a very short distance of him and he also referred to other houses and a factory which has been erected nearby. He stated that all those developments are near the site proposed for development by the applicant in this case and that they all open on to the same road. He stated that there may have been valid reasons why the other permissions were given but local people cannot understand why they then cannot get Permission when they seek it.

Councillor Ryan seconded Councillor O Foighil's proposal.

The County Manager stated that with regard to the question of inconsistency, at least in two cases, the applicants concerned had not suitable alternative sites, and that it is the practice that the Council allows Permission where the least damage would be done in such cases.

Councillor O Foighil stated that in his experience, many people are not aware of how to go about applying for Permission and he suggested that the Council should give some assistance. As a result, he stated that many applicants may not give sufficient information in their applications.

Councillor McCormack suggested that the request for Further Information very often goes at the end of the two month period following the date of the receipt of the application and he asked that such further information should be sought earlier.

The County Manager stated that all the applicant has to do is to fill the forms which are supplied to him about his family circumstances and give the complete information on this form to the Council.

Councillor Holland proposed that the Permission sought be refused.

As there was no seconder for this proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor O Foighil's proposal carried.

722 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36977 - MR. P.M. MANNION:

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

"PLANNING OBJECTIONS

The site is located between two service roads at the rear of Market Street, Clifden. The site measures approximately 40 feet by 30 feet as far as can be ascertained from the inadequate maps submitted. It is bounded on three sides by the public road and normal residential amenity or carparking cannot be provided on the site. Previous application was for a house. The current proposal incorporates what appears to be an area for a commercial use at ground level with a parking space of 40 feet X 10 feet for parking. However, applicant has committed to describe the purpose of this area on the drawing. The addition of the proposed garage makes the proposed development much more unacceptable planning wise as the resulting traffic congestion and obstruction would render these service roads almost unusable for the public. The Planning Authority could not approve of such substandard development or allow it as an accepted standard for future applications.

RECOMMENDATION

Refusal is recommended because the proposed development would not be in accordance with the minimum site standards required for residential development."

He reminded the Council that the site is too small for the development proposed being about 30 feet X 40 feet.

Deputy J. Mannion proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and this was seconded by Councillor McCormack.

Councillor Bartley, supporting the resolution, stated that water and sewerage services are on the doorstep and the Council should encourage building in this area.

As there was no amendment to Deputy Mannion's resolution, the Chairman declared it carried.

723 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36953 - JAMES AND BRIDGET GARDINER:

The County Manager stated that the Further Information sought had been received only on the previous day and was being examined. In the circumstances, it was agreed to defer consideration of the resolution to the next meeting.

724 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36701 - MRS. MARY FAHY:

The County Manager stated that Further Information had been requested on this application. It was agreed to defer the matter to a meeting subsequent to the date of receipt of the Further Information.

725 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36819 - PATRICK GAVIN:

The County Manager stated that amended maps had been requested from the applicant in this case and he suggested that consideration of the resolution be deferred until a meeting subsequent to date of receipt of those.

Deputy Killilea stated that there is no need for maps, that the circumstances are the same as they were in the previous application, and that in the meantime, the Council have permitted other accesses on to the same road nearby. He proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda.

The County Manager stated that the Planning Officer informed him that further maps were required and that the applicant had promised to send them. The application before the Council cannot be dealt with on the basis of what is in a previous application and he suggested that as the decision had not to be made until the 1st December, the matter could be deferred to the November Meeting.

Councillor Finnegan seconded Deputy Killilea's proposal.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that he had not made up his mind to turn down the application but that he has to deal with applications on the basis of documents which are before the Council.

After further discussion, the Chairman stated that he was not putting the motion to the Council as it would be setting a precedent to deal with a planning application which had not the necessary documents before the Council.

It was agreed that the matter would be deferred to the next meeting.

726 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36913 - GERARD ROONEY:

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

"A previous application for two houses has been made on this site Planning Ref. 33578 and Permission was granted for one house only on the grounds of public health and to avoid an excessive concentration of septic tanks in a residential area.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

The proposed site measures approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in area and this is normally considered an inadequate area for two houses with septic tanks. In this instance, the site narrows to approximately 40 feet at the rear boundary with the result that the distance separating the two percolation areas would be minimal (approximately 20 feet). The County Medical Officer has indicated that there would be a public health objection to more than one house on this site.

RECOMMENDATION

Permission is recommended for one house only in the interest of public health and to avoid an excessive concentration of septic tanks in a restricted area."

He stated that this is an application for two houses, that the site narrows to approximately 40 feet at the rear boundary with the result that a distance separating the two percolation areas would be too close. The County Medical Officer had considered that there would be a public health objection to more than one house on this site.

Deputy Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that the site is adequate for two houses. He stated that a sewerage scheme is nearly ready to be approved for this area.

Councillor Welby seconded Deputy Killilea's proposal.

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

727 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION RECEIVED FROM MAIRTIN BREATHNACH FOR ERECTION OF A HOUSE AT KILROE EAST:

The County Manager stated that the Section 4 resolution was received on the same date as the planning application and that it had not yet been processed.

Councillor Welby stated that information sought had been given three days ago.

The Chairman stated that he was not putting the resolution to the Council, that it will be on the Agenda for the next meeting if permission is not granted in the meantime.

It was decided to defer consideration of this application.

728 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the County Council extended its sympathy to the wife and family of the late Mr. James Noone who met his death in tragic circumstances. It was agreed to adjourn the meeting for a short time as a mark of respect

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Patricia Piggott, The Square, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mr. Patrick Ruane & Family, Liscune, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mrs. O'Grady, Devon Park, Galway.

Councillor John Molloy extended thanks to the Members of the Council for their expression of sympathy on the recent death of his brother.

729 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of meetings held on the 22nd and 29th September, 1980, (numbers 668 - 714 inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes, Councillor Kilgannon stated that he had proposed that some function would be organised to honour the Galway Hurling Team.

The County Manager suggested that the Council might prepare a scroll to commemorate the occasion, invite the team to a function in the Council room, have the scroll read to them and presented. A photograph could be taken of the presentation which would be put in the Council room. This proposal was agreed. The Chairman stated, following a further discussion, that the Members would be required to share the cost among them as the Council has no funds at its disposal for this purpose.

It was agreed on Deputy Donnellan's suggestion that a committee consisting of Deputy Callanan, Councillor Kilgannon, Councillor John Molloy, and the Chairman, be appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

730 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to his report dated 22nd October, 1980, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council in which he had suggested that a committee consisting of Members from the Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas would examine the area west of the Corrib, both Gaeltacht and non-Gaeltacht areas. He suggested that Councillors meet the Planning staff in the office, examine the areas on the maps, take special areas where Section 4s have been proposed and where there have been refusals, travel for a day to selected areas including the Ballyconnely area, and then come back to the Council and make proposals to the Council recommending any changes which the Committee felt would be desirable.

Councillor O Foighil stated that the County Manager's report has the basis of the views of the Council as expressed at the previous meeting, and he agreed with Councillor O Morain that the Committee should be appointed and that consideration of the amenity areas should commence.

Replying to Councillor Holland, the County Manager stated that if there is a decision made to vary the Plan, the usual procedure set out in the Planning Acts will have to be followed before it could become part of the amended County Development Plan.

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor O Foighil, the Council agreed to form the Committee consisting of Members from the Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas to examine the amenity areas west of the Corrib.

Referring to Section 4 resolutions, the County Manager recommended that the Council should continue the consultations previously arranged with regard to cases where Section 4 resolutions have been submitted or are likely to be submitted. He suggested that the whole Council should meet as a Committee at 2.30 p.m. on every meeting day to examine the Section 4 resolutions which are on the Agenda for that day. The Committee could recommend to the Council whether particular cases should be deferred, withdrawn, or dealt with otherwise at the County Council meeting later that afternoon. He felt that even if all Members could not attend, a useful committee could be formed by those members who would be in a position to attend. Replying to queries, he stated that all the Council could do at such Committee meetings would be to make recommendations for the meeting of the Council which would be held later that afternoon.

Councillor recommended that the Members should consult the Planning officials in order to avoid Section 4 resolutions.

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor O Conchubhair, it was agreed to form the Committee of the entire Council for the purpose of examining Section 4 resolutions - this Committee to meet at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber on each day of the Monthly meeting.

Councillor O Foighil stated that he has a resolution before the Council at the Meeting on the 29th September with regard to amendments of the Planning Acts. He proposed that the Council pass the following resolution:

"to have the 1963 and 1976 Planning Acts revised as follows, and to ask the Government to pass legislation accordingly -

when the land to which the application relates is situated in the Gaeltacht, a special interest of the Gaeltacht and the Irish language may have regard to the following:

- (1) The social and economic needs of the area;
- (2) The special interest of the Gaeltacht and the Irish language."

That this motion be circulated to the Gaeltacht Counties of Donegal, Mayo, Meath, Cork, Kerry and Waterford, for their support.

This resolution was seconded by Councillor McCormack and adopted by the Council.

The County Manager stated that this would require an amendment of the law and that it will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment.

731 - FIRE PREVENTION AGREEMENTS WITH GALWAY CORPORATION AND BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

The County Manager stated that the Council has already agreements for fire fighting purposes with those two authorities and he now recommended that an agreement be entered into under the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, whereby the service of the Chief Fire Officer and his staff would be available to the two authorities concerned on the steps necessary for fire prevention, and for similar services under various

other Acts, including the Dangerous Substances Act, where expert advice would be necessary for the authorities concerned. He recommended that the Council would complete an agreement with the Galway Corporation on the terms of the following agreement and that an agreement on similar terms would be completed with Ballinasloe Urban District Council:

"THIS AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____ One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty, Between the MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF GALWAY, having their office at 47, Dominick Street, Galway, Local Authority (hereinafter called "The Corporation" which expression shall, where the context so admits or requires, include its Successors and Assigns) of the One Part, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY having its Office at County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway, in the County of Galway, Local Authority and Sanitary Authority (hereinafter called "The Council" which expression, where the context so admits or requires, shall include its Successors and Assigns of the Other Part.

WHEREAS the Corporation are of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the power, function or duty of inspecting and reporting and advising only in relation to the matters hereinafter contained which may be exercised or performed by them should be exercised or performed in the particular cases hereinafter specified by the Council and the Council are able and willing so to exercise or perform the power, function or duty. This Agreement shall extend only to the functional area of the Corporation, which functional area shall be hereinafter referred to as "The Borough".

WITNESSETH THAT in consideration of the Agreement herein recited and in pursuance of the Fire Brigade Act, 1940 and Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955 and of every other power ~~them~~ enabling the Corporation and the Council agree as follows:-

1. The Council shall:

- (a) Prepare and operate a programme of advice on fire prevention in the Borough by identifying potentially dangerous buildings and places of high risk. It shall through its officers, report on such buildings and places, and shall make such recommendations as may be appropriate to the Corporation for such action as the Corporation may decide to take.
- (b) When requested by the Corporation so to do, to carry out and make available to the Corporation, reports and recommendations on applications for Planning Permission for the purpose of minimising the risk of fire hazards.
- (c) Provide reports and advice to the Corporation in relation to the fire safety aspect of the Corporation's functions and duties under any statute but without limitation of the foregoing particularly the following statutes and all regulations made thereunder:

- (I) Petroleum Acts 1871 and 1879
- (II) Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878
- (III) Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1890
- (IV) Cinematograph Act, 1901
- (V) Public Dance Halls Act, 1935
- (VI) Factories Act, 1955
- (VII) Gaming and Lotteries Acts, 1956 to 1979
- (VIII) Office Premises Act, 1958
- (IX) Dangerous Substances Act, 1972
- (X) Such other Acts or Regulations which now or at any future time may impose duties or obligations on the Corporation in relation to the protection or safety of persons or property from fire.

(d) Provide and make available to the Corporation advice and recommendations when requested so to do and where and if appropriate to charge such Fees or Expenses in relation to same as may be appropriate.

2. The Council may, if it deems it appropriate in the discharge of its obligations under this Agreement with the Corporation engage such independent Advisors or Consultants or Experts as it deems appropriate and the Corporation shall make no objection to same.
3. The Council shall, during the continuance of this Agreement be liable for the cost of providing and maintaining the services referred to herein, such cost to be charged to the authorities concerned in proportion to the nett produce of one penny in the pound."

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby approve completion of agreements for providing advice and fire prevention and safety to Galway Corporation and Ballinasloe Urban District Council in accordance with the terms of the Agreement recommended by the County Manager, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to those agreements."

The agreements were then sealed and signed.

732 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF MUSEUM CURATOR AND ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GALWAY CORPORATION UNDER SECTION 59 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1955, TO SHARE SERVICES OF CURATOR:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the creation of the office of Museum Curator for the County and for entering into an agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, with Galway Corporation to share the services of a Curator. He stated that the Existing Museum is in Spanish Arch and it had been administered for some time under Professor Etienne Rynne of University College Galway. The County Manager stated that he had been advised that a number of historical and archaeological items could be better preserved if a Curator were appointed. It was proposed that the Council would create the office and that the County and City would share the services of a Curator, the City bearing one-third of the cost and the County two-thirds of the cost. The Minister's sanction would be required.

It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor O h-Uiginn, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of the office of Museum Curator in accordance with the particulars of office and conditions specified by the Minister."

It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Councillor O h-Uiginn and resolved:

"That Galway County Council enter into an Agreement with Galway Corporation under the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, on the following terms for the creation of the office of Curator and for the sharing of his services between Galway County Council and Galway Corporation, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Agreement:

THIS AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____ One thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty, between the MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF GALWAY, having their Office at 47, Dominick Street, Galway, Local Authority (hereinafter called

"The Corporation" which expression shall where the context so admits or requires, include its Successors and Assigns) of the One Part, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY having its Office at County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway, in the County of Galway, Local Authority (hereinafter called "The Council" which expression, where the context so admits or requires, shall include its Successors and Assigns of the Other Part.

WHEREAS the Corporation are of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the power, function or duty of providing an advisory service for Museum purposes to the Corporation, should be exercised or performed by the Council, and whereas the Council are able and willing so to exercise or perform the power, function or duty.

WITNESSETH THAT in consideration of the Agreement herein recited and in pursuance of the Public Libraries Acts and any Acts amending or extending same, and Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, and of every other power ~~then~~ enabling, the Corporation and the Council agree as follows:-

1. The Council will employ a Curator who will give an advisory service to the Corporation and the Council.
2. The cost of this service shall be apportioned on the basis of one-third payable by the Corporation and two-thirds by the Council."

The Agreement was then sealed and signed by the Council.

Councillor Coogan congratulated Professor Rynne and his Committee on the work which they had done in the Museum in Galway for a long time.

Councillor O Morain stated that the appointment of a Curator and the completion of the Agreement as proposed was only a start and that this matter had engaged the attention of the ^{Regional} Development Organisation for the past seven years which was trying to engender a Museum policy for the whole country. There ~~should~~ be a co-ordination between the County Region and the National Museum. He stated that there is a big problem to be faced and that artefacts are through negligence left in open spaces and lean-to sheds.

733 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied ^{by them} to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of notices dated 9th October, 1980, 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 -

Martin & Mary Mannion, Trihill West, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
Ellen Usher, Eastwell, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe.
Edward Hardiman, Lissybroder, Dunmore.
Frank Moriarty, Dublin Road, Tuam."

734 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a Housing site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Seamus Mulkerrins, Caheroyan, Athenry, in accordance with the terms set out in Notice dated 8th October, 1980, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

735 - DISPOSAL OF HOUSING SITE AT LEMONFIELD, OUGHTERARD:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the disposal of a site at Lemonfield, Oughterard, to the Irish Land Commission, in exchange for another plot in the same area from the Land Commission to the County Council, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 13th October, 1980, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946."

736 - RESOLUTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Holland, it was resolved:

"That the General Council of County Councils be asked to resist the bureaucratic move to remove the involvement of Local Authority Members from Regional Tourist Boards."

Councillor O'Morain stated that this originated with Bord Failte in Dublin who are now proposing that all local authority nominees be removed from Regional Boards and that their places be given to hoteliers. He considered this to be the removal of democracy from such Boards by the omission of elected Members. He also stated that the coming week will see the death of the Board of Conservators who are democratically elected and are now to be abolished.

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was resolved that a resolution on the following terms would be forwarded to the General Council in connection with Higher Education Grants Schemes:

"That the Minister for Education be asked to amend the Higher Education Grants Schemes in order to provide that in the case of farmers in receipt of invalidity pensions and whose lands are set, ^{they} have the option of having their incomes calculated on the factual income they receive from the letting of such lands or on the valuation multiplied by the present multiplier of £125."

737 - RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Deputy Callanan, and resolved:

"That subject to the consent of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby determine that allowances granted under the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts 1929 - 1974 in respect of land which is subject to assessment for Rates by the Council, shall not be subject to a condition that the said rates are payable not later than the 31st December, 1980."

Deputy Callanan asked the County Manager what is the position with regard to remission of Rates for farmers on land valuations between £40 and £60. The County Manager stated that he had received no information on this matter and that he had not seen any Government announcement.

Councillor Ryan stated that Rate Collectors have been putting pressure and issuing six days notices on farmers, and some who are not liable for the second moiety have paid. The County Manager stated that he could not take any action until he sees what directions are received from the Government.

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor McCormack, it was agreed to enquire from the Department of the Environment what is proposed to be done.

738 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATION:

The County Manager informed the Council that an additional allocation of £100,000 had been notified by the Department of the Environment for Sanitary Services Capital works.

The County Manager replied to Councillor Welby and he stated that with regard to Oughterard Sewerage extensions, it is not expected that this will be completed this year, but it will be considered in the course of next year's Estimates.

The following Councillors enquired into the position with regard to the schemes mentioned:-

Councillor Haverty	-	Killimor Sewerage Scheme.
Councillor Murphy	-	Athenry Sewerage Scheme.
Councillor Ryan	-	Moylough Sewerage Scheme.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that development charges are related to the cost and type of services among other things.

Councillor Finnegan enquired whether the Council would co-operate with the E.E.C. Western Development Scheme. The County Manager stated that no information had been received by the Council regarding this scheme so far.

739 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES:

Councillor Haverty, referring to progress reports circulated to Members in connection with Local Improvement Schemes, stated that Members were not given information on offers which had not been taken up. Councillor Haverty stated that this had been requested on a previous occasion and he asked that information would now be supplied on what offers were made, to whom they were made, and if they have been accepted.

Councillor Joyce referred to an application by men who own a sandpit, who had applied a long time ago and who were told to do certain work on the road in question. He asked that this application would be reviewed now, and if possible, that an offer be made.

740 - REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S FINANCES, 1980 - ESTIMATED OUT-TURN AND AUTHORISATION OF EXCESS EXPENDITURE:

The County Manager referred to his report dated 21st October, 1980, which was circulated to each Member of the Council on which it was stated that there would be an estimated excess expenditure of £692,140 at the end of the year, and that this expenditure would be financed by way of additional Road Grants allocated amounting to £180,000 and transfers within the Estimate headings amounting to £170,882 - this left a nett over-expenditure of £341,258 for which the Minister's sanction would be required. The only way by which this additional nett over-expenditure could be financed would be by additional funds from the Department of the Environment. He pointed out that even in this statement, account was taken only of a proposal to pay £72,000 out of a deficit of £179,000 to the Western Health Board. He emphasised that the Western Health Board was most sympathetic to the Council's problem in this matter and that the situation created was not the responsibility of the Western Health Board. He requested the approval of the Council to the additional expenditure and its financing as proposed in his report.

Replying to Councillor O h-Uiginn, the County Manager stated that some Craftsmen had been placed on a three-day working week in accordance with an agreement reached with the Union.

Councillor O h-Uiginn asked if in working the three-day week, do the men in question finish with more money than they would have if they had been in full employment for the five days.

Councillor Finnegan proposed that the Council would not approve the transfer of the sum of £20,000 allocated for the Islands River until a meeting is held with representatives of Roscommon County Council.

The County Manager stated that there is no way, even it was decided to spend the money on the Islands River, by which it could be spent in the current year, and that the money is needed to keep roadworkers in their jobs. The Council had informed Roscommon County Council that it is prepared to attend a meeting, if called, but that no response has been received. After a further discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of transferring the sum of £20,000 from the Islands River to the November Meeting.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as amended by Section 11 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978, Galway County Council hereby authorise excess expenditure in the current year amounting to a total of £330,882 as set out in Column 111 of the following table, such expenditure to be financed by way of transfers and increased road grants as specified; and, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment also authorise excess expenditure amounting to a total of £341,258 as set out in Column V.

	Estimated Excess	Financed from		Estimated Nett Excess
		Amount	Programme	
<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>1V</u>	<u>V</u>
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP 1</u>	£	£		£
1.1 Local Authority Housing	22,000	10,000	6.3	12,000
1.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	28,100	1,000	1.8	27,100
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>50,100</u>	<u>11,000</u>		<u>39,100</u>
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<u>PROGRAMME GROUP 2</u>				
2.1 Road Upkeep	60,000	60,000	Grant	-
2.2 Road Improvement	120,000	120,000	Grant	-
2.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	23,100	11,000	2.8	12,100
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>203,100</u>	<u>191,000</u>		<u>12,100</u>
	=====	=====		=====
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP 3</u>				
3.1 Water Supply	15,337	9,372	3.1	5,965
3.2 Sewerage	8,768	5,000	3.1	-
		3,750	3.2	18
3.3 Private installations	31,500	21,500	3.1	10,000
3.8 Administration and miscellaneous	41,825	1,000	3.1	-
		7,600	3.2	22,225
		11,000	3.3	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>97,430</u>	<u>59,222</u>		<u>38,208</u>
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	Estimated Excess	Financed from		Estimated Nett Excess
		Amount	Programme	
<u>1</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>1V</u>	<u>V</u>
	£	£		£
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP 4</u>				
4.1 Land use Planning	7,600	4,700	4.1	2,900
4.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	400	-	-	400
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>4,700</u>		<u>3,300</u>
	=====	=====		=====
<u>PROGRAMME GROUP 5</u>				
5.1 Waste disposal	22,000	22,000	5.1	-
5.4 Fire Protection	33,400	7,600	5.4	25,800
5.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	3,300	-	-	3,300
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>58,700</u>	<u>29,600</u>		<u>29,100</u>
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<u>PROGRAMME GROUP 6</u>				
6.1 Swimming Pools	1,000	1,000	6.1	-
6.2 Libraries	18,860	18,860	6.2	-
6.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	1,400	1,400	6.4	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>21,260</u>	<u>21,260</u>		<u>-</u>
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<u>PROGRAMME GROUP 7</u>				
7.1 Agriculture	14,100	2,000	6.1	-
		10,000	6.2	-
		2,100	6.4	-
7.3 Health and Welfare	72,350	-	-	72,350
7.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	1,200	-	-	1,200
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>87,650</u>	<u>14,100</u>		<u>73,550</u>
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<u>PROGRAMME GROUP 8</u>				
8.3 Financial Management	140,200	-	-	140,200
8.8 Administration and Miscellaneous	5,700	-	-	5,700
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>145,900</u>			<u>145,900</u>
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<u>TOTAL ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS</u>	<u>672,140</u>	<u>330,882</u>		<u>341,258</u>

741 - LOAN - BROCKAGH/LISDUFF GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3,500 towards the cost of headworks for the Brockagh/Lisduff Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, and to be repaid over such period as may be agreed between the bank and the Council with interest at the normal rate for such loans."

742 - LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION:

The County Manager referred to Circular dated 6th October, 1980, received from the Secretary to the Association which he stated had been circulated to Members.

At this stage, Members stated that they had not received a copy and the County Manager expressed regret for this omission and promised to have it circulated to them. He then read the circular for Members and stated that if Members sign an authorisation, the deduction of £1 membership per member will be taken from Members' expenses and handed over to the Association.

743 - SPECIAL MEETING:

It was agreed that a special meeting would be held on Friday, 14th November, to consider progress on Housing and Sanitary Services Schemes.

744 - PROTECTION OF FRESH WATERS - E.E.C. DIRECTIVE - LOUGH CORRIB AND RIVER CORRIB:

The County Manager summarised the contents of Circular dated 25th September, 1980, from the Department of the Environment, copy of which had been circulated to each Member and he stated that further directions on the implementation of this directive will be issued by the Department of the Environment in due course.

745 - GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM ACTIVITIES REPORT, 1979:

The County Manager stated that this had been placed on the Agenda as some Members wanted to have a discussion on it. The report had already been circulated and it showed what is being done by the Team. He stated that the team would welcome proposals from Members in connection with their activities.

The Chairman congratulated the County Development Team for the work they are doing with very limited facilities and limited time. He welcomed the County Development Officer, Mr. C. Lynch, to the meeting after his recent illness and he complimented him on the hard work which he had put into the work of the Team, and on the comprehensive report which he had prepared. He stated that as Chairman, he regretted that he could not attend all of the Team meetings because of other commitments and he suggested that Vice-Chairman might attend in his place.

Deputy Donnellan supported the Chairman's views and stated that the Development Office was a most efficient one.

Councillors Finnegan, Joyce and Haverty congratulated the Team also on the work which they are doing for Small Industries and for their work in the administration of the Amenity Grants Scheme.

746 - TELEPHONE KIOSK FOR MWEENISH, CARNA:

The County Manager stated that in response to a resolution of the Council, a letter had been received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs stating that the proposal to provide a telephone kiosk at Mweenish, Carna, was examined and the conclusion was reached that the cost of a telephone kiosk at this location would be so far in excess of likely receipts that provision of the kiosk would not be warranted.

747 - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

On the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was resolved that Mr. Tom Fanning, Department of Archaeology, U.C.G., be elected an Honorary Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee of Galway County Council.

748 - CONGRATULATIONS:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, extended its congratulations to Councillor Nioclás O Conchubhair on his recent marriage.

749 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

It was agreed that replies would be sent to Councillors on their outstanding Notices of Motion which had not been dealt with and the Meeting then adjourned.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Toddie Byrne CHAIRMAN

24/11/1980 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

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

7th November, 1980.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Council at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 14th November, 1980, at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:

"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 full Planning Permission to Cornelius Foley of Marian Terrace, Portumna, for a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Thornfield - Planning Reference number 36017."

Edward Haverty. Ulick Burke. Michael Ryan.

2. Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1979, and Housing Regulations, 1980 - report from Assistant County Manager herewith.
3. House Construction Programme - bar chart and report from Assistant County Manager herewith.
4. House Purchase Loans - Assistant County Manager's report herewith.

MEMBER'S NOTICE OF MOTION:

5. Councillor Michael Ryan: I will propose -

That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment to ease the conditions on Local Authority Housing Loans.

6. Progress report on Sanitary Services (report herewith).

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1980.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, P. Ruane, and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; F. Monahan, C.A.C.E.; S. O'Neill, Acting C.A.C.E.; W. A. Cahill, Acting C.A.C.E. (Planning); J. O'Kelly, Administrative Officer; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; C. Burke Staff Officer; M. O'Flynn, Planning Assistant; Julia Forde, Staff Officer; M. Egan, Staff Officer; M. Nolan, Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

750 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36017 - APPLICANT: CORNELIUS FOLEY:

The County Manager said that because of the time factor in making a decision on the application, it was necessary to put this resolution on the Agenda for the special meeting. He said that the site was on a National Secondary route and that the County Council had private sites for sale in Portumna. He submitted the following report:

"SITE:

The site is situated on a National Secondary route. There have been no previous applications on the site.

GENERAL:

While the site is on a restricted road in the County Development Plan, the Council by means of a Section 4 resolution granted permission on an adjacent site to Mr. Richard Quinlivan - reference number 33600. The applicant in this case, is claiming hardship, due to his inability to obtain a site for a house in the Portumna area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The site proposed to be developed is situated adjacent to a National Secondary road where the maximum speed limit applies and if permitted, could endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the Galway County Development Plan which restricts housing development along the National Routes to particular permissible cases of housing need. No claim has been made that the proposed development comes under any such permissible case.

3. The proposed development, if permitted, would create a precedent and a demand for other like undesirable development along this National Secondary route."

Councillor Haverty proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said the private sites in Portumna were too small and that people were not going to invest a lot of money in a house which would be on a very restricted site. The County Manager stated that the sites complied with the requirements of the Department of the Environment for subsidised sites. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Ryan. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

751 - ISLANDS RIVER:

The County Manager stated that a response had come from Roscommon County Council suggesting Friday, 21st November, at 2.15 p.m. in Roscommon for a meeting of representatives of both Councils in connection with the Islands River. He said he would not be available on that day and the Councillors said that the date would not suit them either. It was decided to propose Friday, 28th November, at 3 p.m. in Roscommon as a date for the meeting, and that Members from the Tuam and Ballinasloe Electoral Areas would attend together with the County Manager and the County Engineer.

752 - PRESENTATION TO GALWAY HURLERS:

The Chairman stated that Councillor Molloy had been in contact with the G.A.A. County Board and that a hand printed scroll in Irish was being prepared for presentation to the team at a Reception. Mr. Doyle stated that a provisional booking had been made for the Reception in the Rockland Hotel at 7.30 p.m. on the 24th November. A photographer would be available and a light meal would be served and the arrangement was that the Members would bring a Member of the team or official of the Board. A number of Councillors said the time for the proposed function was unsuitable and it was decided to see if it could be organised for Monday, 22nd December, after the Council Meeting on that date.

753 - DRAFT REGISTER OF ELECTORS:

Deputy Killilea asked when would the draft Register be published as it was normally available at this time.

The Acting Secretary stated that the draft Register was not normally available as early as this and that every effort would be made to have it published as soon as possible.

754 - HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT, 1979, AND HOUSING REGULATIONS, 1980:

Mr. Howlett referred to his report dated 7th November, 1980, which had been circulated to each Member. He said that the new Regulations mainly covered changes made in older regulations since 1972 and which are now being validated. One important change related to the administration of the essential repairs grants scheme which has been transferred from the Department of the Environment to Housing Authorities and that a sealing of £1,500 has been proposed by the Department in respect of the cost of eligible works. He said the full administration of the scheme would be done by the Council and for every grant paid, a sum of £300 would be recouped from the Department. The Department proposed to issue instructions to local authorities on the operation of the scheme. Senator Connaughton asked if the limit of £1,500 was fixed. Mr. Howlett replied that he understood that representations had been made to the Department regarding this limit, and this would probably be covered in the instructions from the Department. Councillor Glynn said he welcomed the move to decentralise the essential repairs, but he wondered if the Department was passing the book as regards funds. He asked if the Council would get a grant allocation for the scheme. Mr. Howlett replied that the Council would have to provide for this service in the Estimates as usual and would not get any allocation from the Department. When the Council pay the grant, it would then have to apply to the Department for a refund of the Department's grant of £300.

Councillor J. Burke and Deputy Donnellan felt that the new arrangements for the Essential Repairs Scheme could mean a disimprovement in the scheme considering that the Council could only provide £15,000 in this year's Estimates for these grants which might mean only 10 to 12 grants. At least under the old system, the applicant could go ahead with the work once it had been approved knowing that the Department grant was forthcoming even if there was a delay in the local authority grant.

Deputy Killilea said that he was never happy with the scheme and felt that it would be better if the money was put into demountables. Councillor Brennan said that these grants were for elderly people who were the most vulnerable and that the Council had an obligation to look after them. He asked if the Council could increase the amount provided for this in next year's Estimate. The County Manager stated that this could only be decided at Estimates time when the Council would have to decide what is to be provided for the various services.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Councillor Brennan seconded:

"That the Minister for the Environment be asked to increase the Department Grant for Essential Repairs to £1,000."

This was agreed unanimously.

Senator Connaughton asked if the County Council was in a position to pay some of the old reconstruction grants. He said that some applicants understood that once they had applied to the Department for the grant, they did not realise that they had to apply to the County Council for the supplementary grant.

Mr. Howlett replied that these applications were being processed and the grants would be paid shortly but no grant would be paid where the application was not lodged before the appointed date.

755 - HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME AND HOUSE CONSTRUCTION LOANS:

Mr. Howlett referred to his reports dated 7th November, 1980, which had been circulated to each Member. He said that these reports contained information which had generally been given to the Council during the year and he referred to some of the more important aspects.

The Chairman said that the Council could not be happy with the situation where the number of houses being built was dropping each year. He said the Council would be failing in its duty if it did not demand a greater allocation from the Department. He felt that neighbouring Counties had fared out better. Senator Connaughton said that the housing situation was very bad and that the Council would have to wait until next year's allocation is notified before it would know what the future position was. He said that a drastic increase was needed in next year's allocation, otherwise, there was no hope for people on the waiting list. He proposed that as a matter of top priority, a deputation go to the Minister for the Environment to seek an adequate allocation for 1981 for House Construction and Housing Loans. Councillor F. Fahey said that Galway County Council had made great progress in building houses in recent years and the position was not as bad as it was made out to be. Deputy Donnellan said that the large number of houses built in 1978 was as a result of the Planning which had been done in the years leading up to that and that the situation since then had deteriorated. Deputy Callanan said that he was not happy with the number of houses being built now and he would be agreeable to a deputation meeting the Minister.

Referring to Housing Loans, he asked for details of Loan applications in the years 1977, 1978, 1979, and 1980, and the amounts paid in Loans in those years. Councillor J. Burke questioned whether Galway County Council was getting a fair allocation compared to other Counties. He said the present position was so bad that there are not even caravans available for emergency cases. Deputy Killilea said that in considering the allocation which Galway County Council gets, it is necessary to take into account the allocation which Galway Corporation gets and that taken together, it is a

sizeable sum. He said that while the number of houses built this year will be down, great progress had been made by the Council and Galway Corporation in recent years. The allocation for Housing Loans had increased substantially this year and he considered that the Council should continue to accept applications and hold them in order of date of receipt. He said a very large number of applications on hands might help to get an increased allocation.

Councillor Glynn suggested that the Department be asked for details of the allocations for each County and on what basis the allocations are made. He said that he was disappointed with the number of rural houses being built and he was not satisfied with the distribution of housing schemes throughout the County. He felt that Dunmore and Milltown had not done well compared to Ahascragh. He also felt that there was something wrong when the Rural Housing Organisation had to come to Galway to assist in the provision of houses. He said that more money would have to be provided for housing, and particularly for Housing Loans which gave good value to everybody concerned. Councillor Joyce paid tribute to the staff in the Housing Section whom he always found courteous and helpful. He said that while there was a drop in the number of houses this year, the allocation for Housing Loans was substantially increased. He asked for information as to what was done with the money collected by way of rent from Local Authority houses and loan repayments from loanees, and the total number of people on the housing list at present.

Replying, the County Manager stated that the rent receipts were used for the maintenance and management of Council houses and the loan repayments were used to offset the repayments which the Council has to make to the Local Loans Fund which provided the money to enable the Council to advance the loans in the first instance. Councillor Brennan seconded the proposal to seek a deputation with the Minister and said he was not happy with the progress being made and that the £12,000 limit for loans should be increased.

Councillor Ryan proposed his motion set out at item no. 5 on the Agenda calling on the Minister for the Environment to ease the conditions in relation to the granting of Housing Loans. He said he had many problems in trying to assist people in getting loans and he objected to the requirement whereby the applicant had to produce two loan refusals from lending Agencies. He said that this caused a major problem in relation to the Banks who would not give a loan but would not put this in writing. He asked what was the position about applicants who had started building. Mr. Howlett replied that once the Council had sanctioned a loan for them, the loan would be advanced. Senator Kitt seconded Councillor Ryan's proposal which was agreed unanimously.

Mr. Howlett then gave the following information in reply to Deputy Callanan's question about Housing Loans:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>TOTAL LOANS ADVANCED</u>
1978	325	£ 700,000
1979	428	£1,000,000
1980 (to date)	600	£1,800,000

Councillor McCormack stated that no allocation had been received for Housing Loans for the second half of 1980. Mr. Howlett replied that while no formal notification of an allocation was received, the Department had continued to authorise payments on a monthly basis and the Council was informed that the total advances for 1980 would amount to £1,851,000.

Councillor F. Fahey said that he understood the Manager's reasons for proposing not to accept any further Housing Loan applications. However, he felt that the Council should continue to accept applications as the number of applications on hands could have a bearing on the allocation from the Department. He said that the Housing Loan Scheme was the best service which the Council was providing and the one which give him the most satisfaction.

He said that the letter of sanction which the Council issued to applicants was a very important document and it enabled the applicants to get bridging finance and proceed with the building of the house. Generally, the applicants did not have to wait long for the loan instalments from the County Council, and if they did, it was often their own fault. He said that no matter how long they had to wait for the money, it worked out cheaper in the long run to get their houses built as quickly as possible because of the affect of inflation on the cost of materials and the loan repayments. He asked the Manager to reconsider his proposal to stop accepting applications and he suggested that Deputy Callanan would arrange the deputation to the Minister.

Councillor McCormack stated that the facts set out in Mr. Howlett's report on Housing Loans must be considered very seriously. He said that there were 548 loans to the value of approximately £3.7 million on which no payment had yet been made, and in addition, there were 477 applications on hands. He said that based on the present allocation, it would take a number of years to clear these and if the Council continued to accept applications, it could be leading the applicants astray. The letter of sanction which the Council issues to applicants might not then be the guilt edged security as was heretofore, and consequently, the whole system of bridging finance could be affected. Councillor J. Burke said that if the payment of loans ceased, there would be a housing crisis resulting in no building and unemployment, and he urged the Council to meet the Minister on the matter.

The County Manager said that the Council had to be careful not to commit itself to payments over and above what it could meet. The Council had a very big commitment on hands at present and may even have gone too far. He said that it was important to maintain confidence in the letter of approval which issued to applicants. He said the Council could continue to receive applications but could not deal with them.

After further discussion, Councillor F. Fahey suggested that the Council continue to receive and process applications and that applicants be written to, telling them that they have qualified for loans but that the loan sanction cannot be issued until such time as funds are available. The County Manager agreed to consider this proposal and it was agreed to put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting, and that the status quo would be maintained in the meantime.

756 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. John Langan, Walsh's Terrace, Woodquay, Galway.
Miss K. O'Connor, The Mall, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Eddie Cormican & Family, Lakeview, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Joddis Byrne CHAIRMAN

22/12/1980 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Ofiig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

18u Samhain, 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, 24u Samhain, 1980.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Permission for retention of garage to Edward Kelly at Castlegar - Planning Ref. No. 36518."

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 Planning Permission to Thomas Monahan, Carraroe North, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and garage - Planning Ref. No. 37047."

Nioclás O Conchubhair. Thomas Welby. Micheal O Morain.
 - (c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to James and Bridget Gardiner, Labane, Ardrahan, for road entrance to the National Primary Road from their dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 36953."

Michael Fahy. Tony Murphy. 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 Patrick Gavin, Demesne, Tuam, for entrance onto the main road from the new estate of 5 houses. - Planning Reference Number 36819."

M. Killilea. P. Finnegan. G. Bartley.

- (e) "D'fheir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleanála a thabhairt do Sean O Flatharta o Lochan Beag, Indreabhan. - Uimhir Thagartha Pleanála 36792."

P. O Foighil. M. J. Kilgannon. Padraic McCormack.

2. Minutes.
3. Declaration of Roads to be public Roads - List herewith.
4. National Understanding.
5. Revision of remuneration - (a) Craftsmen
(b) Chief Fire Officer
(c) County Secretary.
6. Creation of additional office of Staff Officer for Environmental Section - Report herewith.
7. Sale of house to Mrs. Mary Ryan - Notice dated 12th November, 1980, refers.
8. Sale of 3 sites at Cullairbaun, Athenry - Notice dated 10th November, 1980, refers.
9. Sale of plot of land to Irish Land Commission - Notice dated 28th October, 1980, refers.
10. Raising of loan of £6,000 towards cost of increased pipe sizes for the Ballindooley Group Water Supply Scheme.
11. Overdraft for quarter ending 31st March, 1981.
12. Housing Loans - discussed at special meeting on 14th November, 1980.
13. Environmental Improvement Schemes Grant 1980.
14. Purchase of premises at Tuam for Branch Library.
15. Islands River.
16. Auditors' Reports -
 - (a) Galway County Council - 3 years ended 31st December, 1977.
 - (b) Galway County Committee of Agriculture - 2 years ended 31st December, 1979.
 - (c) Galway County Vocational Education Committee - 4 years ended 31st December, 1979.
17. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
18. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR PADDY RUANE - I will propose:

19. That this Council carry out repairs on the Menlo Road in by Lackagh Rock Quarry as this road has been widened by the owners of Lackagh Rock.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

20. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe Aerfort Uaran Mor ar fail le go bhfeadfaí e a fhorbairt ar son turasoireachta agus gnaithe na Gaillimhe.
21. Go gcuirfi ar fail toradh na fiosraithe a cuireadh ar bun le coras aistriuchan teangana a chur ar fail i seomra an Chomhairle Contae.
22. Iarraimse ar an gComhairle Contae iarratas a dheanamh go dtí an Roinn Poist agus Telegraf le Bosca Telefóin a chur ar fail i Leitir Meallain.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

23. What is the position with Cregmore Group Water Scheme?
24. That necessary work be done on the Turloughmore/Athenry road at a point 100 yards on the Athenry side of the Coolarne road. Severe flooding is taking place here and I request that the road be raised at this point.
25. That the Council remove the grass banks on the Cashla/Athenry road and two dangerous hills on this road.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

26. That Galway County Council make a special contribution towards the heavy costs involved in the Kiltiernian Group Water Scheme.
27. That Galway County Council provide a collection of transport for refuse to the residents of Palmerstown, Oranmore.

COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

28. That the County Council reconsider its decision and approve the design for the Derrydonnell Group Water Scheme using Oranmore Regional Water Scheme as a supply.
29. That proper arrangements be made to enable students at St. Colman's Vocational School and Our Lady's College, Gort, to cross the road adjacent to the schools.
30. That Galway County Council purchase the lands from P.J. & J. Collins Ltd., c/o J.C. Murphy, Solicitors, Gort, contained in Planning Permission 13876, and that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in the event of the Council's failure to reach agreement with the vendor.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

31. That this Council request the County Galway Vocational Education Committee to reconsider its decision not to recommend Tuam as a centre for immediate school development.
32. That the ditch outside Kilhannon National School be removed.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN - Molaim:

33. Go gceadoch an t-Aire Iasgai trí ainmniúchain on gCoirle Conndae ar an mbord iasgai Reigiúnach Nua.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

34. That the Headford Refuse collection be extended to Claran Road, Headford.
35. That Galway County Council repair the Main Street at Headford which is in a poor condition for a long time.
36. That additional street lighting be provided at Headford, Co. Galway, particularly at Galway Road, Headford.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:

37. That the Galway County Council make provision for a Sewerage scheme to facilitate the Airglooney Area of Tuam.
38. That the Galway County Council do all in its power to bring forward the planned date for the Sewage Water Treatment plans for the Tuam Urban Area.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

39. That this Council make available a supply of water from the Moycullen Mains to the organisers of the proposed Uggool/Moycullen Group Water Scheme as a source of supply.
40. That this Council investigate and put right the unsatisfactory sewerage connections to the six houses in Moycullen on the Oughterard side of the village.
41. That this Council pass a resolution and forward same to the Board of Works regarding flooding in the lower Lough Corrib as follows -

'that the sluice gates at the Weir be opened more during heavy rainfall and that rainfall be monitored throughout the whole Catchment area on an all year basis - wind and storm affect taken into consideration during winter and spring months, also that sand bar at mouth of Cregg River be removed.'

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

42. Ceard ata ag tarlu faoi Droichead Miuchneach?
43. Cen fath nach bhfuil an bothar o teach Tomas Mac Con Iomaire chomh fada le teach na Cuairte, Casla, dha dheisiu?
44. An bothar o teach Bean Ui Scanlain an tuairim chomh fada le teach Liam MacDonnachada, Bealadangan, a marcail le linte ar an taobh o dheas den bothar.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:

45. That Galway County Council would erect public lights at Ballycrissane Post Office and Feerick's shop.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Notice is hereby given that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on or after Monday, 27th October, 1980, consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be public roads:

Area	From	To	Metres
Gort	Co. Rd. No. 349 in townland of Drumminacoosaun	Mrs. Fahy's gate in townland of Drumminacoosaun	220
Oughterard	Co. Rd. 68 in townland of Inverin	Junction between T. & S. Geoghagans houses, Inverin	120
Oughterard	Co. Rd. 55 in townland of Tieranea	T. Windom's house in townland of Tieranea	185
Oughterard	Co. Rd. 55 in townland of Tieranea	James & Sean Curran's gateway in townland of Tieranea	80
Galway	Woodstocks house in townland of Pribbaun	Hennessy's house in townland of Pribbaun	70
Portumna	Jnc. with C.R. 569 Cappacullia	M. Fordes house, Cappacullia	104
Portumna	C.R. 576 Cappacur	Michael Nevin's house, Cappacur	208
Milltown	Co. Rd. 239 in the townland of Carrowkeel	Michael Gilmore's house in the townland of Carrowkeel	127
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 277 in townland of Ussey	towards Co. Rd. 277 in townland of Cloonfaughna	55
Ballinasloe	Jnc. M.R. 470 in the townland of Kilclooney	towards Junction C.R. 521 in townland of Kilclooney	100
Ballinasloe	Chainage 625 from Junction 476 in the townland of Barnaville	towards Donnellans house in the townland of Barnaville	80
Portumna	C.R. 574 in townland of Gorteenpeadar	towards M. Nevin's house	100
Ballinasloe	Jnc. M.R. 310 in townland of Garbally Demesne	towards Garbally College	70
Clifden	Co. Road 49 in the townland of Rusheenamanagh	William Walsh's house in the townland of Rusheenamanagh	183

K. DOYLE, County Secretary.
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/10/1443

12th. November, 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. Mary Ryan, Beagh, Browns Grove, Tuam,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Beagh, Browns Grove, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Mary Ryan of: Beagh, Browns Grove, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,128.

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 Regulations, 1980.

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.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

10th November 1980

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

A Chara/

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

LAND

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
Kieran Carroll, Oranmore	8	.073 Acre
Stephen Burke, 8 Caheroyan Athenry	12	.073 Acre
Brian Carroll, 55 Rathlin Glebe, Ballybane	22	.073 Acre

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
8	£2,150
12	£3,000
22	£1,750

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The sites 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.

K. Doyle
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

28th October, 1980

TO EACH MEMBER/

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to dispose of a plot of land, as set out hereunder:

Land Acquired From: John Ryan, Ardskeaghbeg, Ballyglunin,
Co. Galway.

Location: Cloonthue Road, Tuam, Co. Galway.

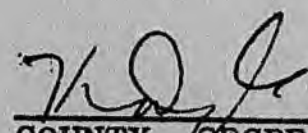
Area: 1.31 Acres.

To whom land is to be transferred: Irish Land Commission.

Consideration in respect of Disposal: £1000.00.

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

SIGNED:


COUNTY SECRETARY.

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. costs
Lan-Hides Ltd., 18, The Mall, Waterford.	Damage to a warehouse and salt therein at Kilchreest, Loughrea.	D.E.D of Kilchreest	£534.80	£732.60
Martin Cunningham & Sons Ltd., Grattan Road, GALWAY.	Damage to panes of glass, instruments, gauges, and removal of fuel cap from tank of Liebherr 911B Excavator.	D.E.D. of Barna	£600.00	£749.75
Peter Daly, 2, St. Francis Terrace, TUAM.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£125.00	£175.00
Francis J. Downey, Glebe House, Ahascragh, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to house known as "The Glebe House", Ahascragh.	County at large.	£ 60.00	£119.61
William A. Cahill, Cortard Ave., Salthill, GALWAY.	Burning of 5 tons. of hay at Attithomasrevagh, Rahoon, Galway.	Borough of Galway.	£250.00	£185.76
Mr. Patrick Kelly, Killaan, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to wire fence and trailer.	D.E.D. of Killaan.	£350.00	£101.10

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 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 Paul Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O Conchubhair, P. O Foighil, M. G. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. J. Dunne, County Engineer; T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W.A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); Miss M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Messrs. F. O' Gallachoir and J. Connolly, Temporary Planning Assistants; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Misses C. Burke and J. Forde, Staff Officers; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

757 - SECTION 4 RESOLUTIONS - GENERAL:

The Chairman stated that prior to the meeting, a number of Members had spent about 50 minutes in Committee discussing some of the Section 4 Resolutions on the Agenda. The Members who were at the Committee Meeting were disappointed with the small number of Members present, but recommended that the Committee Meetings should continue. Deputy Callanan said that his Party objected to the Committee Meetings commencing at 2.30 p.m. as his Party usually discussed the Agenda for the Council Meeting prior to the Meeting. He said there was also the problem that whatever was said at the Committee Meetings would be repeated at the Council Meeting. Councillor Haverty agreed with Deputy Callanan saying that the time of the Meeting was not suitable. Councillor U. Burke said that he understood that it was only those Councillors who signed the Section 4 resolutions would be attending before the Council Meeting.

After some discussion, it was agreed to hold a further Committee Meeting and the Members would also consider a more suitable time for the meetings.

758 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36518 - APPLICANT: EDWARD KELLY

The County Manager submitted the following reports of the Planning Officer and County Engineer which had been circulated to each Member of the Council. He also referred to the legal advice from the Council's Law Agent which had been circulated to each Member. He said the application had been considered at the Committee Meeting prior to the Council Meeting but the Committee had made no recommendation because of the complexities of the case. He said there was a long history to this development and he had nothing further to add to the reports except to refer to the seriousness of the case, and the traffic hazard which was highlighted in the County Engineer's Report.

PLANNING OFFICER'S REPORT:

"HISTORY OF DEVELOPMENT ON SITE:

Permission has already been refused twice on the site including once on Appeal by an Bord Pleanala, all on road safety grounds. The developer originally applied for an exempted development certificate for the erection of a hayshed. As applied for this had to be granted.

However, the Planning Department suspected that this was a misleading submission. Subsequent inspections of development on the site clearly indicated that the development was to be a light industrial building or garage.

It is also noteworthy that a landslide was reported to have occurred on the site where a dangerous excavation embankment was made by the developer. Part of the development was demolished by this landslide.

Despite warning notices to cease work on the site, development continued and a truck repair business was commenced without any planning permission whatsoever having been obtained.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS AND PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

An application for retention of permission, planning ref. no. 32900 was then made, eight months after development was commenced on the site. The drawings submitted barely contained enough information to identify the site. No details whatsoever was supplied concerning:

- (i) The nature of the activity to be carried out on the site.
- (ii) The design of the requirements for traffic entrance/exit turning movements or allowance for the future realignment of the road.
- (iii) On-site car parking requirements.
- (iv) Foul or surface water drainage.
- (v) The stability of the proposed embankment at the rear of the site which had already slipped.
- (vi) The aesthetic design of the building on a very important main and tourist route.
- (vii) The landscaping of the site which was excavated out of a hill.

The Planning Officer recommended refusal of the development based on the policy of the Planning Authority not to permit commercial development along this important traffic route (Par. 6.02 Table No. 3 page 36 of the County Development Plan) in the interests of road safety. Permission was refused by the Planning Authority, and was upheld on Appeal. Commercial development along this road has been granted either on Appeal or by Section 4. (List given)

A second application was then made (Ref. No. 35379) and a notice under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was submitted by three Councillors directing the County Manager to grant permission based on humanitarian reasons only. At the Council meeting at which the motion was discussed, the majority of Councillors admitted that they realised that the development was contrary to the proper Planning and Development of the area. Subsequently, based on legal advice, permission was again refused by the County Manager. Full details of this advice are contained in the report of the County Law Agent.

A third application was submitted on the 17th July, 1980. Again even minimum consideration of the traffic hazard problems and the drainage and other necessary development works was ignored in the submission. To merit proper and serious consideration, any applicant is required to make fully documented and detailed submissions. Consequently, the Planning Authority issued a request for a more detailed and comprehensive submission on the 10th November, 1980. This was replied to by a firm of Consultant Engineers on behalf of the applicant. Provisions for the ancillary site development works, which should have been part of the original submission, were adequately made. A low level of commercial activity was indicated but an enlargement of this could not in practice be unreasonably restricted if permission was actually granted for the present proposal.

However, the traffic hazard objections still remain as set out hereunder:

1. The site is located on a National Secondary Road, i.e., the Galway/Castlebar road which has recently been upgraded to that status. Henceforth all maintenance and improvement works will be financed 100% by the Government. It is Government policy to restrict access on to roads of this category in the interests of public safety. The Planning Authority has written in this policy into the County Development Plan.
2. The site is located on a bend on an unrealigned stretch of narrow winding road. Accordingly, all movements onto and from the site create hazards from passing traffic.
3. The site is quite close to the access point for a commercial development on the other side of the road from which there are frequent movements of heavy traffic. This aggravates the hazard.
4. The stated business is the repair and maintenance of heavy articulated trucks. Because of the size and configuration of the site, turning movements for these vehicles would be very difficult on site and it is likely that the public road might be used for the completion of turning movements. It is likely too that vehicles leaving the site might have to do so by reversing onto the public road. These movements would constitute a serious traffic hazard.
5. It is considered that the parking space provided for heavy trucks on site is not likely to be fully effective because of the shape and size of the site and the size of the vehicles. There is a risk that vehicles awaiting attention may be parked on the edge of the public road where there is little or no margin available.
6. Access to the site for vehicles coming from city will almost certainly in the case of the longer vehicles involve encroachment on the off side land thereby creating a hazard for oncoming vehicles. It is likely too that vehicles exiting from the site towards the city may not be able to complete the manoeuvre in a single movement. This would cause obstruction and hazard for vehicles in both lanes.
7. It is Government policy to provide hard shoulders on all National Secondary roads. It is inevitable, from past experience, that if this development is allowed to proceed, the hard shoulders will be used as parking space for the enterprise, thereby negating the benefits of the hard shoulder and creating additional hazard.
8. It is also Government policy that all National Secondary roads be realigned to a high standard. This road will then become a very fast road linking Galway with Castlebar and attracting increased volumes of traffic. Traffic movements at the site in question will become doubly hazardous.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The retention of the development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because it is located on a heavily trafficked main road and regardless of the actual site layout, the turning movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on this road.

The repair of trucks is still continuing on the site."

COUNTY ENGINEER'S REPORT:

"I set out hereunder the road safety considerations involved in the recommendation to refuse permission in this case.

1. The site is located on a National Secondary road, i.e., the Galway/Castlebar road which has recently been upgraded to that status. Henceforth, all maintenance and improvement works will be financed 100% by the Government. It is Government policy to restrict access on to roads of this category in the interests of public safety. The Planning Authority has written in this policy into the County Development Plan.
2. The site is located on a bend on an unrealigned stretch of narrow winding road. Accordingly, all movements on to and from the site create hazards from passing traffic.
3. The site is quite close to the access point for a commercial development on the other side of the road from which there are frequent movements of heavy traffic. This aggravates the hazard.
4. The stated business is the repair and maintenance of heavy articulated trucks. Because of the size and configuration of the site turning movements for these vehicles would be very difficult on site, and it is likely that the public road might be used for the completion of turning movements. It is likely too that vehicles leaving the site might have to do so by reversing on to the public road. These movements would constitute a serious traffic hazard.
5. It is considered that the parking space provided for heavy trucks on site is not likely to be fully effective because of the shape and size of the site and the size of the vehicles. There is a risk that vehicles awaiting attention may be parked on the edge of the public road where there is little or no margin available.
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However, the traffic hazard objections still remain as set out hereunder:

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The site was inspected in November, 1978, by Mr. Fleming of the Council's Planning Department who noticed that excavation had commenced and that the structure being built seemed to be larger than that which Mr. Kelly had proposed in his application to the Council, and was also nearer to the road. Mr. Callagy, Planning Officer, inspected the site on the 16th November, 1978, and reported that the construction had commenced and that it did not appear to be a hay shed. Mr. Fleming again inspected it on the 22nd November of that year and took measurements of the structure which again did not appear to be a conventual hay shed.

Warning Notices issued to Mr. Kelly on the 29th November, 1978, under the terms of the Planning Act.

The site was again inspected in February, 1979, and it was noted that the work had continued since the issue of the Warning Notice. Mr. Fleming again inspected the premises on the 26th October, 1979, and found that the building erected thereon was being used for the repair of commercial vehicles, and equipment necessary for such work had been installed there.

Mr. Kelly made an application for retention of the garage on the site on the 11th July, 1979, which permission was refused by the Planning Authority on the 11th September, 1979. Mr. Kelly appealed against this decision and permission for retention of the garage was refused on appeal on the 31st January, 1980. Proceedings were then instituted against Mr. Kelly by Galway County Council for an injunction to prevent the development.

When the matter came before the High Court, Counsel on behalf of the Defendant indicated to the Judge that should the County Manager refuse to grant Planning Permission on the face of a Section 4 Motion that High Court Proceedings would be brought against the County Council or the County Manager directing him to do so. In these circumstances, the Judge felt the best course to adopt was to adjourn the case generally with leave to re-enter until such time as it was clear what was going to happen. This was then done.

Subsequently, the County Manager indicated to the Members of the County Council that as a result of a legal advice he had obtained, it would not have been lawful for him to have abided by the Section 4 Resolution, and consequently, Planning Permission was refused.

A fresh Planning Application for retention was then submitted to Galway County Council by Mr. Kelly. A Notice requiring Further Particulars was sent by the Council to Mr. Kelly and I understand that this has now been replied to and that the matter is now again under consideration.

The County Manager would appear to have gone to great pains to fully investigate all the legal and engineering implications of this planning application. In relation to the matter, there is a very comprehensive report from the County Engineer in which he recommends that Planning Permission should be refused in this case for road safety considerations and the County Engineer has listed quite a number of these. Apart from any obligations which the County Council may have as roads authority, and it must be pointed out that the County Council is a Statutory Roads Authority, it would appear from the comprehensiveness of the County Engineer's Report that to grant Planning Permission in this case would not be in accordance with the proper Planning and Development of the area.

The Council's power to grant Planning Permission is contained in the Local Government, Planning and Development Act, 1963 as amended. The relevant section is Section 26 of the 1963 Act. This states clearly that "in dealing with any such application (Planning Permission) the Planning Authority should be restricted to considering the proper planning and development of the area of the authority". This is the only authority which the County Council have to deal with planning applications.

If the Council consider matters other than the proper planning and development of the area or if they do not consider the proper planning and development of the area, then they are not acting in accordance with the Act and their decisions are invalid. The County Council is not entitled to take into account matters which are extraneous to this, no matter how worthy they might seem to be, nor can it take into account extraneous matters no matter how unworthy they may appear to be. The powers and duties of the County Council, and indeed the rights of citizens in relation to planning spring from this Act alone and from no other source. This Act applies whether the decision is made by the Manager, in the normal way, or by the Manager of foot of a Resolution to him by the elected representatives made on foot of a Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

In relation to considering the proper planning and development of the area, as the Council, whether acting by the Manager or by the Manager as a result of a Section 4 Motion, is in a quasi judicial position, and consequently, must act fairly in the circumstances. In other words, the Council is bound to consider all the relevant evidence in relation to the proper planning and development of an area and its decision must be based accordingly. The Council cannot ignore any evidence either for or against the application.

In the present case, the Council has before it a Report from the County Engineer which clearly and unequivocally states that Planning Permission should be refused in this instance because of road hazard.

I am of the firm opinion that if the Council ignores the Engineer's advice or rejects it without having the proper qualifications to do so, then it is clearly not acting in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area of its authority, and any such decision made would be null and void. It is my clear opinion that should the Councillors pass a Section 4 Motion under these circumstances directing the County Manager to grant Planning Permission, the County Manager would have no option but to disregard any such Resolution.

My conviction that this is a correct interpretation of the position is based on a number of reasons.

- 1) I believe that my interpretation of the Council's liability under the Planning Act, set out above, is a correct one in the circumstances.
- 2) Although he is not bound by previous decisions, nevertheless, the County Manager's previous refusal in this case has been supported by a refusal from An Bord Pleanála which must be considered to be the highest Appeal Board in the land.
- 3) The County Engineer is an Engineer of vast experience in relation to matters both Planning Road Building and his opinion in relation to these matters could not be ignored by persons who have not the proper qualifications to do so. With respect, in relation to Engineering matters, neither the County Manager, myself or any elected Member has the proper qualifications to ignore the County Engineer's Report.
- 4) Although I have not been asked to look into this aspect of the matter, and indeed have not looked into it in detail, the County Council is a Statutory Roads Authority and it would appear from the County Engineer's Report that it is jeopardising the efficacy of its road by allowing this development and as such could be acting in excess of its authority.
- 5) I would refer to a recent Supreme Court decision entitled McDonald v Feely, City and County Manager for the County of Dublin and the Chairman and Councillors of the County of Dublin, this judgment was delivered as recently as the 23rd July, 1980. This case did not concern a Planning matter, it concerned a Housing matter but it concerned action taken by Dublin County Council as a result of a Section 4 Motion passed by the County Council.

In relation to this aspect of the matter, the Supreme Court stated "It is noted that the Resolution referred to in Sub-section 1 (of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955) can only apply to any Act, matter or thing which "the Local Authority or the Manager can lawfully do or effect". It is only such an Act, matter or thing which by Sub-section 8 (of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955) the Manager is bound to do or effect. It follows, therefore, that what is directed to be done must not only be lawful but it must also be done or effected in a lawful manner". It is my view that in this case that unless the Councillors concern themselves with the proper planning and development of the area that their decision would not be effected in a lawful manner and so in my view, the County Manager would be at risk in not considering the full implications of such a decision.

I must advise, of course, that the County Manager would be bound to consider any further evidence which the Councillors might produce in a discussion in relation to the Section 4 Motion and the County Manager ought to reserve the right to consider the implications of any such evidence and indeed, to consult with the County Engineer in relation to it should it touch on Engineering matters, but in the absence of any additional relevant evidence, it is clear to me that the County Manager would have no option but to refuse Planning Permission."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. Councillor M. Fahy seconded Councillor Welby's proposal.

The Chairman said that it was not good enough to propose the resolution without making a case for it. He asked the proposers to make their case.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and said that he was proposing this on the basic grounds of road safety. Deputy Donnellan asked if it made any difference what decision the Council made on the application in view of the Council's previous decision on Mr. Kelly's previous application and the Manager's refusal to implement it. Councillor Holland said that there were some points made at the Committee Meeting which could be repeated. Councillor Welby said that at one stage, the County Manager had stated that he could not accept any further plans or proposals in connection with the application because it was an application for retention. He now understood that a detailed reply to a request for Further Information had been submitted by a firm of Consultants on behalf of the applicant, and said that the applicant had done everything that was possible and had replied to the request for Further Information.

Councillor F. Fahey asked how far was the development outside the Borough boundary. The County Engineer replied that the building was approximately 150 yards outside the boundary while the nearest point of the site was approximately 70 yards. Replying to Councillor Coogan, the County Manager stated that he did not think that an extension of the Borough boundary would make any difference. Councillor Glynn said that the Council was only wasting time discussing this application in view of all the legal and other advice before the Council. Councillor O Foighil said that there were very comprehensive reports and legal advice before the Council on the matter. As he understood it, the Section 4 was passed on the last occasion on humanitarian grounds and he asked if the position was still the same. Councillor J. Burke asked what would happen the building if the application was refused. The County Manager replied that the Council had initiated proceedings for unauthorised development and these proceedings had been adjourned. Notice of proceedings against the Council had also been given by the other side. Replying to Councillor O'Higgins, the County Manager stated that in dealing with an appeal, An Bord Pleanála did not seem to be under the same constraints as the Planning Authority.

Councillor Welby said that the County Manager had previously stated that he could only consider plans for retention of the development but now he had changed his position and requested detailed plans from the applicant per letter dated 13th August, 1980, which Councillor Welby read out. The County Manager replied that when the previous Section 4 Motion was being considered, he was also asked to consider plans other than those making up the application. He had rightly declined to do this. As regards the current application, further information was properly sought.

Councillor F. Fahey asked if the Section 4 was defeated, would the Council proceed to request the applicant to take down the building and what precedent was there in the County for this action? The County Manager replied that the Council had taken three Injunctions for unauthorised development and one was withdrawn. The building was first represented as an agricultural building and would be exempt as such provided certain conditions were met. Councillor F. Fahey said that it was not an agricultural building and a person had put his whole livelihood into it. The County Manager replied that the development was the subject of Court proceedings and there have been cases where developments have been ordered to be stopped. Deputy Callanan asked if the Court ruled against the applicant, would he have to knock it down or could it be used for agricultural purposes? The County Manager replied that certain agricultural buildings were exempt from Planning Permission provided they complied with certain conditions and this question would have to be examined.

Councillor F. Fahey said that he could make a case in favour of the development on planning grounds but he was not going to. The reason why he enquired as to the distance the development was from the Borough boundary was because he considered that eventually development would extend out to there, and therefore, the development would not be at great variance with the Development Plan. He also said that the building was on the left hand side of the road and any likely road widening would take place on the right hand side of the road. He said that the Members were in the position of voting down a man's livelihood or passing the Section 4 resolution, and he would like to see a compromise. He asked if there was any possibility that other considerations could be taken into account and whether the building could be used for the repair of cars as opposed to trucks. He said that the considerations at today's meeting, as at the meeting in Carraroe, were humanitarian as he could not argue with the County Engineer's advice. The County Manager replied that he could not prejudge the decision on another Planning application but it was conceivable that another activity might be less hazardous. Councillor Holland said that there were two people involved in this application, the owner and the developer, and that a number of developments had been permitted along this road. The County Manager said that this was now a National Secondary Road and would be re-designed to 60 m.p.h. design. Councillors Coogan and Glynn asked if the time could be extended to consider an alternative use. The County Manager replied that there was two months to run from the date the Further Information was supplied, and that the question of an alternative use would have to be the subject of a fresh application.

Councillor Welby said that the business being carried on in the building was the business which these men were geared to and that any other use would be no good. He said that the applicant owned the land on the opposite side of the road and he was prepared to give the Council whatever land it required for road widening.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the Section 4 resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillor F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Holland, Kilgannon, Senator Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby. (19)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, and Byrne. (4)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Senator Connaughton, Councillor Glynn and Councillor O Foighil did not vote.

759 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 37047 - APPLICANT: THOMAS MONAHAN

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is on an unsurfaced private boithrin adjacent to Loughaunwillin just North of Carrowroe Village. There is only one modern bungalow in this area, which was granted in the early days of planning (Planning Ref. No. 1834).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

- (a) The proposed development would detract from the visual amenity of the area and public enjoyment of the adjacent lake because it would be located obtrusively on an elevated site and too close to the lakeside amenity.
- (b) The proposed development would be a bad precedent as it would initiate development on a presently undeveloped and unsurfaced boithrin. This would lead to an increase in development beside the lake contrary to the County Development Plan and to increased costs to Galway County Council which would eventually have to surface and maintain the boithrin.
- (c) There is no second family claim in this case and the applicant has no farm holding in the area. The applicant has stated he is buying the site from a relation of his wife. The Planning Authority are prepared to facilitate the applicant in finding an appropriate site, as he is headmaster in the local Comprehensive School and needs a house in the area. However, the Planning Authority feel that this site is not appropriate for the above reasons.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as for reasons stated above."

The Committee considered this application and recommended that Permission be granted. The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor O'Morain. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

760 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36953 - APPLICANT: BRIDGET GARDINER

The County Manager said that the Members had not finished discussing this at the Committee Meeting. He said the application was for a road entrance on to the National Primary Road at the new bye-pass at Labane, which not alone was not necessary, but could put the families movements in danger. He submitted the following report of the Planning Officer which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"HISTORY

A permission by Mrs. B. Gardiner was approved to build a house on this site in March of 1971 (9328). In March 1979, after the commencement of the Labane bye-pass, Mrs. Gardiner's Solicitor wrote requesting permission to have direct access on to this roadway. This was refused on 2nd May, 1979, by letter on the grounds of traffic hazard.

Mr. Gardiner then made a formal planning application Ref. No. 36953 in June 1980 for a direct access to new bye-pass and was refused in August 1980, on the grounds of traffic hazard. No appeal was made.

A further application was made in September 1980, again for direct access, which is the present application.

The dwelling house for which this new access is required is exiting onto the present National Primary Route and is approximately 200 yards from the junction where it is proposed to link the present National Primary Route with the new bye-pass when it is completed.

The new bye-pass road will, when completed, render the roadway through the village of Labane safe from heavy through traffic, and while improving the existing flow of ever increasing traffic will considerably improve safety and environmental conditions within the village for those residents opening onto the existing road; by removing the heavy through traffic. The proposal to allow direct access to a dwelling, such as Mrs. Gardiner's would totally frustrate the purpose of the bye-pass, and could not be considered as causing any additional hardship on Mrs. Gardiner, in view of the proximity of her site and indeed the whole village to an access point onto the bye-pass. It can only be assumed, that, at some later date, a commercial development will be applied for on this proposed access, which would lead to a development which would be outside the existing speed limits and on a fast curve.

RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:-

- (1) The proposed access would constitute permitting a development onto a fast curve outside the present village speed limits, thereby constituting a traffic hazard and be contrary to the County Development Plan."

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said he was proposing it on sound planning grounds and that at present, a person has to be directed out from the residence on to the old road because the road is so narrow. He said the house was 70 yards from the new road with good visibility, and that there would be no traffic hazard. He said the family accommodated the County Council in providing the bye-pass. Councillor Finnegan seconded Councillor M. Fahy's proposal. The County Engineer said that he was not aware of any hazard at the existing entrance and that all the through traffic would be taken off the old road. He said the new road would be a fast road and an entrance onto it would be hazardous both for the applicant and for passing traffic, and it would negate the whole purpose for which the bye-pass was provided. It looked as if the applicant was trying to get an access on to the new road for some other purpose. Councillor M. Fahy said that the house was facing the new road and that the applicant did not require the access for any other purpose. Councillor Murphy said that the house was facing the new road and that there was good visibility on both sides. Councillor J. Burke asked would it help if the applicant agreed to sterilise the remainder of the site from further development. Deputy Callanan said that the applicant would have to come out onto the new road one way or the other and that if he comes out via the old road, this puts an extra vehicle at the controlled junction. Replying, the County Engineer stated that any access onto the new road would be hazardous. He said there was no need for it and that there would be controlled junctions at each end of the old road. He said that turning right was the big problem on National Roads with fast moving traffic. Accidents were caused frequently by cars slowing up in the centre of fast roads to turn right. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and this was seconded by Councillor Brennan. A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Bartley, U. Burke, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Kilgannon, Senator Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan and Welby. (19)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Coogan, Holland, and O Foighil. (5)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Councillor Byrne, Senator Connaughton, and Councillor Glynn did not vote.

761 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36819 - APPLICANT: PATRICK GAVIN

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

"HISTORY

An application for permission for a housing estate for 6 number of houses reference number 25015 was made in June 1977 by Mr. P. J. Gavin, c/o Paul F. Severs & Partner, Shop Street, Tuam, with access to Tullindaly road and permission was granted for 5 number of houses in August of 1977 with a condition that no access would be permitted onto the new roadway to the west.

An approval for house plans was applied for three of the houses reference number 29142, in September 1978 and approved in February 1979. A further house approval was applied for in September 1978, reference number 29199, and approved in February 1979, with the final house approval coming in May of 1979 and being approved in January of 1980.

In February of 1980 (reference no. 34408) the applicant applied for permission to change the access roadway, to the new relief road to the west, by the inclusion of an approximate 15 ft. of a neighbouring land to the North, which contained an existing field gate. Following a Section 4 Motion, the application was refused because it would create an additional substandard vehicular access onto a National Primary route causing a traffic hazard and was further refused on appeal for the same reason in July of 1980.

The present application is in a sense the same application as 34408.

An examination of the application now applied for (reference number 36819) change of access roadway would indicate the following:

- (1) The access is on new lands not covered by the original permission granted in August 1977, reference no. 25015.
- (2) It contains a stretch of roadway, footpath, and an existing access which have not been the subject of a retention application.
- (3) House numbers 5 has not been built in accordance with permission 29199 (it is now reversed) and has not been the subject of a retention application.
- (4) The proposed access is of substandard dimensions and radii and could not be considered for taking in charge by Galway County Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to recommend refusal for the following reason;

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

It is further considered that the applicant be informed of the areas of unauthorised development existing on the site and the substandard roadway and junction would not be likely to be taken in charge by the Planning Authority in the future."

Councillor Finnegan proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the proposed entrance was the only solution having regard to the situation on the site. The alternative entrance was not very satisfactory and he could see little difference between the two alternatives. The development was within the speed limits and there was a wide footpath outside the entrance to the National Primary Road. Deputy Callanan seconded Councillor Finnegan's proposal. The County Engineer said that the problem with this application was the same as that at Labane, a new National Primary road had been provided and the applicant was seeking access on it. The access road had been commenced without planning permission and it would involve traffic having to make a U-turn. Deputy Donnellan said that the original plan did not seem to be possible at this stage. Councillor J. Burke said that he would have reservations about objecting to the application as he felt that the alternative was not satisfactory and the site was within the 30 m.p.h. speed limit.

The County Manager said that it should be possible to alter the proposed entrance in order to make it safer, and there was agreement with this. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried with a condition to make the entrance safer.

762 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36792 - APPLICANT: SEAN O FLATHARTA

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

"BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located on an undeveloped part of a narrow non-public road between the main road and the sea at Loughaubeg, Inverin. There are a number of houses on the northern section of this boithrin, adjacent to the public road, but the proposed site is approximately 1,200 feet to the south of existing house. Two previous applications have been refused on this site by the Planning Authority. There has been no consultation with the Planning Authority prior to the submission of this Section 4 Motion on this application.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because:-

- (a) The proposed septic tank cannot be located on this site in a position far enough from an adjacent fast flowing stream to satisfy County Council standards. The site has been condemned by the County Medical Officer as being too small for the satisfactory accommodation of a septic tank in respect of nearness to a stream and adequacy of size to comply with standard requirements.
- (b) The proposed development would be located too close to the sea and would introduce development into an area which is presently undeveloped and, therefore, detract from the visual amenities and public enjoyment of the area.
- (c) The proposed development would be located on an unsurfaced stretch of road and would lead in time to demands for the surfacing of this stretch of road by Galway County Council and therefore, the County Council would unnecessarily incur extra costs.
- (d) The applicant has a number of alternative sites, including one adjacent to his existing house, which he states is substandard. A representative of the Planning Authority inspected the farm holding with the applicant and suggested alternative sites. The applicant has refused to consider these sites.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal is recommended for the above-mentioned reasons."

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil an run seo faoi Alt 4 den t-Acht an Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae (Leasu), 1955. Dúirt se go raibh an iarrathoir as an ceanntair agus go raibh se ag iarraidh teach a thógail ar a thalamh fein.

Councillor O'Foighil said that the house was for the applicant's family and that it was a replacement of a sub-standard house and that alot of development had taken place in that locality. He said that the septic tank would not interfere with the stream. Councillor Coogan seconded Councillor O'Foighil's proposal. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

763 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Holland, the Minutes of Meeting held on the 24th October, 1980, (numbers 715 to 749, incl.) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

764 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

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

"That the list of roads circulated in relation to item no. 3 on the Agenda and which list had been published in the newspapers, be declared public roads."

765 - NATIONAL UNDERSTANDING:

The County Manager said that confirmation of the acceptance of the terms of the new National Understanding had been received, and he requested the Council's approval to its implementation subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment. The First Phase of the Agreement came into operation on the 1st August, 1980, for Craftsmen and Allied grades, and from the 1st October, 1980, for other employees. The First Phase would operate for a period of 8 months and would result in an increase of 8% of basic pay plus £1 per week. The Second Phase would operate from the termination date of the First Phase and would be for a period of 6 months. Under the Second Phase, the basic pay of employees would be increased by 7%. There was provision for discussions to consider an upward adjustment of the Second Phase depending on the Consumer Price Index and the economic circumstances prevailing. The County Manager said that the approximate cost of implementing the pay increases for 1980 amounted to £120,000 for which provision had been made in the Estimates for 1980, or in the adjustment of those Estimates which was approved at the October Meeting of the Council.

It was proposed by Deputy Callanan, seconded by Senator Connaughton, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the application of the National Understanding 1980 to all Council employees."

Councillor Glynn said that he had met a deputation from Council employees who were on a three-day week and that he would like some kind of guarantee about these men's future employment with the Council. He said that these men felt that they had been victimised. Senator Connaughton and Councillor U. Burke supported Councillor Glynn. The County Manager said that the Council had no desire to lay off any employees or put them on a three-day week. There were two areas where the Council's finances were in difficulty, but an additional allocation had come for roads which helped to avoid any lay-offs in the Roads Section. No assistance was forthcoming for the Housing/building/maintenance section and the three-day week was brought into operation having discussed it with the men's Unions.

766 - REVISION OF WAGES - CRAFTSMEN:

The County Manager said that notification had been received from the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board that a revised pay scale had been agreed for Craftsmen employed by local authorities and Health Boards. The amount of the increase was £6.25 per week for all Craftsmen payable with effect from the 1st August, 1980, with corresponding increases to Craftsmen's Mates and Craftsmen's Supervisors. The new National Understanding would be applied to the revised scale. There were approximately 47 Council employees involved and the Cost of implementing the increase for 1980 amounted to approximately £5,500.

It was proposed by Senator Kitt, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of a wage increase of £6.25 per week from the 1st August, 1980, to Craftsmen employed by the Council with corresponding increases to Craftsmen's Mates and Supervisors as explained by the County Manager."

767 - CHIEF FIRE OFFICER - RESTRUCTURING:

The County Manager explained that an offer had been made to the Chief Fire Officer whereby the salary scale of the grade of Senior Executive Engineer in the new Engineering restructuring would be applied to him, and in the event of the offer being accepted, he requested the Council's approval to proceed with the proposal. The proposal was agreed to on the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Deputy Callanan.

768 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - COUNTY SECRETARY:

The County Manager stated that following negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Local Government and Public Services Union, a salary revision had been agreed for the grade of County Secretary. The present scale for County Secretary was £9,174 - £10,585 and the new scale would be £9,824 - £12,072. Portion of the increase was retrospective to the 26th June, 1979, and the total cost for 1980 was £1,065. It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon and seconded by Councillor Ryan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised salary scale for County Secretary as explained by the County Manager."

769 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF STAFF OFFICER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION:

The County Manager referred to the County Secretary's report of the 18th November, 1980, which had been circulated to each Member in connection with the creation of an extra office of Staff Officer for the Environmental Section. The County Manager explained that there was a considerable volume of additional work arising on Environmental matters including the Water Pollution Act, Licencing, Water Management Plan, E.E.C. Waste Regulations, Toxic Waste, E.E.C. Regulations on Water Supply for drinking, bathing and fish life, monitoring of Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes, liaison with Castlebar Laboratory, Oil Pollution and spillages, etc. This resulted in a considerable amount of extra administrative work and he requested the Council's approval to the creation of one office of Staff Officer.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of one additional office of Staff Officer for the Environmental Section."

Councillor U. Burke said that at a previous meeting, he had been informed that a report would be placed before the Council about pollution measures to be taken at Tynagh Mines which was closing down. He said that there was a dangerous situation at Tynagh Mines and he was not satisfied that adequate

precautions were being taken. He saw trucks being washed down in an open Bay with the water going into a nearby stream, and he said that the owner should be asked to cover in this stream. He said that some measures which had been taken by the Management of Tynagh Mines were inadequate and he requested that further precautions be taken in relation to slag heaps, etc. Senator Connaughton said that many people were dissatisfied with what was being done.

The County Manager said that he had informed the Council that he would approach the management of Tynagh with a view to drawing up a closing down plan. He had been to Tynagh with the County Engineer and found them co-operative, and a plan was being pursued in conjunction with the Council's Environmental Section. He said that while some matters would come under the Water Pollution Act, the development was generally pre the 1963 Planning Act. When Councillor U. Burke said that he was not happy with the monitoring which was being carried out, the County Manager said that he would ask the Council's Environmental Officer to meet Councillor Burke on the question.

770 - SALE OF HOUSE TO TENANT:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale to Mrs. Mary Ryan, Beagh, Browns Grove, Tuam, of the Council house which she occupies in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 12th November, 1980, 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."

771 - SALE OF HOUSING SITES AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of Housing Sites at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to the following in accordance with the terms set out in Notice dated 10th October, 1980, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, :

Kieran Carroll, Oranmore;	-	Site No. 8
Stephen Burke, 8 Caheroyan, Athenry	-	Site No. 12
Brian Carroll, 55 Rathlin Glebe, Ballybane	-	Site No. 22."

772 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND TO IRISH LAND COMMISSION:

It was proposed by Councillor Coogan, seconded by Senator Connaughton, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Cloonthee Road, Tuam, to the Irish Land Commission in accordance with the terms set out in Notice dated 28th October, 1980, circulated to each Member under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

773 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £6,000 FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR BALLINDOOLEY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager said that a request for a special contribution of £6,000 had been recommended by the Department of the Environment in respect of the cost of increased pipe sizes for the Ballindooley Group Water Supply Scheme. The County Engineer recommended payment of the contribution and the loan repayments would qualify for the usual loan subsidy.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £6,000 towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for the Ballindooley

Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, and to be repaid over such period at such interest rate as may be approved."

774 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1981:

The County Manager stated that the Overdraft limit sanctioned by the Department of the Environment for the quarter ending 31st December, 1980, was £2½ million made up as follows:

Ordinary Overdraft	£	1,500,000
Special Overdraft for Capital Housing Construction		500,000
Special Overdraft for Capital Sanitary Services		500,000

The County Manager requested the Council's approval to the same amount of Overdraft for the quarter ending 31st March, 1981.

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

"That Subject to the 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 31st March, 1981."

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, 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 March, 1981."

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, 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 Sanitary Services Capital Works for the period ending 31st March, 1981."

775 - HOUSING LOANS

The County Manager referred to the discussion on Housing Loan applications which took place at the Special Meeting of the Council on the 14th November, 1980. He said that the important points to be remembered in considering the question was that the total advances by the Council for the year ending 31st December next would be £1.8 million, the increase in the loan to £12,000 had led to a big increase in the number of applications; at the end of September last, 548 loans to the value of approximately £3.7 million had been approved and a further 477 applications were on hands. He said that the 548 loans approved represented about 2 years commitments and this did not include the 477 applications under consideration. He had considered the matter since the special meeting and he was satisfied that there was no difficulty about building up commitments for the purposes of getting an allocation. He said that he was considering to continue to accept applications but not to process them until the allocation for 1981 is notified.

Councillor Glynn complained about an article in the press on Housing Loans attributed to Senator Connaughton before the Council had discussed the matter, and he questioned how Senator Connaughton got the information. Councillor J. Burke said that he was concerned about the fact that applications might have been refused already but the County Manager stated that this was not so. Councillor Burke also complained about the lack of caravans for needy cases. Senator Connaughton said that he had a big number of people coming to him for assistance in applying for loans and that from the information that was available to him, he was satisfied that new applicants

had no chance of a loan at present. Senator Kitt said that he was glad that the Council was continuing to receive applications and he also referred to land which the Council had acquired in Caltra and hoped that the Council would press ahead with a Housing Scheme there. Councillor McCormack said that he was all in favour of a meaningful acceptance of loan applications, but he said that the applicants already approved had gone to financial institutions and many had started building and could be applying for the first instalment of their loan in February/March 1981. If too many looked for instalments, there would not be enough money to pay them, and the loan sanctions would lose the guilt edged security value they had. He said that many of the 477 applications on hands would be ready for approval soon and that a request must be made to the Minister for an extra allocation.

Councillor F. Fahey proposed that the Council continue to receive and process applications and that applicants be written to telling them that they have qualified for loans but that the loan sanction cannot be issued until such time as funds are available. He felt that it was for the Minister to decide whether or not to stop accepting applications, and he proposed that a deputation go to the Minister for a greater allocation. Councillor Haverty said that there should not be any scare about loan applications, and they should continue to be approved even if it was a few years before money was available. Deputy Callanan seconded Councillor F. Fahey's proposals. He said that applications should continue to be processed and decisions based on the applicant's present incomes. Councillor Kilgannon said that the large volume of applications meant that applicants are at the end of a two year queue and the Council was not being fair if it did not tell people the true position. He also criticised the amount of red tape involved in making an application. Councillor U. Burke said that it was imperative that applications on hands be processed and approved. Councillor M. Fahy said that bridging finance was very expensive, and it was most important that a deputation go to the Minister. Councillor Glynn agreed that there was a cash crisis as regards Housing Loans but said that it only occurred in the last month or so. He said it was wrong to prejudge the situation before the next year's allocation is known and he suggested that the Council should only provisionally allocate loans until such time as the applicants have the sites in their own name. Councillor Joyce said that it was the large number of applications that was causing the problem and that if the Building Society interest rates dropped, it might ease the situation. He was against closing down on applications.

Replying to some of the queries raised, the County Manager said that it was not the Minister's business to deal with applications. This was the Council's responsibility and he had to deal with applications in a businesslike manner and be responsible for decisions made. He said it was fair to say that there had not been any great delay in loan payments up to recently. He said that as soon as money was received for loans, it was paid out immediately.

After further discussion, the County Manager agreed to continue to accept loan applications for the present and process them but that pending information on next year's allocation, the Council could not make a financial commitment to new applicants.

776 - FINISHING TIME OF MEETING:

It was now approaching 6.30 p.m. and after a discussion, it was agreed that the meeting would continue as far as item 18 on the Agenda, including any item the Chairman would allow the Members to raise and which he had received notice of.

777 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES GRANT, 1980:

Circular letter dated 11th April, 1980, from the Department of the Environment and letter dated 30th October, 1980, by the County Secretary to the Department of the Environment regarding the 1980 Environmental Improvement Schemes Grant had been circulated to Members. The County Manager explained that there was a complete misunderstanding about the interpretation of the Grant allocation for 1980. The Council did not understand that the Grant for 1980 included part of the 1979 Grant which the Department had not recouped

to the Council. As a result, all work on the schemes had to stop, and if the full grant was not received, there would be an overexpenditure in the regions of £78,000. The Council agreed that the notification was open to mis-interpretation, and it was proposed by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, and resolved:

"That the Council request the Minister to make the full grant of £197,000 available for 1980, in addition to whatever recouplement was outstanding for 1979."

778 - PURCHASE OF PREMISES AT TUAM FOR BRANCH LIBRARY:

The County Manager said that he had agreed terms for the purchase of the Bank of Ireland premises in Tuam for a Branch Library at a cost of £60,000. It was part of the agreement that one-third of the purchase price would be paid in 1980, one-third in 1981, and the remainder in 1982. On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Glynn, the Council agreed to the proposed purchase.

779 - ISLANDS RIVER:

The County Manager confirmed that the meeting with Roscommon County Council was taking place in Roscommon on 28th November at 3 p.m. He said that at the October meeting, the Council deferred the transfer of the sum of £20,000 from the Islands River to Roads. He said there was no way this money could be spent on the Islands River and the money was needed for roads and he requested the Council's approval to have it transferred. Senator Connaughton and Councillor Finnegan objected to the transfer of the £20,000 but the County Engineer stated that the money was needed to keep men employed, and would mainly be spent on road restoration in connection with the Williamstown Group Water Scheme. Senator Connaughton and Councillor Finnegan asked for a guarantee that the £20,000 would be provided in next year's Estimates. The County Manager said that a guarantee could not be given at this stage, and that it would up to the Council when considering the Estimates to decide whether or not to provide the money.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as amended by Section 11 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978, Galway County Council hereby authorise excess expenditure in the current year amounting to £20,000, such expenditure to be financed by way of transfer from the Islands River as specified in the following table:

	Estimated Excess	To be Financed from	
		Amount	Programme Group
PROGRAMME GROUP 2			
2.1 Road Upkeep	£20,000	£20,000	7.14

780 - AUDITORS' REPORTS:

The following Auditors' Reports were noted:

- Galway County Council - 3 years ended 31st December, 1977.
- Galway County Committee of Agriculture - 2 years ended 31st December, 1979.
- Galway County Vocational Education Committee - 4 years ended 31st December, 1979.

781 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

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

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:782 - PRESENTATION TO GALWAY HURLING TEAM:

The County Manager stated that the hotel which had been provisionally booked for the function to take place on the 24th November was not available on Monday, 22nd December, the proposed date of the function. He said it might be necessary to have the function in the County Buildings and to try and get a caterer to provide a snack. The Council agreed with this and the County Manager said that the function would take place after the Council meeting, and full details would be sent to the Members as soon as possible. Councillor O Morain asked that the press, who normally come to Council meetings, be invited.

783 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN AND COUNCILLOR RUANE:

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and passed unanimously:

"That Galway County Council calls on the British Government to concede the five (5) just demands of the prisoners in Long Kesh and Armagh, and further, we call on the Irish Government to intercede to have the inhuman conditions in prisons brought to an end forthwith."

784 - NEW BRIDGE AT MUICENAHIDHERDHASHAILE:

Do rinne an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair tagairt d'a run ar an clar maidir leis an droichead nua ag Muicenaheidherdhashaile, agus d'fhiafraigh se cen staid a bhí se fe lathair.

The County Manager said that a design was being prepared for the bridge based on a single span of approximately 57 feet with abutment walls and rock fill approaches. He said that it was hoped to have the design and drawing completed by January, 1981, and that it would be forwarded to Roinn na Gaeltachta immediately. He said that the County Engineer was considering whether or not to construct the bridge by direct labour. Duirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil go raibh se sasta go raibh an obair ag dul ar aghaidh go maith agus go raibh d chas aige go dtosnadh an droichead chomh luath agus is feidir.

785 - DRIFT NET LICENCES:

Councillor O Morain said that the new Fishery Board had changed the date for the making of applications for drift net licences, and he asked that the press would publicise this fact in order that those interested would be able to apply in time.

786 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Sean Glynn, Ballyturn, Gort.
J. J. Coen, Ballycahalan, Gort.
Nell Coen, Crowe Street, Gort.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Joddie Ryan CHAIRMAN

22/12/1980 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16u Nollaig, 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, 22u Nollaig, 1980, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,
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 Planning Permission to Martin P. O'Sullivan of 2, Leopardstown Lawn, Foxrock, Co. Dublin, for the erection of dwelling house and garage at Carrick East, Cong. - Planning Ref. Number 37508."

John M. Mannion. Mark Killilea. G. Bartley.
 - (b) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Paddy Burke of Derrygimlagh, Ballyconneely. - Planning Ref. No. 37263."

G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. Micheal S. O Morain.
 - (c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mairtin Breathnach at Kilroe East, for erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank."

Thomas Welby. Nioclás O Conchubhair. M. O'Morain.
(Planning Reference No. 37117)
 - (d) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae 1955 (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleanala a thabhairt do Eoin O Cathain o Mam. - Uimhir Thagartha Pleanala 36787."

P. O Foighil. M. J. Kilgannon. John Donnellan.

- (e) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to erect a County Council house for Mary Lydon and her family of Cartoon, Moycullen, Co. Galway."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Michael Fahy.

2. Minutes.
3. Travelling Expenses and Subsistence Allowances of Members of Local Authorities - Copy of Circular dated 9th December, 1980, from the Department of the Environment, herewith.
4. Excess Expenditure 1980.
5. Library Staff Regrading.
6. Sale of Housing Site at Townparks (1st Division) Tuam to Mr. Patrick J. McHale. (Notice dated 10th November, 1980.)
7. Sale of Houses to the following tenants:
Peter and Lucy Doherty, Castle Ellen, Athenry.
Michael and Margaret Gill, Kilronan, Aran.
William and Winifred Burke, Cartron, Milltown, Tuam.
(Notices dated 10th December, 1980.)
8. Rehabilitation of Tynagh Mine - report.
9. Roads Estimate - 1981.
10. Supplementary Loan - Tuam Swimming Pool.
11. Application for Rate Remission - Industrial Development Acts - Kinvara Handcraft Co-Operative Society Ltd.
12. Report on Council's activities under the Water Pollution Act, 1977.
13. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - list herewith.
14. Iarratas o Chraobhacha na Gaillimhe de Chumann Cathaoir Rothai na h-Eireann, go nglacfhadh an Comhairle Chontae le toscaireacht ag an gcruinniú i Mi Eanáir, 1981.

(Application by Galway Branches of the Irish Wheelchair Association for reception by the Council of a deputation at the January 1981 meeting.)
15. Ombudsman Act, 1980 - Letter from Department of the Environment and report herewith.
16. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
16. (a) Sale of site at Poolboy, Ballinasloe to the Industrial Development Authority. - (Notice dated 9th December, 1980.)
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

Adjourned from November Meeting:

COUNCILLOR PADDY RUANE - I will propose:

17. (a) That this Council carry out repairs on the Menlo Road in by Lackagh Rock Quarry as this road has been widened by the owners of Lackagh Rock.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

18. Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe Aerfort Uaran Mor ar fail le go bhfeadhfaí e a fhorbairt ar son turasoireachta agus gnaithe na Gaillimhe.
19. Go gcuirfi ar fail toradh na fiosraithe a cuireadh ar bun le coras aistriuchan teangana a chur ar fail i seomra an Chomhairle Contae.
20. Iarraimse ar an gComhairle Contae iarratas a dheanamh go dtí an Roinn Poist agus Telegraf le Bosca Telefóin a chur ar fail i Leitir Meallain.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council make a special contribution towards the heavy costs involved in the Kiltiernan Group Water Scheme.
22. That Galway County Council provide a collection of transport for refuse to the residents of Palmerstown, Oranmore.

COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

23. That the County Council reconsider its decision and approve the design for the Derrydonnell Group Water Scheme using Oranmore Regional Water Scheme as a supply.
24. That proper arrangements be made to enable students at St. Colman's Vocational School and Our Lady's College, Gort, to cross the road adjacent to the schools.
25. That Galway County Council purchase the lands from P.J. & J.. Collins Ltd., c/o J.C. Murphy, Solicitors, Gort, contained in Planning Permission 13876, and that a Compulsory Purchase Order be made in the event of the Council's failure to reach agreement with the vendor.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

26. That this Council request the County Galway Vocational Education Committee to reconsider its decision not to recommend Tuam as a centre for immediate school development.
27. That the ditch outside Kilbannon National School be removed.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN - Molaim:

28. Go gceadóch an t-Aire Iasgai trí ainmiúchain on gCoirle Contae ar an mBord Iasgai Reigiúnach Nua

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

29. That the Headford Refuse collection be extended to Claran Road, Headford.
30. That Galway County Council repair the Main Street at Headford which is in a poor condition for a long time.
31. That additional street lighting be provided at Headford, Co. Galway, particularly at Galway Road, Headford.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:

32. That the Galway County Council make provision for a Sewerage Scheme to facilitate the Airglooney Area of Tuam.

33. That the Galway County Council do all in its power to bring forward the planned date for the Sewage Water Treatment plans for the Tuam Urban Area.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

34. That this Council make available a supply of water from the Moycullen mains to the organisers of the proposed Uggool/Moycullen Group Water Scheme as a source of supply.
35. That this Council investigate and put right the unsatisfactory sewerage connections to the six houses in Moycullen on the Oughterard side of the village.
36. That this Council pass a resolution and forward same to the Board of Works regarding flooding in the lower Lough Corrib as follows -

'that the sluice gates at the Weir be opened more during heavy rainfall and that rainfall be monitored throughout the whole Catchment area on an all year basis - wind and storm affect taken into consideration during winter and spring months, also that sand bar at mouth of Cregg River be removed.'

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

37. Cen fath nach bhfuil an bothar o teach Tomas Mac Con Iomaire Chomh fada le teach na Cuairte, Casla, dha dheisiu.
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Other Motions Received:

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SENATOR MICHAEL P. KITT

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

Location:- Kilronan, Aran, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael & Margaret Gill of: Kilronan, Aran, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £9,077.

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 Regulations, 1980.

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. 63/10/1463

10th. December, 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 Burke, Pollaturick, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cartron, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

William & Winifred Burke, Cartron, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,387.

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 Regulations, 1980.

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 MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND DECEMBER, 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, Councillor F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O Conchubhair, P. O Foighil, M. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, and P. Kearns, Assistant County Managers; M. Dunne, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); Miss A. M. Flynn, Planning Assistant; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. F. O Gallachoir, Temporary Planning Assistant; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; M Tierney, F. Monahan, and R. Killeen, Chief Assistant County Engineers; P.J. McGovern, B. Kennedy, Senior Staff Officers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

787 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Council extended its sympathy to Councillor Brendan Holland on the recent death of his brother.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Relatives of Mr. Cunningham, former Councillor.
Mrs. D. Kelly, Duniry, Kylebrack, Loughrea.
Mrs. M. McNamara and Family, Kilbride House, Gurtymadden, Loughrea.
Mr. Patrick Forde, Coolinney, Kilrickle, Loughrea.
Mr. Michael Mulligan, Leenmarla, Creggs.
Mr. Michael Hession, Raheen, Athenry.
Mr. P. Donnellan, Ballyedmond, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Peter O Connell, Horseleap, Barnaderg, Tuam.
Miss Rita Curran, Council Offices, Woodquay Court, Galway.

788 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 37508 - MR. MARTIN P. O'SULLIVAN:

The County Manager submitted the following report of the Chief Assistant (Planning) which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located on the main Corr na Mona to Clonbur Road about one and half miles east of Corr na Mona village. This elevated site is located on a bend on this road and it is directly overlooking Lough Corrib. This area is classified (by map no. M.5 in the 1979 County Development Plan) as an Area of Special Amenity and the policy of the County Development Plan is to totally restrict development in this area. The only exception to this policy are bona fide and properly substantiated housing need claims from Members of a farm holder's family. A Resolution under Section 4 of the

1955 City & County Management (Amendment) Act was defeated by Galway County Council at the November, 1979 meeting on planning ref. no. 33705.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

The applicant, Mr. Martin P. O'Sullivan, initially bought this site without planning permission in or around 1968 as a building site. Since this date, he has been regularly refused permission for the erection of a house on this site by Galway County, the Minister for Local Government and An Bord Pleanala.

Planning Ref. No. 5015 - refused by Minister for Local Government on 12th August, 1969.

Planning Ref. No. 12476 - refused by Minister for Local Government on 12th April, 1973.

Planning Ref. No. 16733 - refused by An Bord Pleanala on 28th September, 1977.

Planning Ref. No. 30906 - refused by Galway County Council on 4th April, 1979.

Planning Ref. No. 33705 - refused by Galway County Council on 4th December, 1979.

Planning Ref. No. 35609 - refused by Galway County Council on 29th May, 1980.

Planning Ref. No. 36438 - refused by Galway County Council on 3rd September, 1980.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The proposed development does not come within the categories of housing need normally permitted by the County Development Plan in areas of Special Amenity. In fact, this applicant already owns a house in this locality. Moreover, there is no housing need in this claim and the applicant has never claimed a housing need in any of the applications in the last ten years.

2. The proposed development would detract from the visual amenity of the area because it would be obtrusively located on an elevated site which is overlooking much of the coastal road and Lough Corrib. This is one of the most scenic area of the County and a grant in this case would clearly conflict with the policy that the Planning Authority has been operating in this area for the last ten years.

3. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, because the site is located on a bend on a narrow winding stretch of the road where there is a view of Lough Corrib and where site distances are inadequate. Moreover, the traffic movements generated by this development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on this road.

4. The proposed development would contravene previous decisions of the Planning Authority, the Minister for Local Government and An Bord Pleanala.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal as above."

The County Manager drew the attention of the Council to particular points:

- (a) That no special housing aid was claimed in this case; and
- (b) That the applicant already had a house in the area.

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

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

789 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 37263 - MR. PADDY BURKE:

The County Manager submitted the following report of the Chief Assistant (Planning) copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"PREVIOUS HISTORY OF SITE:

(a) Applicant has already been refused permission twice for this development, Reference Nos. 36233 and 35404. He alleged an appeal against the decision in the case of application reference 35404 in June, 1980, but did not pursue the appeal- he was instead made a new application which is now the subject of a resolution under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

(b) The site is located on one of two holdings owned by a John Feeney. There have been 3 and 4 refusals of permission on each of these holdings respectively.

(c) An adjoining site was granted permission by Section 4 recently.

(d) Bona fide housing need did not exist for that application nor does it exist in this case.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

(a) The site is located in an open hilly area of high scenic amenity value on which there is continuous pressure for development over the years. This, if permitted, would destroy the scenic character of the area.

(b) The Planning Authority's policy is to grant permission only for genuine housing need.

(c) An additional objection in this case is that the site is in backlands with no road frontage. If the Planning Authority grants permission on such sites, uncontrollable development precedent would be created.

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 undue concentration of development along the lower Errislannan Road which would detract from high scenic amenity value of the area and where such development has already eroded the open rugged character of this area, and where such development should properly be restricted to essential housing need only.

2. The proposed development would constitute an undesirable development of a backlands site having no frontage onto the public road, where by virtue of its elevated position, it would detract from the residential amenities of any houses which may be permitted along the said road."

The County Manager reminded the Council that three applications had already been sent in for this development, that permission had been refused on two occasions, that in the case of the latest application, the Appeal was withdrawn to be followed by a new application and a Section 4 resolution.

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

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

790 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 37117 - MAIRTIN BREATHNACH:

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located on an undeveloped boithrin between the main road and the sea at Kilroe East, Inverin. There is no housing or other development on this boithrin nor is there planning permission for any development. The site is located close to a fast flowing stream. There have been three previous applications on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

- (1) The proposed house would detract from the visual amenities of the area because it would be located between the main road and the sea. Moreover, it would be a bad precedent on an undeveloped boithrin where there is no development at present and where the coastal amenities have been preserved to date.
- (2) The proposed development would contribute to a health hazard because a septic tank could not be located far enough away from the nearby stream to comply with Galway County Council standard conditions. The applicant states that he is able to relocate the septic tank 200 feet from the stream but has not indicated an alternative location to the Planning Authority. It is not possible to state whether this location is acceptable in the absence of such information.
- (3) The applicant has made a second family claim, although he has failed to show the entire family holding on the two occasions the Planning Authority have requested it. Two of the applicant's brothers have received permission for houses on the family holding and it would appear, from discussion with the applicant's father that there are further alternative sites available. If the applicant co-operated with the Planning Authority by providing a map of the family holding, it is likely that an alternative site could be agreed upon.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

- (1) The proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area because it would be visually obtrusive between the main road and the sea and because it would initiate non-essential development along an undeveloped boithrin leading to the sea.
- (2) The proposed development would contribute to a health hazard because a septic tank could not be satisfactorily located far enough away from a nearby stream to comply with Galway County Council's standard conditions."

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

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

Councillor Glynn stated that he saw no point in opposing Section 4 resolutions in relation to Planning in the future as it was obvious that the Council had thrown the Planning Act out the window.

Councillors Holland and Ruane also stated that they saw no point in opposing such resolutions and it was a mere waste of time.

791 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36787 - APPLICANT: EGIN O CATHAIN.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located on the Maam to Leenane road adjacent to a fast flowing river. There has been one previous application on the site, which has been refused by Galway County Council.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION

There is no problem with amenity in this case. The site is located beside a fast flowing river which is subject to flash flooding. A septic tank cannot be located far enough from the river to comply with Galway County Council's standards or to reduce the risks of pollution due to flash flooding and due to the proximity of septic tanks to the north and to the east of this site. This site has been condemned by the County Medical Officer.

The applicants family live in the townland of Raigh, where there are alternative sites. The applicant has made a second family claim, but he refuses to accept an alternative site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the above reasons."

The County Manager reminded Members that the site proposed is adjacent to a fast flowing stream which is subject to flash flooding and that a septic tank cannot be located far enough from the river to comply with the County Council's standards or to reduce the risk of pollution due to flash flooding. He also reminded Members that there are septic tanks to the north and to the east of this site and that the site itself has been condemned by the Chief Medical Officer. There are alternative sites available for this family but the applicant has refused to agree to them.

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

The County Manager stated that if pollution results from this development, the Council may have to prosecute the applicant and he stated that if the resolution proposed is passed, the Council should know that this could be the result of granting the Permission.

Councillor Glynn stated that the attention of the family should be drawn to the danger to children of having a house so near a stream and that the Councillors acquainted with the situation should approach the family concerned.

Councillor O Foighil stated that the applicant is one of a large family and that they have a holding two miles west of this site where the applicant wants to build a house. He stated that the Council should have attended to the problem of flash flooding and that the existence of such flooding was a condemnation of the Council. He stated also that the alternative sites suggested were near the old home and other Members of the family will be applying there for Permission on those sites.

Councillor Ryan stated that he understood that there was some new type of treatment being developed for sites such as this which are near streams and which would eliminate danger of pollution.

Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that there is a self destruct type of unit on the market. He considered, however, that the development proposed which would involve a septic tank near a fast flowing stream should not be permitted.

Councillor Coogan supported Councillor O'Foighil's proposal.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared Councillor O'Foighil's proposal carried.

792 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - ERECTION OF COUNCIL HOUSE FOR MARY LYDON:

This resolution was not proposed.

793 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the Minutes of meetings held on the 14th November and 24th November, 1980, (numbers 750 - 786 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

794 - ESSENTIAL REPAIR GRANTS:

Councillor Brennan, with the permission of the Chairman, raised the question of Essential Repair Grants which had been referred to at recent meetings. He understood, he stated, that some time ago it was intended that the Council would pay the Department of the Environment grant of £300 but has now discovered that no part of the grant can be paid until the work is completed. He proposed that the Council would ask the Department of the Environment that where £300 worth of work has been done, the Department would allow the County Council to make the necessary payment. He stated that Contractors would not take on work unless they are assured that grants are forthcoming, and he also asked that the Department be requested to give a substantial allocation for this purpose in the coming year.

Deputy Callanan, agreeing with what had been stated by Councillor Brennan, stated that the position is that the Council because of the scarcity of money does not have sufficient to pay its share of the grants in 1980.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that there are cases where work was done in 1979 and where grants have not been paid yet and he asked that the Council in considering the forthcoming Estimates must seriously consider an extra allocation for Essential Repairs.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that Essential Repair Grants were always paid in arrears. Previously, the Council was in a position to tell applicants to make their applications for grants to the Department but now, unless the Council takes on a case, it is not possible to have the grant paid and the problems occurred because of the scarcity of money in 1980.

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

Circular G. 5/80 dated 9th December, 1980, from the Department of the Environment, copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council was submitted.

Councillor McCormack stated that he did not welcome the Minister's decision in relation to this matter and that for Members who are within five miles of the place of meeting of Councils means an increase of 75p per month. He stated that it is not an increase in travelling expenses that is required but the case being made by Members is for legitimate out-of-pocket expenses of Members to be covered including postal, telephone, etc. He pointed out that there is discrimination between the allowances payable to Members of Local Authorities and Members of the Oireachtas.

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

- (a) "That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of travelling expenses at the rate of 32.0p in respect of each mile travelled to and from his official residence to and from the place of meeting to Members of Galway County Council and to Members of any Committee, Sub-Committee, Board, Joint Committee, Joint Board (other than a Vocational Education Committee or Committee of Agriculture) of, or appointed by the Council where the official residence of the Member is five miles or more by any route from the place of the meeting - this rate to apply to attendances at meetings on or

after 1st September, 1980.

- (b) That an inclusive travelling and subsistence allowance not exceeding £10 be paid to any Member who attends a meeting of the Authority or of a Committee at a place less than five miles by any route from his official residence and who is obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuance period of not less than three hours - this allowance to apply to meetings held on or after 1st September, 1980.
- (c) That the Council also approve the payment of the other travelling and subsistence allowances set out in the enclosure of Circular letter G. 5/80 dated 9th December, 1980, from the Department of the Environment at the rates set out in the enclosure - in respect of all meetings held on or after 1st September, 1980."

Councillor McCormack stated that he wished to be recorded as opposing the resolution.

Councillor Joyce who was absent at the time of this discussion, later in the meeting informed the Council that the Members' Association had recently met the Minister for the Environment and had made a case to him for out-of-pocket expenses which included the granting of 100 stamped addressed envelopes per month and stationery to each Member, free telephone rental, and an allowance of £30 per month for telephone calls, an increase in the subsistence allowance from a minimum of £15 to £20 for seven hours, and also an allowance for attending meetings of various associations which Members have to attend other than formal meetings of the Council or Committees. He also stated that his association had pointed out to the Minister that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should get an allocation in respect of out-of-pocket expenses.

Councillor Joyce stated that the Minister was sympathetic with the views expressed by the association and he promised that he will have them examined and will communicate with the association later. The Minister had, however, pointed out that the grant of some of the allowances sought would require new legislation.

Councillor Kilgannon and Councillor Joyce stated that no arrangements had been made to give expenses to Councillor Joyce which he had incurred in pursuing the negotiations with the Minister and others on behalf of Members and they asked the County Manager to investigate the possibility of paying at least travelling expenses to him. They complimented Councillor Joyce on the work he had done on behalf of Members.

The County Manager stated that he regretted that he had no authority to pay expenses to Councillor Joyce in the circumstances mentioned.

796 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE 1980:

The County Manager gave particulars to the Council of further estimated Excess expenditure in the year 1980 amounting to a total of £129,000 of which £14,850 relating to Superannuation of employees of the Vocational Education Committee would be met from subsidy and he asked the approval of the Council to the total expenditure of £129,000, of which approval of the Minister would be required to the sum of £114,150 since this cannot be financed out the Council's existing resources.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as amended by Section 11 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978, Galway County Council hereby authorise excess expenditure in the current year of £14,850 as set out in column III of the following table, such expenditure to be financed from subsidy; and, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment also authorise excess expenditure in the current year, amounting to a total of £114,150 as set out in column V.

	Estimated Excess	Financed from		Estimated Nett Excess
		Amount	Programme	
<u>I</u>	<u>II</u>	<u>III</u>	<u>IV</u>	<u>V</u>
PROGRAMME	£	£		£
3.1.1 Water Supply - Operation/Maintenance	61,600	-	-	61,600
3.2.1 Sewerage Schemes - Operation/Maintenance	20,500	-	-	20,500
5.2.1 Burial Grounds Upkeep	17,200	-	-	17,200
7.2.2 Superannuation - V.E.C. Employees	29,700	14,850	Subsidy	14,850
	<u>129,000</u>	<u>14,850</u>		<u>114,150</u>

The County Manager, replying to Senator Connaughton, stated that the Department of the Environment had already been asked for particular funds to meet excess expenditure in the current year, such excess expenditure would not be a claim on next year's funds.

797 - INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW GRADES IN THE LIBRARY SERVICE:

The County Manager referred to the County Secretary's memorandum which had been circulated to each Member of the Council, stating that agreement had been reached at Conciliation level between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Local Government and Public Services Union concerning the introduction of two new grades into the local library service particulars of which he gave to the Council. He requested the approval of the Council to the abolition of two offices of Assistant Librarian and five offices of Library Assistant and in lieu thereof, the creation of two offices of Executive Librarian and five offices Senior Library Assistant. He stated that the estimated cost of implementing the proposals for a full year amounts to about £2,500 but that no additional cost would arise in 1980.

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

"That in order to permit the introduction of two new grades into the library service, Galway County Council hereby approves the creation of three offices Executive Librarian and five offices of Senior Library Assistant, and that consequent on this, two offices of Assistant Librarian and five offices of Library Assistant be abolished."

798 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT TOWNPARKS (1ST DIVISION) TUAM:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Senator P. Connaughton, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a site at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam, to Mr. Patrick J. McHale, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 10th November, 1980, to each Member of the County Council under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

799 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses which they occupy to:-

Michael & Margaret Gill, Kiltronan, Aran;
Peter and Lucy Loherty, Castle Ellen, Athenry;
William & Winifred Burke, Cartron, Milltown, Tuam;

on the terms set out in Notices dated 10th December, 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."

800 - REHABILITATION OF TYMAGH MINE:

The County Engineer's report dated December 1980 on this matter was submitted.

It was agreed that the matter would be adjourned for consideration at the Monthly meeting in January 1981 to enable Members to study the County Engineer's report.

The County Manager, replying to Senator Kitt, stated that where necessary the advice of the Chief Medical Officer is sought on pollution problems.

801 - ROADS ESTIMATE 1981:

The County Manager stated that he put this matter on the Agenda in order to get the views of the Council as to whether a special meeting should be held as in previous years to consider the Roads Estimate for 1981. He pointed out that previously the Council had to revise the Roads Estimates when the notification of the limitation on the rate and the amount of Road Grants had been notified to the Council.

After a discussion, it was agreed that a special meeting would be held on the 30th January, 1981, to consider the Roads Estimate for 1981.

Replying to Councillor O'Conchubhair, the County Manager that short-term and long-term proposals with regard to improvement of roads in Connemara had been forwarded to the Departments of the Environment and of the Gaeltacht.

Councillor U. Burke and Brennan stated there should be a considerable increase in the coming year in the amount of money allocated for Councillors Notice of Motion Roads.

802 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - TUAM SWIMMING POOL:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a supplementary loan of £10,000 for the Tuam Swimming Pool of which £7,790 would be required to pay outstanding accounts on the construction of the pool and the remainder of £2,210 for a heat blanket which would be required to conserve energy.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £10,000 for the Tuam Swimming Pool to be raised from such source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

803 - APPLICATION FOR RATE REMISSION - INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTS - KINVARA HANDCRAFT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts 1969 - 1978 hereby remit two-thirds of the rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of a factory (formally a National School, house and yard) at Ballybranagan, Dooras; Kinvara - rated occupier, Kinvara Handcraft Co-Operative Society Ltd., the remission to have effect in respect of the period from the 1st January, 1979, to the 31st December, 1988 - the appropriate certificate under Section 3 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972 having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

804 - RATE COLLECTION - HARDSHIP CASES:

Councillor Ulick Burke asked what is the position with regard to Rate hardship cases which were referred to in recent Government statements. He stated that he understood that the Council had been issuing six day notices and some people had appeared in Court. He proposed that the Minister be asked to make a clear statement as to where people stand with regard to hardship cases.

The County Manager stated that the Council has told collectors that it will be prepared to examine cases where hardship was claimed - each case on its merits.

Deputy Callanan stated that the Agricultural Grant was abolished for farmers with valuations between £40 and £60 and this resulted in almost doubling their rates in 1980, one moiety of this was remitted.

Replying to Senator Connaughton who asked how hardship cases were assessed, the County Manager stated that there are genuine cases where there is hardship, and there are other cases where there is not a genuine hardship. Each case is examined on its merits and the Council is prepared to examine each and every claim received.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that the Council had always had to have regard to hardship cases but the applicant must submit evidence of the hardship.

Councillor Glynn stated that what happened in 1980 will have serious financial implications for Local Authorities in future - never again will ratepayers pay their full rates for the year in one sum.

Replying to Councillor O'Foighil who queried the situation about a valuation of £70 placed on a handball alley and Community Hall in Tiernea, the County Secretary stated that probably what the occupiers had received was a notice fixing the valuation and that it was open to occupiers of Community Halls to make an application for rate remission and these would be examined to ascertain if they came from the categories where they would be entitled to exemption from Rates.

805 - WATER POLLUTION ACT, 1977 - REPORT ON COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES:

The Deputy County Engineer's report dated December 1980 on the activities of the Council under the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977, was submitted and noted.

Replying to Councillor O Conchubhair, who stated that fish were being dumped in Rossaveal Bay, Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that this complaint is being investigated.

806 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

Referring to the list of roads published with the intention of declaring them to be public roads, Councillor Haverly asked that a road in the Portumna Area from C.R. 594 in the townland of Cappagh to T. Fahy's house and branch to S. Fahy's house in townland of Cappagh be omitted, and that the money allocated for this road be allocated instead to the road from C.R. 574 Gorteenpeadar towards M. Nevin's house, Gorteenpeadar.

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by the Chairman, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby declare the roads in the list set out in the schedule to item 13 on the Agenda be the exception from the road from C.R. 594 in the townland of Cappagh to T. Fahy's house and branch to S. Fahy's house in townland of Cappagh, to be public roads."

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that the list before the Council included only the Notice of Motion Roads and that a list of L.S. Roads is being prepared and they may be ready in January.

Replying to queries from Senator Connaughton, Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that if the Estimates for roads submitted are in excess of the allocation to a Councillor, he can decide on what roads the money will be spent. He agreed to examine proposals submitted by Senator Connaughton.

807 - TIONSCAIREACT O CHRAOBHACHA NA GAILLINHE DE CHUMANN CATHAOIR ROTHAI NA h-EIREANN:

On the proposition of Councillor O Foighil, seconded by Councillor Ulick Burke, the Council unanimously agreed to receive a deputation at the January Meeting of the Council from the Galway Branch of the Irish Wheelchair Association.

Senator Kitt complimented the Western Health Board on their proposals for assisting the disabled in 1981.

The County Manager stated that he had asked for a submission of proposals to him for consideration at the 1981 Estimates for assistance for projects which would assist the disabled.

808 - OMBUDSMAN ACT, 1980:

Circular dated 12th December, 1980, from the Department of the Environment and the County Secretary's summary of the provisions of the Act, dated 16th December, 1980, copies of which were forwarded to each Member of the Council, were noted.

809 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as circulated with the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

810 - SALE OF SITE AT POOLBOY, BALLINASLOE, TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a site for industrial purposes to the Industrial Development Authority at Poolboy, Ballinasloe, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 9th December, 1980, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, circulated to each Member of the Council."

811 - PLANNING COMMITTEE - AMENITY AREAS - CONNEMARA:

It was agreed that a meeting of the Committee to consider the amenity provisions in the County Development Plan for the Galway/Connemara area consisting of Members from the Galway and Connemara Electoral Areas would be held on the 9th February, 1981.

812 - APPOINTMENT OF OVERSEERS - MILLTOWN ENGINEERING AREA:

Senator Connaughton stated that some time ago applications were invited for the appointment of Overseers for the Milltown Area and that originally this was confined to people employed by the County Council. He stated that an advertisement was later published inviting applications from the general public. He asked why appointments were not made by the Engineers and what is the role of the Union in this matter.

Councillor Glynn stated that this matter should not be discussed and it was never previously a matter of public discussion at meetings.

Senator Kitt stated that in relation to the second advertisement, the notice appeared in only one newspaper and was not advertised in the second paper circulated in the area.

The County Manager stated that there is no problem in regard to this matter and that arrangements were made with the Union in the first instance to have a confined competition held. The object of the interview system was to ensure that the best qualified person would be appointed. He had discovered only on the date of the meeting that the advertisement had been published only in one paper and he had now directed that the period for receiving applications be extended and that a notice would be published in both papers circulating in the area.

13 - SPONSORED RADIO PROGRAMME - COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor Haverty, it was agreed that the Council would protest to Radio Telefis Eireann against the dropping of a radio programme hitherto sponsored by Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

14 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 36518 - APPLICANT: MR. EDWARD KELLY:

Councillor F. Fahey referred to the resolution under Section 4 in this case passed at the last meeting and he asked if the County Manager would allow an extension of time on this application to the January 1981 meeting in order to enable the Councillors to consider the matter further.

The County Manager stated that a decision had to be made on the following date (23rd December).

Councillor Coogan supported Councillor F. Fahey's request.

The Chairman stated that it is unfair to the County Manager to put him in this position, that he had got legal advice and he acted on it.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that Counsel's Opinion, received by the Manager, was based on his (Councillor Fahey's) contribution at that meeting and that Counsel misinterpreted that contribution. He asked that the time would be extended for dealing with the application to enable Councillors to consider the matter further including the legal Opinion, and if necessary to submit another Section 4 resolution.

Councillor Haverty asked the County Manager to extend the time if he can do so.

The County Manager stated that he has no request for an extension of time and unless and until it arrives, he could give no undertaking to the Council. He pointed out, however, that the very latest date for making a decision is on the following morning, and he would take legal advice as to what he should do.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that the applicant will submit a request by the following morning to have the time extended, in order to allow Councillors to consider the legal advice obtained further which was based on a wrong interpretation by Counsel of Councillor F. Fahey's contribution to the meeting.

Councillor Fahey further stated that contrary to what was stated in Counsel's Opinion, it was Councillor Welby and not he (Councillor Fahey) made the proposal.

The County Manager stated to Councillor Fahey that he understood that the request was to extend the time but he put it to Councillor Fahey that he was not asking the Manager to disregard legal advice.

The Chairman stated that the County Council was more than generous in the time allowed for dealing with this application and it did not make sense

to consider going through a Section 4 procedure again. He asked that the Members would accept the Manager's undertaking to consider the matter if a request for extension of time was made.

Councillor O'Morain asked why legal advice was necessary and he asked why the applicant could not get an extension of time by right.

The County Manager stated that the extension of time involves the question of agreement by both parties.

815 - PRESENTATION TO GALWAY HURLING TEAM:

At this stage, the Chairman stated that a function had been arranged for making a presentation on behalf of Members of the Council to the Galway Hurling Team and that the Council meeting would adjourn at 6 p.m.

On the Chairman's proposition, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, the Council welcomed Mr. Michael Silver, President of the Galway County Board to the Council Chamber.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council extended its sympathy to Mr. Silver on the recent death of his brother.

816 - REPAIRS TO ROAD AT MENLO - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that this matter had been the subject of legal proceedings already between the Council and developers in the area, and that further legal action is contemplated.

Councillor Ruane stated that he had been proposing the improvement of this road for a number of years, that now the work of improvement had been carried out by Lackagh Rock and they were asking that the Council would take it over.

The County Manager stated that the road has been left in a dangerous condition and would cost a large sum of money to make it safe. He stated that all of the activities of the Company in this area are very complicated and involve complicated legal proceedings. The Council must take action to protect the roads.

Councillor O h-Uiginn stated that quarrying has been going on in this area for a long time and he asked if there was room for negotiations on the matter.

The County Manager stated that the Council has experienced considerable difficulty in dealing with this firm.

817 - AERFORT AG UARAN MOR - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

Dúirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil go raibh Aerfort ar fail in Uaran Mor agus gur cheart iarracht a dheanamh e a fhorbairt. Dúirt se go raibh se an thabhachtach go mbeadh Aerfort in aice Cathair na Gaillimhe.

He asked what is the position about this Airport, whether it can be purchased and developed for the benefit of the City and County.

The County Manager stated that there is a Committee of the County Council dealing with the question of Airport developments. The Airfield in Oranmore is on lease to Galway Corporation and the question of Carnmore and Oranmore Airfields is being examined.

Councillor Kilgannon supported Councillor O Foighil's recommendation.

The County Manager stated that enquiries in connection with those two Airfields are continuing and he hoped that some information would be available within a matter of months.

818 - CORAS AISTRIUCHAN I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE

Dúirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil gur iarr se breis is blian o shoin go

gcuirfi coras aistriuchan ar fail is seomra cruinnithe na Comhairle agus go bhfuair se tacaíocht on Chomhairle Chontae chuíge sin.

He stated that something positive should be done about the matter and it is embarrassing for those Members in the Council room who speak Irish and then have to translate their statement.

Duirt an Runai go bhfuarthas Meastachain Chostas timpeall £5,000 breis is blian o shoin ach narbh'fheidir aon airgead a chur ar fail ins na Meastachain i gcoir na bliana 1980 chun an coras aistriuchain a chur ar fail.

The County Manager suggested that the Members should consider carefully whether an instant translation system as proposed would be for the benefit of the revival of Irish in the Council Room. He pointed out that with a translation service, Members will hear only English versions of speeches and he considered that from the point of view of the promotion of the use of Irish, it might be better if Members spoke in Irish and in English as they do at present. He considered that there would be a danger of what a Councillor stated in Irish might not be accurately conveyed in the English translation and he considered that it might be better to have a Councillor translate his speech in English as he does at present.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil nar aontaigh se leis an mBainisteoir agus go raibh cabhair chun an chostas a ioc ar fail o Bhord na Gaeilge. Duirt an Comhairleoir O Morain gur thug se tacaíocht don mheid a duirt an Bhainisteoir.

He considered it important that the Council should use Irish and that Members should speak Irish slowly and naturally.

He stated that he did not agree with the proposal for a translation system and that one of the major disadvantages of using Irish previously was that there was very little press coverage of Irish discussions. He stated that no credit was due to Councillors from the Gaeltacht who are competent Irish speakers, but that much credit is due to Members from non-Gaeltacht areas.

Duirt an Comhairleoir Mac Giolla Geanainn gur aontaigh se leis an Comhairleoir O Foighil agus ma ta an Comhairle i ndairire ba choir airgead a chur ar fail. Duirt an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair to mba cheart an Choras aistriuchain a chur ar fail ma iocann Bord na Gaeilge an chostas.

He stated that the proposal made by Councillor O Foighil was worth a trial. The Chairman suggested that the matter be adjourned until the next meeting, and that in the meantime, Bord na Gaeilge be asked if money is available. Duirt an Seanadoir O Ceit go raibh se ag tabhairt tacaíocht don mholadh a rinne an Comhairleoir O Foighil agus nar aontaigh se leis an mBainisteoir. Duirt se gur cinneadh sa cruinniu sa Cheathru Rua go ndeanfar gno leath uair a chlog i ngach cruinniu as Gaeilge.

Councillor O Foighil stated that he would agree to defer the matter to the next meeting in order to obtain information from Bord na Gaeilge about defraying the cost. Councillor Haverty suggested a small Committee to discuss the matter with the Manager.

819 - TELEFON A CHUR AR FAIL I LEITIR MEALLAIN - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir O Foighil, d'iarr an Comhairle Chontae ar Aire Poist agus Telegrafoir bosca telefon a chur ar fail i Leitir Meallain.

Councillor F. Fahey asked what is the Council's policy with regard to guarantees for public telephone kiosks. The County Secretary stated that the Council from time to time has passed recommendations to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs for installation of telephones at particular locations but that the Council decided some years ago that it would not guarantee a public telephone.

820 - KILTERNIAN GROUP WATER SCHEME - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that the normal procedure in such cases is that the Department of the Environment, after examining plans, estimates, etc., informs the Council if a special contribution should be given. No such request had been received from the Department.

The County Manager stated that if the request is received, the proposal will be examined.

821 - REFUSE SERVICE FOR PALMERSTOWN, ORANMORE - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that there is no possibility of extending the refuse collection service at present as the service is already overloaded.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that the lorry passed through this area and it would not be difficult to make the collection.

The County Manager stated that there are many areas in this category and that there is no possibility of extending the collection service to them. There were no funds available in 1980 to extend the service but the question of extension would be considered in 1981 in the light of funds which will be then available.

822 - DERRYDONNELL GROUP WATER SCHEME - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary submitted the following report:

"While the Council originally agreed to give a limited supply of water to this Group from the Oranmore mains, it was discovered when the design for this scheme was submitted that there would be a long length of pipeline along the National Primary Road.

Information submitted to date indicates that a very small number of existing houses (18) would be supplied by this pipeline and it is obvious that the viability of the scheme would depend on the development of sites along the National Primary Road.

The County Council Roads Division has designs almost complete for a new road connecting the proposed new Corrib Bridge and Galway City with the existing road east of Oranmore. This would include the stretch involved in the Group Water Scheme proposal. The inevitable ribbon development which will occur following the laying of a water main in the position proposed would create hazardous traffic conditions and would be contrary to the Council's and the Government's policy in this regard.

The Department's Inspector has been advised by the Group Scheme's Liaison Officer of the availability of an alternative source of supply for Derrydonnell by way of the existing Group Scheme on the Carnmore/Monivea Road (via Lisheenkyle). This supply comes from the City through Ballybrit Reservoir. The route suggested would open up an area which is ripe for development and would minimise the length of main on the National Route. Subject to the usual checking of detail, it would appear to be acceptable by the Council."

Councillor F. Fahey asked that this matter be reconsidered. He stated that he did not know where the figure of 18 houses came from and he pointed out that there are 26 houses and 16 sites in the Group for which planning Permission has been granted. There is no question of the Group asking for connections on the National Primary Route except for a small pocket around Derrydonnell Cross. The Council, in any event, has power to stop this type of development by the limit of 18,500 gallons per day on the supply to the Group. He stated also that where any such development takes place, the Group would restore fully the hard shoulders.

Councillors McCormack, Murphy and Ruane supported Councillor F. Fahey's proposal. The proposal to bring the water from Carnmore by Lisheenkyle is unrealistic.

The County Manager stated that there is a better proposal and a better way of serving this area which would also serve other people and service additional

land. The scheme should be constructed in the manner which would do the greatest good and cause the least damage.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that the alternative scheme suggested is a much more costly one and the Group could not afford it.

The County Manager stated that it would be difficult to enforce the limit of £18,500 gallons and he pointed out that it would be impossible to resist the pressure for Permissions along the National Primary Route and that experience has shown that such applications would be granted. The alternative proposal recommended to the Council is still being examined and if he is informed that this is not practical or feasible, he will be prepared to re-examine the original proposal.

Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that whichever scheme is adopted, the source of water supply is the same. The alternative suggested is quite feasible. The Council is putting in a new road and it is hoped that this link-up road from Ballybrit to Oranbeg will be kept free of development although it is difficult to ensure this having regard to a recent permission given in Labane. He stated that the existence of a water main will encourage development.

Councillor F. Fahey asked the County Manager to complete the examination of this matter as soon as possible.

823 - ROAD CROSSING FOR STUDENTS AT ST. COLMAN'S VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND OUR LADYS COLLEGE, GORT - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that this location does not meet the requirements for a Pedestrian crossing and these are not provided at locations where pedestrians cross in large numbers. Neither can school wardens be approved for this area as these are provided only at Primary Schools.

Councillors Brennan and U. Burke stated that there are similar problems in Ballinasloe and Portumna respectively, and they asked if arrangements could be made for senior students to provide a Warden service.

The County Secretary stated that this has been considered in other places and that the general consensus is that post-primary students are unlikely to obey traffic wardens.

The County Engineer stated that regard would also have to be given to the restriction on the flow of traffic of pedestrian crossings or traffic wardens.

Councillors asked that the Council would pursue discussions further with the Gardai in relation to school crossings at Portumna, Carraroe, Headford, and Ballinasloe.

824 - PURCHASE OF LANDS FROM P.J. & J. COLLINS LTD., GORT - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that Planning Permission had been given for those lands but the development would not be permitted to commence until such time as the services are provided. He pointed out that because of this condition, the land would be of no use to the County Council at present and that it could not negotiate for its purchase. He stated, however, that negotiations for purchase of alternative land in Gort are continuing.

Councillor F. Fahey asked that in view of the difficulties experienced by the County Council in getting land in Gort, it should try to purchase this land.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that the Council made a Compulsory Purchase Order in Gort for housing land and succeeded in getting only one acre out of six sought. There is no indication that this man is willing to sell and without services, the land would be of no use to the Council.

825 - V.E.C. SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT - TUAM - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

Councillor Finnegan proposed this motion and suggested that it be forwarded to the Vocational Education Committee and the Department of Education. Cllr. Brennan stated that he did not agree with the motion, a decision had been made by the Committee to go ahead with two schools out of four which are under consideration. The Committee decided that at the time, Tuam would be left out, but at the January Meeting, it is intended to propose that a school be provided in Tuam.

Deputy Callanan asked that the Vocational Committee be requested to go ahead also with a school also for Portumna.

826 - DITCH NEAR KILBANNON NATIONAL SCHOOL - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The County Secretary stated that there is no provision in the current year's Estimates for this work but it will be considered when the 1981 Roadworks Estimate is being prepared together with other minor improvements for the Milltown Area.

827 - IONADAI AN CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE AR AN mBORD IASGAI REIGIUNACH NUA - MOLADH AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR O MORAIN:

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Morain go gceadach an t-Aire Iasgai tri ainmneachain on gComhairle Chontae ar an mBord Iasgai Reigiunach Nua. Dúirt se nach Buird daonlathach iad a thuille agus nach rabhadar freagarach don phobal. He considered that Members of the Council returned at the Local Elections should have the right to nominate three Members to the Board. It seemed that the Department Officials had no longer any interest in the fishermen and this was shown by their lack of interest in the Oyster fisheries.

Deputy Donnellan supported Councillor O'Morain's proposal.

828 - CHRISTMAS WISHES:

The Chairman wished the Members and staff of the Council the compliments of the season.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, approved and confirmed.

Jiddie Byrne CHAIRMAN.

26 January 1981 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19u Eanair, 1981.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26u Eanair, 1981, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH

RUNAI SEALADACH

AGENDA

1. Minutes.
2. Fix date of Estimates Meeting.
3. Raising of Loan for purchase and renovation of Library Building, Tuam.
4. Raising of Loan - Contribution for Knockmaskehill Group Water Scheme.
5. Appointment of Representative of the Council on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation.
6. Italian Earthquake Disaster - Letter dated 16th December, 1980 and enclosure from County Councils' General Council - copies circulated on 5th January, 1981, to members.
7. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
8. Business submitted by the County Manager.
9. Reception of deputation from Irish Wheelchair Association.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

Adjourned from December, 1980 Meeting:

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

11. That the Headford Refuse collection be extended to Claran Road, Headford.
12. That Galway County Council repair the Main Street at Headford which is in a poor condition for a long time.
13. That additional street lighting be provided at Headford, Co. Galway, particularly at Galway Road, Headford.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

14. That this Council pass a resolution and forward same to the Board of Works regarding flooding in the lower Lough Corrib as follows -

'that the sluice gates at the Weir be opened more during heavy rainfall and that rainfall be monitored throughout the whole Catchment area on an all year basis - wind and storm affect taken into consideration during winter and spring months, also that sand bank at mouth of Cregg River be removed.'

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

15. Cen fath nach bhfuil an bothar o teach Tomás ^{Mac} an Iomaire Chomh fada le teach na Cuairte, Casla, dha dheisiu.
16. An bothar o teach Bean Uí Scanlain, An Tuairin, chomh fada le teach Liam MacDonnachada, Bealadangan, a marcaíl le linte ar an taobh o dheas den bothar.
17. Soilse Poibli a chur ar fail o siopa Paraic o Ceallaigh comh fada le Scoil Chuimsitheach san gCeathru Rua agus an sruthan le taobh an bothar a dheanamh sabhailte.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:

18. That Galway County Council would erect public lights at Ballycrissane Post Office and Feerick's shop.

COUNCILLOR B. HOLLAND - I will propose:

19. That Patrick Holland, an advanced student in Archeology, be appointed as an Honorary Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

20. That Galway County Council erect Local Authority houses at Cloughnacava, Gort on the Council land at Cloughnacava.

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:

21. That a suitable tap be erected on or about the pumphouse of Belclare Group Water Scheme to serve the needs of school children and members of the public.

22. That additional traffic lights be erected in Oranmore at the School.

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA AND COUNCILLOR TONY MURPHY - We will ask

23. Has the decision been made on the Oranmore Pass. What is it, where is it and when is it going to start.

COUNCILLOR TONY MURPHY - I will ask

24. The present position regarding the Oranmore Sewerage and Water Schemes.

COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

25. That Dawros Water Scheme, Letter frack, will be included in the 1981 Estimates.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will ask:

26. That this Council carry out the necessary repairs to relieve flooding in the Cemetery at Ballinakill, Glinsk, Co. Galway.

Other Motions Received:

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will ask:

27. What are the main works in the Dunmore Glenamaddy Regional Water Scheme to be carried out by the County Council in 1981.

COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

28. That in the re-arrangement of the Clarinbridge Regional Water Scheme due to the commencement of Oranmore Regional Scheme that a supply be made available to Tyrone/Aran Group Scheme, Rinn Group Scheme and Kiltarnan Group Scheme.

29. What progress has been made with regard to the proposal to connect Maree Group Scheme to the Oranmore Regional Scheme.

30. That the following be included in the 1981 Lighting Programme:- Kilheacanty (3 lights);

AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'FOIGHIL: - Molaim:

31. Go gcuirfi bosca telefon sa Tra Bhain, Leitir Moir.
32. Go gcuirfi eolas ar fail faoi an gcaoi a dtugtar amach an conradh le haghaidh clo-bhuaitleadh an Dreacht Clar Toghathoiri.
33. Go gcuirfi staidear ar bun le eifeacht na n-oibritheoiri seachtaracha ata fostaithe ag an gComhairle Condae a mheas.

SENATOR PAUL CONNAUGHTON - I will propose:

34. The County Council go ahead immediately and provide a bored well at Drinane, Ballygar as promised in mid 1980.
35. That Galway County Council outline its proposals for the immediate future re. River Nanny dam near Tuam.

SENATOR PAUL CONNAUGHTON AND COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - We will propose:

36. That the exact position of the Carrownurlaur Group Water Scheme be clarified taking into account the decision of the Dept. of the Environment to pay a special grant of £10,000 approx.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE I will propose:

37. That the new road connecting the Ballymana County Road (Portumna Area) to the Poolboy Kellysgrove County Road (Ballinasloe Area) through Cloonascragh be taken over by Galway County Council.
38. That the Refuse collection lorry call to Vincent Treacy's house and Michael Murray's house at Killeveny, Laurencetown to collect refuse.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

39. That the County Council dump at Lemonfield, Oughterard be closed.
40. When does this Council propose to cover over the new water storage tank at Moycuille?

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

41. When is it intended by the County Council to develop playground for children in Gort as there is urgent need for same.
42. That Galway County Council include the Pound Road in the Council's Estimates for 1981 - to surface and tar same - also to declare it as a Public Road.

COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

43. That this Council ask the Dept. of the Environment to immediately amend the Differential Rent Scheme as its present operation makes totally inadequate provision for family expenses.

COUNCILLOR FRANK GLYNN - I will propose:

44. That Galway County Council maintain the public lights in the Amenity Park at Milltown.
45. That Galway County Council make a definite move on providing a new cemetery at:
(a) Addergoole, Milltown.
(b) Killooney, Milltown.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:

46. That Galway County Council create a model of the Parkmore Development in Tuam so that the model can be displayed in Tuam.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Mr. Joseph Kissane, C/o Sandys & Co., 6, Sea Road, Galway.	Damage to plate glass window.	Borough of Galway	£300	£310.23
Mr. John Egan, Lombard Street, Galway.	Damage to plate glass windows.	Borough of Galway.	£100	£196.07
Mr. Liam Lawless, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway.	Damage to two plate glass windows.	Borough of Galway.	£85	£170.13
Mr. Peter P. Halloran, C/o J. Connolly & Son., Solicitors, Clifden, Co. Galway.	Damage to front wind-screen and back windows of Vauxhall Viva.	District Electoral Division of Ballinakill.	£178	£207.45

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19th January, 1981

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

RATE LIMITS FOR 1981

I attach copy of circular Fin. 2/81 of the 12th Jan. 1981 from the Department of the Environment. The letter indicates a maximum rate increase of 12%

(Signed:) 
ACTING CO. SECRETARY



Fin. 2/81

12 January 1981

RATE LIMITS FOR 1981

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1. I am directed by Mr Raphael P Burke, T.D., Minister for the Environment to state that a stage has now been reached by the Government in the consideration of the relevant national budgetary matters where appropriate guidelines can be given in respect of 1981 rate increases.

2. Section 10(2) of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978 provides for the giving of a direction by the Minister in relation to the aggregate of the rates to be determined by a rating authority. The Minister, with the consent of the Minister for Finance, directs that 12% shall be the maximum amount by which the aggregate rate in the pound to be determined by each rating authority in respect of the local financial year 1981 shall exceed the aggregate rate in the pound determined by such rating authority in respect of 1980.

3. In preparing their estimates for 1981, local authorities are requested to review their financial position on revenue account fully and carefully and, within the terms of the direction in paragraph 2, to strike only such rate as is necessary to meet the shortfall on revenue account. The Minister's direction should not be taken as indicating the rate poundage increase expected and local authorities should within the maximum allowed, limit the level of the rate in the £ for 1981 to what is necessary for their needs.

4. The aggregate rate in the pound refers to the general rate in the pound together with all separate charges levied over the whole of a rating area. The limit does not, however, refer to separate charges levied over a smaller area of charge than the whole rating area; for these (except in the case of town charges) provision may be made up to the required amount in each case in addition to both the general rate in the pound and the rate attributable to separate charges applying to the whole rating area.

5. The upper limit on increases in the aggregate rate in the pound is intended to apply to ratepayers who are subject to town charges, in common with other ratepayers. Town Commissioners should have regard to this requirement when considering their estimates and determining the demand to be made on the County Council. County councils are requested to ensure that any amount to be levied by them as town charges in respect of 1981 will not have the effect of imposing increases in excess of the upper limit on those ratepayers who are liable to a rate which includes town charges. In that regard the attention of county councils is drawn to the powers conferred on them under Section 10(3) (b) (i) of the Act.

6. The direction set out in paragraph 2 is a broad one issued under section 10(2) of the Act and limiting only the amount of the overall rate poundage. Where such a general direction is given, section 10(3) (b) (ii) of the Act requires a rating authority to adopt an estimate of expenses which is consistent with the overall limit on the rate poundage. Managers should accordingly ensure that draft estimates being prepared by them conform to the percentage limit referred to in Paragraph 2 above.

7. Subject to its consistency with a total rate in the pound of not more than 12% in excess of that for 1980, every estimate of expenses to be adopted will, as previously, be entirely a matter for the rating authority concerned. The total rates income of rating authorities will, of course, reflect increases in the rating base due to new and increased valuations as well as increases

in the rate in the pound. While increases in valuations will vary from area to area, it is estimated that, in the aggregate, local authorities could have an extra 3% in rates income (including income from rates linked State Grants) available to them in 1981 in addition to the additional income arising from the increase in the rate in the £.

8. The Minister reminds rating authorities that they will, of course, be compensated in full by the Exchequer for the income foregone by them in 1981 on domestic and certain other property on which rates have been abolished.

Mise, le meas,

J. Keegan

To each rating authority and each board of town commissioners.

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23rd January, 1981.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council - 26th January, 1981.

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y A G E N D A

Item omitted in error:

10. Rehabilitation of Tynagh Mines - Minute No. 800 of County Council Meeting held on the 22nd December, 1980.

K. DOYLE,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH JANUARY, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors 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. J. 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; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. J. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); W. A. Cahill, Acting Senior Executive (Planning); S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineering; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

829 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Council extended its sympathy to Councillor Micheal O h-Uiginn and to the family of the late Mr. Patrick O Higgins, Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

The Garvey Family, Cappatagle, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Angela Daly, Ballinlass, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Ryan, Lisquin, Ballymacward.
Mrs. Kearns & Family, Grange, Tuam.
Mrs. A. Kirrane & Family, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
Mr. Michael Conlisk, Killeeneen, Craughwell.
Mrs. Peggy Hanley, Carrigane, Craughwell.
Mrs. Hanley & Hanley Brothers, Claregalway.

830 - MINUTES:

The County Manager asked the approval of the Council to amend the resolution set out in Minute No. 797 to the extent that the "two" be substituted for the word "three" in the third line thereof. This amendment was approved by the Council.

Subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd December, 1980, numbers 787 - 828 inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Senator Connaughton.

831 - BRIDGE OVER RIVER CORRIB - GALWAY CITY:

In reply to Councillor Coogan, the County Manager stated that this is a Corporation project and that planning is proceeding including planning for the approach roads. He also stated that no formal notice of Road's Grants had so far been received from the Department of the Environment but he had reason to believe that money would be available for the approach roads in the current year.

832 - PROPOSED BRIDGE AT MUCENAHIDHERDHASHAILE:

In reply to Councillor O Morain, the County Manager stated that plans and estimates for this project were sent to the Department of the Environment on Friday, 23rd instant.

833 - BRIDGES GENERAL:

Councillor Ulick Burke enquired if there is any general priority scheme for improvement of bridges throughout the County.

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer had identified some bridges for improvement and the Department of the Environment had been asked if it is likely that funds will be allocated for this purpose.

834 - PROPOSED BRIDGE AT KNOCKFERRY OVER RIVER CORRIB:

Deputy Killilea stated that he wished to raise again the question of a bridge over the river Corrib at Knockferry in the context of the recently announced Capital Investment and Private Enterprise programme announced by the Government taking into account also the possibility of having a Toll Bridge provided under recent legislation for such bridges. He suggested that this proposal be examined in that context in conjunction with private enterprise, and he asked that the proposal be revitalised to see if the County Council could help in the project. He hoped that some private Company might invest some money in it with state and local authority aid. He suggested that further discussions take place with the Department of the Environment on the matter.

Councillor Ruane seconded this proposal.

Councillor J. Burke stated that all in the Tuam Area would welcome the proposal but he asked if the Minister is able to say that the necessary funds are available.

Councillor O Foighil said he supported the project but he did not see that there is any chance of this work being started in 1981 or 1982.

Councillor Glynn stated that he would not like to see some private individual with plenty of money come and reap the profits of a project such as this leaving other liabilities to the local authority.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Councillor O Foighil seconded that the Council employ a Consultant to prepare a report.

The Chairman asked if money is available before the Council decides to employ Consultants.

The County Manager stated that when this matter was raised recently, the Department of the Environment had stated that there were no funds available except the Council's Block Grant which could be supplemented by local Rates. He pointed out that the Council could not afford to use the Block Grant for this purpose or to provide additional funds from Rates. He stated that he did not advise the public to think that it is an economic proposition to construct this bridge as a Toll Bridge due to the limited use which would be made of it. He stated that the Council has no funds out of which the Consultants' fees could be paid but he was prepared to ask the Department of the Environment regarding sources of finance.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he will withdraw his proposal until Friday, 30th January, while necessary enquiries are being made.

Deputy Killilea stated that he had requested only an investigation as to whether such a scheme could now be financed.

Councillor Welby agreed that the matter should be re-opened as it was a very deserving project.

835 - DUMPING OF FISH AND SEWAGE EFFLUENT AT ROSSAVEAL:

Councillor O Conchubhair, supported by Councillor O Morain, asked if a report was available on the complaint which had been made regarding this matter.

The County Manager stated that an inspection is being carried out this week and the Chairman suggested that a report might be available for the Council meeting on Friday, 30th January. The County Manager stated that a report will be brought before the Council immediately it is available.

836 - DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING:

It was agreed that the Estimates Meeting would be held on Friday, 6th March, 1981.

837 - LOAN - TUAM LIBRARY:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a loan of £146,200 to defray the cost of the acquisition, development and extension, of the proposed library at Tuam. He stated that if the raising of a loan is approved by the Minister, it is likely that only the acquisition costs amounting to £65,000 would be incurred in the current year.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £146,200 from such source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment for the purpose of financing the acquisition, development and extension of the proposed library at Tuam."

838 - LOAN OF £11,177 - KNOCKMASCAHILL GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £11,177 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, to finance the Council's contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for Knockmascahill/Ballyhard Group Water Supply Scheme."

Deputy Donnellan stated that when he called to the Group Schemes Office before the meeting, he found that new staff were there who were not in a position that day to assist two groups of people who had called.

The County Manager stated that new staff in this office had commenced work on that day and they will be available on the dates of future meetings to provide the usual service for callers.

839 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD.:

The County Manager stated that it was necessary for the Council to select a representative of the Council on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for a period between the next Annual Meeting of that organisation and the next following Annual General Meeting.

It was proposed by Senator Connaughton, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, that Councillor J. Burke be appointed the Council's representative.

It was proposed by Senator Kitt, seconded by Councillor Molloy, that Councillor M. O Morain be appointed.

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Coogan, that Councillor Holland be appointed.

Councillor J. Burke stated that he was withdrawing his name and would not go forward as the Council's representative.

It was agreed that a vote on the remaining proposals would be taken after 4.30 p.m.

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

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

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FOR COUNCILLOR HOLLAND: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Byrne, Senator Connaughton, Councillors Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Higgins, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, O Foighil, Ruane, Ryan.

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The Chairman declared Councillor Holland elected.

Councillor O Morain stated that the Council must be conscious of its role in the field of tourism. He believed that a concerted effort is being made to reduce the importance of elected representatives and local authorities in the Tourism Organisations. He believed that it was proposed to centralize the tourism business within a bureaucracy in a Dublin office. He felt that Councillors should be actively involved with the development of tourism within the regions, and it was suggested that small local authorities be disenfranchised from Directorships and the same may soon be applied to County Councils. He stated that small tourist offices are being closed and the demand to keep them open must be maintained.

Councillor Holland thanked the Members of the Council for his election and stated that he was aware of the moves to which Councillor O Morain referred and that he would concur with what he had stated.

Councillor O h-Uiginn stated that from reports he had received, he felt that there is a real danger to local involvement and disenfranchisement of local authorities in the tourism business. He felt that the Council should take a serious view of the effort to centralise the business in Dublin and to point out that the Council will not tolerate removal of local involvement in tourism.

Councillor Holland proposed that the Council would send a protest to the Minister for Tourism on proposed moves to centralise the business in Dublin.

Councillor M. D. Higgins stated that it is important that the Council should get a report on the cost effectiveness of local tourism activities. He felt that the Council should know how the money is spent and how effective it is. He felt that it was obvious that some advertising was wasteful.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that foreigners should not be allowed to acquire fisheries.

Councillor Glynn felt that the whole question of centralisation of services in Dublin should be examined with a view to having many of them decentralised.

Councillor Joyce stated that during the past few years, the Council, in co-operation with Bord Failte, have provided money for roads leading to tourist amenities, and he asked Councillor Holland, the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation to see to it that East Galway got a fair allocation under this heading.

Senator Kitt and Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Joyce's proposal. Senator Kitt stated that he had previously asked for a plaque for the home of the O'Kelly family in Castleblakeney.

The County Manager stated that the re-organisation of the tourist Bodies had most important considerations for local authorities. Tourism is an

important part of the economy of the County and the Council has contributed to it. The Council would also have a vital interest in any restructuring proposals and he felt that the Council had the right to ask the Minister and the Western Regional Tourism Organisation regarding any changes proposed.

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council agreed to make the necessary enquiries from the Minister and from the local tourism organisation.

Councillor O Foighil stressed the importance of having an airfield in the vicinity of Galway City and he asked what was the present position concerning it. The County Manager stated that he had a recent meeting with the owner of the Carnmore Airfield and this proved to be very satisfactory. He hoped that a report would be available for the Council on the question of an airfield for Galway within a few months.

840 - ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE DISASTER:

The County Manager referred to the Circular dated 16th December, 1980, from the General Council of County Councils together with the copy of the letter from the President of the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, copies of which were circulated to each Member of the Council. He stated that the Regional Development Organisation decided to make a contribution from its own funds but he pointed out that they had greater freedom to do this than a local authority has. He stated that Members of some local authorities had decided to make personal voluntary contributions of their own.

Councillor O Morain suggested that each Member might contribute the sum of £10.

Councillor Ryan stated that this matter was discussed at the General Council of County Councils when it was agreed to circulate all Councils on the matter. Some County Councils had made collections and each Member had been asked to do something in his own area.

Councillor Molloy stated that Councils and other authorities had made a collection in different ways, some had advertised for subscriptions in local papers.

The County Manager stated that if the Councillors wished, an advertisement could be put into a local paper and subscriptions could be given to any Councillor.

Deputy Donnellan suggested that it would be better if the advertisement would state that subscriptions should be sent to one central agency, say the County Secretary.

Deputy Callanan stated that the Council could not expect all Members to pay a fixed levy.

It was agreed that an advertisement would be published inviting subscriptions and that receipts would be issued to all subscribers.

841 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the schedule to item 7 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER.

842 - ISLANDS RIVER DRAINAGE:

The County Manager stated that he had attended a meeting in the office of Roscommon County Council on Friday, 28th November, 1980, in connection with this matter. The meeting was attended by Members and officials of Roscommon County Council, by Councillors Connaughton, Glynn, Finnegan, Donnellan, Ryan, and J. Burke, from Galway County Council, together with himself (County Manager)

and Mr. Liam Kavanagh, Assistant County Engineer. He stated that the net effect of the meeting was that agreement was reached that a survey would be done as soon as circumstances on the ground permit it in order to identify cleaning possibilities as distinct from major drainage work.

843 - ROADS ESTIMATE:

The County Manager stated that the Roads Estimate Meeting will be held on Friday, 30th January, and that the County Engineer's report, in addition to the Estimate now circulated to Members, will be available for that meeting.

844 - PLANNING IN THE GAELTACHT AREAS:

The County Manager stated that he had prepared a memorandum for Members of the Council concerning a letter written to Kerry County Council by Udaras na Gaeltachta on the 9th December, 1980. He stated that he had received a phone call from Kerry County Council on the matter and this was followed by a letter giving information on the discussion on the matter which took place at the meeting of Kerry County Council on the 20th January, 1981. He stated that Members had now been handed the following reports, in addition to his own report of the 26th January, 1981:-

1. Copy of letter dated 21st January, 1981, from the Kerry County Manager.
2. Copy of the relevant Minute of the meeting of the Council held on the 24th October, 1980, setting out the resolution adopted by the Council.
3. Copy of letter dated 9u Nollaig, 1980, from Udaras na Gaeltachta to Kerry County Council.

He stated that the correspondence from Kerry indicated that Kerry County Council had felt that the decision of Galway County Council was that they had agreed to involve Udaras na Gaeltachta in the preparation of Development Plans and in applications for Planning Permission, and Kerry County Council had expressed disappointment of this decision by Galway County Council. The County Manager read the motion which was passed at the Meeting in October, 1980, by Galway County Council, which was proposed by Councillor O Foighil and passed by the County Council. He pointed out that it merely asked the Government to take the welfare of the Irish language into account when dealing with planning/legislation in Gaeltacht areas. He stated that Kerry County Council had looked on this effort by Udaras na Gaeltachta as a first step to having planning functions of local authorities handed over to Udaras na Gaeltachta, and he pointed out that there was nothing in the resolution adopted by Galway County Council to justify Udaras na Gaeltachta in thinking other than what was stated in the resolution. He considered, as set out in his report, that it would be a serious matter if the Government were led to believe that Galway County Council supported the involvement of Udaras na Gaeltachta in planning matters, and he stated that it was necessary that the matter be clarified for Udaras na Gaeltachta and Kerry County Council and the appropriate Government Departments.

Councillor O Foighil stated that he agreed fully with what the County Manager had stated. He stated that he had put the proposal and asked for the change so that the interests in the Gaeltacht would be taken into account in dealing with Planning. He had never suggested that the Council should hand over its planning powers to Udaras na Gaeltachta and he stated that it is not the fault of Galway County Council that a misunderstanding had arisen.

Duirt se nach raibh se fein freagarach as an meid a tharla agus nach raibh aon baint aige leis an litir a scriobh Udaras na Gaeltachta chuig Comhairle Chontae Chiarraí.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair go raibh athas air as ucht an miniu a thug an Comhairleoir O Foighil ar an gceist seo. He opposed any interference by Udaras na Gaeltachta in planning. He pointed out that there are many Members of the Council with Irish, that there is a sub-committee

available, if necessary, to deal with Gaeltacht matters and he felt that all Members were conscious of the interests of the Gaeltacht in dealing with planning matters.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Morain gur labhair se in aghaidh an mholadh sin nuair a bhí se os comhair an Comhairle Chontae in mí Dheire Fomhair, 1980. He did not under any circumstances agree with the erosion of the powers of the local authority and he pointed out that Udaras na Gaeltachta had no right of consultation whatsoever. He considered that the Council should follow up the matter with Udaras na Gaeltachta and ask where and how they got the idea that the Council agreed to consultation. He felt that it was necessary that Udaras be asked to explain the matter in view of the criticism of Galway County Council in Kerry.

The Chairman stated that the Council had made its position clear and he did not think that it should be pursued any further.

Deputy Killilea stated that he considered that a letter should be sent to Udaras na Gaeltachta and to Kerry County Council.

Councillor Glynn also agreed that Udaras na Gaeltachta should be asked to explain as the Council was entitled to clear its name with other Councils.

Senator Kitt stated that press reports also indicated that misinterpretation at least had occurred in Mayo and he asked that Mayo County Council should also be informed of the position of Galway County Council on the matter.

This was agreed, and it was also agreed that the relevant Government Departments should also be informed.

845 - REHABILITATION OF TYNAGH MINE:

The County Manager referred to the County Engineer's report dated December, 1980, on the rehabilitation of Tynagh Mine which was before the Council at the December Meeting. At that meeting, the Council adjourned consideration of the matter so that the Members would have time to consider the report.

Councillor Ulick Burke welcomed the report and he stated that it was the first chance the Council had got to become involved in this matter. He was glad to see that in the future the County Council would have a say in the matter and that the Companies would have to comply with the Council's requirements. He urged that the Council would carry out research, including examination of other disused mines in other countries with a view to ensuring that no problems would arise in Tynagh. He stressed the importance of keeping the mining areas supervised and of seeking funds, if necessary, for further research. He was glad to see that the Council has an active environment section and he hoped that it would be vigilant and that monitoring will continue so that there will be no damage to the environment.

Deputy Callanan stated he endorsed what was stated by Councillor Burke and he expressed satisfaction with the report which indicated that the Council was keeping a vigilant eye on activities in Tynagh and he had full confidence that the engineering staff would ensure that no damage was done to the environment.

Senator Connaughton also agreed with the content of the report and stated that local farmers were nervous about the dangers of pollution. He expressed satisfaction that the Council had received co-operation from the Mining Company. Councillor Haverty also expressed satisfaction with the report and he asked if the pipeline to the lake in the mines could be taken over and used to supply water for Tynagh.

Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that this is owned by the Mining Company but that it is possible that they might hand it over later but not at the present time.

846 - ATTENDANCE BY COUNCILLORS AT MEETINGS:

The Chairman stated that he had recently seen reports in local and in some national papers where charges made against the integrity of Members of Galway County Council regarding their attendance at meetings. It was inferred in those reports, he stated, that Councillors were interested only in coming to meetings and charging expenses, signing the book, and then leaving. He stated that he wished to deny these charges emphatically, and he pointed out that Councillors have been giving full and effective service over a long period of time at meetings and that there was no justification whatsoever for the charges made. He pointed out that there are occasions when a Member may have to leave the Council Room to attend to business of constituents in other offices, and that on a rare occasion for personal reasons, a Member may have to leave early. He pointed out, however, that Members have given excellent service to the public and he expressed grave disappointment at the criticism, more so because it had come from a former Councillor.

847 - UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING REFERENCE 35576:

Deputy Donnellan stated that Permission for development of a caravan park under the above reference number was refused in June 1980, that business was still carried on without permission. He pointed out that this activity occurred in a residential area and that a serious sanitary nuisance exists. He asked that action be taken immediately on the matter.

The County Manager stated that he had already given instructions that enforcement proceedings be taken in this case.

848 - CHARGES FOR SERVICES:

Councillor Kilgannon referred to a circular which he had received together with copy of Minister's order fixing the charge for valuation certificates from the 1st January, 1981, at £2. He pointed out that there is no justification for making charges of this amount and he considered that every citizen is entitled to a certificate free of charge as required. He expressed disturbance at the trend to increase charges and he referred to a suggestion that charges might be made for Planning Permission.

Councillor Joe Burke supported Councillor Kilgannon's statement, and he stated that he did not agree with the implementation of the Minister's Order.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he wished to have further consideration of the matter deferred until the meeting of the following Friday.

849 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE - EXTENSION TO CLARAN ROAD, HEADFORD. - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that the refuse collection service as presently organised is over-extended and cannot accommodate additional houses. The County Manager stated that the question of the possibility of extending this service will be examined in the context of the Estimates for 1981. Replying to Councillor Ulick Burke, he stated that the Council last year purchased two refuse collection vehicles, but one of these had not been put into operation because of the shortage of funds which would be required to put it into operation.

Deputy Killilea recommended that a service be provided for Knockdoe.

Councillor Joyce stated that there is no such thing as a free service for anything and he considered that people should be required to pay some contribution for a service such as the collection of refuse.

Councillor McCormack stated that he had submitted 15 Notices of Motion during the past year and he asked that a priority list should be prepared from proposals already made and not implemented.

The County Manager stated that with regard to charging for services, there are

difficulties in that if the Council fix a scale of charges, it might not be possible to enforce them in the absence of special legislation.

Councillor Glynn stated that some new form of local taxation is required to cover County Council services such as this and he also referred to the very low charges which are made for Burial Ground spaces.

850 - REPAIRS TO MAIN STREET AT HEADFORD - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that the road from Galway to Castlebar via Headford and Shrule has recently been upgraded to National Secondary status, and that an application for funds for reconstruction of the street in Headford had been made for 1981.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he understood that this street was to have been repaired in 1980, and he asked where the funds allocated for this purpose were spent.

Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, replied that they were used on general maintenance work in the Headford area.

851 - STREET LIGHTING AT HEADFORD - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that two extra lights were ordered from the E.S.B. for Galway Road, Headford, more than a year ago, and that the E.S.B. were not in a position to instal those lights until recently. Work is now in hands and it will be completed shortly.

Deputy Donnellan complained about the delay in getting this work done.

852 - OPENING OF SLUICE GATES AT SALMON WEIR, GALWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

In proposing this motion, Councillor Welby referred to severe flooding which occurs on agricultural land at Annaghdown and elsewhere on lands adjoining the river Corrib. He pointed that this is a considerable loss to farmers who have suffered severe losses in hay and crops.

Deputy Killilea seconded Councillor Welby's proposal and stated that when the Corrib Drainage Scheme ^{was} being carried out, an undertaking was given that particular attention would be given to ensuring that the gates were open in order to prevent flooding up river on the Corrib. Councillors McCormack and O Foighil also supported the proposal.

It was agreed that a copy of the resolution would be forwarded to the Office of Public Works and to the Minister for Fisheries.

853 - BOTHAR O TEACH MHC AN IOMAIRÉ GO DTI TEACH NA CUIRTE CASLA A DHEISTIU - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai go dtugtar an gnath chothu don bothar seo agus go dteastochadh deontasai mora chun caoi ceart a chur ar an mbothar. Councillor O Conchubhair stated that work was carried out on this road some years ago but it was never completed and that it is a most dangerous part of the road. Councillor O Foighil also supported Councillor O Conchubhair who asked that an effort be made to allocate some funds for the work in the current year.

854 - BOTHAR ON TUAIRIN COMH FADA LE TEACH MAC DONNACHADHA, BEALADANGAN, A MHARCAIL LE LINTE - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai gur line bui in aice le h-imeall feir ar thaobh an bothar ata ag taisteal annseo mar ta an talamh in aice leis an Bhothair go h-iseal in aiteacha ach is mar seo ata an cheist in a lan aiteacha eile freisin i gConamara. Duirt se freisin go ndeanfar iarracht an cheist a fheabhsu i 1981.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil go raibh se ag tacadh go h-iomlan leis an moladh seo. Councillor O Conchubhair and O Foighil also asked that delineators be provided on this road and Councillor O Foighil referred to the remains of the old white line near Furbo Bridge which he stated is misleading traffic.

855 - SOILSE DON BHOTHAR IN AICE NA SCOILE CHUIMSITHEACH SA GCEATHRU RUA - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai nach raibh airgead ar fail sa bhlian 1980 chun soilse poibli nua a chur ar fail san ait seo ach gur scrudofar cad is feidir a dheanamh chun an tsruthan a dheanamh nios sabhailte. Cuirfear an moladh san aireamh nuair a bheas na meastachan i gcoir 1981 a ullmhu. Duirt an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair agus an Comhairleoir O Morain go bhfuil an bothar seo an contuirteach doibh siud ata ag freastail ar ranganna oiche sa Scoil Chuimsitheach agus cuidigh an Comhairleoir O Foighil leis an run. D'iarr an Comhairleoir O Foighil go gcuirfear soilse poibli ar fail sa Leitir Meallain.

856 - PUBLIC LIGH - BALLYCRISSANE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The County Secretary stated that there were no funds available in the 1980 Estimates for additional public lighting but that this proposal would be considered in the context of whatever money might be available for this purpose in the 1981 Estimates.

857 - HONORARY MEMBER - NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MOTION BY CLR. HOLLAND:

On the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Deputy Killilea, Mr. Patrick Holland, an advanced student in Archaeology, U.C.G., was appointed to be an Honorary Member of the National Monuments Committee.

858 - HOUSING SCHEME - CLOUGHNACAVA, GORT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY.

The County Secretary stated that these lands are totally unsuitable, the access is restricted and that no services are available. He pointed out also that the land is held in trust from the Land Commission and that it is not owned by the Council.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that he did not agree and he considered that a number of sites adjoining the access road should be sold. He stated that the land has been allowed to go into disuse and that there is trespass on it.

The Chairman stated that he had seen the site and he agreed that it is not suitable for housing.

Councillor Frank Fahey stated that the residents are not anxious to have a local authority housing scheme provided at this location - he stated that the County Council should exchange the land for building land with the Land Commission.

859 - TAP - BELCLARE GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The County Secretary stated that the present site of the tap is considered suitable and fulfills local needs and that when the tap was sited at the pumphouse, it was damaged on two occasions.

Deputy Killilea stated that the present site of the tap is not suitable and it is needed near the pumphouse which is on a route used by children going to school who would require drinking water at this point.

860 - ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT ORANMORE - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The County Secretary stated that an application is being made for funds for the provision of traffic route lighting along the national route to Oranmore village and that if funds are granted by the Department, additional lighting will be provided.

861 - ORANMORE BYE-PASS - MOTION BY DEPUTY KILLILEA AND COUNCILLOR TONY MURPHY:

The County Secretary stated that the decision to build the Oranmore Bye-pass in accordance with plans prepared has been made in principle by the County Council since the 24th April, 1978, and that in carrying out the road survey to define the exact route, it was found that both the north route and the south route should be examined. This exercise was at present being carried out and when the survey is complete, the Council will be informed of

the proposed route to be taken.

Replying to further queries, the County Engineer stated that a report will be available for the February Meeting of the Council.

862 - ORANMORE WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TONY MURPHY:

The County Secretary stated that the water supply extension to Oranmore is complete and in operation. The Oranmore Sewerage Scheme preliminary report has been examined by the Council's Engineering staff and has been referred for a further investigation to the Consultant.

Councillor Murphy stressed the importance of proceeding with this scheme at the earliest possible date in view of the extensive development which is taking place in the area and the consequent pollution of streams and the sea.

863 - DAWROS/LETTERFRACK WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The County Secretary stated that the proposed Letterfrack Water Supply Scheme, extension to Dawros, is a Capital Works proposal. The Preliminary Report received gave an estimated cost of £218,000. The County Manager stated that this cost is altogether excessive and that there is no possibility that a scheme with such a high cost per house could be provided. The whole proposal is being re-examined and a further report is expected within a few months.

Councillor Bartley stressed the urgency of getting a supply for a group which is in existence in the area, and he asked that everything possible be done to provide a source for them.

864 - DEPUTATION FROM IRISH WHEELCHAIR ASSOCIATION - GALWAY BRANCH:

The Chairman, in welcoming the deputation, stressed that all Members of the Council would do their utmost in 1981 which has been designated "The year of the Disabled", to make life easier for disabled persons.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Foighil go raibh se buioch don Chomhairle Chontae as ucht gur aontaigh siad glacadh leis an toscaireacht chun deis a thabhairt doibh labhairt leis an Chomhairle.

Councillor O Foighil then introduced Mr. Michael Killilea, Chairman of the Galway Branch and the other Members of the delegation to the Council. He stated that the association wished to talk to the Members of the County Council on measures with a view to achieving something fruitful in 1981, the year of the disabled. He expressed the hope that the Council can be of assistance to the association and he asked that the Council consider later a housing policy for physically handicapped persons which would include a layout to meet the needs of the disabled persons under three main headings: -

- suitable houses;
- adaptation of existing houses;
- and support housing.

Mr. Michael Killilea, Chairman of the Association, then addressed the Council and expressed his gratitude to the Members for receiving them. He stated that his association were not asking the Council for the building of anything new. He stressed the number of aspects of housing which he asked the County Council to take into account in the course of their responsibility as a housing authority. He asked that a proportion of houses and schemes would be made accessible for people in wheelchairs, and that in many cases, a ramp might not be sufficient but that the houses should be tailored to the needs of the individual tenant who is to occupy it. He suggested that the County Council would appoint some person who would have responsibility for providing proper access for disabled persons to public buildings both new and existing. He also recommended that attention would be given to the following:

- (a) dishings of footpaths at road junctions and at pedestrian crossings;

- (b) Facilities for disabled in public toilets both new and existing.
- (c) That all new and existing telephone kiosks be adapted for easy access by the disabled.
- (d) That local authorities ensure that a percentage of all houses in Estates would be suitable for disabled and elderly persons who should be selected at the early stage of the development, i.e., the house to be allocated at the planning stage.
- (e) That the disabled persons grant be increased and indexed to rising costs, and that 25% additional space be provided in a new house where a disabled person is to be the tenant.
- (f) That a special grant be allocated for a new house where a disabled person is to be accommodated.

All Members of the Council at the meeting welcomed the deputation and promised their full support in any measures which the Council would be in a position to take to provide facilities for disabled persons. Members made the following recommendations:-

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE: - That arrangements be made for interviewing disabled persons, who have business in the County Council, on the ground floor of the building.

Other Members also supported this proposal.

COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN: - That a sum of money be specially allocated for providing facilities for the disabled in 1981.

COUNCILLOR GLYNN: - That a Senior Engineer and a Clerical Officer of the Council be appointed to liaise with the Irish Wheelchair Association (Galway Branch).

SENATOR KITT: - That Government conditions for Housing Grants be altered to take special account of the needs of the disabled.

COUNCILLOR JOYCE: - That a liaison also be established with other associations catering for handicapped persons, e.g., the blind.

COUNCILLOR COOGAN: - That the County Manager would approach Galway Corporation with a view to having facilities provided in the Corporation Area.

COUNCILLOR M.D. HIGGINS: - That a survey of public buildings in the County be carried out with a view to ascertaining where there are access problems.

COUNCILLOR M. FAHY: - That a special low rate of interest be provided for housing costs incurred by disabled persons.

The County Manager joined in the welcome to the delegation and expressed the Council's commitment to ensuring that whatever facilities are in the Council's power to provide, every effort will be made to have them provided. He stated that Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, had been designated to take responsibility for dealing with the problems of the disabled, including the problems of access and design in relation to public buildings, and he has already produced a number of proposals for consideration in connection with 1981 Estimates. This will be the start of an on-going programme. He welcomed the contact already established with the association and he stated that Mr. Crotty is the man who should be contacted in the event of any assistance which the Council might be in a position to give. The problems in relation to roads and footpaths will be investigated, and it is hoped that the first instalment of money for carrying out improvement works will be provided in the Estimates for 1981. Regarding visits to the office by Members of the association, he suggested that when people call, they should ask the telephonist in the office near the front door to call whoever is dealing

with the service in which they are interested. He considered that this would be more helpful to the people calling than to have one designated officer dealing with all enquiries. Arrangements will be made for interviewing such people on the ground floor. He stated that the Council will continue to help in housing and that some houses have already in fact been designed especially for disabled persons and that these were allocated at the design stage. This had also happened in relation to Corporation Houses. The Borough Engineer had also been asked for his proposals in this matter for 1981 and these will be considered at the Estimates Meeting. He asked the association to bring any special problems to the attention of the Council, either directly or through Social Workers.

Mr. Crotty stated that among the plans being considered for the current year programme are the adaptation of a toilet on the ground floor in the County Buildings and transfer of the Planning Office to the Ground Floor. The new City Branch Library in the Hynes Building will soon be ready. This is on the ground floor and proper access will be provided and toilets will be properly adapted for people on wheelchairs. A ramp is to be provided at the access to Galway Courthouse. He will be carrying out a survey to identify other areas where similar improvements can be carried out. There is also a staged extension plan for the County Buildings and the proposals include the provision of a lift. He stated that he will be glad to act as liaison officer between the County Council and the wheelchair association.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that the facilities to be provided will take into account the needs of the blind and other persons with particular disability problems.

Brother Sean Egan thanked the County Council for receiving the deputation and for the promise of support which they had received and he asked that this programme be continued beyond 1981, and that all public buildings would be taken into account.

On the proposition of Councillor O Morain, the Council extended its good wishes to Mr. Martin Conneely, telephonist, who is at present indisposed.

865 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

On the proposition of Senator Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, it was agreed that the remaining items on the Agenda be adjourned to the special meeting to be held on Friday, 30th January, 1981.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, approved and confirmed:

Joddie Byrne : CHAIRMAN

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CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, 30u Eanáir, 1981, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL,
RÚNAÍ.

A G E N D A

1. To Consider the Roads Estimates for 1981. - Copy enclosed.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor B. Holland.
(b) Councillor T. Byrne.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Senator P. Connaughton, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, M. D. Higgins, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Killilea, Senator M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Deputy J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O Conchubhair, P. O Foighil, M. G. O h-Uiginn, M. O Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; S. McMahon and K. Hays, Senior Executive Engineers; P. C. O Connor, Acting Chief Executive Engineer; T. Power, Assistant Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

866 - PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME 1981:

Copies of the following documents were circulated to Members:-

- (a) Provisional Road Works Scheme 1981 - circulated on 26 Eanair, 1981.
- (b) County Engineer's report on the Scheme.
- (c) Copy of Circular R.201/4/81 dated 28th January, 1981, with enclosed schedule of Road Grants 1981, received from the Department of the Environment.
- (d) Schedule of Councillors' proposals, deferred for consideration to 1981 Estimates.

The County Manager stated that the Provisional Road Works Scheme prepared by the County Engineer and circulated on 25th January was based on informal details of grants, but that his report now circulated was based on the grants notified on 28th January. This entailed amendments in pages 1 and 2 of the Scheme circulated and two new pages incorporating the amendments were now circulated. He pointed out that the Roads Estimate, as circulated, included an estimated sum of £3,375,066 from Rates but that it is not possible to say at present how much can be provided from Rates. The Rate increase limit is now known and the actual sum which can be allocated to Roads from Rates will be known when Estimates for all services are prepared. The Council will be informed of this later.

The County Engineer reviewed for Members the details of the Estimates and gave detailed information on grants approved and on the locations at which the works funded from grants would be carried out.

The following points were made:-

Councillor McCormack: Much of the work in last year's Scheme was not done - is there any guarantee that the works listed for 1981 will be done.

The County Manager stated that at the time the Estimates were being considered, the grants were not notified - this year the amounts of the grants are known.

Deputy Killilea: The document before the Council is probably worthless in the absence of information on the sum available from Rates. The Members of the Council should call a halt to adding further proposals to the list of proposals on hands, which would take several years to carry out. He asked that a proposal of a former County Engineer be revived for Connemara Roads which provided for financing of County Roads by Roinn na Gaeltachta. The grants allocated will enable the Council to make progress with major improvements on National Roads.

Councillor Michael Fahy: A footpath should be provided for Clarinbridge to the Cross leading to Stradbally. Mr. Dunne stated that it may be possible to commence work on the improvements to N. 18 at Kilcolgan and to assign some funds to the improvement of footpaths at Clarinbridge.

COUNCILLOR BYRNE NOW TOOK THE CHAIR

Councillor Ryan: The Council should ease a bend at Newbridge in 1981. Mr. Dunne stated that no grant had been allocated for this work.

Councillor Haverty: Improvement Works carried out at Gurtymadden some years ago stopped short at bends on the road leaving a dangerous section for school children.

Councillor U. Burke: The sum of £80,000 allocated for Gurtymadden/Portumna Road should be spent at this dangerous location.

Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that this sum of £80,000 is allocated to finish jobs going on for some years on the Killimor/Portumna Road. He would see what could be done in the short term to make the road safer for pedestrians. It would not be possible to go ahead this year with the work at Gurtymadden as plans have not been prepared - plans will be prepared this year and an application for a grant will be made for 1982.

After a further discussion, the County Manager stated that he would arrange for an inspection of the road at Gurtymadden by the County Engineer with Councillors Haverty and U. Burke.

Mr. Dunne, replying to Councillor Joyce, stated that traffic route lighting had been ordered for Kilrickle.

Mr. Dunne, replying to Councillor Finnegan, who enquired about improving bad bends at Brownesgrove, stated that £100,000 was allocated to strengthening surfaces on National Secondary Roads throughout the County and that he hoped some work under this heading would be done on the Tuam-Dunmore Road.

Councillor Glynn: The slabs on footpaths at Milltown which are unsatisfactory, should be replaced by tarmacadam or concrete.

Councillor O Foighil: The sum of £100,000 allocated for Connemara Roads is altogether inadequate. Mr. Dunne stated that the Council was asked to produce plans for work estimated to cost £500,000 to be carried out immediately. These works included the Costello-Derryrush and the Derryrush-Kilkieran Roads.

Councillor O Morain: Two roads were omitted from the proposals submitted to the Ministers for the Environment and the Gaeltacht i.e., Carna - Recess Road, and the Spur Road from the Main Road to Carraroe. It was agreed that those two roads would be added to the list. An application should be made for an additional sum of £100,000 from FEOGA for funds for the road from Carna to Beirtreach Teo. Fish Farming Station.

Councillor O Conchubhair: Roinn na Gaeltachta and the Council should allocate additional funds for Connemara Roads. On the proposition of Councillor O Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor O Morain, it was resolved that the Minister for the Environment be asked to make the Galway - Spiddal - Screebe - Maam Cross Road, a National Secondary Road.

Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that this would not automatically guarantee extra Road Grants.

Replying to queries, Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that there will be some increase in employment on National Roads, and that clarification is required on the allocation of £179,000 FEOGA grant for improvement works on County Roads serving agriculture and forestry, before determining how the grant will be spent.

Mr. Dunne, in reply to Councillor Joyce, stated that it may be possible to provide for improvement works at Lakefield, Kellysgrove in 1982.

Councillor Haverty: Recommended the improvement of two junctions near Ballycrissane. Mr. Dunne stated that he would see if anything can be done to improve them.

Councillor Kilgannon: The Council should consider compulsory acquisition of land at the Church in New Inn to improve a bend. A ridiculous price asked by the owner had prevented the work being carried out previously.

Mr. Dunne stated that while the work was desirable, traffic counts and accident records would not justify making a compulsory purchase order.

On the proposition of Deputy Callanan, seconded by Councillor O Morain, it was agreed that in view of the absence of information on the amount available from Rates, further consideration of the Provisional Road Works Scheme be adjourned.

Councillors Brennan and Joyce congratulated Mr. P. C. O Connor on his appointment as Acting Senior Executive Engineer and welcomed him to the Council meeting.

867 - FLOODING - BALLYNAKILL CEMETERY, GLINSK. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The County Secretary stated that some improvement work on the drainage of this burial ground was carried out in 1977 but the work was only partly successful, and there was occasional flooding after heavy rainfall. A piped drain would be required in the newer section of the burial ground to improve drainage conditions and the cost of this is estimated at £3,000. This would have to be considered as a minor improvement work in the Sanitary Services estimate for 1981, and its inclusion would depend on the availability of funds as well as its priority in relation to other required Sanitary Services improvements in the County.

Councillor Finnegan stated that local people have been waiting for this for a long time and he stressed the urgency of doing the work at the earliest opportunity.

868 - DUNMORE/GLENAMADDY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The County Secretary stated that it is proposed that the following works would be carried out in 1981:-

- (a) Pumping plant at Gurtgarrow intake.
- (b) Laying of 4,900 metres of rising main to Moneenroe.
- (c) Construction of 4,500 cubic metres Reservoir at Moneenroe
- (d) Laying of 7,300 metres of distribution main from Moneenroe to Clonberne in Ballyedmond.

Councillor Finnegan enquired whether this would serve local Group Schemes and the County Secretary stated that it should serve schemes on the distribution main from Moneenroe to Clonberne and Ballyedmond. He also informed Councillor Ryan that tenders are at present being examined and that work should commence in 1981.

869 - CLARINBRIDGE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY - CONNECTION OF GROUP SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that a request for a supply of water (21,000 gallons per day) was received from the Department of the Environment in October 1979, that the connecting point for this group is not on a public main and necessitates the permission of the Ballindereen Group. The extension of the Galway City Mains to Oranmore is complete, but the supply must be monitored in relation to augmenting the Oranmore - Maree Area. The Council has informed the Department of the Environment that the application of the Tyrone/Aran Group for a connection to the Kilcolgan/Clarínbridge Scheme is premature and will be reviewed in September 1981.

With regard to the Rinn Scheme, he stated that this has its own source which is a County Council hand pump and has been tested. Killeely Group is between the Rinn Area and Kilcolgan public main and the proposal to connect Rinn to the public main was not recommended, and any extension of Killeely main should be to bring water to the Rovehagh area.

With regard to the Kiltiernan Scheme, he stated that this was approved in May 1980 and the proposed source is a Council hand pump. It is not recommended that this be changed as it would bring pressure for undesirable development on a National Primary route, and the capacity of Kilcolgan source is required in the Tyrone/Ballindereen area.

870 - CONNECTION OF MAREE GROUP SCHEME TO ORANMORE REGIONAL SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that until survey sheets are supplied by the Group and until drawings setting out the scheme as constructed, are supplied, no progress will be possible on this matter.

871 - PUBLIC LIGHTS FOR KILBEACANTY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that this recommendation will be considered in the context of whatever funds are available for extension of public lighting systems in 1981.

872 - PROPOSALS FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE RE RIVER NANNY DAM NEAR TUAM - MOTION BY SENATOR CONNAUGHTON:

The County Secretary, replying to this motion, which was moved by Deputy Donnellan, stated that the Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme is completed and the Council has reviewed the water supply situation in Tuam in relation to the drainage of the river Nanny. It is considered that the proposed drainage would have an adverse effect on the water supply. Attention has also been drawn to the fact that the Gallagher Group Water Scheme would be affected by the proposed drainage. He also stated that the Office of Public Works have been asked to send to the Council their up-dated proposals on aspects of the water and drainage schemes so that all aspects of the water and drainage schemes could be considered in consultation with the Board of Works Engineers.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he understood that when a special supply was laid to service proposed new industries some time ago which did not materialise, that this could now be used to supply the town while the drainage work is going on. The County Manager and Mr. Dunne stated that there is no possibility that this supply could meet the needs of Tuam, and he emphasised that nothing must happen which would jeopardise the supply of water to the town of Tuam.

Senator Kitt asked if a deputation consisting of local farmers who are agitating for the land drainage could be present when the Council's Engineers

and the Board of Works Engineers meet.

Senator Connaughton asked for a definite date on which the dam could be removed.

Mr. Dunne, County Engineer, stated that no undertaking of any kind can be given until such time as all technical aspects of the matter are examined with the Board of Works Engineers, and he stated that as the discussions will be purely on technical matters, he saw no point in having a deputation present. He stated that it is necessary that the technical aspects of the proposals be sorted in the first instance before any decision could be made on the next steps to be taken.

873 - DUMP AT LEMONFIELD, OUGHTERARD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that investigations are being carried out with a view to selecting an alternative site.

Councillor Welby stated that on behalf of the residents and local farmers, he was proposing that the dump be now closed as there is an offensive smell from the dump and it was not being properly maintained.

The County Manager stated that the only way which this dump could be closed at present is to discontinue the scavenging service in the area - the dump will not be closed until an alternative site is obtained. Councillor Welby asked that a report on progress be made at the next meeting.

874 - STORAGE TANK - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that this proposal will be considered for the allocation for Small Schemes in 1981 but the carrying out of the work will depend on the amount of Capital being made available for this purpose and on its priority in relation to other schemes on the waiting list.

Councillor Welby stated that this tank is a possible danger to children and he also complained about the quality of the water from the Porridgetown Group Scheme being supplied from a local authority source.

875 - PLAYGROUND AT GORT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that 24 houses were provided in Gort about 8 years ago on a cleared site. A Compulsory Purchase Order ^{was} made on adjoining land with a view to building additional houses and providing playground space to cater for both the old and proposed new housing. The area intended for the open space/playground facility was excluded by the Minister from the Compulsory Purchase Order, as confirmed, although technical evidence as to the need for same was submitted at the enquiry. Subject to the acquisition of other land which is being negotiated, land for future open space will be provided but because of the exclusion of such land from the C.P.O. previously, this cannot now adjoin the existing Crowe Street houses.

876 - DECLARATION OF POUND ROAD, GORT, AS A PUBLIC ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that an offer of a grant under the Local Improvements Scheme was issued for this scheme in September 1979. An allowance was made for the fact that it also services the County Council dump. A revised offer of a grant was issued in November 1979 but was not taken up as the applicants considered it too high. The offer was again renewed in 1980 but again the local contribution was not paid. The total estimated cost with surface dressing is £8,810 of which the local contribution would be £1,762. Without surface dressing, the cost would be £4,179, the local contribution would be £835.

He also stated that there are two difficulties in the way of adopting this as a public road, one is that the width between the fences for a considerable portion of its length, is less than 11 feet, and secondly, there is an unattended and rather dangerous level crossing on the road.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that local people cannot meet the amount of the contribution required and he asked if the County Council could do something to help them.

The County Secretary explained that before a road can be taken over, it must meet certain standards to be suitable for adoption.

877 - PUBLIC LIGHTS - AMENITY PARK, MILLTOWN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The County Secretary stated that no objection is seen to taking over the lighting for future maintenance by the Council if the park is dedicated for public use.

878 - CEMETERY FOR ADDERGOOLE, MILLTOWN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN:

The County Secretary stated that efforts to negotiate a purchase price with the owner of a suitable site had failed and that it may be necessary to make a Compulsory Purchase Order.

The County Manager stated also that the Land Commission had purchased a farm in the area and that it may be possible to make an arrangement whereby an exchange would be made with the landowner which would satisfy him, the Council and the Land Commission.

Councillor Glynn urged that something positive ^{be done} as the matter is going on for a long time.

879 - CEMETERY FOR KILCLOONEY, MILLTOWN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN:

The County Secretary stated that there had been protracted negotiations regarding the purchase price of the proposed site. It is hoped to conclude this deal in the current year, otherwise, the Council may have to resort to compulsory acquisition.

880 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

The King Family, Roscam, Galway.
Mrs. Bridie Lyons, Whitestrand Park, Galway.
Mrs. J. Cullen, Mountpleasant, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Michael Dolley, Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam, Co. Galway.

881 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

It was agreed that replies would be sent to Members in respect of motions submitted by them which were not dealt with at the meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED:

Joddi Byrne : CHAIRMAN

13/3/81 : DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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GAILLIMH.

17u Feabhra, 1981.

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, 23u Feabhra, 1981, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Corcoran, Carrabrowne, Galway, for the erection of a warehouse. - Planning Ref. No. 37612."

Thomas Welby. Michael Fahy. John Molloy.
 - (b) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Martin King, Roscam, Galway for a dwellinghouse at Roscam. - Planning Ref. No. 36655."

John Molloy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killillea.
2. Minutes.
3. Sale of Housing sites to:-

Noel Sherlock, 70 Corrib Park, Galway.
(Notice dated 9th February, 1981.)

Anthony and Peggy Lee, 13 Dublin Road, Tuam.
Padraig Kelly, 2 Foster Place, Tuam.
Patrick P. Murphy, 27, Dublin Road, Tuam.
Patrick G. Flynn, 32, Dublin Road, Tuam.
Mrs. Monica Heverin, 37, Dublin Road, Tuam.
Maurice O Connor, 3, Glebe Apartments, Dublin Road, Tuam.
Stephen Lane, 4, Goldcave Tce., Bishop Street, Tuam.
John Mullins, 1, Demesne, Tuam.
(Notice dated 5th February, 1981.)

- Bernard Connolly, Birchgrove, Athenry.
(Notice dated 11th February, 1981.)
4. Sale of 10 acres (approx.) of land at Parkmore, Tuam, to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.
(Notice dated 11th February, 1981.)
5. Capital allocation for Housing Loans and Grants 1981 - copy of letter dated 6th February, 1981, from the Department of the Environment and copy of Assistant County Manager's report dated 16th February, 1981, herewith.
6. Abstract of Accounts, 1979.
7. Seminar - Irish Council of the European Movement - copy of Circular from the County Councils' General Council dated 6th February, 1981, and enclosure thereto, herewith.
8. Overdraft - quarter ending 30th June, 1981.
9. Seeds and Fertilisers Loan Scheme, 1981.
10. Raising of a loan of £20,000 for extension to Motor Tax Office.
11. Irish Language - copy of letter dated 22u Nollaig, 1980, from an t-Uasal Liam O Murchu herewith.
12. Supplementary loan of £60,000 towards the provision of a Library at Portumna.
13. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
14. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTIONDEPUTY J. DONNELLAN - I will propose:

15. That a public toilet be provided at Headford.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will ask:

16. What stage are plans for the proposed Reservoir for Tonabrucky and when is it likely to start?
17. How many arrears notices have been served recently to Galway County Council housing tenants in the Oughterard area; the amount of arrears claimed in each case; the time allowed in each case; what happens if the tenant cannot pay; when did the rent collector last call on each tenant to collect the rent.
18. What is the present position regarding the proposed sewerage scheme for Barna.

COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:

19. That Galway County Council provide National Primary Road standard street lighting in Milltown in 1981.
20. SENATOR M. P. KITT - I will propose:

That Galway County Council provide public lighting at Hughes', Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR M. O MORAIN - Molaim:

21. Go scrudofai Baile Chill Chiarain le cosain sraide a chur ann.
22. Ba mhaith liom fhail amach ce'n staid a bhfuil (a) sceim uisce Rosmuc, agus (b) sceim uisce Ghleannach Muireann.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

23. Iarraim ar an gComhairle Condae tarra a chur ar an mbothar an Sruthain, an Cheathru Rua.
24. Iarraim ar an gComhairle Condae tarra a chur ar bhothar Baile an tSleibhe, An Spideal (go farraige - ait a bhfuil an teach nua conaithe togtha ag an Dr. O Bearra.)
25. Iarraim ar an gComhairle Condae cosan a chur soir o scoil na bhForbacha go Coismeig Mor.

COUNCILLORS TONY MURPHY AND MICHAEL RYAN - We will propose:

26. That repairs be carried out to the road outside Athenry Mart.

DEPUTY J. M. MANNION - I will propose:

27. That Galway County Council provide an extension immediately to Leenane Cemetery.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

28. Bothar Lochan Beag on príomh bothar chomh fada le bothar Seamus O Cearra a dheanamh ina bothar Condae agus e a dheisiu freisin.
29. Soilse Poiblí a chur ar fail o siopa Tomas Mac Eoigheagain chomh fada le Co-Op. na n-Oileain.
30. An Bothar Condae o Theach Sean O Flatharta (Dan), An Cheathru Rua, i dtreo Derrartha a leanu agus consan a bheith leis freisin.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask.

31. That the County Council take steps to ease a bad corner on the Belville/Monivea Road at Concarrs and Meagher's houses.
32. That the road be raised outside John Moran's house, Cloughanover, Headford, where water is lodging since the road was widened a year ago.
33. That steps be taken by Galway County Council to ease a number of bad turns on the Dromore Road from Ballybackey to Ballylee.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

34. That Galway County Council give a special contribution towards the St. Cleran's Group Water Scheme.
35. That the Council extend and build an extension to Gort Reservoir to help the water supply.
36. That three lights be included for Nogra, Kinvara, in the Lighting Programme 1981.

DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - I will propose:

37. That the road at Smith's Corner at Currin, on the Currandulla-Loughgeorge Road be repaired and widened.

COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

38. That provision be made in the 1981 Estimates to increase the capacity of the Kinvara Water Supply; this was included for 1980 but not carried out.
39. That County Road improvement works included in 1980 Roads Estimate and subsequently, not carried out, be given priority in the 1981 Estimates.
40. That in view of protracted delay in getting the Gort Regional Supply Scheme into operation, the Council employ a consultant to report back within three months on the feasibility of extracting water from a deep portion of the Lough Cutra, and thus eliminating the necessity of dam building.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN - I will propose:

41. That speed limit signs be erected in the Village of Abbeyknockmoy.
42. That the Council do some work on the dangerous bend outside John Dempsey's house at Loughill, Moylough, as it is almost impossible for that family to come out on to the main road.

COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

43. I will ask for the list of people who were considered for the County Council Scheme in Athenry.
44. That improved pumping and boosting equipment be installed in the Gort Water Scheme.
45. That land be acquired at Craughwell and Kilchreest for local authority housing and serviced sites.
