

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/17

14th. July, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Particulars cannot be obtained by reasonable enquiry but Council in possession and receiving rent since 1909.

Location:- Kingsland, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Lynn Cunniffe of: Kingsland, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2,213.

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. 63/5/1414

14th. July, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn, Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane, Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

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

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael Martin Cotter of: Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6,446.

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. 63/5/1411

14th. July, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn, Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane, Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

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

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Terence & Enid McCarthy, Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,055.

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. 63/10/1464

14th. July, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Mary Hughes, Dalgin, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Location:- Dalgin, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mary Hughes of: Dalgin, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,285

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. 63/9/606

14th. July, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- John J. Moroney, Old Street, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Location:- Old Street, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick Moroney of: Old Street, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £3,556

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. 63/5/1448

14th. July, 1981

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:- Sisters of Mercy, Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- Kinvara, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

William & Judith Crampton of: Kinvara, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,857.

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.

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 INCLUDING COSTS
Alexander Moyn Ltd., Eglinton Street, Galway.	Malicious damage to one pane of glass.	Borough of Galway.	£144.20	£166.60
Blackrock House Ltd., (Claddagh Palace Cinema) Nile Lodge, Galway.	Malicious damage to plate glass door.	Borough of Galway.	£100.00	£128.94
Galway/Salthill Faillte Ltd., Leisureland, Galway.	Breaking and destruction of glass panel.	Borough of Galway.	£25.00	£48.30
Clifden Bay Hotel, Clifden, Co. Galway.	Damage to timber door, doorway, window, and aluminium glass door.	County at large.	£100.00	£155.01
Patrick J. Bane, Caherlistrane, Headford, Co. Galway.	Damage to one aluminium door.	County at large.	£325.00	£445.11
Cait Ni Mailli.	Damage to motor tyre of car reg. no. MZM 632.	Borough of Galway.	£10.00	£34.59
Michael B. Rattigan.	Damage to J.C.B. 3C	Borough of Galway.	£75.00	£585.86
O'Flaherty Motors Ltd., Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.	Damage to coin box of an automatic car washing machine.	Borough of Galway.	£156.00	£234.60
Garda Noel Burke, 21, D'Alton Drive, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to car - rock or rocks being placed on the public road at Barna.	County at large.	£500.00	£312.92

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF HIGHER EDUCATION
GRANTS COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY
ON TUESDAY, 21st JULY, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Brennan.

ALSO PRESENT:
MEMBERS: Micheal O Flatharta, Micheal O hOgain, Micheal O hUiginn, Fintan C. Coogan, Clr. Michael J. Kilgannon, Sr. M. Bernard Crowe, Tom Connolly, Clr. Ulick Burke, Clr. Edward Haverty, Seosamh C. De Burca, Riobard P. O hEile, Seamus O Colleanain.

OFFICIALS. Mr. Tony Murphy, Senior Staff Officer, and Rose O'Boyle, Clerical Officer.

Apology for inability to attend was received from:
Mrs. Whoriskey, Devon Park, Galway.

Mr. Murphy gave an outline of the main features of the Scheme to the Members of the Committee, and he pointed out that it was similar to last year's except for the following Major changes:-

- (1) The Income Limit beyond which no Grant was payable in the 1980 Scheme was £6,100, this had now increased to £14,000, and the Rateable Valuation Limit beyond which no Grant was payable in 1980 was £50, this has now been increased to £112.
- (2) The Lecture Fee element of the Grant had been increased to £547 as against £448 in 1980, and the Maintenance Grant has been increased from £600 in 1980 to £1,000 in the Current Scheme.

Mr. Murphy also referred to the fact that in the 1981 Scheme a Candidate who wishes to pursue an approved course in Science or Engineering can qualify for the award of a grant by securing Grade C or higher in Higher or Common Level Papers in the subjects in Clause 2(b)(ii). Mr. Coogan asked for clarification on what approved courses in Science were actually covered by this Clause, and it was agreed to get clarification from the Department on this.

The Members expressed satisfaction at the improved limits for eligibility, but Clr. Brennan was dis-satisfied that these limits only applied to students who sat the Leaving Certificate in 1981.

Clr. Kilgannon stated that in view of the fact that there was so many different types of education grants now available, that the public be made more aware of this, and following discussion, Mr. Connolly proposed that the Department of Education be asked to produce a Booklet on Grants etc., on the same lines as the Booklet produced by the Department of Social Welfare on Social Welfare Benefits and Entitlements, and this was agreed.

Mr. Connolly asked if anything had been done regarding recommendations made at last year's Committee Meeting regarding the payment of the non-adjacent grant to certain students living not more than 15 miles from College, and he also asked if anything had been done regarding other recommendations made at last year's Meeting.

The Chairman informed Mr. Connolly that a letter had been sent to the Department setting out all the points raised at last year's Meeting and this letter was read to the Meeting. Following discussion it was agreed to make further representations to the Department regarding these matters, especially the issue of the fifteen miles.

Following discussion on the amendments which the Committee would like to make to this Scheme, Mr. Connolly proposed that the Committee should meet to discuss the 1981 Scheme in detail and make recommendations to the Department which would reach the Department in plenty of time before the 1982 Draft Scheme is circulated. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Coogan and agreed.

Clr. Kilgannon asked how many qualified applicants were there for the 1980 Scheme and what was the estimated number of qualified applicants for 1981. In reply Mr. Murphy said that there was 117 applicants who accepted Grants from the Council in accordance with the 1980 Scheme, and he estimated that there would be more than twice this number in 1981.

Mr. Murphy then pointed out to the Meeting that because of the fact that there was likely to be such an increase in the number of persons eligible for a Grant, and also because of the fact that the Fees and the Maintenance Grant had been increased Galway County Council would have to spend approximately £350,000 more than its estimated figure of £402,500. Mr. Murphy explained that although the Department of Education recouped to the Council the greater part of its expenditure on Higher Education Grants, the County Council had to wait up to twelve months for recoupment to be made in respect of some of this expenditure, and had to wait a minimum of three months on all of its expenditure. This meant that in 1981, overdraft interest would cost the County Council approximately £41,000. Following discussion, it was proposed by Clr. Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Coogan that the Department of Education be asked to put Galway County Council in funds as follows:-

- a) Recoupment now of 1981 Grants paid to date i.e. £154,959 less Council's contribution of £12,488 - a sum of £142,471.
- and
- b) that arrangements be made between the Department and the Council so that funds would be made available to the Council immediately prior to future payments of grant instalments.

Following further discussion it was proposed by Clr. Kilgannon and seconded by Clr. O hUiginn that the Draft Scheme for 1981 as circulated be approved.

Moladh run comhbhróin le muintir Sean O Domhnalláin a bhí ina bhail den gCoiste agus a fuair bas i rith na bliana.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH JULY, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

An apology was received from Councillor M. O h-Uiginn for inability to attend.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. J. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; S. McMahon, F. Monahan, R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; W.A. Cahill, P. O'Connor, Acting Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; C. P. Lynch, County Development Officer; A. Murphy, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1102 - FINANCE OFFICER:

Mr. E. Lusby who has taken up duty as Finance Officer with the Council was introduced to the Members by the Chairman.

1103 - H BLOCK HUNGER STRIKE:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor F. Glynn raised the question of the H Block Hunger Strike and proposed that in view of the seriousness of the situation, that the Council send a telegram asking the Taoiseach to intervene with a view to having the hunger strike resolved. This was seconded by Councillor Ruane and agreed unanimously.

1104 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39213 - APPLICANT: DANIEL SAMMON:

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

"This application was previously refused as follows:-

- (a) Refused in March 1977, ref. no. 23314 with no appeal.
- (b) Refused in October 1978, ref. no. 29173 - no appeal.
- (c) Refused in January 1979, was appealed and refused by An Bord Pleanála, Ref. No. 30140.
- (d) Refused in September 1980, Ref. No. 35206 - no appeal.

Prior to the refusal of this application in September 1980, (Ref. No. 35206) the housing needs were checked but were not substantiated as the applicant was then working in Dublin.

The time of the present application was extended by the applicant on 13th June, 1980, in order that we could substantiate his housing needs; however, no evidence from the applicant or on his behalf was submitted to the Planning Authority to substantiate his housing needs.

Due to the extension of time, it is not now possible for the Planning Authority to check his housing needs by way of Further Information and it is proposed to refuse the application on the following grounds:-

The proposed development, located in an elevated position and on the foreground of a panoramic view of Ballinakill Harbour and the Twelve Pins available from the adjacent public road, would be seriously injurious to the visual amenity of the area."

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

Deputy Donnellan complained that he had asked for prior notice on this application and did not get it. The County Manager explained that prior notices are issued where possible and that if a Section 4 Motion is submitted in respect of an application, then it is not necessary to issue prior notice.

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

1105 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39083 - APPLICANT: FRANK JOYCE:

The County Manager stated that this application was on Further Information and as soon as the information was received, the resolution would be put back on the Agenda.

1106 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39466 - APPLICANT: TERENCE MULLEN:

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

LOCATION:

The proposed site is located adjacent to Renvyle Castle (in ruins) to the north of the Tully Mountain Peninsula.

HISTORY:

An application by Mr. Mullen for permission for a dwellinghouse on this site was received by the Planning Authority on 28th March, 1980, and a decision to refuse permission was issued by the Planning Authority on 9th May, 1980, on the grounds that the proposed development by reason of the elevated position of the site in a landscape of high scenic amenity, would seriously intrude on the fine coastward view and would be seriously injurious to visual amenities of the area.

This decision was appealed by the applicant to An Bord Pleanála on 22nd May, 1980, and no decision has been received from An Bord Pleanála on the appeal.

The applicant again applied for permission to erect a dwellinghouse on 2nd June, 1981, planning ref. no. 39466 and this is the application under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons: -

The proposed development by reason of the elevated position of the site in a landscape of high scenic amenity would seriously intrude on the fine coastward view and would thereby be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area.

It should be noted that Outline Planning Permission was granted on appeal to the applicant, planning ref. no. 9158, by the Minister for Local Government on 29th May, 1972, on a smaller site which forms the southern portion of the site under consideration and it is open to the applicant to seek approval on this original site."

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

Councillor Glynn said that he was very disappointed with the number of Section 4 motions appearing on the Agenda and he hoped that something would be done about it.. Councillor McCormack said that if Councillors do not get prior notices about applications, they have no option but to submit a Section 4 resolution. The County Manager said that prior notices are issued whenever possible. Councillor U. Burke asked if the reports on the Section 4s could be issued earlier. The County Manager explained that the staff in the Planning Office were working against deadlines and everything possible is done to circulate the reports as early as possible.

Councillor Brennan said that no section 4 resolution should be passed without a case being made for the development by the proposer of the resolution. He proposed that the application be refused and this proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

Councillor Bartley said that the proposed house was for a young man on his own land and that no other suitable site was available. The County Manager said that the applicant had stated on the application form that it was not a second family dwelling. Councillor Bartley said that applicants can make mistakes when filling up the application forms.

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, Deputies Callanan, Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputies Killilea, Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, O Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ryan and Welby. (19)

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

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1107 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39473 - APPLICANT: DONAL COMMINS:

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

"The site is situated on the National Primary Road approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Derrydonnell Cross. The developer is proposing to site a second house on a site for which permission has already been granted on a National Primary Route.

The original permission, 34217 was granted to Mr. Donal Commins on extreme hardship grounds, he being unable to build on family lands due to a family dispute and due to the fact that he was living in a mobile home.

When the housing needs were investigated for the present house, Mr. Commins claimed it was for his son, who in fact is two years of age. It is proposed to refuse Permission for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development, if permitted, would constitute unnecessary development on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, cause a traffic hazard and be contrary to the County Development Plan.
2. The development proposed is situated on portion of a site for which permission to construct a house has already been granted on hardship grounds and if permitted, would invalidate the existing permission granted.

3. The housing needs given to substantiate the proposed development are not valid, the proposed occupier being a two year old child."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy and seconded by Councillor T. Welby.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused saying that the proposed development was on a National Primary Road and that it was not a second family dwelling application. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal.

Councillor M. Fahy said that the proposed house was not for a two-year old son of the applicant as mentioned in the report. He said it was for the applicant and his family.

When a vote was about to be taken, Councillor M. Fahy asked that the resolution be left over and put on the Agenda for the August meeting. This was agreed.

1108 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39595 - APPLICANT: BRIAN WALSH:

The County Manager stated that this application was on Further Information and as soon as the Further Information was received, it would be placed on the Agenda, for the next meeting.

1109 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39493 - APPLICANT: AIDAN GRIFFIN.

The County Manager said that this application was on Further Information and as soon as the Further Information was received, it would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

1110 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39730 - APPLICANT: THOMAS O LOUGHLIN.

The County Manager said that this application was on Further Information and as soon as the Further Information was received, the application would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

1111 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39203 - APPLICANT: JAMES NOONE:

The County Manager stated that Planning Permission had been granted in this case.

Councillor Kilgannon said that he arranged consultations in this case and he was very pleased with the discussions and the result.

1112 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39649 - APPLICANT: CHARLES CONNEELY:

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

"The site, in this case, is located on Crockmaraw Hill. The application in question has been refused previously by the Planning Authority on 21st December, 1978 (Planning Ref. No. 29999).

A decision to grant Permission following direction under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was made in December, 1979, (Ref. No. 33100), but following appeal by An Taisce to An Bord Pleanala permission was refused in March, 1980.

A further application, ref. no. 37722 was again refused in January, 1981, by the Planning Authority and on an appeal to An Bord Pleanala was refused in May, 1981.

It should be noted in connection with the above application that An Taisce have again objected by letter of 14th July, 1981, and that an Enforcement Notice was served by the Planning Authority for the removal of the structure on 29th September, 1980. The notice has not been complied with to date.

It is proposed to refuse the present application on the following grounds:

The retention of the development would be seriously injurious to the scenic amenities of this unspoilt area because it would be highly intrusive in the foreground of an outstanding panoramic view of Ballynakill Harbour."

Councillor Bartley proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the roof of the house was low compared to road level and that Councillors agreed on this when they visited the area some time ago in connection with the Development Plan. Councillor Welby seconded Councillor Bartley's proposal and said that the road was in fact higher than the roof of the house.

In reply to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that the house was partially built. Councillor Glynn proposed that the application be refused and 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, Deputies Callanan, Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputies Killilea, Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, O Conchubhair, O Foighil, O'Morain, Ryan, and Welby. (20)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, Holland. (6)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1113 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39501 - APPLICANT: PETER FLAHERTY:

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

"A similar application was refused by the Planning Authority under Planning Ref. No. 21336. It was again refused under reference number 35714 and on appeal to An Bord Pleanala was further refused.

A further application was made and refused by the Planning Authority, Ref. No. 38009, in May 1981 - it was not appealed.

It should be noted in connection with this application that the applicant's housing needs were investigated when application number 35714 was being considered by the Planning Authority and again when his appeal was being considered by An Bord Pleanala. The applicant was not building on the family lands but on a site he was purchasing from a non relative. The applicant was written to in May, 1981, suggesting an alternate site near the existing dwellinghouse, no reply was received from the applicant.

A letter of objection has been received from An Taisce dated 14th July, 1981.

It is proposed to refuse the application for the following reason:-

The proposed development would initiate the erosion of the scenic amenity of this area because it would be located in a totally unspoilt area beside the shore of Lough Fee and would not be capable of being assimilated into the surrounding landscape".

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said he pointed out this location to the Members during the tour of scenic areas. He said the applicant was a native who had come back from Scotland and the family was living in two caravans. He needed a house badly and had got the site for a nominal sum and could not afford to buy another site. Councillor Bartley seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. Councillor O'Morain said that the site was two miles from the road and would not interfere with any amenity. He said people did not understand the problems of individuals trying to provide houses for their families and any sites sold were sold of necessity.

Councillor Brennan said that applicants must comply with the procedures laid down and that in this case, the applicant did not reply to a letter from the Council. He proposed that the application be refused. This was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

During further discussion on the application, Councillor Welby stated that the landowner had willed the rest of the land to a nephew and therefore, there was no other site available to the applicant. The County Manager pointed out that this particular site had been refused previously both by the Council and by An Bord Pleanála. Councillor Brennan then withdrew his proposal and there being no other amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1114 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39360 - APPLICANT: EDWARD DIXON:

The County Manager stated that this application was on Further Information and as soon as the Further Information was received, it would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Kilgannon asked if it was correct that it now took 13 weeks to get Planning Permission. The County Manager replied that unless further information is requested, the two month time limit applies. Where further information is requested, this does not automatically mean that a decision will not issue for a further two months. Councillor Kilgannon asked that decisions be made as quickly as possible.

1115 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Coogan, the Minutes of the special meeting held on the 17th June, 1981, the Annual Meeting held on the 22nd June, 1981, the Ordinary Monthly Meeting held on the 22nd June, 1981, and the the special Housing Meeting held on the 29th June, 1981, numbers 1031 - 1101, inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Brennan referred to his Notice of Motion at meeting of 17th June, 1981, in relation to Councillors' Notice of Motion Money, Minute No. 1065. He asked that it be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Councillor Welby referred to the Minutes of Special Meeting of 17th June, 1981, and complained that page 4 was missing from his copy of these Minutes. He also complained that written replies which he had got to motions were not included in the Minutes.

The Acting Secretary stated that matters which were not discussed at a meeting could not be recorded in the Minutes.

Councillor Welby said that two of the replies referred to important matters i.e., rented office accommodation, and the purchase of chips from private sources. The Chairman stated that if Councillor Welby wanted to discuss these items, he would have to submit a Notice of Motion.

1116 - REPORT ON COUNCIL FINANCES:

Before discussing this item, the Council decided that the meeting would finish around five p.m. because of the Galway Races.

Report dated 21st July, 1981 from the County Manager on the Council's finances

had been circulated to each Member of the Council. Deputy Callanan said that the report was a very serious document and that it was impossible to give it full consideration in the time available. He said it needed to be gone into in detail and a special meeting should be called if necessary. He asked if a meeting had taken place between the Council and Department Inspectors about Group Schemes. Deputy Higgins said if it was decided to adjourn the matter to a special meeting, he would not like decisions to be taken in the meantime on putting workmen on short-time. He said that the Council must commit itself to a meeting with the Minister for the Environment, and should notify the Minister immediately that the Council is putting men on a three-day week unless the Department makes extra funds available. Councillor U. Burke and Deputy Killilea agreed with Deputy Higgins. Deputy Killilea said that a telegram should be sent to the Minister seeking an early meeting with him and the Council should then have a special meeting after meeting the Minister. He said there were many problems to be discussed, one was the question of the £2 charge per metre for Group Schemes and he also enquired if a meeting between the Council and the Department had taken place on this and what was the result. Councillor O'Morain also enquired about the meeting. He also mentioned the proposed new bridge at Muicinaghidderdahaulia saying that it was an usual decision for the Council to take in deciding not to start work on the bridge unless payment was received from Roinn na Gaeltachta on a monthly basis.

The County Manager stated that decisions would have to be made immediately and there was no other choice. He did not see any way in which the three-day week could be deferred any further. If a deputation meets the Minister, and if anything beneficial comes from the meeting which would obviate the necessity for a three-day week, then that can be arranged. He said that it was necessary that the Council should now agree to transfer £100,000 from the Roads Account to the Housing and Building Account in order that these employees could be kept on a three-day week until the end of the year. If the money was not transferred, there would have to be lay-offs.

The County Manager said that last year the Council had looked for a deputation with the Minister as well as for additional funds and sanction to over-expenditure. Neither sanction nor additional funds were received and he was not going to incur over-expenditure this year without sanction. He said that from the best estimate that can be made, the Council was facing a debit balance of £2 million on Capital Account and £1,500,000 on Revenue Account at the end of the year. He said that the Council was facing over-expenditure totalling £481,505 over and above what was provided for in the current year's Estimates and for which no funds were available. This was made up of an estimated £399,338 over-expenditure plus an estimated income short-fall of £82,167. He requested the Council's approval for an excess vote for this expenditure which requires Ministerial sanction and he also proposed to apply for special funds to meet the excess expenditure.

The County Manager said that one of the Council's big problems was the question of Overdraft and that the Council was financing Capital over-expenditure by way of Overdraft over a number of years. The authorised overdraft for the current quarter is £3 million but the Council's Treasurers have indicated that any overdraft in excess of £2.5 million would have to be by way of loan from the Investment Bank of Ireland which would be at an increased interest rate of 2½% and that the Council had no option but to take it. He said that while there was not a serious liquidity problem for the Council at present, there could be before the end of the year.

Replying to the Members about the meeting on Group Schemes, the County Manager said that the Council was asked to meet some officials from the Department and a meeting had taken place on Friday, 24th July, 1981. The position remained that the Council had no funds for road restoration following Group Schemes. Referring to the proposed new bridge at Muckinaghidderdahaulia, the County Manager said that the Council had no funds to carry out this work and would have to be recouped on a regular basis.

Councillor Kilgannon said that the question as to who makes decisions in relation to the operation of a three-day week and charges for Group Schemes was important. He said that there should be all round agreement on such decisions.

Deputy Donnellan said that when these men go on a three-day week, they will qualify for three-days Social Welfare payments and he could not understand why this money could not be transferred to the County Council to keep the men employed. Deputy Callanan asked if the extra £30,000 million being provided for Housing by the Government would help.

Replying to Deputy Callanan, the County Manager stated that this year's Capital Allocation for housing left the Council short £535,000 on commitments and this would be a first charge on any extra allocation that might come from the £30 million.

Councillor Glynn and Ryan recommended that the £100,000 be transferred from Roads to Housing and Building as recommended by the County Manager. Councillor Brennan agreed to transfer his Notice of Motion Money if this would help. Councillor Glynn also agreed to this.

Deputy Higgins said that it was essential that a deputation from the Council meet the Minister immediately. He said there were three items to be discussed with the Minister:

- the Council's finances and the pending three-day week;
- the proportion of the £30 million to be allocated to County Galway;
- to try and arrange that a directive would issue from the Central Bank to the Commercial Banks to come to the assistance of Local Authorities with Overdraft accommodation.

He said it was scandalous that some of the Overdraft would have to be placed with the Investment Bank of Ireland at an extra 2½% interest.

Councillor Glynn asked if the extra 2½% interest charged would qualify for subsidy.

The County Manager said that the question of Overdraft interest was a serious one. Firstly there was the question of availability of Overdraft and then the question of being able to pay the interest. Because of increased Overdraft mainly arising from Capital Works, the estimated interest charges for the current year are £334,000, none of which would be recouped. There was only £125,000 provided in the Estimates for this. He said that the interest charges had increased in line with the Overdraft ever since the rate limitation was introduced. He asked the Council to pass the resolution authorising the excess expenditure and to ask the Minister to supply funds to cover the net excess.

It was then proposed by Deputy Higgins, 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 £621,451 as set out in Column (11) of the following table, £222,113 of the excess expenditure to be financed by way of transfers, estimated savings and estimated increased income, as set out in columns (111), (1V), and (V) and the balance of £399,338 as set out in column (V11) to be subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

P.T.O./.....

Programme Group and Programme	Estimated excess Expenditure	Financed from			Programme	Estimated Net Excess
		Transfers	Estimated Expenditure savings	Estimated increased income		
(1)	(11)	(111)	(1V)	(V)	(V1)	(V11)
	£	£	£	£		£
Programme Group 1					2.1	1,600
1.1 Local Authority Housing	101,600	100,000				
1.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	45,640		3,370	2,250	1.8 Services	40,020
TOTAL	147,240	100,000	3,370	2,250		41,620
Programme Group 2					2.1	
2.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	74,170		200			
			5,000		2.8 Services	
			52,145	8,170	3.1	
			5,000		3.3	3,655
TOTAL	74,170		62,345	8,170		3,655
Programme Group 3					3.2	
3.1 Water Supply	14,060		9,898		Services	462
3.3 Private Installations	5,346			3,700		5,346
3.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	40,900					40,900
TOTAL	60,306		9,898	3,700		46,708
Programme Group 4					Services	
4.3 Other Development & Promotion	8,075			4,125		3,950
4.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	810					810
TOTAL	8,885			4,125		4,760
Programme Group 5					5.8	
5.4 Fire Protection	70,840		5,200			65,640
5.5 Pollution Control	150					150
5.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	4,355			800	Services	3,555
TOTAL	75,345		5,200	800		69,345
Programme Group 6					Services	
6.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	3,150			1,070		2,080
TOTAL	3,150			1,070		2,080
Programme Group 7					Services	
7.1 Agriculture	4,150			4,150		-
7.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	2,085			2,085	Services	-
TOTAL	6,235			6,235		-
Programme Group 8					7.1	
8.3 Financial Management	220,040		11,120		Services (Pr)	207,895
8.5 Justice & Consumer Protection	13,100			1,025		10,295
8.8 Administration & Miscellaneous	12,980			2,805	Services	12,980
TOTAL	246,120		11,120	3,830		231,170
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMMES:	621,451	100,000	91,933	30,180		399,338

As regards the deputation, the County Manager stated that in addition to seeking a meeting with the Minister for the Environment, the Council had also been seeking a meeting with the Minister for Social Welfare in connection with the Western Health Board demand. It was agreed that the ideal situation would be to try and meet the two Ministers on the one day but the Members felt that trying to arrange this could result in delays and it was decided that the Council should press ahead and seek a meeting with the Minister for the Environment as quickly as possible.

It was agreed that the deputation would consist of Councillor Haverty, Councillor O Morain, Councillor Kilgannon, Councillor McCormack, The Chairman (Councillor Holland) and all T.D.s for the Constituencies.

In reply to further questions about Group Schemes, the County Manager stated that there would no longer be any reference to a charge of £2 per metre for road restoration and that each scheme would be examined on its merits. He said that the Council had no funds for road restoration and as long as the funds are supplied either by the Group or the Department or both, this was acceptable.

1117 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

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

"That the list of roads circulated with item no. 4 on the Agenda and which had been published in accordance with the Regulations be declared public roads."

1118 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Daniel Fordham, Carrowgariff, Kinvara.
The Uniacke Family, Dunsandle Cross, Kiltulla, Athenry.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Pratt
CHAIRMAN

2nd April 1981 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

18u Lunasa, 1981.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ina na Foirgníthe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 24u Lunasa, 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) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Donal Commins, Oranbeg, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 39473."

Michael Fahy. 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 Outline Permissinn to Thomas O Loughlin for the erection of two warehouses and septic tanks at Sylau. - Planning Ref. No. 39730."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Frank Fahey.
 - (c) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cinneadh a dheanamh cead pleanála a thabhairt do Antaine O Tuathail, Coismeig Mor, Na Forbacha. - Uimhir Pleanála 39033."

P. O'Foighil. F. O Cuaigain. John Donnellan.
 - (d) "Ar aon dul le cuid 4 de Acht na mBainisteoirí Catharach agus Conndae (Leasu), 1955, orduion muid don Bhainisteoir cead pleanála do Colm O Keaney, Callacruck, Cashel, - Uimhir Pleanála 39351."

M. O'Morain. Nioclás O Conchubhair. Gearoid Mac Pharthlain.
 - (e) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Thomas Healy for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Doon. - Ref. No. 39765."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. G. Bartley.

- (f) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Mr. Thomas Hanlon, Cahernamadra, Kinvara. - Planning Ref. No. 38982."

Michael Fahy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.

- (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 Martin Higgins for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Ballindooly. - Planning Ref. No. 40077."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. John Molloy.

- (h) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant full permission to Gerard Quirke of Bishop Street, Tuam for workshop, garage, stores, offices, filling station and septic tanks at Kilmore, Tuam. - Planning Ref. No. 40037."

Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy. John Molloy. John Donnellan.

- (i) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Patrick Cunningham of Keehill, Headford, for two houses at Keehill, Headford. - Planning Ref. No. 39647."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.

- (j) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of joinery workshop at Carnmore West to Gerry Grealish, Carnmore, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 40197."

John Molloy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.

- (k) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Glynn of Bridge Street, Clifden, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Emlagharan. - Planning Ref. No. 39869."

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

2. Minutes.
3. Higher Education Grants Scheme, 1981. - already circulated.
4. Amenity Grants, 1981. - Circulated.
5. Arts Grants, 1981. - Circulated.
6. Raising of supplementary loan of £6,200 for Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme.
7. Raising of £4 million for Housing Loans.
8. Raising of loan of £7,430 - special contribution for increased pipe sizes for Group Schemes at - (a) The Weir, Tuam; (b) Errisbeg, Roundstone.

9. Raising of loan of £65,000 towards the cost of Inishmore Water Supply Improvement Scheme.
10. Raising of supplementary loan for Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme.
11. Raising of supplementary loan for Brierhill Reservoir.
12. Overdraft quarter ending 31st December, 1981 - £3 million.
13. Revised remuneration (a) Clerical and Administrative grades. (b) General Operatives.
14. Creation of two additional posts of Clerical Officer for Motor Tax Office.
15. Sale of plot of land at Knockdoemore - Notice dated 12th August, 1981.
16. Sale of Houses to the following tenants - notices dated 14th July, 1981:

John F. O'Hehir, Kinvara.
Lynn Cunniffe, Kingsland, Athenry.
Patrick Moroney, Old Street, Ballycrissane.
Terence & Enid McCarthy, Crowe Street, Gort.
Mary Hughes, Dalgin, Tuam.
Thomas & Evelyn Casey, Rinnrush, Gort.
Thomas Byrnes, Lowville, Ahascragh.
William & Judith Crampton, Kinvara.
Patrick Reilly, Eyrecourt.
Patrick & Evelyn Mullins, Clarinbridge.
Michael & Olive Garrett, Fairyhill, Portumna.
Michael Martin Cotter, Crowe Street, Gort.

Notices dated 11th August, 1981:

Michael & Kathleen Corless, Killuney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
Michael & Evelyn Dempsey, Toberjarlath, Tuam, Co. Galway.

17. Report of Sheep Dipping Committee meeting held on 13th July, 1981.
18. Approval of expenditure on Local Improvement Schemes.
19. New bridge at Muckinaghidderdahaulia.
20. Road restoration following Group Water Schemes.
21. Appointment of Libraries Committee - Minute No. 1073.
22. Seminar on Local Government Finances.
23. Circular dated 29th July, 1981, from Department of the Environment on Housing Loans and subsidy - copy attached.
24. Circular dated 10th August, 1981, on Agricultural Rates - copy attached.
25. Auditors Report on Accounts of Galway County Council for 1978 - already circulated.
26. Ireland West Amenity Grants.
27. Fix date for meeting of Galway and Connemara Members, re Amenity Areas in County Development Plan.
28. Islands River.
29. Strategy for Waste Disposal.
30. Cable Television Service, Galway. - Letter from Department of Posts and Telegraphs requesting views on areas to be served.
31. Councillors' Notice of Motion Money - Motion by Clr. Brennan (Min. no. 1065).
32. Malicious Damage Decrees - list attached.
33. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTIONCOUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

34. That a full report be made available regarding the efforts to secure an alternative site for a refuse dump at Oughterard.
35. What is the present position regarding the proposed sewerage scheme for Barna?
36. When will work commence on the laying of footpaths in Moycullen Village?

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

37. That the County Council surface dress the Carrowbrown/Polkeen road, Castlegar, joining the Headford Road to the Tuam Road and serving a graveyard.
38. What plans have the Council for providing a children's playground on the land acquired at the rear of the Council houses on the Galway Road at Gort.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

39. Iarracht a dheanamh chun talamh a cheannacht le h-aghaidh tithe i gConamara Theas.
40. Go gcuireadh an Bord Slainte an Iarthar ochar carr ar fail go lan aimsireach ag ionad na sean ndaoine san gCeathru Rua.

COUNCILLOR FRANK GLYNN - I will propose:

41. That a sewerage scheme be provided for Milltown at an early date.
42. That a sewerage scheme be provided for Kilkerrin at an early date.
43. What progress has been made in the provision of a Burial Ground for Milltown.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN - Molaim:

44. Go nglanfai an fear ata fairsing ar lar na mboithri i gceanntar Charna.
45. Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach cen staid a bhfuil bothar Beal Da Roinnin, Rosmuc, Inver.
46. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go mbainfi an tom agus an bruach mor ata ar aghaidh sgoil Naisiunta an Chaisil.

COUNCILLOR JOHN M. MANNION - I will propose:

47. That Galway County Council provide an extension to Oney Cemetery.

COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

48. That in order to ensure accuracy in compiling the Register of Electors, a form be distributed to each household in the County by the Area Rate Collector for the listing of eligible electors in accordance with the Regulations. This is necessary because the number of errors in the Register for the current year.

DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

49. That we erect a house on the site supplied for the following applicant, name and address supplied.
50. That a refuse collection be organised to serve Coolarne Seminary, Moyne Park, Athenry, Co. Galway.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON - I will propose:

51. That where exempted Development Planning Permission for farm buildings is being sought, the decision be left to the Area Engineer in the interests of speed and intimate knowledge of the area.
52. That a request by Mrs. Joan Flanagan, Secretary, Ballygar Community Council, to have the County Council acknowledge the role of the Community Council in the development of the town of Ballygar and the surrounding areas.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

53. That the Council press ahead with its plans for a sewerage scheme in Laurencetown.

Other Motions received:DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

54. That the farmers of both Cortoon and Corvalley are protesting at the non-drainage of the local river. The farmers have been seeking a drainage programme in this area for the past 30 years.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

55. How many Group Water Schemes in the County have commenced work since the introduction of the £2 per metre charge for road restoration and what is the present position regarding this charge?
56. Is it proposed by the County Council to undertake work this year to relieve flooding at Ballinakill Cemetery near Glinsk, Co. Galway?

COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

57. That 60p per metre maximum be reintroduced as the standard charge by the County Council to Group Water Schemes for road restoration. This charge to be payable by the Group according as grants are made available to them.
58. That this Council does not encourage Group Schemes to take short cuts such as pipe laying in fields, inside roadside walls, etc., because of the difficulties which such arrangements may pose later on for the Groups and the Council.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
St. Mary's College, Galway.	Breaking and Damage to 20 windows.	Borough of Galway.	£600	£454.42

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/10/1488

11th. August, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Western Health Board, Merlin Park, Galway.

Location:- Toberjarlath, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael & Evelyn Dempsey of: Toberjarlath, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £10,295.

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. 63/4/1419

11th. August, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Michael & Bridget Corless, Killuney,
Dunmore, Co. Galway.

Location:- Killuney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael & Kathleen Corless, Killuney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,853

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.

12th August, 1981.

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: Liam O'Connell

Location: Knockdoemore, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

Area: 0.5620 acres

To whom land is to be transferred: Michael Smyth, Laughteorge, Claregalway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal: Mr. Smyth to transfer to the Council 0.55 acres for road widening purposes at a cost of £1,000, plus £750 severance.

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: T. KAVANAGH
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Ext.

25th August, 1981.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of Galway County Council to be held in the County Buildings, Galway, on

MONDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1981, COMMENCING AT 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

The Agenda is the same as that for the Meeting of 24th August, 1981, with the exception of items dealt with on that date, i.e., Section 4 Resolutions, Minutes, and, Group Water Supply Schemes - Road Restoration.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senators U. Burke and T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan and P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputies M. Killilea and M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O Conchubhair, 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; D. Barrett, and A. Murphy, Senior Staff Officers; F. Monahan, M. Tierney, S. McMahon, and R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; W. A. Cahill, Acting Senior Executive Engineer; C. P. Lynch, County Development Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1119 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39473 - DONAL COMMINS:

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

"The site is situated on the National Primary Road approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Derrydonnell Cross. The developer is proposing to site a second house on a site for which permission has already been granted on a National Primary Route.

The original permission, 34217 was granted to Mr. Donal Commins on extreme hardship grounds, he being unable to build on family lands due to a family dispute and due to the fact that he was living in a mobile home.

When the housing needs were investigated for the present house, Mr. Commins claimed it was for his son, who in fact is two years of age. It is proposed to refuse Permission for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development, if permitted, would constitute unnecessary development on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, cause a traffic hazard and be contrary to the County Development Plan.
2. The development proposed is situated on portion of a site for which permission to construct a house has already been granted on hardship grounds.
3. The housing needs given to substantiate the proposed development are not valid, the proposed occupier being a two year old child."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy who stated that the house is required to meet an essential need of a Member of the family. Councillor Welby seconded Councillor M. Fahy's proposal.

Councillor Brennan proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that the permission sought be not granted. It was decided to defer taking a vote on those proposals to 4.30 p.m.

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

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

(16)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Senator Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Coogan, Holland, and Ryan.

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Deputy Donnellan, Cllrs. Glynn, Kilgannon, McCormack & Senator Mannion did not vote.
The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1120 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39730 - THOMAS O'LOUGHLIN:

The County Manager stated that a decision had been made in this case to grant permission.

1121 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39033 - ANTAINE O TUATHAIL:

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

"The application is for the retention of works already carried out, on an existing ruined house with a minor extension.

The dwellinghouse is situated on a dangerous corner of the Galway/Spiddal Road on the Galway side of Teach Furbo, and is directly on the line of the proposed future Road Improvement line, and if permitted, would:-

- (1) Constitute a traffic hazard.
- (2) Be directly on the line of the proposed new Road line.

It is proposed to refuse for the following reasons:-

1. The development is situated on a dangerous bend of a major Regional and Tourism Road and if permitted, would constitute a traffic hazard.
2. The development is situated on the line of a proposed new improvement of this section of Spiddal/Galway Road."

The County Manager emphasised that this was on a dangerous corner of the Galway/Spiddal Road on the Galway side of Teach Furbo and is directly on the line for proposed future road improvement, and if permitted, would have serious consequences for traffic and for the line of the proposed new road alignment.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The County Manager invited Members to inspect a map showing the proposed road line and a possible alternative which would need further investigation and discussions with the applicant. He stated that the officials of the Council were willing to meet the applicant and to discuss the matter with him.

In reply to Councillor Coogan, the County Manager stated that the difficulties had already been explained to the applicant who had already an unauthorised development on the designed road line. Part of the solution of the problem might require agreement of the applicant in connection with the proposed road design. After further discussion, Deputy Donnellan withdrew his proposal

so that consultations could take place with the applicant - the County Manager stated that the latest date for decision was the 26th October.

1122 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39351 - COLM O'KEANEY:

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

1123 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39765 - THOMAS HEALY:

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

1124 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 38982 - THOMAS HANLON:

The County Manager stated that a decision had been made to grant Permission in this case.

1125 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40077 - MARTIN HIGGINS:

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

1126 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40037 - GERARD QUIRKE:

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

"The site is located adjacent to the National Primary Road approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Tuam town boundary.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

Planning Ref. No. 12533	Permission refused for an engineering workshop on 20th November, 1972, on grounds of road safety.
Planning Ref. No. 21875	A similar application was refused for the same reason on 16th June, 1976.
Planning Ref. No. 28462	Permission was refused for a dwellinghouse on this site on 22nd August, 1978, on grounds of traffic hazard.
Planning Ref. No. 33482	The present applicant was refused permission for a motor engineering workshop on 30th January, 1980, on similar grounds to those of the previous refusals.

It is considered that the development proposed would constitute a serious traffic hazard and since the land is liable to flooding and there are open drains adjacent to the site, a health hazard from the septic tank effluent is likely to arise.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The site proposed to be developed is situated adjacent to the National Primary Route in an area where the maximum speed limit applies and traffic movements generated by the development would be likely to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The lands which the site is situated are liable to flooding and with the existence of open drains in the area, the effluent from the septic tank proposed to serve the development would be likely to endanger

public health."

Deputy Killilea, proposing the resolution set out on the Agenda, stated that the two men who are mechanics are involved in the project, that they have a garage at Bishop Street, Tuam which has been the subject of objections by the local community and has also been the subject of legal proceedings. He stated that this garage is causing a lot of trouble to the applicant himself and to his neighbours and that it was an effort to resolve those local difficulties that he decided to apply for Permission at the location now proposed. He considered that the Council should agree to grant the Permission subject to whatever conditions they felt necessary to impose.

Councillor M. Fahy seconded this resolution.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be refused and stated that this on a main arterial road and that humanitarian considerations had already been ruled out as a valid reason for giving Permission in another case. He asked what would happen to the site in Bishop Street if the Permission sought is now granted. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal while agreeing with the situation generally as outlined by Deputy Killilea but he stated that in the interests of consistency, the present application should be refused.

Councillor Glynn stated he had a certain interest in this case and would not vote but he stated that this is only 20 or 30 yards outside the speed limit area and he felt the applicant should have arranged for discussions on the application. Councillor J. Burke stated that the application was followed by a Section 4 resolution two weeks after it was submitted without any consultation.

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

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

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

(15)

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

(13)

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

Councillor Glynn did not vote.

1127 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39647 - PATRICK CUNNINGHAM:

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

"Applicant is seeking Outline Permission for two dwellinghouses on a site adjacent to Lough Corrib and to a scheme of dwellinghouses for which permission was originally granted by the Minister on appeal, 17th December, 1973 - planning reference number 14490.

Planning Ref. No. 35496: Permission for one dwellinghouse on part of site was refused by the Planning Authority on 4th June, 1980, on the grounds of excessive housing density in an environmentally sensitive area.

planning Ref. No. 37218: Permission for two dwellinghouses on the site now proposed was refused to Mr. Cunningham on 21st November, 1980, on the grounds of possible health hazard due to the unsuitability of the lands for the treatment of septic tank effluent and on grounds of scenic amenity. The County Medical Officer reported in connection with this application that the additional septic tanks to serve such a development would increase the health hazard already existing due to previous development on the adjacent lands.

No housing need has been claimed in this case and refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development located on lands unsuited for the treatment of septic tank effluent would be liable to constitute a public health hazard and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development located in a scenic area on the shores of Lough Corrib would be contrary to the policy of the planning authority which is to restrict residential development in this area to specific categories of essential housing need.

An Taisce has indicated that they object to this application in the absence of a proven housing need."

Deputy Killilea stated that three Councillors had put Notice of Motion funds into the construction of a road into this site and that it was capable of taking two more houses in addition to the four already built there. He considered it a good development. He proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. Councillor Welby seconded Deputy Killilea's proposal. The County Manager stated, in reply to queries, that it is considered that the construction of two additional houses would result in excessive density on the site and he pointed out that An Taisce had objected to the development unless a housing need was proved. He stated that there is no housing need evident and that the houses are likely to be for sale. He pointed out that this is a sensitive area on the shores of Lough Corrib. Councillor T. Murphy stated that the development in this case is only one house to the acre.

Councillor McCormack proposed that the permission sought be not granted and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Glynn. It was decided to defer taking a vote on those proposals until after 4.30 p.m. A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

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

(16)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Senator Byrne, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Ruane, Ryan.

(11)

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

Deputy Connaughton and Councillor Kilgannon did not vote.

1128 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40197 - GERRY GREALISH:

The County Manager stated that this proposal had not yet been examined, as the Section 4 was received very soon after the application was submitted.

1129 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39869 - JOHN GLYNN:

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

Senator Mannion proposing the resolution stated that the site was pointed out to Council Members and Officials who visited the site on the 13th April last and that no objection was seen to it at that time. The County Manager stated that information now was required on housing need and on the suitability of the site for a septic tank.

Councillor Welby seconded Senator Mannion's proposal.

The County Manager stated that the application cannot be dealt with in the absence of the Further Information sought.

The resolution was not therefore put to the meeting.

1130 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Minutes of Meeting held on the 27th July, 1981, (numbers 1102 - 1118 incl.) were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the amendment that the sum of £30,000 million on the fourth line of page 8 be amended to read £30 million. Replying to Senator Kitt, the County Manager stated that a date for a meeting with the Minister in connection with the Council's finances had not yet been arranged but the Private Secretary to the Minister had stated that a further letter would be issued to the Council in the near future.

1131 - CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW SENATORS:

On the proposition of Councillor Coogan, seconded by Deputy Callanan, the Council extended its congratulations to the new Senators for the County.

1132 - ROAD RESTORATION ON COMPLETION OF GROUP WATER SCHEMES:

The Chairman gave Councillor Kilgannon permission to raise the question of road restoration on completion of Group Water Schemes referred to at no. 20 on the Agenda and in Notices of Motion on the same subject. Councillor Kilgannon stated that he accepted it as reasonable that roads should be repaired on completion of Group Schemes and that reasonable arrangements for this purpose should be made. He stated that the present arrangement is unreasonable, that people are asked to pay now for work which would be done at the end of the scheme and he suggested that the road opening licence should be given on the approval to the scheme and on receipt of evidence of insurance. He stated that the present arrangements were made without the approval of the Council. He proposed that the Council waive the deposit requirements, arrange with the Department of the Environment for deduction of 60p per metre on the completion of a scheme and that the Groups get their road opening licences on production of evidence of insurance and of approval to the scheme. Councillor Kilgannon stated that Councillors were not responsible for the £2 per metre charge. He recommended that the Council should forward details of its costings to the Minister and it should be possible to agree on a reasonable cost for road restoration. Deputy Connaughton stated that many meetings and negotiations had taken place but he asked that a definite decision be made on the matter on that date. He stated that he wished that the Council would refrain from looking for an exorbitant deposit. He was asking that arrangements be made with the Department of the Environment that a predetermined amount would be held from the grants to meet the cost of road restoration. The primary problem was to define what would be a reasonable sum to be retained.

He stated that the Minister would not pay more to the Council for road restoration than commercial value but said that the Minister had given a commitment that a reasonable sum would be payable for road restoration as from the 1st January next. He stated that the Council should have a common basis of charging throughout the County - he feared that if schemes were taken individually, there would be inconsistency in the amounts to be charged. He suggested that the basis of settlement of the problem should be that the Council waive the deposit and deduct the road restoration cost off the grant, that agreement be made to allow road opening licences to be issued immediately and that money be given back where already lodged by Groups. Deputy Callanan disagreed with newspaper publicity which gave the impression that the County Council was anti-group schemes. He stated that Councillors were very much in favour of Group Schemes. He stated that he attended a deputation with the Minister in Dublin recently. He did not know what negotiations had taken place with Group Schemes but he was told that only £25 deposit is required in other Counties. The deputation was informed that Galway was unique in the country regarding Group Schemes, one group having to pay £12,000 here where the cost of road restoration was estimated by an independent engineer at £3,000. He stated that the Minister had informed him that he would review the financing of Group Schemes next January but he got the impression that any action to be then taken by the Minister would not be retrospective. He stated that the Minister was to write to the County Council recommending that the County Council and the Department would study costs and retention of a sum from grants to meet road restoration costs. He now enquired if the Department wished to claw back more than 60p per metre. Deputy Callanan also stated as did other Councillors that the Members of the Council did not approve the charge of £2 per metre. He considered that the limit of the claw back should be 60p per metre and the Department should pay the balance.

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Councillor McCormack seconded Councillor Kilgannon's proposal referred to Item No. 57 on the Agenda that 60p per metre maximum be introduced as a standard charge for road restoration. He asked the County Manager what Groups would now have to pay if they were now to call to the Council for a road opening licence. Councillor Joyce stated that it seemed as if there was much going on unknown to Councillors and that certain T.D's and others had been invited to Meetings in Dublin while some others were not told. Referring to Councillor Kilgannon's proposal he stated that the claw back was not limited to 60 pence and that the Council might regret this in the future. He considered 60 pence should be added to the grant rather than taken off it. He pointed out that rural people are being treated as second class citizens as towns get water supplies without any of these charges. Councillor Byrne stated that if any major decisions regarding Group Schemes are made the Council should be consulted. He proposed the following additions to Councillor Kilgannon's proposal:-

- 1) That Group Water Schemes which already paid large deposits be refunded immediately.
- 2) Where everything is in order as from tomorrow, road opening licences be issued without any hold up.

Deputy Killilea stated he basically agreed with Councillor Kilgannon's proposal apart from the amount of the claw back. Referring to the St. Cierans Scheme in Craughwell certified to be a high cost scheme by the Department, he stated that the Department said that no money is available to pay for this Scheme, but he stated that V.A.T. would increase it further in the following week. He disagreed with Councillor Kilgannon's reported statement to the press about pipes being laid inside walls as this is not possible in some areas. He considered that the Council should agree where a legal agreement to lay the pipes inside the walls is in existence. The Council should limit the claw back and get clarification as to how E.E.C. money becomes available to individual schemes. He considered that adequate notice of deputations being arranged with the Minister should be given in future and that Council Officials should be present to answer allegations against them. He stated that the Council had whittled down the recommended provision of £70,000 for road restoration in the Estimates by £40,000 but that neither sum was any good in any event.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he would not blame Groups if they thought that the County Council was anti Group Scheme. He stated that Groups had been informed that new grants were coming out but that they would have to wait for them until

the 1st January, 1982. He stated that Groups did not want to hear about claw backs or deposits but that they wished to operate as they did in 1980 and previously. He stated that the County Manager is not within his rights in putting on the charge unless it is a function of the Manager himself. He considered that Groups should be allowed to operate for 60p per metre.

The County Manager replying to the discussion gave an outline of the history of the methods of financing road restoration over a number of years. He stated that the Council had been referred to as being unique - they were, in that for a long time they were carrying the entire cost of road restoration. He stated that the total cost of road restoration had been provided for a number of years in the Estimates but that because of the rate limitation restrictions when money became scarce enough money was not available to continue this road restoration without passing part of the cost on to the Groups. During the past few years the Council was in a position to pay less and less of this sum. Thus in the current year he was left with a sum of only £28,000 although the 150 kilometres of road had not been restored, the cost of restoration of which would be £300,000. He pointed out to the Councillors that the County Manager does not provide money and that all he can do is to spend whatever money is given to him by the County Council. He had in the current year a sum of £28,000 whereas he required £300,000 to meet existing commitments. He stated that nobody wants to have trenches opened and the road surface not restored. He pointed out the dangers which exist and that Group Scheme promoters can be held liable for damages which result. He pointed out that the sum of £2 per metre was merely an estimate for deposit purposes and that the amount charged was the actual amount spent on road restoration. He had explained at the previous Meeting that the flat rate of £2 per metre no longer applied and that each scheme was examined on its merits, because there had been reaction against a fixed charge. He pointed out that new system has been working satisfactorily in the meantime. He pointed out that Group Scheme promoters are now providing narrower and better trenches resulting in cheaper road restoration and he referred to the Moneymore Scheme where the amount required was less than that originally estimated because of the efficient work of the Contractor. He stated that the Council was prepared to discuss with any Group Scheme promoters the estimates and the terms on which the cost of road restoration will be met. He stated that he had not been present with Deputation which met the Minister as he was not aware of it and that it was clear that there was some mis-information on the position of the Council. He said it seemed that some Councillors felt that a sum of £28,000 would be sufficient to solve the problem. He pointed out that a charge of 60p per metre is unrealistic but he is prepared to look at any economies which it is possible to achieve. He had informed the Department there is no difficulty with regard to deposit and that the cost could be paid by Group Schemes either by way of deposit or by way of deduction from the Department grant. The Council is prepared to discuss any arrangement with any Group Scheme and with the Department. He pointed out however that roads must be restored and the actual cost of road restoration must be paid. He pointed out that the law does not entitle the County Council to levy for all the money it requires and he pointed out that in the current year the sum which was in fact levied because of rate limitation was £2.5 million less than what was estimated for the proper maintenance and running of the Council's services for the year. Provision for many of the services had to be cut severely and he pointed out that with regard to road maintenance the sum of £771,000 to be written off while an additional sum of £100,000 under the same heading had to be transferred recently from roads to keep men in employment. He stated that it had come to his notice that Groups accept that trenches must be restored and that the cost had to be paid by the Groups. It is not realistic to say that the cost can be calculated at 60p per metre. Again he stated that he is prepared to look at the costings for any Group and of any arrangements which can be made whereby the inconvenience to them could be minimised in the matter of payment for road restoration. He also pointed out that £2 which has been referred to recently was not a final charge it was merely an estimate and that the cost to be charged to Groups would be the actual cost. He stated that it was now suggested that we go back to a flat rate but he does not wish to do this because of the opposition to it but he pointed out that if such a flat charge were to be made it would have to be sufficient to cover the cost.

Deputy Kitt referring to the deduction of £42,000 from the road restoration proposal in the Estimates, stated that proposals were made for the provision of pumps for amenity grants, essential repairs, etc. in areas where there are no Group Schemes. He stated there is a feeling that different treatment is

being given to different schemes and also stated that the County Manager had not given any information on how the claw back system would work. He felt that if schemes are being examined on their merits one scheme may be dealt with more favourably than others.

Councillor Brennan proposed that a number of Councillors would be appointed as a Committee to meet representatives of Group Schemes to try and work out a solution to the problem. He stated that he was not satisfied with the proposed claw back as this could result in high claims. He asked what steps are being taken to prove to the Department that our road restoration costs are reasonable and he quoted from statement issued by Group Schemes to the effect that the Department of the Environment were prepared to pay for road restoration costs if they were reasonable. Councillor Brennan also proposed that the Council go back to the Department and ask for funds for road restoration.

The County Manager stated that the Department never provided money for road restoration and he read letter dated 1st July, 1981 from the Department pointing out that the Minister had no funds for this purpose but that the cost of road restoration was included in the estimated cost of Group Schemes for the purpose of determining grants.

Councillor Haverty stated that a Councillor should not state that they did not know that there was not enough money for a road restoration and he pointed out that when a proposal was put before the Council at the Estimates Meeting for the provision of £70,000 for this purpose, the Members decided to deduct approximately £42,000 from this amount for other purposes including amenity schemes, sinking of pumps, essential repairs etc. leaving only £28,000 in the Estimate for road restoration. Councillors were made aware at that Meeting that more money was required even than the sum proposed. He stated that the Group Water Schemes promoters gained nothing from the Meeting in Dublin. He stated he could see the cost of Group Water Schemes going up to £3 per metre after next January and from that date the Group Schemes Promoters will get less. He stated that Members knew that there was no money in the County Council or in the Department for road restoration.

Councillor Ryan stated that he did not agree with the proposal that each Group should be dealt with on its merits as this would result in varying costs. He wanted the Council to give a guideline as to costs, pointing out that the Groups are doing work which the County Council should normally be carrying out. He considered that there was some neglect by Contractors and that this indicated a need for better supervision. He considered that the Moneymore Scheme which has a 12' wide grass margin should not have cost what it did for restoration. He did not agree with pipes in fields except in certain circumstances.

Deputy Callanan proposed that 60p per metre be paid or clawed back in respect of road restoration and over that amount be provided by the Department.

Deputy Connaughton stated that the Minister had said that he was bringing in a new scheme on the 1st January next but it would not be retrospective. He considered that the Manager should strike a rate of between 60 and 75 pence and after that put in a clause that any cost over and above be recouped from the grant.

Councillor J. Burke stated that if a Government commitment to pay the cost of road restoration had been made it should be honoured and that he was aware that in the commitment made no stipulation had been made about its commencement on the 1st January next.

Replying to further queries the County Manager stated that all the Council is seeking is the cost of the work, this has to be paid from some source as the Council has no funds. He did not know what had been done in other Counties but he stated also that the Department of the Environment is not the responsible authority for road restoration - this is the responsibility of the County Council.

Replying to Councillor Murphy, the County Manager stated there is no point in having Group Scheme promoters under a misunderstanding that certain work will be done if its not possible to do it - the only source of funds is from the Group and the Council is prepared to talk to each Group and is prepared to talk on the basis of payment of deposits, deductions from grants or any proposal the

Groups may have to solve the problem.

Councillor Glynn stated that the origin of the Council's difficulty is the abolition of its right to strike a rate and the ambiguity between what the Department tell the Groups and what it tells the Council.

Councillor O'Morain stated that at the last Meeting a proposal was made and accepted, regarding the appointment of a Deputation to meet the Minister. Members were selected but he stated that he as one who was selected by the County Council was not invited to the Meeting with the Minister and he had heard nothing about it until the Meeting was over. His understanding was that the purpose of the Meeting was to "ballyrag" the County Council and the Council's officials and he stated that the Groups were not fighting the County Manager or the County Council. He stated that Groups can pay the cost of restoration either first or last but in the last analysis it is the Group Schemes who will have to pay and he stated that it is obvious that the road restoration costs must come under £600 grant per house. He stated that it is much fairer for individual groups to deal individually with the Department and with the County Council.

Councillor Bartley proposed that every Group Scheme go on without the £2 deposit and that the road restoration wait until January, 1982.

Councillor Kilgannon replying to discussion stated that the financial difficulties of the Council had nothing to do with the Group Water Schemes and that the Department had in fact stated that the cost of Group Schemes is a legitimate charge on Group Water Schemes. He stated that the Council cannot restore the road until the scheme is done so it has to make assumptions about the amount of money to be retained. He proposed that Group Schemes get a Licence for road opening if they have an Insurance Policy and agree that 60p be retained till work is completed.

Councillor McCormack seconded this proposal.

Deputy Callanan stated he will agree to the proposal made if it specifies that the excess over 60p per metre is paid by the Minister.

Councillor Coogan seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal that a Committee of three or four Members be appointed to negotiate with Groups.

Replying to Councillor Glynn, the County Manager stated that if the resolution regarding payment of part of the cost of road restoration is passed it will be forwarded to the Minister with an enquiry if he will implement it.

Senator Burke stated that the Manager wanted his own way and he considered that a reasonable negotiated figure should be agreed between County Council officials, the Department and the Groups.

The County Manager stated that he is prepared to sit down with each Group individually and that the Department Inspector would be with the Groups.

None of the proposals previously made was put to the Meeting but the following resolution proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor McCormack was adopted:-

"that the existing deposit requirement be abandoned for getting Group Water Schemes a road opening licence and that licences be issued in accordance with the terms that have applied to them heretofore namely that they comply with Insurance requirements and that the Scheme is approved by the Department of the Environment.

In view of the deposit this Council agrees that a retention of 60p per metre on the overall scheme be retained by the Department of the Environment pending the assessment of the extent of road restoration required - the Council to get the necessary funds for road restoration from this fund.

In the event of the reasonable cost exceeding 60p per metre, the Minister be asked to meet the balance of the cost.

That Groups who have paid deposits be given the option of having them refunded and coming under the revised arrangements."

The County Manager stated that the resolution adopted does not guarantee the Council recoupment of the cost. Each Scheme will have to be taken on its merits and before a road opening licence can be issued he must be satisfied that the money will be forthcoming to carry out the work. The Resolution can be implemented only if the Minister agrees to pay the excess over 60 pence. He stated that until this matter is resolved he is prepared to meet any Group which wishes to get a road opening licence - they can come into the office and the matter will be fully discussed with them and where a suitable arrangement for both parties is made the road opening licence will be issued.

On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed that the County Council could continue to deal with Groups in the meantime and where agreement is reached between them and the Council for payment of the cost of road restoration either by way of deposit, deduction from grant or otherwise, a licence could be issued for road opening by the Council.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Secretary stated that no letter had been received from the Minister saying he is prepared to foot the cost of road restoration.

1133 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Council agreed that a special Meeting be held on Monday, 31st August, 1981 to deal with remaining items on the Agenda i.e. excluding Section 4 Resolutions, Minutes and Road Restoration on completion of Group Schemes.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED.

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Submitted, approved & Confirmed.

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Chairman.

28th Aug 1981

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. J. Dunne, County Engineer; D. Barrett A. Murphy and H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officers; W. A. Cahill, Acting Senior Executive Engineer; F. Monahan, R. Killeen and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; C. P. Lynch, County Development Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1134 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a resolution of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Dr. C. F. MacCon, former County Medical Officer for County Galway. He paid a special tribute to the late Dr. MacCon for the work which he had carried out over a long period of years on behalf of Tuberculosis patients - work which he continued to carry out on a 7 day week over his period of service with the County Council for which he earned the gratitude of so many people in the County of Galway.

Councillor M. O'Higgins seconded the resolution stating that Dr. MacCon had spent more time on his work than he did at home. The Council also, on the proposition of Deputy Callanan, seconded by the Chairman extended its sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Ned Walsh, Old Malt, Galway.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the County Council joined in those resolutions of sympathy.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Miss Elizabeth Crowley, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.
Mr. & Mrs. Colman Hickey, Sconce, Lettermore.
Mr. Thomas Mitchell, Accountant, Society Street, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Eileen Naughton, White Park, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe.
Peter & Joseph Burke, Kinvara.
John O'Dea, The Square, Kinvara.
Mr. Michael Keehan, Cahermore, Kinvara.
Mrs. Hickey, Lismehill, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Padraic Raftery, Cashla, Athenry.

1135 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS:

The Scheme for 1981 together with the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 21st July, 1981 were submitted and approved.

The County Manager stated that special effort was being made to get the amount of education grants paid by the County Council recouped to the Council monthly in view of the serious financial position of the Council.

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

"That the Minister for Education be asked to recoup at the end of each month the expenditure incurred to that date by the Council on payment of Higher Education Grants.

Councillor Brennan & Deputy Callanan stressed the necessity of clarifying that the income limit and valuation limits in the 1981 Scheme did not operate retrospectively and that in order to come within the terms of the 1981 Scheme, a student had to have the qualifying Leaving Certificate examination done in 1981.

1136 - AMENITY GRANTS 1981:

The list of grants recommended for Amenity Projects 1981 was submitted and noted.

Councillor Joyce congratulated the County Development Officer on succeeding in giving something to so many organisations despite the limit in the amount of the allocation.

The County Manager stated he had been approached by a Group promoting the Lios Greine Sunshine Home at Inverin which is a project sponsored by Galway Sunshine Holiday Committee and Galway Youth Council, for which project an appeal is being made for funds. Among other activities the Group intends providing organised holidays for families under stress and they would also operate a weekend programme on development, self-awareness and self-confidence for young working people in the 18-23 age group.

Subject to funds being available in 1982 he asked the Council if they would agree in principle to making a contribution of say £6,000 towards the project but he acknowledged that it is not possible to enter into a commitment for this amount at present. He suggested that Galway Corporation might also be asked to make a contribution of £9,000 subject also to funds being available to that Authority.

Subject to the availability of funds the Council agreed in principle to providing assistance for the Project in 1982.

Ag tabhairt freagra do'n Comhairleoir O'Morain, duirt an Bainisteoir Conndae go ndeanfar scrudu ar an meid airgid ata molta do ionad phobail Cill Chiarain, se sin £500 no £750.

1137 - ARTS GRANTS 1981:

The County Manager submitted the recommendation of the Regional Arts Committee for the distribution of the 1981 Arts Grants as circulated to Members.

Regarding the provision of the sum of £500 for a touring exhibition in 1981, he stated that the sum of only £150 is to be committed now for this purpose in the current year. Subject to the above the recommendations for distribution of the allocation for 1981 was approved by the Council on the proposition of Clr. O'Morain.

Deputy Kitt asked the Council to consider making some grants available in the future to Ceoltoiri Magh Locha who are promoting music and dance activities and also a Museum. The County Manager stated that this request would be forwarded to the Arts Committee.

1138 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - DUNMORE/GLENAMADDY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a Supplementary Loan of £6,200 for Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme from such source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

1139 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £4 m. FOR ADVANCE (r) HOUSING LOANS:

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

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"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4m. from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of advancing housing loans, the loan to be repaid over a period of twenty five years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council.

1140 - RAISING OF LOAN - GROUP WATER SCHEMES:

It was proposed by Deputy Killilea seconded by Councillor O'Morain and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £7,430 for the purpose of making a special contribution to increased pipe sizes for Group Water Schemes at the Weir, Tuam and Errisbeg, Roundstone, - the loan to be raised from such source and to be repayable on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

1141 - RAISING OF LOAN - INISHMOREWATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £65,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister towards the cost of Inishmore Water Supply Improvement Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

1142 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - SPIDDAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that the amount of loan required in this case was £358,600.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £358,600 for Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme from the Commissioners of Public Works, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

1143 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - BRIERHILL RESERVOIR:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a supplementary loan of £38,300 for the Brierhill Reservoir.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £38,300 for the Brierhill Reservoir, from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister - the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

1144 - OVERDRAFT QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1981:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to Overdraft amounting to £3m for the quarter ending 31st December, 1981 which is the same amount as that approved for the current quarter. He stated that notification had now been received from the bank to the effect that if the Council's overdraft exceeded £2.5m an interest surcharge of .5% per month will be imposed in respect of the excess over £2.5m.

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

"That subject to sanction of the Minister for the Environment, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £3m be borrowed on the Council's Revenue & Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 31st December, 1981!"

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1145 - (a) REVISED SALARIES FOR CLERICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GRADES:

The County Manager informed the Council that he had received a Circular EL 14/81 dated 9th July, 1981, from the Department of the Environment stating that following recent Conciliation Agreement between the Local Government & Public Services Union and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board, the Minister had sanctioned a salary increase for Clerical & Administrative Grades. This represented an increase in the region of 8% and is retrospective to the 1st September, 1980. The Claim has not been finalised in relation to grades 11 and 111 and sanction had been received from the Minister to payment of lump sums of £300 and £375 respectively to these grades in respect of the period 1st September, 1980 to the 30th June, 1981 as an interim payment. He stated that the total estimated cost of the increase is £59,500 including only the Interim increase for Grades 11 and 111.

The County Manager also stated that payment of a sum of £59,500 in respect of this claim presents some difficulty unless at least sanction of the Minister is received to its payment under the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978, since no provision has been made in the current year's Estimates for this increase. He stated, however, that he saw no way of avoiding payment of the increases. Replying to Members, he stated that this increase was additional to the National Wage Agreement increases and that it is linked with salaries payable to other grades in the Civil Service. He stated that excess expenditure incurred last year for which provision had not been made in the Estimates has not so far been sanctioned by the Minister but it is to be raised in discussions which it is hoped will be held soon with the Minister on the Council's Finances.

(b) RATIONALISATION OF WAGES FOR GENERAL OPERATIVES:

The County Manager also informed the Council that in January, 1980, the Council approved the first stage of the rationalisation of pay rates for General Operatives, the increase at that time was £3.80 per week from the 1st August, 1979, and a further £3.80 per week on the 1st January, 1980. This also introduced incremental scales for all General Operatives.

He stated that notification had now been received that agreement had been reached on the claim for further rationalisation of pay rates and the Minister had sanctioned the revised rates. The revised offer is in three phases and he gave a summary of those as set out in Circular EL 15/81 dated 22nd July, 1981, and the schedule thereto from the Department of the Environment. He also informed the Council that the Unions involved had agreed to defer all further pay claims for the 12 months period beginning on the 7th March, 1981. He stated that a total estimated cost of the revised ^{scales} is £80,000 for 1981 and that the position in regard to funds under this heading is similar to that as set out in relation to the claim for Clerical and Administrative Grades as set out above. He pointed out that no provision had been made in the current year's Estimates for this amount but that he saw no way of avoiding payment of the sum. He pointed out that at least the sanction of the Minister must be obtained before the payment can be made in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978.

Councillor Micheal O h-Uiginn stated that some employees were put on short time while others are getting wage and salary rates in excess of those under the National Understanding and National Wage Agreement. He stated that some effort at deciding a definite policy on wage levels is necessary if the Council is to know where it is going. He also referred to the possibility of redundancies arising from inadequate funds being made available.

The County Manager stated that he had discussed the possibility of deferring the payment with one Union, in view of the financial position of the Council, but the Union had informed him that the provision of funds was not their business.

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment under Section 11 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as amended by Section 11 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions)

Act, 1978, Galway County Council hereby authorise payment of revised salary scales and allowances as set out above by the County Manager to Clerical and Administrative Grades and to General Operatives under the Rationalisation Agreement negotiated in view of the fact that no provision for such increases had been in the Council's Estimates for the Financial year 1981."

1146 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERICAL OFFICER FOR MOTOR TAX OFFICE:

The County Manager gave particulars of the additional work involved in the computerisation of vehicle registration and stated that the staff in the office had not increased since 1974. In the intervening period the number of vehicles registered has increased from 28,904 to 42,707 and the driving licences from 30,546 to 37,130. The recent re-imposition of road vehicle duty involves an additional cash load and arising from this it has been found necessary to change the existing opening hours which are from 10 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. to 9.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Deputy Killilea suggested that the public be advised by public advertisement that motor vehicles may be licensed by posting necessary documentation and the amount of duty to the office.

Councillor Glynn suggested that the Council should investigate the possibility of using credit cards for motor vehicle licensing in order to avoid handling large amounts of cash. He also suggested that the Department of the Environment be asked to allocate increased road grants following the re-imposition of new rates of duty.

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

"That subject to sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approves the creation of two new offices of Clerical Officer in the Motor Tax Department, in accordance with the qualifications and particulars of office prescribed by the Minister."

1147 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT KNOCKDOEMORE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Knockdoemore to Mr. Michael Smith, Loughgeorge, Clregalway in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 12th August, 1981, under Section 83 of Local Government Act, 1946 which was sent to each Member of the Council.

1148 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of houses to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of Notices dated 14th July, 1981 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord & Tenant Ground Rents Act, 1978 which was sent to each Member of the Council:-

John F. O'Hehir, Kinvara.
Lynn Cunniffe, Kingsland, Athenry,
Patrick Moroney, Old Street, Ballycrissane.
Terence & Enid McCarthy, Crowe Street, Gort.
Mary Hughes, Dalgin, Tuam.
Thomas & Evelyn Casey, Rinnrush, Gort.
Thomas Byrnes, Lowville, Ahascragh.
William & Judith Crampton, Kinvara.
Patrick Reilly, Eyrecourt.
Patrick & Evelyn Mullins, Clarinbridge.
Michael & Olive Garrett, Fairyhill, Portumna.
Michael Martin Cotter, Crowe Street, Gort."

It was also proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of houses to the following tenants in accordance with the terms of Notices dated 11th August, 1981, under provisions of Section 83 of Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord & Tenant Ground Rents Act, 1978 which was sent to each Member of the Council:

Michael & Kathleen Corless, Killuney, Dunmore, Co. Galway.
Michael & Evelyn Dempsey, Toberjarlath, Tuam, Co. Galway."

1149 - REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE:

The Report on the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on the 13th July, 1981 was noted.

1150 - APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE ON LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the expenditure of an additional sum of £140,575 under this heading. He stated that at the time of the adoption of the Estimates the estimated expenditure was £293,000 but because of increased allocations of Local Improvement Schemes Grants and Gaeltacht Grants the total expenditure is now estimated to be £433,575.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the City & Co. Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 as amended by Section 11 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978, Galway County Council approve additional expenditure in the 1981 Financial Year of £140,575, this amount to be financed by way of increased grants and contributions towards the cost of Local Improvement and Gaeltacht Grant Improvement Schemes."

1151 - NEW BRIDGE AT MUCHINAGHIDDERDAHAULIA:

The County Manager informed the Council that notification of a grant of £126,000 towards the cost of this work had been received and that it is expected that £75,000 of this sum would be expended in the current year. The Council will expend money up to this amount and agreement had been reached with Roinn na Gaeltachta that the expenditure will be recouped to the Council monthly. He stated however, that the Department of the Gaeltacht is being advised that the full cost of the work has to be recouped and confirmation of this and that instalments on the regular basis will be payable from January, 1982 is being sought from that Department.

1152 - COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE:

The County Manager referring to this matter which has been adjourned from the Annual Meeting stated that the Council had agreed that the Committee should consist of a total of 23 Members of whom 12 County Councillors and 8 non-Councillors, two representing Galway Corporation and one representing Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

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

"That the following be appointed to the County Libraries Committee for the year 1981-82.

Councillor J. Brennan;
Senator J. Mannion.
Councillor M. J. Kilgannon.
Councillor M. Ryan.
Mr. Patrick Hynes, Loughrea.
Mr. Frank Donoghue, Coolfin, Abbey, Loughrea.
Mr. Padraic Conneely, 5, Upper Newcastle, Galway.
Mrs. Mary Burke, Kiltelva, Dunmore.
Mrs. Margaret Stewart, 17, Lr. Newcastle, Galway.
Mr. Fintan Coogan Jnr., Menlo, Galway,
Mr. Christopher Townley, University College, Galway.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by the Chairman and resolved:

"That the following Members be appointed to the Libraries Committee for the year 1981-82:

Councillor N. O'Conchubhair.
Councillor P. Finnegan.
Councillor E. Haverty.
Councillor M. Fahy.
Councillor F. Fahey.
Councillor T. Welby.
Deputy M. P. Kitt.
Mrs. Maura Croffey, Creagh, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Sean Fahy, Killimor, Ballinasloe.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by the Chairman, it was also resolved that Messrs. M. Leahy, and Patrick McNamara be appointed to represent Galway Corporation and that Councillor Lily Broderick be appointed to represent Ballinasloe Urban District Council on the County Libraries Committee for 1981-82.

1153 - SEMINAR ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCES

The County Manager informed the Council that arrangements had been made by the Institute of Public Administration for holding a Seminar on the theme: "Implications of the Arrangements for Financing Local Authorities for the Local Government Service in Ireland," at the Limerick Inn, Limerick on the 27th and 28th October, 1981. The Institute of Public Administration had asked that the Council would nominate six elected representatives to attend this Seminar.

Councillor Brennan suggested that instead of this Seminar, the Council should organise one which would explain its own financial situation to Members.

The County Manager stated that this was on a different Theme and involved the whole problem of financing of Local Authorities in general. Councillor Byrne suggested that delegates to this Conference should bring back a Report to the Council.

It was agreed that the following Members be appointed to attend the Seminar:

Senator Byrne; Councillor Brennan; Deputy Higgins, Councillors Bartley, Molloy and M. Fahy.

It was also agreed that in the event of any of those Members being unable to attend, Councillor Haverty be appointed to attend instead.

Councillor Glynn suggested that the County Manager, the County Secretary and the Finance Officer as well as the County Engineer would discuss the theme of the Conference with the delegates before the Seminar. Deputy Callanan stated that the principal problem for local authorities is provision of necessary funds. The County Manager stated that this would be arranged.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that 20% of P.A.Y.E. tax receipts in County Galway should be allocated to Galway County Council. Deputy Callanan stated that this might not be very practical as wealthier areas such as Dublin would on this basis receive most of the revenue under this heading.

1154 - ELIGIBILITY FOR HOUSING LOANS & SUBSIDY:

The County Manager referred to Circular BC 6/81 dated 29th July, 1981, from the Department of the Environment, copy of which has been circulated to each Member of the Council and he summarised for Members the new rules for eligibility for mortgage subsidy and ordinary local authority house purchase loans as outlined in that Circular.

Deputy Callanan expressed complete disagreement with the restrictions imposed and pointed out that the grouping of applicants names and incomes will result in many people who would previously qualify will now exceed the limit and will not now qualify for loans. He recommended that the Minister be asked to

review the position.

Deputy Connaughton stated that he strongly disagreed with the proposals, and referring to the proposal that applicants be required to show proof of marriage within a year by production of a marriage certificate, he considered this to be a retrograde step and raised problems of interpretation also.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Council had previously asked for evidence of intended marriage but that no abuses in this respect had ever come to his notice. He considered the proposed arrangements totally unsuitable to rural areas and could see many problems arising from joint ownership before marriage.

Deputy Kitt, agreeing with the objections which were made to the Department's proposals stated that is discriminatory to allocate loans on the basis of marital status. He considered it was difficult enough hitherto for people getting married to comply with loan requirements but now they would have to satisfy the Minister in addition to satisfying the Local Authority.

Councillor J. Burke said that a proposal should be sent to the Department asking that the Circular be withdrawn pointing out that applicants for loans should be helped not hindered.

Deputy Killilea stated that the new regulations were regressive and unconstitutional and he stated that Deputies should show their disapproval of the new proposals by asking appropriate questions in the Dail.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that while the proposal might work in mainly urban areas where people bought a house in a housing estate, it was totally unsuited to rural areas. He also considered it discriminatory to refuse loans to people who decide to remain unmarried.

Councillor Ryan agreeing with the criticisms made by other Councillors, stated that the requirement that applicants had to go to Insurance Companies and other lending agencies and being refused loans before applying to the County Council was degrading to them.

Councillor Brennan criticised the omission of widows and single parents from the categories of persons who do not qualify for loans.

Councillor Joyce stated that if the income of both applicants is to be taken into account the income limit in such a case should be increased from £7,000 to £14,000.

Replying to the discussions, Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager stated that it is not possible to ignore the wife's income unless it is of a temporary nature and is to end on marriage. He stated that an extra allocation of £215,000 had been received to meet payments ready to be made and that this was the equivalent of one month's allocation. He stated that he could foresee difficulties in implementation of the Regulations especially in cases where proposed marriages did not go through. He pointed out however, that the Council has no option but to implement the Regulations as this is a condition on which the money is allocated to the Council. A further difficulty which he mentioned is that persons under 21 years of age are not legally entitled to mortgage a site.

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Councillor Glynn stated with the conditions now attached to the allocation of a loan no bank would allocate a bridging loan.

After further discussions it was proposed by Deputy Callanan, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved:-

"That the Council inform the Minister that it rejects the conditions for loans imposed in the recent Housing Package as being totally unsuited for the requirements of borrowers, particularly in rural areas and ask that the conditions be changed in order to make loans available under reasonable conditions for people who require them."

It was also agreed that copy of this resolution be sent to General Council of County Councils.

1155 - ABOLITION OF AGRICULTURAL RATES:

Circular Fin.18/81 dated 10th August, 1981 from the Department of the Environment which has been circulated to each member of the Council was submitted.

Deputy Callanan stated that it had already been stated that agricultural rates would be abolished and now farmers are being informed that this is subject to their working to a plan.

Councillor Glynn stated that the paragraph is vague and the Department should be asked to clarify and he also asked that consideration be given to the small businessmen who finds difficulty in paying his rates.

The County Manager stated that this is the only information we have on the matter so far.

The County Manager stated that approximately £1m in respect of rates on agricultural land is due to the Council at present and considerable difficulty will be faced in having it collected.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Glynn and resolved:

"That the Minister for the Environment be requested to recoup to the Council, the total amount of any rates which remain unpaid by farmers and which have to be written off."

1156 - AUDITORS REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR 1978:

The County Manager referring to the penultimate paragraph of the Report stated that a review of the staffing of the accounts section is underway and if there are any proposals involving additional staff they will be brought back to the County Council for approval.

The Auditors Report was noted.

1157 - DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS - WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LTD:

The County Manager informed the Council that Ireland West had the sum of £3,000 available for angling development at Knockferry and a further sum of £3,500 at Derrymoyle, Oughterard subject to matching grants from the County Council in the current year. He had informed Ireland West that the Council had no matching finance in the current year and he had enquired from Ireland West if in the event of the Council making provision for this money in 1982, would Ireland West make the current year's grant available to the Council now. He stated that the Council at present can not go any further and he would like to hold on to the grants from Ireland West subject to finance being available in 1982.

On the proposition of Senator Mannion, seconded by Deputy Killilea the Council agreed to provide the sum of £6,500 in the Estimates for 1982 provided Ireland West would make a similar amount available to the Council in 1981.

1158 - AMENITY AREAS - GALWAY, CONNEMARA ELECTORAL AREAS:

It was agreed that the next visit to the amenity areas in the Galway/Connemara area would take place on the 2nd October and that a bus would be hired for the purpose.

1159 - ISLANDS RIVER CLEANING:

The County Manager stated that while most signatures of land owners had been obtained there were still some which had not and in one case the applicant was in the United States and in another there was difficulty about the conditions regarding deposit of spoil on land.

The County Manager stated that he asked the Council to decide if they wanted to spend the money on the Islands River and he pointed out that the money had been reserved but was still in Road Works Funds.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton the County Manager was authorised to go ahead with the cleaning of the River provided the question of consents was resolved.

1160 - STRATEGY FOR WASTE DISPOSAL:

The Report of Mr. R. Killeen, Senior Environment Engineer which was circulated to each Member of the Council was outlined by the County Manager. He stated that a Revised Schedule for waste collection had been devised with the objective of reducing costs, avoidance of overtime and keeping expenditure within the Estimate. It is hoped that this would be introduced in that week.

Deputy Killilea stated that he had made proposals over the past four years for service in the Aughlheen/Knockdoe area and he stated that if the route were varied to go from Aughlheen to Knockdoe excluding Loughgeorge, this would meet the requirements and would save mileage.

The County Manager stated this proposal will be examined to see if a saving could be effected by it but he pointed out that the object of the revised schedules is to effect a saving wherever possible. He stated that some weekly collections have been dropped and instead fortnightly collections are being arranged but no areas have been dropped. He stressed the importance that people economise in the kind and quantity of waste which they would leave for the vehicles.

Replying to Councillor J. Burke, Mr. Killeen stated that while no overtime is being paid to scavenging staff in the Tuam area the range of their activity will be extended somewhat to an adjoining area.

The County Manager also stated that it is proposed to make charges for collection of commercial waste and that approximately 80 premises have already been identified where it would be necessary to make charges for waste collection. The County Manager stated that the Council is not obliged to collect waste from commercial premises and there is nothing to stop the owners of such premises from disposing of the wastes themselves.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that there is a delay in getting the authorities of Tynagh Mine to clean the drain through their lands and he asked that the County Council would press the authorities concerned to have it cleaned.

Deputy Killilea recommended that steps be taken to prevent children from scavenging in dumps and he stressed the health hazard of such practice.

Senator Byrne stated that complaints have been made that all houses in Athenry were not been collected and he asked that this would be checked out.

Councillor N.O'Conchubhair recommended that where it is necessary to change the scheduled time for collection in the Tieranea /Lettermore area an announcement to this effect will be given to Radio na Gaeltachta for broadcasting.

The County Manager stated that an effort will be made to eliminate changes in the Schedules, without notice and he agreed to bring before the County Council details of the charges fixed when they are made.

Replying to Councillor M. Fahy, the County Manager stated that the question of the possibility of extending this service is always examined at Estimates time.

1161 - CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM - GALWAY CITY:

Referring to letter from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs, the County Manager stated that the Council's Engineers would be available to meet Department of Post & Telegraphs Officials and to give any assistance they can in this matter.

1162 - NOTICE OF MOTION ROADS FUNDS:

Councillor Brennan stated that few roads are left now for taking over and he proposed that Notice of Motion funds should be diverted to cases where

essential repairs are needed, where local amenities are proposed or for road restoration and such other urgent matters. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

Deputy Callanan expressed surprise at the statement that there were no roads to be taken over pointing out that there are still many isolated houses which have no proper road service. He stressed the importance of the Notice of Motion Funds for creating employment and he opposed Councillor Brennan's proposal.

The County Manager stressed that this is Roads Money voted for this purpose in the Roads Estimate under the rules and regulations set by the County Council. He stated that such funds must be confined to roads suitable for taking over. He stated however, that such funds could be considered for easing bends or such urgent works that might be necessary, on roads.

Councillor Haverty expressed disagreement with the proposed change and he would not agree to use it on footpaths etc.

Senator Byrne stated that such funds are always used for road works and if a Councillor wants to spend it on any dangerous bend, paths or any safety work he should have that option.

Replying to Councillor O'Conchubhair, the County Manager stated that there is no distinction as between bog roads and other roads if the road in question is suitable for taking over as a public road.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to adjourn discussion of the matter to the next Meeting.

1163 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It is noted that malicious damage decrees as set out in the Schedules to the Agenda had been received since the last Meeting.

1164 - ROAD TO FOHENAGH CEMETERY:

The County Manager read letter dated 23rd July, 1981 from the Department of the Environment which stated that if the Council is satisfied that the road leading to the cemetery is of joint benefit to two or more holdings primarily for the purpose of agricultural production it is eligible for consideration under the Local Improvements Scheme.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that a new application form could be completed for this scheme in order to ascertain if it complies with the conditions for Local Improvements Schemes.

1165 - DEVELOPMENT OF MARICULTURE & FISHERIES IN THE WEST REGION:

The County Manager read letter dated 22nd July, 1981 from the Director, Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation stating that the Bord of the R.D.O. had informal discussions with representatives from the Department of Fisheries, B.I.M. and the National Science Council re development of mariculture & fisheries in the West Region and it was suggested that it might be helpful if the Fisheries Sub-Committee of each County Council joined with the R.D.O. Board for these discussions.

1166 - GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT SCHEME FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager stated that proposals had been received from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. for two types of scheme for members of Local Authorities - one scheme for a premium of £8 would cover Members solely for travel connected with official meetings but for a premium of £38 general insurance would extend to all activities of Members even outside their activities as Members of Local Authorities. The premium in this case would be £38 but the additional premium would be payable by Members. It was agreed to adjourn this matter to the next Meeting.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1167 - TALAMH A CHEANNACH I GCOIR TITHE I gCONAMARA - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai nach feidir talamh a cheannach i gcoir tithe go dtí go mbeidh airgead ar fall chuige.

Duirt an Bainisteoir Cunta go scrudoch se aon mholadh a thiocfadh o'n Chomhairleoir O'Conchubhair maidir leis seo.

1168 - OTHAR-CHARR AG IONAD NA SEAN-DAOINE SA CHEATHRU RUA - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Cinneadh an moladh seo a sheoladh chuig Bord Slainte an Iarthair.

1169 - EXEMPTED DEVELOPMENT - MOTION BY DEPUTY P. CONNAUGHTON:

The County Manager stated that there is no legal requirement that a certificate be issued in respect of exempted development but that the Council in appropriate cases issued letters stating it had no objection provided the relevant regulations are complied with. He stated that the regulations are rather complex and are not appropriate to be dealt with by the Local Engineer on his own.

1170 - ROLE OF BALLYGAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MOTION BY DEPUTY P. CONNAUGHTON:

Deputy Connaughton stated that Mrs. Flanagan, Secretary, Ballygar Community Council had written to the Council about the role of the Community Council and had not got a reply.

The County Manager stated that a letter had been written to Mrs. Flanagan on the 5th February, 1981 asking what exactly they required but a reply had not been received to this letter.

1171 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

It was agreed that replies would be sent to Councillors in respect of motions submitted by them which were not dealt with at the Meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, Approved - Confirmed

Present and

Chairman

28th Sept 1981
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Post Office Box No. 27,
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17th September, 1981

TO THE CHAIRMAN & EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

The Chairman of the County Council has arranged that a
Special meeting of the Council would be held on

MONDAY, NEXT, THE 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1981

at 3.30 p.m.

in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.

You are requested to attend.

(Signed:) 
COUNTY SECRETARY

A G E N D A

To discuss the closure of the Tuam Sugar Factory

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

22u Mean Fomhair, 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, 28u Mean
Fomhair, 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) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cinneadh a dheanamh cead pleanála a thabhairt do Antaine O Tuathail, Coismeig Mór, Na Forbacha. - Uimhir Pleanála 39033."
P. O Foighil. F. O Cuaigain. John Donnellan.
 - (b) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Thomas Healy for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Doon. - Ref. No. 39765."
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. G. Bartley.
 - (c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Teresa Faherty, Menlo Park. - Planning Ref. No. 40206."
John Molloy. Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby.
 - (d) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to grant Permission to Peter J. Talbot for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Lydacán. - Planning Reference No. 39876."
P. McCormack. M. J. Kilgannon. John Donnellan.

- (e) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, That Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Mrs. Kathleen Lane. - Planning Ref. No. 40011."
Frank Fahey. Tony Murphy. Michael Fahy.
- (f) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a service station and pumps and septic tank to Mr. Brendan Callinan, Franchfort, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 40066."
Ulick Burke. Michael Fahy. Edward Haverty.
Tony Murphy. John Callanan. Paul Connaughton.
- (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 Planning Permission for the erection of joinery workshop at Carnmore West to Gerry Grealish, Carnmore, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 40197."
John Molloy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.
- (h) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Martin Mullins, Ballyturin, Gort, for the erection of three dwellinghouses at Rindifin, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 40159."
Michael Fahy. G. Bartley. Mark Killilea.
- (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 for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Paraic Mac Eochagain at Oughterard. - Planning Ref. No. 40355."
N. O Conchubhair. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.
- (j) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to David Griffin (Junior) of Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Maum. - Planning Ref. No. 39499."
G. Bartley. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.
- (k) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Brendan Casey for the erection of three dwellinghouses at Barranny. - Planning Reference No. 40298."
P. McCormack. M. J. Kilgannon. Michael Ryan.
- (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 Permission for the erection of four dwellinghouses to Mr. Oliver Hession, Crinnage, Craughwell, Co. Galway, - Planning Reference Number 40224."
Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy. Tony Murphy.

- (m) "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 for the erection of a new covered area factory in the Townland of Brownville, Bushypark, for Dominick Lydon. - Planning Ref. No. 40194."
Thomas Welby. P. O Foighil. P. McCormack.
- (n) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Martin Higgins for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Ballindooley. - Planning Ref. No. 40077."
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. John Molloy.
- (o) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Patrick Burke of Castlecreavey, Currandulla, for a Housing Development (four houses) at Castlecreavey. - Planning Ref. No. 40330."
Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Michael Fahy.
2. Minutes.
3. Fix date of October Meeting - 4th Monday is a Public Holiday.
4. Raising of Loan of £258,300 for Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply.
5. Sanitary Services Capital Allocation - report herewith.
6. Local Authority Housing Capital Allocation 1981 - report herewith.
7. Raising of Loan of £3 million for Local Authority Housing.
8. Disposal of site - 7 acres at Parkmore, Tuam. - Notice dated 4th September, 1981.
9. Disposal of site - 2 roods at Mountain North, Athenry. - Notice dated 4/9/'81.
10. Sale of three Housing Sites at Cullairbaun, Athenry. - Notices dated 24th August, 1981, and 15th September, 1981, to the following:
Mr. Pdraig M. Ryan, 6, Abbey Row, Athenry, Co. Galway.
Mr. Gerard McNamara, 5, St. Martins, Caheroyan, Athenry, Co. Galway.
Mr. Sean Cronin, 39, Dalysfort Road, Salthill, Galway.
11. Council's Finances.
12. Councillors' Notice of Motion Funds - Roads - proposal for alternative uses - Minute No. 1162.
13. Accident Insurance proposals for Members - Minute No. 1166 - Memorandum herewith.
14. Revision of remuneration - (a) Road Overseers.
(b) Grades analogous to Clerical/Administrative Grades.
(c) Social Workers.
15. Remission of Rates on Industrial premises - Togher & Co. Ltd., Tuam.
16. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTIONCOUNCILLOR FRANK GLYNN - I will propose:

18. That in future as Rate Collectors retire (a) that no new Rate Collectors be appointed, and (b) that the rates in those areas be collected through the office systems.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

19. That Galway County Council take steps to improve the view of the head of the Pribbaun road, Roscahill.
20. What is the position re the extension of the water scheme Carnmore to Lisheenavalla/Cregmore.
21. That Galway County Council erect two lights on the road leading from the new Council Estate, Headford, to the middle of the town near Duffy's and that the Council name this new estate "St. Fursey's Avenue".

COUNCILLORS MICHAEL FAHY, TONY MURPHY AND DEPUTY M. KILLILEA - We will propose:

22. That Galway County Council provide that a taxi line be provided in the centre of Athenry Town.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

23. That Galway County Council carry out urgent repairs on two dwellinghouses in South Galway (names and addresses given). Both houses - roofs are collapsing in on the people mentioned.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

24. That this Council ask the Government to use its influence particularly with the American Government in having the slaughter in El Salvador brought to an immediate end.

SENATOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

25. That this Council calls for action in relation to the Gort Regional Water Supply.
26. That steps be taken as a matter of urgency to augment the Kinvara Water Supply.
27. That the road widening at the Station Road, Gort, be carried out as early as possible.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will ask:

28. To what districts in the County, including those in the Galway City Environs served by the Corporation on behalf of the County Council, the domestic refuse collection service has been extended during (a) 1st January, 1980, to 31st December, 1980, and (b) 1st January, 1981, to date.
29. When will the work of installing the filters to the water mains at Lough Buffy serving the Oughterard Regional Water Supply commence.
30. When will the traffic route lighting from Moycullen be carried out.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose

31. That this Council call on the Government to take the necessary steps to keep open the Tuam Sugar Factory.

COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

32. That the levy being charged to business houses for the collection of refuse be dropped.

34. That the Craughwell Sewerage Scheme proceed in 1982.
35. What is the present position with regard to the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme.
- AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:
36. Cen airgead ata caite ag an E.E.C. i nGaeltacht Chonamara le dha bliain anuas.
37. Go gcuirfi an droch chasadh o theach Antaine O Flatharta, Crinnaig, Leitirmoir, comh fada le Droichead na Trachta, sna Meastuachain i 1982.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Co. Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

4th September 1981

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

Land Acquired from; Tuam Race Co. Ltd.

Location; Parkmore, Tuam

Area; 7 acres approximately.

To whom land is to be transferred; Tuam Stars G.A.A. Club.

Consideration in respect of Disposal; Tuam Stars G.A.A. Club to transfer to the Council an area of approximately equal size. The Council to finance the erection of a boundary wall in the sum of £9478 around the area for disposal to the G.A.A. Club.

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:

K. Doyle
Co. Secretary.

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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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4th September, 1981

TO EACH MEMBER/

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 83 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: Thomas Gill (Junior), Mountain North, Athenry.

Location: Mountain North, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Area: 2 roods

To whom land is to be transferred: Mrs. Nora Gill, Mountain North, Athenry.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:
Exchange for plot containing 1 rood and 20 perches in the townland of Mountain North.

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:

K. Doyle
COUNTY SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

24th August, 1981

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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

A Chara:

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

LAND

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

Mr. Pdraig M. Ryan, 6 Abbey Row, Athenry

<u>SITE NO.</u>	<u>AREA OF PLOT</u>
53	.11 Acre

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
53	£3,500

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.
3. The Erection of a house to be completed by the purchaser within two years.

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
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

15th September, 1981.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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

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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

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
Mr. Gerard McNamara, 5 St. Martins, Caheroyan, Athenry.	5	.073 acre
Mr. Sean Cronin, 39 Dalysfort Road, Salthill, Galway.	50	.13 acre

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
5	£3,000
50	£4,000

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

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
James Costello (Snr.), Glenmore, Athenry, Co. Galway.	Eight windows and two window frames were damaged.	County at large.	£600	£367.50
John J. Mulcair, c/o A. Gerard Moylan & Co., Solicitors, Loughrea, Co. Galway.	Damage to property.	Borough of Galway.	£1,500	£1,523.58

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 1981, TO CONSIDER THE CLOSURE OF THE TUAM SUGAR FACTORY

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Senator T. Byrne, Deputies Callanan and Connaughton, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Deputy M.D. Higgins, Councillors Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputies Killilea and Kitt, Senator Mannion, Councillors Molloy, O Conchubhair, O Morain, and Ruane.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M.J. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1172 - PROPOSED CLOSURE OF TUAM SUGAR FACTORY:

The Chairman said that the meeting was called to discuss a very serious issue which would affect the whole West of Ireland and while it was an immotive issue, he hoped that it would be discussed in a rational and constructive manner and hopefully a solution would be found.

The Councillors thanked the Chairman for calling the meeting at such a short notice. They said the matter was urgent because the Taoiseach was receiving a deputation on the subject on Wednesday, 23rd September.

A long discussion on the proposed closure took place in which all the Members present took part and during which the following points were made.

- (a) That the continued existence of the Tuam Sugar Factory was vital to the social and economic welfare of County Galway and the West of Ireland as a whole.
- (b) The closure would have disastrous consequences affecting the full-time workers, seasonal workers, farmers, spin-off employment, etc. The factory was the life blood of the town of Tuam and also provided a system of training in skills and expertise of the highest level.
- (c) The decision was hard to understand at a time when the beet acreage was up. If an agricultural based industry could not be sustained in the West of Ireland, the future was hopeless.
- (d) Claims that it would cost £10,000 to retain each job in Tuam were unsustainable as it was now costing that much to create jobs and on top of that would have to be added the cost of redundancy payments, etc.
- (e) When the Sugar Factory was set up in Tuam, it had a social commitment to the area but now it was being closed down on economic grounds which was not a prerequisite in locating the factory there.
- (f) That the Management side must carry some of the blame for the alleged losses in the Tuam Factory. Because of the over supply of sugar since joining the E.E.C., the Company should have streamlined itself.
- (g) The existing number of unemployed in Tuam was over 600 while the number unemployed in the Tuam Area was over 2,000. This showed that there had been a failure to plan for the region and much was left to chance with no real assessment of what jobs were needed to be carried out. To add to the present numbers unemployed was a miserable prospect.

- (h) In addition to keeping the factory open, a definite commitment to long-term planning was needed with proper accountability thereby removing the uncertainty hanging over both workers and farmers over the years.
- (i) The continued existence of the Sugar Factory was vital for the further industrial development of Tuam.
- (j) The closure would mean the dismantling of beet production in the West of Ireland, a decision that could not be taken lightly. The closure of a factory using raw materials produced in the area would have terrible consequences and would break confidence in agricultural based industry.
- (k) That the farmers in the West of Ireland cannot compete ton per ton with other farmers because of the difference in beet yield and that this would have to be recognised and an adequate subsidy given which would put them on an equal footing with farmers in the rest of the country.
- (l) That the all-party committee which recommended the closure had no representative from the West of Ireland. The report seemed to compare Tuam with other European Factories which was not so in the case of other factories.
- (m) That the closure of the Tuam Factory would do little to solve the problems of C.S.E.T. as a whole. That while there may be an over supply of sugar at present, sugar was a world wide product and to close the factory would be a very short-sighted decision when nobody knows what lies ahead.
- (n) That it was ridiculous that Agencies like the I.D.A. could do nothing about providing alternative employment until the factory gates are closed.
- (o) That in the interests of Regional Development, special assistance should be made available by the E.E.C. to help the Tuam Sugar Factory, and towards this end, the County Development Officer should call a meeting of all interested parties - workers, farmers, I.D.A., County Council, etc., to formulate a policy to keep the factory open and plan its future.

The Chairman said that the contributions of the Members were most constructive and the Council was unanimous that the factory should remain open. After some further discussion, the following resolution was proposed by Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Brennan and passed unanimously and it was decided to send it by telegram to the Taoiseach:

"That Comhlucht Siucra Eireann, Teo., be seen as a development Corporation capable of exploiting all opportunities for processing agricultural produce.

That the Company's objectives, structure, programmes and finances be geared to ensure the achievement of this role in the long-term.

That the continued existence of the Tuam factory is vital to the social and economic welfare of County Galway and the West of Ireland."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John Callanan

CHAIRMAN

23/10/91

DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; M.J. Dunne, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, R. Killeen, M. Tierney, Senior Executive Engineers; W.A. Cahill, Acting Senior Executive Engineer; F. O Gallachoir, Acting Executive (Planner); E. Lusby, Finance Officer; Miss C. Hett and Mr. T. Murphy, Senior Staff Officers; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening prayer was recited.

1173 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39033 - APPLICANT: ANTAINE O TUATHAIL:

The County Manager stated that this resolution was on the Agenda for the last meeting. Since then, the Council had discussions with the landowner. These discussions had not yet been finalised. He suggested that the resolution be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. This was agreed and it was also agreed that the next meeting would be held on Friday, 23rd October.

1174 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39765 - APPLICANT: THOMAS HEALY:

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

"The site in question is too small to accommodate a house and its associated requirements, since the floor area would cover 50% of the site.

Mr. Healy was already refused permission for a dwellinghouse on this site on 18/3/'81 (Planning Ref. No. 37516) on the grounds of inadequate site size and unsatisfactory proposal for siting of septic tank.

On the basis of the details given, permission is not recommended on the following grounds:-

- (i) The proposed building contravenes the required building line of 40 feet from the roadside boundary.
- (ii) Total site coverage involves approximately 50% of the site.
- (iii) Inadequate parking space would appear to be provided.
- (iv) The septic tank cannot be located on the site, but is to be located across the road on lands which would not appear to be in the ownership of the applicant, and this entails the excavation of 60 yards on County Road and the construction of a manhole on the road with a further 50 yards of piping through fields.

(v) Applicant was asked by letter of 21st August, 1981, to submit a properly dimensioned and detailed site plan and also to submit evidence of ownership or rights and wayleaves in respect of the land where he proposes to locate the septic tank together with evidence of any housing need, but no reply has been received from him.

(vi) No consultation has been held in relation to this application.

(vii) Development has commenced on the site.

In the absence of additional information, refusal is recommended on the proposal as it stands for the reasons given."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby. He said that the applicant inherited the holding on which the site was located and that the land on which it was proposed to locate the septic tank was also part of the holding. The County Manager said that the Council did not know that the site of the septic tank was the property of the applicant. The applicant was written to in this connection and had not replied.

The resolution was seconded by Deputy Killilea. Councillor Ruane said that any information requested by the Council in support of an application should be submitted by the applicant.

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

1175 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40206 - APPLICANT: TERESA FAHERTY.

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

1176 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39876 - APPLICANT: PETER J. TALBOT.

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

"HISTORY:

The proposed site is a subdivision of a site which was the subject of a previous outline planning permission (Planning Ref. No. 8237). Outline Planning Permission was granted by the then Minister to Mr. John Fahy for two houses on the proposed and adjacent lands subject to the lands being sterilized from any future development. This agreement was executed in August, 1975 and is still operative. The current proposal would contravene this sterilization agreement.

CURRENT PROPOSAL:

The proposed site is a subdivision of a larger site which was the subject of outline planning permission (ref. No. 8237). The proposal involves the erection of a house between the two houses permitted by the original outline planning permission and which have been built; the distance between the two houses is only 75 feet.

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area on the grounds that

(i) The proposed road frontage of 50 feet would be contrary to the standard requirement of 75 feet on a County Road.

(ii) The proposed development when considered in conjunction with the existing permitted development would result in an excessive density of septic tank development in a restricted area and would be liable to constitute a public health hazard because the site is not of sufficient size to accommodate a septic tank and field

drainage system in accordance with I.I.R.S. standards as recommended by the County Medical Officer.

(iii) The development as proposed would contravene the terms of the covenant entered into by the original landowner and the County Council in respect of the sterilization of the proposed and adjacent lands and would also contravene a condition of a previous permission granted for an adjoining house, planning ref. no. 16985.

(iv) The proposed development would be likely to be detrimental to the residential amenity of the adjoining houses because of the restricted site.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal is recommended for the above reasons.

An objection has been received from the adjoining house owner."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor McCormack. He agreed that the site was restricted but said that the owner of the site was the owner of one of the houses and he had submitted a suitable house plan. The resolution was seconded by Deputy Donnellan.

Councillor O Morain referred to the objection against the application and asked what status this objection had compared to objections from An Taisce. The County Manager replied that the objector had a legitimate interest in the application. Replying to Councillor J. Burke, he stated that it was possible for the Council to release the land from the sterilisation agreement.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused. There was no seconder.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1177 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40011 - APPLICANT: MRS. KATHLEEN LANE:

The County Manager stated that a request for Further Information had been issued in the case of this application.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that the reply to Further Information was handed in over a week ago. The County Manager stated that the reply received was insufficient. It was decided to defer the resolution until a full reply is received.

1178 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40066 - APPLICANT: MR. BRENDAN CALLINAN:

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 Galway to Loughrea National Primary Route, about two miles east of Loughrea. The site is a lowlying site with a high water table, and it becomes waterlogged in parts.

The applicant, Mr. Brendan Callanan, was granted outline permission and approval for a dwellinghouse on this site, on the basis of a second family claim made by him. This permission was granted on condition that -

- (a) An enurement agreement was entered into with the Planning Authority;
- (b) That not more than one house should be erected on the entire site.

Planning Ref. No. 34901 refused permission to Mr. Callanan for a further house on this site.

Planning Ref. No. 37740 refused permission to Mr. Callanan for a service station and septic tank on this site on -

- (a) Traffic grounds;
- (b) Because the County Development Plan prohibits all commercial development on National Primary Routes.

Mr. Callanan appealed this decision to An Bord Pleanála which upheld the decision of Galway County Council.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

- (1) The proposed development located on the National Primary Route would be contrary to the provisions of the 1979 County Development Plan because it constitutes commercial development on the National Primary Route, which is wholly restricted by Table No. 3 of the Plan.
- (2) The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because it is located on the National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies."

Senator U. Burke proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He stated that it was a large site and was well drained as drainage had been improved. The applicant has a family and intends building his house there. He said it was the safest stretch of road in the County.

Deputy Callanan seconded the resolution saying that if the petrol station was well signposted, drivers would know it was there.

The County Engineer stated that he was quite satisfied that the erection of a petrol station at this location would create a serious traffic hazard. It was a very vast section of National Primary Road and traffic turning right in particular would create very serious traffic problems. If this application was granted, it would open the way for other applications.

Deputy Connaughton stated that the site was along a very wide road and he felt that it would not create any hazard unless cars are driving wrecklessly. Councillor Glynn stated that this was a very serious application along a National Primary Route. There were enough petrol pumps already and the application should be refused. Councillor Glynn proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor J. Burke. When a vote was taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda, it resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Deputies Callanan and Connaughton, Councillors Coogan, F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Councillor McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan, and Welby.

(21)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn, and Holland.

(3)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1179 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40197 - APPLICANT: GERRY GREALISH:

The County Manager stated that there were problems with this application in relation to the flight path for the Airport and further details were required. As soon as the Further Information is received, the resolution will be put back on the Agenda.

1180 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40159 - APPLICANT: MARTIN MULLINS.

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

"BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located on the main Galway - Limerick National Primary route just south of Gort, at a point where the maximum speed limit applies.

Permission for development of houses on this site have been refused on three previous occasions -

Planning Ref. Number 20810 refused by Galway County Council and by the Minister for Local Government.

Planning Ref. Number 24936 refused by Galway County Council.

Planning Ref. No. 39234 refused by Galway County Council.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed development is located on a site to the rear of existing houses and has been refused by the Planning Authority for the following reasons:

- (a) the development would constitute a traffic hazard because it has a substandard access onto the National Primary road.
- (b) The development would constitute a traffic hazard because the traffic turning movements generated by the development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the said road.
- (c) the proposed development would constitute an undesirable development of a backland site, to the rear of existing houses and would interfere with the privacy and residential amenity of the adjoining houses.

Three adjoining householders have objected to development on this site to the rear of their houses (see planning ref. no. 20819 and 24936).

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because having a substandard access onto a national primary road, where the maximum speed limit applies the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said road.
- 2. The proposed development which would constitute undesirable backland development would interfere to an undesirable degree with the privacy and residential amenities of the adjoining houses."

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that he was proposing the resolution in order that houses be made available for young people living in the area and that it would not cause any traffic hazard. The resolution was seconded by Deputy Killilea.

Councillor J. Burke said that the proposers had not made a case for the development and he proposed that it be refused saying that there were also objectors to the application. Councillor Glynn seconded Councillor Burke's proposal.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senators U. Burke, Byrne, Deputies Callanan, Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Senator Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan and Welby.

(22)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn and Holland.

(3)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1181 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40355 - APPLICANT: PADRAIC MAC ECHAGAIN.

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

1182 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39499 - APPLICANT: DAVID GRIFFIN.

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

1183 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40298 - APPLICANT: BRENDAN CASEY.

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

1184 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40224 - APPLICANT: OLIVER HESSION.

Deputy Killilea stated that this resolution was being withdrawn.

1185 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION 40194 - APPLICANT: DOMINICK LYDON.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located to the north of the Galway-Moycullen road past Bushypark in the townland of Brownville and is serviced by a very narrow and substandard County Road. It is within 100 metres of the Corrib.

HISTORY:

An application by D. Lydon (Galway) Ltd., planning ref. No. 38693 was received by the Planning Authority on 25/3/'81 for permission for the erection of a factory and offices. The use proposed for the factory was for cutting and bending steel and reinforcing bars. A decision to refuse permission was issued by the Planning Authority on 22/7/'81 on the grounds that:-

1. The proposed development if permitted, would generate considerable extra heavy vehicular traffic from a very narrow road onto the National Secondary Road, where the maximum speed limit applies, thus constituting a traffic hazard and, if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The proposed development, if permitted, would lead to the establishment of an industrial/commercial complex in an area of high amenity adjacent to the Corrib River and if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

An application by Messrs. D. Lydon (Galway) Ltd., planning reference number 40194 was received by the Planning Authority on 6/8/'81 for the erection of covered industrial workshop and septic tank, and this is the application under consideration.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed industrial workshop is located in an area of high scenic amenity close to the river Corrib.

It should be noted that a Mr. Michael Burke, who has permission for a dwellinghouse on a site opposite the proposed development, planning reference number 32096 objected to the original application, planning reference number 38693. This objection was subsequently withdrawn and an application was received by the Planning Authority on 29/5/'81 planning reference no. 39432 from Mr. Michael Burke for Outline Permission for the erection of a warehouse on his site.

A decision to refuse Outline Permission was issued by the Planning Authority on 22/7/'81 on similar grounds as already described above for planning reference number 38693.

This decision has been appealed by the applicant to An Bord Pleanala.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development, if permitted, would generate considerable extra heavy vehicular traffic from a very narrow road onto the National Secondary Road, where the maximum speed limit applies, thus constituting a traffic hazard and, if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development, if permitted, would lead to the establishment of an industrial/commercial complex in an area of high amenity adjacent to the Corrib River and if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area. "

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He stated that the applicant was a young man employing seven people. He had got the site from his father. The employees were working at present in the open and needed a covered area. He said the road from the factory opened on to the National Secondary Road at a point which had been widened. The resolution was seconded by Councillor McCormack. He said that the reasons for refusal did not stand up. He said that the business was already in operation and no extra traffic would be involved. The applicant had been sanctioned for I.D.A. Grants.

The County Manager reminded the Members that this was not the proper place for this development. It was within 100 metres of Lough Corrib and was an area which was under threat and should be preserved from development, pollution, etc.

Cuidigh an Comhairleoir O Foighil leis an run. Nior aontaigh se leis na fathanna a bhi luaite chun an iarratas a dhiultu. Duirte se go raibh an iarrthoir as an ait agus ba choir cead a thabhairt do.

Councillor Glynn suggested that the proposers should withdraw the resolution and discuss the application with the County Development Team who will do everything possible to help the applicant without destroying the County. He proposed that the application be refused. Councillor J. Burke said that

the County was lucky to have such a beautiful waterway as the Corrib and that it must be preserved and cannot be allowed to be destroyed for any short-sighted gain. He said that the Council must have the courage to refuse such applications and respect the Plan for the good of the County. He seconded Councillor Glynn's proposal.

On the question as to whether development had commenced, Mr. Cahill stated that he visited the site some weeks ago and the foundations had been laid and there were materials on the site.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senators U. Burke, Byrne, Deputies Callanan, Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Kilgannon, Deputies Killilea Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ryan and Welby.

(23)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, and Ruane.

(4)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1186 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40077 - APPLICANT: MARTIN HIGGINS.

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

"LOCATION

The proposed site is located on a substandard bend on the Galway/Headford road approximately a half mile beyond the Borough boundary.

HISTORY

Permission has already been granted by Section 4 for a garage on the adjacent site. Permission has also been granted for a dwellinghouse beside the proposed site on the basis of a second family claim.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

Permission is now sought for an additional house on these lands, again on the basis of a second family claim. The granting of this permission is not desirable because -

- Such development would lead to further ribbonization which would set a precedent for the development of the total lands in the family holding on this route with
- Alternative sites are available on the family holding which are not located on the National Secondary Route.

RECOMMENDATION

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

- The proposed development would generate additional turning manoeuvre on a substandard bend on the National Secondary Route which would be liable to cause a traffic hazard and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
- The proposed development would set a precedent for additional ribbonization on this section of the National Secondary Route which would not be in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area.

- The proposed development, which could be accommodated on an alternative part of the family holding, would be contrary to the stated policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict residential development on this route to cases of essential housing need which cannot otherwise be satisfied."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the applicant had got the site from his father and had started a panel beating business. The house would be erected adjacent to a site on which another house is being erected and both would use the same exit. Deputy Killilea seconded Councillor Welby's proposal saying that it was a second family application.

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

1187 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40330 - APPLICANT: PATRICK BURKE.

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

1188 - WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR MURPHY:

On the proposition of Councillor F. Fahey, the Members welcomed Councillor Murphy's return to the Council after a stay in hospital.

1189 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of meetings held on the 24th August, 1981, and 31st August, 1981, numbers 1119 - 1171 inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman informed Councillor F. Fahey that the question of road restoration could be discussed under Manager's business. He decided not to allow discussion on the question of charges for refuse collection as there was a notice of motion on this subject at item no. 32 on the Agenda.

1190 - DATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING:

As the fourth Monday in October was a public holiday, it was decided to have the October Monthly meeting on Friday, 23rd October, 1981.

1191 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager informed the Council that the estimated cost of this scheme had been revised and the total cost was now estimated at £1,333,000. It was necessary for the Council to raise a loan for 20% of this cost, i.e., £266,600 and not £258,300 as set out on the Agenda. It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £266,600 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

1192 - SANITARY SERVICES - CAPITAL ALLOCATION:

The County Manager stated that the Capital allocation for sanitary services had been increased from £731,000 to £1,031,000 - an increase of £300,000. Details of the Council's proposals for the spending of the allocation were circulated to each Member per letter from the Assistant County Manager dated 21st September, 1981. In reply to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that the Mid-Galway Scheme was expected to be completed by mid 1983.

1193 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION:

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The County Manager stated that the House Construction Capital Allocation had been increased by £750,000 bringing the total to £2,875,000. There was a serious problem, however, in that there was a stipulation that of the total allocation, the Council would have to carry £375,000 on overdraft. He said that the Council was in serious difficulties about the availability of overdraft and the cost of it and that the Council could not carry this £375,000. If the Council's overdraft exceeds £2.5 million, the interest rate on the excess will be 23%. He felt that the Department should forego this stipulation or else pay the interest which would accrue on it.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Killilea and resolved:

"That the Minister for the Environment be asked to waive the condition affecting the Housing Capital Allocation requiring the Council to finance the sum of £375,000 from normal working overdraft.

That the Minister be asked to recoup to the Council its outlay of interest in respect of any part of the Housing Capital Allocation 1981 borne by normal overdraft borrowings."

Replying to Deputy Connaughton, the County Manager stated that last year's total allocation was £1,880,000.

Deputy Connaughton welcomed the increased allocation and expressed satisfaction in relation to the proposals for utilising the allocation as set out in letter to each Member dated 22nd September, 1981.

Replying to Councillor Glynn, the County Manager stated that a new scheme in Tuam would not start until finance was available. Replying to Councillor Ryan, he stated that some rural houses could not be started until the stipulation in relation to overdraft was solved. Deputy Callanan was informed that a reply had been received from the Department in relation to the Council's objection to the new regulations excluding single people from getting Council loans. Councillor Kilgannon said that this was a crazy scheme and would have to be amended. Senator U. Burke was informed that there were no proposals in the current allocation for either new houses or private sites in Loughrea. Senator Byrne was informed that agreement had been reached in relation to the purchase of a number of acres of land in Gort for Housing.

1194 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £3 MILLION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

The County Manager stated that it was necessary to raise a further loan of £3 million to cover this year's expenditure and 1982 expenditure on Housing Capital Works.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3 million from the Commissioners of Public Works for house construction, the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

1195 - DISPOSAL OF SITE AT PARKMORE, TUAM. - NOTICE DATED 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1981.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of approximately 7 acres of land at Parkmore, Tuam, to the Tuam Stars G.A.A. Club in accordance with the terms set out in Notice dated 4th September, 1981, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

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1196 - DISPOSAL OF SITE AT MOUNTAIN NORTH, ATHENRY. - NOTICE DATED 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1981.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Mountain North, Athenry, measuring 2 acres, to Mrs. Nora Gill, Mountain North, Athenry, in accordance with the terms set out in Notice dated 4th September, 1981, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

1197 - SALE OF HOUSING SITES AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of housing sites at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to the following applicants in accordance with the terms of notices under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

Name	Address	Notice
Mr. Padraig M. Ryan	6, Abbey Row, Athenry.	24/8/'81
Mr. Gerard McNamara	5, St. Martins, Caheroyan, Athenry, Co. Galway.	15/9/'81
Mr. Sean Cronin	39, Dalysfort Road, Salthill.	15/9/'81

1198 - COUNCIL'S FINANCES:

The County Manager stated that the Council had been in touch with the Department of the Environment by way of correspondence and by way of telephone in connection with the resolution passed by the Council at its meeting on the 27th July in connection with the Council's finances. Sanction to over-expenditure had not been received nor was finance made available. He read letter dated 24th August, 1981, from the Minister's Secretary which stated that the contents of the Council's resolution had been noted. The County Manager stated that the Council would continue to press the Department on the matter.

1199 - COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION FUNDS - MINUTE NO. 1162:

It was noted that this item had appeared on the Agenda for the last few meetings. It was agreed that the Notice of Motion money should be reserved for roads.

1200 - ACCIDENT INSURANCE SCHEME FOR MEMBERS - MINUTE NO. 1166:

A memorandum on the Group Personal Accident Schemes for Members of Local Authorities was circulated to each Member with the Agenda and the subject was discussed at the previous meeting of the Council. It was pointed out that if a Member wished to opt for Scheme B, he would have to pay the extra cost himself, i.e., £30.50. The Chairman advised any Member who wished to opt for Scheme B to forward the £30.50 to the County Secretary who would arrange the insurance with the Insurance Company.

1201 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - ROAD OVERSEERS:

The County Manager referred to the scheme for rationalisation of pay rates for General Operatives which was approved by the Council at its meeting on the 31st August, 1981. He said that the Department of the Environment has now advised that these rationalisation proposals have now been agreed by the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Unions in relation to rural road overseers. As in the case of the General Operatives, the offer is in three phases, phase 1 from the 7th March, 1981, phase 11 from 7th September, 1981, and phase 111 from 1st January, 1982. The existing maximum rates and the revised maximum rates are as follows:

Date	Existing Maximum	Revised Maximum
7th March, 1981.	£109.33	£112.17
1st June, 1981.	£116.98	£120.02
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The estimated cost for 1981 is £4,300. Phase 111 which is effective from the 1st January, 1982 involves a further £1 per week plus any resultant adjustment from National Wage Agreements. It was proposed by Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Coogan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised wage scales for rural road overseers as outlined by the County Manager and approve an additional expenditure of £4,300 in the current financial year to implement the revised scales."

1202 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - GRADES ANALAGOUS TO CLERICAL/ADMINISTRATIVE GRADES:

The County Manager referred to the pay increase for Clerical and Administrative Grades which was approved by the Council at its meeting on the 31st August, 1981. He said that the Agreement in question also provided for the revision of salary scales of analagous grades. The revised scales for these grades have now been agreed and sanctioned by the Department. The analagous grades include the Library staff, Storekeeper, Rate Collectors, Rent Collectors, Clerk of Works/Housing Inspectors, and Assistant Civil Defence Officer. The estimated cost of the increase is £30,140 which provides for the interim increase only to those grades analagous to grades 11 and 111.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve revised salary scales for Grades analagous to Clerical and Administrative grades as outlined by the County Manager and also approve additional expenditure of £30,140 in the current financial year to implement the increases."

1203 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - SOCIAL WORKERS:

The County Manager stated that notification had been received from the Department of the Environment that the Minister would be prepared to consider proposals to increase the salary scales payable to Social Workers in accordance with the increases granted to para medical grades. The increases granted to the para medical grades were approximately 25% from the 1st January, 1979. The cost of implementing the increase for the Council's Social Workers would amount to £6,300 of which £3,420 refers to years 1979 and 1980. 90% of the salary of Social Workers is recouped to the Council by the Department of the Environment and therefore, the net cost to the Council is in the region of £630. The present scale for Social Worker effective from the 1st June, 1981, is £5,425 - £6,875. The proposed scale is £6,909 - £8,761.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised salary scales for Social Workers as outlined by the County Manager and also approve additional expenditure of £6,300 in the current financial year to implement the increases."

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The County Manager stated that an application for remission of rates under the Industrial Development Acts had been received from Messrs. Togher & Co., Ltd., Tuam, in respect of an extension which was carried out to their premises in 1980. The increased valuation was £30 effective from the 1st January, 1981. The remission of rates, if granted, would be for the period 1st January, 1981, to the 31st December, 1990 and would cost £235.65 in the current year.

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

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 to 1978, hereby remit two thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the industrial premises occupied by Messrs. Togher & Co. Ltd., at Galway Road, Tuam, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1981 to 1990 inclusive, the appropriate certificate under Section 3 of the Industrial Development Act, 1972, having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

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The list of Malicious Damage Decrees circulated under item 16 on the Agenda was noted.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

1206 - ST. CLERANS/LECARROW GROUP WATER SCHEME:

With the permission of the Chairman, Deputy Killilea raised the question of a special contribution for St. Clerans/Lecarrow Group Water Scheme. The County Secretary stated that the Council had requested details from the Department on the costings of the scheme. These details had not arrived at the time the Agenda for the meeting was being circulated, and therefore, it was not possible to put it on the Agenda for the purposes of raising a loan.

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With the permission of the Chairman, Deputy Kitt and Councillor F. Fahey raised the question of road restoration. Councillor F. Fahey referred to letter dated 7th September, 1981, from the Department of the Environment and in particular, to the statement that for the vast majority of Group Schemes, the question of financing road restoration charges in excess of 60p should not arise. He said that the charge of 60p was out of date and this should be made clear to the Department. The County Manager said that this had already been done and that in fact Group Schemes were now going ahead.

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Letter dated 21st September, 1981, from the County Secretary to each Member of the Council regarding charges for non-domestic refuse had been circulated with the Agenda. It stated that charges were being levied for the collection of non-domestic refuse in cases where over 10 bins were left for collection when the survey was made. The charges were at the rate of £30 per quarter where refuse is collected weekly and £20 where there is a fortnightly collection. The charges would come into affect on the 1st October, 1981.

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Councillor McCormack proposed that the new Council Estate be named "St. Furseys Avenue" and this was agreed.

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The Acting Secretary stated that a taxi rank could not be provided in the absence of parking bye-laws for Athenry town. It was expected that the new County Bye Laws would be in operation shortly and the request can then be considered.

Replying to Councillor Welby, the Acting Secretary stated that Oughterard would be included in the new County Bye-Laws.

1215 - ESSENTIAL REPAIRS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the two applicants in question were written to earlier in the year (as well as others) saying that a grant would be available if the work was carried out by the 1st September, 1981. There was no response and the money is now all allocated. Some money was set aside to do some cases by direct labour which were as bad or worse than these two cases. The Council had also tried to get Contractors but failed. Councillor M. Fahy said that these were two urgent cases where the houses were on the verge of collapsing and he asked that priority be given to them.

1216 - EL SALVADOR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Kilgannon stated that he was touched by the statements of Bishop Casey which he felt should be supported by the County Council. The motion was seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed. Councillor Joyce asked that a similar resolution be sent in relation to Iran.

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The Acting Secretary stated that the Council has been unable to obtain all of the lands required for this scheme by agreement. A Compulsory Purchase Order is being prepared and will be published in October. If there are objections, a Public Enquiry for the Compulsory Purchase Order and the Water Supply Proposal will be arranged by the Minister for the Environment.

Senator Byrne said that a number of people were incensed at the delay in getting the scheme moving. Water was urgently needed for the development of Gort and the surrounding areas. Councillor F. Fahey supported Senator Byrne.

1218 - KINVARA WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY SENATOR BYRNE:

The Acting Secretary stated that provision was made in the 1980 Estimates for ground water investigation at Kinvara. However, the work was not carried out due to land acquisition difficulties. There is no provision in the 1981 Estimates. The matter can be considered at the preparation of Estimates for 1982 for investigation over a wider area up to say 2 miles from Kinvara. In the long term, the area is included in the Gort Regional Scheme.

Senator Byrne said that the supply of water in Kinvara was insufficient and he asked that it be augmented as quickly as possible.

1219 - ROAD WIDENING AT STATION ROAD, GORT. - MOTION BY SENATOR BYRNE:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are no monies available for the widening of the Station Road, Gort, in the current year's Estimates.

Councillor F. Fahey asked that an estimate of cost be prepared as two commercial interests would be willing to contribute.

1220 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the extension of the refuse collection service during 1980 and 1981 was restricted to residential developments where the lack of service might cause nuisance and the following are the details:

District	No. of Houses	Date
A. Mackney Rural/Moher, Ballinasloe.	26	April 1980
Carragh Estate, Knocknacarra.	40	May 1980
Glenaslat, Monivea.	16	Autumn 1980
B. Clybaun Estate, Knocknacarra.	35	June 1981
Cullairbaun Estate, Athenry.	34	September 1981

The Acting Secretary stated that it had always been the practice to extend the refuse collection service to housing estates.

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The Acting Secretary stated that the Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme Stage 1, Phase 2, which includes a treatment works and reservoir is sanctioned and tenders will be invited when the tender and legal documents are complete. It is unlikely that work would commence before mid 1982.

1222 - TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING, MOYCULLEN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the E.S.B. were requested to submit their design and estimate for Traffic Route Lighting schemes at Oughterard and Moycullen last February. They have now informed us that the design of the schemes will be completed within two weeks and the estimate will follow within 2 to 3 weeks. The schemes will then be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for approval and when approval is received, the order will be issued to the E.S.B. The most likely date for installation of these schemes is March of next year.

Replying to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer stated that the necessary finance was available for this work.

1223 - TUAM SUGAR FACTORY CLOSURE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

This item was not discussed as it was dealt with at the special meeting.

1224 - CHARGES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

This motion was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

1225 - CRAUGHWELL SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that when finance was being provided out of Revenue for water and sewerage schemes, it was intended that this scheme could be provided from those resources. As there are now no such funds available from this source, the scheme will have to be added to the Capital Programme, and as such, will have a very low priority.

Replying to Councillor F. Fahey, the County Engineer stated that only some preliminary investigation work had been done in relation to disposal. Councillor Fahey said that Craughwell had good potential for development and suggested that as the scheme was not a big one that planning on it could go ahead.

The County Manager stated that the Council was not in a position to give further schemes to consultants but would have a look at the cost of the scheme.

1226 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the preliminary report for Oranmore Sewerage was submitted to the Department on 11th May, 1981. We have confirmation from the Department that the proposed foul sewerage system is generally in order subject to agreement on phasing and other technical details. Further discussions took place on 14th August, 1981, between the Department Engineering Inspector, the Council's Engineer and the Consultants and agreement reached on the technical details which are required by the Department. We now await investigation of the details and report by the Consultants.

Replying to Councillor F. Fahey, the County Engineer stated that some modifications had to be carried out and the Consultants were working on these.

1227 - MOLTAL ON CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

It was decided to send written replies to An Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair.

1228 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Carty, Liam Mellow's Terrace, Loughrea.
Mrs. D. Lyons, Cooloo, Brierfield, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Cristine Joyce, Ballybane Road, Galway.
Padraic O Coincheanainn
Mrs. Ward & Family, Pollnabrone, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Frank Rocke, Cloone, Gort.
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nolan, Corker, Gort.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John Callanan CHAIRMAN
23/10/81 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
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16u Deire Fomhair, 1981.

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, 23u Deire Fomhair, 1981, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH

Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

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2. Minutes.

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7. Fehily Plan.
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13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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AN COMHAIRLEOR NIÓCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

14. Go gcuirfi an droch chasadh o theach Antaine O Flatharta, Crinnaig, Leitirmoir, comh fada le Droichead na Trachta, sna Meastuachain i 1982.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

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The Acting Secretary stated that there was no money in the Estimates for 1981 for public lighting.

Councillor McCormack said that he was not satisfied with this reply. It was a dark road with two high walls and was very dangerous.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Engineer stated that the traffic route lighting for Kilrickle was going ahead.

Councillor McCormack proposed that the new Council Estate be named "St. Fursey's Avenue" and this was agreed.

1214 - PROVISION OF TAXI LINE IN ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS M. FAHY, T. MURPHY, AND DEPUTY M. KILLILEA:

The Acting Secretary stated that a taxi rank could not be provided in the absence of parking bye-laws for Athenry town. It was expected that the new County Bye Laws would be in operation shortly and the request can then be considered.

Replying to Councillor Welby, the Acting Secretary stated that Oughterard would be included in the new County Bye-Laws.

1215 - ESSENTIAL REPAIRS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the two applicants in question were written to earlier in the year (as well as others) saying that a grant would be available if the work was carried out by the 1st September, 1981. There was no response and the money is now all allocated. Some money was set aside to do some cases by direct labour which were as bad or worse than these two cases. The Council had also tried to get Contractors but failed. Councillor M. Fahy said that these were two urgent cases where the houses were on the verge of collapsing and he asked that priority be given to them.

1216 - EL SALVADOR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Kilgannon stated that he was touched by the statements of Bishop Casey which he felt should be supported by the County Council. The motion was seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed. Councillor Joyce asked that a similar resolution be sent in relation to Iran.

1217 - GORT REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR BYRNE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council has been unable to obtain all of the lands required for this scheme by agreement. A Compulsory Purchase Order is being prepared and will be published in October. If there are objections, a Public Enquiry for the Compulsory Purchase Order and the Water Supply Proposal will be arranged by the Minister for the Environment.

Senator Byrne said that a number of people were incensed at the delay in getting the scheme moving. Water was urgently needed for the development of Gort and the surrounding areas. Councillor F. Fahey supported Senator Byrne.

1218 - KINVARA WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY SENATOR BYRNE:

The Acting Secretary stated that provision was made in the 1980 Estimates for ground water investigation at Kinvara. However, the work was not carried out due to land acquisition difficulties. There is no provision in the 1981 Estimates. The matter can be considered at the preparation of Estimates for 1982 for investigation over a wider area up to say 2 miles from Kinvara. In the long term, the area is included in the Gort Regional Scheme.

Senator Byrne said that the supply of water in Kinvara was insufficient and he asked that it be augmented as quickly as possible.

1219 - ROAD WIDENING AT STATION ROAD, GORT. - MOTION BY SENATOR BYRNE:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are no monies available for the widening of the Station Road, Gort, in the current year's Estimates.

Councillor F. Fahey asked that an estimate of cost be prepared as two commercial interests would be willing to contribute.

1220 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SYSTEM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the extension of the refuse collection service during 1980 and 1981 was restricted to residential developments where the lack of service might cause nuisance and the following are the details:

District	No. of Houses	Date
A. Mackney Rural/Moher, Ballinasloe.	26	April 1980
Carragh Estate, Knocknacarra.	40	May 1980
Glenaslat, Monivea.	16	Autumn 1980
B. Clybaun Estate, Knocknacarra.	35	June 1981
Cullairbaun Estate, Athenry.	34	September 1981

The Acting Secretary stated that it had always been the practice to extend the refuse collection service to housing estates.

1221 - INSTALLATION OF FILTERS AT LOUGH BUFFY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme Stage 1, Phase 2, which includes a treatment works and reservoir is sanctioned and tenders will be invited when the tender and legal documents are complete. It is unlikely that work would commence before mid 1982.

1222 - TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING, MOYCULLEN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the E.S.B. were requested to submit their design and estimate for Traffic Route Lighting schemes at Oughterard and Moycullen last February. They have now informed us that the design of the schemes will be completed within two weeks and the estimate will follow within 2 to 3 weeks. The schemes will then be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for approval and when approval is received, the order will be issued to the E.S.B. The most likely date for installation of these schemes is March of next year.

Replying to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer stated that the necessary finance was available for this work.

1223 - TUAM SUGAR FACTORY CLOSURE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

This item was not discussed as it was dealt with at the special meeting.

1224 - CHARGES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

This motion was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

1225 - CRAUGHWELL SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that when finance was being provided out of Revenue for water and sewerage schemes, it was intended that this scheme could be provided from those resources. As there are now no such funds available from this source, the scheme will have to be added to the Capital Programme, and as such, will have a very low priority.

Replying to Councillor F. Fahey, the County Engineer stated that only some preliminary investigation work had been done in relation to disposal. Councillor Fahey said that Craughwell had good potential for development and suggested that as the scheme was not a big one that planning on it could go ahead.

The County Manager stated that the Council was not in a position to give further schemes to consultants but would have a look at the cost of the scheme.

1226 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the preliminary report for Oranmore Sewerage was submitted to the Department on 11th May, 1981. We have confirmation from the Department that the proposed foul sewerage system is generally in order subject to agreement on phasing and other technical details. Further discussions took place on 14th August, 1981, between the Department Engineering Inspector, the Council's Engineer and the Consultants and agreement reached on the technical details which are required by the Department. We now await investigation of the details and report by the Consultants.

Replying to Councillor F. Fahey, the County Engineer stated that some modifications had to be carried out and the Consultants were working on these.

1227 - MOLTAI ON CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

It was decided to send written replies to An Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair.

1228 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Carty, Liam Mellow's Terrace, Loughrea.
Mrs. D. Lyons, Cooloo, Brierfield, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Cristine Joyce, Ballybane Road, Galway.
Padraic O Coincheanainn
Mrs. Ward & Family, Pollnabrone, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Frank Rocke, Cloone, Gort.
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Nolan, Corker, Gort.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John Callaghan

CHAIRMAN

23/10/81

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16u Deire Fomhair, 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 h-Aoine, 23u Deire Fomhair, 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 & 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 full Planning Permission to Patrick J. Baldwin for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Castletown, Gort - Ref. No. 40646."
Michael Fahy. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.
 - (b) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Francis Noone for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Castletown, Gort - Ref. No. 40084."
John Donnellan. Toddie Byrne. M.J. Kilgannon.
 - (c) "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht don Bhainistíocht Cathair agus Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cinneadh a dheanamh cead pleanála a thabhairt do Antaine O Tuathail, Cois Meig Mór, Na Forbacha. - Uimhir Pleanála 39033."
P. O'Foighil. F. O Cuaigain. John Donnellan.
 - (d) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Brian Walsh of Ross, Moyard, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Crocknaraw. - Planning Reference Number 39595."
John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. N. O'Conchubhair.
 - (e) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Glynn of Bridge Street, Clifden, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Emlagharan. - Planning Ref. No. 39869."
John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.

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- (f) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, that Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Mrs. Kathleen Lane. - Planning Ref. No. 40011."
Frank Fahey. Tony Murphy. Michael Fahy.
 - (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 Planning Permission for the erection of joinery workshop at Carnmore West to Gerry Grealish, Carnmore - Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 40197."
John Molloy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.
 - (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 Permission to Brendan Casey for the erection of three dwellinghouses at Barranny. - Planning Reference No. 40298."
P. McCormack. M. J. Kilgannon. Michael Ryan.
2. Minutes.
 3. Sale of Houses to the following tenants - Notices dated 13/10/1981.
William & Mary Kelly, Carrowreagh, Kiltulla, Athenry.
Gerard Fergus, Knockatogher, Kiltulla, Athenry.
Thomas Earner, Cloghrack, Eyrecourt.
Michael & Catherine O'Shaughnessy, Mira, Turloughmore.
Senan & Anne Marie Davis, Fairyhill, Portumna.
John J. Daly, Magheramore, Killimor.
 4. Raising of Loan of £1,556 to finance Council's Contribution to Caherlistrane/Kilcoona Group Water Scheme.
 5. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £38,000 for Portumna Fire Station.
 6. Statutory Demands, 1982.
 7. Fehily Plan.
 8. Environmental Schemes 1981.
 9. Islands River.
 10. Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967 - waiver of conditions under Section 7.
 11. Revision of Remuneration - Grades 11 and 111 and analogous grades.
 12. Malicious Damage Decrees - list attached.
 13. Business submitted by the County Manager.
- COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION
- AN COMHAIRLEOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:
14. Go gcuirfi an droch chasadh o theach Antaine O Flatharta, Crinnaig, Leitirmoir, comh fada le Droichead na Trachta, sna Meastuachain i 1982.
COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:
 15. That a sum of money be made available in the Estimates to be awarded as Prizes to the Tidy Town Committees of the top five towns in the County

next year as judged by Bord Failte. I suggest the prizes be as follows:-

1st - £300; 2nd - £250; 3rd - £200; 4th - £150; 5th - £100.

Total amount £1,000.

COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will propose:

- 16. That refuse collection service be provided for the houses on the Slievfin/Knockdoe Road, Claregalway.
- 17. That a no dumping sign be erected at Ballinacourty Pier, Maree.

COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE - I will propose:

- 18. That the County Council acquire the site that is available for extending the graveyard at Kilbannon.
- 19. That the Parkmore Scheme in Tuam of houses be started as a matter of urgency.
- 20. That a sewerage scheme be implemented to solve the problem at Airglooney, Tuam.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

- 21. That Galway County Council take immediate action to have caravans prohibited from the National Primary and Secondary Roads from continually being parked.
- 22. That Galway County Council take steps in having carpet marketing by open traders in Gort prohibited.

DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN & COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - We propose:

- 23. That Galway County Council delete from the Co. Development Plan the proposed by-pass road at Loughrea, which is written into the Plan, as I understand the Planning Authority have now agreed on an alternative by-pass.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

- 24. That Galway County Council provide a refuse collection at Tonegurrane, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.
- 25. That Galway County Council provide speed limit signs or failing that go slow signs at Tonegurrane, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.
- 26. That the County Manager tells the Council what steps have been taken to close the unauthorised caravan park at Knocknacarra, Salthill.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE; COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON & DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN - We will propose:

- 27. That the Minister for Education be called upon to rescind Circular 24/81 on the raising of the school-entry age.

COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - I will propose:

- 28. That the Minister for Education be asked to review Circular 24/81 on the raising of the school entry age.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

- 29. That Galway County Council erect a Light at Ryehill Church, Monivea, Athenry.
- 30. What is the present position of Moylough sewerage scheme?
- 31. When traffic route lighting will be provided at Kilrickle?

DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

- 32. That the speed limit at Clarenbridge be reduced from 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

- 33. That a school warden be provided for Spiddal Village schools.
- 34. When will work recommence on stretch of road opposite Noones of Woodstock.
- 35. That the refuse collection service be extended to Bunitubber, Corrandulla.

COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - I will propose:

- 36. That all schemes in connection with housing for the elderly be administered henceforth by the County Council only.

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MALICIOUS INJURY DECREEES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. costs
Charles Lynch, Lettermore, Co. Galway.	Damage to Front Door of lock-up Shop	County at Large	£500.00	£258.34.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

13th. October, 1981

Ref. No. 63/6/1527

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. Gertrude Kelly, Raford, Kiltulla,
Athenry, Co. Galway.

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

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

William & Mary Kelly of: Carrowreagh, Kiltulla, Athenry,

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,325

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. 63/6/438

13th. October, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Patrick Walsh, Knockatogher, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway.

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

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Gerard Fergus of: Knockatogher, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £3,925.

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. 63/9/1419

13th. October, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- John A. Conroy, Market Street, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cloghbrack, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Thomas Earner of: Cloghbrack, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6,768.

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. 63/3/1462

13th. October, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- John O'Shaughnessy, Mira, Turloughmore,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Mira, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael & Catherine O'Shaughnessy, Mira, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £10,155.

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. 63/9/1447

13th. October, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Michael Madden & Mary Rock, Portumna,
Co. Galway.
William Martin, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Location:- Fairyhill, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Senan & Anne Marie Davis of: Fairyhill, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,787.

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. 63/9/801

13th. October, 1981

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Joseph Hanney, Kylemore, Killimor,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John J. Daly of: Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £1,320.

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.

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TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A meeting of a Committee of the Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday next, 30th October, at 3.30 p.m.

The meeting is for the purpose of enabling the members for the Galway Electoral Area, and any other members who may wish to attend, to consider the proposals in the Fehilly report for development of amenity areas from Galway to Furbo.

Copy of the report has already been circulated to the Galway Area Members - a copy is now enclosed for the information of other Councillors.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

27th October, 1981.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 23RD OCTOBER, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy J. Callanan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1229 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40646 - PATRICK J. BALDWIN:

The Deputy County Manager stated that a request for Further Information had been issued in this case and it was agreed to defer consideration of the resolution until a reply is received.

1230 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40084 - FRANCIS MOONE:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that a decision to grant this application had been made.

1231 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39033 - ANTAINE O TUATHAIL:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that a decision to grant Permission in this case had been made.

Councillor O Foighil expressed his appreciation to the staff of the Council for the manner in which this application was dealt with - they had done everything possible to meet the wishes of the applicant and he expressed his own and the applicant's appreciation.

1232 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39595 - APPLICANT: BRIAN WALSH.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located to the south of the road leading from Moyard towards Cleggan opposite Garraunbaun Lough in the townland of Crocknaraw.

HISTORY:

An application was made by Mr. Brian Walsh for Outline Planning permission,

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planning register number 26510 to Galway County Council on 20th December, 1977. A decision to refuse Outline Planning Permission was issued by the Planning Authority on 7th February, 1978, on the grounds that:-

"The site is located along a scenic route and the proposed house would be the only development in an unspoilt stretch of landscape. It would, therefore, detract from the amenity of the area as well as setting an undesirable precedent for further development."

This decision was appealed by the applicant to An Bord Pleanala and a decision to refuse Outline Permission was issued on 8th May, 1979, on the grounds that:-

"The site is located in an area of high amenity and the proposed development would diminish the open character of the area and injure its amenity value."

An application for permission for erection of dwellinghouse was received by the Planning Authority for the same application on 5th May, 1980, and a decision to refuse permission was issued on 26th June, 1980, on the grounds that:-

"The site is located in an area of high amenity and the proposed development would diminish the open character of the area and injure its amenity value."

Another application was received by the Planning Authority from the same applicant for permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse, planning reference number 37258, on 24th October, 1980, and a decision to refuse permission was issued by the Planning authority on 12th December, 1980, on the grounds that:-

- (a) The site is located in an area of high amenity and the proposed development would diminish the open character of the area and injure its amenity value.
- (b) Permission has already been refused twice by the Planning Authority including one on appeal by An Bord Pleanala.

A further application for permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse was received from the same applicant by the Planning Authority on 8th June, 1981, planning permission reference no. 39595 and this is the application at present under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The site is located in an area of high amenity and the proposed development would diminish the open character of the area and injure its amenity value.
2. The site to be developed, being waterlogged, is unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent and, if permitted, the proposed development would be liable to be a danger to public health by reason of a health hazard.
3. The proposed septic tank and percolation area located within 200 feet of Garraunbaun Lough would be liable to cause pollution of the Lough, thus constituting a health hazard and, if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
4. Permission has already been refused three times by the Planning Authority including one on appeal by An Bord Pleanala."

The Deputy County Manager drew the attention of the Council to the amenity objections to the application and in particular to the fact that the site is waterlogged and unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent and also the likelihood of pollution of Garraunbaun Lough thus constituting a health hazard. Deputy Bartley proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that the applicant had bought this land about five years ago as he needed a house for himself near Clifden. Deputy Donnellan seconded Councillor Bartley's resolution. Councillor Welby stated that there is nothing wrong with the site and that it could be made suitable.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

1233 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39869 - APPLICANT: JOHN GLYNN.

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that a decision to grant permission in this case had been made.

1234 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40011 - APPLICANT: MRS. KATHLEEN LANE.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located at Caherpeak East on the main Galway to Gort National Primary Route, 1½ miles south of Kilcolgan.

Planning Permission has been refused on this site on four previous occasions by Galway County Council and these decisions have been upheld on appeal (see ref. Nos. 11327, 20296, 28260 and 39070).

The applicants have been Mr. Eamon Lane and Mrs. Kathleen Lane.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The proposed development constitutes non-essential housing not related to any existing farm holding in the area and such development is contrary to the Planning Authority's policy of wholly restricting housing on the National Primary routes unless bona fide second family claims are substantiated.
2. The applicant has never made any second family housing need claim. The applicant is the owner of the house in which she now lives and therefore, housing need is not relevant to the consideration of this application. The applicant states that the site was bought in 1970 and has submitted a copy of a contract to show evidence of this. However, this is not a valid consideration for the Planning Authority.
3. The proposed development would be prominently located on an isolated hillock and it would be visually obtrusive and not capable of being satisfactorily assimilated into the surrounding countryside.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed house adjoining a National Primary road would
 - (a) adversely affect traffic safety and traffic flow;
 - (b) be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area;
 - (c) conflict with the policy of the Planning Authority as set out in the County Development Plan which aims to restrict access points onto such roads in the interests of traffic safety.

2. The proposed development has previously been refused by the Planning Authority and the Minister for Local Government on appeal.
3. The proposed development would be prominently located on a small isolated hill and would thus detract from the visual amenity of the area because it would be visually obtrusive and not capable of being satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings."

Councillor F. Fahey proposed the motion set out on the Agenda and stated that while he agreed with the contents of the report in general, he pointed out that the applicant was a native of the area and had owned the land in question since 1969. He had not claimed a housing need for himself but he has a brother who is genuinely in need of a house. Councillor T. Murphy seconded Councillor F. Fahey's proposal.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

1235 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40197 - GERRY GREALISH:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that a decision to grant permission in this case had been made.

1236 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40298 - APPLICANT: BRENDAN CASEY:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that a decision to grant permission in this case had been made.

1237 - MINUTES:

Councillor O'Morain, referring to Minute no. 1172 of the meeting of 21st September, 1981, stated that a number of comments by Members had been recorded in the Minutes of that meeting but that a statement which he (Councillor O'Morain) had made to the effect that the danger was evident that shortly the public would see more than the Tuam Factory closing and that if this trend continued, Udaras na Gaeltachta and other authorities could be next for closure. He stated that there was no reference to this in the Minutes. It was agreed that Councillor O'Morain's comment would be recorded.

Subject to this amendment, the Minutes of Meetings held on the 21st and 28th September, 1981, numbers 1172 - 1228 inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman, on the proposition of Councillor Ryan seconded by Councillor O'Morain.

Arising from the Minutes, Councillor F. Fahey stated that he had got information from the Council on the cost of widening the Station Road at Gort but that the information given therein was not correct as the cost did not take into account that one or two commercial interests in the area had material available free of charge for filling and he asked that this be taken into account and that an enquiry be addressed to the two commercial interests concerned as to how much they would contribute towards the work. He asked that this would now be done.

Councillor McCormack referred to Minute No. 1185 of the meeting of the 28th September, 1981, and it was stated in relation to a Section 4 resolution in that Minute that the site in question was within 100 metres of the Corrib. He stated that he had gone to the site, measured it, and found that it was a quarter of a mile from the river and it was a further distance from the lake. He further stated that the site is a most suitable one and that the Corrib or the river could not be seen, and neither could the house be seen from the road. He considered that his reputation suffered as a result of the wrong information supplied to the Council at the meeting and subsequently quoted in newspapers and in Minutes, which suggested that he was irresponsible in

proposing a development of this nature so close to the Corrib.

Councillor Welby, agreeing with Councillor McCormack's complaint, stated that the site is practically one mile from the Corrib and he asked that the circumstances in which wrong information was given be fully investigated.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the matter would be investigated and the Council informed at the next meeting.

The Chairman stated that it was important that the matter be clarified.

1238 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Senator Burke 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 13th October, 1981, under 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, which were circulated to each Member of the Council:

William & Mary Kelly, Carrówreagh, Kiltulla, Athenry.
Gerard Fergus, Knockatogher, Kiltulla, Athenry.
Thomas Earner, Cloughbrack, Eyrecourt.
Michael & Catherine O'Shaughnessy, Mira, Turloughmore.
Senan & Annie Marie Davis, Fairyhill, Portumna.
John J. Daly, Magheramore, Killimor.

1239 - LOAN £1,556 - CONTRIBUTION TO CAHERLISTRANE/KILCOONA GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,556 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of financing the Council's contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for Caherlistrane/Kilcoona Group Water Supply Scheme - the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

1240 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - PORTUMNA FIRE STATION:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £38,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of financing the construction of a Fire Station at Portumna, the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

1241 - STATUTORY DEMANDS, 1982:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received from the Office of Public Works that the demand on Galway County Council for 1982 under the Arterial Drainage Act shows an increase of £281,434 or 53.5% over the amount of the demand in 1981. He stated that the trend in recent years has been for the amount of statutory demands on the Council to outstrip the percentage rate increase allowed, thus resulting in less and less monies being available to the Council for use on its rate financed functions. He also stated that increases of the magnitude shown in the drainage demand will very quickly, unless remedial action is taken, result in the Council being left with no monies to finance its own rate financed services and will obviously give rise to very serious and long-term implications. He pointed out that the problem cannot be solved by the Council unless Government Action is taken either to:

- (a) allow an appropriate percentage rate increase to take cognisance of statutory rate demand increases, or,
- (b) make special provision for funding of the Council with a percentage increase of statutory demands over and above the percentage rate increase allowed, or,
- (c) revise the method of funding Bodies which make such demands on the Council, i.e., Board of Works, ACOT, Western Health Board, Committee of Agriculture, etc.

Members of the Council expressed serious concern at this trend and it was proposed by Councillor O h-Uiginn, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, and resolved:

"That the Minister take appropriate action to either -

- (a) allow an appropriate percentage rate increase to take cognisance of statutory rate demand increases, or
- (b) make special provision for funding of the Council with a percentage increase of statutory demands over and above the percentage rate increase allowed, or
- (c) revise the method of funding Bodies which make such demands on the Council, i.e., Board of Works, ACOT, Western Health Board, Committee of Agriculture, etc."

Councillor O Morain stated that money was still due to two statutory Bodies and he proposed that the Council would still seek the reception of a deputation by the appropriate Ministers.

Senator Burke stated that Deputy Connaughton had said that the Minister would announce a date for reception of the deputation very soon.

The Deputy County Manager read for Members letter dated 24th September, 1981, from the Private Secretary to the Minister stating that the Minister intended soon to receive a deputation from the General Council of County Councils to discuss the financial situation of County Councils generally and suggesting that the Council might consider whether this would afford a suitable opportunity for its representatives to discuss the particular financial circumstances which Galway County Council is experiencing.

1242 - FEHILY REPORT - DEVELOPMENT OF AMENITIES GALWAY TO FURBO:

The Deputy County Manager, referring to this report, suggested that the Members for the Galway Electoral Area might meet to discuss the proposals in the Fehily Report for the area from Galway to Furbo in order to make appropriate recommendations on them and he suggested that a meeting might be held before the 9th November as Galway Corporation is considering the Report on that date.

Councillor O Morain suggested that all Connemara Members should attend and other Members suggested that the whole Council should attend the meeting. Councillor O h-Uiginn stated that there is not enough in the Report to merit a meeting of the full Council and he suggested that it would be adequate if only the Galway Members attended the meeting.

After further discussion, it was agreed that a meeting of a Committee of the Council would be held on the 30th October, 1981, at 3.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber in order to give Galway Members and any other Members who wished to do so an opportunity of attending and considering the report.

1243 - ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS SCHEMES 1981:

The Deputy County Manager stated that it had not been possible to have proposals under this scheme circulated in advance to Members and it was only then being typed and would soon be available to Members at the meeting.

Senator Burke stated that East Galway should get a fair share of the grants under this heading.

The Deputy County Manager stated that due to a misunderstanding about the terms of the scheme in 1980, there had been over-expenditure of £66,199. An application had been sent to the Minister for permission to defray this excess expenditure from the allocation for 1981, and if this is received, the total amount available to the Council in 1981 would be £36,456. If it is not possible to defray the excess expenditure off the current year's allocation, it will have to be funded by the County Council and the amount of money available to the County Council for Environmental Grants in such circumstances will be £77,500. Proposals for the expenditure of those sums were then circulated to Members of the County Council showing in list A, the proposals if the total amount available is £36,450, and in list B proposals for the expenditure of £77,500 if this amount is available. He also informed the Council that the money had been allocated as evenly as possible throughout the County. The Deputy County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the proposals set out at A and B in the list circulated to Members.

Councillor O Morain proposed and Deputy Killilea seconded that the Council approve the proposals set out in list A and list B depending on the amount of money which becomes available to carry out the works. Councillor Haverty protested that the list had only been given to the Members while the item was being discussed and he considered it far too late to enable the Council to make a decision on it at that date. He proposed that the matter be adjourned to a later meeting.

Councillor Joyce seconded Councillor Haverty's proposal that the matter be adjourned.

The Deputy County Manager stated that it is desirable that the Council would give clearance for the expenditure at the earliest possible date as the money must be expended by next March, and it is also desirable to commence work in order to maintain employment.

Councillor O'Morain asked that the two Councillors would agree to let the motion go ahead because of the danger of lay-offs of Council employees but he agreed with Councillor Haverty that it was not fair that Members should get reports as late as this and he stated that in such cases as in the case of Section 4 resolutions, they should get reports much earlier.

Councillor Joyce stated that the Engineer in the Portumna Area was new and that he would need more time to examine the proposals. He considered that some items which should be included had not been listed.

Senator Burke stated that money was to be made available for development around Loughrea Lake and he considered that enough thought had not been put in to development proposals in this area.

Councillor Haverty and Senator Kitt asked that the meeting to consider the Fehily Report on Friday, 30th October, be made a general County Council meeting.

The Chairman directed that a vote be taken on the proposals made by Councillor O'Morain and Councillor Haverty, i.e., whether the Council would approve the proposals made or whether the matter would be adjourned.

At this stage, Councillor Haverty left the meeting.

A vote taken on the proposal resulted as follows:

FOR APPROVING THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED:

Councillors Bartley, Burke, Senator Burke, Senator Byrne, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, Kilgannon, Deputy Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan and Welby. (17)

FOR ADJOURNING CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL:

Deputy Callanan, Councillors Coogan, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Joyce. (5)

Councillor Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared **Mr. O'Morain's** motion carried.

1244 - ISLANDS RIVER:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that the County Engineer had been in touch with the Central Fisheries Board, Dublin, regarding proposals for cleaning the Islands River. He was informed that the river would be considered a salmon and trout spawning river and as such, work of the nature outlined would be illegal between the 30th September and 28th February each year. In the circumstances, it was not possible to proceed with the work now.

Councillor Finnegan stated that he accepted that it was not possible to do the work now but he proposed that the work would be carried out as soon as possible in the coming year. This proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

Councillor Ryan asked that whatever funds are necessary to complete the work would be provided in 1982.

Replying to queries by Members, the Deputy County Manager stated that it is not possible to carry over the amount which was intended to transfer from roads in the current year, to 1982 but that the question of provision for the cleaning of the river in 1982 will come up when the Estimates are being considered.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed that provision for the cleaning of the river would be included in the Draft Estimates for 1982.

1245 - RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967:

The Deputy County Manager requested that the Council would pass the appropriate resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Act, 1967, so that farmers who had not paid their rates by the end of the year would not lose any remission granted.

It was proposed by Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Ruane 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, 1981."

Replying to a query about rates on agricultural land in 1982, the County Secretary stated that notification had been received from the Department of the Environment some time ago that agricultural rates will be abolished on all full-time farmers who draw up an agreed five year expansion programme with their ACOT Advisor or other authorised agency but that a further

circular regarding implementation of this direction would be received from the Department later.

Councillor Ryan also queried the issue of six day notices by some Rate Collectors and asked if the County Council is instructing Rate Collectors to take people to Court.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Rate Collector knows his responsibilities and he does not have to come to the Manager for authority to issue six day notices. He pointed out, however, that Rate Collectors have an obligation to collect Rates and the Council has an obligation also to collect outstanding rates, but in addition, he pointed out that the Council will be as sympathetic as possible in cases where hardship is claimed.

The Chairman stated that he assumed that the County Council would be sympathetic to anybody who comes into the office to discuss the problems he may have on payment of rates and the Deputy County Manager stated that the Council would be sympathetic but that does not mean that the Council can forget altogether about payment of rates. Officials of the Council will be prepared at any time to discuss arrangements with people for payment of outstanding rates by instalments.

Replying to Senator Burke, the Chairman stated that a commitment had already been given that no rates whatever would be payable on agricultural land in 1982.

1246 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION GRADES 11 AND 111 AND ANALAGOUS GRADES:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that following negotiations between the Unions and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board, and with the approval of the Minister for the Environment, agreement had been reached on revised salaries for Clerical, Administrative and analagous grades as from the 1st September, 1980. The old scale as at the 1st September, 1980 and the new scale as from the same date are as follows and National Wage Agreement increases as from the 1st September, 1980, would also be applicable to the new scales

	Old Scale at 1/9/'80		New Scale from 1/9/'80	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Grade 11	£3,303	£4,372	£3,647	£5,281
Library Assistants and Assistant Civil Defence Officer	£3,826	£5,904	£4,192	£6,759
Rent Collector (per house)		£8,220		£9,071
Grade 111	£3,826	£5,904	£4,192	£6,759
Rate Collectors	- Percentage increases corresponding with Grade 111 increases.			

He stated that the additional cost of implementing the revised scales is £37,400 up to the 31st December, 1981. It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Joyce and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised salary scales for Clerical, Administrative and analagous grades as outlined by the Deputy County Manager, and also approve additional expenditure of £37,400 in the current financial year to implement the increases."

1247 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that a malicious damage decree set out on the schedule to the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER

1248 - FIELD OFFICERS - I.D.A.:

Referring to a previous resolution passed by the Council in connection with a proposal by the I.D.A. to appoint Field Officers in each County, the Deputy County Manager read for Members a letter dated 30th June, 1981, from the Office of the Minister for the Environment to the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council. The letter stated that according to revised proposals which had been drawn up for the administration of the I.D.A. Small Industries programme, the previous proposal to appoint a Field Officer in each county has been dropped in favour of an alternative proposal to strengthen the Small Industries staff in the I.D.A.'s Regional Offices, and that in the circumstances, no further action would seem to be required in relation to the resolution in the matter passed at the recent annual meeting of the General Council of County Councils.

The letter from the County Councils' General Council stated that the Executive Committee had now been requested to investigate still further the question as to what the alternatives will be.

1249 - HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS SCHEME:

Mr. Howlett gave an outline of the new House Improvement Grants Scheme which will be administered by the Department of the Environment. Councillor McCormack stressed that the public should be made aware that they must not start work until the house which is the subject of the application has been inspected as cases where work was done before the qualifying date will not qualify for grants.

Deputy Killilea stated that the applicant should be aware of the requirement with regard to satisfying the Department about overcrowding, that foundations cannot be put in until approval to the grant is received.

He advised applicants for Grants to register their applications as some have been mislaid in the Department. He also asked about payment of supplementary grants by the County Council for people who had got approval some years ago, and he requested a report on such cases outstanding.

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

- Windows and roof repairs would qualify for grants without the requirement regarding the chimney;
- That people who started repair works under the old scheme should now be allowed to avail of the grants;
- That in dealing with housing loans, the Council does not take income of both applicants into account unless it is specifically stated by the Department that it should be done as existing Department requirements do not specify this clearly;

in addition, people who have applications in before the revised conditions for loans should not have both incomes taken into account.

Senator Burke also asked that both incomes should not be taken into account as this has not been done in other Counties.

Mr. Howlett stated that a letter had been sent to the Department on a number of matters raised by Members of the Council at a previous meeting and that a reply was awaited. He understood that the Department would soon issue a directive regarding the incomes which should be taken into account. The Council is following the Circular which was issued by the Department as it is felt at the moment that the Council has no option but to take both incomes into account in accordance with the Department's Circular. He stated,

however, that applications which were in before the new scheme came into operation are not affected by this decision and that they are being dealt with in the normal way. If the Department clarifies that certain incomes need not be taken into account, this will be given effect retrospectively by the Council.

Councillor Joyce stated that the Government should provide for grants for improving sub-standard houses and should cater for those who have work carried out since the previous scheme ended and before the present scheme commenced. He also asked that the Council would resume providing extra bedrooms in County Council houses where there is overcrowding since grants are now again available. Mr. Howlett stated that the problem in connection with this matter is that the Council has no funds to make up the difference between the total cost and the amount of the grant.

Senator Byrne stated that the Council should make provision for the extra cost in relation to extra bedrooms in its own houses - he considered that the grants go a long way towards assisting in the improvement of houses but do not go far enough.

Councillor M. Fahy asked for a clarification of overcrowding.

After further discussion, it was agreed that a copy of the Department's Circular would be circulated to each Member of the Council.

Referring to Councillor F. Fahey's proposal, Councillor McCormack stated that it would be unrealistic to ask the Department to make grants retrospective to February 1980 when the previous scheme ended.

1250 - REVISED DIFFERENTIAL RENT AND PURCHASE SCHEMES:

Mr. Howlett informed the Council that new schemes for revision of differential rents and purchase of local authority houses were coming into operation on the 1st January 1982.

MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS

1251 - ST. CLERAN'S GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Deputy Killilea stated that he had asked that this matter be on the Agenda for the October meeting but it was not. The Department, he stated, had informed him that it had sent some queries back to the County Council. He also stated that he was informed in the Department of the Environment that Galway County Council react strongly to any suggestions made by the Department in connection with Group Schemes. He stated that costs are rising rapidly and he proposed that the Council would give a grant of whatever amount is recommended by the Department of the Environment. Deputy Donnellan seconded this proposal which was agreed by the Council.

1252 - IMPROVEMENT WORK - NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD AT KILCOLGAN:

Councillor F. Fahey asked when will improvement work on the National Primary Road at Kilcolgan commence. It was agreed that a reply would be sent to Councillor Fahey.

1253 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Deputy Killilea asked that a report on the position in relation to this scheme be available for the next meeting.

1254 - AUCTIONEER MEMBERS OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND SECTION 4 PLANNING CASES:

Councillor Coogan stated that the public are asking what is the position regarding Auctioneer Members of the County Council who might be involved in selling sites which are the subject of resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

Councillor Welby asked if Councillor Coogan has any information in any particular case. Councillor McCormack referred to the obligation of Members to declare interests under the Planning Act, 1976.

References to individual Members were withdrawn at the request of the Chairman.

1255 - SECTION 4 RESOLUTIONS AND AN TAISCE:

Councillor O Morain stated that the position of Councillors was being eroded, they are being criticised in the press and insinuations are being made that Councillors abuse their powers under Section 4. He stated that following objections by an anonymous Body, An Taisce, planning applications are being refused and he objected to any organisation going behind the backs of the Councillors to An Bord Pleanala. The Chairman stated that the Council has no powers over the activities of An Taisce and they are statutorily entitled to get notifications of Planning Applications. Councillor McCormack criticised An Taisce pointing out that they do not have to pay the costs which result from their objections and that delays in any event could mean that people could lose up to about £5,000. He believed that the fee for lodging an objection should be far more than £10. Councillor Fahey supporting Councillor O'Morain, stated that objections to single houses were more serious and he suggested that the Membership of An Taisce should make themselves known and their reason for objecting.

Deputy Killilea referring to an objection by An Taisce in a case of permission sought at Carrick East, Cornamona, stated that the client in question had to hire a lawyer and that while two people were present when the oral hearing was going on, they took no part in it saying that they were only holding a watching brief, neither they nor the representatives of An Bord Pleanala were ever on the site. He stated that the activities of An Taisce in this case contributed to the applicant's wife's illness.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that An Taisce has the duty to intervene where it sees that our national heritage is in danger.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the Council has a right to pass Section 4 resolutions and that a third party has a right to object.

Councillor Welby also criticised the action of An Taisce and stated that they should be called on to change their attitude towards planning applications.

The Chairman stated that the procedure must be changed elsewhere as there is legal provision for notifying An Taisce and for exercise of the right to objections by them. Councillor Kilgannon again referring to the necessity of preserving amenities which are worth preserving stated that he did not think that An Taisce should have power to overturn Section 4 resolutions but he stressed that a watchdog over the activities of planning authorities is necessary.

Councillor O'Morain supported Councillor Fahey's recommendation that An Taisce be requested to make it known who they are and their reasons for their objections.

1256 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, Ceoltoiri Moylough were congratulated on their recent achievements.

1257 - DROCH CHASADH AR AN MBOITHAR O THEACH ANTOINE O FLATHARTA, CRINNUIG, LEITIRMOIR, COMH FADA LE DROICHEAD NA TRACHTA - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

Toisc nach raibh an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair i lathair ag an am seo, mhol an Comhairleoir O Morain an run a bhi sa chlar.

Duirt an Runai go gcuirfear an moladh seo san aireamh nuair a bheas na Meastuchain i gcomhair 1982 a ullmhu.

1258 - PRIZES FOR TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEES IN COUNTY GALWAY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE.

Proposing his motion, Councillor Joyce asked that a sum of money, say £1,000 be provided for the amenity grants scheme for 1982 in order to give prizes to the top five towns in the County in a Tidy Towns Competition confined to the County. Councillor Joyce stated that occasionally it happens that a town or village may be only one or two points short of a score which would merit them a prize in the national competition and he felt that the County Council should give some recognition to committees of such towns who make a special effort.

1259 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR HOUSES ON SLIEVEFIN, KNOCKDOE ROAD, CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that a proposal for re-routing in this case which had been recently made is under investigation, but he stated that the Council could not extend the services where additional cost was involved.

1260 - "NO DUMPING" SIGN - BALLINACOURTY PIER, MAREE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK.

The County Secretary stated that this sign will be erected as soon as possible.

1261 - EXTENSION OF KILBANNON BURIAL GROUND - PROPOSAL BY COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that negotiations are in progress for the purchase of a site for this extension and it is hoped that these will be concluded very shortly.

1262 - PARKMORE HOUSING SCHEME, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that it had hoped to have Phase 1 of the Parkmore Scheme consisting of 22 local authority houses commenced before the end of the current financial year.

Replying to Councillor Burke, Mr. Howlett stated that provision has not been made in the scheme for developed sites.

1263 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR AIRGLOONEY, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that this problem will be solved when stage 11 of the Tuam Sewerage Scheme, namely the collection system, is constructed. The present position regarding the Tuam Sewerage Scheme is that Contract Documents are being prepared for Stage 1.

1264 - PARKING OF CARAVANS ON NATIONAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ROADS AND ROADSIDE TRADING - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that while a Prohibition Order in relation to certain National Primary and Secondary Roads under Section 31 of the Local Government and Sanitary Services Act is in operation, practical difficulties have been experienced in exercising control over residential caravans. Recent Court decisions make it extremely difficult for a local authority to move people from such caravans unless an alternative place is provided for them.

Councillor Fahy recommended that where land is severed by road operations, the Council should fence off the land in question in order to prevent it being used for caravanning and he asked in particular that something be done about camping at Lough Cutra. Senator Byrne and Councillor J. Burke also referred to the serious problems in their areas - Councillor Burke mentioning that "no parking" signs are used to hold clothes lines.

Councillor Frank Fahey, supporting Councillor Michael Fahy's motion, suggested that such areas where parking could take place should be planted and Councillor Welby suggested that where land is severed by road operations, it should be handed back to adjoining land owners who would ensure that no parking takes place.

Regarding roadside trading, the County Secretary stated that the provisions of the Casual Trading Act are at present under examination by the Council's Planning staff and by the Gardai with a view to considering what action should be taken by the Council in relation to the designation of Casual Trading areas. He stated that when proposals are formulated, they will be brought before the County Council for a decision on the implementation of the Act.

1265 - BY-PASS ROAD AT LOUGHREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN AND COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

Deputy Callanan stated that he and Councillor Haverly agreed to have this motion deferred to the next meeting.

1266 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR TONEGURRANE, CORRANDULLA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that there is no spare capacity to extend the refuse collection service as presently organised to this area and there will be no additional resources available in the current year for doing so.

Councillor Welby supported Deputy Donnellan's proposal and both asked that the matter be re-investigated.

1267 - SPEED LIMIT SIGNS OR "GO SLOW" SIGNS FOR TONEGURRANE, CORRANDULLA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that while it was considered that the volume of traffic involved at this location did not warrant the erection of speed limit signs, the recommendation ^{would} be brought before the Committee to be established soon to consider recommendations for change in the speed limits throughout the County. He stated that "go slow" signs are non statutory signs and their erection would have no legal significance.

Deputy Donnellan, however, recommended that the "go slow" signs be erected.

1268 - CLOSING OF UNAUTHORISED CARAVAN PARK AT KNOCKNACARRA, SALTHILL. - MOTION BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that the following steps had been taken in relation to this application:

- 1) Enforcement Notice under Section 31 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, was served on the owner on the 13th February, 1981, to take effect 60 days from that date.
- 2) Two planning applications received on the 27th April, 1981, for retention of the caravan site and for the retention of toilets.
- 3) Both applications were refused on the 24th June, 1981.
- 4) Both applications are now on appeal to An Bord Pleanala and legal proceedings on the basis of Enforcement Notice cannot be issued until the appeals have been decided.

1269 - RAISING OF SCHOOL ENTRY AGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE, COUNCILLOR M. J. KILGANNON AND DEPUTY CALLANAN:

Deputy Callanan proposed the motion on the Agenda.

Senator Byrne stated that it was a rather delicate matter and that a number of Bodies actually involved in the matter had been considering it and he suggested that it might be better if the motion was not put at present.

Councillors Finnegan and Welby stated that implementation of the proposal could lead to redundancies in a number of schools.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that there was some merit in Circular 24/81 and stated that he preferred to see motion at no. 28 passed.

Councillor McCormack stated that children could be admitted at the ages of 4 years and seven months or five years and one month in appropriate cases, and he thought that children were more prepared for school at age 4½ to 5 years.

After a short discussion, it was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that this matter be left to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting particularly as a number of members had left the Council meeting at this stage.

(b) Motion by Councillor Brennan:

It was agreed that this motion be adopted.

1270 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- John and Tom Healy, Ballinastack, Moylough, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. & Mrs. Hurley, Curraferry, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. P. Francis, Kingston, Galway.
- Mr. Brendan Mulheir, Ballinabucky, Peterswell.

1271 - REPLIES TO MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

It was agreed that written replies would be sent to Members on the remaining motions.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Boyle and CHAIRMAN

23rd November 1981 DATE.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

- Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.
- Councillor Bartley, Senator Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Coogan, F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverly, Joyce, McCormack, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan and Welby.
- Officials: M/S P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M.J. Dunne, County Engineer; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); F. Monaghan and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Fleming, Draughtsman; T. Murphy, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1272 - FEHILY REPORT:

Mr. Kearns gave the background to the Fehily Report on proposals for development of amenities in the Galway to Furbo area, and stated that the preliminary estimated cost of the study was £12,000 of which £6,000 was payable by the County Council, and £3,000 each by Galway Corporation and Bord Failte. He asked that the Members would give their views on the proposals and make any further recommendations which they felt appropriate.

Mr. Callagy with the assistance of maps gave an account of the proposals made in the Report. He stressed the importance of preserving Lough Rusheen area and recommended that a hydrological survey of tidal conditions in the area be undertaken. He also recommended that the possibility of constructing a footpath between the golf links by the coast to Silver Strand, and replying to members' queries stated that any development in the Rusheen area would have to take account of its effects on the Bird Sanctuary nearby. Mr. Callagy's proposals were approved.

Referring to the area from Silver Strand to Furbo, Councillor O h-Uiginn recommended that an objective should be to provide a walk along the foreshore, and if possible, the clearing of boulders from the coastline. He also asked that investigations be carried out to determine if the construction of groynes would assist in the creation of sand beaches. The Committee agreed to those recommendations.

Members referred to the serious traffic conditions already existing on the Galway/Spiddal road, and expressed the view that the developments proposed would aggravate the situation. Members also asked if the widening of access roads to the sea would create demand for further development. Mr. Callagy replied that if controls in the Development Plan are implemented, they would provide sufficient control.

The Committee also recommended the provision of adequate carparking at Silver Strand, and at other areas on the coastline where required.

On the proposition of Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was decided that an effort should be made to obtain E.E.C. funds towards the cost of implementing the proposals in the report and the additional proposals approved by the Committee.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Callagy for his comprehensive presentation of the Fehily Report.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Boyle and CHAIRMAN

23rd November 1981 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16u Samhna, 1981.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 23u Samhna, 1981, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission to Frank Joyce of Gurraun, Oranmore, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank. - Planning Reference No. 39083."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. John Molloy.
 - (b) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Michael Cunningham of Gort for two dwellinghouses at Glenbrack, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 40569."

John Donnellan. John M. Mannion. M.J. Kilgannon.
 - (c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Sean Curran of Clooniffe, Moycullen, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballycuirke East, Moycullen. - Planning Reference No. 40219."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. G. Bartley.
 - (d) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Mr. Michael Collins, of Kilgarriff, Headford, for one house at Kilgarriff. - Planning Reference No. 40743."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.

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- (e) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant full Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick J. Baldwin for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Castletown, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 40646."

Michael Fahy. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.
 - (f) "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 Full Permission to Noel Moore for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Emlagharan, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 39306."

John Donnellan. Toddie Byrne. M.J. Kilgannon.
 - (g) "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 Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Teresa Faherty, Menlo Park. - Planning Ref. No. 40206."

John Molloy. Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby.
 - (h) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Paraic Mac Eochagain at Oughterard. - Planning Ref. No. 40355."

N. O'Conchubhair. G. Bartley. 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 Mr. William Costello of Belmont, Cloghan's Hill, Tuam, for a dwellinghouse and garage at Cloonacross, Milltown. - Planning Ref. No. 39943."

Mark Killilea. Patrick Finnegan. John Molloy.
 - (j) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant full planning permission to John Eignor of Gurrane South, Oranmore, Co. Galway, for house and septic tank at Gurrane South. - Planning Ref. No. 40775."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.
2. Minutes.
 3. Fix date of December Meeting (4th Monday 28th is a public holiday).
 4. Revised Rent Scheme for Local Authority houses.
 5. Revised Sale Scheme for Local Authority Houses.
 6. E.E.C. aid towards cost of providing electricity for certain dwellings in Western Areas.
 7. Malicious Injuries Act, 1981, - Memo herewith.
 8. Environmental Improvement Schemes - additional allocation of £11,160.
 9. Raising of Loan of £186,000 - special contribution for Inishmaan Group Water Scheme.

10. Overdraft - quarter ending 31st March, 1982.
11. Finance - (a) Report on present position.
(b) Supplementary Welfare Allowances.
(c) Higher Education Grants - Report and Excess Expenditure.
(d) Deputation to Minister for the Environment.
12. Reform of Local Government - Organisation and Finance:-
(a) Letter from Minister for the Environment - copy herewith.
(b) Resolution passed at Seminar in Limerick in October 1981 - copy herewith.
(c) Request from Tuam Town Commissioners for reception of deputation re Urban status for Tuam.
12. (i) Malicious Injury Decree.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Adjourned from last meeting:

14. DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN & COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - We propose:

That Galway County Council delete from the County Development Plan the proposed by-pass road at Loughrea, which is written into the Plan, as I understand the Planning Authority have now agreed on an alternative by-pass.

15. COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON & DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN - We will propose:

That the Minister for Education be called upon to rescind Circular 24/81 on the raising of the school entry age.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

16. That a small number of serviced sites be made available immediately at St. Lawrence's Field, Loughrea, and that Council sites on the Gort road be offered for sale.
17. That the Galway City Regional Water Scheme be extended from Oranmore to serve Derrydonnell Group Water Scheme and the town of Athenry.
18. That new pumping equipment be installed in the Gort Regional Water Scheme.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

19. That the grounds around the "New Gate" at Bellview, Laurencetown, be developed and the Monument be put in good state of repair as 1982 is the Bi-Centenary of the event which it commemorates, and that the funds necessary be made available in the Estimates.

20. That accommodation roads which serve land only, where there are seven or more landowners, be allowed for taking over under Notice of Motion.

21. That the Council press ahead urgently with the purchase of an extension to the Burial Ground at Meelick, Eyrecourt.

COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

22. That the Council provide money in the 1982 Road Estimates for the removal of dangerous bend by Cashel Hotel, Connemara.
23. That the Council provide money in the 1982 Estimates for the removal of dangerous bends between Clifden and the Community School.

SENATOR BYRNE AND DEPUTY DONNELLAN - We will propose:

24. That a new graveyard be provided at Maree, Oranmore.
25. That a playground be provided at rear of Crowe Street, Council Estate, Gort.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

26. That Galway County Council commence the widening of the Kilcolgan Road at Kilcolgan, as the land there has now been fully acquired by the County Council and there is an allotment of £200,000 for this road in 1981.
27. I will ask the County Manager to give a report on the Gort Water Scheme and also to give report as to the present cause of the very poor water supply in Gort.
28. That County Council meetings be restructured to give more adequate time to Councillors to envisage new policies and discuss them relating to the major problems before us, i.e., housing, roads, finance, etc.

COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN - I will propose:

29. That this Council discuss alternative means of local authority financing.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN - I will propose:

30. That the County Manager give an up-to-date report on what progress is being made re Moylough Sewerage.
31. That the Council complete the work of widening the road at Pete Burke's Cross, Clonberne, - the new fence is now erected by the creamery management.
32. That the Council repair roads in the Kilkerrin-Clonberne area, namely, at Cloonagh, Ballyedmund, Derrinlough, Derreen, Cloonkeen and Cogaula.

COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

33. That this Council calls on the Galway/Mayo R.D.O. to urgently propose a development strategy for the two counties; without such a well-thought out policy programme, the future of the region is very uncertain and is at a serious disadvantage with other regions of the country.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

34. That the file relating to Williamstown Sewerage be reopened with a view to providing a scheme there.
35. That rates overcharged due to temporary excessive valuation be reduced to correspond to the present valuation as revised and corrected. (specific case named).
36. That this County Council urges the Minister for the Environment to make funds available for sewerage schemes in County Galway.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

37. That a full report be given to the next meeting as to why work is not being continued on a stretch of road at Woodstock opposite Noone's house.
38. When will work commence on the laying of footpaths in Moycullen Village.
39. Have any proposals been sent to the Department of the Environment for allocation of funds for dangerous stretch of road at Keernaun, Headford.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

- 40. I will ask for a full report on planning application no. 37820 and 40211 by James Brennan for joinery works at Industrial Estate, Ballybrit.
- 41. That Galway County Council erect an extra light in Turloughmore.
- 42. When will the Moycullen Water Supply be improved?

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

- 43. Go n-iocfadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe uas deontas £4,000 i gcas lucht na n-easlan.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

- 44. That the three elected Members of the European Parliament be invited to a special meeting of the Galway County Council in order that the people of County Galway be made aware what money is being made available to them.
- 45. Ceard ata an Comhairle Condae ag deanamh faoi an droch boladh i gCuan Roasamhil?
- 46. Cen fath nach bhfuil an t-airgead o grup sceim na Mullach dha ioch le Co-Op Chois Fharraige?

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree incl. costs
O'Beirns Pharmacy, Henry Street, Galway.	Damage and break a plate glass window.	Borough of Galway.	£300.00	£190.69

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M.J. Durne, County Engineer; H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, R. Killeen, F. Monahan and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive (Planning Control); and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1273 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39083 - APPLICANT: FRANK JOYCE:

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

"The proposed development is situated (i) on a National Primary Route, Galway to Oranmore
(ii) between the road and the sea.

Mr. Joyce claims a housing need as he is living in a flat and wants the house for his own needs, however, Mr. Joyce was granted a permission under reference 24519 in November, 1977, to build such a house for himself and family. The house now applied for is an additional house which he again claims is for his personal need. The original house permitted him in November 1977 has not been constructed.

It is proposed to refuse for the following reasons:-

- (i) The proposed development located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
- (ii) The proposed development, situated between the road and the sea would interfere with the visual amenity of the area.

An Taisce have lodged an objection in this case."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that there is a brother and sister in this family and the house is required for either one or the other of those.

Councillor Bartley, seconding the proposal, stated that other permissions had been granted in the area.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1274 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40569 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM

The County Manager stated that a request for Further Information had been issued in this case and the resolution set out on the Agenda was not accordingly proposed.

1275 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40219 - SEAN CURRAN.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on the north side of the Galway to Moycullen Road in the townland of Ballyquirke East, approx. 250 yards west of Clydagh Bridge.

HISTORY:

An application was received by the Planning Authority from Mr. Sean Curran, Clooniffe, Moycullen, for permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse, Planning Ref. No. 40219 on 11/8/'81 and this is the application under consideration.

The period within which a decision must be made was extended by the applicant on 3/10/'81 to 8/12/'81.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

- 1. The proposed development is situated on a heavily trafficked National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and if permitted, the traffic generated by the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic, thus constituting a traffic hazard and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
- 2. The proposed development is situated on a National Secondary Route where housing development is restricted to certain categories of substantiated housing need. No such need has been claimed by the applicant and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area."

The County Manager reminded the Council that this site is on a National Secondary Road and that a housing need had not been claimed.

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that while he agreed that it was on a National Secondary Road, it was not different from other permissions which had been granted in the area including a National School which had been converted to flats.

Councillor Bartley seconded Councillor Welby's proposal.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

1276 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40743 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL COLLINS.

The County Manager stated that a request for Further Information had been issued in this case regarding the question of a housing need.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

1277 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40646 - APPLICANT: PATRICK J. BALDWIN.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located alongside the National Primary Route about two miles north of Gort. The site lies immediately south of the Kiltartan Automatic ^{Railway Crossing} and between the realigned National Primary Route and the original roadway. The Kinvara to Gort road meets the National Primary road at this junction.

SITE HISTORY:

Planning permission has been refused to this applicant on five occasions on this site (Planning Ref. Nos. 26285, 26882, 28079, 29734 and 39845).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development would endanger public safety because it is located on an island of land at a complex road and rail junction where it would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic.

The proposed development would interfere with the visual amenities of this approach road to Gort, because it would add further to a build up of ribbonised housing on this road.

The family need claimed is not adequately substantiated and suspect. The applicant already owns a house and he has not stated who would live in the proposed house. Moreover, there are alternative sites available to the applicant on the farm holding which are adequate to accommodate a dwellinghouse.

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 be located close to a complex junction including a railway crossing on a heavily trafficked National Primary route, where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the said route.
2. The proposed development would detract from the visual amenity of the area by adding to the ribbonization along the National Primary road and by reason of its location on a topographically unsuitable site of substandard size.
3. The family need claimed could be accommodated on an elevated part of the holding located away from the National Primary road.
4. The proposed development, if allowed, would contravene previous decisions of the Planning Authority, Ref. Nos. 26285, 26882, 28079, 29734 and 39845."

The County Manager reminded the Council that no special housing need had been substantiated in this case.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that the applicant was getting married in the new year and that the house opens onto a lay-by.

Deputy Killilea seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

1278 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39306 - APPLICANT: NOEL MOORE.

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

- "1. Development is located in an area of special amenity without properly substantiated housing need.
2. Proposed development is located adjoining Golf Course in which substantial investment of public funds has been made. A house would depreciate the value of this investment.
3. It has been consistent policy to refuse any development in this area which would detract unnecessarily from its open relatively unspoilt character.
4. Development has no proper public access and would further encourage backlands development in this area.

Refusal is recommended for the fore-going reasons.

An Taisce have lodged an objection to the proposed development."

The County Manager reminded the Council that this is in a special amenity area without a properly substantiated housing need and that it is adjoining the Golf Course on which a substantial investment of public funds had been made.

Deputy Donnellan proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that the house was required for the purpose of allowing the applicant to retire there.

Councillor O Morain complained about the use of the word 'amenity' as grounds for refusal of planning applications and stated that this had never properly been defined.

The County Manager stated that a review had recently been carried out of amenity areas and it is up to the Council if they wished to define what they require in relation to amenity areas.

Senator Mannion seconded Deputy Donnellan's proposal.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

1279 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40206 - APPLICANT: TERESA FAHERTY.

The County Manager stated that a decision to grant permission in this case had been made.

1280 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40355 - APPLICANT: PADRAIC MAC ECHAGAIN:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the north of the Oughterard-Clifden road adjacent to Glengowla Bridge approximately two miles from Oughterard.

HISTORY:

An application was received by the Planning Authority from Mr. Thomas Geoghegan in February 1978, planning reference number 27079 for the erection of three dwellinghouses, on three separate sites, one of which approximates to the site of the present application. This was refused by the Planning Authority in April 1978. No particular housing need was claimed.

A further application was made to the Planning Authority, on the site of the present application by Padraic Mac Echagain, who is an uncle of the previous applicant, in July 1980. This was refused by the Planning Authority in November 1980. It should be noted that the applicant was asked to substantiate his claim that the proposed dwellinghouse was a new farm house. In a reply, the applicant's agent stated that the nephew hoped to get planning permission in his uncle's name and so sell the site. The money thus obtained was to be then used to carry out improvements to the nephew's shop in Teeranea.

A further application was received by the Planning Authority in August 1981 - planning reference no. 40355 and this is the application under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the application be refused on the grounds that:

1. The proposed development would seriously injure the scenic amenity of the area because it would be visually intrusive in the foreground of fine views of open scenic landscape, and could not be satisfactorily assimilated into the landscape.
2. The nature of the soil is unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent.
3. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict all non essential housing development along National Secondary routes to that of the essential housing need category in the interest of road safety."

The County Manager reminded the Council that a previous application for permission on this site was refused, and that when the applicant was asked to substantiate his claim for housing need at the time, he stated that he hoped to get planning permission in order to sell the site for the purpose of carrying out improvement to a nephew's shop in Teeranea. He pointed out also that the site is unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent.

Councillor O Conchubhair proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that he was doing so on compassionate grounds more than anything else. He stated that there is a septic tank problem all over Connemara and that he expected the County Council should be in a position to specify conditions for treatment of effluent.

Councillor Welby seconded Councillor O'Conchubhair's proposal.

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

1281 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39943 - APPLICANT: WILLIAM COSTELLO.

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

"The site is located about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north west of Milltown village on National Route, N.17, outside the village speed limits. The applicant is a nephew of the owner of the holding, works with North Connacht Farmers Co-Op and lives in rented accommodation in Claremorris.

His uncle's holding is divided into two parts, two and half acres of which, including this site, are located along the National Route, and the remainder along the County road approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the north. The applicant was represented at a site meeting by his father who also has lands along a County Road in the townland of Belmont.

There are suitable locations for a house on his uncle's holding along the minor road, within 250 yards of its junction with N.17. The applicant has stated that his uncle will not grant him any other site on the holding other than the one applied for.

While it is accepted that the applicant is in need of a house and is related to the owner of the holding, it would not be in accordance with the policy of the Planning Authority to grant permission where an alternative location on family lands is available with suitable access onto another roadway. This is set out in Table No. 3, page 36 of the County Development Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development located on a National Primary route where the maximum speed limit applies would by reason of the conflicting traffic movements it would generate be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

The proposed development located on a National Primary route would if permitted be contrary to the requirements of the County Development Plan which restricts residential development along this route to particular categories of essential housing need."

Councillor Finnegan proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that it was agreed that there was a housing need in this case, that the applicant was in rented accommodation. He stated that there is not a large degree of traffic on the road itself and he had grave doubts as to whether a traffic hazard existed. He did not see the wisdom of compelling this man to build on a site off a narrow road.

The County Manager stated that the granting of permissions on National Primary Roads such as it was proposed in this case could have very serious implications in relation to road grants in the future for such roads.

Deputy Killilea seconded the resolution and stated that the Department itself gave permissions previously on the Tuam Road and he stated that sites off side roads were not acceptable to Building Societies where loan applications had been received.

When Deputy Callanan and Councillor O'Foighil referred to permissions for building given on National Primary Roads in Dublin, Ballinasloe, Athlone, Moate, and Loughrea, the County Manager replied that such areas were

within the designated area of a town plan and were in accordance with planning objectives.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

Senator Burke asked if the County Manager was taking a hard line regarding development on National Primary Routes, and if so, whether he would be allowed to lodge appeals against them.

The County Manager stated that he took a serious view of developments on National Primary routes as they seriously diminished the effectiveness of such roads on which heavy investment had been made. He stated that there was no question of he or the County Council lodging an Appeal against a decision of the Council where a resolution was passed under Section 4 but he pointed out that any individual in his private capacity can lodge such an Appeal.

When Senator Burke stated that an objection had been lodged by an official of the Planning Section, the County Manager stated that there is no question whatsoever of an official policy of appeals by the County Council and there is no question whatsoever of an officer of the Council in his official capacity objecting on behalf of the County Council.

1282 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40775 - APPLICANT: JOHN EIGNOR.

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

"The proposed development is situated;

- (1) on a National Primary route between Galway and Oranmore,
- (2) between a main road and the sea at Oranmore Bay.

No family or housing need claim is involved, and the application has already been refused by the Planning Authority under planning reference number 40088 in September 1981.

No consultation was requested or took place in this case.

It is proposed to refuse Permission for the following reasons:

- (1) The proposed development located on a National Primary route where the maximum speed limit applies, would, owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
- (2) The proposed development is situated between the road and the sea and if permitted, would interfere with the visual amenity of the area."

Deputy Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that the site had been bought by the applicant some time ago and that other planning permissions had been granted in the area.

Councillor Molloy seconded Deputy Killilea's proposal.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared Deputy Killilea's proposal carried.

1283 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, the Minutes of meetings held on the 23rd October and 30th October, 1981, (numbers 1279 - 1272 inclusive) were signed and approved by the Chairman.

Councillor O'Morain again raised the question of the definition of amenity areas and how it could be changed.

The County Manager stated that a review had already started by a Committee of Members of the Galway and Connemara areas - they had visited amenity areas in Connemara and he considered that the Committee should now meet in the Council room and submit recommendations to the Council.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that other Members of the Council should be free to attend if they wished to do so. The County Manager stated that if a Councillor asked to be associated with it, all Members could be notified of the meeting which it was agreed would be held in Committee.

Referring to Minute no. 1251 re St. Cleran's Group Water Scheme, the County Secretary informed Deputy Killilea that a recommendation regarding the amount of the contribution had not yet been received from the Department of the Environment.

1284 - DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

It was agreed that this meeting would be held on Monday, 21st December, 1981.

1285 - REVISED DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, referring to the report circulated to the Members stated that the basic scheme as it was for some years remains, but a problem arose in 1980 regarding Social Welfare income which resulted in higher rents. The Council made representations to the Department and the scheme which is now before the Council had taken account of this and had given some relief in the Social Welfare cases.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that an allowance should be made for travelling expenses where a person has to travel to work.

Mr. Howlett stated that all deductions which can be made have been specified in the scheme and there is no reference to any question of travelling expenses. He pointed out that it was a national scheme but that it might be possible to consider such cases if there were exceptional circumstances under the hardship clause.

Referring to Deputy Kitt, Mr. Howlett stated that in certain cases the hardship clause permits that the rent may be reduced to 6% of the household income.

1286 - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES:

Mr. Howlett stated that this scheme is generally the same as the previous scheme except for the up-dating of values. He stated that a discount of £1,000 is allowed in lieu of the £1,000 house grant to first time owner/occupiers but that this does not apply to a tenant who was previously an owner/occupier.

Councillors Haverty and M. Fahy asked whether purchasing tenants could avail of the £4,000 mortgage subsidy scheme to buy their houses from local authorities.

Mr. Howlett stated that special conditions applied to the calculation of the purchase price of these houses and that this system was not available to local authority tenants. The County Manager pointed out that preferential terms had been arranged in the scheme in respect of local authority houses.

1287 - E.E.C. ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE COST OF PROVIDING ELECTRICITY TO CERTAIN DWELLINGS IN WESTERN AREAS: ^{9.}

The County Manager stated that Circular N.8/81 dated 30th October, 1981, from the Department of the Environment had been circulated to Members for their information, and while the assistance available is directed mainly towards agriculture, the Council will try to avail of this assistance where possible in relation to electricity for local authority houses.

1288 - MALICIOUS INJURIES ACT, 1981:

The County Manager referred to Circular dated 16th November, 1981, to each Member setting out the main provisions of the Malicious Injuries Act, 1981, and stated that when the Bill was being drafted, very little attention was apparently paid to the serious problems which it will cause for local authorities since they will in future have to pay the amount of the decrees once the Court Order is issued.

1289 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 1981/'82:

The County Manager informed the Council that an additional allocation of £11,160 was available to the Council in the current year and he asked the approval of the Council for its allocation in accordance with proposals circulated to each Member of the Council.

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor McCormack, the Council approved the proposals for the allocation of the additional sum of £11,160.

1290 - RAISING OF A LOAN OF £186,000 - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR INISHMAAN GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £186,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance a special contribution for the Inishmaan Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

Replying to Councillor O'Foighil, the County Manager stated that it is proposed to specify conditions in this case including supervision, size of tank, etc.

1291 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1982:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £3 million be borrowed on the Council's Capital and Revenue Accounts for the quarter ending 31st March, 1982."

1292 - FINANCE:

The County Manager outlined for Members the contents of his report of the 18th November, 1981, setting out the present financial position of the Council and he stated that an effort would have to be made by the Council to collect outstanding rates.

Senator Burke stated that the Minister had asked local authorities to use discretion with farmers who pleaded inability to pay but that recently this was being disregarded as a large number of six day notices had been issued. He stated that some people came to the office on the previous Friday and got anything but a good hearing when they came to discuss the question of

outstanding rates. They were accused of having supplementary bank accounts, they did not get a fair hearing and they were not received in a courteous manner.

The County Manager stated that arrangements had been made for reception of any farmers who wished to come to discuss the question of rates by a senior officer who was fully competent and authorised to discuss arrangements with the farmers and to make settlements with them. He stated that the majority of farmers who came in were very co-operative but that recently two particular farmers who came were not. When they were asked about their financial circumstances, their answer was that their circumstances were none of the business of the official concerned. They refused to give any information on their circumstances to the officer concerned but that otherwise the arrangements made were going very well. He emphasised that if arrangements are to be made with farmers, they will have to be forthcoming with information regarding their circumstances.

Councillor Burke stated that in this case the information given was not accepted.

The County Manager stated that the Council is adhering to the terms of the Circular issued by the Minister but no Government had stated that farmers need not pay rates.

Councillor Ryan asked if six day notices are still being issued and the County Manager replied that special arrangements are being made for special cases who come to the Council, otherwise, there is no change in the normal procedures. If a hardship exists, the person concerned can explain it and may come to an arrangement with the officer of the Council who is very experienced and can make settlements on his own without reference to the Manager.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain in connection with hardship experienced by people other than farmers, the County Manager stated that he had explained the serious financial position of the Council, and if rates are not paid, the result can be very serious for the Council.

Senator Burke asked about the amount of rates waived for farmers and for industrial and commercial interests who pleaded inability to pay.

The County Manager stated that in the case of industry, there is no question of waiving rates as such rates were not assessed.

Senator Burke asked the amount of rates due by farmers and the amount waived for industrial enterprises and commercial concerns.

The County Manager stated that he did not understand exactly what Senator Burke had in mind and he pointed out that the amount of rates due by farmers changes from day to day.

Senator Burke then left the meeting.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the County Manager would give a report to the Council at the end of December on outstanding rates and on the amount of rates waived for industrial concerns in the current year.

Supplementary Welfare Allowances:

The County Manager stated that he understood that the Western Health Board had arranged to send a deputation to the Minister for Social Welfare and he felt it might be a good idea if the Council were to support their efforts to have this service made a national charge. It was agreed that the Chairman together with Councillors Ryan and Haverty would represent the Council on this deputation by arrangement with the Western Health Board.

Higher Education Grants Scheme 1981:

The County Manager referred to his report of 16th November, 1981, circulated to each Member of the Council in which he set out the particular increased costs in the current financial year and the difficulties which the Council would meet if it were to meet those obligations. He stated that he had proposed special arrangements to the Department of Education so that the grants could be paid but had been informed that the Council could not be recouped the cost until the following financial year. He stated that the Council would try to pay the first instalment of the maintenance part of the grant to students but that it would not be possible to pay the college fees. He appreciated that this creates a problem for the college but it would also raise very serious financial problems for the Council if it were to pay the college portion also.

On the proposition of Deputy Killilea, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, the Council approved the County Manager's proposals on this matter.

Deputy Killilea stated that it was a scandal that the Department of Justice which continues to collect huge amounts in fines, keeps them and passes nothing back to the Council for the maintenances of Courthouses. The Council is being asked to cut important projects which are the responsibility of the Council while they have to maintain Courthouses which should be a national charge. Similarly, the Council has to pay for Supplementary Welfare Allowances while it had no involvement whatever in the expenditure of the money.

Deputy Callanan stated that it is not fair that changes in the educational Grants Scheme made in the middle of the financial year should put extra cost on the County Council pending refund of the amount and a special arrangement should be made to recoup the sum to the Council as it is paid.

In the event of arrangements for recoupment being made, the County Manager requested the approval of the Council to excess expenditure amounting to approximately £400,000.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Haverty, the Council approved additional expenditure on Educational Grants amounting to £400,000 in the current financial year.

Deputation to the Minister:

It was agreed that Councillor O'Folghil would go on the Deputation to the Minister for the Environment in lieu of Councillor Kilgannon who was unable to attend.

Overdraft:

The County Manager suggested that the Council should ask the Government to arrange that the Central Bank requirements should release local authorities from the guidelines regarding Overdraft.

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

"That the Government be requested to amend the Central Bank requirements on credit in order to relieve local authorities from their guidelines regarding Overdraft."

1293 - REFORM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - ORGANISATION AND FINANCE:

It was agreed that the items referred to at 12. (a) (b) and (c) would be considered at a special meeting the date of which would be fixed at the December meeting of the Council. It was agreed that the meeting in question would be in public.

1294 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREE:

It was noted that a Malicious Injury Decree set out in the schedule to the Agenda had been received.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER1295 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40194 - DISTANCE FROM DEVELOPMENT TO RIVER CORRIB - MINUTES NUMBERED 1185 (28/9/'81) AND 1237 (23/10/'81):

Referring to the question of the discrepancy between the report submitted at the Council meeting on the 28th September, 1981, and information given by Members regarding the distance from the development concerned and the Corrib, the County Manager read a report from the Executive Engineer (Planning) stating that the site is approximately 300 metres from the river bank while the whole area surrounding the site to the north is a flood plain associated with the Corrib with a large drain within 100 metres of the site running into the Corrib. Pollution would certainly be transmitted by this drain and flood plain into the Corrib. He also stated that a map showing the site and the river Corrib as well as the drains referred to were available for inspection by Members.

Councillor McCormack stated that he did not accept the report as the original report said that the development is within 100 metres of the Corrib and this was not correct. He stated that it is 400 metres from the Corrib. He stated that the report was misleading and that the site was an ideal location for the development concerned. He stated that as a result of the publicity an objector has lodged an appeal and said that it is within 100 metres from the Corrib, and he asked that this be corrected with the Planning Appeals Board.

The County Manager expressed regret that the language used in the original report was not so precise as to remove the doubts which existed regarding distance but he was willing to send a copy of the report now made to the Planning Appeals Board. There was no question of trying to mislead Councillors but he agreed that the position could have been in language which would set out the position more precisely.

Supporting Councillor McCormack, Cllr. Welby stated that he was demanding an apology for incorrect information. The Chairman ruled that there was no necessity for an apology and that an explanation of the circumstances had been given.

1296 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME:

The County Manager reported that the Preliminary report for Oranmore Sewerage Scheme was submitted to the Department of the Environment in May 1981 and that the Department had subsequently confirmed that the proposed foul sewerage system was generally in order subject to Agreement on phasing and other technical details. He stated that discussions had taken place later with the Department's Engineering Inspector and the Council's Engineers and Consultants, and agreement was reached on the technical details required by the Department. He stated that the investigations of these details and the report by the Consultants should be available within the following week.

Replying to Councillor F. Fahey, the County Manager stated that Contract documents will be prepared when the Consultant's Report is received and it will then be a question of raising the necessary finance following approval to the Contract Documents.

1297 - ASSESSMENT OF INCOME FOR S.D.A. LOANS

The County Manager read for Members Circular letter H/14/81 dated 18th November, 1981, from the Department of the Environment on the question of the inclusion of the income of the applicant and of the intended spouse.

Deputy Callanan stated that he got a clearer answer when a question regarding this matter was raised in the Dail but he pointed out that there are also other difficulties especially in a case where the intended spouse would be under 21 years of age. The implementation of the Circular would cause difficulties where an applicant has to go to a Bank for bridging loan and there is still the problem of an engagement being broken off.

Deputy Donnellan stated that other Counties do not operate as Galway County Council does and he stated that in Mayo the greater income is taken into account only and that similar procedures are followed in 50% of other local authorities.

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Councillor Glynn stated that the Department requirements are completely unsuited to rural areas and that the Council should revert to the old scheme.

Councillor Joyce asked how the Council will implement the system and what evidence they will require to be satisfied about incomes to be included.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that following a previous discussion by the Council a comprehensive letter on all the difficulties involved had been sent to the Department of the Environment and the only reply received so far was this Circular letter which is now before the Council. Regarding the question of what is temporary employment, he stated that he would be disposed to accepting that employment in shops or in business would be of a temporary nature but that permanent employment such as people in the public service could not be excluded.

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Councillor Haverty stated that at a recent meeting of the County Councils' General Council, Members from several Councils stated that they did not take the two incomes into account but that the Galway Members had to state that both were taken into account in Galway.

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The County Manager stated that the remuneration of whole-time firemen has been linked with the pay of the Gardai and that from the 1st April, 1981, increases in the basic weekly rates as follows have been proposed for full-time firemen in Galway. He requested the approval of the Council to the revised rates and to the additional expenditure of £15,500 together with a further sum of £4,500 to meet the cost of increased rent allowances from 1st March, 1980.

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The County Manager stated that if it were decided to sell the site, the Council would give the right-of-way in the first instance to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs but that this did not arise until the question of an alternative site is discussed with the local community.

1301 - APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF THE SCAVENGING SERVICE TO KNOCKDOE AND TO TONEGURRANE

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The County Manager stated that he agrees that it will be a long time before a public toilet is provided in Woodford but he asked if the local people would offer an alternative site if this were to be sold.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that local people are not interested in having a public toilet erected at this site and that the Community Council may suggest an alternative site.

The County Manager stated that if it were decided to sell the site, the Council would give the right-of-way in the first instance to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs but that this did not arise until the question of an alternative site is discussed with the local community.

1301 - APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF THE SCAVENGING SERVICE TO KNOCKDOE AND TO TONEGURRANE

The County Manager stated that it is not possible to extend the scavenging service in those areas except by putting the staff on overtime and that this is not possible.

1302 - OBJECTIONS BY AN TAIISCE TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Senator Killilea referred to letter dated 17th November, 1981, from the Chairman of the Galway Branch of An Taisce and the memo enclosed therewith (copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council), and it would seem to him to suggest that he (Deputy Killilea) had not visited the site in Cornamona which was referred to at the previous meeting and he pointed out that he had visited this site.

Councillor McCormack stated that in a previous case near Barna where a man, his wife and three children were living in a caravan, he had written to An Taisce outlining their circumstances and got no reply. This man is still without a house.

Senator Byrne stated that the letter from An Taisce simply explains the position of that organisation and did not call for a reply unless any individual Councillor wished to do so.

Councillor Joyce stated that the only aspect of applications with which An Taisce is concerned with is that of amenity and that it is a ridiculous situation that they do not have regard to the question of hardship. After further discussion, it was agreed on the suggestion of Councillor F. Fahey that the matter would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

1303 - INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION VISIT TO NEW YORK:

The Chairman informed the Council that a small group from Galway representing Local Authorities, County Development Team, and I.D.A. recently undertook a promotional visit to New York. The visit lasted one week and included a very full programme where a number of business and industrial interests were contacted regarding investment opportunities in Galway City and County. Considerable assistance was afforded by Bord Failte, the I.D.A. and the Banks and the trip has resulted in some definite enquiries regarding the setting up of industries in Galway. The Council was represented on the visit by himself (Chairman) and the County Manager.

Deputy Killilea and other members of the Council expressed appreciation of the efforts made by the Group to bring industry to Galway.

1304 - COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PROPOSED BY-PASS ROAD AT LOUGHREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN AND COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

Councillor Haverty stated he, Deputy Callanan, and the proposed developer in this case had been in touch with the Council and he asked that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

1305 - RAISING OF SCHOOL ENTRY AGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON AND DEPUTY CALLANAN:

Councillor Kilgannon stated that this matter had been dealt with at the last meeting.

1306 - SERVICED SITES - LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that it is proposed to develop twenty private sites to accommodate semi-detached houses at St. Lawrence's Field, Loughrea, in 1982, but that it is not proposed at present to offer for sale two sites on the Gort Road which may be required for housing purposes by the County Council.

1307 - EXTENSION OF WATER MAIN FROM ORANMORE TO ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that this proposal is included in Zone 3 of the Mid Galway Water Supply Scheme and a request for approval to the Preliminary Report for the scheme has been sent to the Department of the Environment.

Replying to Councillor Fahey, Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager stated that this would serve the Derrydonnell Group Scheme but it is not possible to state at the moment when it will be provided but he expected that the

first phase of the Mid Galway Regional Scheme would be going ahead next year.

1308 - NEW PUMPING EQUIPMENT FOR GORT WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that the present pumping equipment is sufficient for present needs and exceeds the capacity of the system including the filters.

Councillor Fahey expressed dissatisfaction with the reply and stated that some areas are not getting water. He asked that the resolution be repeated in the next Agenda.

1309 - "NEW GATE" AT BELLVIEW, LAURENCETOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that the grounds around the new gate at Bellview comprise approximately 1/10 acre on which are located one derelict stone wall house plus one derelict stone wall shed and the "New Gate" monument. The estimated cost of restoring the house and shed to their original condition and landscaping the grounds would not be less than £20,000, and the cost of cleaning the monument (i.e., the "New Gate") into its original state would be about £3,500. He stated that in addition that there are no funds available to the Council for carrying out the work.

1310 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that it is not considered that such roads as referred to by Councillor Joyce would be roads of general public utility as required by statute in so far as they would be used only by the landowners concerned. It is considered that the presence of one house which would attract at least a postman and E.S.B. Meter Reader would be required to enable a road to qualify under the Act.

The County Engineer had advised that it would be most inadvisable for the Council in any case to extend the range of roads for adoption when adequate funds are not available for maintenance of the existing network.

Councillor Joyce stated that it is regrettable if such roads could not be adopted. The road which he has in mind goes down to the Shannon and the people concerned had paid a lot of money to get done under a Local Improvement Scheme. He stated that heavy tractors are using the road and it is beginning to deteriorate. He proposed that once work is done on a road such as this by the County Council, it should be taken over. Councillor Kilgannon seconded Councillor Joyce's motion. It was agreed to obtain the Law Agent's opinion on the proposal.

1311 - EXTENSION TO MEELICK BURIAL GROUND - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that a site for this extension has been chosen and it is hoped that negotiations will soon be completed.

1312 - REMOVAL OF BEND NEAR CAHSEL HOTEL, CONNEMARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The County Secretary stated that this proposal will be considered when the 1982 Estimates are being prepared.

Councillor Bartley stated that money was allocated previously for this work but that the then Manager of the Cashel Hotel had certain requirements to which the Council would not agree but that he considered that under new Management at present, it would be possible to reach agreement.

1313 - REMOVAL OF DANGEROUS BENDS BETWEEN CLIFDEN AND THE COMMUNITY SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The County Secretary stated that this is on the main road between Clifden and Ballyconneely and it refers to approximately one mile of the road between Clifden and the Community School. There are approximately five

bad bends on this section, each involving excavation and filling and it would cost approximately £200,000 to remove them. A major series of grants would be required to carry out any worthwhile work of this nature and this is unlikely to be forthcoming in the near future.

Councillor Bartley stated that £13,000 was previously allocated for work on this road but that only one bend was removed. He stated that it is now dangerous for children attending the Community School. He asked that provision be made each year for having some of the work done starting in 1982.

1314 - NEW BURIAL GROUND FOR MAREE, ORANMORE. - MOTION BY SENATOR BYRNE AND DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that a site has been chosen for a Burial Ground to serve the Oranmore/Maree area. Trial holes have been dug and the ground is suitable. The adjoining land is at present being divided by the Land Commission and the area engineer has recommended that the site of 2.6 acres be allotted to the County Council.

1315 - PLAYGROUND AT CROWE STREET, GORT. - MOTION BY SENATOR BYRNE AND DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that a Compulsory Purchase Order for land adjoining 24 houses provided at Gort about 8 years ago was made by the County Council and it was intended to provide a playground on the land which was the subject of the C.P.O. The area intended for the open space was excluded by the Minister from the C.P.O. although technical evidence as to the need for same was submitted at the Enquiry. Negotiations are proceeding for the purchase of adjoining lands and subject to the acquisition of this land, provision will be made for an open space but it is not now possible to have it adjoin the existing Crowe Street houses.

Replying to further enquiries, Mr. Howlett stated that a Compulsory Purchase Order for about 7 acres was made but the Minister confirmed the acquisition of only one acre, excluding the part intended for a playground.

1316 - WIDENING OF NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD AT KILCOLGAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that subject to clearance of the question of the right of entry on the land by our Solicitor, it is expected that work on the widening of this road will commence within a few weeks.

1317 - GORT WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Secretary stated that the Council was unable to obtain all the lands for the Gort Water Supply scheme by agreement. A Compulsory Order is being prepared and if there are objections to this, an Enquiry into the Compulsory Purchase Order and the Water Supply Proposal will be arranged by the Minister for the Environment.

1318 - RESTRUCTURING OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

Councillor Fahy requested that this motion be adjourned to the next meeting.

1319 - ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING LOCAL AUTHORITIES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BRENNAN:

It was noted that this matter will come up for discussion at the special meeting to consider re-organisation of Local Government.

1320 - MOYLROUGH SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Secretary stated that Contract documents were received from the Consultants in October 1981 and are being examined. The specification is awaited from the Consultants, and when this is received and all documents are examined, they will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for approval to go to tender.

1321 - WIDENING OF ROAD AT BURKE'S CROSS, CLONBERNE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Secretary stated that this is on a main road and the estimated cost of the work is £17,000. The possibility of providing for this will be considered under the heading of Main Road Special Repairs Improvement Work when the 1982 Estimates are being prepared.

1322 - REPAIR OF ROADS IN KILKERRIN - CLONBERNE AREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

The County Secretary stated that it is expected that temporary restoration as a result of the Regional Water Supply Scheme will be carried out in the next few weeks.

1323 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS NUMBERS 37820 AND 40211 - JAMES BRENNAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that there are three applications concerned in this case and the position is as follows:

Number 37820 - Permission granted for Joinery Manufacture Unit at Ballybrit on the 9th March, 1981. Following a complaint about an unauthorised extension and afterwards, a warning was sent to the developers in July 1981.

Number 40211 - Application for retention of partially completed development at rear of existing workshop was made on the 10th August, 1981. Decision to grant permission was granted on the 30th September, 1981, with condition relating to the external finish was appealed by residents. A letter was issued to the developers on the 30th September, 1981, stating that the change in the elevational appearance relating to the original grant of Permission number 37820 had still not been regularised.

Number 40924 - Application lodged 23/10/'81 for retention of change in design of front and side elevation of Joinery Factory. This application is still current. A complaint was received from residents about three weeks ago about unauthorised development, and in particular, about noise nuisance. On inspection on the 2nd November, it was found that there was an excessive level of sound emanating from the extractor apparatus directly across the cottages. There are no conditions inserted relating to abatement or restriction of noise levels in either of the two applications numbered 37820 or 40211, but as the latter application is currently on appeal, it is still feasible to have conditions inserted dealing with noise limitation and it is proposed to make representations on the matter.

Councillor McCormack stated that he was dissatisfied with the reply and that work was continuing despite the warnings. He asked that his motion be placed on the Agenda again for the next meeting.

1324 - CUAN ROSSAMHIL - MOLADH GANN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Secretary stated that the smell is attributed to the effects of prolonged discharge of untreated trade effluent from the sea foods factory, and that under the conditions of a licence under the Water Pollution Act issued in March 1981, the Company were required to implement a treatment process in two stages; Stage 1 to be completed in October 1981 and Stage 2 in December 1983. Inspections are being carried out to ensure compliance with conditions.

Councillor O Conchubhair stated that the conditions in the Harbour are most unsatisfactory.

The County Engineer stated that treatment plant is being installed.

1325 - GRUP SCEIME AN TULACH - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR N. O CONCHUBHAIR:

Councillor O Conchubhair asked that this matter be adjourned to the next meeting.

1326 - OTHER RESOLUTIONS RECEIVED:

It was agreed that other resolutions on the Agenda be adjourned to the next meeting.

1327 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Sadie Coen, Kilmallaw, Aughrim.
- Mr. Martin O'Neill, Glinsk, Via Castlereagh, Co. Galway.
- Mr. & Mrs. P.J. Carty, Cloon, Gort, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Richard Behan, Alloon, Ballymacward, Bellinasloe.
- Mr. Frank Whyte, Douras, Woodford, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Forster and CHAIRMAN

21 Decr 1981 DATE

Chairs etc.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

14u Nollaig, 1981.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 21u Nollaig, 1981, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnana.

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 & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Aidan Griffin, Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway for dwellinghouse at Maum. - Planning Reference No. 39493."

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

(b) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to David Griffin (Junior) of Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway for dwellinghouse at Maum. - Planning Reference Number 39499."

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

(c) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. David Fahey of Corker, Gort, Co. Galway for a house and septic tank at Corker. - Planning Reference Number 41071."

John Donnellan. Ulick Burke. Toddie Byrne.

(d) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Henry Connolly of Drimmeen, Errislannon, Clifden for reconstruction of existing ruin and erection of septic tank at Drinagh. - Planning Reference Number 39553."

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

(e) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. & Mrs. Reene Evans of Curragreen, Galway for two houses and two septic tanks at Curragreen. - Planning Reference Number 40731."

John Donnellan. Ulick Burke. Toddie Byrne.

- (f) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Manifold of Ruanmore, Ardrahan for retention of Advertising Sign at Dungory East. - Planning Reference Number 39896.

Michael Fahy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.

- (g) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant full Permission to Michael Keane for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Peake, Barnaderg, Tuam, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference Number 41090.

Paul Connaughton. Michael Ryan. Michael P. Kitt.

- (h) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Peter Burke, of Maum, Errislannon, Clifden, Co. Galway for dwellinghouse at Ballinaboy. - Planning Reference Number 34701.

John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. John Donnellan.

- (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 Outline Permission to Patrick McDonagh of Silverhill, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway for dwellinghouse at Silverhill. - Planning Reference Number 38961.

John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. John Donnellan.

- (j) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Michael Acton for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Glen, Claddaghduff. - Planning Reference Number 40965.

G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.

- (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 full Planning Permission to Mr. T. O. Hession of Craughwell, Co. Galway for 4 dwellinghouses according to plans submitted at Crinnage or Ballywulash, - Planning Reference Number 41276.

John Donnellan. Ulick Burke. Toddie Byrne.

- (l) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Michael Kennelly at Bunowen, Ailebrack. - Planning Reference Number 41289.

John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. T. Welby.

- (m) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Stephen Laffey, of Bunowen, Leenaun, Co. Galway for dwellinghouse at Bunnowen. - Planning Reference Number 39102.

Mark Killilea. G. Bartley. Michael Fahy.

- (n) "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 Laurence Harney for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Roscahill. - Planning Reference Number 40790.

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. G. Bartley.

- (o) "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 Planning Permission to Michael Mulhall, Oranmore, Co. Galway for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Stradbally North. - Planning Reference Number 39918.

Michael Fahy. Mark Killilea. Edward Haverty.

- (p) "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. Bernard O'Connor, Oranmore, Co. Galway for erection of serviced housing development at Oranmore, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference Number 41134.

Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy. Edward Haverty.

2. Minutes.

3. Fix date of Roads Estimate Meeting.

4. Fix date of Special Meeting to consider Reform of Local Government-Organisation and Finance.

5. Fix date of Planning Committee Meeting - Amenity Areas.

6. Planning - Correspondence from An Taisce (already circulated.).

7. Additional Capital Allocation of £69,000 for Water and Sewerage Schemes.

8. Sale of Site at Pockboy, Ballinasloe - Notice dated 10th December, 1981.

9. Raising of Loans for Group Water Schemes:-

(a) £10,455 - Carna Group Scheme.

(b) £7,840 - St. Cleran's/Lecarrow Group Scheme.

10. Raising of Supplementary Loans for:-

(a) Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

(b) Carraroe Water Supply - Extension to Rossaveal.

(c) Galway City East Water Supply - Extension to Oranmore.

11. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.

11. (a) Business submitted by County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Adjourned from last Meeting:

12. DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN & COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - We propose:

That Galway County Council delete from the County Development Plan the proposed by-pass road at Loughrea, which is written into the Plan, as I understand the Planning Authority have now agreed on an alternative by-pass.

13. COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

That new pumping equipment be installed in the Gort Regional Water Scheme.

14. COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

That County Council meetings be restructured to give more adequate time to Councillors to envisage new policies and discuss them relating to the major problems before us, i.e., housing, roads, finance, etc.

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

That this Council calls on the Galway/Mayo R.D.O. to urgently propose a development strategy for the two counties; without such a well-thought out policy programme, the future of the region is very uncertain and is at a serious disadvantage with other regions of the country.

16. COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

That the file relating to Williamstown Sewerage be reopened with a view to providing a scheme there.

17. That rates overcharged due to temporary excessive valuation be reduced to correspond to the present valuation as revised and corrected (specific case named).

18. That this County Council urges the Minister for the Environment to make funds available for sewerage schemes in County Galway.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

19. That a full report be given to the next Meeting as to why work is not being continued on a stretch of road at Woodstock opposite Noone's house.

20. When will work commence on the laying of footpaths in Moycullen Village?

21. Have any proposals been sent to the Department of the Environment for allocation of funds for dangerous stretch of road at Keernaun, Headford.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK - I will propose:

22. I will ask for a full report on planning application No. 37820 and 40211 by James Brennan for joinery works at Industrial Estate, Ballybrit.

23. That Galway County Council erect an extra light in Turloughmore.

24. When will the Moycullen Water Supply be improved?

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

25. Go n-iocfadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe uas deontas £4,000 i gcas lucht na n-easlan.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. o CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

26. That the three elected Members of the European Parliament be invited to a special meeting of the Galway County Council in order that the people of County Galway be made aware what money is being made available to them.

27. Cén fath nach bhfuil an t-airgead o grup sceim An Tulach dha ioch le Co-Op Chois Fharraige?

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will ask:

28. What the up-to-date position concerning the major Sewerage Scheme for Tuam town.

29. When will the Parkmore Housing Scheme start in Tuam.

30. When will Galway County Council permit the Board of Works to finally finish the draining of the River Nanny.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

31. Why the County Council has not maintained a School Warden at Oranmore as there is urgent need for same.

COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

32. That provision be made, in this year Estimates for improvement to the Cappagh Road, Woodford, as this has been the subject of representations by the Rockhill Residents Association, over the last number of years.

33. What is the present position, with regard to the completion of the Maree Group Water Scheme.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

34. That traffic route lighting be provided along the Dublin/Galway Road:-

(a) in Creagh, Ballinasloe from Creagh Church to the end of the urban area in Creagh.

(b) in Mackney, Ballinasloe from Garbally gates to the end of the urban area.

35. That warning signs of a dangerous bend be erected on both sides of the bend near Louis Eleens house in Killeveney, Laurencetown and that the easing of the bend be included in the Estimates for 1982.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN & COUNCILLOR POL O'FOIGHIL - We will propose:

36. That Galway County Council pay a realistic rent to the owner of Derrynea Courthouse rather than the pittance being paid at the moment.

37. That Galway County Council tell the Members of this Council the reason why the fully serviced cemetery at Clynagh Carraroe is not being used.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

38. That Galway County Council provide additional public lighting at Spiddle.

DEPUTY MICHAEL D. HIGGINS - I will propose:

39. That as soon as funds become available the dangerous bend in the road outside the house of Mr. John Thompson, Rathcosgrove, Ardahan, Co. Galway be made safer.

COUNCILLOR TONY MURPHY - I will ask:

40. What is the undue delay in starting the sewerage scheme in Athenry.

41. That lights be provided at Kingsland, Athenry and the lights in general be improved in the town.

42. That a footpath be provided from the new housing estate on the Tuam Road, Athenry, to the bottom of the Railway Bridge.

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 including Costs
M/s Thomas McDonagh & Sons Ltd. Galway.	Damage to Two Trucks	Borough of Galway	£2,000.00	£1,003.88
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Damage to 100 foot high six inch concrete Stakes.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£382.00	£528.50
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Damage to Stone Pillar and Wall.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£95.00	£202.33
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Electric Fence cut, fencing and stakes knocked & wires cut.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£140.00	£282.63
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	480 Bales of Hay, Sheet of Plastic Covering & a wire fence and an Iron Gate	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£480.00	£705.43
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Damage to Wall, Stakes & Wire at Derrydonnell Beg	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£806.71	£875.30
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Destroyed and damaged 40 Stakes and broke wire & staples into small pieces on land at Derrydonnell.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£112.00	£212.83
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Damage to 30 Stakes & Wire cut up at lands at Derrydonnell Beg.	DE. D. of Stradbally	£75.00	£176.58
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Massey Ferguson Tractor 178 destroyed.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£4,000.00	£3,115.35
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Damage to Walls, Wires & Stakes at Derrydonnell Beg.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£250.00	£363.68

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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including Costs
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Walls, Wire & Stakes destroyed.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£120.00	£206.28
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Walls, Wire & Stakes destroyed.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£120.00	£206.28
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Damage to Walls, Wires & fences & destroying a concrete water tank at Derrydonnell Beg.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£520.00	£623.93
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Destroying Priestman Excavator & Damage to Walls, Wire & Fences.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£33,120.00	£2,341.20
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Stakes burned & Wire fences cut up.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£250.00	£389.93
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Damage to Stakes & Wires at Derrydonnell Beg.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£250.00	£363.68
Sean Coen, Coen House, Salthill.	Destroying Walls, Wire & Stakes at Derrydonnell Beg.	D.E.D. of Stradbally	£120.00	£212.83
Ashford Developments Ltd.	House destroyed by fire.	Borough of Galway.	£60,000	£54,740.77
Stephen McDermott, Ballintemple, O rammore.	Three ton cock of Hay burned, damaged & destroyed.	County of Galway at large.	£450.00	£293.00
James Stewart Ltd., Mr. Salthill, Galway.	An aluminium and mesh window & pipes damaged and destroyed.	Borough of Galway.	£133.00	£150.10
Bridget Cadden, 12, St. Mary's Ave., Galway.	Damage to Car Reg. No. 311 ZM - Damage to Windscreen.	Borough of Galway.	£47.58	£116.40

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

5th January, 1982.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

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

ON MONDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1982,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

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C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
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A G E N D A

Reform of Local Government - Organisation and Finance

- (a) Letter from Minister for the Environment - copy herewith. Also copy of report of County Manager.
- (b) Resolution re finance, passed at Seminar in Limerick in October 1981 - copy herewith.
- (c) Request from Tuam Town Commissioners for reception of deputation re Urban Status for Tuam.
- (d) Application for Urban Status from Loughrea Town Commissioners.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 1981.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Holland.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; M. Dunne, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; H. Kearns, and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; F. Monahan, S.E.E.; B. Callagy, and L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers (Planning); and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1328 - CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

The Chairman on behalf of the Council wished all Members and staff the compliments of the season.

1329 - MEETING WITH MINISTERS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATION:

The Chairman stated that a deputation had attended on the Minister for the Environment in connection with the Council's finances. The Minister had listened to the deputations with sympathy but he did not give any commitment. He stated, however, he would consider the case which was made on behalf of the County Council.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the deputation also had a brief meeting with the Minister for Education and expressed its concern to the Minister regarding the problem created for the Council by having to pay the grants in advance of recoupment.

The County Manager stated that an arrangement had now been made whereby the grants to the Universities would be paid at the end of December and that recoupment would be made early in January.

1330 - GOODWILL MESSAGE TO DEPUTY KILLILEA:

The Council and the County Manager on behalf of the staff conveyed their good wishes to Deputy Killilea who was indisposed.

1331 - SYMPATHY:

The Council extended its sympathy to the family of the late Claude Toft, Mayor of Galway, and also to the family of Mrs. Maureen Bailey, late of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Sean Bartley, Dooneen, Clifden.
Mrs. K. Flaherty, Market Street, Clifden.

Mrs. Ann McInerney & Family, Galway Road, Gort.
 The Hanniffy Family, Maree, Oranmore.
 Mrs. Nolan, Moy, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Paddy J. Carty, Cloon, Gort.
 Mr. John Connolly, Cappataggle, Ballinasloe.

1332 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39493 - AIDAN GRIFFIN.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located to the north of the roadway from Ballinaboy to Errislannan, past the monument to Alcock & Browne in the townland of Maum.

HISTORY:

This application was received by the Planning Authority in June, 1981. It has been ascertained that the applicant and his family reside in Clifden where they run a family bar business. The applicant, who is 20 years of age, is being given this site by his father to build a house. This is the only submission in relation to a housing need.

No prior consultation was requested in this case and none occurred.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Authority are not satisfied that there is a bona fide housing need in this case. However, it is the opinion of the Planning Authority that a less obtrusive location is available on the holding and it is proposed to refuse the application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development, located between the public road and Ardbear Bay would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and could not be satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings and if permitted would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The site proposed to be developed, consisting of outcropping rock and bog is unsuitable for the effective disposal of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard."

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

1333 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39499 - DAVID GRIFFIN (JNR.):

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located to the north of the roadway from Ballinaboy to Errislannan, past the Monument to Alcock & Browne in the townland of Maum.

HISTORY:

This application was received by the Planning Authority in June, 1981. It has been ascertained that the applicant and his family reside in Clifden where they run a family bar business. The applicant, who is 17 years of age, is being given this site by his father to build a house. This is the only submission in relation to a housing need.

No prior consultation was requested in this case and none occurred.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Authority are not satisfied that there is a bona fide housing need in this case. However, it is the opinion of the Planning Authority that a less obtrusive location is available on the holding and it is proposed to refuse the application on the following grounds.

1. The proposed development, located between the public road and Ardbear Bay would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and could not be satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings and if permitted would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The site proposed to be developed, consisting of outcropping rock and bog is unsuitable for the effective disposal of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard.

An Taisce have lodged an objection in relation to this application."

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

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be refused.

As there was no seconder for Councillor Brennan's proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Councillor Bartley and seconded by Councillor Welby carried.

1334 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 41071 - MR. DAVID FAHY:

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 Gort-Galway National Primary Route at Corker, approximately 3 miles north of Gort. There have been two previous applications on this site by this applicant, both of which have been refused by the Planning Authority. The first decision by the Planning Authority was appealed to An Bord Pleanála which upheld the decision of Galway County Council.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development, located on the National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would be contrary to the provisions of the 1979 County Development Plan which restricts housing development to (a) replacement of existing inhabited dwellings, or (b) the provision of dwellinghouses for occupation by members of the farmholders family on the family holding, where no vehicular access can be opened onto another roadway.

In this case no housing need claim has been made, and in fact, the applicant has an address in Ballinteer, County Dublin.

The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because it would create a non-essential vehicular access onto the Gort-Galway National Primary Route.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

3.(a)

The proposed development located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would constitute a traffic hazard and endanger public safety because the traffic turning movements generated by this development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the road."

The County Manager stressed that in this case the proposed development would be on a National Primary Road, that no special housing need had been claimed, and that in fact the applicant is resident in Ballinteer, Co. Dublin.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Senator Burke.

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

1335 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39553 HENRY CONNOLLY:

The County Manager stated that a request for further information had issued in this case. In the circumstances, the resolution set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

1336 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40731 - MR. & MRS. REES EVANS:

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

"The proposed development for the construction of two dwellinghouses is situated on the National Primary Route between Galway and Oranmore between the road and the sea.

If granted, it would constitute a traffic hazard and affect the amenity of the area. No claim has been made for housing needs and no consultation has been requested or taken place.

Applicant was refused permission already for this development (Ref. No. 39332). It is proposed to refuse for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development located on the Galway/Oranmore National Primary route where the maximum speed limit applies would, owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan which requires that residential development along this route be restricted to particular categories of essential housing need."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Senator Burke.

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

1337 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39896 - JOHN MANIFOLD:

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

"BACKGROUND

The existing advertising sign is fixed to a boundary wall immediately adjacent to a road junction on the Kilcolgan to Kinvara National Secondary route, adjacent to Dungalair Castle. A temporary permission was granted to this applicant for the sign in 1977, for a period of two years to allow the Planning Authority additional time to assess the visual and traffic hazard effect of the sign.

4.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

It has been the consistent policy of the Planning Authority to strictly limit advertising signs in rural areas especially where such signs would (a) interfere or impede the amenity of the area, and (b) by their location create a distraction to road users and therefore constitute a traffic hazard. This policy is contained in paragraphs 6.04, 6.05, 6.06, and 6.07 of the 1979 County Development Plan.

The proposed advertising sign located at a junction on an unimproved section of the National Secondary route adjacent to Dungalair Castle would create a serious distraction to road users, especially those unfamiliar with this area and would thus constitute a traffic hazard.

RECOMMENDATION

The advertising sign located adjacent to a junction on the national secondary route would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the said route."

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

The County Manager stated that the County Council is willing to invite in the applicant to discuss an alternative location for the sign.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that a sign had been erected at this point for the past five or six years and he did not agree with the objections now being raised to it.

Councillor Brennan stated that the applicant had been invited into the Council to discuss the application. Permission should not be granted until the applicant calls. He proposed that the permission sought be refused. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Coogan.

It was decided to defer taking a vote on those proposals until after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator Burke, Senator Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby. (21)

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

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

Deputies Connaughton, Higgins, Senator Mannion, and Councillor Coogan did not vote.

1338 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 41090 - MICHAEL KEANE:

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

"BACKGROUND

The proposed site is located east of Bearnaderg on a proposed regional route approximately 7 miles south-east of Tuam. This road is under Class 2 Control under the provisions of 6.01 and Table 4 of the 1979 County Development Plan, the implications of this being as set out in

the second paragraph of this report. Permission has previously been refused to Mr. Keane on this site (Planning Ref. No. 40032) and this decision is currently under appeal to An Bord Pleanála.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

This road is a proposed regional route and the 1979 County Development Plan, restricts housing development on it to (a) replacement of existing inhabited dwellings and (b) provision of dwellings for the occupation by members of the farm holders family where no alternative vehicular access is possible.

This policy exists to avoid excessive or premature expenditure on roadways and to control undesirable ribbonization of development which causes interference with traffic using these roads and causes demands for other facilities, improvements and uneconomic expenditure on services.

The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of creating a non-essential access onto the said road. The proposed development is also contrary to the provision of the County Development Plan, as it does not come within the categories of residential development to which permission is normally restricted on this route. The applicant in this case is working in Tuam and his family have a farm at Lavally, Tuam. He has purchased this site.

RECOMMENDATION

REFUSAL is recommended for the following reason:-

The proposed development located on Class 2 road as classified by the 1979 County Development Plan, would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because it would interfere with free flow and safety of traffic on the said road and would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan as it does not come within the categories to which residential development is restricted on this route."

The County Manager stressed that the proposed development would be on a road specified in the Plan as needing control.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Connaughton and seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Deputy Connaughton stated that about 9 or 10 houses had been erected along this road and that a house next to this site in question is at present being completed. He stated that the applicant is living in a rented house and assumed that there would be no objection as he saw other houses being built along the same road.

Deputy Kitt stated that he had discussed the applicant's circumstances with him, that he is in a rented house and is in need of alternative accommodation.

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

1339 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 34701 - PETER BURKE:

The County Manager stated that a request for further information was issued in this case on the 24th March, 1980, and that a reply had now been received but it had not been possible to have the application dealt with before this meeting. He stated that the item would be on the meeting for the month of January if permission is not granted in the meantime.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not therefore proposed.

1340 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 38961 - PATRICK McDONAGH:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located to the west of Connamara Golf Club in the townland of Silverhill.

HISTORY:

An application was received by the Planning Authority from Rev. E. Waldron in October 1978 - planning reference number 29832 on a slightly larger site which includes the site presently under consideration. Fr. Waldron claimed to be the owner of the site. The application was refused by the Planning Authority in December 1978 on the grounds that:

The proposed development would seriously impair the high scenic and recreational value of the area, because of its elevated and obtrusive location and it could not be satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings.

An application was received by the Planning Authority in April 1981 - planning reference number 38961 and this is the application under consideration. An Taisce have lodged an objection in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the opinion of the Planning Authority that where there are alternative less obtrusive sites available on the family holding and it is proposed to refuse the application on the following grounds:

The proposed development would seriously impair the high scenic and recreational value of the area, because of its elevated and obtrusive location and it could not be satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings."

The County Manager drew the attention of Members that an objection to the grant of this application had been lodged by An Taisce.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Mannion and seconded by Deputy Donnellan.

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

Councillor McCormack asked if information could be given to the Council on decisions made in cases where An Taisce had lodged objections.

The County Manager stated that enquiries will be made and the necessary information given.

1341 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40965 - MICHAEL ACTON:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Glenn off the Streamstown-Claddaghduff Road.

HISTORY:

An application was received by the Planning Authority from Mr. Michael Acton on 10th April, 1981, for the erection of a dwellinghouse, planning reference number 38888. This was refused by the Planning Authority in June 1981 on the grounds that:

1. The proposed development, if permitted, would constitute undesirable development of backlands which should properly be kept free of development and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The site proposed to be developed is boggy and waterlogged and unsuitable for the effective disposal of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would constitute danger to public health by reason of a health hazard.

A further application was received by the Planning Authority from Mr. Michael Acton on 29th October, 1981 - planning reference number 40965 and this is the application under consideration.

No housing need is claimed in either the current, or the previous application.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse that application on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development if permitted, would constitute undesirable development of backlands which should properly be kept free of development and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The site proposed to be developed is boggy and waterlogged and unsuitable for the effective disposal of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would constitute danger to public health by reason of a health hazard."

The County Manager stressed that no special housing need had been claimed in this case.

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

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

It was decided to defer taking a vote on those proposals until after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator Burke, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Kitt, Senator Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby. (19)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Ruane. (7)

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

Councillor Coogan, Deputy Higgins, and Councillor McCormack did not vote.

1342 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 41276 - T. O'HESSTON:

The Chairman declared that very important planning issues are involved in this application and he asked the Members to consider them carefully.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on the Galway/Dublin National Primary Route approximately a half mile from Craughwell on the Galway side.

HISTORY:

Permission already exists for the four houses referred to in this application and one of the houses has been constructed. The permission was granted on 16th June, 1980, to Miss Anne Macken and the permitted development included a service road giving access from the houses to the adjacent County Road.

It would appear that the present applicant, Mr. Hession, has now acquired the lands and wishes to avoid construction of the permitted service road, by construction of direct access from each house to the National Primary Route. Mr. Hession is in occupation of the existing house on site and was refused permission on 28th April, 1981, for a direct access from that house to the National Primary Road (Planning Ref. No. 38409); the access was opened without planning permission and a statutory warning notice was issued to this man.

An application for permission for direct access from the four houses to the National Primary Route was refused by the Planning Authority on 3rd June, 1981, (Planning Ref. No. 39145).

An application (Reference no. 40224) similar to the current application was subject of a Section 4 resolution on the agenda for the September meeting of the County Council, but the resolution was withdrawn at that meeting and a decision to refuse permission issued to Mr. Hession. Two further applications, from this man, in respect of the same development, reference nos. 40810 and 40980 were refused respectively on 22nd October, 1981, and on 11th November, 1981. The current application was received on 2nd December, 1981, and notice of the proposed Section 4 resolution was received on 10th December, 1981.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The application is for 4 dwellinghouses and since permission already exists for the houses in question, it is clear that the intention of the application is to obtain permission for a direct access to the National Primary Road which is precluded by the existing permission. The proposed development would, therefore, be liable to constitute a serious and unnecessary traffic hazard adjacent to a level crossing and refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would involve the creation of additional access onto the National Primary route where the maximum speed limit applies and would owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to a previous decision of the Planning Authority which permitted residential development on these lands subject to vehicular access being taken from the adjacent County Road and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

He also submitted the following report on the application from the County Engineer:

"This proposal includes for the provision of four separate entrances at approximately 100 ft. apart on to National Primary Road N.6 more or less midway between the county road junction to Kilcolgan and the junction of the proposed Regional Road 347 to Athenry. These junctions are approximately 750 ft. apart. The proposed Regional Road is part of the link from N.18 (Gort Road) from Ardrahan via Athenry to Tuam and places to the North. The automatic level crossing is less than 600 yards to the east of the nearest proposed entrance.

Each entrance on its own would be a traffic hazard to the users of the entrance and to the National Road Traffic. The traffic movements from Athenry to Kilcolgan and vice versa would add considerably to the hazard as would the platoons of traffic arising out of the operation of the automatic crossing.

Furthermore, all these conflicting traffic movements would reduce the level of service of the National Route.

I strongly recommend refusal in this case."

Deputy Donnellan stated that the speed limit will soon be extended to a point beyond this site and that the objections now raised will then not exist.

Senator Burke stated that there is increased traffic because of the local school and that the additional four houses would make very little difference.

The County Engineer stated that he felt that the speed limit should end at the Railway line and it was most improbable that it would go as far as the houses concerned.

Councillor Murphy stated that this man purchased the site knowing very well the conditions which existed. He proposed that the application for permission be refused in this case.

Councillor F. Fahey seconded Councillor Murphy's proposal.

Councillor F. Fahey stated that the site in question was bought from a small farmer and that the condition in the permission at the time was that a service road would have to be put in. Because of this, the price of the site was less than it would normally be because a road would cost from £15,000 to £20,000. The small farmer concerned was denied permission for the concession now sought and he sold the site to Mr. Hession subject to the existing planning conditions. It was decided to defer taking a vote on the Council's proposals until after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Councillor Brennan, Senator Burke, Senator Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillor Kilgannon, Senator Mannion, Councillor O Foighil.

(9)

AGAINST: Councillors Bartley, J. Burke, Deputy Callanan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O Higgins, O Morain, Ruane and Welby.

(18)

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

Deputy M.D. Higgins did not vote.

1343 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 41289 - MICHAEL KENNELLY:

The County Manager stated that the notice of the proposed Section 4 resolution was received only a short time after the application for Planning Permission was received and that there was not sufficient time to have the necessary enquiries made.

In the circumstances, consideration of the resolution set out on the Agenda was adjourned to a later meeting.

1344 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39102 - STEPHEN LAFFEY:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the northern side of the roadway above Lough Fee in the townland of Bunowen.

HISTORY:

An application was received by the Planning Authority in October, 1979 from Mr. Stephen Laffey, planning ref. No. 33680. This was refused by the Planning Authority in November, 1979.

This decision was appealed by the applicant to An Bord Pleanala but the appeal was withdrawn in June, 1981.

In the meantime, another application was received by the Planning Authority in May, 1981, from Mr. Stephen Laffey and this is the application under consideration.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the opinion of the Planning Authority that suitable alternative sites are available to the applicant on the family holding from the viewpoint of visual amenity and suitability for disposal of septic tank effluent and it is proposed to refuse this application on the following grounds:-

1. The proposed development would seriously impair the high scenic amenity value of the area because it would be an incongruous and obtrusive feature in open scenic moorland landscape and could not be satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings.
2. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because the site is unsuitable for the efficient treatment of septic tank effluent."

The County Manager reminded the Council that alternative sites are available on this man's land.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley and seconded by Councillor M. Fahy.

Councillor J. Burke proposed and Councillor Brennan seconded that the permission sought be refused since the applicant had alternative suitable sites available.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the alternative sites as suggested would be unsuitable for the applicant.

Replying to Councillor O Conchubhair, the County Manager stated that the Council is advised by the Health Inspector about sites which are unsuitable for treatment of septic tank effluent, and where this applies, this is

stated in the report on Section 4 resolutions.

It was decided to defer taking a vote on those proposals until after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator Burke, Deputy Callanan, Deputy Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Kitt, Councillor McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O Conchubhair, O Foighil, O Higgins, O Morain, and Welby.

(21)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, Ruane.

(5)

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

Senator Byrne, Councillor Coogan, and Deputy Higgins did not vote.

1345 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 40790 - LAURENCE HURNEY:

The County Manager stated that a decision to grant permission in this case had been made.

1346 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39918 - MICHAEL MULHALL:

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

"Permissions to build a house on these lands which front onto a National Primary Route have been refused as follows:

1. Mr. Geoffrey Samways in July 1972 and also on appeal to the Minister in October, 1972.
2. Mr. Thomas Dowd in October, 1974, and on appeal to the Minister in June, 1974.
3. Mr. Patrick O'Reilly in September, 1977, and on appeal by An Bord Pleanala in January, 1978.
4. Mr. Michael Mulhall in February, 1981.

No appeal was made in this case. Mr. Mulhall described himself as buyer of the site when he applied in 1979. When asked on further information to substantiate his housing needs, he did not reply and returned maps, etc. with the comment "the above does not apply to me."

In the present application, he was again written to but his replies do not indicate housing need as provided for in the County Development Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

2. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict residential development along this route to particular categories of essential housing need."

The County Manager referred to correspondence with the applicant and in connection with housing need, stated that his replies indicated that a housing need did not exist for this man, - he already has a house.

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

Councillor Brennan proposed and Councillor J. Burke seconded that the permission sought in this case be refused.

It was decided to defer taking a vote on those proposals until after 4.30 p.m.

The taking of a vote in this case was overlooked after 4.30 p.m. and it was decided later at the meeting that the resolution would be put on the Agenda for the January Meeting.

1347 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 41134 - BERNARD O'CONNOR:

The Chairman stressed that this was a very important resolution and had very important implications for the Council in relation to the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme.

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

"Permission for development of these lands has already been refused by the Minister for Local Government, and has also been refused by both the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would be premature by reference to the absence of a public sewerage system and to the period within which this deficiency may be expected to be made good.
2. The proposed access to the development from the Limerick Road is inadequate to serve a development of the scale proposed.
3. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located in an area zoned for commercial development in the County Development Plan for Oranmore Village and would thus be prejudicial to the said Plan.
4. The proposed development has already been refused by An Bord Pleanala on appeal (Ref. No. 7/5/42907).

In addition, the preliminary report for Oranmore Sewerage Scheme proposes a trunk foul sewer through this site, and also proposes the construction of pumping station on the site. Until the consultant's comments are received, any decision must be considered premature; the section 4 notice was only received on the 14th December, 1981, leaving no time to obtain his comments.

The development is very much premature in the light of the above, and refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be premature by reference to the absence of a public sewerage system and to the period within which this deficiency may be expected to be made good.
2. The proposed access to the development from the Limerick Road is inadequate to serve a development of the scale proposed.
3. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located in an

area zoned for commercial development in the County Development Plan for Oranmore village and would thus be prejudicial to the said Plan.

4. The proposed development has already been refused by An Bord Pleanála on appeal (Ref. No. 7/5/42907).
5. The site contains a section of the proposed Oranmore drainage scheme. A development would be premature until this scheme has been finished."

The County Manager stated that this resolution has very serious implications in relation to the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme, and that if the permission sought is granted, it could set back the planning of the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme for a considerable length of time.

Councillor M. Fahy suggested postponing a decision on this matter and that in the meantime, the applicant would be requested to apply for an extension of time.

The County Manager stressed that because of the importance of this matter, an extension of at least two months would be required.

The motion set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

1348 - SHELLFISH RESEARCH LABORATORY AT CARNA:

Councillor O Morain stated that the County Development Team had been actively involved in the creation of a Marine Shellfish Research Laboratory at Carna and that when this was built, it was handed over to U.C.G. to provide the necessary services. He stated that this was one of the most advanced leading mariculture laboratories either in Great Britain or here, and it was a most important coastal development. He stated that it was now understood that because of the present financial situation, the Laboratory might be closed and that 10 Biologists had been given redundancy notice. Those men had ^{de-}voted their skills and their energy to the promotion of Fisheries Research and Development. They have built houses in the area and wish to stay in Ireland.

He then proposed that the following resolution be sent by Telex to An Taoiseach:

"That Galway County Council request the Taoiseach, Dr. Fitzgerald, to intervene immediately in the present crisis in the U.C.G. Shellfish Research Laboratory in Carna - that he ensure that adequate continuity of funding be made available and that the present crisis never be allowed to occur again."

This resolution was seconded by Senator Mannion and unanimously adopted.

1349 - TULLY/ROSSAVEAL GROUP WATER SCHEME:

Councillor O Conchubhair stated that there was no water in this scheme for the previous week or for the previous five weekends. Complaints were made by him and by others several times but only two Council workers had been sent out to investigate a vast area. He asked that every step possible be taken to ensure restoration of supply.

Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, stated that everything possible was being done - a wastage of approximately 100,000 gallons per day had been detected and the source of the leak could not up to then be ascertained. He stated that efforts will continue to locate it, but in the meantime, it may be necessary to adopt a scheme of water sharing but he stated that steps will be taken to ensure that the Tully area will be given a reasonable supply. He stated that the Council workers were examining the scheme systematically in order to arrive at the cause of the problem.

Replying to a suggestion by Senator Mannion, the County Manager stated that the Council would investigate the possibility of connecting the Spiddal and Knock Schemes, this would be likely to improve the situation.

1350 - CONGRATULATIONS - DEPUTY M.D. HIGGINS:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor O'Morain congratulated Deputy M.D. Higgins on his election to the office of Mayor of Galway and also on his appointment as spokesman for his party on education and the Gaeltacht.

1351 - PLANNING:

Referring to the final paragraph of Minute No. 1281, Senator Burke asked if an Officer in the Planning Department who recently lodged an objection to a planning application where a Section 4 Resolution had been passed, had declared a special interest under the Planning Act, 1976. He stated that he considered that the person had a duty to declare a special interest since he had reported on the Planning application which was the subject of the Section 4 resolution.

The County Manager stated that this had nothing to do with the question of an interest as defined in the 1976 Act and that interests affected by the 1976 Act was set out in the Act in question.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Senator Burke, the Council agreed to go into a Committee for a few minutes while this matter was being discussed.

Deputy Connaughton stated that he was not sure that it was proper procedure for an Officer who reports an application, should then object to the Council's decision to An Bord Pleanála.

Councillor McCormack asked if staff involved in Planning have to declare an interest as elected members are obliged to do. The County Manager replied that an obligation applies to staff and to members where interests as defined in the Act are involved.

The County Manager stated that the point raised is an important one but it is not one which involves the question of interest as referred to in the 1976 Act. The question, he stated, is one of whether the principle is right that an Officer should raise an objection. He stated that if there is a question of a legal interest being involved as referred to, he would certainly have the matter followed up. Regarding the objection in question, he stated that he did not know at the previous meeting that this objection had been lodged by the Officer concerned and he, therefore, took the occasion to speak to him about it. He stated that the Officer concerned felt very strongly about it and believed that his professional opinion had been cast aside when the decision was being made.

The County Manager stated that he pointed out to the Officer concerned that Officers of the Council might find it difficult to separate their private from their public role, and that the public and members of the Council would see it as involving them in their ^{public} role even though they act in a private capacity. He stated that he had pointed out to the Officer concerned that he would not condone the action taken or agree with it. He did not wish to thwart the Members of the Council in the decisions which they are entitled to take by law. He had asked the Officer concerned to consider his position in that light.

1352 - MINUTES:

Councillor M. Fahy stated that at the last meeting he had asked that his motion in connection with the provision of a second reservoir at Gort, which was proposed and seconded, be repeated on the Agenda for the December meeting and this had not been done.

It was agreed that Councillor Fahy's motion would be repeated in the Agenda for the January 1982 meeting.

Subject to the foregoing, the Minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd November, 1981, (numbers 1273 - 1327, inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman, on the proposition of Councillor O'Morain and seconded by Councillor Finnegan.

1353 - DATE OF ROADS ESTIMATE MEETING:

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the meeting to be held in January 1982.

1354 - SPECIAL MEETING - REFORM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - ORGANISATION AND FINANCE:

It was agreed that this meeting would be held on the 11th January, 1982.

1355 - DATE OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING - AMENITY AREAS:

It was agreed that this meeting would be held on the 22nd January, 1982.

1356 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS - OBJECTIONS BY AN TAISCE:

Councillor F. Fahey stated that he had objected previously to interference by An Taisce in Section 4 Motions, and that while he agreed that the Council had a serious problem on hands, numerous efforts to correct it were being made and interference by An Taisce was only making matters worse. He felt that efforts to reduce the number of Section 4 resolutions would soon bring results. He stated that An Taisce should withdraw their organised campaign against Section 4 resolutions and leave the Councillors and Officials to see what progress could be made.

He asked if information could be available at the next meeting on the percentage of planning applications refused in the year ended December, 1980, as against those in the year ended December, 1981. He felt that there is a serious increase in refusals and stated that it is important that the Council would look at the situation before planning goes into chaos.

Councillor J. Burke stated that An Taisce is democratic in its brief, and one of its objectives is to preserve orderly planning from its special point of view. The County Council's brief is to deal with Planning responsibly but he felt that this was not happening. He considered that a serious effort was not being made to resolve the problem which is often decided by Party votes. He complimented the County Manager on the way he was handling the problem and he suggested that both the County Council and An Taisce can go before An Bord Pleanála where there is a difference of views.

Councillor O'Morain stated that while he agreed that An Taisce has a function, he expressed concern at the manner in which the amenity areas in Connemara are being dealt with. He stated that the County Council acts democratically and tries to act fairly in dealing with Planning applications. He criticised the objection by An Taisce to an application by a Mairtin Breathnach and he hoped to bring a film to the Council Chamber in due course to illustrate the case to which an objection was raised by An Taisce. He considered that the Council should soon examine the re-interpretation of the County Development Plan.

Councillor McCormack stated that An Taisce has a right to object but not to hold up everything. There were 16 Section 4 resolutions before the Council Meeting on that day and there was also lack of consistency on the part of the Councillors. The Council must maintain its right to direct the County Manager to grant permission in certain cases where the Council feels its right to do so. He stated that he was informed that in one County where Section 4 resolutions are passed, this is the ultimate decision and is not open to appeal.

Councillor Glynn stated that he was aware of cases where the Council would be prepared to give permission if the applicant moved from one site to another, and he felt that Councillors should point out to the applicants

that they should try to do this.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that with the number of Section 4 resolutions before the Council on that date, the Development Plan is now in tatters. He stated that he is a Member of An Taisce and that it is made up of people who are responsible and intelligent. They do good work giving their time voluntarily in trying to preserve the national heritage and in the conservation of the Environment. They deserve the support of the Council and they have a legitimate right to lodge appeals where they deem it necessary.

Deputy Callanan stated that where it agreed that individuals from An Taisce have the right of appeal, the Members of his party believe in collective responsibility, and he pointed out that there may be cases where consultation between the Council and an applicant may not be easy.

Senator Byrne stated that while he has been involved in proposing some resolutions under Section 4, he would not get over-excited about objections by An Taisce. He considered An Taisce was doing a good job and that the decision of Members might not always be right.

Councillor Haverty also referred to inconsistencies in decisions and he asked if the matter could be put on the Agenda for the next meeting as Deputy Killilea who was indisposed could not be at this meeting. The Chairman stated that it would not be possible to put it on a future Agenda but if Deputy Killilea wished to speak briefly on it at the next meeting, he would afford him an opportunity of doing so.

1357 ADDITIONAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION - £69,000 FOR WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

The County Manager informed the Council that this brings the total allocation for Water and Sewerage Schemes for 1981 to £1,100,000. He stated that of the additional allocation, £7,000 would be used for paying the final account for the Clarenbridge/Kilcolgan Water Supply and £62,000 for the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme which is in progress.

Councillor Joyce stated that there had been recently some effluent seeping onto the public roadway at Laurencetown and he asked that the matter would be inspected.

The County Engineer stated that this is being attended to.

1358 - SALE OF SITE AT POOLBOY, BALLINASLOE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a site containing 0.378 acres approximately at Poolboy, Ballinasloe, to Mr. Thomas Kelly, Churchill, Ballinasloe, in accordance with the terms set out in notice dated 10th December, 1981, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, circulated to each Member of the Council."

1359 - LOAN - £10,455 - CARNA GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £10,455 to finance the cost of increased pipe sizes for Carna Group Water Scheme - the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister and at such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

1360 - ST. CLERANS/LECARROW GROUP WATER SCHEME - LOAN £7,840:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £7,840 as the Council's contribution towards the cost of headworks for the St. Clerans/Lecarrow Group Water Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

1361 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - TUAM WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - £52,000:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £52,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the completion of the construction of the Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

1362 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - CARRAROE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - £48,730:

It was proposed by Councillor N. O Conchubhair, seconded by Senator J. Mannion, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £48,730 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of completing the Carraroe Water Supply Scheme - Extension to Rossaveal, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

1363 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - GALWAY CITY EAST WATER SUPPLY - EXTENSION TO ORANMORE - £52,000:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £52,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Galway City East Water Supply - Extension to Oranmore - Stage 2 - the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

1364 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

Councillor McCormack queried the amount of costs in some of the cases listed and asked if it would be possible to settle some cases out of Court in future.

The County Manager stated that in order to save costs, certain cases are not defended where it is in the Council's interest to do so, and that in such cases, we try to keep the costs low by not incurring the expense of defending them.

1365 - LIMIT ON DURATION OF PLANNING PERMISSIONS:

The County Manager referred to Circular dated 16th December, 1981, from the Department of the Environment which had been circulated to each Member of the Council stating that the Minister proposed to introduce legislation extending all planning permissions which expired on 1st November for one further year.

Replying to further queries from Members, the County Manager stated that as the law stands at present, the Council would have to administer it, but note has been taken of the Minister's intention to extend all planning permissions for one year. It is understood that this will be done irrespective of any action which the Council has taken already. The law on the matter has not, however, yet been changed.

1366 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES: - CIRCULAR G 6/81 DATED 16TH DECEMBER, 1981.

Circular G.6/81 dated 16th December, 1981, from the Department of the Environment, copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council was submitted.

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

(a) "That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of travelling expenses at the rate of 37.0p 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 and after 1st September, 1981."

(b) "That an inclusive travelling and subsistence allowance not exceeding £11.50 be paid to any Member who attends a meeting of the authority or of a committee at a place less than five miles by any route from his official residence and who is obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than three hours - this allowance to apply to meetings held on or after 1st September, 1981."

(c) "That the Council also approve the payment of the other travelling and subsistence allowances set out in the enclosure to Circular letter G.6/81 from the Department of the Environment at the rate set out in the enclosure - in respect of all meetings held on or after 1st September, 1981."

Councillor Joyce expressed disappointment that no allowance had been made for phone calls, other necessary travelling and other out-of-pocket expenses to Members.

1367 - HEAT PUMP - TUAM SWIMMING POOL:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a loan of £28,000 for the purchase of a heat pump for Tuam Swimming Pool, and he stated that this would be subject to confirmation from the Department of the Environment that the usual contribution to loan charges will be made towards the cost.

It was proposed by Councillor Burke, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, and resolved:

"That subject to the availability of the usual subsidy, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £28,000 for the purchase of a heat pump for Tuam Swimming Pool, the loan to be raised from such source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that the Council will advise the Ballinasloe Urban District Council about the possibility of using this system in the Ballinasloe Swimming Pool when more information is available.

1368 - SCHEME FOR PAYMENT OF RATES BY INSTALMENTS 1982:

On the proposition of Deputy Callanan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Council approved the Draft Scheme for payment of Rates by instalments in 1982.

1369 - ARTERIAL DRAINAGE:

The County Manager informed the Members of a letter dated 16th December, 1981, from the Office of Public Works pointing out why their estimate was 53.5% over the estimate for 1981.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the Office of Public Works would be asked to carry out its full programme of drainage maintenance work but that the Government be asked to bear the cost of any increase which is greater than the total of the estimate for 1981, together with the amount represented by the percentage rate increase to be allowed by the Minister for 1982.

1370 - EXTENSION AND REWIRING OF COUNTY BUILDINGS:

The County Manager referred to a proposal of the Council to borrow the sum of £300,000 for the extension and rewiring of the County Buildings and stated that a letter had been received from the Department of the Environment stating that the total capital allocation for the provision of office accommodation in 1981 is entirely absorbed and the Department would not be in a position to consider sanctioning the proposal in the current year.

It was agreed that the Council would resubmit the application for consideration in 1982.

1371 - LOANS FOR ERECTION AND PURCHASE OF HOUSES:

Referring to a request for comparative figures for 1980 and 1981 at the previous meeting, the County Manager stated that in 1980, 318 loans were approved amounting to a total of £2,981,000 and that in 1981, 292 loans had been approved amounting to a total of £3,232,000.

Replying to a query by Senator Burke, the County Manager stated that information on rate collection, etc., would be available for the January meeting.

1372 - BYE-PASS ROAD AT LOUGHREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY CALLANAN AND COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

It was agreed to adjourn this matter to the next meeting.

1373 - GORT WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that pressure can be poor in the extremities of the system, i.e., Ennis Road, Ballyhugh, and Galway Road, but a booster was installed to remedy this. He stated that the pumps are considered adequate for normal use. The whole system would need a thorough appraisal, rising mains, filters, clear water tank, etc., if large scale improvements were on demand. However, the County Engineer was not aware of any demand for a supply greatly in excess of the present consumption.

Councillor Fahey expressed dissatisfaction with the reply and asked why the sum of £2,000 provided in the Estimates about two years ago for a replacement pump was not expended. He asked that a reply would be sent to him to this query and that a copy of the County Secretary's reply would also be forwarded.

1374 - RESTRUCTURING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

Councillor Fahy asked that this motion be deferred to the next meeting.

1375 - DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR GALWAY/MAYO - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON:

Councillor Kilgannon stressed the importance of the production of a strategy by the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation and he criticised the fact that proposals for the Connacht Regional Airport were never put to either Mayo or Galway County Council. He stated that there is no economic plan and he asked that a plan be devised for the two Counties, and he asked that any proposals for development should be referred to the two Councils.

Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Kilgannon's motion. The County Manager stated that for some time the R.D.O. was moving on a regional strategy but that there were no funds available to do it. Now, it had been informed that grants were likely to be made available in 1982, applications have been invited from Consultants in anticipation of funds being provided in 1982.

1376 - WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The County Secretary stated that when investigation was being carried out in 1961 with a view to providing a sewerage scheme for Williamstown, two methods of disposal were considered for the village:

- (a) Discharge the effluent into a swallow hole north east of the village.
- (b) Discharge the effluent into a turlough south of the village.

Both of those proposals were strenuously objected to by local residents and by the County Medical Officer on health and safety grounds. The only remaining alternative was the discharge to the Island River and this would require secondary treatment which would be very expensive. An outfall location 1½ miles from the village was tentatively considered but owing long distance and cost, it was not pursued further.

Replying to Councillor Finnegan, the County Manager stated that these proposals are not now likely to be acceptable in view of the provisions of the Water Pollution Act.

The County Engineer outlined the serious problems which could arise in the discharge of effluent into ground waters.

Councillor Finnegan stressed the urgency of providing a scheme for Williamstown.

1377 - REDUCTION OF RATES ON REVISION OF VALUATION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The County Secretary stated that following renovation of the premises in December 1977, the valuation published on the 1st October, 1978, showed an increased valuation of £55 with effect from the 1st January, 1979. This valuation was not appealed during the statutory period which ended on the 28th October, 1978, and the increased valuation was reflected in the 1979 rate assessment. It was only during that year that the occupier complained about the increased valuation. The premises was listed for revision in December 1979 and the result which took effect on the 1st January, 1981, showed no change in the valuation. The occupier again appealed between the 1st and 28th December, 1980, and as a result of this, the valuation was reduced to £37, but a decision on appeal takes effect from the date the revision appealed against would take effect which in this case is the 1st January, 1981, and it is not possible to remit the Rates on the previous valuation before that date.

Councillor Finnegan stated that this is unjust to the occupier, but the County Manager stated that the Council has to abide by the law on the matter.

1378 - PROVISION OF FUNDS FOR SEWERAGE SCHEMES IN COUNTY GALWAY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

Councillor Finnegan proposed that the Minister for the Environment make funds available for sewerage schemes in County Galway. This proposal was

seconded by the Chairman and adopted.

1379 - ROADWORKS AT WOODSTOCK, MOYCULLEN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that legal representatives of both parties are trying to resolve the difficulties which have arisen in connection with the Contract in this case. Councillor Welby stated that this is a dangerous section of road and that efforts should be made to have the problem resolved without delay. He also asked that warning signs be erected pending decision on the matter and sanding during frost.

1380 - FOOTPATHS - MOYCULLEN: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary ^{stated} that kerbs are on order. Some land has still to be acquired but it is expected that the work will commence very soon.

Replying to a further query by Councillor Welby, the County Engineer stated that some work will be done on both ends of the village where land is available.

1381 - IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD AT KEARNAUN, HEADFORD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that land for road improvement at this location had been acquired from the Irish Land Commission some years ago but it is not the practice to send specific proposals to the Department in advance of grant allocations which are normally allocated to the route. The Department has been aware of the needs of this route and the allocation of funds will depend on the grant allocated.

Councillor Welby proposed and Councillor McCormack seconded that the resolution be forwarded to the Department. This was agreed.

The County Engineer stated that this section of road had been inspected by a Department Inspector - it was only recently declared a National Secondary Road and must await its turn for funds.

1382 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS NUMBERED 37820 & 40211 - INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BALLYBRET:

Mr. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning) gave a report on the applications made in this case. Permission had been given for a workshop but the front elevation was not in accordance with the permission and an extension had been built to the workshop without permission. Applications were then made for retention of the front elevation and for the unauthorised extension. Both were granted by the Council but Appeals were lodged with the Planning Appeals Board against the extension. He agreed that the noise factor is significant but he has been informed that the factory would have to be closed if the noise from the engine had to be turned off. Councillor McCormack stated that permission was first granted in March 1981, and that people had been misinformed about the right of Appeal. He agreed that work could not now be stopped and he stated that the public notice was not sufficiently explicit.

Permission had been granted contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan in an area which is zoned commercial and adversely affects the amenity of the people living in the nearby houses. He stated that he will request further information on this application.

1383 - EXTRA LIGHT AT TURLOUGHMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that no funds had been provided for this in 1981, but the matter will be considered with other cases when the Estimates for 1982 are being prepared.

1384 - MOYCULLEN WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that ^aTender for the Galway City Western Environs

Water Supply which includes a Trunk Main to Moycullen and a Reservoir at Moycullen was sent for sanction of the Minister on the 16th December, 1981.

Replying to a further query, the County Manager stated that permissions could not be granted for development which depended on a water supply until such time as the Council is satisfied that a water supply would be available on the completion of the houses.

1385 - DEONTAS £4,000 DO LUCHT NA n-EASLAN - MOLADH ON COMHAIRLEOIR O FOIGHIL:

The County Secretary stated that while the Council had sanction to pay grants up to £4,000, it had not sufficient funds to pay grants at this rate. He pointed out that the total amount provided in the Estimates for 1981 - £40,000 - had already been expended and that the maximum grant being paid by the Council was £2,400. He pointed out, however, that the average grant paid was £1,245 which indicated that the level of grants being paid by the County Council was adequate in present circumstances. He stated that it may be necessary to operate a means test in relation to applicants as there is a considerable number of cases on the waiting list and the amount of funds is limited. He stated that 65 applications had been approved and not paid and that there are a further 80 recommended and 20 under examination.

The County Secretary ^{stated that} also the problem about increasing the grant is that more elaborate schemes will be proposed at a higher cost and that fewer applicants would benefit. Councillor O Foighil stated that there are eight serious cases in Galway County and he urged that something be done to help them.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, asked Councillor O Foighil to give particulars of one hardship case to which Councillor O Foighil referred, and it would be examined.

Councillor O Conchubhair congratulated Councillor O Foighil for his work for the disabled.

1386 - It was agreed that of the remaining motions on the Agenda, letters would be issued to Councillors who requested them and in other cases, the motions would be adjourned to the next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

B. J. Lee and CHAIRMAN

25/1/82 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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COISTE de'n Comhairle Chontae do sna Togh Limisteir Chontae Conamara agus Gaillimh.

Committee of Galway County Council of the members from the Connemara and Galway County Electoral Areas.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the above Committee on Friday, 22nd January, 1982 at 3.30 p.m. at the County Buildings, Galway to consider the Amenity Provisions of the County Development Plan in relation to West Galway.

Any Member of the Council who wishes to do so may attend.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH.
RUNAI GNIOMHACH.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

18u Eanáir, 1982.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u Eanáir, 1982, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
 - (a) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Henry Connolly of Drimmeen, Errislannon, Clifden, for reconstruction and extension of existing ruin and erection of septic tank at Drinagh. - Planning Ref. No. 39553."
John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. 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 outline permission to Peter Burke of Maum, Errislannon, Clifden, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Ballinaboy. - Planning Ref. No. 34701."
John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. John Donnellan.
 - (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 Mr. Michael Collins of Kilgarriff, Headford, permission for one house at Kilgarriff. - Planning Reference Number 40743."
Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.
 - (d) "Sin de reir Roinn 4 de Acht Bainistíochta Chathrach agus Chontae (Leasaithe) 1955, iarann Comhairle Condáe na Gaillimhe ar an Bainisteoir Condáe cinneadh go gceadofar cead pleanála d'reir na pleananna a cuireadh ar fail do P. Greaney, Furbo Hill, le haghaidh athru usaide ti ag Furbo. - Uimhir Tagartha Rolla Pleanála 41449."
P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. F. O Cuaigain.

- (e) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant ^{Marty} O'Malley, of Moneymore East, Oranmore, Outline Planning Permission for two dwellinghouses at Moneymore East. - Planning Reference Number 41421."
- Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy. John Molloy.
- (f) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant full planning permission to John Kearney of Knockdoemore, Claregalway, for retention of workshop at Knockdoemore. - Planning Reference Number 41447."
- Mark Killilea. Patrick Ruane. John Molloy.
- (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 Full Planning Permission to John Kearney of Knockdoemore, Claregalway, for retention of Garden Centre at Knockdoemore. - Planning Reference Number 41453."
- Mark Killilea. Patrick Ruane. John Molloy.
- (h) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Thomas Naughton of Galway Road, Tuam, for erection of serviced dwelling House with garage at Townparks 2nd Division Tuam. - Planning Reference Number 41495."
- Mark Killilea. Patrick Finnegan. Michael Fahy.
- (i) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Martin Donoghue of Keade, Lavally, Tuam, for Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse (serviced) and garage at Polldorragha, Tuam. - Planning Reference number 41501."
- Mark Killilea. Michael Ryan. Padraic McCormack.
- (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 Outline Permission to Michael Kennely at Bunowen, Aillebrack. - Planning Reference Number 41281."
- John M. Mannion. G. Bartley. T. Welby.
- (k) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Full Planning Permission to Martin Kenny of Annaghkeen, Ower P.O., for a dwellinghouse (Plan B.27) at Annaghkeen. - Planning Reference Number 41419."
- Mark Killilea. T. Welby. Michael Fahy.
- (l) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission to Thomas Shaughnessy of Glenascaul, Oranmore, for the erection of two houses at Glenascaul. - Planning Ref. No. 41120."
- P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. Toddie Byrne.

- (m) "Sin de reir Roinn 4 de Acht Bainistíochta Chathrach agus Chondae (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrann Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Condae cinneadh go gceadófar L. O'Cuailain d'reir na pleannaí a tugadh isteach le haghaidh dha theach nua ag Cor-na-Ron. - Uimhir Tagartha Rolla Pleanala 41580."
- P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. F. O Cuagain.
- (n) "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 William Sullivan, Mountscribe, Kinvara, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Doorus, Kinvara. - Planning Ref. No. 41063."
- Michael Fahy. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.
- (o) "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant retention of advertising sign at Dungory East, Kinvara to Mr. A.J. Corless, "White House Bar", Kinvara. - Planning Ref. No. 41370."
- Michael Fahy. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.
- (p) "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 Planning Permission to Michael Mulhall, Oranmore, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Stradbally North. - Planning Ref. No. 39918."
- Michael Fahy. Mark Killilea. Edward Haverty.
- (q) "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 to Michael Donoghue, Tarramuid, Clarenbridge, full planning permission for retention of farmyard development at Moyvilla. - Planning Reference Number 40813."
- Toddie Byrne. John Donnellan. Ulick Burke.
- (r) "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 John Price for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Doon. - Planning Ref. No. 40891."
- G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.
2. Minutes.
3. Fix dates of:-
- (a) Estimates Meeting.
- (b) Roads Estimate Meeting.
- (c) Special meeting to consider Reform of Local Government.
4. Appointment of Mr. Padraic Hynes, Canal Stage, Ballinafad, to fill vacancy on County Committee of Agriculture (nominated by the Connemara Pony Breeders' Society).

5. Raising of Supplementary Loans for:-
- (a) Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply - Stage 1 - £444,000
 - (b) Oughterard Regional Water Supply - £12,300
 - (c) Extension to Oranmore Water Supply - Stage 1 - £7,000
 - (d) Brierhill Reservoir - £12,900
6. Sale of Houses to:-
Patrick Reilly, Lissybroder, Dunmore.
Joseph Barnacle, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard.
(Notices dated 7th December, 1981.)
7. Sale of Housing site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Miss Christina Kearns, Caherroyne, Athenry. (Notice dated 13th January, 1981.)
8. Recreational facilities for elderly persons - letter dated 14th December, 1981, from Minister of State, Department of Education, (copy herewith).
9. Financial assistance for the Disabled (Minute No. 961 - 23/3/81.)
10. Fire Services Act, 1981.
11. Application for remission of Rates on factory at Tonlegee, Clonbur.
- C.D.S. Teoranta.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

Adjourned from last Meeting:

DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN & COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - We propose:

13. That Galway County Council delete from the County Development Plan the proposed by-pass at Loughrea, which is written into the Plan, as I understand the Planning Authority have now agreed on an alternative by-pass.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

14. That County Council meetings be restructured to give more adequate time to Councillors to envisage new policies and discuss them relating to the major problems before us, i.e., housing, roads, finance, etc.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

15. That the three elected Members of the European Parliament be invited to a special meeting of the Galway County Council in order that the people of County Council be made aware what money is being made available to them.

16. Cen fath nach bhfuil an t-airgead o grup sceim An Tulach dha ioch le Co-Op Chois Fharrage?

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN & COUNCILLOR POL O'FOIGHIL - We will propose:

17. That Galway County Council pay a realistic rent to the owner of Derrynea Courthouse rather than the pittance being paid at the moment.
18. That Galway County Council tell the Members of this Council the reason why the fully serviced cemetery at Clynagh, Carraroe is not being used.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

19. That Galway County Council provide additional public lighting at Spiddle.

DEPUTY MICHAEL D. HIGGINS - I will propose:

20. That as soon as funds become available, the dangerous bend in the road outside the house of Mr. John Thompson, Rathcosgrove, Ardrahan, Co. Galway be made safer.

COUNCILLOR TONY MURPHY - I will ask:

21. What is the undue delay in starting the sewerage scheme in Athenry.
22. That lights be provided at Kingsland, Athenry and the lights in general be improved in the town.
23. That a footpath be provided from the new housing estate on the Tuam Road, Athenry, to the bottom of the Railway Bridge.

Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE - I will propose

24. That a public light be erected outside Killoran Catholic Church gate.
25. That the Council erect a chain-link fence along the road-side at Ardbreen, Kiltormer (almost opposite the "Spinning Wheel" Public house) to prevent the dumping of dead animals and other refuse on Hogan's low lying land.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY & DEPUTY JOHN CALLANAN: We will propose

26. That the Council would erect public lights at Mullagh Church and provide money in 1982 Estimates for same.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask

27. For developments of progress in regard my proposition that a new reservoir be built in Gort to provide a more satisfactory water supply in Gort.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON & SENATOR U. BURKE - We will propose:

28. That the Shannon Park Housing Scheme be acquired by the Council,

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON - I will propose

29. That adequate public lighting be provided at Castlegar, on the Newbridge road leading from Mountbellew to facilitate the new houses.
30. That the corner on the road outside Edward Keane's house in Ballinlass, Mountbellew be eased in the interest of road safety.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK - I will ask

31. That the County Council remove a bad turn on the Cahergowlan road at Lakeview, Claregalway near the Community Centre.
32. That the Council erect a yield right-of-way sign at Ballymurphy Cross, Claregalway.
33. That a sign be erected at Tonroe indicating Cregmore.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE, DEPUTY MARK KILLILEA & COUNCILLORS P. FINNEGAN, MICHAEL RYAN AND FRANK GLYNN -

34. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to arrange to make public the road leading from Weir Road, Tuam, to Millstream Park Estate to meet work done by the developer. (While this portorts to be a Section 4 Resolution it is not valid under that Section).
- COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:

35. That this Council agree in principle to allocate water when available to the Cloonmore Water Scheme.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

36. Droichead Mhuicineach - Cen fath nach bhfuil an obair ag dul ar aghaidh faoi lathair. Ce mhead airgead ata caite go data agus cen ceadchodan den obair ata curtha i gcrioch.
37. An raibh na "Approach Roads" san aireamh san meastuchan agus cen meastuchan iomlan a bhi i gceist.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN, DEPUTIES MICHAEL KITT AND JOHN CALLANAN - We will propose

38. That the L.I.S. Application made to repair the road leading to John Mullen's house at Currylea, Lavalley be accepted by the County Council as the road is in a very bad condition.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose:

39. That a resolution be passed requesting the Minister for Education to proceed immediately with the proposed extension to Killanin National School
40. I will ask has a contractor been appointed to carry out the proposed Galway West Regional Water Scheme
41. What is the present position regarding the proposed Barna Sewerage Scheme.

COUNCILLOR F. FAHEY - I will propose:

42. That the County Council prepare Plans for the collection of Refuse in Rural areas, at bin collection points, by a private Waste Disposal Company, so that communities willing to pay for such a service can avail of it.

43. I will ask what percentage of the total number of Planning Applications decided upon during the month of December, 1980, and the month of December, 1981, were refused, and what percentage were referred for further information.

44. That the Oranmore Regional Water Scheme be extended to augment the Clarinbridge Regional Scheme and allow for the extension of this scheme to supply Group Water Schemes at Kiltiernan, Rinn, Roveagh and Killeeneen.

SENATOR T. BYRNE - I will ask:

45. If this planning Authority is satisfied that the terms of Planning Permission No. 34299 are being adhered to?
46. That provision be made in forthcoming estimates for augmenting the Kinvara Water Supply.
47. That serious consideration be given to improving the Gort/Loughrea Road.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

13th January, 1982.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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

A Chara,

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
Miss Christina Kearns, Caheroyan, Athenry.	1	.120 acre

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
1	£3,500

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The site will be sold in fee simple.
2. The County Council will retain wayleaves in respect of watermain and sewers.
3. The Erection of a house to be completed by the purchaser within two years.

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
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