

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Western Motors Ltd., Tuam Road, Galway.	Damage to one plate glass showroom window, three other windows and one hatch being the property of Western Motors Ltd., Tuam, Road, Galway.	Borough of Galway.	£250	£138.70
Alphonsus Dodd, 11, Finbarr's Terrace, Bohermore, Galway.	Damaged and destroyed Motor Car reg. no. AUI 3283.	Borough of Galway.	£400	£351.31
Patrick Dodd, 203, Rahoon Park, Galway.	Damage to two motor cars, Reg. Nos. GZM 94 and FDI 958.	Borough of Galway.	£550	£427.03

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13th January, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

re: Proposed Terms of Disposal of land at Kilcloony, Ballinasloe,
in connection with Relief Road

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Notice is hereby given to you a a proposal to dispose of a plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder, viz:-

LAND:

Plot of land, area 2 a. 2 r. 27 pers. 26 sq. yds. approximately, situated in the townland of Kilcloony.

LANDS ACQUIRED FROM:

Mr. N. Swanick, Society Street, Ballinasloe.

TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE TRANSFERRED:

Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL:

Ballinasloe Urban District Council to transfer 3 plots of adjoining lands of approximate areas, 2 a. 0 r. 7 pers. 20 sq. yds; 0 a. 0 r. 2 pers. 13 sq. yds; and 0 a. 0 r. 19 pers. 8 sq. yds to Galway County Council.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

For Agenda File

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - 24TH JANUARY, 1983.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

A Chara,

The following items omitted in error from the Agenda will be considered:-

21(a) Raising of Loans for Special Contributions to Group Water Schemes.

(1) Derrydonnell - £49,000

(2) Kiltiernan - £5,000.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL

RUNAI.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH JANUARY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

MEMBERS: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, Senator T. Byrne, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputies J. Donnellan, and F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, M.D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. 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; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Acting County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, F. Monahan, R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); E. Lusby, Finance Officer; H. Kearns and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; D. Commins, Staff Officer; K. Doyle, County Secretary; and T. Kavanagh who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1870 - SYMPATHY:

The Council, on the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Glynn, passed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Dr. Mai Costello, Galway, and the meeting adjourned for a moment as a mark of respect.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Liam Looney, "Carriglea", Lower Taylors Hill, Galway.
Mrs. Mary Liston, Shantalla Road, Galway.
Mrs. Nora Craughwell, 116 College Road, Galway.
Mrs. Reid, Devon Park, Salthill, Galway.
Mrs. Noreen, McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Mary D'Arcy, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Mrs Tom Raftery, Cloonberne, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Michael Hussey, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
Mr. P. Smith, Beagh, Curragh West, Dunmore.
Mrs. Concepta O'Dea & Family, Tubber Road, Gort.
Mr. John Spelman, Galway Road, Gort.
Ms. Angela Geoghegan, Maheramore, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Kevin Spelman, Carrigan, Craughwell.
Ms. Marie Hanney, Stowlin, Eyrecourt, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. McGlynn, Carrhoon, Tynagh, Loughrea.

1871 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44337 - APPLICANT: THOMAS GAVIN.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located in the townland of Munga to the south of the main Galway-Clifden Road. Access to the site is gained from a roadway located approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the Galway side of the old Gowlan Railway Bridge on the main road.

HISTORY:

A similar application by the same applicant was refused by the Planning Authority, Planning Reference Number 42975, on the grounds of injury to visual amenity. It should be noted that the applicant did not supply information requested from him by the Planning Authority which was considered essential to Application no. 42975.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant has 2 number separate holdings of land, one surrounding the site of the present application and another in the townland of Faul, located to the West of Clifden, where the applicant lives. Having examined the situation on the ground the Planning Authority are of the opinion that development on the holding in Munga would be less injurious to the amenities of the district, and having regard to the applicant's circumstances and claims for housing need as presented, the Planning Authority are satisfied that the granting of permission for 2 number dwellinghouses would satisfy the applicant's housing requirements for the present.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to grant Outline Permission for 2 dwellinghouses, with relevant conditions attached."

Councillor Bartley said that he was satisfied with the proposal to grant permission for two houses. The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

1872 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44147 - APPLICANT: STEPHEN FAHY.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The site of the proposed development is situated adjacent to a heavily trafficked National Secondary route, approximately three hundred yards from Ballindoooley Cross-Roads on the Galway-Headford Road. The proposed petrol and diesel pumps would be sited in the forecourt of the existing workshop which is being used as a car repair garage. The grant of permission for the initial development on this site was by way of Section 4 Motion for an agricultural machinery workshop, and its use was confined to this purpose by a condition of that permission.

Mr. Fahy has previously submitted two applications to the Planning Authority for permission to erect petrol and diesel pumps, planning reference numbers 39727, and 43435. He was refused permission on both occasions on the grounds that the proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

It is considered that the Galway-Headford National Secondary Route is already well catered for in respect of Service Stations, and there are petrol pumps located at Woodquay which is only two miles to the south of the site and also at Clonboo which is approximately four and a half miles to the north.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development would give rise to a substantial increase in traffic movements to and from the site which is on a heavily trafficked National Secondary route at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. These additional traffic movements would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said route thereby endangering public safety by reason of a traffic hazard."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby. He said that the applicant does tractor repairs and that his business suffers when he has not petrol or diesel for sale. Councillor Molloy said that the applicant considered that his business was incomplete without the pumps and he felt entitled to them.

The County Manager pointed out that the existing Workshop was being used as a car repair garage in contravention of the Planning Permission and that the applicant should be concerned with putting this right vis-a-vis the Planning Law.

The resolution was not seconded and was not proceeded with.

1873 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 43988 - APPLICANT: PATRICK MURPHY.

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

"A decision to grant Outline Permission for four dwellinghouses at Kilcoona (register number 43987) was issued to Mr. Murphy on the 12th January, 1983, and taking into account the previous permission (number 41736), referred to in the attached report, he will have Outline Permission for a total of nine dwellinghouses.

The application, subject of the proposed resolution under Section 4 is for a further six houses and it is recommended that four be granted for the reasons given in the report.

If the above recommendation is adopted, then Mr. Murphy will have Outline Permission for a total of thirteen dwellinghouses which should be sufficient to meet family needs."

Deputy Donnellan said that the granting of Permission for four houses was acceptable. The resolution set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

1874 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44290 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL WHELAN.

The County Manager stated that a decision granting Permission in this case had issued.

1875 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44519 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL HEHIR.

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

BACKGROUND:

"The proposed site is located approximately half a mile north of Ardahan, facing onto the National Primary route, at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. Planning Reference number 41247 granted Outline Permission to this applicant, to erect a dwellinghouse on the site adjacent to this site, provided that the vehicular access to the site would be taken from the minor County Road, to the north of the site.

This condition was included in accordance with the County Plan Policy on National Routes. This condition was appealed by Mr. Hehir and was upheld by An Bord Pleanála.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development, which includes direct vehicular access to the National Primary route would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard, because the traffic turning movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the said route.

The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the 1979 County Development Plan which restricts housing development on National Primary routes to specific classes of housing need. This policy exists in order to preserve the carrying capacity, protect public investment, and to restrict new access in the interest of road safety on National routes, in accordance with Ministerial circulars.

The applicant has made no housing need claim and has stated that he hopes to sell the site to finance farm development. He has stated that he does not intend to avail of 41247 because, in his opinion, it is low-lying and subject to flooding. This site has been inspected on two occasions and is held to be satisfactory for a dwellinghouse. Moreover, if applicant believed the site was unsatisfactory, it is difficult to understand why he proceeded with an appeal of the Planning Authority's previous decision.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the above reasons."

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the applicant proposes to sell the site to finance farm development. He also said the applicant did not intend to avail of Permission No. 41247 as he was unaware of the location of the site and it was subject to flooding. He would not be seeking any further permissions. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Callanan. As there was no objection, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1876 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44181 - APPLICANT: MARTIN COONEY.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The site proposed to be developed is located in the townland of Corboley in an unduly prominent position on an open rugged and vulnerable landscape. A dwellinghouse on this site would be visually obtrusive from both the north and south approaches to the site. There have been four previous applications made to the Planning Authority in respect of lands which include this site which are as follows:

- Planning reference number 12572: Outline Permission was refused for the erection of one dwellinghouse on a slightly larger site.
- Planning reference number 37058: Outline Permission was refused for two dwellinghouses on lands which include the current site under consideration. The Decision of the Council was appealed by the applicant and this decision was subsequently upheld by An Bord Pleanala on the grounds of visual amenity.
- Planning Reference number 40666: Outline Permission was refused to Mr. Martin Cooney. The applicant did not appeal this decision.
- Planning reference number 43141: Outline Permission was refused for a dwellinghouse on a site of 2.302 acres which included the site under consideration. The applicant was Mr. Martin Joe Cooney.

The applicant has never put forward any special housing need claim. There has been one objection lodged with the Planning Authority regarding the current application.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would detract from the visual amenity of the area because it would be obtrusively located and could not be satisfactorily assimilated into the open rugged landscape.
2. The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of An Bord Pleanala refusing Outline Permission for houses on lands which include this site, planning reference number 37058 and planning appeal number 7/5/51952 and would contravene further decisions of the Planning Authority, reference number 40666 and 43141."

The resolution on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby. Councillor Welby said that he understood the site was part of a holding and that the applicant had got married recently and wanted to build a house and live there. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Bartley.

Referring to the third party objection, Councillors U. Burke and Holland asked if the pollution aspect had been investigated. Mr. L. Kavanagh replied that this was not investigated because of the previous history of refusals on the site, because it was in an area of special amenity and no special housing need had been claimed. Councillor U. Burke said that the amenity provisions of the Plan needed to be thrashed out and he was informed by the County Manager that the question of a Review of the Plan will come up shortly.

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

1877 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44456 - APPLICANT: THOMAS McDONAGH.

The County Manager stated that a request for further information was being issued in this case and the resolution would be brought forward on a future Agenda.

1878 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44453 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL WALSH.

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

"The site in question is located at Doon East, Roscahill about half way between Moycullen and Oughterard. It is on a minor road which joins the National Secondary Route, 150 yards from the site on a bend with substandard sight distance. The proposed workshop would be to the side of a new house constructed by the same applicant and would be in close proximity to four other newly constructed houses, three of which are directly across the by-road from the site. Permission for this development was refused on two previous occasions (Planning Ref. Numbers 42505 and 43232) and these decisions were not appealed.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

While in general the Planning Authority would not oppose small service developments such as this in rural areas, their location should be such as to avoid injury to existing residential amenity and avoid traffic hazard due either to the lack of traffic capacity of roads serving such sites or particularly dangerous locations.

A motor repair business such as this can give rise to excessive noise levels which are particularly offensive in rural areas where people have built or purchased houses to avoid the noise nuisances experienced in built-up areas. The business, if successful, also can generate inappropriate levels of traffic flow on minor roads and can often result in very late working hours to meet repair deadlines. There can also be the unsightliness pieces of car wreckage which further diminish the amenities of the area.

This particular location is unsuitable for two basic reasons:-

- a) The close proximity of five new dwellinghouses, one of which is owned by the applicant, will result in the many aggravations mentioned above and their residential amenities will consequently suffer.
- b) The road leading to the site climbs steeply away from the National Secondary route at a restricted bend. The road at present has almost disintegrated because building work on the houses has obstructed the normal road drainage and its foundation has been undermined. There is a heavy discharge of water down on to the National Route and conditions could be quite hazardous should temperatures drop to freezing point. Even without this particular problem the steep gradient at the junction together with the restricted sight distance could be particularly hazardous in the case of an inexperienced driver or defective brake action.

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development is situated in an area of high amenity, adjacent to a number of existing residences and if permitted, would interfere with the amenity enjoyed by local residents."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor McCormack. Referring to the two previous applications, he said that he had requested prior notice on application number 43232 but had not got it. He said that the site was 150 yards off the main road and if there was any excessive noise from the development, it is the applicant that would be affected as his house is nearest to it. He said the area lacks this type of service and he had no hesitation in recommending that permission be granted. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Coogan.

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

FOR: Councillor U. Burke, Senator T. Byrne, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors P. McCormack, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, Ruane and Ryan.

(9)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn, M. D. Higgins, B. Holland, and J. Joyce.

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The Secretary pointed out that in order to pass the resolution the number of Members voting in favour must exceed one-third of the total number of Members of the Planning Authority and that 11 Members would have to vote in favour of it in order to be carried. The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Councillor McCormack complained that the vote was not taken at 4.30 p.m. The Chairman replied that the agreement about voting was that voting did not take place before 4.30 p.m. but that it did not necessarily mean that it would be at 4.30 p.m.

1879 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, the Minutes of Meeting held on the 20th December, 1982, (Minutes numbered 1831 - 1869, inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1880 - ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR INLAND TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS:

The County Manager read Circular letter dated 4th January, 1983, addressed by the Department of the Public Service to the Regional Development Organisations regarding the setting up of a Working Group to examine the allocation of responsibility for Inland Transport functions and to make recommendations.

The County Manager said that the matter was of such importance to the role of the County Council that he took the liberty of advising them and putting it on the Agenda. He said the Study may include an examination of the question of responsibility for the construction and maintenance of roads, and this was something which could have serious implications for the Council and that the Council should express its views on it. An examination of this question should not be made in isolation of the affect it would have on the remaining services. Some time ago, there was a proposal to establish a National Roads Authority and the first step in this direction would be the transfer of responsibility for roads from the Department of the Environment to the Department of Transport and Power. If this happens, it raises the question of the viability of local authorities and their capability to administer all the other services. If National Roads became the responsibility of a National Roads Authority, local authorities would be left with responsibility for all other roads without adequate finances to look after them. If National Primary and Secondary Roads are taken away, local authorities could no longer be regarded as Road Authorities and they would finish up with no worthwhile functions.

Replying to Councillor O'Foighil, the County Manager confirmed that local authorities were not asked for any observations or submissions but that other organisations including the Regional Development Organisations, City and County Managers Association, and City and County Engineers Association were asked.

Do mhól an Comhairleoir O'Foighil ceist a chur **cen Fath nar chuir an Roinn cuireadh amach dos na h-Udaras Aitiul ag lorg a gcuid dtuairmi.**

Councillor O'Foighil proposed a resolution that the Department be asked to extend the latest ^{date} for receipt of submissions and that the Council set up a Committee to prepare a submission. This was seconded by Councillor U. Burke and agreed. Many Councillors spoke on the subject making the following points.

- a) That the Minister's attention be drawn to the serious condition of the roads throughout the country and that something would have to be done about them.
- b) That the proposed study could be the start of further erosion of powers of local authorities.
- c) That full clarification of the terms of reference of the Working Group should be sought.
- d) That a disturbing feature of the whole affair was that local authorities which are Elected Bodies were not consulted.
- e) That there was no representative on the Working Group from Roinn na Gaeltachta.
- f) That if National Primary Roads were taken from local authorities, it would affect the whole viability of local authorities and that as a matter of urgency the views of all local authorities and the General Council of County Councils should be sought.

Deputy J. Donnellan said that he would try and have the date for receipt of submissions extended and if possible, have somebody come from Dublin to explain what was involved. The following Members were appointed to the Committee to examine the proposal and make a submission:

Councillor Joyce
Councillor Glynn
Councillor O'Morain
Councillor O'Foighil
Councillor U. Burke
Councillor Callanan

Councillor J. Burke
Councillor O'Higgins
Councillor Ryan
Councillor M.D. Higgins
Councillor Haverty.

1881 - RESTRUCTURING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The County Manager said that this item was on the Agenda at the request of the Members and his understanding was that the Members wished to get more items dealt with at Council meetings. He put forward the following two suggestions -

a) That the Council would have a special meeting at 2.30 pm. to deal with Section 4 resolutions. The ordinary meeting would start at 3.30 p.m. and any voting on Section 4 resolutions would be done at 4.30 p.m. If all Section 4 resolutions were not dealt with at the 2.30 p.m. meeting, they could be adjourned to a later time in the ordinary meeting.

b) Start the ordinary meeting at 3.30 p.m. and call a special meeting at 5.30 p.m. to deal with the Section 4 resolutions.

Councillor Glynn said that Section 4 resolutions were taking up too much time and Councillors were not getting a chance to have Constituent's representations dealt with. He said 3 p.m. might be a more suitable time to start but he did not know if this would be suitable to teachers. Deputy F. Fahey said that after a number of Councillors have spoken on a subject, the contributions become repetitive and that the contributions should be restricted to two Councillors for a motion and two against. Councillor Joyce said that he would agree with the special meeting at 2.30 p.m. on a trial basis. Deputy Donnella also agreed with this. Councillor M. Fahy said that it was not fair that Notices of Motion should be on the Agenda for up to three months and that special meetings should be called to deal with them even if no expenses were to be paid. Councillor McCormack said that he would not agree to have meetings starting at 2.30 p.m. but would agree with the suggestion that they start at 6 p.m. Councillor U. Burke suggested that there should be a special planning committee to deal with Planning Matters and he also suggested a Finance Committee. Senator Killilea agreed with Councillor U. Burke's proposal that there should be separate Planning Meetings. Councillor O'Morain said that 2.30 p.m. would not be suitable for all Councillors. He said that Councillors should be provided with more facilities. Councillor Welby said that too much time was spent discussing Section 4s and other motions and the meeting should be speeded up. Senator Byrne said that he would agree with a special meeting to discuss planning matters. Councillor Finnegan said that the ordinary business on the Agenda should get priority as it related to the whole County whereas Section 4s were individual items.

Councillor Callanan proposed the first option mentioned by the Manager, i.e., starting at 2.30 p.m. with a special meeting. This was seconded by Senator Killilea. Councillor Brennan proposed the second option, i.e., starting the ordinary meeting at 3.30 p.m. and the special meeting for Section 4s at 5.30 p.m. This was seconded by Councillor U. Burke.

A vote was taken for or against starting at 2.30 p.m. with a special meeting and resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Senator Killilea, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(12)

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

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The Chairman then declared that for the next three monthly meetings, the Council would have special meetings commencing at 2.30 p.m. on a trial basis. He said that the existing rules for voting on Section 4 resolutions would apply.

1882 - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DERRYDONNELL AND KILTIERNAN GROUP WATER SCHEMES:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £49,000 in respect of the Council's contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for Derrydonnell Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £5,000 in respect of the Council's contribution towards the cost of Headworks for Kiltiernan Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

Deputy F. Fahey asked if the Road Opening Licence could now be issued for the Derrydonnell Scheme and in reply, Mr. Howlett stated that he did not foresee any difficulty about the Road Opening Licence if all the conditions are met. Deputy F. Fahey and other Members recommended that the main pipeline in the Derrydonnell Scheme be continued to Athenry as there was a great need for water along this route.

1883 - MAXAN LIMITED - SITE AT ORANMORE:

The County Manager referred to a report on the Maxan Limited site at Oranmore prepared by the I.I.R.S. which had been handed out to each Member at the meeting and said that Mr. R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment Section, would like to make some observations on it.

Mr. Killeen stated that the site was the location of a pesticide formulation plant. The company were engaged in the formulation of pesticides, which included proprietary rodenticides, seed dressings and insecticides. The active ingredients used in the formulation of these products include Aldrin, Lindane, Dieldrin and DDT which have been priority listed by the E.E.C. for reduction of their emissions to the environment because of their toxicity persistence and capacity for bio-accumulation. The company had ceased operations by the Autumn of 1981.

Section 4 of the Report sets out the background to the involvement of the County Council. In 1980, the I.I.R.S. were engaged in carrying out an environmental review of a number of companies operating on the industrial site at Oranmore on behalf of the Grants Administration Section of the I.D.A. During the course of the review, the I.I.R.S. found that the site surface waters contained organo-chlorine pesticide residues. The I.I.R.S. then proceeded with an assessment of the formulation plant and confirmed the presence of pesticide residues in surface waters, sediments and surface soil. The I.I.R.S. findings were contained in a Confidential Report to the I.D.A. dated August 1981.

Section 5 sets out the train of events which occurred since September 1981. Briefly, the Council took on the services of the I.I.R.S. to advise on further investigations and remedial measures required and the I.I.R.S. submitted a set of proposals. Following the receipt of proposals, the most heavily contaminated areas of the site were identified and contaminated material was stockpiled and secured, pending a decision about final disposal. The Council investigated surrounding springs and wells and commenced a systematic programme of monitoring of waters. Section 5 also reviews a various site investigations which were carried out and also describes the options available for final disposal of contaminated material. The I.I.R.S. recommended that the material be exported.

Section 6 of the Report is an assessment of the present position of the site and the I.I.R.S. had available to it a full year's bank of data from the Council's programme of monitoring.

The test parameters chosen in the programme of monitoring included the following four pesticides, Lindane, Aldrin, Dieldrin and DDT. Mercury is also monitored. Eight monitoring stations were established in September 1981, the most important of these being the spring well in Oranmore and the Oranmore River, where it crosses the main Galway to Oranmore Road. The six remaining stations are located on surface water drains in and around the site. The Report comments on the concentration of each of the individual pesticides referred to above. An assessment is then made of the overall quality of the water in the spring well and the Oranmore River. The Report confirms that the concentration of Aldrin and Lindane in the waters of the well and the Oranmore River have reduced over the year to background levels and have stabilised. The concentration of Dieldrin has also stabilised at or near background levels.

The concentrations of DDT in the waters of the spring well and the Oranmore River are higher, though the overall trend in the levels is downwards. The last four samples of water analysed for the purposes of this Report were within international standards and criteria for DDT. However, further monitoring will be necessary to evaluate any future variability which may take place and to determine if the lower concentrations of DDT have stabilised. Samples of mussels from Oranmore Bay were analysed for organo-chlorine pesticides, but none were detected. The concentration of mercury has dropped below the level of detection at most stations.

In assessing the quality of the water from the well, the I.I.R.S. refers to the strict EEC Directive on the quality of water to be used for Human Consumption, which became operative in July 1982. All sources of water used for human consumption must comply with the standards of the Directive by 1987. All recent samples of the well complied with both the individual and total pesticide limits in the Directive, indicating the suitability for human consumption. The Report acknowledges, however, that the well is not a regular source of potable water. In assessing the quality of the water from the Oranmore River, the Report refers to the concentration limits of pesticides which are recognised as not adversely affecting aquatic life. The general concentration of DDT is above the recognised limit, but bear in mind, that recent samples of water were good. The Report recommends that the programme of monitoring be continued during 1983 at least and for as long as considered necessary thereafter. Other recommendations which are listed have been carried out or are presently being organised and include the final disposal of contaminated material removed from the site and the sealing of the surfaces of areas from which contaminated material was removed.

Senator Byrne asked if the report would be put on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting and the County Manager replied that this would be done if the Council so wished.

1884 - DRAINAGE OF RIVER NANNY:

Deputy Connaughton raised the question of the drainage of the River Nanny. The County Manager stated that this matter could not be discussed as it was sub judice.

1885 - REGISTER OF ELECTORS 1983/84:

Councillor U. Burke raised the question of the published Draft Register of Electors and said that he was dissatisfied with it and had a list of 824 corrections to be made in it.

The County Manager stated that all claims would be listed and that it was only after the Revision Courts that the degree of errors could be measured.

1886 - GORT DUMP:

With the Permission of the Chairman, Councillor M. Fahy raised his Notice of Motion on the Agenda relating to Gort Refuse Dump and he asked for a commitment that the Dump be closed on the 31st December, 1984.

Mr. R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer (Environment), submitted the following report:

"The lands which had been acquired in Gort alongside the existing Dump are more extensive than is required for rehabilitation only of the existing Dump. It is proposed to continue tipping in the area in question during the immediate future years at least, under strict control conditions and according to a detailed plan and programme. Lands located opposite the existing dump have also been acquired for use as a borrow pit only to enable waste to be regularly covered at low cost. The plan provides for development of the site in cells and continued tipping can be re-assessed on completion of the first cell. The lands, if allowed to be filled, will have a considerable beneficial terminal value and the site of the borrow pit will be a valuable building site. The programme for the provision and development of refuse tip sites gives priority in 1983 to the rehabilitation of the existing Gort Dump and the development of the first cell, referred to above. Alternative sites in the Gort area have not been found suitable from preliminary investigations. The Geology of the Gort-Kinvara area is characterised by underground channels and fissures which would give quick access to contaminated matter to pollute underground waters.

The most suitable location to Gort, of a site, where the risk to pollution of ground waters is least or non-existent is Kinvara and the programme for the provision and development of dumps provides for the acquisition of such a site in Kinvara during 1984."

Deputy F. Fahey stated that the report is completely at variance with the commitment given previously to local representatives and representatives of Gort Chamber of Commerce when they visited the Offices. He referred to a letter from the Council which stated that money will be made available for a new site for Gort and for Rehabilitation of the existing Dump. The existing location is too near the town and is within 50 yards of business premises. People will not allow the Dump to continue at this location.

Senator Byrne stated that it was a unanimous decision of the people of Gort at a recent meeting that the Dump would have to be closed and he understood that the decision previously made by the Council was merely to rehabilitate the existing dump and then close it. He is not satisfied that the wishes of the people of Gort were carried out.

Mr. Killeen stated that the opposition to the existing Dump appears to be based on existing conditions but he pointed out that future development would be on strict control conditions and that the soil for covering of refuse would come from the four acre site which was also purchased. He stated that the commitment of buying an alternative site is for 1984 and he considered that this should be in the Kinvara area. He pointed out that this provision is very reasonable for the Gort Area having regard to the extensive commitments under the same headings throughout the County.

The County Manager pointed out that Mr. Killeen is actively seeking alternative sites for the Gort Area. He also stated that the County Council must be free to make arrangements for disposal of refuse from time to time and he had to have regard to having the refuse collection system work throughout the County with the limited funds which are available.

Mr. Killeen stated that when one cell in the Dump is filled, he is then prepared to meet the representative of the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the matter.

12.

The County Manager stated that at the Estimates Meeting, the Council can look at all the problems of the refuse collection service throughout the County. He pointed out, however, that the Council will not be able to give to other areas the service that Gort has got under existing arrangements. Councillor Michael Fahy requested that his Notice of Motion be left on the Agenda for the next meeting.

At the request of Deputy F. Fahey, the County Secretary read a motion in connection with the same matter which had been sent in by Deputy Fahey. The County Secretary explained that this resolution could not have been put on the Agenda as Deputy Fahey had three other motions on already.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

E. Doyle CHAIRMAN

25th February 1983 DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
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16th February, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

re: Allocation of Responsibility for Inland Transport Functions

A meeting of the Committee to consider the above matter will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Tuesday next, the 22nd instant, commencing at 3.30 p.m. A report will follow in a few days.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle
K. DOYLE,
RUNAI.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR INLAND TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS

MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1983, TO CONSIDER THE ABOVE MATTER

PRESENT: In the Chair: Councillor E. Haverty.
Other Members: Councillors O'Foighil, O'Morain, J. Burke, Callanan, Glynn, O'Higgins, Joyce and Senator U. Burke.
Officials: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager.
Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer.
Mr. K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The County Manager gave an outline of the correspondence which has taken place between the Council and the Secretary to the Group and informed Members that the Secretary to the Group had recently suggested that any representations which the Council wished to make should be made through the County Councils' General Council. The County Manager stated that he had informed the Group that this was not acceptable and that the Council would make its own submission directly to the Group and not through the County Councils' General Council.

Councillor J. Burke complimented the County Manager in the action he had taken and stated that the Council did not need any intermediary as the Council as a Roads Authority was quite competent to make its own case.

A general discussion then took place on the erosion of the powers of Local Authorities which had taken place over the last twelve years including the appointment of Regional Health Boards, the establishment of ACOT and the removal of rates from land and dwellings as a result of which farmers now pay their tax to Dublin instead of paying rates to the local authority.

Strong objections were expressed by all members present to any proposal that Ministerial control of roads should be taken from the Department of the Environment to another Government Department.

The County Manager's report to Members dated 22nd February, 1983, together with his letter of 25th January, 1983, to the Secretary of the Group and the Group Secretary's reply were then considered.

Councillor Glynn stated that any moves by conservation bodies and tourism interests to take over and develop the canals should be encouraged.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the larger the Authorities administering a particular service, the more inefficient they become. He said also that if a National Roads Authority were established, most of the money available would go to the areas of the greatest population in the Eastern parts of the country at the expense of Western Counties.

The County Manager stated that he could see a major advantage for local authorities in having the Minister for the Environment make the case at Cabinet level for finances for Local Government and he stated that he could see no reason why roads could not still be left with local authorities with proper co-ordination, as has happened in other cases, between various Government Ministers involved in different aspects of transport.

Councillor O'Higgins stated that where National Authorities are established, the West of Ireland is forgotten.

The County Manager stressed the need for production of a balanced Regional Development Policy which involved Local Authorities.

Councillor Glynn suggested that a cost analysis should be made of money spent on roads so that the maximum value can be obtained and economies affected in transport.

Replying to Senator Ulick Burke, the County Engineer stated that it might be possible to have new works on roads done more cheaply by contract, but that if this were done, some men would have to be let go. He pointed out that private contractors are in a position to give incentives which Local Authorities are not in a position to give. He considered that if roads are taken away from Local Authorities, the next move could be to take the construction of water supplies, and Local Authorities would be left with no worthwhile functions.

Senator Ulick Burke enquired if the present Minister for the Environment had been approached in connection with this matter, and he proposed that the County Council contact him directly and ascertain his attitude towards the work of this Group. He asked that a copy of the County Manager's report be sent to the Minister and ask for his support for the view of Local Authorities that they should remain in charge of roads.

The Chairman stated that one Local Authority can do little on its own to prevent further erosion of powers in relation to roads, and he asked for the support of all political parties and Dail Deputies in the matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It was decided to recommend to the County Council:

1. That any efforts by conservation and tourism agencies for protection of canals should be encouraged.
2. That the removal of control over roads from Local Authorities to a Central Agency based in Dublin in a retrograde step as local involvement of the Council and the Community is essential in the construction and maintenance of roads.
3. That the Council write to the Minister for the Environment, sending him also a copy of the County Manager's report and requesting his intervention to ensure that no further erosion of the powers of Local Authorities is permitted.
4. That the County Manager's report be adopted.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

22nd February, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next, 28th inst. to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "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 Miss Anne Cooley, Glenascaul, for the erection of a dwelling at Glenascaul. - Planning Ref. No. 44026."
John Molloy. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.
2. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Thomas McDonagh of Ballyquirke, Moycullen, for a housing development at Ballyquirke, Moycullen. - Planning Ref. No. 44456."
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant planning Permission to Tom Cahill at Coldwood. - Planning Ref. No. 44038."
Frank Fahey. Michael Fahy. Joe Callanan.
4. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission to Thomas McLoughlin, Ballyglass, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe. - Planning Ref. No. 44672."
Paul Connaughton. Michael Ryan. Michael Kitt.
5. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Nina Cawley, Craughwell, - Planning Ref. No. 44638."
Frank Fahey. Michael Fahy. P.J. Finnegan.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

21u Feabhra, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 28u Feabhra, 1983, ar 3.30 a chlog sa trathrona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Allocation of responsibility for Internal Transport. Report of committee meeting to follow.
3. Action programme under the Litter Act 1982 - already circulated to members.
4. Report of County Development Team for 1982 - circulated.
5. Creation of office of Executive Solicitor - report circulated.
6. Creation of office of Clerk/Typist.
7. Revision of remuneration of Library Van Drivers.
8. Overdraft-Quarter ending 30th June 1983.
9. Fees for Planning Applications, etc. - report to follow.
10. Fix Date of Estimates Meeting.
11. Applications for Remission of Rates on Factories:-
 - (a) John Strain, Kilroe East, Inverin.
 - (b) C.R. Bard (Ireland) Ltd., Brockagh, Parkmore Industrial Estate, Galway.
 - (c) Fahy Engineering (Tysaxon) Ltd., Knockbrack, Athenry.
 - (d) Brody Engineering Ltd., Athenry.
12. Report of the Irish Council of European Local Authorities - circulated.
13. Amenity Plan for Spiddal - report circulated.
14. Assistance for Disabled.
15. Joint Committee on Building Land.
16. Sale of land at Kilclooney, Ballinasloe to Ballinasloe Urban District Council - notice dated 13th January, 1983.

17. Sale of Housing sites:
 - (a) at Clarinbridge to John Fordham, Clarinbridge
 - (b) at Portumna to John Joseph Nevin, 5, Marian Terrace, Portumna. Notices dated 14th February, 1983.
18. Disposal of plot of land at Gort to Mr. F. Finnegan - Notice dated 24th January, 1983.
19. Sale of plot of land at Ballygar to Mr. Patrick Fallon, St. Judes, Ballygar - Notice dated 14th February, 1983.
20. Sale of houses to tenants:-
 - (a) Margaret Folan, Canrower, Oughterard.
 - (b) Andrew & Mary Mockler, Clooncannon (Kelly) Ahascragh.
 - (c) Gerard McDonagh, Lowville, Ahascragh.
 - (d) John & Kathleen Galvin, 13, Plunkett Park, Ballygar.
21. Maxan Limited - Site at Oranmore - Report circulated.
22. Land at Rinville Oranmore - offered to County Council and Galway Corporation by Land Commission.
23. Local Authority Members Association - copy of correspondence from Secretary herewith.
24. I.F.H.P. Congress - Lisbon - 23rd-27th May 1983. Theme - Improve Urban Environment - Reduce its costs.
25. Review of County Development Plan.
26. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
27. Relief Road - Loughrea.
28. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

1. That the County Councillors have a full and frank discussion on the recent policy of the County Council to install on the schedules of Planning Permission sums of money as contributions to be made payable to the Planning Authority.

COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON - I will ask:

2. That discretionary expenditure of £2,000 be allowed to each Councillor in addition to N.O.M. for roads.

COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE - I will ask:

3. That Galway County Council give an up-to-date report on the steps being taken to ensure that the water supply to Tuam has no more pollution.
4. What is the current position with regard to the draining of the River Nanny at Birmingham, Tuam. Are the negotiations with the Board of Works complete?

5. That Galway County Council undertake to guarantee the cost of a telephone kiosk at Russellstown, Milltown P.O.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON - I will propose:

6. That the footpaths in Kilkerrin Village be repaired immediately as they are in a deplorable condition and are a danger to the public.
7. That the Y junction at Aughtiart, Mountbellew, be reconstructed to make it safer for all road users.
8. That Galway County Council employ its share of Litter Wardens in its towns and villages thereby reducing litter to a minimum and creating extra jobs.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:

9. Ba mhaith liom go ndeanfai an droichead ag Inbher-Rosmuc a leathnu agus an clai a athru.
10. Ba mhaith liom go leanfai feabhsu an bhothair o Loch Con Aortha siar go Carna.
11. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi laithrean bruscair amhain i ngach baile beag le freastal ar na bruach bhailte.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

12. That this Council carry out its responsibility to the people of Fohenagh by making provision for adequate and reasonable access to Fohenagh Parish Cemetery; this to be done by providing and maintaining a proper road to enable funerals to take place there in a dignified way. The present position is no longer acceptable to the Fohenagh Community.

13. That a full report be furnished on the L.I.S. application in the name of Patrick Noone, Carhoon, Gurteen, together with an explanation of the guidelines and norms applicable to L.I.S.

CLR. TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

14. That Galway County Council provide the necessary markings at the Square, Gort, Co. Galway, to facilitate orderly parking.

CLR. JOHN MANNION - I will propose:

15. That Galway County Council erect signs at Clonbur indicating the direction of Finney and Maam and the mileage involved.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

16. That a source for the Annaghbeg/Creggane Group Water Scheme be provided as soon as possible, to allow this scheme to proceed.

COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

17. That this Council demand from the Department enough of funds to complete the Claregalway to Carnmore Road in 1983.

18. That this County Council continue removing clay banks from the Carnmore/Coshla County Road.

19. That Galway County Council take over and maintain the road leading to Tom Keane's house at Waterdale, Claregalway.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

20. Ce'n staid in a bhfuil ceist deontais speisialta do ghrup-sceim na Forbacha?

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

21. To ask Galway County Council to repair the water line of the existing public water scheme at Lackaghmore, Claregalway, before they ask the Group Water Scheme to supply water to it, or alternatively that the Council sanction a Special Grant to the Group Water Scheme to repair this existing main.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

22. Galway County Council to purchase a site for a new refuse dump to accommodate Gort and the surrounding area, and I will also ask the County Council to close the old dump in Gort.

COUNCILLORS E. HAVERTY, F. COOGAN, J. CALLANAN AND J. BRENNAN - We will propose:

23. That this Council investigate the possibility of handing over the Council housing sites to private developers with a view to providing additional houses.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

24. That the Carnmore No. 2 Water Scheme be extended to include the Carnmore No. 1 Scheme, the Coshla Group Water Scheme and the proposed Cartymore Group Water Scheme.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will ask:

25. That immediate steps be taken by the Council to prevent any further flooding from the Clybaun river on to the Knocknacarra road.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

26. That this Council take immediate steps to prevent flooding at Shangort, Knocknacarra, where residents had to place sand bags outside their doors to prevent their houses being flooded in recent heavy rain.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

27. That this Council make provisions for the erection of concrete block wall around the public carpark in Oughterard, a promise had been given that the proceeds from the sale of the site to the Western Health Board would be used towards the erection of this wall.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

28. That Galway County Council carry out a review of the development plan for the Eastern Environs of Galway City in order to monitor progress being made in the implementation of the plan in the context of land acquisition, provision of infrastructural services, liaison with other statutory agencies.

COUNCILLOR P.J. FINNEGAN - I will ask:

29. That improvements be carried out immediately to the Kilbeg Road and Moneen (Bridle Road), Williamstown.

(b) Other Motions Received:

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

30. That Galway County Council give a commitment that the present refuse dump in Gort will not be extended beyond the amount of ground needed for rehabilitation purposes and that the Council give an insurance that they will purchase an alternative site within a 5 mile radius of Gort within the next 12 months.

COUNCILLOR POL O'FOIGHIL - I will ask:

31. What is Council policy in allowing skips in private property for public refuse collection?

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

32. That this Council rescind a previous decision and renegotiate for the lease of premises at Island House for library headquarters.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will ask:

33. What money is to be provided this year by the Department of the Environment for the completion of development of housing estates?

34. That this Council take all possible steps to provide sufficient amenities for sports and leisure beside the new housing estates at Dublin Road, Tuam.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

35. That steps be taken to relieve flooding at Bawnmore National School, Claregalway.

36. That improvements be carried on the Clonboo road near Clonboo Cross, Currandulla.

37. That the road at Doon East, Roscahill be restored and be surface dressed.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

38. What is the position in regard to the Proposed New Sewerage Scheme for Oranmore, and when does the County Council expect work to commence?

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

14th February, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed Sale of land, Clarinbridge.

A Chara,

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

LAND

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Galway Diocesan Trustees

<u>PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
Mr. John Fordham, Clarinbridge.	6	14.32 pers.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
6	£1,500

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The sites will be sold in fee simple.
2. 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.

Mise le meas,

K. Doyle
Runai

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

14th February, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed Sale of land at Portumna, 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:

Mr. William Martyn, Portumna.

<u>PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
Mr. Noel John Joseph Nevin, 5 Marian Tce., Portumna.	2	.039 acre approx.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
2	£4,000

Covenant or condition in connection with disposal:

1. The site will be sold in fee simple.
2. 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.

Mise le meas,

K. Doyle
Runai.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

24th. January, 1983

To: The Chairman and each member

Re: Proposed exchange of lands at Gort.

Dear Member:

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 of a proposed exchange of part of the lands the Council acquired from O'Connors for housing purposes at Gort.

Description of the Lands:- 1.598 acres of Council land at Gort to be exchanged in fee simple for 2.467 acres of land owned by Mr. F. Finnegan so as to assemble lands for housing development.

Consideration:- A sum of £8,000 to be paid to Mr. Finnegan for surplus land and to compensate for disturbance.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda for consideration by the Council at its next meeting.

K. Doyle,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

County Buildings
Prospect Hill
GALWAY.

14th February, 1982.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara.

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: Ellen Fitzmaurice

LOCATION: Ballygar

Area: 720 square feet.

To whom the site is proposed to be sold: Mr. Patrick Fallon
St. Judes
Ballygar.
Co. Galway.

Sale Price: £140

Conditions of Sale: Purchaser to erect fence and to relocate gateway to Council's lands.

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.

Mise le meas

K. DOYLE
COUNTY SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/8/1410

15th February, 1983.

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:- Margaret Folan, Canrower, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Location:- Canrower, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is proposed to be sold:-

Margaret Folan of Canrower, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4,902.

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. 63/7/1424

15th. February, 1983.

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 T. Brien, Runnymede, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.

Location:- Clooncannon Kelly, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Andrew & Mary Mockler of: Clooncannon Kelly, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,902.

The conditions to be included in the sale will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Regulations, 1980.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/1/1420

15th. February, 1983

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Irish Land Commission.

Location:- Lowville, Ahascragh, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Gerard McDonagh of: Lowville, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,635.

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. 63/7/1441

15th February, 1983.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Mr. P. Pettit, Main St., Ballygar,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Ballygar, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John & Kathleen Galvin of 13 Plunkett Park, Ballygar, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £10,555.

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)

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

24th February, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - 28TH FEBRUARY, 1983.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

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The following item was omitted in error from the Agenda will be considered:

27. (a) Revision of remuneration - Waterworks Carpenters

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T. KAVANAGH,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

FEBRUARY MEETING 1983

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Western Motors Ltd., Tuam Road, Galway.	Damage to one plate glass showroom window, three other windows and one hatch being the property of Western Motors Ltd., Tuam, Road, Galway.	Borough of Galway.	£250	£138.70
Alphonsus Dodd, 11, Finbarr's Terrace, Bohermore, Galway.	Damaged and destroyed Motor Car reg. no. AUI 3283.	Borough of Galway.	£400	£351.31
Patrick Dodd, 203, Rahoon Park, Galway.	Damage to two motor cars, Reg. Nos. GZM 94 and FDI 958.	Borough of Galway.	£550	£427.03
Hynes Plant Hire Ltd., Athenry Road, Tuam.	3 Sheets of clear sheet roofing, 1 plate glass window, damage to plaster board of offices - Property of Hynes Plant Hire, Athenry Road, Tuam.	County at Large.	£400.00	£265.00
Thomas Biggins, 95 Athenry Road, Tuam.	Damage to Mobile Home.	County at Large.	£300.00	£396.15
Sean Quinn, Athenry Road, Tuam.	Destroyed 62 windows and 3 doors.	County at Large.	£407.00	£503.25

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputies J. Donnellan and F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, F. Glynn, B. Holland, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1887 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44026 - MISS ANNE COOLEY:

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

1888 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44456 - THOMAS McDONAGH:

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

1889 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44038 - TOM CAHILL:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located beside the National Primary road a half mile to the east of Moyveela Cross and opposite Coldwood School.

HISTORY:

23298: Outline Permission was granted to Thomas Cahill in April 1977 on substantiated Second Family claim. This permission contained an enurement.

26111: Full permission was granted to Thomas Cahill, January 1978, on foot of Outline Permission granted. This also contained an enurement clause and also a condition stating that not more than one house shall be erected on the total site.

34962: A further outline permission was applied for on the approximate same site and was granted subject to enurement.

40847: Permission granted in January 1982 to Mr. Cahill for two houses to the north of the site of the current application with access from a side road.

43332: A further application for permission for a house was made in June 1982 for a site which substantially overlapped the already permitted site which was the subject of three permission applications: 23298, 26111 and 34962 - all granted. The

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proposed entrance onto the side road in this case was shown to bisect one of the sites and a house permitted under permission 40847. This application was refused.

CONCLUSION:

It should be noted that a grant of permission in this case, and if acted upon would contravene the terms of permissions: 23298, 26111, & 34962 - all for a site to the south/west which it substantially overlaps, and also 40847 - a permission to the north for two houses, as the entrance to the present site besects one of the proposed houses and sites.

It would appear that the applicant is trying to fit a further permission between the two permitted developments where a width of 40 ft. only remains and have the entrance onto the side road, but is only in fact putting the three permissions he already has at risk, and seriously increasing the existing ribbonisation along the N.6 in this rural area. No housing need is claimed and applicant has stated he proposes to sell the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

The present application is in principle a revamp of 43332 which was refused and refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development is situation on a National Primary route in an area where the maximum speed limit applies and if permitted, would constitute a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed entrance onto the minor road to the west would traverse a permitted housing development under planning ref. no. 40847, would interfere with residential amenity, and would not be in accordance with the proper planning of the area."

The County Manager stated that this application which was for a house between sites for two existing permissions and taking part of the site for each of them would interfere with both of the existing permissions. In seeing that the applicant had been confused about his plans, the Council would not be conferring any benefit on the applicant by granting this Permission. The County Manager also stated that he felt that if the applicant knew what was involved in this proposal, he would not go ahead with it and he suggested that he should call in to the Planning Office to discuss the matter.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that he was not aware of those complications and in view of what had been stated by the County Manager, he agreed that the resolution would not be proposed.

Deputy Frank Fahey agreed with Councillor Michael Fahy.

The resolution was not, therefore, proposed.

1890 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44672 - THOMAS McLOUGHLIN.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed six sites are located three on either side of a very fast twisting portion of main (regional) road from Ahascragh to Ballinasloe, where the maximum speed limit applies.

There has been one application on these sites already, an identical application by Mr. Thomas McLoughlin, register reference number 43066, which was refused by the Planning Authority for traffic reasons and because the proposed density of development (six dwellinghouses) was out of character with the rural area and out of character with rural densities. Mr. Thomas McLoughlin stated in planning application, register reference number 43066 that he proposed to sell four sites and retain the other two for his children.

Mr. McLoughlin's family have land rated in the townlands of Ballyglass Mahon and Cool totalling 44 acres 0 roods, 23 perches. On the map supplied to Mr. Thomas McLoughlin, in the case of application 43066, he showed lands owned in Ballyglass Mahon, these lands (44 acres) were inspected by the Planning Officer and area considered suitable as an alternative site for a limited number of houses.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development is located on fast narrow stretch of Regional Route (main road) which is twisting, where the maximum speed limit applies and where there is restricted visibility not sufficient for the speeds that pertain on this section of road. Furthermore, there is no likelihood of funds being available to improve this section of road in the foreseeable future. The proposed development, if allowed, would constitute a serious traffic hazard. A car waiting to turn into either set of sites would be a serious hazard to traffic travelling on the regional route on the same side of the road. The proposed density of development approximately four houses to the acre would be out of character with this rural area and if allowed would create a precedent in demand for other like undesirable rural densities.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

- 1) The proposed development would create a serious traffic hazard because the proposed development is located on a narrow section of regional road where the maximum speed limit applies and where the visibility available is not sufficient for the speeds that pertain on this section of road.
- 2) The proposed development would be seriously prejudicial to the proper planning and development of this rural area because the density of development proposed is out of character with the rural area and if permitted, would create a precedent for other like undesirable development."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Connaughton who stated that a previous general application by the applicant was refused despite consultations carried out by Deputy Connaughton on his behalf in the Planning Office. He stated that this man wanted two sites for his family and that he wished to sell four other sites in order to finance the erection of the two houses. He stated that the road on which the houses are proposed to be built is a small connecting road between Ahascragh and Ballinasloe, that there are two such roads, that the road on which the development is proposed is that which is carrying the least traffic. He has suggested to the Planning Office that a small serviced road could be provided for those houses but this was not acceptable. Deputy Connaughton saw no objection to four houses to the acre in this rural area where there is an urgent need for houses.

Deputy Kitt seconded Deputy Connaughton's proposal.

The County Manager stated that no matter what sympathy the Council should feel for an applicant such as this, the Council must have regard to the fact that it is the Roads Authority and has an obligation to protect the roads and to maintain standards of safety. He stated that this is particularly hazardous as the houses proposed are on both sides of the road and the turning movements would generate a particularly dangerous traffic hazard.

He also stated that the fact that consultation takes place does not automatically mean that the Planning Permission should be granted. It is important that the Council should not create a traffic hazard by granting permission such as this either for the occupiers of the houses or for other road users.

Councillor Brennan asked where the other lands referred to in the report were located, and Deputy Connaughton stated that they were in such a location that it would be very expensive to develop them.

Replying to Councillor Brennan who asked if a decision on this matter could be deferred, the County Manager stated that the Council would be quite willing to meet the applicant if he comes in to discuss it.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that the Council was not applying the same standards to its own housing development as it was applying in this case as the Council had a local authority scheme nearby with a higher density. The County Manager stated that he would review this aspect of the matter.

After further discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of the resolution to the next meeting.

1891 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44638 - MRS. NINA CAWLEY:

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

"The lands are on the Loughrea side of Craughwell village outside the village speed limits and on a stretch of the N.6 which has remained comparatively free of ribbonsied development. Mrs. Cawley obtained permission for four houses and a service road close to the speed limits and has made a number of applications to extend this development along the N.6 but has been refused. Apart from these four houses, Mrs. Cawley and her two sons have obtained permission for ten more houses on County Roads adjoining Craughwell village, giving a total of 14 permissions of which only two or three have been constructed.

The application refers to 7 number housing sites which are grouped in two sections, one for 3 number sites and one for 4 number sites. It is proposed to grant the section containing 4 number sites which it has recently been decided to grant - reference no. 44090 on application ^{which} was concurrent with the present one. It is proposed to refuse the section for 3 number houses which are ribboning along the National Primary Route, on the grounds that when combined with existing and permitted development on the adjacent lands they would considerably contribute to an undesirable concentration of ribbon development along the National Primary Route on the outskirts of Craughwell Village. A further factor for refusal would be the experience gained by the Planning Authority, in having permitted development along the National Primary Route with a Service Road onto the County Road - the unauthorised breaking out of direct access onto the National Primary Route and the continued pressure to allow these direct accesses.

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development combined with existing and permitted development on adjacent lands would contribute to an undesirable concentration of ribbon development along the National Primary Route 6 on the outskirts of Craughwell Village and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Deputy Fahey proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda stating that this is an area where the Council should permit normal development as being within the natural area of the village which should be developed. He stated that a decision to grant permission for four houses in this area had been made.

He stated that the application for three houses now before the Council would provide for an opening onto a County Road and not ^{to the} National Primary at a point 100 yards from the junction with the National Primary Route. Deputy Fahey also stated that he would not put down a Section 4 resolution if they were to open onto the National Primary Route. He also gave an outline of the applicant's financial circumstances - a further reason for his proposal.

The County Manager stated that the Council had done everything possible with regard to Planning Permissions for this applicant.

Councillor Michael Fahy seconded the resolution proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be refused but this proposal was not seconded.

After further discussion, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Edmund H. J. CHAIRMAN

28th March 1983 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor E. Haverty.
(b) Councillor P. O. Foighil.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputies J. Donnellan and F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, J. Brennan, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, 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; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); J. Kineen, S.E.E.; B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning); F. Monahan, S.E.E.; R. Killeen, S.E.E.; D. Barrett, S.S.O.; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; C.P. Lynch, County Development Officer; H. Kearns, S.S.O.; D. Commins, Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

1892 - COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN TUAM:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, the Council agreed that the May Meeting of the County Council would be held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam.

1893 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Haverty, the Council extended its congratulations to Senators Ulick Burke, M. Killilea, Michael D. Higgins, and T. Hussey on their election to the Senate.

1894 - WELCOME TO COUNTY ENGINEER:

The Chairman, on behalf of the Members, welcomed Mr. Patrick Flood, County Engineer, to the Council and expressed the thanks of the Members to Mr. J. Crotty, who acted as County Engineer prior to Mr. Flood's taking up duty. Mr. Flood expressed his gratitude to the Members for their welcome and promised to do his utmost for the County and for its future development, and would do everything possible to have the business of the Council to go ahead as smoothly as possible.

1895 - SECTION 4 PLANNING RESOLUTIONS:

Senator Killilea, with the permission of the Chairman, stated that he wished to raise the question about a statement alleged to be made by Mr. Philip Jones, a Policy Officer with Fine Gael, in connection with Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to Planning in County Galway. He stated that the document referred to a statement alleged to have been made by Mr. Jones to the effect that Councillors in County Galway were receiving up to £1,000 for supporting Section 4 resolutions in relation to Planning. Senator Killilea stated that he had never abused the power given under Section 4 and he invited the Chairman to ask the Chief Superintendent of the Gardai to investigate the matter in any way he saw fit to do so.

Deputy Donnellan stated that as a result of this statement, the man in question had resigned from the Fine Gael Party. **Basically**, because of this, he accepted that there was no truth whatever in this statement.

This matter was raised at a later stage in the meeting when Senator Ulick Burke alleged that Senator Killilea had passed a remark about a Member of the Fine Gael National Executive who was present in the Council Chamber.

Senator Killilea denied that he made the remark in question and the Chairman stated that he had not heard any such remark.

1896 - SHELLFISH RESEARCH LABORATORY AT CARNA:

Councillor O'Morain, with the Chairman's permission, raised the question of the possible closure of the Shellfish Research Laboratory at Carna. He stated that the services of many of the men employed there were being dispensed with and he stressed the importance of the work done in the Laboratory to the Fishing Industry and the serious consequences if it were to close down. He stated that the Laboratory had acquired an excellent reputation. It was the only one of its kind in the country and was making a major contribution to the Fishing Industry.

He proposed the following resolution and requested that it be forwarded to the relevant Government Departments and to the Councils of the maritime Counties in the West of Ireland:

"That the Government be asked to establish a permanent source of funding for the Shellfish Research Laboratory at Carna, County Galway, to enable it continue into future years."

He stated that this Laboratory was being assisted by money from University College Galway and the National Board of Science and Technology but that the Budgets on both of those organisations had been cut and that they in turn could not continue to support the Laboratory as heretofore.

Do chuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Foighil leis an run a mhol an Comhairleoir O'Morain. He stressed the importance of having the work of the Laboratory continued in the interests of the Fishing Industry.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

1897 - V.A.T. ON HURLEY STICKS:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor M. O'h-Uiginn, the Council adopted a resolution asking the Department of Finance to have Value Added Tax removed from hurley sticks.

1898 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 24th January, 1983, numbers 1870 - 1886, inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1899 - INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR INLAND TRANSPORT FUNCTIONS:

The County Manager's report of 22nd February, 1983, and the report of the Meeting of the Committee of the Council held on the same date, were approved. On the proposition of Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was agreed that the County Manager's report be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interdepartmental Committee and that the Minister for the Environment be asked to ensure that no further erosion of local authority powers takes place.

1900 - ACTION PROGRAMME UNDER THE LITTER ACT, 1982:

The County Manger stated that this programme, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council, sets out proposals for dealing with the domestic refuse collection service, and he stated that a Waste Disposal Plan is being prepared and when this is ready, it will be brought back before the Council for approval. It is proposed, he stated, to take action regarding roadside dumping and he recommended that money be set aside in 1983 for competitions for the elimination of litter.

A special effort will also be made during the year through publicity, schools, etc., to make the countryside and the towns cleaner. Meetings have already been held with the Council's Engineers and with the road overseers with a view to ensuring their fullest co-operation in the campaign for a cleaner countryside. Litter Wardens are being appointed and it is hoped that through their influence and contacts with the community that a greater awareness of the need for tidiness will result. At first, the co-operation of the community will be sought but where co-operation is not forthcoming, it will be necessary to use the enforcement provisions of the Litter Act. It is proposed to try using Wardens at first in the towns but the Council is depending on the Overseers in the rural areas, particularly the tourist areas, picnic and beach areas even during holiday periods.

Replying to Councillor O'Conchubhair regarding the Coast Road, the County Manager stated that this road will be cleaned as necessary in future.

The following points were made by Members:

- (a) The schools should be approached with a view to impressing on children and through them on their parents the need to avoid litter throughout the countryside.
- (b) That the County Council dumps should be kept tidy.
- (c) That a barrel should be provided near the beach in Kinvara at Doorus strand and that refuse in it be collected once per week.
- (d) That estates where housing development has taken place be regularly examined with a view to ensuring that the development is completed and that the sites are left in a tidy condition - some estates have never been finalised.
- (e) That the Council provide halting places at locations between Galway and Portumna for travelling people - many lay-bys have been left undeveloped and litter is being dumped on them. The County Council should try to make it impossible that these places become halting places unless facilities are provided.
- (f) That the Council complete the development of the dump provided in Clifden, in accordance with the undertaking originally given particularly in relation to the provision of a high chain link fence and the planting of trees.
- (g) That the Council approach the persons responsible for dumping building material at Market Hill, Clifden, and arrange to have it removed.

COUNCILLOR P. O'FOIGHIL NOW TOOK THE CHAIR

- (h) That the Council provide bins of an adequate size and arrange to have them emptied at regular intervals. Those should be placed as near as possible to premises from which litter such as paper wrappings find their way onto the public street.
- (i) That dumping grounds be provided as near as possible to communities.
- (j) Much wasteland in rural areas, if fenced, would be suitable for providing dumping facilities - many householders would bring waste to the dump if one were available within a reasonable distance.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that the Council had appointed some group collection points some time ago but these were slowly withdrawn and no notice of their withdrawal was given to anybody.

Councillor O'Morain stated that with regard to dumping at crossroads for collection, the Council should provide metal skips partly hidden from the road

where refuse could be dumped at weekends by householders. He believed that if people in those areas were approached, they would be prepared to clean up the area around the skips and keep the place generally tidy.

The County Manager stated that the practice of crossroad dumps had resulted in making the situation worse and that the experience of the Council had been that crossroad collection points were one of the greatest causes of refuse.

Replying to Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager stated that a Litter Warden had been appointed in Tuam and that a man had now been selected for Portumna. It is the intention to advertise for Part-Time Litter Wardens for other towns.

1901 - REPORT OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR 1982:

On the proposition of Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to a special meeting.

1902 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SOLICITOR:

The County Manager suggested that the Council might like to defer this matter until the Law Agent could be present.

Councillor Coogan asked what is the position regarding the man who is holding this post temporarily for the past 40 years. The County Manager asked Councillor Coogan who he was speaking about and he stated that he was referring to Mr. Concannon. The County Manager stated that this post has nothing to do with Mr. Concannon's position.

Replying to Councillor Welby, the County Manager stated that Mr. Concannon is not a pensionable officer and that the post of Executive Solicitor has had nothing whatever to do with him.

1903 - CREATION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICE OF CLERK/TYPIST:

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that the Council approve the creation of additional office of Clerk/Typist in accordance with the particulars of office and conditions of appointment approved by the Minister for the Environment.

1904 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF MOBILE LIBRARY DRIVER ASSISTANTS AND WATER AND SEWERAGE CARETAKERS:

The County Manager informed the Council that in January 1980, the Council approved the first steps in the rationalisation of pay rates for General Operatives. In August 1981, further rationalisation measures were implemented to cover all General Operative grades in the County. However, agreement was not reached in the grades of Mobile Library Driver Assistants and Water and Sewerage Caretakers. The Council has now been informed that agreement has been reached on the rationalisation of these grades and the sanction of the Minister for the Environment has been issued. As with other grades, rationalisation was carried out in three phases, i.e., from 7th March, 1981, 7th September, 1981, and 1st January, 1982.

In the case of Mobile Library Driver Assistants, the result of the rationalisation is that the minimum rate as at the 1st January, 1983, is increased from £107.74 to £113.32 and the maximum on the same date from £116.62 to £122.20.

The total cost of implementing this increase to the 31st December, 1982, is approximately £1,220.

In the case of Water and Sewerage Caretakers, the agreement provides for the introduction of a new grading structure for Waterworks and Sewerage Caretakers. Five grades are proposed in the new structure reflecting mainly the size and technical aspects of the Water and Sewerage Schemes.

The Council has 24 posts of Water and Sewerage Caretakers and they are mainly on three wage scales with maxima as follows as at 1st January, 1983:

Category A	£107.54
Category B	£109.83
Category C	£114.76

The proposed maximum of the scales as at 1st January, 1983, are as follows:

Grade 1	£109.85
Grade 11	£112.75
Grade 111	£118.53
Grade 1V	£129.58
Grade V	£140.63 (this is at the Overseer's rate)

He stated that the estimated cost of applying the new structure to the Water and Sewerage Scheme Caretakers up to the 31st December, 1982, is estimated at £7,000.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised scales of remuneration for Mobile Library Driver Assistants and Water and Sewerage Scheme Caretakers in accordance with the new rationalisation scheme as outlined by the County Manager with effect from the 7th March, 1981."

Councillor Ryan stated that it had come to his notice that the Branch Library in Moylough is to be closed.

The County Manager stated that the Council is looking for alternative accommodation for the branch library in Moylough.

1905 - OVERDRAFT:

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Byrne, 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 Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 30th June, 1983."

1906 - FEES FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS, ETC.:

The County Manager referred to the Local Government (Planning and Development) (Fees and Amendment) Regulation, 1983, particulars of which were set out in the County Secretary's report circulated to each Member of the Council. He stated that it was estimated that the Council would receive approximately £60,000 in respect of those fees for the remainder of the current year.

Referring to charges in general for services, Councillor Glynn stated that charges are fixed by the County Manager and his staff and that the Council has no input in the amount of such charges.

The County Manager stated that any charges being imposed will be brought before the Council at the Estimates Meeting but the Council is at present awaiting information from the Minister on the question of the amount of the charges and on legislation to give them legal effect.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that an application for Gort for a Community Centre will cost £3,000 in fees and he considered this a retrograde step.

Councillor Haverty now resumed the Chair.

Deputy Kitt stated that the Council would not be prepared to accept these charges.

The County Manager stated that the fees will supply only money which the Government would otherwise have to supply. He stated that the estimate of £60,000 for the current year is based on the number of applications received last year, but he pointed out also that the cost of running the Planning Office is much more than this sum.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the Council must go into the Estimates in much more detail than before. He felt that there is an insidious movement this year to remove costs from Central Government to Local Authorities. He asked whether the £65 million to be raised by Local Authorities under the heading of charges would mean extra Revenue for the Local Authorities or whether it would reduce the amount which Central Government would have to pay them. He stated that Local Authorities have the right to a system of Local Government financed adequately by the State. He stated that the Councils were not informed of the recent increase in Burial charges and he felt that Members must have an input into the whole financial situation.

Referring to the planning fees, the County Manager stated that the Council has no option but to implement those as they are statutory.

Councillor O h-Uiginn stated that Councillors have seen their powers disappear and ^{now} more than ever by various financial packages whereby the Government passes responsibility for providing Revenue for Local Authorities to the Local Authorities themselves. He considered that the whole Local Government system is collapsing for want of a meaningful role for Councillors in the finances of Local Government. He considered that if this is what the Government has in mind, it should spell it out clearly.

Councillor O'Morain stated that a special meeting should be held in Committee, if necessary, to review the whole financial situation when adequate information is available.

Deputy Killilea proposed that no special meeting be held, and this was seconded by Councillor Brennan.

Senator Ulick Burke supported Councillor O'Morain's proposal for a special meeting and he referred to a previous request which he had made for setting up the Finance Committee. He considered that ^{at} an Estimates Meeting, Councillors can do nothing more than minor juggling but that they had very little room for an input.

Referring to Youth Employment Schemes, he stated that there was no guarantee that the people employed were under 25 and he was under the impression that some were over that age. He asked whether the County Council had any power to remove the fees set out in the Planning Regulations.

The County Manager stated that it had not as they have the force of law.

Councillor O'Foighil complained about the amount of fees which have to be paid in respect of a Planning Application for a factory which he stated could be up to £20,000 depending on the size of the factory.

Referring to a question by Councillor O Conchubhair, the County Manager stated that all previous Youth Employment Schemes were brought before the County Council with a list of the schemes proposed and those were approved by the Council.

Councillor Kilgannon complained that it is a legal obligation to get planning permission and now to add to the difficulties, applicants must pay a fee. He considered it very harsh on young couples to have to pay £30 for planning permission for a new house. He had no objection to having a charge made for a service, but he pointed out that a planning permission is not a service and that the fees are another form of taxation. He considered the fee of £1.75 per square metre ridiculous.

Senator Killilea also complained about the amount of the charges and stated that he agreed that the fee of £1.75 per square metre for, say, factories is grossly excessive. He stated that this would have a very detrimental affect on industry to have exorbitant fees charged. He considered that the Council should lodge a strong protest and should not accept the collection of these taxes. He proposed that the Council refuse even at the cost of breaking the law to collect those fees as he considered this is the only protest open to the Council.

Councillor Joyce also stated that he had no objection to making a charge for services but he did have a serious objection to charging planning fees. He considered that as the Planning Acts were drawn up for the protection of the environment and good of the community, the cost of such protection should fall on the community in general.

Councillor Byrne expressed concern at the scale of fees but he stated that the opposition was exaggerated. He considered that the fees of £30 and £15 for extensions were not a gross imposition. He was disturbed, however, at the scale of fees for Community Centres and he considered that these should be considerably reduced. He proposed that the Minister be asked to reduce the fee for Community Centres.

Councillor J. Burke considered it unfair that An Taisce and other organisations had been relieved of payment of fees for observations. He supported the proposition that the Council object to the collection of fees and stated that if necessary, he is prepared to sign a Section 4 resolution ordering the County Manager not to implement them.

County Manager stated that the Council or himself have no power to make any change whatever in the regulations.

Replying to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that other charges are proposed and when he gets details of those from the Minister, he will inform the Council.

Councillor Brennan stated that the Council should make representations to the Minister to reduce at least some of the charges which are excessive.

Councillor Glynn stated that there should be charges but he felt that the Council should decide what those charges should be. He felt that the same charges should not be applied to development in say Dublin and in rural areas.

On the question of industrialisation and transport, Ireland is already at a disadvantage in relation to mainland Europe. Now, the West is again being made liable for the same scale of charges as apply in Dublin.

Councillor Glynn proposed that each Council have the right to levy its own charges which would accrue to its own benefit. The Chairman seconded this proposal.

Councillor Welby stated that the liability of the E.S.B. to pay fees for powerlines would mean an additional charge for the consumer, - he considered this to be a backward step and would especially hit farmers.

Councillor Callanan supported Deputy Kitt's suggestion that the Council does not collect fees at all.

Deputy Fahey asked the press to bring to the notice of applicants particularly for Permission for Community Centres to have their application in by Friday, 4th March.

After further discussion, the following ^{two} proposals were agreed.

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn and seconded by Councillor J. Burke:

"That the Council request the Minister to give authority to each Planning Authority to fix its own scale of fees for planning applications."

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Brennan:

"That the Minister be requested to amend regulations to provide for payment of only nominal fees in respect of Community Centres and buildings where community facilities are provided."

Senator Killilea proposed and Councillor Callanan seconded:

"That the Council do not implement the scale of fees and that the position be reviewed after one month."

The County Manager stated that the Council has no authority whatever to ignore the regulations and they will have to be implemented.

It was decided to take a vote for or against Senator Killilea's proposal and this resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Bartley, J. Burke, Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Glynn, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(15)

AGAINST: Councillor Brennan, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Coogan, McCormack, O'Foighil, Ryan.

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1907 - LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION:

Councillor Joyce referred to the correspondence which had been circulated to Members from the Local Authority Members' Association and asked Members to sign the authorisation form which had been circulated. He also asked if Members of the staff would assist in collecting the signature of Members to authorise the Membership fees to be deducted from their expenses.

1908 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

It was agreed that the Council would deal with item no. 22 on the Agenda (Land at Rinville, Oranmore) and then adjourn to have the remainder of the business dealt with at a Special Meeting to be held at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 11th March, 1983.

1909 - LAND AT RINVILLE, ORANMORE, OFFERED TO COUNTY COUNCIL AND GALWAY CORPORATION BY LAND COMMISSION:

Councillor Michael Fahy proposed that the County Council oppose the proposition by the County Manager to go ahead with the National Folk Park at Rinville. He stated that there are many small farmers in the area who are very congested and require land to make their holdings more viable. He asked the County Manager to withdraw the proposal to buy and suggested he would try to buy Tullira Castle lands instead.

Senator Killilea seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal and stated that the land should not be bought until the needs of small farmers is satisfied on a re-cavass by the Land Commission. He stated only half of the lands which form this Estate have been divided and the needs of many have not been met. He noticed that An Foras Forbartha had advised on the matter and that An Foras may have suggested that the land was not suitable because of afforestation, but Senator Killilea pointed out that lands had previously been rooted up by the E.S.B. He pointed out that one of the finest National Parks is in Connemara and that this is not bad for one County. He considered that if the County Council has money to spare, it should be put into the development of the Park in Connemara. He seconded the proposal that the Council would not go ahead with the purchase and stated before the Council considers the matter again, the circumstances of those who got no land should be investigated, and those who got some as to whether they should be entitled to more. He considered it unwise for the County Council to negotiate with the Land Commission on the matter while the needs of Maree are not met. He advised the Council to stay away from it.

Councillor Welby stated that he totally objected to interfering with the farmers rights and he supported the case of the farmers.

Councillor Byrne stated that 7 years ago, he opposed the proposal for housing on these lands and that he organised opposition to it. He stated that the Land Commission took over the holding to be divided amongst small farmers and for no other purpose, and now it is proposed to make part of it an Amenity and Folk Park. He asked who gave the County Manager authority to negotiate on the matter and that the Council gave him no such authority. The proposal is being presented to the Council as a fait accompli.

Councillor Byrne also said that he expressed reservations about the proposal at that meeting and that now he is against the development for the following reasons:-

- (a) The cost is £165,000 for the land alone excluding development, for what is a luxury. There are public parks at Connemara and Coole, and if money is available, it should be spent in Coole.
- (b) He is aware of farmers in the area crying out for land who are not being facilitated by the Land Commission. He considered it a disgrace that 64 acres was being developed into an amenity area.

He supported the proposer and seconder against the acquisition of the land.

Councillor Brennan stated that while he does not wholeheartedly support the proposal, he can see certain merit in getting the public park. He considered it tragic to see 64 acres of land being taken away from farmers and feels that farmers are simply asking for justice. He suggested the appointment of a Committee of four or five Councillors to meet the people and to present a report to the Council on the matter.

The County Manager stated that the history of this site is that some years ago, Bord Failte were considering a location for a Folk Park and this land was considered to be a suitable location for it even before there was any question of dividing the land. Some time ago, the Land Commission approached the County Council and said that some of this was amenity land which would not be divided. They stated that they had prepared a division scheme which left out of the land division the amenity lands and asked the County Council if it would be interested in acquiring it. He stated that his attitude to the matter was that if land were left over following the division schemes, the matter would be considered. When the Land Commission informed the Council that the division scheme had been carried out and that amenity land had been left over, he (County Manager) called in representatives of the County Council for the area, Members of Galway Corporation, as well as officials of the Land Commission and Bord Failte to discuss the matter. He expressed surprise at Councillor Byrne's recollection of what had transpired at that meeting as the meeting agreed that consultations with the Land Commission should continue. There was no question of a fait accompli then nor is there now. The Land Commission had been informed by the Council that it was not involved in any way with land division and would not give any decision on the matter until the allocation of land was complete. About 10 days ago, he had been informed by the Land Commission that the land had been allotted and accepted, and he felt then that it would be advisable to have a further discussion with the Land Commission on the situation as it then was.

The Land Commission then explained to him that they have a well settled policy of consulting with farmers within one mile radius of the lands to be allotted. Nine allotments were made to farmers within this area but then the Land Commission extended this to a one and a half mile radius with the special permission of the Land Commissioners, and as a result of this, four further allotments to farmers were made. He had pointed out to the Land Commission that the Council was not interested or competent to deal with questions of land division, and accordingly, he had arranged with the Land Commission officials that any person who felt aggrieved about the allocation of land would be received by the Land Commission with his Solicitor or representative as he required. The Land Commission agreed to this.

The County Manager suggested to the Council that they leave this arrangement stand as the Council does not want to be involved in land division disputes. He stated that Senator Killilea's proposal is a sensible one and he suggested that people who feel they have a claim should call to the Land Commission with their representatives and that the Council should take no further action in the meantime.

Councillor Murphy suggested that the Council leave the matter as it is as outlined by the County Manager for the present.

Councillor Bartley and Ruane recommended that the land should be left available to farmers.

Senator Ulick Burke supporting the motion proposed by Councillor M. Fahy, stated that this appears to be the first time that the Land Commission have apportioned land for amenity purposes. He disagreed with the statement in the third paragraph of the report that no eligible farmers were within the extended area, and he stated that this was not correct. He criticised bringing in An Foras Forbartha so soon into this matter.

The County Manager stated that he had brought them in to make an assessment of the land for the purpose for which it was suggested it should be purchased.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the plight of people involved is not the concern of the County Council but is one for the Land Commission. He stated that if it is not possible to convince the Land Commission that the land should be given to the farmers, that is the time the County Council will have to make a decision. If it is found, however, that the Land Commission is not prepared to give the land to the farmers, he thinks that the plan proposed is a good one and he would prefer to see the County Council as a purchaser rather than a speculator who would come in from outside.

Councillor Coogan supported the allocation of the land to the farmers. Councillor McCormack agreed with the suggestion made by the County Manager that the farmers go back to the Land Commission and he stated that he has sympathy with them and he is prepared to go to the Land Commission with them. He stated that he was a farmer and that he had land in this area and was, accordingly, declaring his interest.

The Chairman stated that land division is not the **business** of the County Council and he considered it the duty of the County Council to do nothing to deprive the farmers of the land. Councillor O'Morain asked where the money is to come from and asked if money is available, why it could not be spent on Petersburg lands in Clonbur or in swimming facilities between Galway and Carna.

Councillors O'Conchubhair and Callanan supported the case being made on behalf of the farmers - Councillor Callanan stated that where any one man is in need of land, the Council should not interfere. The Chairman stated that he agreed with this view.

Councillor Callanan then proposed that the Council does not want any land in Rinville while any farmer is in need. The Chairman seconded this proposal.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that at their first discussion, Councillor Byrne and he had expressed reservations about the proposal but the County Manager had stated that no decision would be taken on the matter until the proposal is brought before the Council.

It was agreed to adopt the County Manager's recommendation.

1910 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Michael Moroney, Ard-na-Mara, Salthill, Galway.
 Mrs. Nuala McInerney, Caherbrien, Gort, Co. Galway.
 Mrs. Julia Walsh, Camp Street, Oughterard, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Sean Flaherty (William), Derrartha, Carraroe.
 Bean Pheadair O Neachtain, An Aird Mhoir, Cill Chiarain, Carna.
 Caoimhin O Maicin, Uasal, Rosmuc, Co. na Gaillimhe.
 Mr. Sean Kelly, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
 Tomas Eoin, Uasal, Ceathru Rua, Gaillimh.
 Mr. Jimmy Grogan, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.
 Micheal O'Morain, Uasal, Carna, Co. na Gaillimhe.
 Mr. William O'Connor, Newtownlynch, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
 Mrs. Walshe, St. Michael's Place, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
 Mrs. Tom Raftery, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Ed J. H. O'Connell CHAIRMAN

28/3/83 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J.M. Mannion, 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; P. Flood, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; R. Curley, and C. Wallace, Assistant Staff Officers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; R. Killeen, and J. Kineen, Senior Executive Engineers; B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning); C.P. Lynch, County Development Officer; D. Barrett, S.S.O.; Sean Gaughran, Draughtsman/Technician; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1911 - REPORT OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM FOR 1982:

The County Manager stated that this report was being circulated for the information of Members arising from a request made a few years ago that the yearly report be submitted to them. The report, now submitted, sets out the activities of the Team for 1982 and he suggested if any Members would have any ideas or proposals to promote economic activity in the County, the County Development Officer would be available to receive such proposals at any time.

Deputy Fahey proposed that a special meeting would be held to consider this matter as he considered it of such importance that the Members should have adequate time to consider it.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Ruane.

On the suggestion of Senator Killilea, the Council also agreed to consider item no. 16 on the Agenda "Review of County Development Plan" at the same meeting. (See Minute No. 1921 hereunder.)

It was agreed that a special meeting for these purposes would be held on Friday, 25th March, 1983, at 3.30 p.m.

1912 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SOLICITOR:

The County Manager referred to his report to Councillors dated 20th January, 1983, in which he set out the case for the creation of the Office of Executive Solicitor. In addition, he stated that many new elements of Environmental Law including the Litter Act, Waste Disposal Regulations, Water Pollution Act, had to be implemented and have resulted in a considerable amount of additional work for the Law Department. He pointed out also to Members the additional responsibilities placed on the County Council consequent on the transfer of responsibility for Malicious Injuries and fire safety from Galway Corporation to the County Council, and he also stated that it often happens that two Courts are being held on the same day as a result of which the Council has had to employ outside Solicitors to deal with some cases for them. He stated that he was satisfied that a valid case had been made for the appointment of an Executive Solicitor and he requested the approval of the Council to the creation of the Office.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ruane, -

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of an Office of Executive Solicitor in accordance with the conditions of appointment and particulars of office prescribed by the Minister for the Environment."

Councillor Welby proposed and Councillor Coogan seconded that the creation of this office be postponed until the position of Mr. Sean Concannon is clarified.

The County Manager stated that he had interviewed Mr. Concannon who had informed him that he never wanted to imply that Mr. Concannon's present position had anything to do with the appointment of an Executive Solicitor. He stated that Mr. Concannon is employed by the Council since 1976 and was previously in private employment by a Solicitor. He pointed out that Mr. Concannon is not a Solicitor.

Councillor Welby stated that he is concerned that Mr. Concannon when he retires would have no pension.

Councillor O'Morain asked the County Manager to make an attempt to regularise the situation regarding Mr. Concannon who he stated was giving a first class service to the County Council for up to 40 years.

The County Manager stated that the Council had absolutely nothing to do with his previous employment and he stated that he had never left the Council or Mr. Concannon under the impression that Mr. Concannon could be given a pension. His temporary employment had been renewed every three months since his former employer died and he (County Manager) had spoken to Mr. Concannon saying that he is free to come back to him on any aspect of his employment if he wished to do so. He found Mr. Concannon reluctant to speak about his position but he had stated that he was now 64 years of age.

Replying to Senator Ulick Burke who enquired if the County Manager would be prepared to keep Mr. Concannon on after he reached the age of 65, the County Manager stated that he had informed Mr. Concannon that he would consider this if Mr. Concannon asked him to do so but he seems to be reluctant to come and talk about his position.

Senator Killilea stated that Mr. Concannon, who was always helpful to Councillors, had given long service and if a case could be made for him, all Councillors would back him. He asked that nothing be done about the appointment of an Executive Solicitor until Mr. Concannon's position had been resolved.

Councillors Ruane and Brennan stated that all that can be done is to leave the matter in the hands of the County Manager who they assumed would treat Mr. Concannon humanely.

Replying to further queries by Senator Killilea, the County Manager stated that if Mr. Concannon were an Officer of the County Council, there would be no difficulty about the matter but he is not an Officer and he could not have been appointed an Officer because of the age limit regulations at the time when his employment with the former Solicitor ended. He stated that there is nothing whatever to be cleared up. Mr. Concannon's position is quite clear at the moment and there is no statutory authority to make him permanent or pensionable. He further pointed out that the Council, were it not for the fact that it had sympathy with Mr. Concannon, could have filled the post which he holds by another person in a permanent and pensionable capacity but it had not done this in deference to Mr. Concannon.

Deputy Fahey asked if the County Manager would meet Mr. Concannon and discuss the possibility of extending his employment for say two years. The County Manager pointed out that he had previously invited Mr. Concannon to come to him if he wanted to discuss anything about his position. The County Manager stated that he does not like the situation where Mr. Concannon appears to be trying to effectively block the making of an appointment which has nothing to do with him and he could not accept a situation whereby Mr. Concannon

decides on conditions for the appointment of a Solicitor.

Councillor Mannion stated that it is obvious that the County Manager has been very sympathetic towards Mr. Concannon and he felt that Councillors are doing more damage than good to his case by pursuing this matter as they are doing. He suggested that the matter be left to the County Manager.

Councillor Brennan stated that there are two separate issues in this case and that one has nothing to do with the other.

Councillor O'Morain asked if the County Manager would be prepared to meet Mr. Concannon with say three or four Councillors and discuss his position.

Councillor Welby stated that he would be prepared to withdraw his motion provided Mr. Concannon is treated sympathetically and that the County Manager would meet a few Councillors and Mr. Concannon on the matter.

The County Manager stated that he was always willing to see Mr. Concannon and would have no objection meeting Councillors and Mr. Concannon.

The resolution proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ruane, was then agreed.

1913 - DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING:

The County Manager stated that it was only during the previous week that he got some information which would enable him to commence preparation of the Estimates, and he stated that the earliest date by which the Estimates would be ready to be brought before the County Council would be on Friday, 22nd April next. He stated that the Estimates Meeting must in any event, in accordance with regulations made by the Minister, be held on or before the 30th April, but this meeting could be adjourned, if necessary, for a period of not more than 21 days after the date of that meeting.

Some Members of the Council stated that they would like to have an earlier date for the Estimates Meeting as they felt that heretofore Members had no real input into the figures in the Estimate and they were anxious to have this opportunity now.

The County Manager stated that he would need time to prepare the Estimates in the Statutory Form.

Some Members stated that heretofore Councillors had no discretion with regard to alteration of the figures put before them by the County Manager.

The County Manager stated that neither the Councillors or he have much discretion left and that virtually all discretion has been taken away by Statute for the past four years. This year he stated that there is no Rate Limit being fixed by the Minister and the Council will have discretion to fix Rates on commercial property and to fix charges.

It was agreed that the Estimates Meeting would be held on the 29th April, 1983.

1914 - REMISSION OF RATES - FACTORY AT KILROE, INVERIN. - JOHN STRAIN, KILROE EAST, INVERIN:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Kilroe East, Inverin, occupied by John Strain, in respect of the local financial years 1981-1990, inclusive, in accordance with Section 26 of the Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

1915 - REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORY AT BROCKAGH, PARKMORE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, GALWAY. - C.R. BARD (IRELAND) LIMITED:

It was proposed by Councillor Holland, seconded by Senator Killilea and resolved:

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969-1981, hereby remit two-thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial premises occupied by Messrs. C.R. Bard (Ireland) Limited, at Brockagh, Parkmore Industrial Estate, Galway, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1982-1990, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

1916 - REMISSION OF RATES - FAHY ENGINEERING (TYSAXON) LIMITED, KNOCKBRACK, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969-1981, hereby remit two-thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial premises occupied by Fahy Engineering (Tysaxon) Limited, at Knockbrack, Athenry, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1982-1991, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

1917 - REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORY - BRODY ENGINEERING LIMITED, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969-1981, hereby remit two-thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial premises occupied by Brody Engineering Limited at Athenry, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1981-1990, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

Replying to queries by Councillors, the County Manager stated that this remission was not the same as the question of dealing with hardship cases of firms and individuals who found difficulty in paying rates on their property. All such cases are examined at the end of each financial year.

1918 - REPORT OF THE IRISH COUNCIL OF EUROPEAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

This report, copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was noted.

1919 - AMENITY PLAN FOR SPIDDAL:

Mr. Brian Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning), referred to the summary of this scheme with estimated costs which had been circulated to each Member. He stated that the scheme arose from the need to co-ordinate various amenity schemes proposed by the County Council in this area and in the preparation of the scheme, the amenity potential of the village as a whole was considered. An attempt was made to integrate all the proposals for the area into one scheme. Mr. Callagy then gave a detailed description of the scheme by reference to a map of the area which was on display. The proposals, he stated had been costed without reference to whether they would be financed out of private or public investment.

Senator Killilea complimented Mr. Callagy on the scheme he had prepared and he enquired if money is being provided by the Council and when work will start.

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Foighil an sceim agus duirt se go mba mhaith leis da nglacfadh an Comhairle Chontae leis agus go rachfadh an t-Uasal Callagy go dtí an Spideal agus an sceim a mhiniuadh go poibli do mhuintir an Spidéal.

Cheap se go mbeadh se an thabhachtach go mbeadh baint direach ag pobail an Spideil leis an sceim agus go mbeidis pairteach ann.

Councillor O Foighil stressed the importance of having a local input into the scheme which he stated is a far seeing one and one which is much needed. He felt that it was important that the scheme would be explained to the people of Spiddal and he was confident that their whole-hearted support would be available towards its implementation. He mentioned the work being done by local people on the Old Quay and stated that these people had put a considerable amount of money and their time into the improvement of the quay which is far more suitable than the new one which was built later by the Office of Public Works. He proposed that the Council would accept the scheme and he asked if Mr. Callagy would accept an invitation to present the case to the people of Spiddal in the village itself.

Councillor O Conchubhair also complimented Mr. Callagy but he pointed out that there are more pressing infrastructural problems in Connemara. He seconded Councillor O'Foighil's proposal that Mr. Callagy be invited to speak to the Spiddal people on his proposals. He suggested that Udaras na Gaeltachta should be approached with a view to getting an input from them possibly in the form of money.

Councillor Welby also complimented Mr. Callagy.

Ag cuidiu leis na ruin, duirt an Comhairleoir O'Morain go raibh ceantracha eile ar fud Connemara gur feidir sceimeanna den sort ceanna a chur chun chinn, e.g., An Cheathru Rua, Carna, agus Cill Chiarain.

He welcomed the scheme as one which can be continued in other areas. He felt that schemes such as those should be done under an umbrella plan which need not be confined to Gaeltacht Areas but he suggested that they be extended westwards from Spiddal.

Councillor Murphy also asked that consideration would be given to the position in Athenry where neither carparks nor public toilets are available.

After further discussion, the Council approved the Plan and agreed to the suggestion that Mr. Callagy be invited to present it to the people of Spiddal.

1920 - LEASE OF PREMISES AT ISLAND HOUSE, GALWAY, FOR LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Chairman, referring to the above resolution, stated that he had received a request from the County Galway Solicitors Bar Association to have a deputation from them received by the Council in connection with accommodation in Galway Courthouse.

The Council agreed that ^{the} deputation be heard.

The deputation present consisted of Messrs. Sean Forde, President, Ciaran Keyes, Honorary Secretary, and Mr. Michael Molloy.

Councillor Welby referred to his motion - number 32 on the Agenda - and stated that this matter was being considered by the County Council previously. He was not aware that there was such a need for space in Galway Courthouse. He stated that he had discussed the matter with the County Registrar on two occasions and he gave an outline of the case made by the County Registrar in connection with the lack of accommodation for Land Registry files, and inadequate provisions for storing other documents and also lack of accommodation for consultations between Solicitors and clients.

He proposed that the Councillors ^{rescind} previous decision on the matter and re-negotiate for the Lease of the premises at Island House for Library Headquarters.

Councillor Bartley seconded Councillor Welby's proposal.

Do labhair an t-Uasal Mac Giollarnaigh annsin ar son Cumann na nDliodoiri. Thug se cuntas ar na deachrachaí ata i dTeach na Cuirte de bharr easpa spais. He stated that it may be possible to provide for a small Courtroom and Consultation Rooms in the basement and that this would advance Circuit Court work by six weeks every year. He also referred to the difficulties about having consultations in confidence and stated that there was a danger in that if additional accommodation were not provided in the Courthouse in Galway, the High Court was likely to transfer to Ennis where better facilities were available. He expressed the hopes that the Galway Bar Association together with the County Council may be successful in getting some money from the Department of Justice towards the provision of better Court facilities in Galway. He stated that due to lack of space, the County Registrar had recently been forced to close down the Land Registry and that requests for copy Folios, etc., would now have to be referred to Dublin which would add three weeks to the waiting period. He stated that the Bar Association who are not just interested in facilitating themselves, but the general public would appreciate if the County Council could make the offices at present occupied by the Library Headquarters available for Court purposes.

Deputy Fahey stated that while he opposed a previous proposal by the County Manager in this matter, he was now prepared to accept it, but he objected to the fact that the Department of Justice were not prepared to compensate the County Council for moving out the Library from the Courthouse and incurring additional expenditure. He stated that he had pointed out to the Minister for Justice recently that at least £2 million had been collected in fines in the Courthouse in Galway and that no contribution whatever towards running the Courthouse had been made, but he stated that the Minister for Justice informed him that no funds could be made available to the County Council towards the cost of providing Court facilities in view of the provisions of the 1935 Act and that no proposal existed for amendment of that Act.

He proposed that a strong protest against the attitude of the Department of Justice on this matter be sent to the Minister with a request for funds.

Deputy Kitt seconded this proposal.

Councillor McCormack also objected to the attitude of the Department of Justice in relation to funds and stated that he agreed that there is need of additional accommodation for the Courts but that this need was not one for the County Council.

Councillor Joyce stated that he objected very strongly to incurring the additional expense of moving the Library Headquarters especially at a time when the Council had no means of raising the money and that it has so many much more important needs. He stated that it was a ridiculous situation if the Council has to move out and incur additional cost of renting Library accommodation while at the same time, it may have to lay off additional workers during the current year and leave vital services unprovided. He stated that he had explained this to a representative of the owner who had called to him.

Councillor Coogan suggested that the Council should co-operate in providing better accommodation for the Courts.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that when the Council had previously decided against this proposal, it was not that it felt that the need was not great but that the situation in which the Council found itself in relation to finances rendered that course necessary at the time. He expressed sympathy with people attending Court in difficult conditions but he felt that because it was important to be given privacy, he would support the proposal of Councillor Welby.

Replying to a question by Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager stated that there would be additional expenses of alterations and some renovations but that the amount of this had not at present been determined. Senator Burke stated also that he would not like to see the Courts moving outside the County.

Other Members expressed a similar view about the possibility of the Courts moving to an outside County.

Supporting Councillor Welby's proposal, Senator Kitt stated that the Department of Justice should be pressed to provide the necessary finance and he expressed concern that some District Courts in outlying areas in the County are under threat of closure.

Councillor Callanan stated that his main reason for objecting to the proposal previously was that workers were then being laid off and he had asked for a guarantee that renting of new library space would not result in other workers being laid off.

A discussion then took place on the question of the closing of the Land Registry Office in the Courthouse and all Members present expressed serious concern at the fact that this service was being withdrawn from people in the County.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that he would support Councillor Welby's proposal subject to a guarantee that the Land Registry Office would be re-opened and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Bartley.

Councillor Joyce stated that something rotten is going on, and stated that he had been approached by one of the Shareholders of the Company which owns Island House and he felt that some pressures were being brought to bear on Councillors. He proposed that the Council defer a decision on the matter until the next meeting.

Councillor Callanan proposed and Councillor Bartley seconded by the Council would agree to Councillor Welby's motion with the addendum that the County Registrar would agree beforehand that the Land Registry would re-open and that it would remain open without interruption.

Councillor Welby stated that he was agreeable to have this condition added to his motion.

Councillor Joyce proposed that the Council delay a decision on the matter until next meeting by which time they would have the undertaking from the County Registrar and have costs of making the change and the cost of repairs, etc., available also. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Callanan.

The Chairman stated that he would not agree to the proposal of Councillor Welby under any circumstances unless the Council gets a guarantee that the Land Registry will re-open immediately and will remain open without interruption.

The County Manager stated that he would guarantee that the Library premises in the Courthouse will not be handed over to the County Registrar until the guarantees the Councillors have asked for are given - if this is what the Council wishes.

After further discussion the Chairman stated that there were two proposals now before the Council - the first one being from Councillor Welby as set out on the Agenda with the condition that the library premises be not handed over to the County Registrar unless and until the Council receives a written guarantee from him that full Land Registry services be restored in the Courthouse and that they will be continued without any interruption in future.

There was also an amendment proposed by Councillor Joyce to the effect that the matter be adjourned for consideration when the necessary undertakings are received from the County Registrar.

It was decided to take a vote on the amendment proposed by Councillor Joyce.

This vote resulted as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Callanan, Finnegan, Joyce, Deputy Kitt. (4)

AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Coogan, M. Fahy, Haverty, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(13)

The Chairman declared the amendment defeated.

Councillor Finnegan subsequently stated that he had misunderstood that the vote had been taken on the amendment and that he had intended voting against the amendment.

It was also agreed that the original motion proposed by Councillor Welby, as amended, be passed, without a vote.

1921 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to his memorandum of the 23rd February, 1983, circulated to each Member of the County Council setting out what he considered an approach to the Review of the County Development Plan might be. He stated that there are some difficulties in the way of doing a complete Review of the Plan at the moment by reason of the fact that a Regional Strategy which has been commissioned by the R.D.O. will not be available at least until the month of July.

He stated that the Council is working under the constraint that it has to have a Review of the Plan carried out by the end of January, 1984, and he pointed out that to wait for the Regional Strategy Report would not enable the County Council to have the Review completed by this time. He, therefore, suggested that the Council should consider the approach which is set out in the second paragraph of his letter of the 23rd February, 1983, which would involve a short review now in order to comply with the statutory requirements and that a full review could be carried out in 1984 when the Regional Strategy is available.

The Councillors agreed to carry out the short review in 1983 as recommended by the County Manager.

Replying to Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager stated that it is open to Members to suggest any areas for review but he pointed out the time constraint which is on the Council in order to comply with the Law, and for this purpose, it was proposed to have the short review carried out in 1983.

1922 - DISPOSAL OF LAND AT KILCLOONEY, BALLINASLOE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot containing 2 acres, 2 roods, 27 perches, 26 square yards, approximately, in the townland of Kilclooney, Ballinasloe, to Ballinasloe Urban District in accordance with the terms of notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 13th January, 1983, circulated to each Member of the Council."

1923 - SALE OF TWO PLOTS OF LAND AT CLARINBRIDGE AND PORTUMNA:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Clarinbridge to Mr. John Fordham, and of a plot at Portumna, to Mr. Noel John Joseph Nevin, in accordance with the terms of notices dated 14th February, 1983, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, circulated to each Member of the Council."

1924 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT GORT TO MR. F. FINNEGAN:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the disposal of a plot of land at Gort containing 1.598 acres to Mr. F. Finnegan in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 24th January, 1983, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, sent to each Member of the County Council."

1925 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT BALLYGAR TO MR. PATRICK FALLON:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Ballygar containing 720 square feet to Mr. Patrick Fallon, "St. Judes", Ballygar, in accordance with the terms of a notice dated 14th February, 1982, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, circulated to each Member of the Council."

1926 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied by them to the tenants named hereunder in accordance with the terms of notices dated 15th February, 1983, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, circulated to each Member of the Council:-

Margaret Folan, Canrower, Oughterard.
Andrew & Mary Mockler, Clooncannon (Kelly), Ahascragh, Ballinasloe.
Gerard McDonagh, Lowville, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe.
John & Kathleen Galvin, 13, Plunkett Park, Ballygar."

Senator Ulick Burke asked if there was now need to review the terms on which houses are sold to tenants in view of the fact that house prices have come down.

The County Manager stated that the Minister sets out the terms for National schemes for the sale of houses to tenants - this is not based on the open market value but the cost price is up-dated in accordance with a formula prescribed by the Minister.

1927 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS AT LISBON - 23RD-27TH MAY, 1983:

The Chairman enquired from Members if they were interested in sending a delegation to this Conference.

Councillor Welby stated that he understood that the Minister had stated that no delegates should go from Local Authorities to International Conferences.

Councillor Coogan suggested that a lesser number than usual might be sent.

The Chairman stated that he had been informed that a total of only 6 seats were available on the plane to accommodate Members of the County Council and the Corporation.

Replying to Councillor Coogan, the ^{Manager} County Manager stated that the Minister for the Environment had asked County Managers to use their influence with a view to curtailing the attendance of Members at International Conferences and he also asked County Managers to give a lead by curtailing the attendance of Officials at such Conferences.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Welby, and agreed:

"That the Council send four delegates to the Congress in Lisbon, and that the names of the delegates would be decided at the meeting of the Council on the 28th March."

1928 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

The list of Malicious Damage Decrees circulated to each Member was noted.

1929 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Patrick Connor, Kilmallow, Ballinasloe.
Mr. & Mrs. John O'Shea & Family, Ballyglass, Ardrahan.
The O'Connor Family, Clooneena, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Madden, Cottages, Galway Road, Clifden.
Mrs. Dundas & Family, Kylesaile, Cill Chiarain, Carna.
Mrs. Michael Corcoran, Brierhill, Castlegar.
Mrs. Bernadette Long, Kiniska, Claregalway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Edmund Butler CHAIRMAN

25th April 1983 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

21st March, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 25th March, 1983, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Report of County Development Team for 1982 - copy already circulated. (Members are requested to take the copy of this report with them to the meeting.)
2. Matters for inclusion in Review of County Development Plan.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

22nd March, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next, 28th March, 1983, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission to Thomas McLoughlin, Ballyglass, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe. - Planning Ref. No. 44672."

Paul Connaughton. Michael Ryan. Michael Kitt.
2. "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 Haverty of Gortnalea, Dunmore, for dwellinghouse at Cappagh, Dunmore. - Planning Ref. No. 45092."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.
3. "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 Haverty, Gortnalea, Dunmore, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Gortnalea, - Planning Ref. No. 45092."

Ulick Burke. J. Brennan. Toddie Byrne.
4. "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 Naughton of Claregalway, for the erection of a serviced dwelling with garage at Corbally North. - Planning Ref. No. 45081."

Mark Killilea. Tom Welby. John Molloy.

5. "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 Mullins, c/o Tom Mullins, Georges Street, Gort, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Rindifin, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 44009."

Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Mark Killilea.

6. "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 Shaughnessy of Cahergowan, Claregalway, for the erection of a serviced dwelling with garage at Cahergowan. - Planning Ref. No. 45258."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.

7. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Michael Dolan of Moneen, Cummer, Tuam, for the erection of a serviced dwellinghouse and garage at Cummer, Tuam, - Planning Ref. No. 45230."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.

8. "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. J.J. Mulcair, Barrack Street, Loughrea, for the erection of three dwellinghouses at Ballydoogan, Loughrea. - Planning Ref. No. 45304."

Michael Fahy. Michael Kitt. Tony Murphy.

9. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Mulheir, Cloughnacava, Gort, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Lakefield, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 45144."

Frank Fahey. Patrick Finnegan. Michael Fahy.

10. "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 Mrs. Mary Keane of Ballinboy, Clifden, Co. Galway for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballinaboy, Clifden, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 44503."

P. McCormack. G. Bartley. P. O'Foighil.

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

22u Marta, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 28u Marta, 1983, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa tráthnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Joint Committee on Building Land - report circulated.
3. Maxan Ltd. - site at Oranmore - report circulated.
4. Relief Road, Loughrea.
5. Capital Allocation for Housing Loans 1983 - £3 million.
6. Capital Allocation for Water and Sewerage Schemes 1983:-
Major Schemes - £1,900,000
Small Schemes - £153,000
7. Local Improvement Schemes Allocation 1983 - £264,000.
8. Road Grants 1983.
9. Environmental Works (Youth Employment) Scheme 1983.
10. Representation at International Conferences.
11. Appointment of Nominee on Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
12. Assistance for Disabled.
13. Raising of Loan of £10,000 - contribution to Ballyglass/Fiddane Group Water Scheme.
14. Raising of Loan of £153,000 for "Small Schemes" Sanitary Services.
15. Seeds and Fertilisers Loan Scheme 1983 - Copy herewith.
16. Draft Blueprint on the Financing and Powers of Local Authorities - Memorandum from County Councils' General Council herewith.
17. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
18. Business submitted by the County Manager.
19. Annual Library Conference - Approval of Delegates.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

1. That the County Councillors have a full and frank discussion on the recent policy of the County Council to install on the schedules of Planning Permission sums of money as contributions to be made payable to the Planning Authority.

COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON - I will ask:

2. That discretionary expenditure of £2,000 be allowed to each Councillor in addition to N.O.M. for roads.

COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE - I will ask:

3. That Galway County Council give an up-to-date report on the steps being taken to ensure that the water supply to Tuam has no more pollution.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON - I will propose:

4. That the footpaths in Kilkerrin Village be repaired immediately as they are in a deplorable condition and are a danger to the public.
5. That the Y junction at Aughiart, Mountbellew, be reconstructed to make it safer for all road users.
6. That Galway County Council employ its share of Litter Wardens in its towns and villages thereby reducing litter to a minimum and creating extra jobs.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:

7. Ba mhaith liom go ndeanfai an droichead ag Inbher-Rosmuc a leathnu agus an clai a athru.
8. Ba mhaith liom go leanfai feabhsu an bhothair o Loch Con Aortha siar go Carna.
9. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go gcuirfi laithrean bruscair amhain i ngach baile beag le freastal ar na bruach bhailte.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

10. That this Council carry out its responsibility to the people of Fohenagh by making provision for adequate and reasonable access to Fohenagh Parish Cemetery; this to be done by providing and maintaining a proper road to enable funerals to take place there in a dignified way. The present position is no longer acceptable to the Fohenagh Community.
11. That a full report be furnished on the L.I.S. application in the name of Patrick Noone, Carhoon, Gurteen, together with an explanation of the guidelines and norms applicable to L.I.S.

COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

12. That Galway County Council provide the necessary markings at the Square, Gort, Co. Galway, to facilitate orderly parking.

COUNCILLOR JOHN MANNION - I will propose:

13. That Galway County Council erect signs at Clonbur indicating the direction of Finney and Maam and the mileage involved.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITTE - I will propose:

14. That a source for the Annaghbeg/Creggane Group Water Scheme be provided as soon as possible, to allow this scheme to proceed.

COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

15. That this Council demand from the Department enough of funds to complete the Claregalway to Carnmore Road in 1983.
16. That this County Council continue removing clay banks from the Carnmore/Coshla County Road.
17. That Galway County Council take over and maintain the road leading to Tom Keane's house at Waterdale, Claregalway.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

18. Ce'n staid in a bhfuil ceist deontais speisialta do ghrup-sceim na Forbacha?

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

19. To ask Galway County Council to repair the water line of the existing public water scheme at Lackaghmore, Claregalway, before they ask the Group Water Scheme to supply water to it, or alternatively that the Council sanction a Special Grant to the Group Water Scheme to repair this existing main.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

20. Galway County Council to purchase a site for a new refuse dump to accommodate Gort and the surrounding area, and I will also ask the County Council to close the old dump in Gort.

COUNCILLORS E. HAVERTY, F. COOGAN, J. CALLANAN AND J. BRENNAN - We will propose:

21. That this Council investigate the possibility of handing over the Council housing sites to private developers with a view to providing additional houses.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

22. That the Carnmore No. 2 Water Scheme be extended to include the Carnmore No. 1 Scheme, the Coshla Group Water Scheme and the proposed Cartymore Group Water Scheme.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will ask:

23. That immediate steps be taken by the Council to prevent any further flooding from the Clybaun river on to the Knocknacarra road.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

24. That Galway County Council carry out a review of the development plan for the Eastern Environs of Galway City in order to monitor progress being made in the implementation of the plan in the context of land acquisition, provision of infrastructural services, liaison with other statutory agencies.

COUNCILLOR P.J. FINNEGAN - I will ask:

25. That improvements be carried out immediately to the Kilbeg Road and Moneen (Bridle Road), Williamstown.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

26. That Galway County Council give a commitment that the present refuse dump in Gort will not be extended beyond the amount of ground needed for rehabilitation purposes and that the Council give an insurance that they will purchase an alternative site within a 5 mile radius of Gort within the next 12 months.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will ask:

27. What money is to be provided this year by the Department of the Environment for the completion of development of housing estates?
28. That this Council take all possible steps to provide sufficient amenities for sports and leisure beside the new housing estates at Dublin Road, Tuam.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

29. What is the position in regard to the proposed New Sewerage Scheme for Oranmore, and when does the County Council expect work to commence?

COUNCILLOR POL O'FOIGHIL - I will ask:

30. What is Council policy in allowing skips in private property for public refuse collection?

(b) OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED:SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will ask:

31. That the protecting wall at Moran's House, Cloonmore Bridge, Tuam, Co. Galway, be rebuilt by the Galway County Council to the standards suitable and comparable about it, which was badly damaged due to a car accident on the bridge some years ago.

COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE - I will propose:

32. That Galway County Council acquire a site for a burial ground at Kilbannon.
33. That Galway County Council will interview people with superior qualifications than those demands for a specific post.

DEPUTY KITT, COUNCILLORS CALLANAN AND JOYCE - We will propose:

34. That a children crossing sign be provided at Aughrim Village so that children can cross the road in a safe manner.
35. That a road which serves ten or more land owners be allowed for taking over by the County Council and declared a public road.

COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK - I will ask:

36. That the Council take steps to improve the pressure of water at Camp Street, Oughterard.
37. That the Council appoint a Litter Warden in Oughterard.
38. What steps be taken to relieve flooding on the Barna Road for a distance of about 400 yards past the Cappagh Road.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

39. To widen the road from Bealadangan Bridge to O'Toole's Pub, Annagharane.
40. To widen the road from Carraroe to Derrartha Road.
41. Are the Council satisfied that the water from Locha Mhuilinn, Carraroe, is fit for drinking water.

MARCH MEETINGMALICIOUS INJURY DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Mr. Eamonn Linnane, Tullira, Ardrahan.	Walls were knocked and scattered.	County at large.	£50.00	£54.30
Mr. Eamonn Linnane, Tullira, Ardrahan.	Walls were knocked and hay scattered.	County at large.	£300.00	£221.00
Mr. Francis J. Finian, Kilbeg, Claremorris, Co. Mayo.	Damage to caravan.	County at large.	£450.00	£620.00
Messrs. J.J. Coen & Co. Ltd. Royal Tara Properties Ltd.	Broken Plate of glass window. Damage to house and contents	County at large.	£300.00	£225.20
Sean Morris, Sliveen, Roscommon.	Damage to Motor Car MDI 736.	County at large. County of Galway & Roscommon.	£1,960.00 £2,100.00	£1,600.00 £2,118.20

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; C.P. Lynch, County Development Officer; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; M. Nolan, Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1930 - REPORT OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM 1982:

The County Manager stated that this report was brought before Members at their request in order to give them information on the activities of the County Development Team. He stated that if Councillors have any ideas which would be likely to promote employment or economic development in the County, they would be very welcome to come to the County Development Officer with them.

Senator Killilea and all Members of the Council present congratulated the County Development Team, the County Development Officer and his staff on the Report and on the amount of work which they have done to promote economic development in the County and on their success in creating jobs.

The work of the County Development Team was discussed in all its aspects and the following recommendations and comments were made by Members

1. That money be made available from the Western Development Fund to help Companies start a business.
2. That the Industrial Credit Company be asked to set up an office in Galway.
3. That the loan scheme for designated areas should be explained fully to people who might be in a position to avail of assistance under this heading.
4. That the County Development Team should be permitted to operate without interference from the I.D.A.
5. That the County Development Team make every effort to ensure that the Shellfish Research Laboratory in Carna continues in operation.
6. That the Team be requested to use all its influence to ensure the establishment of an industry in the advance factory at Glenamaddy.
7. That the efforts of the County Development Team to help industry and create jobs should be publicised better so that people with ideas would come forward with them to the Team.

8. That the Team would examine the possibility of encouraging industries which promote import substitution as this can very often be more effectively done by small firms than by large ones.
9. Training of an identified individual as a Farrier in wider aspects of that trade - Mr. Lynch stated that the individual in question had done a grant-aided training course and is carrying on a craft which is otherwise extinct in the County.
10. That the County Development Team meet Councillors in Committee to discuss the work three times each year.
11. That the County Development Team would initiate a special study into the development of service industry including computer services.
12. That the County Development Team should investigate the possibility of making components for bigger industry as spin-off from the larger factories established and that they should engage in promotion activities in the U.S.A. for this purpose using the goodwill which the country has already earned from American industries established in Galway.
On this subject, Deputy Fahey stated that he was prepared to give a Report to the County Development Team on similar activities promoted by another County and he stated that he would be prepared to pay his own way as part of a delegation to the U.S.A. for promotional work.
13. That a special effort be made by the Team to promote industry based on raw materials available locally and in particular in relation to agricultural produce and horticultural goods.
14. That the County Development Team would make every effort to aid small ailing Companies in financial difficulties.
15. That goods produced in the County should be processed in the County.
16. That an award or awards be provided each year by the County Development Team for the best ideas to create employment.
17. That young people with training in particular skills including marketing be employed on the Team and that the Team publicise in local papers that they are available to assist people with ideas for industrial promotion.
18. That the Membership of the County Development Team is narrowly based, that there is a need for on-going liaison between the Team and Councillors and that the Team as at present constituted, which includes only one Councillor, be widened.
19. That the allocation of £21,000 under the heading of Amenity Grants be taken as the base this year.
20. That the Team do everything possible to ensure the continuation of the Tuam Sugar Factory in operation as this has been the start of many small industries in the area.
21. That liaison with emigrant groups be continued and developed.
22. That the County Development Officer and the Team investigate the possibility of taking positive action again in relation to the Shellfish and Mariculture Research Station at Carna in view of the successful efforts originally made by the Team to bring it to fruition and that pressure be brought on Government to keep the Station opened.
23. That Fo-Choiste na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta have a meeting with the County Development Team as sufficient is not being done for people in the Gaeltacht Areas.

24. That the Team examine the possibility of encouraging greater forestry development in which could be based using top quality native timber, kiln dried, and that the Forestry Department be asked for more money for development of forests thereby creating more employment.
25. That the County Development Team provide advice on the restructuring of firms.
26. That the Team examine the possibility of providing assistance to the Precast Concrete Industry in Moylough.
27. That the Team do an appraisal of small industries where possible in order to give advice before such industries get into financial difficulties.

In a discussion on the question of the widening of the Membership of the Team and the Chairman asked the County Manager whether any guidelines were available on how the Team is constituted.

The County Manager stated that the structure of the Team is laid down by the Government - there are two systems - one for the Western Counties which have access to Regional Development Fund and so report to the Department of Finance. The other system is that applying in the remaining Counties where the Teams are totally within the Local Government structure. At this meeting, the Council is liaising with Members - the structure of the Team is a matter for the Government and the Chairman of the Council has been named a Member of the Team by the Government. He considered the Government backing essential to the work of the Team. He pointed out, however, that the Team can make its own arrangements with the Council for liaison with Councillors.

The County Manager also stated that consideration was being given by the Team to have meetings of the Team held outside Galway City. He considered it better, however, that groups of Councillors could meet the County Development Officer periodically in their own areas and he considered that liaison could be more effective on a regional basis and Members of the Council would then be free to bring any ideas they have to the Team at those meetings and to discuss them. He would like to bring this matter to the Team for discussion and he would report back to the Council on it.

A proposal by Deputy Fahey that the Members would meet the County Development Team a few times each year was supported by Councillor O'Morain and recommended by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was decided that a letter of congratulations be sent to Messrs. A.T. Cross Limited, Ballinasloe, on the valuable work done by them in their factory and on the recognition which they recently achieved by winning the Bowmaker Award.

Replying to the discussion, Mr. Lynch, County Development Officer, thanked the Members for inviting them to attend the meeting and for the complimentary marks which had been passed about the work of the Team. He gave particulars of the increase in unemployment in the County between 1980 and 1983 and stressed that the outlook for jobs was not very bright.

He agreed that it was very important that the I.C.C. should set up an office in Galway in view of the greater extent of industrial development taking place in Galway by comparison with other areas where the I.C.C. had an office.

He stated that every effort was being made in deciding the allocation of amenity grants payable by the County Council to an even distribution throughout the County and he considered that those had an important impact on local communities.

Referring to the question of ailing companies, he stated that arrangements have been made whereby the Team could take on advisers at no cost in relation to salaries but that no money is available for travelling or other expenses for them.

He stated that concrete is regarded as very sensitive business at present - a number of companies had been grant-aided and an effort will be made to be of assistance to the Moylough Firm.

He stated that efforts are being made by the I.D.A. to get a tenant for the factory in Glenamaddy but without success at present even though it is understood that a very reasonable rent is being demanded.

On the question of emigrant groups, he stated that there is continuous liaison with London with considerable success but he stated that the position in relation to the American Groups had not developed so far.

The County Manager stated when a Group from Galway visited New York some time ago, they had made it a County Development Meeting but the response has not been very good. It has been found that there is considerably more response from the contacts in England.

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

"That the I.C.C. be requested to set up an office in Galway as a matter of urgency."

Referring to the question of the expenses of advisers, the County Manager stated that for the first time the Department of Finance has set a limit to the Team's Budget. It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Glynn, and resolved:

"That the Department of Finance be asked to make the necessary funds available for the expenses of advisers as it is not realistic to say industry is being promoted while no funds were available for payment of advisers' expenses."

1931 - RETIREMENT OF MR. MICHAEL KING, ACTING C.A.O.:

The Council extended its good wishes on his retirement to Mr. Michael King, Acting Chief Agricultural Officer.

1932 - ADMISSION OF R.T.E. CAMERA CREW TO COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 28TH MARCH, 1983:

The County Manager informed the Council that he had been visited on the previous day by Officials of R.T.E. who informed him that they were preparing a programme in the "Today Tonight" series in connection with the use of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, in relation to planning applications in County Galway. The R.T.E. Officials asked him if he would be prepared to be interviewed and also asked if he would obtain the permission of the Council to have a camera crew take film of portion of the Council meeting on the 28th March, 1983. He stated that he understood that the camera crew would have sound recording equipment also but that it was not their intention to record the meeting. He understood that there would be some sound on the film but this would be in the background with "voice-over" commentary. He stated that he also received a request from R.T.E. to have some film taken in the Planning Office but he had refused permission for this.

A long discussion took place on the matter and various Members expressed views for and against admitting the R.T.E. crew.

Deputy Fahey proposed and Councillor Holland seconded that the R.T.E. crew be admitted as requested.

Senator Killilea proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that the R.T.E. crew be not admitted to the meeting.

Senator Killilea stated that he would be prepared to withdraw his proposal if there were no sound recording as he objected to personal details of applicants being recorded.

Eventually, a vote taken for or against admitting the R.T.E. Camera crew resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Callanan, Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Kilgannon, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Ruane, Ryan.

(15)

AGAINST: Senator U. Burke, Councillors M. Fahy, J. Joyce, Senator Killilea, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Morain, Welby.

(8)

The Chairman declared the proposal to admit the R.T.E. Camera crew carried.

It was also agreed on the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Joyce, that the County Manager be free to record an interview if he wished to do so.

It was agreed that the R.T.E. crew would be admitted to the Meeting which is due to commence at 3.30 p.m. and not to the Planning Meeting which is to commence at 2.30 p.m.

1933 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Mary Smyth & Family, Liccerig, Craughwell.
Mr. & Mrs. T. Fannon, Cloonacat, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Thomas Byrne, Parke West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Thomas Tuohy & Family, Carana, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Patrick Callaghan, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Sean Cloherty, Annaghavane, Bealadangan, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Edward Byrne
CHAIRMAN

25th April 1983
DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Deputies J. Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Mannion, 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; P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive (Planning); J. Kineen, S.E.E.; H. Kearns, S.S.O.; and D. Barrett, S.S.O., who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1934 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44672 - THOMAS McLOUGHLIN.

The County Manager submitted the report which was circulated to the County Council for the previous meeting and which was then discussed, and he pointed out that the matter was then adjourned to enable consultations to take place with the applicant. A discussion took place on the site with the applicant and Councillor J. Brennan and the Planning Officer. The application was discussed in full and the feasibility of locating the houses in another part of Mr. McLoughlin's holding was discussed. Mr. McLoughlin did not wish to have any part of his holding considered for the houses sought and asked that permission be granted for the application as lodged. The recommendation that the Permission sought be refused still stands.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Ryan who stated that the main road from Ahascragh to Ballinasloe is now via Killure and not the road on which this development is proposed. The site is within three miles of Ballinasloe where there is demand for houses. The applicant proposed to sell four sites and to keep two for his family. There is a demand for housing in the area and this will increase when the Bord na Mona factory is provided.

Deputy Kitt seconded Councillor Ryan's proposal and supported the case made by him. Deputy Kitt also stated that when a site meeting is being held, all the Councillors who signed the Section 4 motion should have been notified. This did not happen in this case.

The County Manager stated that the proposal was not for a meeting on the site but that Mr. McLoughlin was to come into the offices. Instead, the Council obliged him by going out and visiting the site and there was no time to notify the Councillors concerned.

The County Engineer stated that the proposed development is situated on a Regional Route. It is on the road to Tuam which is signposted from Ballinasloe. The road at this site is only 16 feet wide - there is a serious of fast bends on this road and at the time of his site inspection, he noticed a number of Mayo cars passing. He considered a proposal to site three houses opposite three houses to be lethal and could virtually amount to signing the death warrants of children who might be living in the houses. Even if money were available to improve the sight distances, major realignment would be necessary in order to make this section of road safe.

Councillor Ryan stated that the County Engineer did not inform the Members about the distance of view which is 127 yards on one side and 120 yards on the other.

The County Manager stated that the minimum stopping distance for a car travelling at 55 miles per hour is 200 yards and that this is in fact emergency stopping.

Councillor Brennan described the circumstances leading to the visit of Mr. Liam Kavanagh to the site at Councillor Brennan's request and it was suggested to Mr. McLoughlin that if he accepted four houses elsewhere on his land, permission for those might be given in lieu of the six houses for which application is now made, but Mr. McLoughlin would not agree.

Councillor Brennan stated that the sites adjoining both groups of houses would create drainage problems as they were unsuitable from the points of view of soakage on one side and levels on the other.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be not granted.

Councillor Holland seconded this proposal in view of the County Engineer's report.

The County Manager stated that the worst single feature of this application is that there are three houses proposed at each side of the road and he asked why the applicant should require six houses in contravention of all planning principles. Replying to Councillor Glynn, the County Manager stated that housing sites are available in Ballinasloe. He pointed out that the application at present before the Council is not the way to provide for any sites which might be required and he strongly advised the County Council against deciding that the Permission should be given. He stated that if the County Council were to make a suggestion to him that he would accept three in lieu of the six now proposed, he would be prepared to consider it sympathetically.

Councillor Glynn stated that people have enough to cope with especially housewives without having to worry about the safety of their children and he also pointed out that this man verbally abused the Planning Officer when he called to discuss the planning application with him. Councillor Glynn stated that the Permission sought should be refused. It was decided to defer taking a vote on the proposals before the Council 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 U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ryan, Welby.

(22)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, O'Foighil, Ruane,

(6)

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

1935 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45092 - JOHN HAVERTY (ITEMS 2. AND 3. ON THE AGENDA):

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on County Road 235, approximately 1½ miles north of Dunmore, near its junction with the National Secondary route to Ballyhaunis and Sligo.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

The site slopes upwards from the public road and there is a stream running along its western boundary and partly along its road boundary before going southwards into other lands.

A trial hole which was excavated on foot of a previous application on this site was full of water when inspected by Health Board staff, and a recommendation was received that the site was unsuitable for treatment of effluent and that pollution of the stream would consequently ensue. That application, reference number 43623 was, therefore, refused on public health grounds and Deputy Donnellan, in making subsequent representations on behalf of the applicant was advised that an alternative location on Mr. Haverty's lands would be examined with a view to satisfactorily accommodating the septic tank and drainage area.

The current application is similar to the previous one and no alternative septic tank location has been proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development would be seriously prejudicial to public health as the proposed site is unsuitable for the satisfactory disposal of septic tank effluent. Effluent from a septic tank within the site would lead to pollution of the stream bounding the site and thereby create a serious health hazard."

The resolutions set out on the Agenda were proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Councillor Ryan.

Councillor Holland proposed that the Permission sought be refused in view of the fact that an alternative suitable location is available.

Councillor Joe Burke seconded Councillor Holland's proposal and he asked how the County Council could seriously consider granting permission in this case where it would be prejudicial to public health to do so. He stated if the report presented to the Council is incorrect, the Council should point out in what respect it is incorrect. If not, the Section 4 resolution should not be passed.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the statement that it would be prejudicial to public health is an expression of opinion by a Council Official. He did not consider that it was a danger to health and he asked for the support of Councillors for the resolution.

Councillor Brennan stated that he had already notified his withdrawal of support for the Section 4 resolution.

Replying to comments made by Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager stated that the Council asked for trial holes only where there is an indication that some problems would arise in relation to soakage.

The holes in this case failed the test to the extent that they retained water to an extent which would render the soil suitable for percolation purposes. The County Manager stated that he was satisfied that the proper tests were carried out and that the site had failed the tests.

Replying to further queries, the County Engineer stated that the optimum time for carrying out percolation tests is in winter as if trial holes can get rid of water in the winter period, they will obviously be in a position to get rid of it at any other time in the year.

The County Manager pointed out that in the case under consideration, a septic tank could pollute a stream and he reminded the Council that it is the Water Pollution Authority. The landowner had been given an opportunity

of suggesting another site but he did not do so.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the site is not near the Pumphouse and is about two miles from the river.

The County Manager stated that if the septic tank pollutes the stream, the Council will have to prosecute and as the Water Pollution Authority, the Council should not allow this type of development.

It was decided that a vote would be taken on the proposal in this case after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Coogan, Deputies Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors Finnegan, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Councillors Mannion, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, Ryan, and Welby.

(14)

AGAINST: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors O'Morain, Ruane.

(9)

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

Councillors Callanan, M. Fahy, Haverty, Molloy, and Murphy, did not vote.

1936 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45081 - MICHAEL NAUGHTON:

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located on a County Road, at Corbally North, just off the Galway to Tuam road approximately 2 miles south of Corofin. There have been three previous applications on this site -

Planning reference number 11604 - on further information.

Planning reference number 15471 - withdrawn.

Planning reference number 44463 - refused.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed site is located adjacent to a County Council hand operated water pump. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because the septic tank effluent would be likely to contaminate the boring.

It is felt that it is prudent to conserve all existing water supply sources especially County Council pumps, in case of the contamination of any public or Group Water sources. In such emergencies, hand pumps would be an important alternative source of water for domestic and agricultural supplies. If this development is granted permission, it is likely that the boring would have to be plugged.

There is no local housing need claimed in this case and it would, therefore, seem that permission is required in order to sell this site.

There have been no consultations in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development on sites which are adjacent to and sloping towards an existing County Council water pump would be seriously prejudicial to public health and likely to contaminate the boring of the well, because of seepage of septic tank effluent.

Applicant is invited to submit a new application for a dwellinghouse on his lands with the septic tank and percolation area located at least 300 feet from the existing County Council pump."

Senator Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and he asked what was the result of tests carried out on the well in this case in 1964 as his information was that the output from this well was insignificant. The site proposed is the only one with an access to the road which this applicant has in his possession, and he cannot get an alternative site.

The County Manager stated that the applicant had indicated that he does not require a house for himself as he answered 'no' to a query under this heading. Councillor Molloy seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

Senator Killilea stated that this site could be made to accommodate the septic tank. After further discussion, it was agreed that a request for further information under this heading would be sent to the applicant. Many Members expressed the view that the application form does not have appropriate queries to elicit correct information on the need for a second family dwelling.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that he had suggested, in September 1980, the addition of a further query asking the applicant the reason for applying for permission for the sites set out in the application.

The County Manager stated that he had no recollection of this but that he would have enquiries made in connection with it. It was agreed that a request for further information in relation to the possibility of extending the site as suggested by Senator Killilea would issue to the applicant.

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

1937 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44009 - 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 to Limerick National Primary Route, on the outskirts of Gort, at a point where the maximum speed limit applies.

Permission was granted to Mr. Mullins (19553) in 1975 to erect two dwellinghouses on a site with a frontage of 152 feet and one of these dwellinghouses has been built. On Mr. Mullin's land to the rear of this site, planning permission was refused on three occasions by the Planning Authority, and these decisions were upheld by the Minister for Local Government (20810, 24936 and 39234). The reasons for refusal were -

- (a) because of traffic hazard due to a sub-standard access to the site and because the turning movements would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the National Primary Route, and
- (b) because the backlands development would interfere with the privacy and residential amenity of existing dwellinghouse on the main road.

In September, 1981, a Section 4 Motion was passed directing the County Manager to grant Outline Permission for three dwellinghouses to the rear of the existing dwellinghouses. Local residents had objected to the development and had appealed the decision. However, their appeal was invalid because it was not made within 21 days of the decision to grant.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

In dealing with this application, the Planning Authority must include in its considerations all existing and permitted development in the vicinity of the site. In normal circumstances, this application would be seen as infill development, as there are existing dwellinghouses on both sides and on the basis of the existing permission would be likely to be granted permission. However, the Section 4 grant (Planning Reference Number 40159) complicates the issue because access to the field to the rear is gained by going through part of this site and because septic tank development is now proposed for every boundary to this site.

Because there are two existing dwellinghouses on the adjacent sites served by septic tanks and a proposal for three others to the rear of the proposed site, the Chief Medical Officer has recommended Refusal because of an over concentration of septic tanks in the area. This is in accordance with I.I.R.S. requirements which recommend a minimum site area in such a case of one acre. This site has an area of one third of an acre.

Moreover, because of the grant of permission for a dwellinghouse to the rear of this site it is no longer possible to locate a septic tank and percolation area on this site, in compliance with the Planning Authority's Standard Requirements. There are roads proposed for each boundary of the site and the requirement is that the septic tank and percolation area shall be at least 60 feet from each road in order to prevent public health nuisance and mal-odours. Therefore, if this proposal is granted permission, this nuisance is extremely likely to occur.

There is no public water supply or group water supply in this area. The applicant has stated that he proposed a bored well, but no details have been supplied. Because of the concentration of septic tanks it may be difficult to find a satisfactory location for such a well which would need to be 300 feet from any septic tank system.

Vehicular access to the site to the rear would encroach on this site. An access road to the rear would require a minimum carriageway, width of 18 feet plus a 6 feet wide footpath. Condition 6 of the Outline Permission granted to the rear (by Section 4) requires the prior approval of the Planning Authority of details of the proposed road, which shall include a 6 feet footpath. If this current permission is granted as proposed, it is unlikely that this permission to the rear could be used, as Condition 6 could not be satisfactorily complied with.

CONSULTATIONS:

No consultations have taken place with Councillors prior to the submission of this Section 4 Motion. At the request of Councillor M. Fahy, a meeting took place later, at which Mr. Mullins agreed to amalgamate the two sites, i.e., this current site and the site to the rear and to re-orientate the dwellinghouses so that the septic tanks could be located away from the existing dwellinghouses on the main road. It was agreed that the Planning Authority would consider this, in order to improve the unsatisfactory situation arising because of the grant of permission for dwellinghouses to the rear and to ensure that a safe access could be provided to them. However, when Mr. Mullins revised

Proposal was received on the 17th February, the sites had not been amalgamated, so the Planning Authority had no option but to refuse the application for the reasons already explained.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Refusal is recommended for the reasons stated already. The applicant is invited without prejudice, to submit a new application which would amalgamate this site with the site to the rear, and would enable the Planning Authority to ensure that the traffic hazard and public health risks inherent in this proposal could be reduced."

The County Manager asked the Council to take particular note of this case where the applicant wants five dwellinghouses. He could get permission for five houses if he would do it in accordance with the Planning Authority's requirement but he is not agreeable to this and is insisting on doing the work his own way. Mr. Kavanagh then explained what the situation is in relation to the siting of the house by reference to a lay-out map. He explained that the applicant had got Permission originally for two houses and had built one and he later got Permission by Section 4 resolution for three houses behind the original two houses. The access to those three houses encroaches on the site of one of the two originally permitted houses and it encroaches on the site of one of the originally permitted houses and comes at the back of the proposed site. It would not be possible to site the septic tank for the proposed house at the required distance from the road. The applicant consulted the Planning Authority and was advised to submit a revised lay-out incorporating the three already permitted houses and the proposed house but he had not done this. The proposal which he has submitted would run contrary to the decision already made following a Section 4 resolution and would prevent him availing of that Permission.

Councillor Fahy stated that he felt that the applicant is confused about the situation and in the circumstances, he was withdrawing the Section 4 Motion.

The motion in the Section 4 set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

1938 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45358 - MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY.

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

"The site adjoins a farm accommodation road approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the Galway side of Claregalway village. The farm road joins the N.17 approximately 150 yards from the site at a point which is controlled by a farm gate and adjoins the front garden wall of a house. The maximum speed limit applies at this point.

There has been one house granted on the farm to which the road leads, this being granted on the basis that it would replace the old existing house which would be discontinued when the elderly inhabitants die.

Planning History on the site: There have been a number of applications on the present site.

- 18690 Permission refused by Planning Authority and on appeal for one house on site which includes present site - applicant Josephine Keane.
- 43442 Permission refused for two houses on larger site - applicant Mr. Michael Shaughnessy.
- 44148 Similar to 43442.
- 44704 Application withdrawn.
- 44881 Permission refused for one house on present site - applicant Mr. Michael Shaughnessy.

Planning Considerations:

The Planning Authority's policy of restricting development along National Primary Routes would be seriously undermined if permission were to be granted for non-local housing needs on farm accommodation roads or alongside access tracks to land holdings. Such a precedent could well lead to the situation whereby a landowner might try to develop an existing access into his holding with a view to selling sites. A proliferation of such developments would dissolve any policy of access control along national routes, increase accident risk and negate the investment already made in improving these routes. The policy of only allowing housing permissions which have access onto existing County Roads which adjoin the national routes gives some measure of protection to the routes and the road users thereon and this policy should be endorsed.

This principle was argued at an oral hearing relating to a site immediately adjoining this present site and having access over the same farm road to the N.6. The decision of the Planning Authority to refuse the application was upheld on Appeal - Planning Ref. No. 17553 relates.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard as it would generate additional traffic from a farm accommodation road onto the National Primary Route at a point where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the said route.
2. The proposed development would contravene a previous decision of the Minister for Local Government which refused permission for a dwellinghouse on lands which include this site, Planning P/L Number 7/5/30407 and three previous decisions of the Planning Authority which refused permission for two number dwellinghouses on sites which include this site, Planning Ref. Nos. 44148 and 43442, and one dwellinghouse on lands which include this site, Planning reference no. 44881."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea who stated that the village of Claregalway is developing with about 80 houses already built there and a demand for further housing in the area continuing; the site in question is leading onto an existing road and not to a main road. Councillor Molloy seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

The County Manager stated that the access to this house leads on to a track leading to the main road at which point there is a gate.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be not granted and he stated that many Section 4 resolutions are being passed without reference to planning considerations. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal and stated that if this Section 4 resolution is passed, there will be applications for three further houses down along this boreen. It was agreed that a vote would be taken on those proposals 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 Ulick Burke, Councillors Callahan, Coogan, Deputy Frank Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(19)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, O'Foighil, Ryan.

(9)

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

1939 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45230 - MICHAEL DOLAN.

The County Manager stated that a request for further information had issued in this case.

Senator Killilea stated that consultations in connection with this application had been going on for the past 12 months with Officials of the Planning Authority. He stated that this is a married man and that the site proposed is the only one which can be given to him by his family.

The County Manager stated that the application cannot be dealt with until the further information requested is supplied.

Replying to further comments, Mr. Kavanagh stated that the flooding aspect of the site had been investigated and this was why the further information had issued - an effort is being made to get the applicant to extend the site in order to locate the septic tank at a suitable place.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

1940 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45304 - J.J. MULCAIR.

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

"The site is located on the N.65 Route - Loughrea/Portumna - 1 mile South East of its junction with the N.6 - Galway/Dublin at a point where the maximum speed limit applies.

PLANNING HISTORY: Ref. No. 15396

Outline Planning Permission was granted for a house on the eastern portion of this site.

Ref. No. 21591

An application for two houses on the present site was put on further information and was not subsequently replied to.

Ref. No. 40071

An application for three houses on the present site was refused on the grounds of traffic hazard after an investigation of housing needs was carried out.

The current application is similar to No. 40071.

The Planning Authority's policy of restricting development along national traffic routes to houses for members of farm holders families is clearly set out in Table 4, page 37 of the County Development Plan. The present applicant lives in Loughrea, has stated that he has no other lands than the site submitted and the proposal is not, therefore, in the permitted categories of development along this National Route.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The proposed development located on the Loughrea/Portumna National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would endanger public safety by reason of 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 route.
2. The proposed development would contravene the provisions of the County Development Plan, as outlined in Table 4, page 37, which restricts developments along this National Route to houses necessary for farm holders and their families, in the interests of traffic safety."

Councillor Michael Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that there is a need for housing in this area.

This resolution was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the Permission sought be refused and that he was making his proposal because the applicant had not replied to a request for further information in relation to a previous application and also because of the fact that the report referred to the possibility of a danger to public safety. He considered that the report prepared for the Council should be taken seriously.

Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal. It was agreed that a vote be taken on these proposals 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, Senator Ulick Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Deputies Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan, and Welby.

(22)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Coogan, Glynn, Holland, O'Foighil.

(6)

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

1941 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45144 - PATRICK MULCAIR.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located, approximately two miles south of Gort on a County Road which joins Lough Cutra Demesne and the Punchbowl. There has been one previous application on this site which was refused by the Planning Authority and was not appealed.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed site falls steeply away from the road. The rear of the site is lowlying and is flooded for much of the winter. The site is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent due to its high water table and, therefore, development on it would be seriously prejudicial to public health.

The site is not adjacent to a piped water supply and a bored well has been proposed. No details have been submitted to the Planning Authority. Moreover, there are obvious dangers of septic tank effluent contaminating this water supply. A bored well could not be satisfactorily located within the site proposed.

The applicant has not made any special housing need claims and is a prospective purchaser of the site. He has an address at Cloughnakeeva, Gort.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reason -

The proposed development, would be prejudicial to public health because the site is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent because it is lowlying and subject to flooding."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Fahey and seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy.

Replying to Deputy Fahey, the County Manager stated that the site measures 120 feet by 210 feet and that the applicant had deleted the three questions on the application form in relation to housing need which indicated that he was not in need of housing.

Deputy Fahey stated that there is a distance of 200 feet between the site and that part of the land which is subject to flooding. He stated that the applicant is living in Cloughnakeeva and is engaged to the daughter of an occupant living on an adjoining site. He stated that in relation to the previous application which was refused, the applicant did not consider it necessary to make a housing need claim because he did not think that the application would be refused having regard to the similarity with the house nearby.

The County Engineer stated that he had visited the site and that there is extensive flooding at the back of the site. It slopes from the front to the back and it is obvious that there is no percolation and that if a septic tank were located there, the effluent would find its way to the water lodged at the back of the field.

Councillor Fahy stated that the septic tank could be located at a distance of 150 feet from where the water is lodging.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

1942 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44503 - MRS. MARY KEANE.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Lower Errislannon Road in the townland of Ballinaboy, approximately 250 yards from its junction with the Clifden to Ballyconneely Road.

HISTORY:

There are no previous applications on this site. Permission has been refused on two occasions on an adjacent site, Planning Reference Numbers 35404 and 36233. Permission was granted on another adjacent site under a Section 4 Motion, Planning Reference Number 36173. The owner of all these lands is a Mr. John Feeney, Dublin, and the agent and the landowner in this case are again the same as in 36173.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant claimed that this was a New Farm House on the family holding. However, on investigation of that claim, the applicant stated that she had bought this site from a Mr. John Feeney, Dublin. She has not shown any other lands on the map provided to her except the site in question, but has stated that she is living nearby with her uncle-in-law.

The site is situated in an area of very High Amenity and the house on the adjacent site, Ref. No. 36173, is elevated and very prominent and seriously detracts from the scenic amenities of the area. The present application is on an even more elevated site and would seriously injure the amenities of the area.

Refusal has been recommended by the Chief Medical Officer because it has been ascertained by trial hole test that the site is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would contribute to an undue concentration of development along the lower Errislannin road and it would detract from the scenic amenities of this area of high amenity (as classified by the 1979 County Development Plan) because it would be located on an elevated site and where such development has already eroded the open rugged character of this area.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area as the proposed development does not come within the categories of essential housing need to which permission is normally restricted in an area of high amenity by Map No. M.5 of the 1979 County Development Plan.
3. It has been ascertained by trial hole test that the site is unsuitable for the treatment 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. He stated that the applicant had bought the site for £4,500 and this represented her life savings. He considered it impossible to avoid building on amenity areas in this locality. The applicant needs a house of her own as she will not inherit the house which is owned by other Members of her family.

Councillor O'Foighil seconded Councillor Bartley's proposal and he confirmed the case made by Councillor Bartley. He stated that this woman has four children to provide for and stated that houses are built on both sides of the site now proposed. The application now before the Council was for Outline Permission only and the Council can decide on appropriate conditions when application for Approval comes up.

The County Manager pointed out that the site is rocky and unsuitable for treatment of septic tank effluent. Councillor J. Burke stated that in view of the case made for the applicant by the two Councillors who proposed and seconded the resolution and in view of the fact that the woman was badly advised in paying for a site before she got Planning Permission, he would not oppose the application.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

Councillor O'Foighil referred to a previous proposal he had made that a separate section be set up in the Council to research the question of septic tanks in Connemara.

SUBMITTED, ~~THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED~~ APPROVED ~~CONFIRMED~~.

Edward Byrne
CHAIRMAN

25th April 1983
DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Deputies J. Donnellan, and F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J.M. Mannion, 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; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Kinneer, R. Killeen, and P. Martin, Senior Executive Engineers; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, A. Fleming and H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officers; J. Griffin, Assistant Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

1983 - MINUTES:

The County Manager stated that it was necessary to amend Minute No. 1912 in paragraph 10, page 2, of the meeting of 11th March, 1983, to read as follows:

"Replying to further queries by Senator Killilea, the County Manager stated that if Mr. Concannon were a permanent Officer of the County Council, there would be no difficulty about the matter but he is not such an Officer and he could not be appointed such Officer because of the age limit regulations at the time his employment with the former Solicitor ended."

The Council approved this amendment and subject thereto, the Minutes of Meetings held on the 28th February, and 11th March, (Numbers 1887 - 1929, incl.) were approved and signed by the Chairman, on the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Arising from the Minutes, the County Secretary informed Councillor O'Morain in relation to Minute No. 1896 that an acknowledgement of the Council's resolution in connection with the Shellfish Research Laboratory at Carna had been received from the Department of Energy. The County Secretary also informed Councillor Fahy that a reply had not yet been received to the Council's request for removal of V.A.T. on hurley sticks.

Arising from Minute No. 1909, Councillor Byrne asked if the County Council conveyed to the Land Commission that it has no interest in buying any land at Rinville, Oranmore.

The County Manager stated that this was not the Council's decision, that the Council had agreed to a suggestion made by him (County Manager) that the landowners would be free to go back to the Land Commission to discuss any complaints about allocation of land which they might have and that the Council would do nothing in the meantime. The Council agreed with that suggestion and in accordance with that decision no correspondence had been entered into with the Land Commission and no contacts had been made with the Land Commission in the meantime.

Councillor Byrne stated that the Land Commission had informed him that they had not heard from the County Council and they were anxious to be told what was decided.

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, it was agreed that the Land Commission be informed of the Council's decision on this matter at the meeting held on the 28th February, 1983. The County Manager stated that the Land Commission will be so informed.

1944 - JOINT COMMITTEE ON BUILDING LAND:

The County Manager stated that he had set out his views on this matter in a circular letter dated 24th February, 1983, to each Member of the Council and he suggested that any views which the Councillors might have on this matter could also be incorporated in a submission which could be made to the Joint Committee.

After a brief discussion on the matter, Senator Killilea proposed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Welby.

Councillor Joyce then stated that it was a long time since a Housing Committee Meeting was held and as the Joint Committee on Building Land Report on the matter is mainly concerned with housing, he suggested that a Special Housing Committee Meeting be held and that this report be considered at that Meeting. This was eventually agreed and it was also agreed that the Housing Committee Meeting would be held on Friday, 13th May, 1983.

1945 - MAXAN LIMITED - SITE AT ORANMORE:

The County Manager stated that in accordance with a decision of the Council, a report on the Maxan site in Oranmore had been prepared for Members of the Council. Replying to Senator Ulick Burke, he stated the approximate cost of the Report was £3,500.

Mr. Killeen, Senior Environmental Engineer, then outlined the developments and the action taken by the Council since the first report of the I.I.R.S. which was commissioned by the I.D.A. was received by the Council.

Replying to Senator Killilea, Mr. Killeen stated that the site is approximately 150 yards from the nearest house.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that it is inconsistent of the County Council to call in the I.I.R.S. in this case whereas the Council ignored a request for study around Tynagh. The Chairman stated that Tynagh was not being discussed at this meeting.

Senator Burke repeated that the Council ignored requests for a similar investigation in another area. The County Manager stated that this was not true.

Deputy Fahey stated that the I.I.R.S. have carried out a study of the Laboratory Reports on Tynagh.

Councillor Byrne stated that this is a very comprehensive report which had been circulated to the Council and it vindicates the approach taken by the County Council. He considered that the Council had acted very responsibly as the consequences otherwise could have been serious. He referred to a pile of contaminated material and he felt that it was important that this pile, though well covered should be removed without delay. He suggested that the owners of the property be approached in this regard. He considered that the cost of the report and of monitoring exercises carried out by the Council should be borne by the owners and also the cost of removal of toxic material from the site. He stated that the matter as it developed raised questions of the conditions under which this industry was allowed to commence in the first instance.

Mr. Killeen stated that there are two piles of contaminated material on the site, and it has a total weight of approximately 20 tons. It is hoped that this material will be removed in a few months. He stated that in the last few analyses the levels of pollution are falling and the quality of waters are approaching the background levels. He pointed out that in the

tests which were carried out, E.E.C. standards for drinking water were used although the well near the site was never used for drinking purposes. He pointed out, also that the E.E.C. Directive came into force only in July 1982. He stated that the costs of up to £4,000 will be passed on to the Company who have agreed to pay those costs and as results improve, the frequency of monitoring can be reduced. Replying to a further query, he stated that he was reasonably satisfied with the quality of the water in the well and in the river which is quite good. At this stage, on the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed to go onto the next business.

1946 - RELIEF ROAD AT LOUGHREA:

Deputy Fahey proposed that this matter be referred to the Members for the Loughrea Area. The County Manager stated that this had already been considered by the Members for this area and the map of the relief road had been on display in Loughrea and it was now back before the County Council for decision. He stated that there are no changes in the proposals being made as a result of the consultations and the display of the map in Loughrea.

Deputy Fahey then proposed and Councillor Murphy seconded, that the Council approve the plans for the relief road in Loughrea. Senator Burke asked if the County Manager had any new information to put before the County Council. The County Manager stated that he had not and that the proposal was being presented as originally submitted.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that a wider arc had been already suggested for this road, the root of which would follow along boundary fences. He considered it unusual that two roundabouts would be provided on such a short stretch of a road. He stated that as a result of this, proposals had been received for out of town Shopping Centre. He stated also that he had reservations about the proposal in so far as it involved an unusually sharp bend at the Ballinasloe end of the road. Senator Burke stated that he was not opposing the proposal but he asked if the Council were wise and if it is justified in passing the proposal as presented.

Deputy Fahey stated that Senator Burke had mentioned that he (Deputy Fahey) had a vested interest in the proposals and he asked Senator Burke to explain this and state what the interest in question was.

Senator Burke stated that he already stated it and would not withdraw what he had stated. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Deputy Fahey, seconded by Councillor Murphy, passed.

1947 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR HOUSING LOANS 1983:

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the Special Housing Meeting on the 13th May.

1948 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR SANITARY SERVICES, 1983:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, referring to his report of 25th March, 1983, circulated to Members, stated that this allocation is already committed to certain schemes set out in his report.

Councillor Glynn referred to the fact that no provision had been made for Sewerage Schemes in North-East Galway and referred in particular to the bad situation existing in the village of Kilkerrin where the County Council had given notice to Publicans of their intention to object to the renewal of the Licences because of the lack of sanitary facilities. He asked that an examination would be carried out as a matter of urgency and that Plans for a scheme be prepared.

Councillors Finnegan and Ryan supported Councillor Glynn's proposal.

Replying to Councillor Ryan, Mr. Howlett stated that the scheme for Moylough could not be done under the Small Schemes Allocation as it would be over the

cost limit. He did not expect that the Scheme for Moylough would go ahead this year as this would have to be a major scheme. Senator Killilea asked if the position regarding the laying of the mains for the Cloonmore Group Water Scheme could be examined. He stated that the mains in Tuam Town are too small and that new mains would have to be laid through the streets of Tuam as far as Smiths Garage to service the scheme. He considered that this scheme merited special consideration.

Mr. Howlett stated that he had met this group and he asked them to carry out certain investigations after which they were free to come back to him. He stated that he is prepared to see them again.

Councillor O'Foighil asked what is the position in relation to Rosmuc Regional Scheme. Mr. Howlett stated that it is a matter of priority and that the scheme for Spiddal absorbed a very high part of our allocation for the past few years. He stated that the agricultural demand is a major factor in determining priorities.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that this scheme is still a major priority and Mr. Howlett stated that it is of course still on the list but he could not see it going on this year. He stated that a progress report on schemes will be circulated in due course.

1949 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES, 1983:

Mr. Howlett, referring to his report of 25th March, 1983, circulated to each Member of the Council stated that there are certain areas where the number of schemes on the waiting list is small, e.g., Gort, and he asked the assistance of Councillors in getting further schemes submitted from those areas. He stated, for the reason set out in his report, it was not yet possible to determine the allocation for Roads and Drainage. He gave particulars of the guidelines or norms under which schemes are assessed and Councillor Joyce suggested that it was necessary to revise those now. Mr. Howlett stated that these are due for revision in any event.

1950 - ROAD GRANT ALLOCATION 1983:

The County Engineer stated that the total allocation for Road Grants for the County was £3.87 million and that most of those grants are committed to specific roads. Those will be shown in the Roadworks Scheme which will be put before the County Council in conjunction with the Estimates. He stated that the provision for Regional Road Improvement is £400,000 and that this will include £250,000 for the Tullycross, Costello and Derryrush areas.

Councillor Ruane, referring to his Notice of Motion on the Agenda, expressed satisfaction that a sum of £200,000 had been allocated for the Oranmore/Claregalway road.

Replying to Councillor Glynn, the County Engineer stated that the sum of £150,000 has been allocated for the Tuam/Milltown road.

Senator Ulick Burke asked the position about proposed improvement of the road in Killimor following completion of the Sewerage Scheme and the County Engineer stated that the sum of £100,000 had been allocated for the Hearnbrook/Killimor area. He stated that the allocation was for Hearnbrook and Killimor streets but that all land for the Hearnbrook work had not been acquired.

Replying to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer stated that the sum of £130,000 had been allocated for the Galway/Killeen road.

Replying to a comment by Councillor Welby regarding costs, the County Engineer also stated that the 'wet mix' used is substantially cheaper than the previous method and contains more native materials than the mix previously used.

It was agreed that a list of the grants allocated together with comparative figures for 1982 would be circulated to Councillors.

1951 - ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) SCHEME, 1983:

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

1952 - REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

It was noted that the Council had decided at a previous meeting to send four delegates to the I.F.H.P. Conference to be held in Lisbon from the 23rd to the 27th May, 1983. It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan that Councillors McCormack and Mannion be nominated to attend.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea that Councillors Welby and Bartley be nominated to attend the Conference.

Councillor Joe Burke asked if the decision at the previous meeting was legal in view of the small number of Members present at the time. The County Manager and the Chairman stated that there was a quorum present at the time that decision was taken.

Councillor Coogan proposed that only two Councillors be nominated.

Councillor Ryan proposed that the Council adhere to the nomination of four Councillors as previously decided.

The County Manager informed the Council that he did not propose to send any Official to this Conference. Replying to Deputy Fahey, the County Manager stated that he was asked by the Minister to give good example if the Council did not feel it necessary to have an official attend, he would not send one.

Deputy Fahey proposed that the Council does not appoint delegates to any other Conference and he also proposed that the Council send one Official to the Conference in Lisbon and he suggested that the Official should be from the Planning Section.

Senator Killilea seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal that an Official be sent.

The County Manager stated that if the Councillors pass a resolution that an Official be sent, he would select an Official who would attend. He stated that there is a Conference Order limiting the number of delegates to such conferences to three and he felt it his duty to tell the Members of this.

The Council agreed to the nomination of Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Welby, and Bartley to attend the Conference in Lisbon and also decided that in the event of either Councillor Welby or Councillor Bartley being unable to attend, Councillor Michael Fahy would attend in their place, and that in the event of Councillors McCormack or Mannion being unable to attend, Councillor Coogan would attend in their place.

It was also agreed that an Official would be sent in accordance with the proposal of Deputy Fahey, seconded by Senator Killilea.

It was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Deputy Kitt, that an invitation be extended to the I.F.H.P. to hold their next Annual Conference in Galway.

SECOND WORLD CONGRESS ON LAND POLICY - CAMBRIDGE, MASS. - 20TH - 24TH JUNE, 1983:

It was agreed to defer consideration of appointing delegates for this Conference to the next meeting.

NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN - 6TH AND 7TH APRIL, 1983:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed to nominate Councillor James Joyce to attend this Conference, and on the proposition of Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that Councillor O'Foighil would also be nominated.

CONFERENCE AT U.C.D. - 11TH-15TH APRIL, 1983, - RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Deputy Kitt, it was agreed that the Chairman be nominated to attend this Conference.

1953 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE ON IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Joyce, it was agreed that Councillor Gerald Bartley be appointed a nominee of Galway County Council on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited for 1983/84.

1954 - ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED:

Councillor O Foighil stated that this item was on the Agenda for January in accordance with the suggestion previously made by him to remind the Council to make provision in the Estimates for help for the disabled.

The County Manager stated that all new public buildings are now being designed to cater for the disabled and that Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, has been assigned the responsibility for a continuing programme for making facilities available to the disabled.

1955 - LOAN OF £10,000 - CONTRIBUTION TO BALLYGLASS/FIDDANE GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"THAT Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment, to finance the Council's contribution towards the cost of Headworks for the Ballyglass/Fiddane Group Water Scheme - the loan to be repaid over such period and such rate of interest as may be approved by the Minister."

Councillor Fahy asked if in future in order to avoid delays that loans of this nature could be dealt with under business submitted by the County Manager.

Mr. Howlett stated that it would be necessary to have financials resolutions put on the Agenda but he pointed out that even if many items on the Agenda were being adjourned, a special effort is made to get approval to items such as those.

The County Manager stated that he would examine the possibility of having one particular item on the Agenda under which loans for particular purposes could be approved.

1956 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £153,000 FOR SMALL SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES 1983:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £153,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance Small Sanitary Services Schemes in 1983, the loan to be repayable over a period of 25 years or such other period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

1957 - SCHEME FOR THE SUPPLY OF SEEDS AND/OR FERTILISERS ON LOAN TERMS:

The County Manager stated that this scheme has become almost irrelevant and that only a few people now avail of it.

Councillor Ryan referred to a recent meeting of the Committee of Agriculture in which reference was made to money due by the County Council to the Committee and he was asked to raise the matter with the County Council.

The County Manager pointed out that money levied on farmers in respect of Rates for last year was not paid and that there already had been a shortfall in the Domestic Rate Grant. There was no sign of any source from which such losses could be recouped, and that the Council had only kept its workforce

going by holding onto the sums retained under this and other headings. He stated, however, that the Council would try to pay the demand for 1983.

The Chairman suggested that Councillor Ryan might put down a motion on the matter.

The draft loan scheme for Seeds and Fertilisers was approved.

1958 - DRAFT BLUEPRINT ON THE FINANCING AND POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager suggested that the Council might have a better understanding of what is involved in this document which had been circulated to each Member of the Council after the Estimates were considered.

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the next meeting.

1959 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

The County Manager stated that the reference to Roscommon in the Decree awarded to Mr. Sean Morris of Sliveen, Roscommon, was an error and should be omitted. The list circulated was noted.

1960 - OFFICIAL OPENING OF BRANCH LIBRARY AT HYNES BUILDING:

The County Manager suggested that the Council might consider having an Official Opening of the new branch library in the Hynes Building and that he might also consider inviting the Minister for the Environment to perform the Opening. It was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that the Minister for the Environment be invited to perform the Official Opening of this branch library.

The Chairman congratulated Councillor Michael Fahy on his election as Chairman of the County Libraries' Committee.

1961 - DELEGATES TO ANNUAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, the Council approved the nomination of Councillors John Mannion and Edward Haverty as delegates to the Annual Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland from the 22nd to 26th May, inclusive.

1962 - CAHERCRIN ROAD:

Councillor Murphy proposed that a special effort be made to provide money to ease dangerous bends on the Cahercrin Road, which he stated is very dangerous. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy and supported by Deputy Frank Fahey.

1963 - LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS - GALWAY COURTHOUSE:

Referring to the decision of the Council at its meeting on the 11th March, 1983, in connection with the question of the transfer of the Library Headquarters at Galway Courthouse to Island House and the conditions under which the Council agreed that the lease of Island House would be re-negotiated, the County Manager read for Members letter dated 22nd March, 1983, from the County Registrar setting out the undertaking given therein by the County Registrar.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Council agreed to accept the undertaking given by the County Registrar. The Chairman and Councillor McCormack stated that it was not exactly what the Council had asked but that they would not pursue their objection.

The County Manager felt that in the circumstances, the undertaking given was reasonable and he was proposing to Members that they would accept it.

1964 - GORT DUMP:

Deputy Fahey stated that he was requesting written replies to his Motions in particular in relation to Gort Dump. He considered that it is likely that there will be strong objections to the Council's proposals by Councillors from this area.

The County Manager stated that he has specific proposals for work to be done on the Dump in the Estimates and that in anticipation of approval to this, he was about to authorise the work to start. If, however, there is an objection, he felt that he may have to stop this work going ahead now.

Deputy Fahey stated that Councillors have stated that they wanted no decisions on this matter without the County Council's consent. Now it is discovered that some work was going on.

The County Manager stated that he was prepared to authorise certain work because of the need to alleviate the conditions existing at the Dump. He pointed out that there is no restriction in law on the County Manager buying land.

1965 - SYMPATHY:


A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Deputy Paul Connaughton on the death of his uncle.

1966 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

It was agreed that replies would be sent to Motions submitted by Councillors who requested such replies.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED


CHAIRMAN

25th April 1983
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

19th April, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next, 25th April, 1983, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder. - The Meeting to take place at the County Buildings, Galway.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "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 Micheal S. O'Ceide for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Drimauchaun, Moycullen. - Planning Ref. No. 44587."

P. McCormack. John M. Mannion. John Donnellan.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19u Aibreain, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u Aibreain, 1983, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Environment Works (Youth Employment) Schemes, 1983.
3. Representation at International Conferences.
4. Draft Blueprint on the Financing and Powers of Local Authorities - Memorandum from County Councils' General Council already circulated.
5. Auditor's Report on County Council ^{Accounts} for 2 years ended 31st December, 1980. - Copy herewith.
6. Report on Rate Collection 1982. - Copy herewith.
7. Regrading of Post of Draughtsman/Technician.
8. Appointment of Representative on Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1983/'84.
9. Sale of Houses to tenants:-
Michael & Mary Moran, "Camus", Meelick, Eyrecourt.
Patrick & Phyllis Moran, Magheramore, Killimor.
- Notices dated 12th April, 1983.
10. Sale of site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Lester McNamara. - Notice dated 12th April, 1983.
11. Lease of site at Clifden from Minister for Transport.
12. Erection of Bridge At Muckinahidderdahaulia.
13. Environmental Campaign - programme of meetings for May 1983.
14. Seminar, Ballyferriter, Co. Kerry, - 20/21 May, 1983 - theme - "Plan for the Irish Language" in the context of the Local Authority service.

15. Arrangements for future meetings i.e., if Planning Meetings commencing at 2.30 p.m. are to continue.
16. Malicious Damage Decrees (List herewith).
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

1. That the County Councillors have a full and frank discussion on the recent policy of the County Council to install on the schedules of Planning Permission sums of money as contributions to be made payable to the Planning Authority.

COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON - I will ask:

2. That discretionary expenditure of £2,000 be allowed to each Councillor in addition to N.O.M. for roads.

COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE - I will ask:

3. That Galway County Council give an up-to-date report on the steps being taken to ensure that the water supply to Tuam has no more pollution.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON - I will propose:

4. That the footpaths in Kilkerrin Village be repaired immediately as they are in a deplorable condition and are a danger to the public.
5. That the Y junction at Aughiart, Mountbellew, be reconstructed to make it safer for all road users.
6. That Galway County Council employ its share of Litter Wardens in its towns and villages thereby reducing litter to a minimum and creating extra jobs.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

7. That this Council carry out its responsibility to the people of Fohenagh by making provision for adequate and reasonable access to Fohenagh Parish Cemetery; this to be done by providing and maintaining a proper road to enable funerals to take place there in a dignified way. The present position is no longer acceptable to the Fohenagh Community.
8. That a full report be furnished on the L.I.S. application in the name of Patrick Noone, Carhoon, Gurteen, together with an explanation of the guidelines and norms applicable to L.I.S.

COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

9. That Galway County Council provide the necessary markings at the Square, Gort, Co. Galway, to facilitate orderly parking.

COUNCILLOR JOHN MANNION - I will propose:

10. That Galway County Council erect signs at Clonbur indicating the direction of Finney and Maam and the mileage involved.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

11. That a source for the Annaghbeg/Creggane Group Water Scheme be provided as soon as possible, to allow this scheme to proceed.

COUNCILLOR P. RUANE - I will propose:

12. That this County Council continue removing clay banks from the Carnmore/Coshla County Road.
13. That Galway County Council take over and maintain the road leading to Tom Keaney's house at Waterdale, Claregalway.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

14. Ce'n staid in a bhfuil ceist deontais speisialta do ghrup-sceim na Forbacha?

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

15. To ask Galway County Council to repair the water line of the existing public water scheme at Lackaghmore, Claregalway, before they ask the Group Water Scheme to supply water to it, or alternatively that the Council sanction a Special Grant to the Group Water Scheme to repair this existing main.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

16. Galway County Council to purchase a site for a new refuse dump to accommodate Gort and the surrounding area, and I will also ask the County Council to close the old dump in Gort.

COUNCILLORS E. HAVERTY, F. COOGAN, J. CALLANAN AND J. BRENNAN - We will propose:

17. That this Council investigate the possibility of handing over the Council housing sites to private developers with a view to providing additional houses.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

18. That the Carnmore No. 2 Water Scheme be extended to include the Carnmore No. 1 Scheme, the Coshla Group Water Scheme and the proposed Cartymore Group Water Scheme.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will ask:

19. That immediate steps be taken by the Council to prevent any further flooding from the Clybaun river on to the Knocknacarra road.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

20. That Galway County Council carry out a review of the development plan for the Eastern Environs of Galway City in order to monitor progress being made in the implementation of the plan in the context of land acquisition, provision of infrastructural services, liaison with other statutory agencies.

COUNCILLOR P.J. FINNEGAN - I will ask:

21. That improvements be carried out immediately to the Kilbeg Road and Moneen (Bridle Road), Williamstown.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

22. That Galway County Council give a commitment that the present refuse dump in Gort will not be extended beyond the amount of ground needed for rehabilitation purposes and that the Council give an insurance that they will purchase an alternative site within a 5 mile radius of Gort within the next 12 months.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will ask:

23. What money is to be provided this year by the Department of the Environment for the completion of development of housing estates?

24. That this Council take all possible steps to provide sufficient amenities for sports and leisure beside the new housing estates at Dublin Road, Tuam.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

25. What is the position in regard to the proposed New Sewerage Scheme for Oranmore, and when does the County Council expect work to commence?

COUNCILLOR POL O'FOIGHIL - I will ask:

26. What is Council policy in allowing skips in private property for public refuse collection?

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will ask:

27. That the protecting wall at Moran's House, Cloonmore Bridge, Tuam, Co. Galway, be rebuilt by the Galway County Council to the standards suitable and comparable about it, which was badly damaged due to a car accident on the bridge some years ago.

COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE - I will propose:

28. That Galway County Council acquire a site for a burial ground at Kilbannon.
29. That Galway County Council will interview people with superior qualifications than those demands for a specific post.

DEPUTY KITT, COUNCILLORS CALLANAN AND JOYCE - We will propose:

30. That a children crossing sign be provided at Aughrim Village so that children can cross the road in a safe manner.
31. That a road which serves ten or more land owners be allowed for taking over by the County Council and declared a public road.

(b) Other Motions Received:

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

32. That improvements be carried out on some bad turns on the Grange Road, Claregalway.
33. That a light be erected at the Dispensary, Turloughmore.
34. Can the Council take steps to ease a bad turn and flooding at Martin Darcy's house, Managhmore, Oughterard.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

35. That a street light be provided outside the Spiddal Library Building.
36. That an alternative dumping site be provided in the Oughterard area to replace the County Council dump which is being closed.
37. What is the present position re Stage 2 of the Oughterard Regional Water Scheme?

April Meeting

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
John Roche, Kidlawn, Ballinasloe.	Damage to Motor Car, Reg. No. 1994 IM at Carraun, Bawmore, Claregalway.	County at large.	£1,700	£1,645.85
Liam Jordan, Dominick Street, Galway.	Damage to Motor Car, Renault VZM 6 at Dominick Street.	Borough of Galway.	£ 300	£ 257.65
Galway Tractor Co. Ltd. Ballybane, Galway.	Damage to two Ford Tractors.	Borough of Galway.	£ 600	£ 177.73
New Ireland Assurance Co. Ltd., William Street, Galway.	Damage to one door and one office desk.	Borough of Galway.	£ 250	£ 107.18
Jack Stewart, 5, Maunsells Road, Galway.	Damage to Motor Car Reg. No. 6582 ZM	Borough of Galway.	£ 300	£ 489.27
Galway Diocesan Trustees, Mount St. Mary's, Galway.	Damage to building and equipment at the Boys School, De. Mannix Road, Salthill.	Borough of Galway.	£1,000	£ 491.27
Noel Finan, Kingston, Taylor's Hill, Galway.	Damage to plate glass window at Seapoint Ballroom, Salthill.	Borough of Galway.	£ 100	£ 151.52
Noel Finan, Kingston, Taylor's Hill, Galway.	Plate Glass window destroyed at Seapoint Ballroom, Salthill.	Borough of Galway.	£ 100	£ 136.17
Patrick Dodd, 21, Cooke's Terrace, Bohermore, Galway.	Damage to car reg. no. 5946 ZH.	Borough of Galway.	£ 177.07	£ 347.93
McCairns Motors Ltd., Swords Road, Santry, Dublin.	Damage to Van Reg. No. 7176 ZM	Borough of Galway.	£ 100.00	£ 174.47

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Edward J. Leahy, 22, Glenina Heights, Galway.	Damage to Car Reg. No. 789 LZD	Borough of Galway.	£100.00	£166.46
Garavans Ltd., William Street, Galway.	Damage to Plate Glass Window.	Borough of Galway.	£250.00	£139.74
Finola O'Beirn, 21, Newcastle Park, Galway.	Plate Glass window destroyed at Dominick Street.	Borough of Galway.	£ 79.00	£197.03
Sylaun National School, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.	Damage to toilets and buildings known as Sylaun National School.	County at large.	£260.00	£359.90
Coras Iompair Eireann.	Damage to bus reg. no. EZL 98.	County at large.	£150.00	£376.50

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

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/1422

12th April, 1983.

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:- Josephine Horan, Camus, Meelick,
Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

Location:- Camus, Meelick, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael & Mary Horan of Camus, Meelick, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,063.

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. 63/9/1457.

12th April, 1983.

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 Moran, Magheramore, Killimor,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick & Phyllis Moran, Magheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,708.

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 April, 1983.

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>
Lester McNamara, River View House, Athenry.	3	.073 acre approx.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:

<u>Site No:</u>	<u>Price:</u>
3	£4,250

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 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
County Secretary

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

18th April, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 29th April, 1983, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1983. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith).
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.
3. NOTICE OF MOTION - Councillor Welby:

"That a section of footpath and a street light be provided outside Barna School so as to make the area safer for school children."

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH APRIL, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillor Joe Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors J. Callanan, F. Coogan, M. Fahy, F. Glynn, B. Holland, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer, who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1967 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44587 - MICHEAL S. O CEIDIGH:

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

Members stated that the application form for planning permission as designed is vague and Members of the public are confused by it. A number of suggestions were made to clarify the type of information which the Council is seeking particularly in relation to second family dwellings.

The County Manager stated the application would be reviewed with a view to designing a form which would meet the points mentioned by Councillors.

Replying to queries by Councillors in connection with Review of the County Development Plan, the County Manager stated that it was intended to have a short review of the plan now and that when the Regional Development Strategy Study is available, a major review of the plan will take place in 1984.

Members asked if it would be possible to supply them with copies of certain documentation which they required as Councillors in connection with Planning applications free of charge.

The County Manager stated that he would look into the possibility of giving Councillors any information necessary to discharge their duties as Councillors provided that any such actions would not frustrate the operation of the relevant regulations.

The Chairman raised the question of requests made to a particular applicant and to supply scale plans for an extension.

Mr. Kavanagh stated that it is necessary in all cases to be able to identify the site properly as this has to be mapped on the mapping register and the County Manager stated that the Council does not always require the production of scale plans particularly for minor extensions.

Replying to queries from a Member, Mr. Barrett stated that the acceptance of a newspaper for publication of planning notices depends on whether the paper in question has adequate circulation in the area. Complaints had been received that particular newspapers were not in wide circulation in particular areas.

Replying to complaints by Members, the County Manager stated that he would have the question of provision of adequate carparking for Members on the dates of Council meetings attended to.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

E. Haverty CHAIRMAN
23/5/83 DATE

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning) T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, B. Kennedy, A. Fleming, and H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officers; D. Commins, Staff Officer; J. Griffin, D. Hurney, and Mrs. B. McDermott, Assistant Staff Officers; and Mr. K. Doyle, County Secretary.

1968 - SYMPATHY:

The Council extended its sympathy to Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, on the recent death of his mother. Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Nora Hynes, Renmore, Galway.	Mr. Matt Loughnane, Kiltulla, Athenry.
The Burke Family, Coolough, Castlegar.	Mr. Peter Keane, Westport Rd., Clifden.
Mrs. Crowe, Ballybane, Galway.	Mrs. Pat Quaid, Cuilmane, Moylough.
Mrs. Hogan, Ballindoooley, Galway.	
Mr. T.J. Browne, 39, Maunsell's Road, Galway.	
Rev. James McLoughlin, Cathedral Office, Galway.	
Ferrons, Family, Dubhlihear, Carna.	

1968(a) GOOD WISHES TO MISS M. NOLAN, STAFF OFFICER:

On the proposition of Senator Burke, the Council extended its good wishes to Miss M. Nolan, who has undertaken voluntary work for two years in the Third World.

1969 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the Minutes of meetings held on 25th and 28th March, 1983, numbers 1930-1966 incl. were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes, Councillor M. Fahy asked if the Land Commission were informed of a proposition made by him and seconded by Councillor Byrne at a previous meeting in connection with land at Rinville and he then proposed that the Council have nothing to do with this land.

Senator Ulick Burke seconded the proposal of Councillor Fahy.

The Chairman stated that the position was that the Council agreed they would do nothing about the land at Rinville until the farmers had finished their deals with the Land Commission.

The County Manager stated that in accordance with the Council's decision, the Land Commission were informed of the decision made by the County Council and he had decided in accordance with the Council's wishes to have nothing further to do with the matter until the Land Commission and the farmers had sorted out their own problems.

Replying to Councillor M. Fahy, the County Manager stated that the Council is not holding up anything whatever concerning the Land Commission's dealings with local farmers.

The County Manager then read the letter dated 29th March which had been sent to the Land Commission conveying the Council's decision on the question.

The Chairman stated that it is clear that the County Council has done nothing in the meantime and that somebody is misleading the local farmers. The County Council is not interfering in the dealings between the Land Commission and the farmers while both parties are discussing the matter.

1970 - ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS (YOUTH EMPLOYMENT) SCHEMES 1983 AND SPECIAL PROJECTS SCHEME 1983:

The County Manager referred to Circular dated 25th March, 1983, which was submitted to the County Council at its March Meeting setting out proposals for the utilisation of a fund amounting to a total of £218,000 under the above scheme in the County Health District of Galway and he stated that there is a further scheme entitled Environmental Works (Special Projects) Scheme 1983 which has the following characteristics:

- 1) Projects are to be of a long term nature which will effect lasting environmental improvement.
- 2) Projects are to provide suitable training and work experience for eligible young persons on a long term basis.
- 3) It is envisaged that there will be continuity of finance for the completion of these special projects.

Under this latter scheme, he stated that he was recommending that two schemes would be submitted to the Minister for approval.

The first scheme is at Long Point, Loughrea, on a site being purchased from Irish Base Metals Limited. The development envisaged would consist of toilets and changing rooms, repair to the pier, roads, footpaths and carparks, seating, planting, picnic area, children's playground and playing field. The estimated cost of this project would be about £120,000 over a period of 3 years.

He also recommended that a scheme for the development of the Harbour and waterfall areas of Clifden would be submitted. The work here would consist of walks, picnic area, seating, planting, etc., and general improvements in accordance with plans already drawn up. The estimated cost of this project is £75,000 over a period of three years. He stated that it was proposed to have discussions with AnCO regarding the training content of those latter two schemes.

Senator Ulick Burke and the Chairman welcomed the proposals for the work on the amenity area in Loughrea.

Councillor O'Foighil asked whether a scheme under this heading had been considered for Spiddal.

The County Manager stated that it was ^{not} known yet how much money will be allocated out of the total fund of £2 million for the country for the Special Projects Scheme. He believed that land acquisition would be necessary in Spiddal and that this might cause some little delay. However, he stated that Spiddal is being kept very much in mind for a future scheme.

Councillor Brennan complained about the lack of information on the funds available for Youth Employment Schemes to AnCO.

Replying to Councillor Bartley, the County Manager stated that sufficient land is available to start on the shore area of Clifden.

Referring to a query by Councillor Welby, Councillor O'Foighil stated that at the meeting which was held in Spiddal some time, a Committee was formed for the purpose of co-operating with the County Council in the amenity plans

for that area. The County Manager stated that the Council did not convene this meeting but an invitation to attend the meeting was received.

Councillor O'Morain suggested that Ireland West be contacted in connection with proposals for Clifden as plans of Bord Failte and the Council may complement each other.

Councillor Callanan, welcoming the Loughrea proposal, asked that preference would be given to local people on this job.

Councillor Finnegan asked that consideration be given in the future for a scheme for the Palace Grounds in Tuam.

The schemes proposed were approved.

1971 - INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

Councillor McCormack proposed and Councillor Brennan seconded that the notification in connection with the Conference at Cambridge, Mass., be marked read.

Councillor Glynn proposed next business and Councillor J. Burke seconded.

There was no proposal to send any delegate to this Conference.

After a discussion on the merits and advantages of attending those Conferences for Councillors, Councillor Glynn proposed and Councillor J. Burke seconded that the Council does not send any delegates on any further Conferences in the current year. Councillor Molloy proposed an amendment to the effect that the Council adjourn consideration of appointment of delegates to the Harrogate Conference until the next meeting. This proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Foighil.

A vote taken on this amendment resulted in 16 Members voting for the amendment and 8 against. The Chairman accordingly declared that this matter would be on the Agenda for the May Meeting.

1972 - DRAFT BLUEPRINT ON THE FINANCING AND POWERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager stated that this document was prepared by the General Council of County Councils and had been already circulated to Members. The document was noted.

Later in the meeting, Councillor Finnegan proposed that the Council discuss it. The Chairman informed Councillor Finnegan that he should put down a Notice of Motion concerning it.

1973 - AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR 2 YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1980:

This report, copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was noted.

1974 - REPORT OF RATE COLLECTION 1982:

This report, copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council, was noted.

Replying to Councillor Brennan regarding outstanding Rates on land, the County Manager stated that the question of the constitutionality of the valuations on land is on appeal to the Supreme Court.

1975 - CREATION OF POST OF DRAUGHTSMAN/TECHNICIAN:

The County Manager informed the Council that following negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the Local Government and Public Services Union at National level, a new grading structure and levels of remuneration for Draughtsman/Technician have been approved.

He stated that the existing structure in the County Council is that there is one post of Grade 1 Draughtsman/Technician and 13 posts of Grade 11 Draughtsman/Technician.

The proposed structure is 1 post of Executive Draughtsman/Technician, 5 posts of Draughtsman/Technician Grade 1, and 8 posts of Draughtsman/Technician Grade 11. There would, therefore, be no increase in the number of posts.

He requested the approval of the Council to the creation of 1 post of Executive Draughtsman/Technician and the creation of 4 posts of Draughtsman/Technician Grade 1 and the abolition of 5 posts of Draughtsman/Technician Grade 11. He stated the cost of implementing the proposal for the current year is £2,750 or £5,500 for a full year.

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Council approved the County Manager's proposals.

1976 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION 1983/84:

Councillor Michael Fahy proposed and Deputy Kitt seconded that Councillor O'Morain be appointed the Council's representative on this organisation.

Councillor Coogan proposed and Councillor Brennan seconded that Councillor Holland be appointed its representative on the organisation.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

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

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FOR COUNCILLOR HOLLAND: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, O'Foighil, Ruane, Ryan.

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The Chairman declared Councillor O'Morain appointed to be the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1983/84.

Councillor O'Morain thanked the Council for his appointment and paid tribute to the work done in this organisation by Councillor Holland. He also proposed that the Council congratulate Mr. Dan O'Neill on his appointment as Manager of the North Western Region.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor Holland who also congratulated Councillor O'Morain on his appointment.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Council congratulate Mr. Tom Connolly of Clifden on being elected Chairman of the organisation and Councillor Welby proposed that congratulations be extended to Mr. Charles Sinnott and Mrs. Clancy of Oughterard on their election as Directors.

COUNCILLOR O'FOIGHIL NOW TOOK THE CHAIR

1977 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied by them to Michael and Mary Moran, Camus, Meelick, Eyrecourt, and to Mr. Patrick and Phyllis Moran, Magheramore, Killimor, under the provisions

of 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, on the terms set out in Notices dated 12th April, 1983, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

1978 - SALE OF SITE AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Lester McNamara, River View, Athenry, on the terms set out in notice dated 12th April, 1983, circulated to each Member of the County Council in accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

1979 - LEASE OF SITE AT CLIFDEN FROM MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT:

The County Manager set out for Members the terms on which the Minister for Transport had proposed leasing the site to the Council at Clifden and he pointed out that there were many unsatisfactory aspects of the terms of the Lease under the general headings of the amount of rent, provision for rent reviews, the grounds on which rent could be increased from time to time, and a clause which would permit the Minister in certain circumstances to enter and erect buildings on the site and to charge the cost to the Council.

He stated that the Clifden Community Council had been asking for a Sub-Lease of this land and he pointed out that if this were to be granted, it would mean an immediate rent review.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Minister be asked to review the terms on which the land is proposed to be leased to the County Council with a view to relaxing the very restrictive clauses which are proposed. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Bartley who stated that the Community Council wishes to develop this land for a G.A.A. Pitch and had been trying to reclaim land in this area for the past 25 years.

Councillor O'Morain asked that the County Manager would meet Councillor Bartley and Members of the Community Council when the terms of the Lease are agreed.

1980 - NEW BRIDGE AT MUCKINAHIDDERDAHAULIA:

The County Manager informed the Council that the total expenditure on this bridge to date is £154,500 and that the amount of grant paid to date is £154,452. He stated that a further sum of £34,248 would be required to complete the bridge and that of this, a grant of £15,548 had been allocated by Roinn na Gaeltachta who requested the County Council to provide the balance of the money amounting to £18,700. He pointed out that the Council had no money to pay this balance.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be asked as a matter of urgency to allocate grants to pay for the full cost of the bridge as this is causing considerable inconvenience to students who have to travel approximately 8 miles around by road.

1981 - LOCAL ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN:

The County Manager informed the Council that arising from the provisions of the Litter Act, 1982, the Council was promoting Local Environment Campaigns which would include clearing up roadside dumps, removing the bodies of old cars, and it is now engaging in a Public Relations Programme. He was anxious to meet local people to enlist their support for the Environmental Campaign and encouraging them to join the Tidy Towns Competitions. It is, therefore, proposed to hold meetings as follows:

<u>GALWAY:</u>	4th May	-	Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.
<u>OUGHTERARD:</u>	5th May	-	Corrib Hotel, Oughterard.
<u>CLIFDEN:</u>	10th May	-	Branch Library, Clifden.
<u>GORT:</u>	17th May	-	Social Centre, Gort.
<u>PORTUMNA:</u>	19th May	-	Westpark Hotel, Portumna.
<u>LOUGHREA:</u>	24th May	-	ACOT Office, Loughrea.
<u>BALLINASLOE:</u>	11th May	-	Hayden's Hotel, Ballinasloe.
<u>ATHENRY:</u>	3rd May	-	Community Hall, Athenry.
<u>TUAM AND MILLTOWN:</u>	18th May	-	Hermitage Hotel, Tuam.
<u>MOUNTBELLEW:</u>	25th May	-	Community Centre, Mountbellew.

- at 8.00 p.m. at each Centre.

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Joyce, the Council approved details of the Environmental Campaigns as outlined by the County Manager.

The County Manager stated that he would like very much if all public representatives would come to these meetings as well as all Community groups and individuals who are interested in the Campaign. He asked the Members to inform the Council of any groups who are likely to be interested in the Campaign as an invitation would be sent to them to attend.

Councillor O'Conchubhair suggested that a meeting would be held in the school in Carraroe in addition to those outlined by the County Manager.

Councillor Joyce welcomed the arrangements and stated that many litter bins are too small. He congratulated the Council on some successful Court cases under the Litter Act and he agreed that this procedure should continue. He asked if areas for dumping could be provided where they would not be an eyesore. Senator Ulick Burke complained about caravans parking on lay-bys and leaving rubbish after them. He referred in particular to the lay-by at Craughwell, site at Gurtymadden Cross, and sites at Killimor and Portumna. He asked that steps would be taken to ensure the caravans would not use those lay-bys as halting places. He stated that the conditions at the junction of the Slievefinn with the Loughrea road are a danger to children. He asked that signs be put up indicating that the parking of caravans is prohibited.

Councillor J. Burke stated that good quality bins had been provided by a local businessman in Tuam as a result of a campaign by the Tuam Chamber of Commerce.

Councillor Welby asked if something could be done to tidy up the carpark at Oughterard as he stated that its condition is the subject of adverse comment. He considered that the County Council should do its part and he suggested that the carpark should receive immediate attention.

The County Manager stated that he had asked the County Engineer to examine how the carpark at Oughterard could be brought into operation. Councillor Welby also asked that the Council follow up the question of parking by-laws. Councillor M. Fahy suggested that the Parish Priests be all approached to make an announcement about the Environment Campaign in Churches. He referred to caravans being parked in Lough Cutra and asked that when they leave, some steps be taken to ensure that they cannot come back and park there again. A similar situation, he states, arises in Kiltartan and at Oranmore. Senator Burke suggested that some input from schools should be sought and he suggested a competition for poster designs, etc.

The County Manager stated that the immediate proposals are for meetings in the month of May but that later he would like to see how schools could be involved in the campaign.

Councillor Glynn suggested that Principals of Schools be invited to participate in the Campaign and he also suggested that copies of recent Tidy Towns Reports should be made available to local communities.

Replying to Councillor Ruane who referred to the problems created by Hawkers setting up business on roadsides, the County Manager stated that under the Casual Trading Act, the Council could designate Casual Trading Areas but if this were done, it might also have to provide a place for such trading and facilities as well as to control the operations at the site.

Councillor Ruane referred to a particular area where trading is going on off a public road and he asked if planning permission was required. The County Manager suggested that he would give details of the location and people involved and it would be examined.

Councillor Callanan suggested that litter bins be provided outside all schools. The County Manager stated that this proposal would be examined and Councillor Kilgannon stated that some incentive should be provided in order to get school children involved.

1982 - SEMINAR IN BALLYFERRITER - IRISH IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The County Manager informed the Council that a Seminar which is being organised through Bord na Gaeilge, will be held at Ballyferriter on the 20th and 21st May, 1983.

It was agreed that the following Councillors would be nominated to attend the Seminar:

Councillors Joyce, O Conchubhair, O Foighil and Byrne.

1983 - TIME FOR START OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The County Manager stated that the Council at its meeting on the 28th January, 1983 had agreed to have special meetings to deal with Section 4 resolutions on Planning at 2.30 p.m. on each day of the Monthly Meeting, and he asked if the Council wished to continue this arrangement.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke, it was agreed to continue this arrangement for a further period of 3 months.

Councillor M. Fahy suggested that if the special meeting ends before 3.30 p.m., the Council should, on the conclusion of the earlier meeting, continue with the normal monthly meeting immediately. Councillor Callanan seconded this proposal. Councillor Ryan stated that it had been traditional not to start meeting until 3.30 p.m. because of the fact that Teachers on the Council could not attend before that time. It was agreed to continue to have a meeting at 2.30 p.m. and the ordinary meeting at 3.30 p.m. on each normal meeting day for the next three months.

Councillor Finnegan stated that he had no objection to this proposal but that he might raise an objection to it after this period.

1984 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as circulated to Members had been received since the last Meeting.

Senator Ulick Burke referred to the breakage of windows in Killimor by traffic which causes chips to fly during the course of work on the Sewerage Scheme. He stated that the owners had complained to the Contractors about the matter without avail. He asked that steps be taken to clarify the matter.

The County Manager stated that the Council will get in touch with the Contractor concerning the matter.

1985 - OPENING OF BRANCH LIBRARY IN HYNES BUILDING:

The County Manager referring to a previous decision of the Council stated that the Minister for the Environment was not able to come to perform the Opening Ceremony.

Councillor Ryan suggested that the Minister for the Environment might nominate a Junior Minister to attend instead. The County Manager suggested that the Council might consider inviting the Chairman of the Library Council who is a Galwayman to perform the Opening Ceremony.

Councillor Ryan proposed that a Junior Minister would be invited to perform the Opening Ceremony, and Senator U. Burke proposed that Deputy Donnellan be invited to perform the opening ceremony. It was eventually agreed to leave the matter over until the Council's deputation meets the Minister.

1986 - SAFETY IN INDUSTRY ACT, 1980:

The County Manager informed the Council that three additional sections of the Safety in Industry Act, 1980, had now come into force and the effect of this new legislation is to put an obligation on Fire Authorities to issue certificates of means of escape to all factories down to the lowest level. He stated that there are 273 factories registered in the County of Galway and using this figure, it is calculated that a number of man days required to carry out the Council's obligations would be 546. This would require one qualified person full-time for a period of approximately 2½ years and the estimated all-in-cost of providing this service at present day costs is £60,500.

He stated that this is another example of the State bringing in additional obligations on Local Authorities without any provision for financing them or for staffing them. He had already asked the Department not to bring in those regulations until the staff and finances were available to implement them. He suggested that the Department should be asked to make the necessary funds available to implement the legislation.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan:

"That the Minister for the Environment be requested to make arrangements to have the necessary finances available to carry out the Council's obligations under the Safety in Industry Act, 1980, and also that where additional duties are imposed on local authorities under any legislation, the Minister at the same time should make the necessary finances available to local authorities to implement such legislation."

It was later agreed that this matter would be forwarded as a resolution to be considered at the Annual Conference of the County Councils' General Council to be held at Mullingar from the 16th to 18th June.

Councillor J. Burke asked if staff could be allocated from other sections to do the work. The County Manager replied that this had been done last year when a large number of inspections had to be carried out under the Fire Services Act, but it is not possible to continue it.

1987 - COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING IN TUAM - MAY 1983:

The County Manager reminded Members that it had been decided to hold the May Meeting at St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, and he stated that he had been informed by the Chairman of the Tuam Town Commissioners that their Chairman would welcome the Members of the County Council to Tuam at the commencement of the meeting.

1988 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - MULLINGAR - JUNE 16TH-18TH

It was agreed that the resolution on finance referred to in Minute No. 1986 would be forwarded for inclusion on the Agenda.

It was also agreed that, on the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the Minister for Justice be asked to provide the necessary finance towards the cost of provision and maintenance of Courthouses and the Council be recouped the full expenditure under this heading, and that this resolution be also sent for inclusion in the Agenda.

1989 - LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION:

Senator Ulick Burke stated that Councillors should be given an allowance for stationery and postage as has been given in some Counties. The County Manager

stated that he is not aware of any such allowances and that he is not aware of any statutory provision permitting him to do so. Councillor McCormack stated that in some Counties, Members are given free stationery and envelopes.

Councillor Joyce stated that the Minister had agreed to meet Members of the Association in the following week. It was, therefore, agreed to leave over consideration of this matter until later.

1990 - CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTS AT COUNCIL MEETING BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Councillor McCormack referred to a document which had been circulated to Members throughout the Council Chamber recently by a Member of the public and he enquired if Members of the public had the right to circulate those at a Council Meeting. He also asked the County Manager if he was aware that he (Councillor McCormack) had abused his position particularly in relation to the offer of land by the Land Commission at Rinville to the County Council.

The County Manager stated that he was not aware of any allegations against Councillor McCormack and he stated that Councillor McCormack was not involved in any way with the purchase of the lands in Rinville and that he became aware of the matter at the same time as every other Councillor.

Councillor McCormack stated that certain allegations had been made about him at a public meeting on the previous day in Rinville.

The County Manager stated that the Council is entitled to make a decision that documents should not be circulated by Members of the public at a meeting and it is then a matter for the Chairman to enforce this rule if the Council makes it.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Council agreed that nobody other than Members of the staff be permitted to distribute documents at a meeting of the Council.

1991 - CARPARKING FACILITIES - COUNTY BUILDINGS:

The County Manager stated that steps would be taken to improve the facilities for carparking by Members in the grounds of the County Buildings.

1992 - DISCRETIONARY ALLOWANCE FOR COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Kilgannon proposed that expenditure of £2,000 be allowed to each Councillor in addition to Notice of Motion funds for roads.

The County Manager stated that an arrangement of this nature exists for taking over roads and declaring them public, but there can be no question of extending this procedure and the whole principle of sharing out the Council's funds in this way is wrong. The Council's priority is to keep essential services going and this cannot be done in the manner proposed.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that with goodwill, the County Manager could work with Councillors. He stated that Councillors have local knowledge and that as a result services could be improved.

The County Manager stated that there is an opportunity for input by Councillors and he referred in particular to the Youth Employment Schemes and to Public Lighting where the Council went through proposals and considered them. He stated that if Councillors have any schemes, they should put them forward and they will be examined carefully. It would be much more satisfactory if the Councillors took the initiative in proposing schemes which would be examined and implemented by the County Council as a Central Authority.

Senator Ulick Burke seconded Councillor Kilgannon's proposal.

Replying to further comments by Councillors, the County Manager stated that the Council has a say in all of the expenditure of the County Council but what is sought now is a sum of money per Member and this cannot be done.

Referring to a comment by Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager stated that there is provision for Councillors' Notice of Motion funds in the Estimates.

Senator Burke then asked if it is possible to compare the relative cost of Contract versus the direct labour system operated by the County Council.

The County Manager stated that all of these matters will have to be kept under review but he stated that the Council is not geared for carrying out certain works, for instance, housing which is generally done by Contract. He pointed out, however, that the Council is geared for carrying out Road Maintenance but that the advisability of continuing the direct labour system could be examined if there were major road building projects to be carried out.

The County Manager stated that the system now proposed could raise the question of the legality of the whole procedure of Notice of Motion funds for Roads.

The Chairman stated that the County Manager had already pointed out that he cannot implement this resolution.

1993 - PREVENTION OF POLLUTION TO TUAM WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that this scheme is monitored by the Regional Laboratory in Castlebar. Samples are taken from the new spring source, the old Birmingham source now serving as a distribution main, for chemical and bacteriological analysis. The correct chlorination dosage rate depends on the quality of the raw water and variability in the raw water quality can present problems for treatment particularly when there is no storage of raw water. High chlorine dosage rates, however, may cause taste and odour problems. The source catchment area has been investigated by Council staff for the presence of sources of pollution but no such pollution has yet been discovered.

Councillor Burke asked that an on-going programme be carried out until the source of pollution is located.

1994 - FOOTPATHS IN KILKERRIN VILLAGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY CONNAUGHTON:

This proposal was proposed by Councillor Ryan in the absence of Deputy Connaughton.

The County Secretary stated that this work has now been done.

1995 - WIDE JUNCTION AT AUGHIART, MOUNTBELLEW. - MOTION BY DEPUTY CONNAUGHTON:

This proposal was moved by Councillor Michael Ryan.

The County Secretary stated that this junction is on a National Secondary road between Mountbellew and Newbridge where the Regional Road by-passing Mountbellew joins the National Secondary Route. It is a busy rural junction and re-alignment is consequently desirable. The work cannot, however, be undertaken through National Secondary Road Maintenance as grant funds would have to be made available.

Councillor Ryan asked that the Council would investigate the placing of signs at this junction as he considered that this would be a help.

1996 - EMPLOYMENT OF LITTER WARDENS - MOTION BY DEPUTY CONNAUGHTON:

This motion was moved by Councillor Ryan in the absence of Deputy Connaughton.

The County Secretary stated that four Litter Wardens have been appointed, one each at Tuam, Gort, Oughterard and Portumna. An advertisement had been issued for a Part-time Litter Warden at Loughreea, Clifden and Athenry.

COUNCILLOR E. HAVERTY THEN TOOK THE CHAIR

1997 - ROAD TO FOHENAGH CEMETERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON: 11.

The County Secretary stated that the only way by which this road could be done is out of funds for Burial Grounds and that no such funds were available in the 1982 Estimates.

Replying to further queries, the County Secretary explained the reasons why the construction of this road could not be carried out under a Local Improvement Scheme and he stated that a proposal to approve it as an L.I.S. scheme had been sent to the Department but approval had been refused. After a discussion regarding possible alternative methods of having this road constructed, it was proposed by Councillor Glynn, and seconded by Senator Ulick Burke that as a compromise in this particular case only, the work be carried out from Notice of Motion funds. This was agreed.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that a local contribution towards the cost of the work would be welcome.

1998 - L.I.S APPLICATION - PATRICK NOONE, CARHOON, GURTEEN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The County Secretary stated that in this case, the estimated cost of the scheme is £4,201 and under the norms operated by the County Council, the cost should not exceed £2,710 for the benefit conveyed. The cost is, therefore, £1,491 in excess of the norm.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the promoter in this case had done some work on the road in the meantime and he asked that the matter be re-examined. It was agreed that this would be done. He stated that this work would serve a considerable amount of bog as well as land.

1999 - PARKING AT THE SQUARE IN GORT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated that the lines in this case were obliterated by surfacing and were not renewed as the public largely ignored the parking arrangements. However, the lines would be replaced when white lining of the roads is in progress late in summer.

2000 - REMOVAL OF CLAYBANKS FROM THE CARNMORE/CASHLA COUNTY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that this matter was considered when the 1983 Roads Estimates were being prepared but it was ^{not} possible to make provision of the necessary money in those Estimates.

Councillor Ruane asked that this would go ahead either this year or next year. Councillor McCormack supported Councillor Ruane's proposal.

2001 - ROAD LEADING TO TOM KEANEY'S HOUSE AT WATERDALE, CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that this road is 1,200 metres long and serves only one house and commonage bogland. The estimated cost of bringing this road up to standard for adoption is £8,200. There is no way of financing this project except through Councillors' Notice of Motion funds and the cost is very high for the service given.

Councillor Ruane stated that L.I.S. money had been spent on this road and that it should not now be let go into disrepair.

2002 - GORT DUMP:

Councillor M. Fahy complained that this dump had been allowed to get into very bad condition. He stated that a meeting had been held with local representatives on the previous Friday at which plans were presented but it is doubtful if they would work. He stated that an alternative site is required. He agreed with rehabilitation of the dump but that Gort would not tolerate an extension of the dump. He asked that an alternative site

would be purchased. He stated that £10,000 was provided in last year's Estimates for Gort Dump but the sum of £19,000 was spent and that the Council was not consulted about this.

Mr. Howlett stated that at the meeting with local representatives, a request for a further meeting in Gort was made and the discussion now taking place should not prejudice this.

The County Manager, replying to Councillor Fahy, suggested that he should read the Manager's statement with the Estimates where it will be seen that sites are required in many areas in which other Councillors will have an interest. It was proposed to start rehabilitation of the dump a month ago, but because of objections raised by Councillor Fahy at the time, this had not been done but he pointed out that there are financial and other factors involved in solving the dumping problem in Gort.

2003 - "CHILDREN CROSSING" SIGN AT AUGHHRIM - PROPOSAL BY DEPUTY KITT, COUNCILLORS CALLANAN AND JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that the official signs numbered 125 (Children Crossing) are already erected on approaches to both schools in Aughrim, i.e., the Catholic and Protestant Schools. The necessity for further signs is not seen.

Councillor Callanan asked that in addition to those signs, the Council should erect "children crossing" signs and that some of those signs should be provided at Cappataggle or alternatively a "go slow" sign.

Councillor Joyce, supporting this proposal, stated that the sign which is being sought is one measuring approximately 4 feet x 3 feet.

2004 - KILBEG ROAD AND MONEEN (BRIDLE ROAD), WILLIAMSTOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The County Secretary stated that flooding of the Bridle Road, Williamstown, is caused by increased run-off from neighbouring land. The Council is trying to get the landowner concerned to make arrangements for disposing of the run-off from his property which at present floods the roadway. In the case of the Kilbeg road, flooding is caused by extra runoff resulting from major land drainage works carried out on nearby lands. The road level has already been raised in 1981/'82 but further work is needed.

2005 - GRANTS FOR COMPLETION OF UNFINISHED PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The County Secretary stated that a letter had been received from the Department of the Environment stating that as no provision was made in the 1983 Estimates for this scheme, it became necessary to terminate it on the 31st December, 1982. No funds for the scheme are, therefore, available in 1983.

2006 - AMENITIES FOR SPORTS AND LEISURE IN NEW HOUSING ESTATE AT DUBLIN ROAD, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The County Secretary stated that an area of 8.1 acres adjoining Parkmore Housing site is being developed as a playing area. This development is on a phased basis proceeding in accordance with the phased construction of houses on the main site. Phase 1 incorporated the drainage of the whole open space area and Phase 2 now at Tender stage has included filling in to at least one third of the area. It is intended developing the open space in stages with the phasing of housing.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Council have in the recent past completed a development of the playground in the Old Dublin Road Housing Scheme.

2007 - NEW BURIAL GROUND FOR KILBANNON - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that the Council has reached agreement on the purchase of a site for this Burial Ground and that the legal transfer is being arranged by the Council's Law Agent.

2008 - QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICULAR POSTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that this motion may refer to applicants for the post of Clerk/Typist, who had not the prescribed Educational Qualifications, but had other Qualifications. The Qualifications require that a candidate must have at least Grade D (Pass) in Mathematics and either English or Irish in the Intermediate Certificate or Day Vocational Certificate Examinations or in an Examination of equivalent standard. Candidates are not eligible for appointment unless they possess these requirements.

The Leaving Certificate Examination is not an examination of an equivalent standard. Furthermore, there is only provision in the Regulations for allocating points as follows:

- (a) Based on higher level Intermediate Certificate Papers.
- (b) Based on ordinary level Intermediate or Day Vocational Certificate Papers.

There is no provision for allocating points based on the result of Leaving Certificate. The regulations in this case are made by the Minister for the Environment.

2009 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS JOYCE, CALLANAN, AND DEPUTY KITT:

The County Secretary stated that whilst the taking over of roads is essentially a decision reserved for the Council, the County Engineer had warned Members that funds for the maintenance of the existing road network are totally inadequate. To take over any more roads would be assuming a legal liability for maintenance which the Council cannot afford and that it cannot at present afford to maintain the roads which it has a legal liability to maintain.

The County Manager stated that the Council cannot maintain what has already been taken over. The Council had taken over over 1,000 miles of roads in the last 20 years without any special provision being made for maintaining them.

At the request of Councillor Joyce, it was agreed that this matter would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED.

Edmund Joyce CHAIRMAN

23/5/83

DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator T. Byrne, Councillors J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foghail, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns and J. Howlett, Assistant County Managers; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; K. Hays, S. McMahon, P. Martin, R. Faherty, M. Tierney, F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, H. Kearns, T. Murphy, B. Kennedy, Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officers; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; Miss A. Sweeney, Assistant Staff Officer; Miss M. Crowe, Assistant Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Commins, Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2010 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1983:

A general discussion took place on the Estimates in which Members enquired why no special Roads Meeting was held this year as had been done in some previous years. The County Manager stated that it was not ~~practical~~ to have a Roads Estimates Meeting until the general Estimates were made up as it was not possible until then to state how much money would be available for Roads.

Replying to queries by Members, he stated that the estimate must be adopted by the Council within a period of 21 days from the 29th April, i.e., not later than the 19th May.

Members stated that the Estimates presented before them involved a very large amount of figures and was a very complicated document. It was suggested that in future the Book of Estimates should include an Index.

The County Manager stated that the format of the Estimates is that as previously submitted to the Council and is as laid down in the Regulations. He agreed that it is a very complex document.

Some Members complained that they had not had an opportunity of having any input into the Estimates before the document now before them was presented to the Council and Deputy Kitt stated it had previously been suggested that the Council should have a Finance Committee and he proposed that this Committee would be established and that it should consist of the Chairman and 14 other Members. He stated that the Finance Committee should look at all aspects of Local Government finance.

Senator Killilea seconded Senator Kitt's proposal that a Finance Committee be established and stated that previously the Council used to have an Estimates Meeting in Committee.

Senator Byrne supported the proposal to have a Finance Committee and stated that an opportunity should be given to Councillors to have an input into the contents of the Estimates before the Estimates Meeting.

He proposed that no decision would be made on the adoption of the Estimate that day and that a Finance Committee should be appointed which would examine the Estimates.

Chuir an Comhairleoir O'Foighil failte roimh an Meastachan agus duirt se go raibh obair an-mhaith deanta ag an mBainisteoir as ucht tuairisc an shoileir a chur os comhair na Comhairleoirí.

Councillor O'Higgins stated that during the last few years due to the change in financial arrangements for local authorities, the Council had lost the trend of what is going on. He considered that there should be some Committee which would advise the Councillors of what is going on.

Councillor O'Morain and other Councillors complained that despite the fact that the Manager's statement was not to be published before the 29th April and that a requirement to that effect was printed on the front page, the contents of this statement had been published in local newspapers. The County Manager stated that he was satisfied that the information for the press did not come from the Offices and that when requests for this document received from the Press, they were refused.

At this stage, the County Manager reviewed for Members in detail his report of 15th April, 1983, on the Estimate of Expenses and gave supplementary information to elaborate on points raised by Councillors.

A general discussion on the Estimates then took place during which the Members made the following points and proposals.

- 1) Local Authorities had been scandalously treated by Central Government since 1978 as a result of which the Galway County Council find that they are not in a position to pay the demand to the Western Health Board or to the Office of Public Works.
- 2) Although it was now almost the month of May, there was still no sign of legislation in connection with the levying of charges and the amount which could be realised from them in the current year will, therefore, be very limited. It was always expected that charges for services would be for the purpose of providing additional services and not for making up a short fall which Government should have provided as is apparently now proposed. The estimated receipts of £50,000 for planning charges appears to be low.

Replying to this comment, the County Manager stated that according to the best estimate which could be prepared, this appeared to be the limit of the amount which the Council might reasonably expect in the current year having regard to the fact that a very large number of applications were put in by applicants before the date fixed for payment of charges, and that part of the year had already gone by.

- 3) Deputy Fahey proposed that any expenditure included in the Estimates on behalf of services for Departments of State should be cancelled including provision for Courthouses and also provision for Higher Education Grants until money is paid to the Council for making those grants by the Department of Education.

Replying to this proposal, the County Manager stated that the Council would be making a grave mistake not to make provision for the services referred to in Deputy Fahey's proposal. What is proposed in the Estimates is that the Council would make payments consistent with its resources and he pointed out that if the Council makes no provision for those services, any sympathy which the Council might have at present by Government would be lost and that even if the Council does not provide for those services, the Council would still have to continue to maintain buildings and pay Caretakers of Courthouses.

- 4) The County Manager agreed with the suggestion that the Council should not adopt the Estimate that day and that it had one option which is to ask the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation from the Council between that date and the final date for adopting the Estimate.

He stated that he had reason to believe that the Minister would agree to receive a deputation.

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, the Council agreed to request the Minister to receive a deputation.

- 5) Business people object to payment of an increase of 20% in the Rates - this should be confined to a 3.5% increase over 1982 in view of the fact that grants notified by Central Government represent an increase of this magnitude over the produce of the rate on domestic and agricultural valuations in 1982. Charges for services are morally wrong, people are not able to pay and the Council should not add to the recent impositions by way of taxes in the recent Budget.
- 6) The proportion of administrative staff to the number of Council roadworkers appears to be unduly high resulting in extremely high administrative costs.

The County Manager stated that there are 544 Roadworkers and he pointed out that the administrative costs include contra items, including the sum of £250,000 for Sundry Debtors, this being in respect of work which the Council carries out for other Agencies including the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and which is recouped to the Council. The Council has always been doing this work but it has been shown in the Estimates for the first time this year. He stated that the administrative costs have not gone up very much.

Replying to further comment on this matter, the County Manager suggested the Council should look at page 24 - Support Services. He pointed out that administrative costs are very carefully controlled and he also pointed out that Planning, Fire Service, Litter, Water Pollution, and other schemes have nothing to do with field work. If the Government decided to stop providing those services, the Council could then stop also.

- 7) That the provision of £392,250 in respect of development incentives and controls should be omitted from the Estimate.
- 8) That the rate increase on business premises should be reduced from 20% to 3.5% and that the loss of revenue under this heading be partially recouped by reducing the provision for eliminating the Debit Balance from £200,000 to £150,000.
- 9) Group Schemes should be taken over by the County Council in order to get extra revenue for the Council.

The County Manager stated that the Council would also have to have regard to the fact that this would involve extra expenditure on maintenance.

- 10) That the proposed charge of 10p per borrowing be increased in respect of dearer books.
- 11) That private houses which are also used for commercial enterprises should be rated.
- 12) That additional provision be made for maintenance of roads to a good standard and that for this purpose, the provision for drainage payments to the Office of Public Works be reduced as it would be more cost beneficial to keep the roads in repair having regard to the cost of vehicle maintenance and fuel arising from bad roads.
- 13) The cost of rate collection at almost £300,000 is totally unjustified having regard to the amount of money collected.

Replying to a query, the County Manager agreed that the amount paid to Rate Collectors is approximately 25% of the total Rates collected.

He stated that this is a situation he would like to terminate at the earliest possible moment but that it is being dealt with on a national basis - they are permanent and pensionable officers and cannot be removed from office. They were offered terms a few years ago which they would not accept.

- 14) The rating base is now so narrow that an increase of 20% on the limited number of people now liable for Rates would result in up to 75% total increase including charges for water, refuse collection, etc.
- 15) That the Office of Public Works be treated in the same way as the Western Health Board has been treated over a number of years on the question of the percentage demand which should be paid.

The County Manager pointed out that the Office of Public Works is in fact the Department of Finance and is the source of power on finance for the country and for local authorities. The Council would need to be very careful in making any drastic cuts in the demand and it could be in difficulty if it does not act reasonably within the resources available to it. The arrangements which have been worked out and set out in the Estimate are logical and reasonable and are aimed at keeping the Council out of difficulties.

- 16) That the Finance Committee would examine the question of extra staff, e.g., in Libraries and administration costs.
- 17) Councillor Joyce proposed and Deputy Kitt seconded that Notice of Motion funds be increased by £1,000 for each Councillor and that this sum be taken from the provision of £54,000 for planning studies which would be omitted from the Estimate, - the provision for Cats and Dogs Home should also be omitted.
- 18) The proposed charge for refuse of £52 per annum is much too large and as it is provided mainly fortnightly in many areas, this represents a charge of £2 per collection - many people will drop out of availing of the service if charges are imposed and this will result in unofficial dumps. Local communities should be allowed to provide local dumps properly fenced off with contributions from the County Council.

- 19) Ballinasloe By-Pass Road should be completed without delay as it is at present being used by travelling people as a Hard Stand.

Replying to a query, the County Engineer stated that the Department of the Environment had pointed out unless all land required for this road is acquired, no work would be carried out in the current year and in those circumstances, the money be transferred to the Clifden road. Negotiations for necessary land acquisition are going ahead urgently.

- 20) Replying to enquiries by Members, the County Manager and the County Engineer stated that they were not aware of any Injunction being sought against the Council by anybody in connection with the Ballinasloe By-Pass nor was the County Engineer aware of any major mistake in the planning or construction of the By-Pass road. The County Engineer stated also that the Department of the Environment had guaranteed that when all land is acquired, the necessary funds for the completion of the By-Pass road will be provided.
- 21) Deputy Kitt stated because of a scheme being operated by the Western Health Board, some people were wrongly advised to make their applications to the Western Health Board instead of to the County Council, and as a result had failed to get any grants for essential repairs.
- Mr. Howlett stated that if he were given the names of the people concerned, he would have the matter examined.
- 22) Deputy Kitt enquired what progress had been made with the provision of pumps for which the sum of £5,000 had been provided 2 years ago.

- 23) Councillor M. Fahy asked what amount of money had been received for Motor Tax in 1982.

- 24) On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was resolved:

"That a Finance Committee consisting of 14 Members and the Chairman would be appointed and that the Committee would appoint a deputation to meet the Minister for the Environment at a Meeting of the Committee to be held on the 9th May, 1983, at 4.00 p.m."

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

Councillors M. O'Higgins, J. Callanan, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. O'Morain, T. Welby, Deputy M.P. Kitt and the Chairman.


On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor McCormack, the following Members were also appointed to the Committee:

Councillors J. Mannion, P. McCormack, Senator T. Byrne, Councillors M. Ryan, M. Kilgannon, J. Brennan, and F. Glynn.

- 25) It was agreed that the Estimates Meeting of the Council would be resumed on the 16th May, 1983, at 3.30 p.m.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:


CHAIRMAN

23/5/83 DATE

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3rd May, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF FINANCE COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

At the Estimates Meeting held on the 29th ult., the Council decided to form a Finance Committee and to adjourn consideration of the estimates for the purpose of enabling the Committee examine them.

A meeting of the Committee (of which you are a Member) will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

Monday next - 9th May, 1983, at 4.00 p.m.

You are requested to attend and to take with you to the Meeting the copy of the Book of Estimates already supplied to you.

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle
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LIST OF MEMBERS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor John M. Mannion, Main Street, Clifden.
Councillor Micheal O'Morain, Carna, Co. Galway.
Councillor Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
Councillor Michael J. Kilgannon, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
Councillor Padraic McCormack, 3, Renmore Park, Galway.
Councillor Micheal G. O'Higgins, Taylor's Hill, Galway.
Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard.
Councillor Toddie Byrne, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Deputy Frank Fahey, Kilbeacanty, Gort.
Councillor Edward Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Councillor Frank Glynn, Cartron, Milltown, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Senator Mark Killilea, Caherhugh House, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 9TH MAY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Edward Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator T. Byrne, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor F. Glynn, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillor M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, M. O'Morain, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Luby, Finance Officer; S. McMahon, S.E.E.; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; A. Murphy, A. Fleming and H. Kearns, Senior Staff Officers; T. Sharkey, County Librarian; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

On the proposal by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that the Chairman of the County Council would be Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Following detailed examination of the Estimate as presented by the County Manager, the following recommendations for amendments thereto were agreed by the Committee.

1. That the increase in the Rate in the £ over 1982 be reduced from 20% to 10%.
2. That this reduction in the Council's income for 1983 be compensated for by the following reductions on the Expenditure side of the Estimate:-
 - (i) the percentage increase over 1982 in the amount provided for Arterial Drainage (Board of Works Demand) to be reduced from 10% to 3.5% - this increase of 3.5% being equivalent to the increase in 1983 over 1982 in the amount of the state grants representing the Rate Produce on valuations other than Industrial and Commercial.
 - (ii) the percentage increase over 1982 in the amount provided for payment to the Western Health Board in respect of Supplementary Welfare Demand to be reduced from the 10% provided in the Estimate to an increase equivalent to the % increase in the Income available to the Council in 1983 over 1982 taking into account the reduction in the proposed Rate.
 - (iii) the elimination of the sum of £25,000 - Provision for Development at Maree, and the sum of £8,000 - Cats and Dogs Home, from the amount of £54,055 provided for Other Plans in Programme 4.1.2.
 - (iv) and reduction of approximately £50,000 in the amount of £200,000 provided for phased elimination of the Debit Balance on the Council's account.

3. It was agreed that the following be the Councillors on the Deputation to the Minister for the Environment -

The Chairman, Councillors Brennan, O'Morain, Callanan, Glynn, and Senator Byrne. (6)

The County Manager informed the Committee that the Private Secretary to the Minister informed the Council that the Minister would not be able to meet the deputation until June 1983.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

To: Each Member.

Dear Member,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the Council at the County Buildings on Friday, 13th May, 1983, at 3.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

K. Doyle
County Secretary

AGENDA

1. Local Authority housing - capital allocation for commitments in 1983 - copy of Department's letter and Assistant County Manager's Report herewith.
2. Progress Report with regard to house construction - Bar Chart herewith and list of applicants approved for rural housing since 14/4/82.
3. Housing Loans - Capital allocation for S.D.A. Scheme for 1983, further copies of Department's letter and Assistant County Manager's Report, already circulated, herewith.
4. Housing Finance Agency.
5. Joint Committee on Building Land - report already circulated.
6. Other Business

Notice of Motion - Councillor J. Joyce:

- I. "Would the Manager give us a full report of the survey that was carried out on the 12 original houses in the Cloughbrack Estate, Eyrecourt, and the efforts that have been made since to eradicate the faults".
- II. "That the Council remove the ditch at the back of the houses on the North side of Cloughbrack Estate, Eyrecourt (as it is a haven for rats) and replace it with a wall and an access to the back of each house to facilitate the housing of fuels, etc.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 13TH MAY, 1983.

In the Chair: Councillor E. Haverty

Also present

Members:

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, F. Coogan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby.

Apology was received from Senator M.D. Higgins.

Officials:

Messrs. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, K. Doyle, County Secretary, J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, M. Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer, S. O'Neill, Senior Executive Engineer, Misses J. Forde, Staff Officer and C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer, who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

The opening prayer was recited.

2011 Initial Capital Allocation for House Construction in 1983.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager referred to his report which had been circulated to each Member. This gave details of the Council's commitments in respect of house construction in 1983 which are to be financed by the initial capital allocation of £2.6m. In reply to questions on the extent of the 1983 programme, Mr. Howlett said that a new works submission is being made to the Department and an additional allocation is expected to allow for new starts later in the year. Councillors in their comments, expressed satisfaction with the Council's programme. Many, however, were critical of the design of rural houses and consider that these houses should be indistinguishable from conventional private houses. Mr. Howlett informed members that a new design for rurals was introduced in January, 1983. Many members said that more durable window frames should be provided by the Council in its houses. Mr. Howlett said the type provided is in accordance with Department standards. Councillors who spoke of the need for extensions in over-crowded Council houses were informed by the Assistant County Manager that no fund was available to the Council at present for this work. Tenants, he said, can provide extra rooms when they purchase their houses.

2012 Housing Loans

Mr. Howlett referred to his memorandum on the capital allocation for S.D. Loans in 1983 which was circulated to each member. This showed that the current year's allocation of £3m. falls short of the 1982 comparable allocation by £0.4m. However, the Assistant County Manager said that the situation will be reviewed later

in the year. Replying to points raised about income eligibility, Mr. Howlett said the criterion for this is laid down by the Department and we are asked to ensure that limits are strictly adhered to.

Councillor J. Brennan said it was time both the income limit and loan were raised. He proposed that the income limit for this scheme be increased to £8,000 and that the loan be raised to £16,000. This was agreed by all.

2013 Housing Finance Agency

Mr. Howlett informed members that the income limit for this scheme was increased to £10,000 from 6th April, 1983 and in reply to questions on the method of repayment by borrowers he outlined the terms of the scheme.

2014 Joint Committee on Building Land

The Assistant County Manager referred to the Manager's circular of the 24th February to each member. This was briefly commented on but the members felt that further study should be made on the Kenny Report before the points in the Manager's circular are considered.

2015 Other Business

Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the Council's developed sites at Ballygar and land at Ardrahan and Moycullen are being offered to the R.H.O. and that a licensing system is to be worked out by both parties. Members agreed with these offers. Mr. Howlett also spoke of his proposal to buy land from the Mart Company at Cloonthua, Tuam. Members were in favour of this proposal also.

2016 Eyrecourt Houses - Motion by Councillor J. Joyce:

Replying to the above, Mr. Howlett said that all the defects in the Eyrecourt houses had been attended to. Regarding rear access he said the existing access is adequate to allow for fuel delivery to the houses. The ditch at the back of these houses provides shelter and it is not the Council's intention to have this removed.

2017 Sympathy - Resolutions were adopted with the following:

- Mr. Jack Horseman, Cloughbrack, Eyrecourt.
- Mrs. Brid Berry, Carna.
- Mrs. Broderick, Bruckey, Castlegar.
- Mrs. Michael Walsh, Porridgetown, Roscahill.
- Small Family, Dangan, Galway.

The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN

23/5/83 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

10th May, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 16th May, 1983, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
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A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1983. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already sent to Members)
Minute on Meeting of Finance Committee held on the 9th instant to follow.
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.
3. NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR WELBY:

"That a section of footpath and a street light be provided outside Barna School so as to make the area safer for school children."

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 16TH MAY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Holland, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ryan, and Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; K. Hays, P. Martin, R. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; H. Kearns, A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; J. Griffin, Assistant Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2018 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURE 1983:

The Report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 9th May, 1983, was considered together with the possibility of reducing the provision for expenditure under various headings.

The following resolutions for amendment of the Estimate were adopted.

- a) Proposed by Councillor Brennan and seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that the Rate increase be reduced from 20% to 10% over the 1982 level.
- b) Proposed by Councillor Brennan and seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that the proposed increase over 1982 provision for O.P.W. demand in respect of Arterial Drainage be reduced from 10% to a percentage increase consistent with the percentage increase over 1982 in the level of State Grants in lieu of Rates.
- c) Proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that the percentage increase over 1982 provision for payment to the Western Health Board in respect of Supplementary Welfare Demand be equal to the percentage increase in the income available to the Council in 1983 over 1982.
- d) Proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy, that the following sums be eliminated from Programme 4.1.2 of proposed expenditure in respect of -

development at Maree	-	£25,000
Cats and Dogs Home	-	£ 8,000
- e) Proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Byrne, that the provision for phased elimination of the Debit Balance from the proposed figure of £200,000 be reduced to £20,000.
- f) Proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor McCormack, that the sum provided in Programme 6.2.3 in respect of purchase of books for the Library Service be reduced by £71,000. - On a vote of 11 Members for and 10 Members against.
- g) That the sum of £20,000 provided in Programme 8.5.1 for Courthouse be transferred to Programme 1.1.1. Housing Maintenance.

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- h) Proposed by Councillor Finnegan and seconded by Councillor Ryan, that the sum of £20,000 from Provision 7th Programme 2.1.5 (a) - County Road Upkeep (Milltown Area) be transferred to Programme 7.1.4 in respect of Island River Drainage.

A proposal to reduce the provision for ACOT by 20% was defeated on a vote of 9 Members for and 12 Members against.

It was agreed on a vote of 12 for and 8 against to adjourn the Estimates Meeting to Thursday, 19th May, 1983.

2019 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy Quinn, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Thomas Ryan, Trasternagh, Brierfield, Ballinasloe.

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED?

Edward Hart CHAIRMAN

23/5/83 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

17th May, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on

Thursday, 19th May, 1983

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1983. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already sent to Members).
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

17th May, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next, 23rd May, 1983,

at the Synod Hall, St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam,

to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "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 Varley of Corrick, Cornamona, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Carrick Middle. - Planning Reference Number 44435."
Mark Killilea. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.
2. "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 Augustine Burke for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Largan, Headford. - Planning Reference No. 44942."
Frank Fahey. Michael Kitt. Edward Haverty.
3. "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 Sheridan of Lydican, Oranmore, for a dwellinghouse at Kiltulla, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 45900."
Patrick Ruane. Padraic McCormack. John Molloy.
4. "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 Richard Bartley of Ballinaboy, Clifden, Co. Galway, for living accommodation over Workshop at Hulk Street, Clifden. - Planning Reference Number 45897."
Thomas Welby. Padraic McCormack. John Molloy.
5. "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 Tom Spelman of Cluggan, Maam, for the erection

of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Cluggan, Maam. - Planning Ref. No. 45071."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Michael Fahy.

- 6. "Sin de reir Roinn 4 de Acht Bainistíochta Chathrach agus Chondae (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrann Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Condae cinneadh go gceadofar cead pleanala do Mrs. Ross le haghaidh teach nua ag Ardmor, Carna. - Uimh. Tagartha Rolla Pleanala 45317."

P. O'Foighil. F. O Cuagain. P. McCormack.

- 7. "Sin de reir Roinn 4 de Acht Bainistíochta Chathrach agus Chondae (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrann Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Condae cinneadh go gceadofar cead pleanala do T. O Ceidigh le haghaidh seomra breise ag Criminn, Leitir Mór. - Uimh. Tagartha Rolla Pleanala 45960."

P. O'Foighil. F. O Cuagain. P. McCormack.

- 8. "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 for the erection of a dwellinghouse to Mr. Gerry Fordham, Clarinbridge, at Caherpeak East, Kilcolgan. - Planning Ref. No. 45952."

Michael Fahy. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

17th May, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Meeting of Galway County Council commencing at 3.30 p.m. on Monday next, 23rd May, 1983,

at the Synod Hall, St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Overdraft - Quarter ending 30th September, 1983.
3. Local Improvement Schemes 1983 - Proposed allocations herewith.
4. Sale of Houses to tenants:
Charles & K. Gawley, Cullairbaun, Athenry.
Delia Delaney, Firpark, Derreen, Ballyglunin.
- Notices dated 10th May, 1983.
5. Raising of Loan of £45,900 - Special contribution for Coillin/Carna Group Water Scheme.
6. National Conference and Exhibition at Harrogate - 11th-13th October, 1983.
7. Annual Meeting of County Councils' General Council - July 1983.
- Copy of Notice herewith.
8. Fix date of Annual Meeting.
9. Report of An Bord Pleanala - Copy of Extract herewith.
10. Report of Working Party on Register of Electors. - Report herewith.
11. Travelling People Review Body - copy of Press Release herewith.
12. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
13. Annual Report on Water Quality 1982: Galway. - Report to follow.
14. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

1. That the County Councillors have a full and frank discussion on the recent policy of the County Council to install on the schedules of Planning Permission sums of money as contributions to be made payable to the Planning Authority.

COUNCILLOR JOHN MANNION - I will propose:

2. That Galway County Council erect signs at Clonbur indicating the direction of Finney and Maam and the mileage involved.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

3. That a source for the Annaghbeg/Creggane Group Water Scheme be provided as soon as possible, to allow this scheme to proceed.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

4. To ask Galway County Council to repair the water line of the existing public water scheme at Lackaghmore, Claregalway, before they ask the Group Water Scheme to supply water to it, or alternatively that the Council sanction a Special Grant to the Group Water Scheme to repair this existing main.

COUNCILLORS E. HAVERTY, F. COOGAN, J. CALLANAN AND J. BRENNAN - We will propose:

5. That this Council investigate the possibility of handing over the Council housing sites to private developers with a view to providing additional houses.

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will ask:

6. That immediate steps be taken by the Council to prevent any further flooding from the Clybaun river on to the Knocknacarra road.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will ask:

7. That the protecting wall at Moran's House, Cloonmore Bridge, Tuam, Co. Galway, be rebuilt by the Galway County Council to the standards suitable and comparable about it, which was badly damaged due to a car accident on the bridge some years ago.

DEPUTY KITT, COUNCILLORS CALLANAN AND JOYCE - We will propose:

8. That a road which serves ten or more land owners be allowed for taking over by the County Council and declared a public road.

(b) Other Motions received:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

9. That a separate Engineering Area for South Connemara be established with Headquarters in Carraroe.
10. What is the position of Muichneach Bridge.
11. That the Galway County Council have the new graveyard at Carraroe completed.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will ask:

12. That Galway County Council notify the Lurgan/Shruffaun Group Water Scheme, the amount of grant that will be paid to them after Galway County Council have deducted monies for Road Restoration.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:

13. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go mbaineach an Comhairle Chontae an tultán agus an clai as an mbealach ag an Halla ins an bFhairche.

14. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go ndéanfaí leasú faoi phráinn ar bhothar na hAird Thoir.

NA COMHAIRLEOIRI P. O'FOIGHIL AGUS M. O'MORAIN - Molainn:

15. Go dtacaíonn an Comhairle Condae seo leis an eileamh go reachtofaí Bille Cearta don Ghaeilge sa Dail, chun Comhchearta a thabhairt do lucht labhartha na Gaeilge le lucht labhartha an Bhearla. Iarramid ar an gComhairle Condae a mholadh don Rialtas feidhmiú da reir.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

16. That Galway County Council fully declare that it has no interest in the future to purchase portion of the Rinville Estate, Maree, Oranmore, for a County Folk Park, and the Council to ensure that the Land Commission dispose of these lands among the small farmers in the area.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will ask:

17. Will this Council complete the roadworks at Cloonboo junction this year?
18. What is the present position regarding the proposed sewerage scheme for Barna?
19. Has this Council any plans for a sewerage scheme for Spiddal Village?

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

20. That Members of the Planning staff who wish to make appeals to An Bord Pleanála should be employed in positions where they will not have any involvement in planning applications being submitted to Galway County Council.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council insist that the developer of Park View Drive, Tuam, implement the Planning Conditions imposed by Galway County Council, and that no further development be permitted on that site until such conditions are honoured.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Catherine Crummy, Rockbarton Road, Salthill.	Damage to tyres (car).	Borough of Galway.	£54.67	£89.07
Lowry Motor Parts Ltd., Tuam Road, Galway.	Damage to Motor Vehilces.	County at large.	£3,000.00	£1,406.21
Galway Business Equipment Ltd.	Damage to Office equipment and window.	Borough of Galway.	£75.00	£174.46
Galway Golf Club	Water sprinklers destroyed.	Borough of Galway.	£300.00	£447.56
Trustees of Taibhdhearc na Gaillimhe.	Damage to Plate Glass Windows.	Borough of Galway.	£200.00	£158.45
Jack Stewart, 5, Maunsells Road, Galway.	Damage to Car.	Borough of Galway.	£300.00	£489.27

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

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/157610th. May, 1983.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Annie J. Duffy "Villanova", Upper Salthill, Galway.

Location:- Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Charles & K. Gawley of: Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £12,275.

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. 63/10/1408

10th. May, 1983.

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:- Conor Delaney, Firpark, Derreen,
Ballyglunin, Co. Galway.

Location:- Firpark, Derreen, Ballyglunin, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Delia Delaney of: Firpark, Derreen, Ballyglunin, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,955.

The conditions to be included in the sale will contain, among others:-

the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribed in the Housing Regulations, 1980.

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

K. Doyle,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Edward Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Coogan, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, Ryan, and Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; K. Hays, Senior Executive Engineer; T. Sharkey, County Librarian; T. Murphy, Senior Staff Officer; A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officer; F. Delaney, Clerical Officer; Miss M. Conneely, Clerical Officer; and Mr. K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2020 - ESTIMATES 1983:

Councillor O'Morain and other Councillors protested at the heading in a newspaper article which they stated suggested that Councillors deliberately adjourned consideration of the Estimate at a previous meeting in order to claim travelling expenses for a further meeting.

The County Manager outlined the decisions taken at earlier Estimates Meetings and stated that since the last meeting, he had received notification of an increase of £145,000 in the Government Grant for domestic rates, thus increasing from 3.5% to 5% the increase in the level of State Grants in lieu of Rates for 1983 over 1982.

He also informed the Council that the Demand from Tuam Town Commissioners shows a reduction on the estimated figure provided in the Estimates - this releases the sum of £405 from the amount provided from State Rate Grants in Town Charges Accounts. He recommended, in addition, that the sum of £50,000 be transferred from Programme 2.1.5.(a) County Road Upkeep to Programme 1.1.1. - Housing Maintenance in order to ease the employment situation for Craftsmen pending a decision on Housing Rents increase. He stated that the implications for the estimate of the foregoing are as follows:

	EXPENDITURE	INCOME
A. Reduction of Rate Increase to 10% at £18.70.	£	£
		- 113,900
B. O.P.W. - Arterial Drainage Demand Application of 5% (Adjusted Rate Grant) over 1982 results in gross expenditure reduction of and income loss from Urbans of	- 31,010	9,172
C. W.H.B. - Supplementary Welfare Demand Following Rate increase reduction to 10% and increase in State Grant for Rates, the increase in the income available to the Council over 1982 is assessed at 10% - this is equal to the % increase provided for W.H.B. in the proposed Estimate and no adjustment follows:	-----	-----

	£	£
D. Development at Maree and Cats and Dogs Home	- 33,000	
E. Reduction in Debit Balance Provision	- 180,000	
F. Reduction in provision for Book Purchases results in gross expenditure reduction of and income loss from Urbans of	- 71,000	- 21,000
G. Transfer from Courthouses to Housing Maintenance results in reduction in gross expenditure in Programme 8.5.1. of increase in expenditure Programme 1.1.1. and income loss from Urbans of	- 20,000 + 20,000	- 5,915
H. Transfer from County Road Upkeep to Islands River results in reduction in expenditure Programme 2.1.5. Increase in expenditure Programme 7.1.4. and income gain from Urbans of	- 20,000 + 20,000	+ 5,915
I. Transfer from County Road Upkeep to Housing Maintenance would result in expenditure reduction - Programme 2.1.5. expenditure increase - Programme 1.1.1.	- 50,000 + 50,000	
J. Tuam Town Commissioners Demand reduction results in income increase of £405 Programme 8.9.9.		+ 405
K. Increase in State Grant for Domestic Rates		+ 145,000
TOTALS	- 315,010	+ 1,333

This gives a nett overall saving of £316,343.

In addition to the amendments set out above, the reduction in the rate in the and the increase in the State Grant for Domestic Rate Relief require an amendment in the notional expenditure item in Programme 8.9. of £610,340 in respect of Domestic Relief Grant Adjustment to £129,415. As this is an adjusting figure only, it has no other effect on the Estimate.

The Council applied the sum of £316,343 to the proposed estimate for charges on the following basis:-

- £150,000 to be deducted from the provision for domestic refuse charges,
- £166,343 to be deducted from the provision for Water charges.,
reducing the required income from these charges to
£100,000 for Domestic Refuse, and
£483,657 for Water Charges.

The County Manager indicated that the above adjustments would result in approximate charges for -

- Domestic Refuse - £25 per annum for weekly collection,
£15 per annum for fortnightly collection.
Water- £35 per annum for domestic purposes.

The County Manager also stated that the reduction in the Demand from Tuam Town Commissioners requires the following amendments in Table D of the Estimate (p.7) in respect of the figures for Tuam.

Money Demanded	-	£2,691
Irrecoverable Rates and Collection	-	£ 202
Total		£2,893
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Rate in the Pound £0.1610

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, and seconded by Councillor Mannion that the proposal of the County Manager to transfer the sum of £50,000 from County Road Upkeep to Housing Maintenance be not approved. This motion was approved by the Council.

Councillor Ryan stated that the charge for farm troughs is very high particularly in the case of farmers who have to have one in a number of fields and where the troughs are not being used full-time because cattle are transferred from one field to another.

The County Manager stated that he would be prepared to have the standard charge for a trough applied to the first one and to scale down the charges for any extra troughs.

Councillor Mannion stated that only a few graves remain in Omev Cemetery and he asked if provision for a new Cemetery would be made this year.

Councillor Finnegan asked that when making charges for attendance of the Fire Brigade at fires other than chimney fires, regard would be had to the means of the householders concerned.

The County Manager stated that this would be taken into consideration but he felt that Insurance policies might provide for recovery of the cost of fire brigade attendance. He stated that the Council will make this known to householders and Insurance Companies,

The Chairman stated that a Borehole was recently sunk in his area but that a pump was not erected on it. He proposed that where there is a Borehole with sufficient water, a pump should be provided.

Senator Burke seconded this proposal and it was agreed.

Councillor Murphy asked that a pump erected over a Borehole in Ballinacregg, which was removed, be replaced.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, that the scale of charges for water and refuse collection be considered by the Finance Committee before the scale is put into operation.

It was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, that the new Relief Road at Ballinasloe be opened even before the work is completed.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE:

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Mannion:

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1983, the estimate of expenses with the following amendments-

	Expenditure	Income
A. O.P.W. - Arterial Drainage Demand Application of 5% (adjusted Rate Grant) over 1982 results in gross expenditure reduction of	£ - 31,010	£
B. W.H.B. - Supplementary Welfare Demand Following Rate increase reduction to 10% and increase in State Grant for Rates, the increase in the income available to the Council over 1982 is assessed at 10% - this is equal to the % increase provided for W.H.B. in the proposed Estimate and no adjustment follows.	-----	-----
C. Development at Maree and Cats and Dogs Home.	- 33,000	
D. Reduction in Debit Balance Provision	- 180,000	
E. Reduction in provision for Book Purchases results in gross expenditure reduction of	- 71,000	
F. Transfer from Courthouses to Housing Maintenance results in reduction in gross expenditure in Programme 8.5.1. of increase in expenditure programme 1.1.1.	- 20,000 + 20,000	
G. Transfer from County Road Upkeep to Islands River results in reduction in expenditure Programme 2.1.5. increase in expenditure Programme 7.1.4.	- 20,000 + 20,000	
H. Tuam Town Commissioners Demand reduction results in income increase of £405 - Programme 8.9.9.		+ 405
I. Increase in State Grant for Domestic Rates		+ 145,000
J. Reduction in provision for domestic refuse charges from £250,000 to £100,000.		
K. Reduction in provision for Water Charges from £650,000 to £483,657.		
L. Reduction in provision in Programme 8.9 of £610,340 in respect of Domestic Rate Relief Grant Adjustment to £129,415.		
M. The following amendments in Table D of the Estimate in respect of the figures for Tuam:-		
Money demanded	2,691	
Irrecoverable Rates and Collection	202	
<u>Total</u>	<u>2,893</u>	
Rate in the Pound	£0.1610	
N. Reduction of Rate increase to 10% over 1982 Rate.		

Set out in Tables A, B1, C and D and hereby determine in accordance with the Estimates as amended the Rates set out in Column 11 of Table B1, Column 11 of Table C and Column 7 of Table D, to be the rates in the pound to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1 and in Tables C and D."

Councillor O'Morain stated that in order to make a protest at the imposition of the charges to make up a shortfall in the Council's Revenue which shortfall should be provided from Government funds, he was proposing that the Estimate presented be not adopted.

Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded this proposal.

At this stage, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting for 10 minutes and when the meeting resumed, Councillor O'Morain stated that he was withdrawing his objection to the adoption of the Estimate but he pointed out that the Council had abdicated its rights to Civil Servants and that the powers of Local Authorities were being taken over by a Bureaucracy in Dublin which had left no responsibility to Local Authorities except to impose charges for services.

Councillor O'Conchubhair also stated that he was consenting to the withdrawal of Councillor O'Morain's motion.

The Chairman then declared the resolution proposed by Councillor Byrne, and seconded by Councillor Mannion passed. The appropriate certificate was signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

2021 - DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES:

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

"That the statutory demands on the Galway Borough Council and the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1983, be sealed and signed."

The Demands were then sealed and signed.

Replying to a query, the County Manager stated that he would produce a scale of charges for domestic refuse and water charges to the Council and is prepared to discuss any scale which will produce the amount of money provided for under these headings in the Estimate.

2022 - TUAM BEET FACTORY:

Senator Killilea proposed that the Council would support the case made by the Archbishop of Tuam and the Tuam community including the Workers' Committee in their efforts to ensure that the Tuam Beet Factory is kept in operation. He also asked that the County Development Team would give their assistance in the campaign to ensure the continuation of the factory.

Councillor Finnegan seconded Senator Killilea's proposal which was agreed.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

27th June 1983 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SYNOD HALL, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, TUAM, ON MONDAY, 23RD MAY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Deputies J. Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, F. Glynn, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2023 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44435 - MR. PATRICK VARLEY:

The County Manager informed the Members that a Decision to grant Outline Permission had been issued to Mr. Varley and the resolution set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

2024 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 44942 - AUGUSTINE BURKE:

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located on the Headford to Shrule National Secondary Route, approximately two miles north of Headford. There have been three previous applications on this site (or sites overlapping this site) each of which has been refused by the Planning Authority. The last of these applications, which is for the erection of two dwellinghouses, is on appeal.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed site is located on an unrealigned section of the National Secondary Route at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. The carriageway width of 18 feet adjacent to the site is sub-standard and verticle sight distances, particularly to the south, are unsatisfactory because of a high point just south of the site. This would result in serious traffic hazard because of substandard visibility and stopping sight distances, if these sites were developed.

Moreover, future road improvement in this area would require the purchase of a strip of land approximately 15 feet in width. In order to allow for such improvement and the required front building line, the proposed sites should have a minimum depth of 260 feet, but only have a depth of 208 feet. Therefore, it is not possible to satisfactorily accommodate the proposed development on this site.

The applicant is over 60 years of age and single. On none of the previous applications nor on this application has he made any housing need claim. He lives at Moyglass, Loughrea, and would seem to have other lands in that area. On his holding in this area, he has alternative sites not facing onto the National Route. Therefore, such

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development clearly does not come within the categories of housing need required by the County Development Plan for development on National Routes.

The Planning Authority have already sympathetically dealt with an application from Mr. Burke for a new farmhouse on these lands and granted outlien permission for a dwellinghouse justsouth of this current application in 1978, Planning Reference Number 26668. In 1981, full permission was subsequently granted to Gerry Moroney on the site of 26668, although such development did not strictly come within the requirements of the County Plan. Mr. Moroney is a cousin of Mr. Burke's.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked unrealigned National Secondary road. Class 2 control exists under the 1979 County Development Plan and the additional traffic turning movements generated by the development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the said route.
2. The proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the decisions of the Planning Authority, dated 10th January, 1976, Planning Reference Number 20881, the 13th October, 1977, Planning Reference Number 25001 and 22nd July, 1981, Planning Reference Number 39387."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy. Deputy Kitt stated that the applicant lives at Moyglass, Loughrea, and wishes to dispose of his land in this area, and he stated that the applicant's age and marital status was not relevant to a consideration of his application for Planning Permission. The County Manager stated that the applicant's age and marital status was given as an indication that there is no housing need in this case and he re-affirmed that the proposed house would be adjacent to the National Secondary route at a point where there was a problem with ^{sight} and stopping distances. The County Engineer stated also that sight distance at this point is very poor and the proposed development could be extremely dangerous. The County Manager also stated that the County Council is a Roads Authority and must have regard for road safety not alone for the safety of the occupants of the proposed house but also the safety of road users. Councillor J. Brennan proposed that the Permission sought should not be granted and Councillor J. Burke seconded this proposal. A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, and P. Ruane.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, F. Glynn, B. Holland, M.J. Kilgannon, P. O'Foighil, M. Ryan.

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

2025 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45900 - WILLIAM SHERIDAN.

The County Manager informed the Members that a request for further information with regard to housing need had been issued to the applicant and the resolution set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

2026 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45897 - RICHARD BARTLEY.

The County Manager informed the Members that a request for further information related to the submission of maps and drawings had been issued to the applicant and the resolution as set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

2027 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45071 - TOM SPELMAN.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located at approximately the highest point in the middle of the series of bad lands between Maam Bridge and Cornamona, in the townland of Cleggan.

HISTORY:

Planning Reference Number 44473 was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds:

1. The proposed development is situated in an area of special amenity value as designated in the County Development Plan where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to totally restrict development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. No such need has been claimed and the proposed development, if permitted, would injure the visual amenity of the area and would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The development is situated on a heavily trafficked tourist regional route among a series of very dangerous bends and the conflicting traffic movements generated by traffic gaining access to and egress from the proposed development would be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

No housing need was claimed on the application.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The applicant has now claimed that this is a Second Family dwellinghouse on the family holding. While the total holding is located in an area of Special Amenity Value, the Planning Authority are of the opinion that the proposed location is one of the most obtrusive on the holding and that alternative suitable sites are available on the holding off the minor road which runs to the south of the holding. There is an existing unavailed of planning permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse adjacent to the existing dwellinghouse, Planning Reference Number 21238.

PROPOSALS:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would be located in an exposed and unrelieved position in an area of Special Amenity Value and would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and, if permitted, would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The development is situated on a heavily trafficked tourist regional route among a series of very dangerous bends and the conflicting traffic movements generated by traffic gaining access to and egress from the proposed development would be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard."

The County Engineer stated that the house proposed in this instance would not alone intrude on fine views but would also constitute a traffic hazard, and that there are equally attractive sites available to the applicant on family lands which would not give rise to the problems referred to in the report presented to the Council. The County Manager pointed out that the applicant's housing need is not in question - it is the particular location which he chose for his house. He also pointed out that An Taisce had lodged an objection to the grant of Permission in this case. Councillor O'Morain proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda and stated that in his opinion, the man had a right to build on his own land. He also stated that he did not consider the proposal would constitute a traffic hazard because the road in question was not a National route and was in fact not heavily trafficked. Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal stating that if the applicant were to re-locate the house on a lower site, the problem of bringing in expensive filling for the site might arise. Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought should not be granted and stated that if Councillors object to the provisions of the County Development Plan in relation to Amenity, they should put down a motion to have these changed. Councillor J. Burke seconded the proposal that Permission should not be granted. A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy P. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain. (11)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Glynn, B. Holland, M.J. Kilgannon, P. O'Foighil, P. Ruane, and M. Ryan. (11)

Senator U. Burke did not vote.

The Chairman gave his casting vote for the resolution as set out on the Agenda and declared the resolution carried.

2028 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45317 - MRS. A. ROSS.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the eastern side of the Ardmore headland, adjacent to Ardmore Beach, in the townland of Ardmore.

HISTORY:

Planning reference number 2436 on the same site was refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by the Minister for Local Government on the grounds of visual amenity, and planning reference number 40734 was refused by the Planning Authority on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development, located in an area of high scenic amenity between the public road and the sea would detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would contribute to the erosion of the natural landscape and, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development, located in immediate proximity to Ardmore beach, would, if permitted, impair the amenity available to the public enjoyment of the beach and would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an elevated position overlooking Ardmore Beach in an area of very high scenic amenity. No housing need exists as the applicant is apparently a German person living in Germany. It would not be possible to locate a septic tank and percolation area on the site in accordance with the County Council's standard requirements. The applicant has stated that she proposes to use a biological toilet but no details of this have been submitted. No proposals have been submitted for dealing with the disposal of soiled water, i.e., sinks, baths and washin other than to a soakpit.

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

1. The proposed development, located in an area of high scenic amenity between the public road and the sea would detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would contribute to the erosion of the natural landscape and, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development, located in immediate proximity to Ardmore Beach, would if permitted, impair the amenity available to the public enjoyment of the beach and would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
3. The proposed development would be liable to cause partially treated soilage water to percolate onto and pollute the adjacent beach, this constituting a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The Manager informed the Members that An Taisce had lodged an objection to the grant of Permission in this case. Councillor O'Foighil asked if the matter could be adjourned to the next meeting of the County Council, and the County Manager stated that it would be necessary for the applicant to consent to an extension of the decision period if this were to be done. It was agreed to adjourn the matter to the June Meeting of the County Council.

2029 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45960 - T. O'CEIDIGH.

The County Manager informed the Members that a decision to grant Permission had been issued in this case, and the resolution as set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

2030 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45952 - GERRY FORDHAM.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The site is located at Caherpeak East on the Galway/Limerick road, N.17, 1½ miles south of Kilcolgan. It is on a realigned stretch of the route opposite a large lay-bye and is part of a large field of good agricultural quality. The site itself is not delineated although the applicant says that it is the only site he owns.

There has been one previous refusal to this applicant on this site by the Planning Authority. It was not appealed. There have, however, been 13 separate refusals on sites immediately adjoining it to the south, three of them relating to a Mr. J.J. Fordham, who would seem to be a relation to this applicant. Five of these thirteen refusals were also refused on appeal by the Minister and An Bord Pleanala, the two most recent being 3rd party appeals on

Section 4 decisions to Mrs. Kathleen Lane.

This area in general has been kept reasonably free from ribbonised development and the more adjacent houses were granted as local family housing needs.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The Council's policy of restricting development along National Primary Routes is clearly set out in Table 3, page 36 of the County Development Plan. The policy, which is to protect the safety and capacity of these routes, has been upheld on appeal in the vast majority of cases. In the present instance, no housing need has been claimed other than the statement on the application form that the site is the only one which the applicant owns. It would not then be regarded as one of the exceptional cases which might be permitted on the National Route.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked national primary road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road."

Councillor Michael Fahy proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda and he stated that the applicant is a young businessman who intends coming home from Canada and setting up a business in the area which would create much needed local employment. He also stated that it was not Mr. Fordham's intention to carry out any commercial development on the site which he required solely for residential purposes. Councillor J. Molloy seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the Permission sought should not be granted and referred to the fact that there had been 13 previous refusals of Permission in the vicinity of the site a number of which had also been refused by An Bord Pleanala on Appeal. Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal. Senator U. Burke stated that since all previous attempts to obtain permission in this case had been unsuccessful, the proposal should not have been brought forward again. Mr. Liam Kavanagh stated in reply to a query by Councillor Brennan that no prior consultation had taken place in relation to this application.

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

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, and P. Ruane.
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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor T. Byrne, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors F. Glynn, B. Holland, M.J. Kilgannon, P. O Foighil, M. Ryan.
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Deputy Connaughton did not vote.

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

2031 - ADDRESS BY THE VERY REV. DEAN GRANT:

Very Rev. Dean Grant welcomed the Councillors, the County Manager, and Officials stating that the first County Council Meeting to be held in Tuam was a historical occasion and that it was fitting that it should take place in the most historic site in Tuam. He stated that in modern times, Cathedrals were used not only for Ecclesiastical purposes but also for Secular purposes

such as for Concerts, Musical events, etc., and expressed the hope that St. Mary's Cathedral would be used much more for such purposes in future. He stated that the people of Tuam are very conscious of their heritage and that the Cathedral could not have survived without the active support of the people of Tuam. He expressed his gratitude to the County Council for accepting the invitation to hold their meeting at the Synod Hall and informed them that he had been asked by Bishop Duggan to convey the wish that the Holy Spirit would guide the Councillors in their deliberations.

2032 - ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS, MR. M. O'GRADY:

Mr. M. O'Grady, Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners, welcomed the Councillors and Officials, and expressed the hope that the Council would have a satisfactory evenings work in Tuam. He also expressed the hope that the Council would in the near future discuss the questions of Urban Status for Tuam and an extension of the Tuam Town Boundary. He stated that Tuam is expanding rapidly and that approximately one-third of the town is now outside the official town boundary as indicated on the map which he had arranged to have displayed for the information of the Council. He thanked the County Council for the houses which it had already provided at Parkmore and those which it was proposed to provide in the near future. He also thanked the Council for the welcome which it had afforded to the Tuam Town Commissioners when they visited Galway to address a meeting of the County Council.

2033 - HISTORY OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Dr. Tony Claffey addressed the meeting giving a summary of the history of St. Mary's Cathedral from the construction of the original building in the 11th Century and pointing out the principal Architectural and other features of the building. He also paid tribute to the work of the Group known as The Friends of St. Mary's for their efforts in the preservation and maintenance of the Cathedral and Grounds.

2034 - THANKS:

The Chairman thanked the Very Rev. Dean Grant and the Tuam Town Commissioners for their words of welcome. He stated that the Council were very pleased to have had the opportunity to hold its meeting in Tuam and that the venue for the meeting in such a historic building had added greatly to the significance of the occasion. He also thanked Dr. Claffey for his informative address.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED.

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

27th June 1983 DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE SYNOD HALL, ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, TUAM, ON MONDAY, 23RD MAY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor E. Haverty.
(b) Councillor P. O'Foighil.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, J. Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2035 - DEPUTATION - DUBLIN ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION:

The Chairman agreed to receive a deputation from the Dublin Road Residents Association and he gave permission to one person to address the Council.

A spokesman for the residents complained that too many members of travelling families are being appointed tenants of houses on the Dublin Road and they expressed strong objections to this policy and stated that they were not prepared to accept any further families.

2036 - MINUTES:

On the proposal of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, the Minutes of meetings held on 25th April, 29th April, 9th May, 13th May, and 16th May, (numbers 1967 - 2019, inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2037 - OVERDRAFT - QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1983:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, and seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, 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 Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 30th September, 1983."

Councillor O'Morain stated that it had been pointed out to Members in the course of the Estimates Meetings that the Council had to carry heavy Overdraft interest on monies paid out on behalf of Government Departments, and he mentioned especially Higher Education Grants. He asked that Ministers Donnellan and Connaughton would raise this matter with the appropriate Government Ministers.

2038 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 1983: PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS CIRCULATED:

The County Manager stated that a total allocation for 1983 is £264,000 of which the sum of £209,000 must be spent on farm roads which are grant-aided by the E.E.C. He stated that the balance of £55,000 is available for other types of roads and he stated the Council's views were being sought as to how this sum of £55,000 might be expended. He asked if the Council would like to consider spending this money on bog roads and on drains.

Councillor O'Morain asked that consideration would also be given to bridges and he enquired if it would be possible to use this for the purpose of completing the bridge at Muichneach.

Councillor Ryan stated that some farmers do not qualify for farm improvement grants in respect of drainage because certain drains do not qualify under the scheme and he asked if a substantial part of the sum of £55,000 could be used towards such drains leading to rivers and also mearing drains. He proposed that as much as possible would be used for this type of scheme.

Senator Ulick Burke seconded Councillor Ryan's proposal.

Councillor Kilgannon asked that the Council would again re-open the case of a Local Improvement Scheme in Gurteen submitted by Mr. P. Noone and he asked that this would be examined as sympathetically as possible pointing out that Mr. Noone had done quite alot of work himself.

Other Members also asked that special consideration would be given to utilising the sum of £55,000 as much as possible towards drainage and also towards the improvement of Bog Roads.

The proposed allocations were agreed.

2039 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of the houses occupied by them to Charles and Kay Gawley, Cullairbaun, Athenry, and to Delia Delaney, Firpark, Derreen, Ballyglunin, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 10th May, 1983, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which was circulated to each Member of the Council."

2040 - LOAN OF £45,900 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR COILLIN/CARNA GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £45,900 as a special contribution for the Coillin/Carna Group Water Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

2041 - NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION AT HARROGATE - 11TH-13TH OCTOBER, 1983:

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Council would send some representatives but that the names would be selected at the June Meeting. Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded this proposal.

Councillor Holland proposed and Councillor J. Burke seconded that no delegates would be sent this year to Harrogate. After a further discussion, Councillor Glynn proposed and Deputy Donnellan seconded that the question be put whether ^{or not} the Council should send delegates.

A vote taken whether or not any delegates should be sent to Harrogate this year resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Deputy Kitt, Councillors O'Conchubhair, O'Morain.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, O'Foighil, Ryan.

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The Chairman declared that in accordance with this vote, no delegates would be sent to Harrogate this year.

2042 - ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: JULY 1983:

Copy of letter from County Councils' General Council circulated to each Member was noted.

2042 - DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING:

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting of the County Council would be held on the 27th June, 1983.

Senator Ulick Burke referred to two interruptions of the Council meeting at that day in Tuam by protesting people and he considered that this could raise a serious problem when the Council holds its meetings outside Galway City. He believed that steps should be taken to prevent groups or individuals appearing before the Council without any prior arrangements being made.

Councillor O'Conchubhair supported Senator Burke.

2043 - REPORT OF AN BORD PLEANALA. 1981:

This report, copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council, was noted.

2044 - REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON REGISTER OF ELECTORS:

Copy of extracts from the Report circulated to each Member with the County Secretary's letter of 17th May, 1983, were considered.

It was agreed that consideration of this matter would be deferred to the June Meeting at which all aspects of the Working Party's Report would be considered.

2045 - TRAVELLING PEOPLE REVIEW BODY:

The Press Release, copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council, in connection with this matter was considered and discussed. Members gave instances of problems existing in their areas in connection with travelling people and also in connection with traders. The County Manager explained the difficulties which have arisen in trying to solve the problem of travelling people on the roadsides while no Hardstand facilities were available for them.

Deputy Fahey proposed that when the complete report comes to hand, a special meeting of the Council will be called in committee at which the County Manager would present a report which would refer to the entire problem in the County and set out proposals for a five year programme including provision of Hardstands. Deputy Fahey stated that there are two large groups of travelling traders coming towards Galway from the Midlands and he considered that the Council should be able to deal with the problem when they arrive.

Senator Ulick Burke asked if the Council has a register of travelling families who have been habitually living in Galway. He stated that they move into an area where they see that houses are being built and are there ahead of building in order to establish a claim for housing. He suggested that greater use should be made of the Pounds to deal with the problems of wandering animals.

Councillor O'Foighil now took the Chair.

The County Manager stated that he is now undertaking the Planning process for a five-year plan. When this is done, a copy of the Report will be sent to each Member of the Council and this will include proposals for Hardstands. Referring to complaints about travelling traders, the County Manager stated that the whole County has to be examined and he reminded Members that the Casual Trading Act requires the local authorities to deal with the problem from two aspects -

a) to regulate Casual Trading, and b) to facilitate it.

He pointed out that it would be very expensive to provide the number of trading places which would be required throughout the County if the Act is to be implemented.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter until the complete Report of the Review Body is available.

2046 - ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY 1982: GALWAY.

Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer stated that the report, copy of which was circulated to each Member, indicated that 90% of the waterways were free of contamination. There were, however, a few where problems existed and in the worst of those, sewerage schemes are proposed by the County Council as there is some contamination from existing sewerage treatment works which are inadequate.

2047 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as circulated to Members had been received since the last meeting.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

2048 - DEPUTATION TO AN TANAISTE AND MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

The County Manager stated that the Minister had informed the Council that he is prepared to receive a deputation from the Council in Leinster House at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st May, 1983. He asked that Members of the delegation would meet at Buswells Hotel, Molesworth Street, at 2.30 p.m. on that day.

Councillors Byrne and Brennan who were previously appointed to the Deputation informed the Council that they cannot attend and it was agreed that Councillors Ryan and O'Foighil would attend instead of them.

It was also agreed that the Deputies and Senators in the County would also be invited to go on a delegation.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2049 - SIGNS AT CLONBUR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MANNION - PROPOSED BY DEPUTY DONNELLAN:

The County Secretary stated that those signs are now in position.

2050 - FLOODING FROM CLYBAUN RIVER ON KNOCKNACARRA ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY J. DONNELLAN:

Deputy Donnellan asked that a reply be sent to him on this matter.

2051 - SEPARATE ENGINEERING AREA FOR SOUTH CONNEMARA - HEADQUARTERS IN CARRAROE - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that this is a very vast area, thickly populated, with many minor roads which are in bad condition. He felt that it remote from the existing headquarters and that it should have its own engineering area. He stated also that many problems arise in the area and there is difficulty in contacting an office with a view to getting some action taken.

Councillor O'Foighil supported Councillor O'Conchubhair's proposal and asked the County Manager to look into the problems involved and the cost involved also.

The County Manager stated that he thinks the proposal has some merit but there may be staffing and other problems and an examination will be carried to see what is involved and what cost.

2052 - BRIDGE AT MUICHNEACH - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Secretary stated that the total estimated cost of the bridge is £188,748 of which grants amounting to £170,000 has either been approved or promised by Roinn na Gaeltachta. He stated that there is a shortfall of £18,748 which Roinn na Gaeltachta asked the Council to meet but which the Council has not been in a position to provide.

After discussion, it was agreed that an urgent message would be forwarded to Roinn na Gaeltachta asking them to make money available without further delay towards the completion of this bridge.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that he expected the Minister would be in the area during the coming week and that his attention would be drawn to the problem. Deputy Donnellan stated that the Minister hopes to see the bridge in the course of his visit.

2053 - NEW GRAVEYARD AT CARRAROE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Secretary stated that this Burial Ground is almost complete except for internal paths but that burials can take place there at the moment. Replying to a further query by Councillor O'Conchubhair, he stated that because of priority in other areas, it may not be possible to have this Burial Ground completed in the current year but that burials can continue.

2054 - BILLE CEARTA DON GHAELIGE - MOLADH O NA COMHAIRLEOIRI P. O'FOIGHTL AGUS M. O'MORAIN:

Dúirt an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair gur cuir se a ainm leis an mholadh seo ach nach raibh a ainm ar an clar. Dúirt an Runai leis gurb'e cuis a bhi leis seo na go raibh a ainm thíos tri h-uaire faoi seo ar an gclar.

Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil an run a bhi ar an gClar agus cuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair leis. Glacadh leis d'aon ghuth.

It was agreed that the County Secretary would call a meeting in the near future of Coiste na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta to discuss the action plan for Irish 1983/86.

2055 - LANDS AT RINVILLE, MAREE, ORANMORE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

Councillor Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that the land should be divided among small farmers. Councillor Finnegan supported Councillor Fahy's proposal.

The County Manager stated that the County Council had taken a reasonable view in this matter and had decided to stand aside while the Land Commission and the local farmers were dealing with any problems which might exist between them. He pointed out, however, that if the land is not allotted to local farmers, somebody less desirable might come along and obtain part of the land from the Land Commission. The Land Commission informed the Council that one part of the land will not be divided and it is obvious that this will be used for development immediately it would be allocated. He considered that that part at least should be in public ownership in order to exercise effective control over it. He considered that something might evolve which would involve the Council in some small way in the land in the future and he advised the Council that it should not state that it would never have anything to do with the land in question. He considered that the County Council which is the only body

which has the public interest at heart should never say that it will not ever become involved.

Councillor Byrne stated that he was in favour of having the land divided between farmers but that the matter should be left to the Land Commission but the Land Commission had been stating that the County Council had still an interest in the land. If the resolution were passed by the Council, the Land Commission could not state that. He agrees that some part of the land cannot be divided. He stated that he would not like to see the old house and woodlands going to farmers. Deputy Fahey agreed with Councillor Byrne.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the Manager had made a most important and relevant contribution. He agreed that the Council should not say that it will never become involved and he stated that the Land Commission should be told to carry out their own responsibilities. He considered that in relation to the area with development potential, the Council should inform the Land Commission that they are interested and state that we have an interest in a minor degree.

The County Manager stated there is no question of his making any arrangement except what the Members of the Council approve. He feels that the Council should stay out of the matter exactly as it has already decided.

Replying to Deputy Fahey, the County Manager stated that we can write to the Land Commission and state that we do not want them to say that we are an inhibiting factor in their dealings with local farmers. It was agreed that the matter would be left as suggested by the County Manager. Councillor Fahy's motion was not, therefore, put to the meeting.

2056 - APPEALS BY MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING STAFF TO AN BORD PLEANALA - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY:

Deputy Fahey proposed the motion set out on the Agenda and stated that all the staff have private rights but as a matter of principle, he felt that it is wrong that staff should be accommodated through their work in getting involved and in having an opportunity to make Appeals to An Bord Pleanala against the views of the Council. He stated that the situation needed to be sorted out and he did not like to see the question of Appeals by staff go on while the Council is making a serious effort to reduce the number of Section 4 resolutions. He stated that good faith is needed now more than ever between the Council and the Planning staff.

Referring to the resolution proposed, the County Manager stated that he did not want a situation where a Member of the Planning staff exercising his private rights could make himself less useful to the County Council if the resolution were adopted. He does not want to make things easy for staff who lodge such Appeals. He stated, however, that he will think about the matter again. He stated that the last discussion in the Council was not helpful in relation to what he ^{actually} might have been considering at the time. He said he is prepared to talk to the Officer concerned again and he stated that he made it clear that he felt that Officers should not engage in the practice of lodging Appeals in such circumstances and he hoped that the Officer concerned would have heeded the advice given to him. He stated, however, that if no satisfactory solution is found, he may call the attention of the Minister to the anomaly in the law which permits appeals in certain circumstances and he hoped that the Officer concerned would have heeded the advice given to him. He stated, however, that if no satisfactory solution is found, he may call the attention of the Minister to the anomaly in the Law which permits appeals in certain circumstances. He repeated that he disapproves of Planning Officers appealing against decisions of the Council where Section 4 resolutions are passed, no matter how strongly they may feel about it.

2057 - COMPLETION OF DEVELOPMENT - PARKVIEW DRIVE, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The County Secretary stated that proceedings are still pending in the Circuit Court against the developers in this case for non-completion of the Estate. He also stated that Permission had been given on Appeal by An Bord Pleanala for 3 houses in an area designated as open space in the original Planning Permission

Councillor Burke stated that a ^{further} application for 2 houses has been lodged by the developer and he asked that the Council, if granting this Permission, would insert whatever conditions are possible to be inserted at that time in order to ensure that the development which already has not been completed should now be completed as a condition prior to allowing the building of those two houses to commence.

Councillor Finnegan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal.

2058 - HARD SHOULDERS NEAR KILTIERNAN NATIONAL SCHOOL:

Councillor M. Fahy asked that Hard Shoulders would be provided as a safety measure near Kiltiernan National School.

2059 - THANKS TO COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Joe Burke thanked the Members of the County Council for coming to Tuam for the Meeting.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Burke, Dean Grant, and Members of the Committee who provided refreshment for the Members.

2060 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

The Grealish Family, Carnmore.
The Elwood Family, Woodquay, Galway. Mr. Joe Glennon, Castlefarm, Dunmore.
Mrs. Hogan, Athenry Road, Tuam.
Mrs. O'Neill & Family, Roughaun, Ardrahan.
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Whoriskey, Fiddane, Craughwell.
Mrs. Kathleen Dooley, Gortnalon, Attymon, Athenry.
Ms. Mary Keeley, Ard West, Carna.
An Ceannfort MacDonncha, "Beairic Mhaoliosa", An Rinn Mhoir, Gaillimh.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

27th June 1983. DATE