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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

20th June, 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, 27th June, 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. "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 Mr. Donal Raftery, Craughwell, for the erection of two Advertising signs at Roo and Ballywulash, Craughwell. - Planning Ref. No. 46061."  
Michael Fahy. Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby.
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 Planning Permission to William Sheridan of Lydican, Oranmore, for a dwellinghouse at Kiltulla, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 45900."  
Patrick Ruane. Padraic McCormack. John Molloy.
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 Permission to Gerard Geoghegan of Glengowla, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Glengowla. - Planning Reference number 46258."  
Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Michael Fahy.
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 Outline Planning Permission to Mr. Sean Quinn, of Kilcloghans, Tuam, Co. Galway, for the erection of a serviced residential Apartment Development at Kilcloghans, Tuam. - Planning Reference Number 46199."  
Mark Killilea. John M. Mannion. G. Bartley.

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 Permission to Mr. Francis Gannon, of Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and garage at Cahergowan, Claregalway. - Planning Reference Number 46099."

Mark Killilea. Patrick Finnegan. Thomas Welby.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

21u Meitheamh, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 27u Meitheamh, 1983, nuair a bheas críoch leis an cruinniú bliantúil.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
  2. Report of Working Party on Register of Electors.
  3. Report of Deputation to Minister for the Environment.
  4. Review of County Development Plan.
  5. Layout of Council Chamber.
  6. Creation of Office of Senior Staff Officer in lieu of office of Staff Officer - to take effect when a vacancy for the latter post occurs.
  7. Revision of Salary Scales for Library Staff.
  8. I.F.H.P. Congress in Lisbon - May 1983 - Copy of report of County Council delegation herewith.
  9. Sale of plot of land at Kilclooney, Ballinasloe, to Department of Justice - Notice dated 16th June, 1983.
  10. Muicineach Bridge.
  11. Agreement with Roscommon County Council re repair and maintenance of Ballyforan Bridge.
  12. Office of Public Works Drainage Demand 1983 - Copy of letter from Department of the Environment herewith.
  13. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
  14. Business submitted by the County Manager.
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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.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

2. 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:

3. 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:

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

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will ask:

5. 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:

6. That a road which serves ten or more land owners be allowed for taking over by the County Council and declared a public road.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will ask:

7. 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.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will ask:

8. Will this Council complete the roadworks at Cloonboo junction this year?
9. What is the present position regarding the proposed sewerage scheme for Barna?
10. Has this Council any plans for a sewerage scheme for Spiddal Village?

(b) Other Motions Received:

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

11. That this Council repair and properly widen the public road leading to Richard Lohan's house at Laghaglas, Creggs.
12. That this Council take steps to prevent flooding at Curragh West Post Office, Dunmore, in times of rain.
13. That this Council take steps to prevent flooding at Cathill, Dunmore, (name of affected resident supplied).



14. AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe C.P.O. ar an chunim gar do Theach an Phiarsaigh sa Ghort Mor le ionad ceardaiochta, leithirisi Poibli, agus siopa caife a thogail le freastal ar thurasoiri.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

15. That Galway County Council erect pedestrian lights at Oranmore as same has been approved by the Garda Siochana.

COUNCILLOR ULICK BURKE - I will propose:

16. That Galway County Council will re-consider the proposed motorway at Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, in view of the traffic situation on this road.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

17. An Bothar a dheisiu ag Bothar Bui san gCeathru Rua, an ait a rinneadh an obair ar an searachas poibli.

18. Bothar Poll Ui Mhuirin, Leitirmoir a dheisiu.

19. Boithre i gceantair na Minna, Indreabhain, a dheisiu.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, COUNCILLOR TONY MURPHY AND SENATOR T. BYRNE - We will propose:

20. That the County Council name the Culairbaun Estate of serviced sites and provide name plates. The proposed name for the estate is 'Ard Aoibhinn'. That the County Council landscape the open space areas on this site.

21. That the planning permission granted for a shop at Culairbaun Estate, Athenry, be rescinded as those sites were sold by the County Council for residential purposes in an area which is zoned residential.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN - Molaim:

22. Go ndeanfar leasu faoi phrainn ar Bhothar Camuis.

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16th June, 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 of a proposal to dispose of a plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder, viz:-

Land:

Plot of land, area 4 perches 3 sq. yds approximately, situated in the townland of Dunlo.

Land Acquired from:-

Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

To whom land is to be transferred:-

Department of Justice.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:

The Department of Justice to transfer 3 perches 27 sq. yds to Galway County Council.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE  
County Secretary.



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

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Seamount College, Kinvara, Co. Galway.	Seven valuable Poplar Trees - broken and destroyed.	County at large.	£ 65.00	£135.75
Michael & Ellen Shaughnessy, Carrownamaddra, Kinvara.	Damage to mearing walls and fences, and an entrance gate from the roadway, and a spring heifer.	County at large	£300.00	£408.50
Thomas Clarke	Caravan and contents destroyed by fire.	County at large	£350.00	£277.50
Patrick Farragher, Woodvillage, Annaghdown.	Honda 50 Motor Cycle, burned, damaged, set on fire and destroyed.	County at large.	£350.00	£294.98

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
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17u Meitheamh, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 27u Meitheamh, 1983, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman for year 1983/84.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for year 1983/84.
3. Appointment of three representatives on the County Councils' General Council for year 1983/84.
4. Appointment of four representatives to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group in addition to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman who are ex-officio members.
5. Appointment of Representative on the Galway/Mayo Regional Arts Committee.
6. Appointment of County Libraries' Committee.
7. Appointment of National Monuments Advisory Committee.
8. Appointment of Higher Education Grants Committee.
9. Appointment of Sheep Dipping Committee.

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5th July, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of Galway County Council to be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday next, 11th July, 1983, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

1. Review of the County Development Plan.

Members are requested to take with them copy of the Plan which was handed out to them at the last meeting.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 24TH JUNE, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M.J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, J. M. Mannion, M. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; D. Commins, Staff Officer; T. Murphy, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The County Secretary stated that in accordance with the arrangement made at the Estimates Meeting, the proposed list of charges for Sanitary Services was submitted to Members for their observations.

Replying to queries by Members, the County Secretary stated that the scale was prepared on the basis that it would yield the sum of money adopted for receipts under those headings at the Estimates Meeting.

Mr. Lusby stated that the total estimated receipts amounted to £483,657, but if the total sum were collected under the scale, the amount would be something under £600,000. However, an allowance of about 20% had to be made for waiver of charges and for cost of collection.

Councillor O'Morain stated that when the matter was being considered at the Estimates Meeting, the County Manager agreed to reduce the charge for domestic water supply from £50 per house to £35 per house, and that Members assumed then that there would be corresponding reductions under all other headings. However, he expressed shock to discover that not alone did this not happen, but that considerable increases had been imposed and he referred in particular to the charges imposed on shopkeepers in addition to Rates which they will also have to pay.

Councillor Ryan referred to the proposed charges for troughs for agricultural purposes and he and other Members stated that the charges proposed were totally excessive and could result in very high charges for even a small farmer with a fragmented holding who would have to have a trough probably in every field.

Councillor Byrne and other Councillors also complained about the amount of charges for water for agricultural purposes and stated that they expected a scaling down of the charges under those headings.

Replying to demands for reduction in the amount of the charges, Mr. Lusby pointed out that at the Estimates Meeting, the County Manager stated that if the amount to be received in respect of charges is reduced, there must be a corresponding reduction in expenditure.

After further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Morain that each of the proposed charges be reduced by 30% to equal the amount of the reduction in the water charge for domestic purposes.

Members stated that they would raise these matters at the Council Meeting to be held on the following Monday, 27th June.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED  
SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

25th July 1983 DATE



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor E. Haverty.  
(b) Councillor M. Ryan.

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, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns and J. Howlett, Assistant County Managers; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; M. Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); S. O'Neill, Senior Executive Engineer; D. Barrett, and A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; Miss B. Hynes, Clerical Officer (Secretarial); Messrs. D. Commins, Staff Officer; W. Gildea, Clerical Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Senator M.D. Higgins.

2066 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor Haverty, the out-going Chairman expressed his thanks to the Members and to the County Manager and staff of the County Council for the co-operation and assistance which he had received from them during the past year. He also paid tribute to the press for the fair manner in which they reported proceedings of the Council.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Deputy Connaughton seconded that Councillor Michael Ryan be elected Chairman of the County Council for 1983/84. Do mhol an Comhairleoir Ceit go dtoghfaí an Comhairleoir Micheal O'Morain mar Cathaoirleach i gcoir na bliana 1983/84. Dúirt se go mba cheart go mbeadh Comhairleoir o'n Ghaeltacht ina Chathaoirleach i gcomhair na bliana deire de'n tearma seo.

Cuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair leis an run seo.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

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

(15)

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

(14)

The Chairman declared Councillor Michael Ryan elected Chairman of the County Council for 1983/84.

2.

Councillor Haverty congratulated Councillor Ryan on his election and invested him with the Chain of Office.

Councillor Ryan then took the Chair.

Councillor Ryan thanked the Members of his own Party and other Councillors who had voted for him. He stated that he would co-operate as fully as possible with the Members, the County Manager and the staff, in order to maintain the high standards of administration which the Council at present enjoys. He paid a special tribute to Councillor Haverty for the good work he had done during his term as Chairman. He stated that Councillor Haverty had done an excellent job during his term of office and was very fair to all Members of the Council.

The Chairman expressed the hope that the Council could end its business at 6.30 p.m. at each Meeting, and he asked the co-operation of the Members in order to achieve this. He appealed for more constructive debate at Meetings in order to make the Council more effective.

Dhein an Comhairleoir O'Morain comhghairdeachas leis an Comhairleoir O'Riain as ucht a thoghadh mar Chathaoirleach agus dúirt se go mbeadh athas air com-oibriú leis chun obair an Chomhairle a chur chun chinn.

Councillor Glynn also congratulated Councillor Ryan on his Election and referred to the considerations which influenced his vote and stated that he had undertaken at the beginning of the term of office of the present Council that he would ensure in so far as it was possible the Chair should rotate between different Parties.

2067 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 1983/84:

Deputy Kitt proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that Councillor M. O'Morain be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for 1983/84.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Deputy Connaughton seconded that Councillor Pol O'Foighil be elected Vice-Chairman for 1983/84. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

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

(17)

FOR COUNCILLOR O'FOIGHIL: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Kilgannon, McCormack, Mannion, O'Foighil, Ryan.

(12)

The Chairman declared Councillor O'Morain elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for 1983/84.

Do ghabh an Comhairleoir O'Morain buíochas da Phairte fhein agus gheall se aon chabhair is feidir leis/thabhairt don Chathaoirleach.

Dhein an Comhairleoir O'Foighil comhghairdeachas leis an Comhairleoir O'Morain agus ghabh se buíochas da Phairte fhein.

2068 - APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1983/84:

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Deputy Connaughton seconded that Councillors McCormack and Ruane be appointed representatives of the County Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1983/84.



Councillor O'Morain proposed and Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded that Councillor John Molloy be elected a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1983/84.

As there were no other proposals, the Chairman declared Councillors Ruane, McCormack and Molloy elected.

2069 - ELECTION OF FOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR 1983/84:

It was noted and agreed that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman are ex-officio Members of this Group.

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Deputy Connaughton that Councillors O'Foighil and Mannion be appointed representatives on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group.

Councillor Mannion withdrew his nomination.

Councillor Holland proposed and Councillor Glynn seconded that Senator Michael D. Higgins be appointed a representative on the Group for 1983/84.

Deputy Kitt proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that Councillor E. Haverty and Deputy F. Fahey be appointed Members of the Group. Deputy Fahey stated that he was withdrawing his nomination in favour of Councillor Joe Callanan.

Deputy Kitt then proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that Councillor Callanan be appointed a Member of the Group.

As there were no other proposals, the Chairman declared the following Councillors to be Members of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group for 1983/84 in addition to himself and the Vice-Chairman:-

Councillor P. O'Foighil  
Senator M.D. Higgins  
Councillor J. Callanan  
Councillor E. Haverty

2070 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL ARTS COMMITTEE FOR 1983/84:

Deputy Kitt proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that Councillor N. O'Conchubhair be appointed the Council's representative on this Committee.

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan and seconded by Deputy Connaughton that Councillor T. Byrne be appointed the Council's representative on the Committee.

A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

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

(14)

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

(15)

The Chairman declared Councillor T. Byrne elected the Council's representative on the Galway/Mayo Regional Arts Group for 1983/84.

2071 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE FOR 1983/84:

Deputy Kitt proposed that the out-going Committee be elected with the addition of Councillor J. Callanan. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Joyce.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Deputy Connaughton seconded that Councillor Byrne be elected to the Committee instead of Councillor J. Brennan who wished to withdraw from the Committee.

Deputy Donnellan proposed and Councillor O'Foighil seconded that Councillor McCormack be appointed to the Committee. Those proposals were approved by the Council and the following Committee appointed for 1983/84:

Clr. J. Mannion  
Councillor M.J. Kilgannon  
Councillor M. Ryan  
Mr. Patrick Hynes, Loughrea.  
Mr. Frank Donoghue, Coolfin, Abbey, Loughrea.  
Mr. Padraic Conneely, 5, Upper Newcastle, Galway.  
Mrs. Mary Burke, Kiltvna, Dunmore.  
Mrs. Margaret Stewart, 17, Lr. Newcastle, Galway.  
Mr. Fintan Coogan, Jr., Menlo, Galway.  
Mr. Alf McLoughlin, M.A., Librarian, University College, Galway.  
Councillor N. O'Conchubhair  
Councillor P. Finnegan  
Councillor E. Haverty  
Councillor M. Fahy  
Councillor F. Fahey  
Councillor T. Welby  
Deputy M.P. Kitt  
Mrs. Maura Croffey, Creagh, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Sean Fahy, Killimor, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. M. Leahy, 15, Dublin Road, Renmore, Galway.  
Mr. Patrick McNamara, 18, Rahoon Road, Galway.  
Councillor Lily Broderick, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.  
Councillor J. Callanan  
Councillor P. McCormack

2072 - APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 1983/84:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Donnellan, that the Members of the out-going Committee be appointed to be Members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1983/84. This proposal was approved by the Council and the following Committee was accordingly elected:

Full Members: Rev. P.K. Egan, P.P., Portumna.  
Mr. Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea.  
Mr. Martin Joyce, N.T., Aghrim, Ballinasloe.  
Dr. A. Claffey, Christian Brothers School, Tuam.  
Mr. D.J. Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.  
Prof. Etienne Rynne, U.C.G.  
Rev. Martin Coen, C.C., Craughwell.  
Mr. Hubert Bermingham, Dunmore.  
Mr. J.J. Molloy, Milltown.  
Mr. James Joyce, Co.C., Lawrencetown.

Honorary Members: Mr. Tom Fanning, Dept. of Archaeology, U.C.G.  
Mr. Garry O'Lochlainn, 63, Cruachan Park, Galway.  
Mr. Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam.  
Councillor Padraic McCormack, 3, Renmore Park, Galway.  
Mr. Patrick Holland, Dept. of Archaeology, U.C.G.  
Mr. Frank Burke, N.T., Abbey.  
Mr. Eoin Kennedy, 27, Hollygrove, Lisbeglawn, Renmore.  
Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard, Co. Galway.



2073 - APPOINTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE FOR 1983/84:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Donnellan and resolved that the Members of the out-going Committee as follows be appointed Members of the Higher Education Grants Committee for 1983/84:

- BALLINASLOE: Councillor Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.  
Councillor M.J. Kilgannon, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.  
The President, St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Michael Hogan, Caltra, Ballinasloe.  
The Principal, Convent of Mercy, Ballinasloe.
- CONNEMARA: The Headmaster, Community School, Clifden.  
Mr. Tom Connolly, Clifden, Co. Galway.  
The Headmaster, Community School, Carna.  
Mr. Brendan Flynn, Community School, Clifden.  
Mr. Micheal O'Flatharta, Carraroe.
- GALWAY: Mrs. B. Whoriskey, Devon Park, Galway.  
Mr. Fintan A. Coogan, Jnr., Menlo, Galway.  
Sr. Brigid, Secondary School, Oughterard.  
Mr. Danny Howley, 58, Glenard Crescent, Salthill, Galway.  
Councillor Micheal G. O'Higgins, Taylor's Hill, Galway.
- LOUGHREA: The President, Diocesan College, Gort.  
Senator U. Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea.  
The Principal, Seamount College, Kinvara.  
Mr. S. Cullinane, Principal, Vocational School, Athenry.  
Councillor E. Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
- TUAM: Sr. Dorothy Sommers, Currylea, Secondary School, Tuam.  
The President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.  
The Headmaster, Vocational School, Tuam.  
Rev. Mother, Mercy Convent, Tuam.  
Sr. Nuala Courtney, Presentation Convent, Headford.

2074 - APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE FOR 1983/84:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton that the out-going Committee be appointed for 1983/84 with the addition of Mr. Michael Conneely, Monivea.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Councillor Joyce that Councillor Joe Callanan be appointed a Member of the Committee for 1983/84. Those proposals were approved by the County Council and the following Committee was accordingly appointed for 1983/84.

- Mr. Hugh Melvin, Ganty, Craughwell.  
Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard.  
Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.  
Councillor Patrick Ruane, Carnmore, Oranmore.  
Mr. Joseph Higgins, Castletambert, Athenry.  
Councillor Frank Glynn, Cartron, Milltown, Tuam.  
Mr. John O'Connor, Kinturla, Kinvara.  
Mr. Hubert Reynolds, Gort na Grough, Roscahill.  
Mr. P. Thornton, Carragarew, Maam.  
Mr. Mark Canavan, Glann, Oughterard.  
Councillor Tony Murphy, Willmount, Athenry.  
Councillor Padraic McCormack, 3, Renmore Park, Galway.  
Mr. T.J. Scanlon, Menlough, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Michael Conneely, Monivea.  
Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.

2075 - APOLOGY FROM SENATOR M.D. HIGGINS:

The County Manager read a letter from Senator M.D. Higgins apologising for his inability to attend the Meetings on that date and setting out the reasons why it was not possible for him to attend.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED  
SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:  
*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN  
25th July 1983 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor E. Haverty.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

An apology for inability to attend was received from Senator M.D. Higgins.

Officials:

Messrs. P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., Planning; S. O'Neill, Acting S.E.E.; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2061 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46061 - DONAL RAFTERY:

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

"This proposal is for the erection of two advertising signs; on the N.6 one approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the Loughrea side of the same village. The signs are large ones, measuring 8ft. x 4ft. and are to be raised on stilts.

It has been the consistent policy of the Planning Authority to strictly limit advertising signs in rural areas and in particular along Primary and Secondary Routes, where, in addition to their unsightly effect, they become a traffic hazard.

The proposed application has been refused in August 1982 and was not the subject of an appeal.

It is again proposed to refuse it in line with Sections 6.05 and 6.06 of the County Development Plan for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed signs would constitute a traffic hazard as they would be situated adjacent to a heavily trafficked National Primary Route, where the maximum speed limit applies, and would serve as a distraction to users of the said road.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to strictly limit advertising signs in rural areas."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy and seconded by Councillor T. Murphy who stated that this man has spent a lot of money renovating his premises.

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

2062 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45900 - WILLIAM SHERIDAN:

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

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.



2063 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46258 - GERARD GEOGHEGAN:

The County Engineer informed the Council that a request for further information had issued in this case.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

2064 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46199 - SEAN QUINN:

Councillor O'Morain stated that the resolution in this case is being withdrawn.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not proposed.

2065 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46099 - FRANCIS GANNON:

The County Engineer 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. A recent Section 4 grant of Permission issued in respect of a site adjoining the present site.

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 2 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.

45358 Permission granted by Section 4 Motion to 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 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. The present applicant proposes to buy the site from Mr. Shaughnessy, who obtained the above Section 4 Grant.

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 Reference Numbers 44148 and 43442, and one dwellinghouse on lands which include this site, Planning Reference Number 44881."

Councillor Welby asked that this resolution be adjourned and stated that in the meantime, he would ask the applicant to apply for an extension of time for dealing with the application.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Ager CHAIRMAN

25th July 1983 DATE.



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH JUNE, 1983.

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IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputies Donnellan and F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and 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; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; M. Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); S. O'Neill, Acting S.E.E.; D. Barrett and A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; Miss B. Hynes, Clerical Officer (Secretarial); Mr. D. Commins, S.O.; W. Gildea, Clerical Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2076 - TUAM SUGAR FACTORY:

Councillor J. Burke referred to bad publicity which was recently given in the Press in connection with the Tuam Sugar Factory and he proposed that the County Council would pass a resolution setting out that the County Council is in favour of retention of the factory unequivocally. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Finnegan and adopted unanimously by the Council.

Ministers of State on the Council were asked to do everything possible to ensure retention of the factory.

2077 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Council extended its sympathy to Mrs. Mary Mannion, Moylough, on the death of her brother-in-law, Michael, former Rate Collector with the Council. The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, joined in the resolution of sympathy.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair, the Council also extended its sympathy to Eileen Bean Ui Chearbhaill, An tSraith Saileach, on the death of her husband, Sean.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy Niland, Chessy, Ardrahan.  
Mrs. Peter Connolly, Woodstock, Bushypark.  
Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hynes, Barna, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Walter Walsh, Maunsell's Park, Taylors Hill, Galway.  
Mr. William Conneely, Cottages, Galway Road, Clifden.

2078 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the Minutes of Meetings held on the 19th May and 23rd May, 1983, (Numbers 2020 - 2060, inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes, Deputy Connaughton asked what is the position regarding the Relief Road in Ballinasloe which was raised at a previous meeting. The County Engineer stated that he had been unofficially informed by the Department of the Environment that it was proposed to spend £100,000 on this road in the current year in order to bring it into use and to make it reasonably safe for traffic. He hoped that the road would be open in three months time. He expected that the remainder of the allocation of £150,000 would be allocated for road N.59 Galway/Clifden. Replying to Councillor Callanan, the County Engineer stated that part of the land required for the Harbour Road in Ballinasloe, has not been acquired but he had been assured by the Department that once the land is acquired, grants will be allocated for the completion of the work.

Councillor Joyce complained that travelling families were camped on the Bye-Pass road in Ballinasloe and he asked about the progress in negotiations for purchase of the land on the Harbour Road.

The County Engineer stated that negotiations with regard to the difficult land acquisitions are proceeding as quickly as possible and a decision would soon be made as to whether or not a Compulsory Purchase Order would be necessary.

Replying to Deputy Fahy, the County Engineer stated that it is intended proceeding with provision of hard shoulders at Kiltiernan this year.

2079 - REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON REGISTER OF ELECTORS:

The County Manager referred to this report, copy of which had been circulated to each Member, and stated that the Minister had invited observations from Registration Authorities in connection with the recommendations made. Senator Ulick Burke asked the County Manager to report on the efforts to be made by the Council to prepare a more accurate Register of Electors and stated that approximately 1,100 corrections to the Register were proposed in East Galway last year. It was suggested that each household should be circularised as was previously proposed and stated that some households had not been contacted. He complained also that the Registers were not being prepared impartially by Rate Collectors.

The County Manager stated that it is the duty of the Rate Collectors to prepare the Register. In the past, financial penalties were imposed on them and last year, the County Secretary had called all the Rate Collectors in and had informed them that a claim form had to be given to every household. He stated that Rate Collectors will now be informed that a very serious view will be taken in relation to their position as Rate Collectors if they fail to carry out a proper review of the Register in their areas.

Referring to queries by Councillor Callanan and Councillor O'Higgins, the County Manager stated that the County Secretary would prepare a report on the revision of the Polling Scheme for the next meeting.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that a simple form should be distributed to each household and should be collected again when completed.

The County Manager stated that he felt that the onus should be placed on voters to see that they are registered.

2080 - REPORT OF DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

The County Manager referred to this report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council; and he read for Members a letter dated 15th June, 1983, from the Department of the Environment which stated that the increase in the Office of Public Works demand in respect of Arterial Drainage is limited to an increase of 5% over the demand for last year.

2081 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to the memo which had been circulated to each Member of the Council in connection with this matter and suggested that the Council might consider a short review of the Plan now with a major review commencing in 1984.



On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Council to discuss this matter would be held on Monday, 11th July.

The County Manager stated that it is important that the Review would be done and that the amended Plan would be adopted by the end of January 1984. In the meantime, it would be necessary to have the amended Plan put on display for three months and a further two months would be necessary for consideration of representations.

2082 - LAYOUT OF COUNCIL CHAMBER:

The County Engineer presented drawings to the Council setting out his proposals for a re-arrangement of seating, etc., in the Council Chamber. The County Engineer replied to various queries by Members and explained in detail what he had proposed. He stated that the estimated cost is likely to be in the region of £8,000.

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that better facilities be provided for Radio na Gaeltachta and other press members who had difficulty in contacting their Head Offices with news of Council Meetings. He suggested that a phone should be made available for this purpose and Councillor O'Morain supported Councillor O'Conchubhair.

The County Manager stated that if the Radio and Press representatives approached him, he would see what arrangements could be made to suit them.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, the Council approved the County Engineer's recommendations for revised layout of the Council Chamber.

2083 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF SENIOR STAFF OFFICER:

On the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Council approved the creation of an office of Senior Staff Officer in lieu of an office of Staff Officer - this to take effect when a vacancy for the latter post arises.

2084 - REVISION OF SALARY SCALES FOR LIBRARY STAFF:

The County Manager informed the Council that the sanction of the Minister for the Environment had been received to the implementation of an Arbitration Award which recommended that parity and pay be established with effect from the 1st January, 1983, between the grades of Senior Library Assistant, Assistant Librarian, Executive Librarian, and County Librarian with the grades of Assistant Staff Officer, Staff Officer, Senior Staff Officer, and Administrative Officer, respectively. He stated that 11 Officials are involved and the cost of implementing the Arbitrator's Award for 1983 is £9,063. He gave particulars of the existing and proposed scales as follows:

GRADE	EXISTING SCALE	REVISED SCALE
	AT 1/1/'83	AT 1/1/'83
Senior Library Assistant	From minimum of £6,326 to a maximum of £9,024.	From minimum of £5,688 to a maximum of £9,742.
Assistant Librarian	From minimum of £8,583 to a maximum of £10,536.	From minimum of £9,742 to a maximum of £11,072.
Executive Librarian	From minimum of £10,095 to a maximum of £11,346.	From minimum of £11,072 to a maximum of £12,293.
County Librarian	From minimum of £10,727 to a maximum of £13,411.	From minimum of £11,072 to a maximum of £13,411.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Coogan, the Council approved the revision of salary scales for Library Staff as outlined by the County Manager.

2085 - REPORT OF I.F.H.P. CONGRESS IN LISBON:

Councillor McCormack thanked Mr. Howlett for preparing the report on this Conference and expressed his appreciation to him for his assistance to the delegates who attended the Conference in Lisbon. He stated that the Irish delegation to the Congress was not the largest and that the attendance of the Irish delegates created a good impression and many delegates expressed an interest in Ireland when meeting Irish delegates.

Deputy Fahey inquired why no member of the Planning staff had attended as had been suggested at a previous meeting. The County Manager stated that in selecting an official to attend, he had regard to the fact that the Official attending should have some relationship between the County Council and the Corporation both of whom had delegations to the Congress.

The Chairman stated that it should be left to the County Manager what officials attend Congresses.

Councillor Bartley strongly defended the case for sending delegates to International Congresses.

2086 - SALE OF LAND AT KILCLOONEY, BALLINASLOE TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Kilclooney, Ballinasloe, to the Department of Justice on the terms set out in Notice dated 16th June, 1983, circulated to each Member under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946."

2087 - BRIDGE AT MUICHNEACH:

The County Manager stated that the amount required to complete this bridge is approximately £34,000 for which a further grant of £18,700 would be required from Roinn na Gaeltachta. The full amount had been requested and it was pointed to Roinn na Gaeltachta that this was the condition on which the Council undertook the building of the bridge, i.e., that Roinn na Gaeltachta would pay the full cost. He stated that he did not like to see the bridge incomplete.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that many people are isolated, particularly people attending the Irish College. He also stated that a fish farm had recently been started there and this will also be affected.

The County Manager stated that if the Minister for the Gaeltacht would agree to pay the Grant in 1984, the Council might now be able to carry out the work in 1983 provided the Minister for the Gaeltacht undertook to pay the balance of the grant in 1984 and that the sanction of the Minister for the Environment would be forthcoming for Overdraft in the meantime.

After further discussion, it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor O'Morain that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be asked to guarantee payment of the balance for the Grant amounting to £18,700 in 1984 and that if this guarantee is given by the Minister, the Council, with the approval of the Minister for the Environment, would carry out the work in the current year by way of Overdraft.

2088 - BALLYFORAN BRIDGE:

The County Manager informed the Council that a problem exists in relation to the bridge at Ballyforan. He stated that the bridge was examined by the Galway and Roscommon County Engineers, and it was discovered that the bridge is in urgent need of repair and major reconstruction.



He stated that an additional problem will arise in relation to this bridge because of the proposed briquette factory at Ballyforan. He stated that the estimated cost of the repair work is £100,000. The County Engineer had approached the Department of the Environment and was confident that a grant of £75,000 towards repairs of the bridge will be available in 1984. This would be approximately 75% of the cost of the work. The balance is proposed to be shared equally by Galway and Roscommon County Councils. The County Manager now requested the approval of the Council to -

- a) to decide to carry out the work this year if necessary;
- b) to vote additional expenditure in 1983, if necessary;
- c) apply for a grant and share the balance of the cost equally with Roscommon County Council;
- d) invite Roscommon County Council to enter into agreement with Galway County Council to have the work done by the Galway County Council including repair and future maintenance on the basis of sharing the net cost over and above Grants where applicable;
- e) to carry out the work in 1983 assuming the work is sanctioned by the Minister even if finance is not available until 1984, in which event a vote for excess expenditure would be necessary in 1983.

On the proposition of Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Council unanimously approved the proposal of the County Manager in relation to the Ballyforan Bridge.

2089 - PROPOSED BRIQUETTE FACTORY AT DERRYFADDA, BALLYFORAN:

Deputy Kitt referred to a planning permission issued to Bord na Mona in respect of a proposed briquette factory at Derryfadda, Ballyforan, and stated that it was frustrating to find that Bord na Mona was in conflict with the County Council because of a levy of £300,000 towards the construction and improvement of roads in the area. He stated that it was frustrating to find a conflict between the County Council and Bord na Mona on this matter and stated that some uncertainty existed regarding the project as it was being reviewed by the appropriate Minister. He hoped that the problem between the County Council and Bord na Mona could be resolved.

The County Manager stated that from what Deputy Kitt had stated, it seemed to him that Deputy Kitt was being misled by Bord na Mona. Bord na Mona had come to the County Council for Planning Permission; there was never any doubt as to what the charge was for. They were being charged for works which were necessitated by the development which they proposed and which works are required to enable them to carry out their own proposals. They seemed to feel that they are different from everybody else and they feel that they do not have to pay planning contributions as everybody else has to do. The works in question would not be required if Bord na Mona had not come to the area with this proposal and the whole matter had been explained to them at 3 or 4 meetings.

Deputy Kitt stated that Bord na Mona had told him that they had paid £150,000 towards "advance road".

The County Manager stated that this is only a short stretch of road into a bog which had to be opened up to enable Bord na Mona to get their machinery in. The work is being done by the County Council out of the money paid by Bord na Mona and part of the cost is also being met by the Council. Bord na Mona seemed to be under the impression that they were conferring a major benefit on the County Council by giving the Council the job to do.

The County Manager stated that the most serious aspect of the matter is that Bord na Mona is knowingly flouting the law and when the Manager had contacted them on two occasions, and told them this, they stated that they would continue with the work and still allow their appeal to stand. Councillor Joyce supported Deputy Kitt's statements and stated that there was frustration in the area because of factories being held up.

The County Manager replied that the Council is not holding up the factory. Bord na Mona had stated to him that they would make it appear that the County Council was holding it up and it appeared to him that the Members of the Council who had spoken had fallen for this.

Councillor Joyce stated that while he had sympathised with the County Manager, the Council is seen as being the people who are holding up the permission.

The County Manager expressed serious concern that Members are falling into the trap which was set by Bord na Mona. He stated that if the work goes ahead without a contribution, the residents will not have a road and that the Council has no source of revenue whatever to carry out the work which would be necessitated by the Bord na Mona operations. He considered that Councillors should inform Bord na Mona that the £300,000 levy is a small part of the total cost of their investment in that area. If the contribution is not paid, residents will rightly ask why the work was allowed to go ahead without steps being taken to protect the roads.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he did not hold any brief for anyone breaking Planning Law but he felt that the development charges and the Planning Permission should be separate issues.

The County Manager stated that the law stipulates that the charge must be imposed as a Planning condition.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the charge proposed should be built into Bord na Mona's costs and he pointed out that as stated by the County Manager, the work on the roads would not be necessary if Bord na Mona were not carrying out their operations in the area. He asked that the Council arrange to meet Bord na Mona again.

The County Manager replied that Bord na Mona had stated that if the Council made the charge, they would take steps to make it appear that the Council was holding up the development.

Replying to Councillor Callanan, the County Engineer stated that the work proposed would be on two roads - Regional Road No. 363 from the National Secondary Road to Ballyforan and County Road No. 514. The Council had limited Bord na Mona to those two roads and if they had gone elsewhere, they would also ruin the other roads. The traffic arising from the briquette factory would be limited to those two roads.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the Council would be doing an injustice to the people of the area if it did not back the proposals made by the County Manager. He stated that other people are made liable for development charges. He did not see why Bord na Mona should not also be liable. The County Manager stated that the E.S.B. had willingly paid a contribution in similar circumstances in respect of the road from Moneypoint to Ennis in County Clare - on National Primary Road.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the Council authorise the County Manager not to give way to Bord na Mona in respect of this development charge.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that he agreed with Councillor Kilgannon and he asked if any agreement had been reached with Bord na Mona.

The County Manager stated that he had had several meetings with Bord na Mona and that officials of the Council had in fact gone to Littleton to meet them and to learn more about their operations. Bord na Mona were under no doubt whatsoever regarding the amount of the contribution, which had been reduced by £50,000 when Bord na Mona reduced the size of the factory, although the traffic will in fact be the same. A Condition was put in to the Planning Decision and while Bord na Mona appealed it, they also started work despite of the fact that they were aware and it was pointed out to them that they were in breach of Planning Law.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that Bord na Mona should not be allowed to get away with what they were doing and the County Council should not withdraw its



position. He supported the County Manager's attitude fully.

Councillor Glynn also supported Senator Burke's proposals and stated that the Council should not tolerate a breach of the Law by Bord na Mona.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the Council should come out clearly and state that Planning conditions should be adhered to including the payment of contributions. Replying to further comments, the County Manager stated that Bord na Mona had appealed a Planning Decision and so they had not permission to do the work which they carried out. Deputy Kitt asked the purpose of the **Injunction** which had been applied for. The County Manager stated that it was to prevent continued breach of Planning Law. Deputy Kitt asked the County Manager if the County Council would withdraw the application for an Injunction.

The County Manager replied that there was no question of withdrawing. He had asked Bord na Mona if they would withdraw their Appeal in which case Planning Permission would be given or alternatively if they would stop work. They refused both.

Deputy Kitt stated that he was amazed that a developer was being charged for two roads. He considered that this area of the County should get special consideration and that Bord na Mona were providing their own water and sewerage services.

The County Manager pointed out again that the charge against Bord na Mona is for necessary improvement works to permit them to carry out the work which they propose and the charge arose directly from Bord na Mona's proposed operations only. The County Manager also stated that the Council was not saying that the contribution is for maintenance of the road but for improving the roads so that the residents can continue to use them.

Deputy Kitt proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that the County Manager would again look at the question of this levy.

The County Manager stated that Deputy Kitt and Councillor Joyce were putting the interest of Bord na Mona before that of the County Council and of the residents of the area.

Deputy Kitt stated that he backs the County Manager in relation to upholding of the Law but he did not agree with the amount of the levy.

The County Manager stated that the charge made had been carefully examined on the basis of the circumstances of the application and he pointed out again that the E.S.B. paid a levy in similar circumstances to Clare County Council. He pointed out that this is the only source of Revenue which the Council has for improving those roads to enable Bord na Mona to carry out their proposals and for service of that industry and the local people.

Referring to a further query by Deputy Kitt who asked if the Council has looked at levies in similar circumstances elsewhere, the County Manager stated that Littleton had been examined - this is near a National Primary Road and did not need any work. Replying to Councillor O'Conchubhair, the County Manager stated that there is no question of a new policy being introduced in this case - each case coming before the Council is examined on its merits.

#### 2090 - TRAVELLING PEOPLE:

Senator Ulick Burke stated that travelling people have been damaging walls and fences in various places where they are parked particularly on lay-bys, and these could result in malicious damage claims. He asked that something be done as a matter of urgency and that notices prohibiting parking be erected at specific places.

Councillor Haverty stated that children on the road in Killimor are causing an obstruction and horses are also a problem.

The County Manager stated that there is nothing that the Council can do to move travelling people off the roadside unless there are sites made available to accommodate them. He stated that the Council will get no sympathy in the Courts unless it provides a place for them for parking of caravans. A Report from the Review Body dealing with travelling families is expected soon and a copy will be sent to the Councillors when it arrives. At present, work has commenced on the preparation of a five year plan in anticipation of the report and this will involve not alone housing proposals for the five year period but the provision of parking places throughout the County.

Councillor T. Murphy asked that the County Council would take steps to provide Hardstands.

Deputy Frank Fahey also asked that the County Manager would propose a few sites for Hardstands at the next meeting.

#### 2091 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

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

#### 2092 - CLARINBRIDGE HOUSING - SEWAGE DISPOSAL:

Deputy Fahey complained about the condition of the sewage disposal plant at the Housing Scheme in Clarinbridge. He asked that arrangements be made to have the tank emptied regularly and to have details of the scheme available for the next meeting. He also asked that discussions would take place with the Chief Medical Officer regarding the number of sources for Group Water Schemes which have been turned down because they were within 200 yards of a septic tank. He stated that there are a number of cases where grants were sanctioned and then refused by the Chief Medical Officer. He stated that this is a departure from previous policy and he asked the County Manager to investigate it.

#### 2093 - PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS AT ORANMORE:

Senator Ulick Burke asked whether the Council intends to take over the Sewage Treatment Plants provided at Oranmore by Mr. Kilraine. He stated that it was expected that when these were provided that they would be taken over by the Council in a short time when the new Sewerage Scheme would be in operation. He pointed out, however, that the Sewerage Scheme is taking an exceptionally long time and he asked that the Council would now consider taking over the Plants and get an income from it by the levying of charges. He stated that the plants had been provided at a huge cost to the developer who has also provided lighting and other services to a very high standard.

The County Manager stated that he hoped it would not be too long before some progress is made with the Sewerage Scheme but he stated that there is a condition in the Planning Permission in relation to the Kilraine Estate requiring the developer to maintain the treatment works until the new Sewerage Scheme is provided by the Council. There were problems about this from time to time which was assumed to be due to lack of maintenance. The Council had no proposal for taking over the plants at the present time.

Senator Burke asked if the County Council would review the matter in view of the fact that they can now make charges for maintaining the Plant and the County Manager stated when the new law is **in force**, the matter will be examined but he pointed out that there are times when the Council was quite dissatisfied with the performance of this Plant. Senator Burke then asked if the Council would take over and maintain the drain leading from the Treatment Plant which is at present in a bad condition. The County Manager stated that the Council could take over works only on the basis of payment. He would have to look carefully at any proposals submitted.

Councillor Byrne asked the County Manager to meet Members for the Loughrea Area and the Contractor in this case. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Haverty and agreed.



2094 - RELEASE OF MR. NICKY KELLY:

Councillor Ruane proposed and Councillor Glynn seconded that the Council request the Minister for Justice to arrange for the immediate release of Mr. Nicky Kelly. They pointed out that two companions charged with him have been released and that he already had served three years of a sentence. It was agreed that the resolution would be sent to the Minister for Justice.

2095 - ATTENDANCE OF COUNCILLORS AT DEPUTATIONS:

Councillor M. Fahy complained that he was not notified when a deputation was recently received in connection with the "Rent a Cottage Scheme" in Kinvara.

The County Manager stated that where any Councillor from an area is invited to a deputation, all other Councillors in that area are notified.

2096 - WATER CHARGES:

Councillor O'Morain asked that the County Manager re-examine the scale of Water Charges which were circulated to Members at the recent Finance Committee Meeting. He stated that while the domestic charge was reduced from £50 to £35, Councillors expected the corresponding reductions would apply in respect of other premises. He stated that particular reference was made at the Estimates Meeting to the charges for business premises and to the charges for troughs for agricultural use.

The County Manager stated that the figures which he has produced were those which were estimated to produce the sum of money which the Council estimated would be received and which is set out in the estimate adopted. After a discussion on the matter, the County Manager stated that he would review the charges for small business premises and for cattle troughs.

2097 - ROAD AT BRACKERNAGH, BALLINASLOE:

Senator Burke, referring to his motion, no. 16 on the Agenda, stated that controversy had arisen in connection with an access road to a housing scheme at Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.

The County Manager stated that this is part of a proposal by Ballinasloe Urban District Council to gain access to a housing scheme. It is not the business of the County Council and it has had nothing to do with it.

Councillor Joyce stated that this was providing an additional access onto a National Primary Road and as such should be the Council's concern.

The County Manager stated that traditionally one local authority does not discuss the business of another and that it would be an impertinence for one local authority to discuss the business of the other in a matter which is solely the responsibility of the other authority - Ballinasloe Urban District Council in this case.

He stated that this proposal is in accordance with the Dunlo Action Area Plan adopted by Ballinasloe U.D.C.

2098 - NAMING OF CULLAIRBAUN ESTATE, ATHENRY: MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY, COUNCILLORS MURPHY AND BYRNE:

The County Secretary stated there is no objection to naming of the Estate as Ard Aoibhinn as set out in this proposal, subject to agreement of the residents. He stated, however, that there are no funds available to carry out any extensive landscaping.

Deputy Fahey asked if an estimate would be prepared of the cost of landscaping.

2099 - SHOP IN HOUSING ESTATE AT ATHENRY - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY AND COUNCILLORS MURPHY AND BYRNE:

Replying to this proposal, the County Manager stated that the Athenry Plan makes provision for permission for shops in residential areas and that when dealing with this application, the Council thought that they were facilitating the people in the Estate by providing a shop in their vicinity. With regard to the question of revoking the permission, he stated that this could not be done except for very serious planning reasons.

Deputy Fahey stated that the houses on this estate were sold to people who were acquiring a house for the first time and who were in need of housing and he did not consider that a shop should be permitted in it. He stated that notice of the Planning application was given in the Irish Times which is very little read in the area.

The County Manager stated that a mix of shopping and residential development is permitted in residential areas and this is also provided in the City Development Plan.

Councillor Fahy stated 8 parking places are provided and he asked that every aspect of this application be re-examined with a view to ascertaining if anything can be done to prevent the provision of the shop at this location. Councillor Byrne stated that it is likely that this site would be sold.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

25th July 1981 DATE



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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

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, E. Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillors 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, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); Miss M. O'Flynn, Executive Planner; and Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2100 - HARDSTANDS FOR TRAVELLING FAMILIES:

Councillor Coogan stated that much concern is being expressed with the lack of parking facilities for travellers who are parking on roadsides. He asked that steps be taken to provide Hardstands for them.

2101 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the latest date for completion for the Review of the County Development Plan is 28th January, 1984, and that accordingly, steps are being taken to comply with the legal requirements with regard to the Review of the Plan. He suggested that the Review now recommended to be undertaken should be confined to those issues which would require modification at this time and that the main text of the Plan might remain unaltered until a Major Review is commenced almost immediately.

A memorandum prepared by the Planning Officer who is dealing with the Review of the Plan has set out a number of matters which might be considered now but he stated that a number of the items mentioned in this memorandum which had been circulated to Members did not involve any departure from the existing provisions of the Plan. He suggested that the Council might review the plan under a number of headings which would constitute a limited review of the Plan, with a major review coming afterwards. He stated that if the short review now recommended could be completed at this meeting, the major review could be commenced possibly by taking one section of the Plan in the month of September, examining it in detail and deciding on the form which it should take in the major review of the Plan.

He then gave a brief outline of the headings in the memorandum before the County Council and he suggested that the Council might then consider the first item for review recommended, i.e., services.

Senator Ulick Burke referred to a paragraph in Part 2 of Circular dated October 1982 from the Department of the Environment in connection with Contraventions of the County Development Plan and stated that this Circular had specified that there is no prohibition in the Acts in the granting of Permissions which contravene the Plan. He stated that it appeared to be the case in County Galway that anything that contravened the Plan was automatically refused.

The Deputy County Manager stated that what the Department was urging was a flexible approach to Planning and that the Acts made provision for bringing cases of Material Contravention before the Members and provided for publication before a final decision was made on whether to grant Permission in such cases or not.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that a problem for Councillors was that of interpretation and he suggested that a meeting should be held during which the Councillors should start at the beginning of the Plan, go right through it and revise it where necessary.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the procedure recommended was adopted with a view to having some minor alterations made in the Plan now, alterations which the Members wanted and then to undertake a major review, section by section. Replying to queries by Members, he stated that they can review any part of the Plan at any time even immediately after the adoption of a Plan and that there is procedure whereby any sections of the Plan can be changed from time to time subject to compliance with the legal procedures.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that an attempt by him and by Councillor O'Foighil some time ago to deal with a section of the Plan had been ruled out of order by the County Manager.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that the Manager had said on a number of occasions that if the Councillors wanted something changed in the Plan, they should put down a motion and the necessary procedures would be put in train.

When Mr. Callagy, Planning Officer, had commenced giving an explanation of the changes he had suggested in the memorandum which had been circulated to Members, Councillor Byrne stated that the changes proposed should be set out clearly, typed and circulated to Members.

The Deputy County Manager stated that it was not intended that a major review of the Plan should be undertaken now, that a few items which had been set out in the memorandum would be considered item by item by the Members and decisions taken on them in order to complete the short review and have the Plan adopted by January next. The Chairman stated that the Council complete the short review now recommended - they could commence the major review in two months time as part of the major review.

Replying to a suggestion by Councillor Kilgannon, that the Council should consider those parts of the Plan which have given rise to Section 4 resolutions, he stated that the Council could follow this procedure and make whatever alterations they deem necessary in those aspects of the Plan in order to comply with the legal requirements in relation to time. Once this is done, the major review could start almost immediately.

Councillor Byrne stated that the review procedure should have been started long before now.

In the course of the discussions, <sup>the</sup> following comments and recommendations were made by Members:



1. That in the interpretation of the Plan, certain "grey areas" should be clarified.
2. That Councillors do not accept the population settlement principles as set out in the Plan.
3. That in the review of the plan, regard should be had to the aspects of the plan which have caused difficulties and resulted in Section 4 resolutions - that those contentious issues be examined.
4. The Development Plan is more a Control Plan than a Development Plan.
5. That it appears to be the case that Industrial Development will in future be taxed by way of Development Charges in certain rural areas.
6. Advertising Policy in the Plan should be examined with a view to specifying and providing locations at which place, only, would advertisements be permitted.
7. The Plan must be carefully considered to ensure it meets the needs of the people.
8. The designation of most of Connemara as an Amenity Area and of huge areas where no houses are permitted, is not acceptable.
9. The Plan does not make adequate provision for second family dwellings.
10. The Plan should provide for fully serviced caravan sites, e.g., at Aillebrack near Connemara Golf Course.
11. Councillors do not make the Plan - it is written by Officials. The Plan should be written by Councillors under headings to be supplied by Officials.
12. The Councillors should give their views on the provision which should be made for scenic areas and these should be incorporated in the Plan.
13. Statements of desirable objectives should be stated simply and clearly - the size of the Plan should be reduced considerably.
14. The Plan should be kept under constant review - starting immediately after the adoption of a Plan.
15. The Plan is full of aspirations - some such as Water Schemes have had some success, but no progress made with Sewerage Schemes.
16. The Plan should have specific objectives for development in Gaeltacht Areas.
17. Imposition of development charges for industry in relation to roads will encourage industry from rural areas to towns.
18. Expert advice on septic tanks and treatment of effluent should be provided by the County Council.
19. Councillors should be asked to make submissions setting out what changes they wish to see in the plan within one week.
20. Proposals for sanitary services and other public works should be set out in the Development Plan.
21. The Development Plan should set out not only the desirable objectives, but the extent to which it is expected those objectives will be achieved during the period of the Plan.
22. It does not make sense that the Plan provides for encouraging people to build in villages, while no services are available for them in those villages - an indication should be given in the Plan of the date on which the necessary services will be provided in the villages in question.

23. Negative and misleading statements should be omitted from the plan, and statements of intent should be included - definite concrete proposals should be part of the plan.
24. Where a new house is built to replace an old one, the owners should be permitted to retain the old house for alternative uses.
25. The provisions of the plan should be concise and unambiguous.
26. The classification of all of the Lough Derg Lakeshore as High Amenity Land is bad policy.
27. Where in the vicinity of any town, sites are scarce except on a National route, the Council should be flexible in dealing with applications for permission on that route.
28. The Council should examine its policy in relation to discharge of sewage from public schemes into the sea - some treatment should be provided in all cases.

In the course of further discussions, the County Engineer stated that it would be too much for the Council to take on the full review of the Plan in September and he suggested that for a special meeting in September, the Council might consider one aspect of the Plan and he suggested the provisions in relation to amenity areas. This could be reviewed fully and decisions made on the future provisions of the Plan in relation to these areas. After that, roadside development could possibly be taken as the next subject for examination.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that he would like to see the full Planning staff who are involved in the making of recommendations on Planning applications at meetings of the Council to get their views, and when Section 4 reports are presented to the Council, he asked that the person who prepared the Report should be at the Council Meeting to discuss its contents with Members.

It was agreed that a special meeting of the Council would be held on Monday, 12th September, 1983, to consider the amenity areas section of the Plan and to decide what changes, if any, should be made.

#### EXTENSION OF TIME FOR REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

It was proposed by Senator M.D. Higgins, seconded by Councillor M. G. O h-Uiginn, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council, having considered the question of the Review of the County Development Plan made on the 29th January, 1979, and having decided that it is expedient to postpone the making of any variation in the said Development Plan or the making of a new Development Plan pending further detailed examination of certain aspects of the said Plan, direct that application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend, in accordance with Section 20 (1A) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 43 (1) (f) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, the statutory period referred to in Section 20 (1) of the said Act of 1963 as it affects the Development Plan for the County of Galway, the extension sought being the period of twelve months commencing on 29th January, 1984."

#### 2102 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Nora King, Errislannan, Clifden.  
 Patrick Scully and Family, Castlegar, Galway.  
 Mrs. Mary Lydon, Rusheenachalagh, Carna.  
 Mrs. Bridget Berry, Carna.  
 Bairbre Bhean Mhic Donnachadha, Loughconeera, Carna.  
 Mrs. McNamara and Family, Lisheen, Tynagh.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED  
 SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:  
*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN  
 25th July 1983 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

19th July, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council at the County Buildings, Galway, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next, 25th July, 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. Tugann muid treoir don Bhainisteoir Contae cead pleanala do theach a thabhairt do Mrs. A. Ross, Ard Mor, Carna, d'reir an uimhir pleanala 46228."  
  
P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. F. O'Cuagain.
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 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.
3. "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 Mr. Aiden Finnegan, Tawnagh East, Gort, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse, garage and septic tank at Tawnagh East, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 46283."  
  
Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. 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 Outline Permission to Thomas Grealish of Cregmore, Claregalway, for the erection of a house at Carnmore. - Planning Reference Number 45065."  
  
P. McCormack. Patrick Ruane. John M. Mannion.

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5. "D'reir Acht 4 den Acht an Bhainistíocht Contae, 1955 (Leasaithe), eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead Pleanala go Sean Polan, Teach Mor, Indreabhan, le teach conaithe a thogail ag an seoladh . . . - mar ata thuas. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanala 46292."  
  
P. O'Foighil. John M. Mannion. P. McCormack.
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. Francis Gannon, of Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and garage at Cahergowan, Claregalway. - Planning Reference Number 46099."  
  
Mark Killilea. Patrick Finnegan. Thomas welby.
7. "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 Peter Murphy for a dwellinghouse at Cregannamore, Oranmore. - Planning Reference No. 46273."  
  
Frank Fahey. John Molloy. M. J. Kilgannon.
8. "D'reir Acht 4 den Acht an Bhainistíocht Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe), eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead . . . bothar a oscailt go Tully Group Sewerage Committee agus le Dabhach Searachas a thogail, etc. ag Tully, Rinn Mhaoil. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanala 27763."  
  
P. O'Foighil. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

19u Iuil, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 25u Iuil, 1983, nuair a bheas críoch leis an cruinniú speisialta.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Local Authority Housing - Capital Allocation 1983 - Report herewith.
3. Housing Finance Agency Loans - Rate of Interest - Copy of Circular from Agency herewith.
4. Raising of loan of £57,500 for extensions to Killimor Sewerage Scheme.
5. Raising of Supplementary Loans for Water and Sewerage Schemes - list hereunder:

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Barna Water Supply Scheme	24,500
Carraroe Regional Scheme - Clynagh Extension	8,000
Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Scheme - Phase 1	6,200
Tuam Water Supply Improvements Scheme	5,200
Athenry Water Supply Scheme	2,100
Shruffaun/Bungowla Water Supply Scheme	12,600
Portumna Water Supply Scheme	36,000
Cloonacauneen Extension	1,900
Knocknacarra Sewerage Scheme	8,250
Moycullen Sewerage Scheme	6,000
	<u>110,750</u>
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6. Seminar at Killorglin, Co. Kerry. - "Development of Walking Routes" - Copy of Circular from An Comhairle Naisiunta Spóirt herewith.
7. Letter from Tuam Town Commissioners, re extension of Town Boundary and Urban Status.
8. Sale of Housing sites at Ballygar to Rural Housing Organisation - Notice dated 14th July, 1983.

9. Continuation of arrangement for holding special meeting at 2.30 p.m.
10. Polling Scheme for County Galway - Minute No. 2079 of Meeting held on 27th June, 1983. - Report herewith.
11. Serviced sites for travelling families - report herewith.
12. New bridge at Muichneach-idir-dha-shaile.
13. Arts Grants 1983 - report herewith.
14. Amenity Grant - Gort Community Centre.
15. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
16. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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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.
2. 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 the existing main.

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

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

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose.

4. 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:

5. That a road which serves ten or more land owners be allowed for taking over by the County Council and declared a public road.

COMHAIRLEOIR POL O FOIGHIL - Molaim:

6. Go gcuirfeadh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe C.P.O. ar anchuimíngar do Theach an Phiarsaigh sa Ghort Mor le ionad ceardaíochta, leithirisi Poiblí, agus siopa caife a thógail le freastal ar thurasoirí.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose

7. That Galway County Council erect pedestrian lights at Oranmore as same has been approved by the Garda Síochána

(b) OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED:

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

8. Is it possible for the Grange Turloughmore Group Water Scheme to get a connection to the Galway Mains Water Supply.
9. That Galway County Council should mark out the Carpark at Killanin Church, Roscahill.
10. What is the present position re the Mid Galway Group Water Scheme.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will again propose:

11. That steps be taken by Galway County Council to ensure that the quality of water in Tuam Town be brought up to proper standards.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim

12. Sna meastachán Leathnach 10 do 1982 socraíodh go gcaithfí £50,000 ar bhothar Cnocnacathrach/Forbacha agus go gcaithfí £110,000 idir An Spideal/Casla i 1982. Cen mhéid a chaitheadh ar an da ait seo go fireannach agus cen ait go baileach ar chaitheadh e. Bhfuil briseadh síos ar an gcaiteachas ar fail.

13. Ag deire na seascadáí (C.1968) d'ainminigh an Foras Forbartha Bothar Cois Fharráige Mam mar Mheán Bothar Naisiunta (tentatively designated the Cois Fharráige road as National Secondary Route and was known as the N.76) Ar cuireadh an cheist seo os comhair cruinniu den Comhairle Contae riamh agus ar shocraigh an Comhairle Contae an N. 76 a mholadh no gan e a mholadh don Roinn Comshaoil. Bhfuil an Comhairle Contae sasta e a mholadh anois.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN. - Molaim

14. Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach cen staid a bhfuil G.S. An Choilin Charna aige?
15. Ba mhaith liom go ndéiseofai an bothar idir Carna agus an Sraith Sailleach.
16. Ba mhaith liom go gceadofai do na Coirleoirí a gcuid N.O.M. airgead a chaitheamh ar fheabhsu boithre Conndae mas mian leo e.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose.

17. That the County Council permit Tully Group Sewerage Scheme proceed with their sewerage treatment plant on the site originally agreed by the County Council or alternatively that the Council suggest a suitable site and compensate the Group for locating on the alternative.
18. That the County Council carry out immediate improvements in order to provide a proper quality water supply for Craughwell and also that they commence plans for a sewerage scheme at Craughwell.

COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY - I will propose

19. That the Council recommend to the Department of the Environment that the road between Galway and Carraroe be upgraded to National Secondary Road Status.
20. That this Council remove the large bank of clay in front of Maddens Nursery at Woodstock and give the four householders an opening straight out on to the proposed new road, as has been done for another householder nearer the City on the same stretch of Road under construction at present.
21. That this Council provide a Public Refuse Dump in Oughterard area.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

22. That Galway County Council pay Expenses and the Expenses of Solicitor of Mr. John O'Reilly, 3, St. Colmans Terrace, Gort who has been awaiting a number of years for the Title Deeds of his house from Galway County Council.

COUNCILLORS MICHAEL J. KILGANNON, JAMES JOYCE, JOE CALLANAN AND JOE BRENNAN AND DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT - We will propose:

23. That this Council ask the Government to proceed immediately with the building of the Briquette Factory at Derryfadda, Ballyforan.



COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR. - I will ask

24. For what specific reason have the Department of the Environment refused to recognise the main South Connemara road as a national secondary route?
25. Would this Council agree that the road traffic on the South Connemara main route is heavier than the main Galway Clifden route?
26. That Galway County Council extend the footpaths from Minna to Tully and would it be possible to have this scheme done under the Youth Employment Scheme and have same included in next years estimates?

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.

14th July, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed sale of land at Ballygar, 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 land, as set out hereunder:-

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Michael A. Pettit, Ballygar.

TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

Rural Housing Organisation,  
Shannon, Co. Clare.

<u>Site Nos.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
3 to 7	17.4 sq.perches approx. per site.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

£3,500 per site

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

K. Doyle  
County Secretary.



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

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Stewart Homes Ltd., 43, Lr., Salthill, Galway.	Chain link fencing was damaged by cutting in numerous places.	Borough of Galway.	£300	£359.44

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

The Chairman announced that he had received an apology for inability to attend from Deputy J. Donnellan.

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., Planning; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2103 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46228 - MRS. A. ROSS.

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil an run a bhi ar an gClár.

Councillor O'Foighil's proposal was seconded by Councillor Kilgannon.

The Deputy 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.



3. Planning Reference Number 45317 was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds:

- (i) 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 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) The proposed development would be liable to cause partially treated soilage water to percolate onto and pollute the adjacent beach, thus constituting a health hazard which would be contrary 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 washing 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, thus constituting a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor O'Foighil stated he could see no objection to this development and that the small house proposed would not be visible from any public road. The site is reached by a very narrow road which is very difficult of access. He stated that the applicant has been living partly in Germany and partly in Ireland and that she and her parents had come as refugees to Ireland during the last War.

The County Engineer stated that it is one of the most beautiful areas he had seen anywhere in Ireland and he felt that it would completely spoil the area if any development were permitted in it. He stated that the house proposed would be visible from a public road and he felt that in this particular case, it would spoil the area completely to have the development allowed.

He felt that this beach which is one of the most magnificent which he had seen should be developed by the County Council for amenity purposes. He stated that the applicant had submitted no proposals for disposal of sink and bath waste and this is what the report states would be likely to cause pollution.

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

Although it was not then 4.30 p.m. - the normal time for taking votes, it was agreed on the proposition of Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Councillor Glynn, that a vote be then taken.

A vote was then taken for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda and it resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Byrne, Coogan, Kilgannon, O'Foighil, Ryan. (5)

AGAINST: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Glynn, Holland, Joyce, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby.

(13)

The Chairman declared the resolution defeated.

The following Members did not vote:

Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Finnegan, Haverty, Senator Killilea.

2104 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46283 - AIDEN FINNEGAN.

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

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

2105 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45065 - THOMAS GREALISH.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The site is located adjacent to the National Secondary Route at Carnmore West, approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Carnmore Cross. The applicant has claimed that the application is for a second family dwelling on the family farm. The owner of the site is a Mr. John Grealish, a cousin of the applicant. The applicant states that the site is being given to him by his cousin.

There have been a number of applications made to the Planning Authority in respect of this site and in respect of lands on the family holding in the immediate vicinity of the site.

Planning Reference Number 16387: Outline Permission was granted for 1 out of 3 dwellinghouses by the Planning Authority and by the Minister following an appeal on a site which included the current site and the adjacent site to the south. The applicant was a Mr. Peter McWalter who claimed ownership of the site. Condition 1 of the Minister's grant of permission stipulated that 1 house only be constructed on the entire site, this dwelling has since been constructed.

Planning Reference Number 20852: Outline Permission was granted for 2 dwellinghouses on the family holding to Mr. John Grealish on sites along the National Secondary Route to the south of the current site. Mr. Grealish claimed a housing need at the time permission was subsequently granted for 1 dwellinghouse on a site which included both



of the above sites to a Mr. Van Staeyne under Planning Reference Number 29154.

Planning Reference Number 24808: Outline Permission refused for 1 dwellinghouse on the same site as current site. The applicant was a prospective buyer.

Planning Reference Number 34033: Outline Permission granted for a bakery to Mr. P. Curran on site to the south of current site and within the boundaries of the original farm holding.

Planning Reference Number 35949: Full permission granted for bakery to Mr. P. Curran on above site.

From the land maps submitted by the applicant in support of his application which show all of the lands in the ownership of his cousin, Mr. John Grealish, there are other lands within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of the current site on the family holding which front onto minor roads where the proposed dwellinghouse could be located. Indeed, there is one part of this holding to the north-east of the applicant's site for which Outline Permission was granted for 3 number dwellinghouses to Mr. John Grealish under Planning Reference Number 28779. There is no record on file of any subsequent application for approval on these sites.

REFUSAL IS, THEREFORE, RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located adjacent to a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the said route.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan 1979, which seeks to restrict housing development along the National Routes to particular permissible classes of housing need which need has not been demonstrated by the applicant as there are alternative house sites permitted and available on family land off the National Secondary Route."

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

The County Engineer reminded the Council that this involves an opening onto a National Secondary road and is accordingly contrary to national policy. He also stated that the applicant had alternative sites which could be suitable and he stated that three Outline Permissions had already been granted which had not been used. Councillor Ruane stated that the right-of-way to those particular sites is in dispute and that those permissions would not be used.

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

2106 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46292 - SEAN FOLAN.

The Deputy County Manager stated that a request for further information had issued in this case. The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

2107 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46099 - FRANCIS GANNON.

The Deputy 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. A recent Section 4 grant of Permission issued in respect of a site adjoining the present site.

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 1 house on site which includes present site - applicant Josephine Keane.

43442 Permission refused for 2 houses on larger site - applicant, Mr. Michael Shaughnessy.

44148 Similar to 43442.

44704 Application withdrawn.

44881 Permission refused for 1 house on present site - applicant, Mr. Michael Shaughnessy.

45358 Permission granted by Section 4 Motion to 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 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. The present applicant proposes to buy the site from Mr. Shaughnessy, who obtained the above Section 4 Grant.

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 Reference Numbers 44148 and 43442, and one dwellinghouse on lands which include this site, Planning Reference Number 44881."



The proposal set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor Welby. The County Engineer stated that no special housing need is claimed in this case, that the site is on a laneway controlled by a farm gate and he considered that this could lead to further development adjoining a National Primary Route. It is undesirable that these laneways should be used as a private development road beside National Primary Routes, thereby increasing traffic hazards.

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

2108 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46273 - PETER MURPHY.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the N.18 Galway/Limerick road approximately half way between Oranmore and Clarenbridge. It is opposite a minor road along which a number of permissions for housing development have been granted.

BACKGROUND:

This application was first applied for in June 1981 and a request for further information was sent on 8th July, 1981, to obtain housing need and to ascertain if it fell into any of the permitted categories.

None of the forms sent to the applicant were in fact completed and returned to the Planning Authority, but a letter was sent on behalf of the applicant by his Architect stating that his father had purchased the site for the purpose of giving it to his son to build a house when he got married.

It was also noted that the son, Peter Murphy was living in rented accommodation in Oranmore and no other connection was claimed with the area.

On the above facts, it was felt that the applicant had not established a sufficient case to permit the house on a National Primary Route. The same application was refused in July 1982. (Ref. 43122) and in April 1983 (Ref. 45456).

It is again proposed to refuse permission for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
2. The proposed development would contravene the provisions of the County Development Plan which seeks to restrict development along national routes to housing related to members of farm holder's family or replacement houses. This application does not relate to either category."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor M. Fahy. Councillor J. Burke stated that he was approached by the applicant and he felt that he had a reasonably good case particularly as Permission had been granted on an adjoining site without a Section 4 resolution.

The Deputy County Manager stated that special circumstances apply to this case of which the Members of the Council were made aware previously and that the Council had unanimously passed a resolution asking the County Manager to deal with this case sympathetically.

Councillor Glynn stated that he was Chairman at the time and he was aware that all Parties in the house were aware of the special circumstances and that he felt that it was completely wrong of the Council now to use this as a precedent for the present case. He stated that the Council had at that time agreed that that particular Permission would not be used as a precedent for any future cases. This aspect of the matter was discussed for a time but as there was no amendment to the resolution, the Chairman declared it carried.

2109 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45897 - RICHARD BARTLEY.

Councillor Bartley stated that the applicant in this case was his brother and that he did not propose to take any part in the discussion or the decision in this case and he then left the room while the matter was being discussed.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is on the location of the old Pound adjacent to the showgrounds in Clifden.

HISTORY:

Outline Planning Permission was granted on this site, Planning Ref. No. 11234, on appeal by the Minister for Local Government on 13/3/83 for a workshop. The application was refused by the Planning Authority for 3 reasons all relating to contravention of the zoning provisions of the Development Plan. A condition of the Outline Planning Permission was that the workshop should not exceed 12 ft. in height. Approval for the workshop was granted on 11/3/74 Planning Ref. No. 14867.

Permission was refused by the Planning Authority on 1/12/82, Planning Ref. No. 44152, for an application for development similar to that now under consideration, on the following grounds:

1. The proposed development would constitute an intensification in use to an already permitted but undeveloped manufacturing usage in an area which is zoned for communal use in the development plan for the Town of Clifden, and, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The layout of and means of escape from the proposed development is unacceptable in accordance with recognised standards, in the event of an outbreak of fire and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a fire hazard.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site in question is at present undeveloped. The site is zoned for communal use in the development plan for the Town of Clifden and is located immediately adjacent to the showgrounds.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

The proposed development would constitute an intensification in use to an already permitted but undeveloped manufacturing usage in an area which is zoned for communal use in the development plan for the Town of Clifden, and, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that this is in respect of living accommodation proposed to be constructed over a workshop at Hulk Street, Clifden.



The workshop for which Permission has already been given has not yet been constructed. He stated that the applicant who is at present in England is returning and that he had previously been refused Permission for a dwelling on the family holding. The accommodation now proposed was necessary to accommodate the family. Councillor O'Morain seconded Councillor Welby's proposal.

The County Engineer referred to paragraph numbered 2. in the Report and stated that the applicant was creating a fire hazard for himself and his family in the accommodation proposed.

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

2110 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - APPLICATION TO OPEN ROAD FOR TULLY GROUP SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The proposal set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor O'Foighil and seconded by Councillor Welby. Councillor O'Foighil stated that Planning Permission for a septic tank for this scheme had been given in 1979. A Group Sewerage Scheme has been planned but the Council is refusing the Permission to open the road for the purpose of laying the pipes. He stated that the Group should be praised for preparing this scheme on which they had spent alot of money. The Department had informed them that they would not pay any money until the Council had issued a road opening licence to them and they are at present in debt to the Bank.

Deputy Fahey asked if his resolution, number 17, could be taken in conjunction with this and the Chairman stated it could not, the Council had to deal with the Section 4 resolution first.

Deputy Fahey supported the case made by Councillor O'Foighil and stated that the Council had given planning permission in 1979 on the basis of documents lodged and with disposal works for a specific site which is set out in the application. If there were any objections to the site, the Council should then have specified them and not wait until now. The Council should share some of the blame with the Group for the delay and the increased cost and he stated that if the site is not suitable, the Council should show them where they can get an alternative site and should meet some of the cost. Councillor O'Morain also supported the case made by Councillor O'Foighil and Deputy Fahey.

The Deputy County Manager stated that planning approval was issued for this scheme on the understanding that the discharge of the sewage would be up to the standards prescribed by the I.I.R.S. and on the basis of information in this regard submitted by the Group. It was a condition of the Planning Approval that the scheme would be constructed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Council. A subsequent inspection of the site where the sewage would be disposed of, indicated that it would not be possible to achieve the standards on which agreement had been reached. The Group were informed of this and they have not so far come up with an alternative design. The State Grants allocated to the scheme amount to £3,750 and the scheme is designed to serve 15 houses. A special contribution from the Council as in the case of water supply schemes is not available and the Council have no funds from which they could subvent the scheme. He stated the proposals submitted by the Group are not up to the standard required.

Replying to Members, the Deputy County Manager stated that the Chief Medical Officer was not consulted when the application was being considered.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that the Medical Officer should have been involved at that stage. The Deputy County Manager stated that the responsibility for ensuring that the plans comply with requirements rests with the developer and they should have satisfied themselves that the site and the disposal arrangements were suitable.

Deputy Fahey stated that it was ridiculous for the County Council to adopt the attitude that it is now adopting particularly in view of the fact that a site was identified on a map when the planning application was submitted and they did not check it out properly at the time.

Replying to further comments, the Deputy County Manager stated that the Permission was given subject to a condition which must be complied with by the developers.

The Deputy County Manager stated that he wished to make it clear to everybody that if this scheme goes ahead, it will have to be financed completely by the developers as the Council has no authority whatever to make any contribution towards it and if the development is not carried out to a satisfactory standard, the Council will have to take appropriate action.

Deputy Fahey stated that it is a matter of concern to him that it was the Medical Officer who condemned the site and he asked that the Council Engineer would again look at it and see if it can be made suitable. The present situation is not the fault of the Group.

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

2111 - DEVELOPMENT OF BEACHES:

Arising from the discussion in relation to the Section 4 resolution regarding proposed development at Ardmore Beach, Carna, Councillor Glynn proposed that the Council should have a policy in relation to the development of beaches.

Councillor J. Burke stated that money is being spent on amenity schemes and where public land is available, the Council should allocate some of the money towards the development of beaches and prepare appropriate schemes. It was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor Glynn, that this matter be put on the Agenda for the August Meeting.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that development of beaches was not a priority, that the real lack in the Western area in particular was infrastructure and it should have priority in relation to money available.

Councillor Welby stated that money made available by An Bord Failte and places such as Derrymoyle and Knockferry should be availed of and should not be returned to Bord Failte. He asked that the schemes in those areas be completed.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

22/8/83 DATE



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH JULY, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

The Chairman announced that he had received an apology for inability to attend from Deputy J. Donnellan.

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., Planning; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2112 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Fahey, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Minutes of Committee meeting held on 24th June, 1983, and also meetings held on the 27th June and 11th July (numbers 2066 - 2102, inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes, Deputy Fahey stated that he had asked at a previous meeting that the question of sources near septic tanks be put on the Agenda for this meeting.

The Deputy County Manager stated that this will be dealt with under business submitted by the County Manager later in the meeting.

Referring to Minute no. 2067, Councillor O'Morain stated that it had been drawn to his attention that he had thanked only the Members of his own Party for supporting his Election as Vice-Chairman, he now wished to thank the other three Members of the Council who supported him on that occasion.

Referring to Minute No. 2095, Councillor M. Fahy stated that he again wanted to complain that he was not invited to a meeting in connection with the Rent-a-Cottage Scheme at Doorus and he asked that he be informed of the reason for this at the next meeting.

2113 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING - CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR 1983:

The Report of the Assistant County Manager setting out particulars of the allocation and of the schemes to be started, was submitted and considered. He mentioned that there is an increase of £1 million in this allocation over that for 1982.

Deputy Connaughton welcomed the increase of £1 million and he asked that something be done to arrange for quicker removal of demountable dwellings where they are not required by the original applicant. He also asked that some arrangement be made whereby an intended tenant can on paying the cost have an additional room provided for his house while it is being constructed by the local authority. Councillor Finnegan complained that because of inadequate finance, existing houses were allowed to go into disrepair.

Deputy Fahey stated that while he welcomed the increase of £1 million in the Capital Allocation, it would provide an additional 30 to 35 houses only in the year. Councillor Brennan asked if some allowance could be made to tenants in their rent if they undertook the repair of their own houses.

Councillor Callanan stated that the income limit for Housing Loans from the County Council should be increased from £7,000 to £9,000 and that the amount of loan should also be increased.

Senator Killilea stated that many tenants are looking for repairs to their houses and he asked that the Council investigate some method whereby the tenants who carry out their own repairs <sup>he</sup> also asked that the Council should improve the design of its housing and housing schemes so that no difference would be apparent between public and private schemes.

2114 - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY LOANS:

The Assistant County Manager's report was submitted setting out that the Housing Finance Agency proposed to increase from 3½% to 4½% ~~over~~ the inflation rate as the amount of interest payable for loans in future and that they also reserve the right to vary the amount of interest at any future date in respect of loans. This matter is being examined by the Council's Law Agent who is in touch with the Housing Finance Agency concerning it.

Deputy Connaughton stated that there was unjustified criticism of the operations of the Housing Finance Agency and he considered that it is providing a very good service for people who could not otherwise get Housing Loans.

Councillor Fahy stated that while the Housing Finance Agency loans had some attraction while inflation was falling, the action now being taken was a retrograde step and did not make the loans as attractive as they would otherwise be. He understood that the reason for this is that the Housing Finance Agency had to increase the amount of interest which they had to pay for money to investors.

Councillor Glynn criticised the fact that while the inflation rate is coming down, the interest rate on these loans is being increased. He considered that people should know where they stand throughout the currency of the loan right from the beginning even if that meant a somewhat higher interest rate.

Councillor Kilgannon disagreed with criticism of the Housing Finance Agency.

All Members of the Council <sup>who</sup> spoke on housing matters, complimented the staff of the Housing Section for their efficiency and courtesy.

Councillor Haverty stated that Members are getting many inquiries regarding Housing Finance Agency Loans which they cannot answer and he proposed that the Council set up a small Committee to consider the matter. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

It was decided to put this matter on the Agenda for the August Meeting.

2115 - RECEPTION OF PROFESSOR EDWARD LYNKEY:

At the request of Councillor M. Fahy, the Chairman welcomed Professor Edward Lynskey, a native of Ardahan, who has been living in South Africa, to the Meeting. Prof. Lynskey then addressed the Meeting briefly and spoke on economic and other relations between South Africa and Ireland.

2116 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - KILLIMOR SEWERAGE SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £57,500 towards the cost of carrying out extensions to Killimor Sewerage Scheme on the Kiltormer and Tynagh roads - the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and be repayable over such period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the usual rate."



2117 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOANS FOR COMPLETED WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £110,750 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other sources or sources as may be approved by the Minister for the purpose of financing excess expenditure on the following schemes -- the loan to be repaid over such period or periods and at such rate of interest as may be approved by the Minister:-

	£
Barna Water Supply Scheme .....	24,500
Carraroe Regional Scheme - Clynagh Extension .....	8,000
Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Scheme - Phase 1 .....	6,200
Tuam Water Supply Improvements Scheme .....	5,200
Athenry Water Supply Scheme .....	2,100
Shruffaun/Bungowla Water Supply Scheme .....	12,600
Portumna Water Supply Scheme .....	36,000
Cloonacauneen Extension .....	1,900
Knocknacarra Sewerage Scheme .....	8,250
Moycullen Sewerage Scheme .....	6,000
<u>Total</u> .....	<u>110,750 "</u>
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2118 - SEMINAR AT KILLORGLIN, CO. KERRY. - DEVELOPMENT OF WALKING ROUTES:

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

"That the Council send four delegates to this Seminar, the Members to attend to be selected at the August Meeting of the Council."

2119 - SALE OF SITES AT BALLYGAR:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of five sites at Ballygar to the Rural Housing Organisation in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 14th July, 1983, under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which was circulated to each Member of the Council."

Replying to Councillor Brennan, Mr. Howlett stated that there is no condition attached to the sale to the effect that sites have to be allocated to particular classes of applicants.

2120 - AMENITY GRANT - GORT COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The Deputy County Manager requested the approval of the Council to payment of an amenity grant equal to the amount of Planning fee which was paid in respect of the Community Centre at Gort. He stated that this was a special case in that the Community Council had sent in the application before the charging of fees became operative but that it did not arrive in time. He stated that the total fee paid was £4,072.25.

It was proposed by Deputy Fahey and seconded by Senator Killilea, that the Council approve the Deputy County Manager's recommendation.

Councillor Glynn stated that he would object to the proposal if the amount is coming out of the sum provided in the Estimates for Amenity Grants. The Deputy County Manager stated that a proposal will be brought before the County Council to increase the provision for amenity grants by this sum.

The Council approved the allocation of the grant as recommended by the Deputy County Manager, on the condition stated.

Senator Killilea asked that information be available at the next meeting on the total amount of fees paid in respect of planning applications to date.

2121 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Margaret Dunne, Lavalley, Tuam.
- Mrs. Richard Canavan, Castlelambert, Athenry.
- Mr. & Mrs. Ned Connelly, Barnaboy, Turloughmore.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

22/8/83 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

16th August, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council at the County Buildings, Galway, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on Monday next, 22nd August, 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. "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 Mr. Aiden Finnegan, Tawnagh East, Gort, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse, garage and septic tank at Tawnagh East, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 46283."  
  
Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Toddie Byrne.
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 P. Costelloe, of Anbally, Cummer, Tuam, for a serviced dwelling at Anbally, Cummer. - Planning Ref. No. 46163; and that no eurement Clause be installed on the Approval forms.  
  
Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.
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 Permission to Gerard Geoghegan of Glengowla, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Glengowla. - Planning Reference Number 46258."  
  
Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Michael Fahy.
4. "Application for Outline Planning Permission for Retail/Shopping Units at Townparks 1st Division, Tuam, County Galway, (Planning Reference No. 45062) received from Mr. Matt Habley, such development being a Material Contravention of the County Development Plan."

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u Lunasa, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 22u Lunasa, 1983, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Housing Finance Agency Loans - Rate of Interest - Minute No. 2114.
3. Seminar at Killorglin, Co. Kerry. - "Development of Walking Routes" - Copy of Circular from An Comhairle Naisiunta Spóirt already circulated. - Nomination of 4 delegates as agreed at Meeting on 25th July, 1983.
4. Letter from Tuam Town Commissioners, re extension of Town Boundary and Urban Status.
5. Continuation of arrangement for holding special meeting at 2.30 p.m.
6. Polling Scheme for County Galway - Minute No. 2079 of Meeting held on 27th June, 1983. - Report circulated.
7. Serviced sites for travelling families - report circulated.
8. New Bridge at Muichneach-idir-dha-shaile.
9. Arts Grants 1983.
10. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads. - List herewith.
11. Rate of Interest - Local Loans Fund.
12. Overdraft - Quarter ending 31st December, 1983.
13. Temporary Lay-off of Council Workers.
14. Sale of sites to:-
  - (a) Michael Wallace, Cullighbeg, Maam. - site at Cullighbeg.
  - (b) John Daly, Ballyboggan, Athenry. - site at Ballyboggan.Notices dated 9th August, 1983.



15. Higher Education Grants 1983 - Copy of scheme as approved by Higher Education Grants Committee and Minute of Meeting herewith.
16. Development of Beaches (Minute No. 2111).
17. Malicious Damage Decrees. - list herewith.
18. 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.
2. 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 the existing main.

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

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

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

4. 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:

5. 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 MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose

6. That Galway County Council erect pedestrian lights at Oranmore as same has been approved by the Garda Síochána.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK - I will ask:

7. Is it possible for the Grange Turloughmore Group Water Scheme to get a connection to the Galway Mains Water Supply.
8. That Galway County Council should mark out the carpark at Killanin Church, Roscahill.
9. What is the present position re the Mid Galway Group Water Scheme.

COUNCILLOR JOE FURKE - I will again propose:

10. That steps be taken by Galway County Council to ensure that the quality of water in Tuam Town be brought up to proper standards.

11. AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN - Molaim:

- Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach cen staid a bhfuil G.S. An Chóilin Charra aige?
12. Ba mhaith liom go ndeiseofai an bothar idir Carna agus an Sraith Sailleach.
13. Ba mhaith liom go gceadófaí do na Coirleoirí a gcuid N.O.M. airgead a chaitheamh ar fheabhsu boithre Conndae nas ndian leo e.



14. COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY - I will propose:

That the Council recommend to the Department of the Environment that the road between Galway and Carraroe be upgraded to National Secondary Road status.

15. That this Council remove the large bank of clay in front of Maddens Nursery at Woodstock and give the four householders an opening straight out on to the proposed new road, as has been done for another householder nearer the City on the same stretch of Road under construction at present.

16. That this Council provide a Public Refuse Dump in Oughterard area.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

17. That Galway County Council pay Expenses and the Expenses of Solicitor of Mr. John O' Reilly, 3, St. Colmans Terrace, Gort who has been awaiting a number of years for the Title Deeds of his house from Galway County Council.

18. COUNCILLORS MICHAEL J. KILGANNON, JAMES JOYCE, JOE CALLANAN AND JOE BRENNAN AND DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT - We will propose:

That this Council ask the Government to proceed immediately with the building of the Briquette Factory at Derryfadda, Ballyforan.

COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - I will ask:

19. For what specific reason have the Department of the Environment refused to recognise the main South Connemara road as a national secondary route?

20. Would this Council agree that the road traffic on the South Connemara main route is heavier than the main Galway Clifden route?

21. That Galway County Council extend the footpaths from Minna to Tully and would it be possible to have this scheme done under the Youth Employment Scheme and have same included in next years estimates?

(b) OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

22. COUNCILLOR JOSEPH BURKE

That in the design of Housing Schemes the Council make provision for a number of small houses for single parent families and elderly people.

COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

23. That a special meeting be held to review progress, on all group water schemes in the County and to consider a report from Council Officials on difficulties and delays being experienced by groups in the sanction of sources, approval of grants, sanction and payment of special contributions, progress on source testing this year and difficulties being experienced by County Medical Officer's reports.

24. That a special meeting be held to consider a verbal report by the engineering staff on the ongoing progress being made on each Regional Water Scheme and Sewerage Scheme in the County.

25. That the Roads and open spaces at Cloonarkin Drive and Beach Park, Oranmore be taken in charge immediately.

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
(Galway County Council)

# DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Notice is hereby given that Galway County Council at a meeting to be held not later than one month from the date of publication of this notice, will consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be Public Roads.

Area	From	To	Metres
Athenry	Jnc. 433 in Townland of Lenamore (Tiaquin)	towards Monaghan's House in Townland of Lenamore	120
Galway	Co. Rd. 98 in the Townland of Carrowlustraun, Moycullen	D. Quaid's and T. McLoughlin's Houses in townland of Carrowlustraun	98
Milltown	M. Kelly's House in Townland of Ahgloragh	T. O'Neill's House in Townland of Ahgloragh	100
Tuam	C.R. 133 in Townland of Luimnagh East	Keane's House in Townland of Luimnagh East	85
Galway	Ballindooley C.R. in Townland of Ballindooley	towards P. Carroll's House in Townland of Ballindooley	120
Loughrea	C.R. 482 in Townland of Carrownagappoge	towards gate near M. Killieas House in Townland of Garryboghala	460
Milltown	C.R. 233 in Townland of Quinaltagh	towards Abraham's in Townland of Quinaltagh	194
Mountbellew	N.S. Rd. N.63 in Townland of Brierfield South	towards V. Ryan's House in Townland of Brierfield South	90
Milltown	H. Cunningham's House in Townland of Rosdaul	towards County Road 276 in Townland of Rosdaul	55
Milltown	C.R. 223 in Townland of Carron	M. Ruane's House in Townland of Carron	356
Milltown	C.R. 267 in Townland of Springfield	towards Springfield House gate in Townland of Gortdrisagh	60
Portumna	C.R. 574 in Townland of Gurteenpeader	towards M. Nevin's House in Townland of Gurteenpeader	300
Tuam	Rear access road in Dublin Road Housing Estate, Toberjarlath Townland	Rear of new houses Athenry Road, Toberjarlath Townland	65
Oughterard	Jnc. with M.R. L.100 in Townland of Laughanbeg	P. O. Fiaharta's House in Townland of Laughanbeg	125
Oughterard	Co. Rd. 63 in Townland of Carrowroe West	M. McDonagh's in Townland of Carrowroe West	330
Gort	C.R. 347 in Townland of Lavally	gate at level crossing in Townland of Lavally	430
Gort	C.R. 346 in Townland of Tawnagh East	T. Lally's House, Tawnagh East	200
Gort	C.R. 328 in Townland of Carrownamadra	Gable of P. McLoughlin's House, Carrownamadra	90
Tuam	C.R. 124 in Townland of Keekill	Mitchell's House in Townland of Keekill	300
Tuam	Walsh's House in Townland of Beaghmore	towards Walsh's House in Townland of Beaghmore	98
Tuam	Co. Rd. 204 in Townland of Garraun More	Co. Rd. 204 in Townland of Garraun More	120
Athenry	End of public road 431 in Townland of Gortnalone North (Gurteen)	towards Quarter's field gate in Townland of Gortnalone North (Ballinasloe)	90
Ballinasloe	County Road 479 in Townland of Eastwell	J. J. Lalor's House in Townland of Eastwell	108
Ballinasloe	County Road 479 in Townland of Eastwell	T. Dooley's House in Townland of Turksland	177
Mountbellew	County Road 427 in Townland of Colmanstown	towards Co. Rd. 428 in Townland of Cloonkeenerrill	56
Ballinasloe	Junction M.R. 310 in Townland of Gortfadda	Quinn's House in Townland of Gortfadda	120
Mountbellew	County Road 417 in Townland of Ballinroose	towards Molloy's House in Townland of Ballinroose	90
Clifden	end of Co. Rd. 13 in Townland of Coolacloy	last house in Townland of Coolacloy	100
Clifden	Junction at Co. Rd. 12 in Townland of Claddaghduff	towards sea shore in Townland of Claddaghduff	100
Gort	End of C.R. 346 in Townland of Killamoran	Mrs. Finnegan's first gate Skigaunagh	180
Gort	C.R. 327 in Townland of Tawnagh	Gate beyond K. Linnane's House in Townland of Tawnagh	317
Gort	C.R. 327 in Townland of Mountscribe	end of Mr. Beatty's House in Townland of Mountscribe	91
Ballinasloe	C.R. 517 Cool (Ahascragh)	towards Glynn's House	80
Gort	From C.R. 361 Inchaboy South	towards N. Walsh's House, Inchaboy	125
Ballinasloe	C.R. 468 Fohinagh	Fohinagh Graveyard	393
Portumna	C.R. 564 Stowlin	C.R. 567 at W. Treacy's House	788
Portumna	C.R. 568 Lissaniska South	P. Campbell's House, Lissaniska South	310
Portumna	C.R. 514 Clooncastle	towards P. J. Kelly's House, Clooncastle	170
Ballinasloe	C.R. 563 Glenloughaun	M. Murray's House, Glenloughaun	133
Portumna	From C.R. 565 Lisdeligney	B. Whyte's House, Lisdeligney	130
Portumna	From C.R. 568 Cloonacusha	towards Terminal point of 594 (incl. Repairs to Bridge)	35
Portumna	From C.R. 565 Eskerboy	towards M. Coen's Gate	105
Tuam	C.R. 201 in Townland of Ballina	towards Howley's Bridge in Townland of Ballina	50

K. DOYLE, County Secretary  
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

9th August, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

Land Acquired From: Thomas Joyce, Culliaghbeg, Maam, Co. Galway.

Location: Culliaghbeg, Maam, Co. Galway.

Area: 1 rood 19 perches.

To whom land is to be transferred: Michael Wallace, Culliaghbeg, Maam, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:

Exchange for plot containing 1 rood and 32 perches in the townland of Culliaghbeg.

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

SIGNED: K. Doyle  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

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9th. August, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

Land Acquired From: John Daly, Ballyboggan, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Location: Ballyboggan, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Area: .344 acres

To whom land is to be transferred: John Daly, Ballyboggan, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal: £155

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

SIGNED: K. Doyle,  
County Secretary.



Minutes of Proceedings of Higher Education Grants Committee held at County Buildings, Galway on Tuesday, 9th August, 1983

In the Chair: Clr. Joe Brennan

Members Present: Clrs Micheal S Mac Giolla Gannain, Edward Haverty.

Messrs Micheal O Flatharta, Riobard O hEili, Micheal O hOgain, Tom Connolly, Micheal G. O hUigin and Sr. Elizabeth Sinnott.

Apology for inability to attend was received from:

Mrs Whoriskey, Devon Park, Galway and Mr Danny Howley, 58 Glenard Crescent, Salthill, Galway.

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman who stated that the purpose of the Meeting was to consider the Draft Scheme for 1983. The County Secretary explained that the guidelines for the scheme were received from the Department of Education, much later than in previous years and he also stated that none of the recommendations previously made by the Committee had been included in this year's scheme. Mr. Heneghan indicated that the scheme was basically the same as that for 1982 with the following exceptions:-

1. The maximum amount of lecture fees payable had been increased from £740 to £925.
2. Grants payable in respect of attendance at a course in Northern Ireland must be paid in sterling.
3. The valuation system would no longer be used to assess farmers income. In this scheme, farmers liable for income tax would be obliged to submit an assessment from the Revenue Commissioners while those not liable will be required to submit a statutory declaration of their farming profits.

The members expressed concern that the recommendations made to the Department of Education had not been included and it was recommended that the General Council of County Councils would be asked to take those matters to the Department again. It was also recommended that the Department of Education would be asked to extend the latest date for receipt of completed applications to the 15th September, 1983. The members also felt that Clause 1 (a) of the scheme should be amended to allow students, who had presented themselves for the Leaving Certificate Examination in the two years prior to their application for a grant, to obtain a grant.

It was proposed by the Chairman, Clr. J. Brennan.  
and Seconded by Mr. T. Connolly  
and resolved:-

"that the Draft Scheme be recommended to the Council for approval"

The Meeting then terminated.

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
Stewart Homes Ltd., 43, Lr., Salthill, Galway.	Chain link fencing was damaged by cutting in numerous places.	Borough of Galway.	£300	£359.44
Crossan Transport Ltd., Ballymakenny Rd., Drogheda, Co. Louth.	Damage to Motor Coach, Reg. BZY 822.	County at Large.	£200	£214.37
Gisela Pryce, 3, Mainguard Street, Galway.	Damage to property.	Borough of Galway.	£158.39	£263.10



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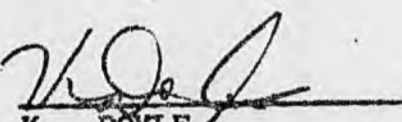
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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - 22ND AUGUST, 1983.

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

The following is added to the Agenda:

- 16 A. Approval to additional expenditure and raising of loan for £8,000 to finance partitioning and furnishing Island House, Galway, as County Library Headquarters.

  
K. DOYLE,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.  
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30th August, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

Friday next, 2nd September, 1983, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

  
COUNTY SECRETARY.



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30th August, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

Friday next, 2nd September, 1983, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

to consider the Councillors' Notices of Motion adjourned from the Meeting held on the 29th August, 1983.

Mise, le meas,

  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

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, P. Glynn, E. Haverty, 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. G. O'Higgins, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillor P. O'Foighil and Councillor M. O'Morain.

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); Miss C. Hett, S.S.O.; Messrs. D. Commins, Staff Officer; A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2122 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46283 - AIDEN FINNEGAN.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on road no. 390 Gort to Corofin (Co. Clare) approx. 3 miles from Gort and ¼ mile from the old monastic settlement of Kilmacduagh National Monument No. 51.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been five other planning applications lodged by members of applicant's family on this holding.

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| Reference no. 21600 | One house granted out of three sought by Mr. Colman Finnegan, father of this applicant. One of the houses refused was proposed on this present site.   |
| Reference no. 24388 | Approval granted to above house.   |
| Reference no. 32902 | One house granted to Mr. Francis Finnegan, brother of applicant.   |
| Reference no. 42906 | One house granted by Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala to Mr. Pat Finnegan, brother of applicant following appeal by the Office of Public works. |
| Reference no. 45611 | One house refused to this applicant on this site; Decision not appealed.   |



PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the higher levels of the holding overlooking the Round Tower and ruined churches which are at a lower level and are backgrounded by the hills of Clare and the Burren. The view from the public road approach across this site is of a panoramic nature and highly scenic and is of special interest due to the National Importance of this early medieval monastic settlement. Negotiations have been carried out with the applicant to re-locate the house near the four existing family houses which are side by side on lower ground 600 yards away. There is no apparent reason why the house could not be located adjacent to the other houses without disruption of land or farmyard activities but the applicant has insisted that his father will not give him any other site. The family holding has almost  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of road frontage and it would provide alternative suitable house locations.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

The proposed non-essential dwellinghouse would seriously interfere with the rural amenities and the views of special interest of the nearby Kilmacduagh Monastic Settlement (Nat. Monuments 51) by virtue of its obtrusive location on the Gort to Corofin Regional Route in between the road and the national monument."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy and he said that if this man had to move from the site now proposed, it would cost him between £3,000 and £4,000 in E.S.B. charges. He stated that the house would not interfere with scenic views.

This resolution was seconded by Deputy F. Fahey who expressed anxiety that the Council would approve this without the necessity for having a Section 4 Resolution passed. He pointed out that this man was most helpful to tourists visiting Kilmacduagh Abbey. He gave particulars of the family circumstances in justification of the need for the additional house. He stated that the necessity for the removal of walls which would arise if the new house was built, would in fact improve the view of the Monastery. There is no view available at the moment as there is an existing 5 foot wall which the applicant would remove if he got permission. Councillor Byrne agreed with the case made by Deputy Fahey and he questioned the statement in the Report presented regarding the panoramic view from the road.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that he had called to the Planning Office on a number of occasions in an effort to get this Permission granted without the necessity for a Section 4 but was not successful. After further discussion, it was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor Fahy, that the Planning Officer would meet the Councillors involved in the Section 4 Resolution on the site and Deputy Fahey asked that a Member of An Taisce would also be invited to the Meeting. The site meeting proposed was agreed but the County Manager stated that while An Taisce would be notified of the meeting, there is no guarantee that any representative would attend.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not put to the Meeting and it was agreed to have the matter adjourned.

21.23 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46163 - P. COSTELLOE.

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

"SITE LOCATION:

The site is located on the N.17 Galway/Tuam road at Anbally, Cummer, close to Currandrum school and to the junction with a road leading to Corrandulla via Ardgaheen. It is approximately 5 acres in area with a road frontage of 800 ft.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Permission for a dwellinghouse and garage was granted to this applicant on this site in October 1977 on foot of a claim that this 5 acres was being sold to a Member of his family due to its detached location from the remainder of the applicant's lands. The submission stated that no further applications would be made on this land if the permission was granted. An enurement condition restricting the permission to the applicant and his family was attached but the agreement to this condition was never signed.

PRESENT BASE:

The present proposal is similar to the previous one except that the proposed buyer is a third party with no family connections to the applicant and who cannot avail of the existing Permission due to the enurement condition.

The applicant attended the office on two occasions, once with Senator Killilea, to put his case for the development. He has purchased lands closer to his present dwellinghouse and he requires to sell the site in order to acquire ready funds to service the debt. He has a proposed buyer for the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since the proposed development does not come within any of the categories of development which the development Plan permits along National Primary Routes, refusal is recommended. The special plea of financial difficulty in this case can have serious repercussions for control along this route as there are many landowners who could claim similar reasons why their proposals should be given special dispensation.

- i) The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a national primary route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
- ii) The proposed development would be contrary to Section 6.02 Table 3, of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to local housing needs. No such housing need has been claimed in this case."

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator M. Killilea who stated that he had done everything possible with the Planning staff in order to get this Permission granted without an Enurement Clause, but had not been successful. Senator Killilea stated that this is on the Tuam Road at one of the most dangerous places in so far as speed is concerned and the applicant is causing a traffic hazard by trying to farm his land part of which is at each side of the road. In 1977, the applicant tried a re-arrangement of land with his brother and he then got a Permission with an Enurement Clause. The arrangement proposed did not work out so he could not proceed. He stated that there had been some fatal accidents at this place. He stated that the applicant had contracted to sell five acres on which the site is situate in order to buy an additional farm adjacent to his existing lands where the farming of the land in question would not cause a traffic hazard. He then discovered that the Enurement Clause on the Permission already given would not authorise the purchaser of the 5 acres to erect a house for himself on it and it was for this purpose that a Section 4 resolution was proposed.

Referring to the question of the validity of financial considerations in relation to Planning Permissions, he had disagreed that this would create a precedent for other farmers who would have Enurement Clauses removed.

Councillor Welby seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

Councillor Ruane supported Senator Killilea's proposal.



The County Engineer stated that while there may be truth in what Senator Killilea stated about the problem in relation to stock, putting a house on the site is merely replacing one hazard with another - the Council has no control over stock.

The man wants Permission in order to sell the site and he is creating an entrance to a National Primary Road which he does not want for himself. There is no control in Planning for stock but there is power to control in relation to entrances.

Councillor Holland proposed that the Permission sought be not given and expressed concern at the possible repercussions of creating this precedent. Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor Holland's proposal and stated that considerations other than relevant Planning considerations should not arise in decisions such as this matter.

Senator Killilea stated that the traffic hazard would be much greater by not granting the Permission and allowing stock to cross the road than it would be if Permission for the new house is given.

After further discussion, it was agreed to adjourn the special meeting until after 4.30 p.m. in order to take a vote on the proposals in this case.

On resumption of the Planning Meeting after 4.30 p.m., a vote taken for or against the resolutions proposed in this case resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, Ruane, Ryan and Welby.

(18)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon.

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The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Deputy Connaughton and Councillor Coogan did not vote.

2124 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46258 - GERARD GEOGHEGAN:

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

The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

2125 - APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR RETAIL SHOPPING UNIT - TOWNPARKS 1ST DIVISION, TUAM - PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER 45062 - MR. MATT HANLY.

The County Manager stated that the development proposed in this case is the construction of two retail units of 5,000 square feet including offices and toilets and the site is situated adjacent to Hanly's Garage Premises at Milltown Road, Tuam; the uses proposed for the two units are (1) Car Accessories Depot and (2) Tyre Changing Workshop.

He stated that there are no planning objections to the proposal particularly since there is already an established garage operation adjacent to the site but the area is zoned "Residential" in the County Development Plan for Tuam and the use proposed in this application is not provided for in the relevant zoning provision of the Plan. The grant of Outline Permission would, therefore, materially contravene the provisions of the Development Plan and any decision to grant must, therefore, be made by resolution of the Elected Members.

Notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant this Outline

Permission was given in the Irish Press for Tuesday, 5th July, 1983, in accordance with the requirements of Section 39 (d) of the 1976 Planning Act and no objections to the proposal have been received to date. He stated that there is provision in the Planning Acts whereby the Council by resolution can give the Permission in this case and he stated that there was no objection to the proposal.

On the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Council unanimously approved the granting of Outline Planning Permission to Mr. Hanly which application is the subject of Planning Application no. 45062.

The Meeting then adjourned to after 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of taking a vote on Resolution no. 2 on the Agenda.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

2nd September 1983 DATE



IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

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, E. Haverty, 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.G. O'Higgins, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillor P. O'Foighil and Councillor M. O'Morain.

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); Miss C. Hett, S.S.O.; Messrs. D. Commins, Staff Officer; A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2126 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, the Minutes of Meetings held on 25th July, 1983, (Numbers 2103-2121, inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman. Councillor M. Fahy again referred to a matter which was raised previously about getting notice of reception of deputations and asked that steps be taken to ensure that whenever a deputation was received in the Office, that all the Councillors for that area were notified.

Mr. Howlett stated that he had already written to Councillor Fahy about the matter which he had raised and explained the circumstances in which all Members could not have been notified at that time but he pointed out that it occasionally happens that a Councillor, including Councillor Fahy himself, have come with people to the offices and that if the rule referred to by Councillor Fahy is rigidly enforced, it would mean that such deputations should not be received.

2127 - DEATH OF MOST REV. DR. THOMAS RYAN, FORMER BISHOP OF CLONFERT:

Senator Ulick Burke proposed that the Council extend its sincere sympathy to his Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Cassidy, Bishop of Clonfert, on the death of Most Rev. Dr. Ryan, former Bishop of the Diocese and also to the family of the Late Bishop. He proposed that the Council adjourn its meeting at 5 p.m. and in order to enable Members attend the funeral that evening.

Councillor Brennan seconded this proposal which was agreed unanimously. Members of the Council joined in the expressions of sympathy and paid tribute to the late Bishop.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, joined in the expressions of sympathy to Most Rev. Dr. Cassidy and to the family of the late Bishop.

On the proposition of Deputy Fahey, the Council agreed to hold a special meeting on Monday, 29th August, to deal with any items on the Agenda which would not be dealt with on that day.

2128 - SYMPATHY:

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Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Kyne, Clonbur.  
Mrs. Greaney, Creagh, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Hession, Cumber, Tuam.  
Mr. Tom McGann, Shantallow, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Fahy & Family, Rathanelon, Ardahan.

2129 - TRAIN CRASH, CO. KILDARE:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, the Council expressed its sincere sympathy to the relatives of the people who lost their lives in the recent train crash in County Kildare and with the people who were injured.

2130 - CONGRATULATIONS:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, asked that its sincere congratulations and good wishes be conveyed to Mr. Eamon Coghlan on winning the Gold Medal in the 5,000 Metre Race in the World Championship at Helsinki.

The Council, on the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, also congratulated Miss Celine Mullins of Ardahan on her selection as the Galway Representative in the Rose of Tralee Competition.

2131 - TEMPORARY LAY-OFF OF COUNCIL WORKERS:

The Chairman stated that taking into account the importance of Item No. 13 on the Agenda, he decided that this matter would be considered as a first item.

The County Manager referred to Notice dated 12th August, 1983, sent to each Member of the Council notifying them of proposed lay-offs of Council workers for a maximum of 7 weeks in any case as from the 26th August, 1983. He gave particulars of the proposed lay-offs in each of the areas concerned including the Building Maintenance Section where workers are also proposed to be laid off for a period of 7 weeks.

He stated that he proposed to have all the workers back for a period of 4 weeks to guard against a situation in which liability for Redundancy Payments would arise. He had discussed this matter with representatives of the three Unions concerned that morning as well as representative number of workers from the different sections and he agreed following undertakings given by the Unions and by the men present and that no claims for Redundancies would arise if the period of 4 weeks in October were shortened to 2, to cut the return period in October from 4 weeks to 2 weeks, and to defer the commencement of the lay-offs for a further 2 weeks from the 26th August, 1983. He pointed out to Members that at the Estimates Meeting, and that in the documentation then circulated and particularly the County Engineer's Report, it was indicated to Members that lay-offs were likely to become necessary during the year arising from the financial position of the County Council. He informed Members that a deputation had gone to the Minister for the Environment on the 15th June last and a full statement of the Council's financial position and problems were then laid before the Minister who was also informed of the proposals to have lay-offs. He stated that the shortfall in relation to the County Engineer's requirements for Roads was £2.9 million in the current year and that the shortfalls had been building up since 1980 in respect of Roads to a total of £5.8 million. He stated also that Housing Maintenance had to be cut by £104,000 in the current year and it has not been possible to provide sufficient money for Housing Maintenance over the past 3 years.

During the past 3 years also, it had been necessary to put the Housing Maintenance staff on a 3 day week for a considerable period.

Referring to funds received in respect of Road Grants, he stated that since 1977, the Road Fund had increased by 35.8% compared with the following increases



in costs -

Labour ..... 145%      Machinery ..... 120%      Tar ..... 130%  
Quarry Materials ..... 160%.

He informed the Council also that County Road Funds for surface dressing are now on a 45 year renewable schedule instead of a 5-7 year period which would be required. The County Engineer's Report presented at the Estimates Meeting mentioned a lay-off of 8 weeks as being necessary.

Referring to the general finances of the Council, he stated that the Council got a 5% increase of Rate related Revenue this year on 89% of current valuations and the rate increase on the remaining valuations is 10% over that for last year on the balance of the 11% of the valuations. A decision not to increase this rate increase to 20% was made by the Council at the Estimates Meeting. In relation to charges for services, Members of the Council felt that the charges should not be too heavy in present circumstances. The provision for reducing the debit balance had been reduced by the Council from £200,000 to £20,000, and this will not enable any progress whatever to be made in relation to a reduction of the debit balance over a reasonable period of years. Finally, he stated that to keep all the Council workers fully employed to the end of the year would require £880,000 for roads including wages and materials and £104,000 for Housing Maintenance.

He stated that the Unions had asked for a copy of the submission which had been made to the Minister for the Environment at the Deputation on the 15th June last and he assumed that the Members had no objection to giving this document to the Unions.

The Chairman at this stage informed the Members that he had agreed to hear a spokesman for the men and he then gave permission to Mr. John Flannery of the Federated Workers' Union of Ireland to address the Meeting.

Mr. Flannery then addressed the Members and stated that he was speaking on behalf of the representatives of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, U.C.A.T.T., and the Federated Workers' Union of Ireland, and pointed out that it is the same Members who are hit every time, i.e., the lowest paid workers whenever money becomes scarce. He stated that they had met the County Manager that morning and discussed the various options with him, and it was pointed out to them that over £400,000 of a total would be required to keep the Roadworkers in employment. He stated that they asked that the lay-offs would be deferred for two weeks but in agreeing to this, they were not conceding that they accepted the lay-offs. He stated that it was totally unacceptable that the same people are laid off each year. He referred to the difficulties in getting various Social Welfare payments and stated that the position had because of a change of legislation, become worse in the present year. The pay-related benefit was also reduced because of lay-offs in previous years. He stated that they wanted the 2 weeks extension to meet the Minister for the Environment but he stated that he did not expect that they would get anything from the Minister. He considered it was up to the Members of the Council to say they would not accept the lay-offs and to ensure that moneys made available to the Council workers so that they would not come up to Christmas with no moneys in their pockets. He stated that there was no point in saying that nothing could be done about it and while he had respect for the County Manager's position, he felt that money could be spread over the Council's services more evenly. He stated that in his meeting with the County Manager that morning, the County Manager had informed him that irrespective of what the County Council did, the Manager had no option but to continue the lay-offs. He stated that the Council had approved the Estimates and he was aware about the situation in which Rates were not paid last year by farmers. He stated that he was informed that the Government had a legal obligation to hand over money in respect of Domestic Rates to the Council but had not done so. He finally stated that if the lay-offs go ahead, there will be a confrontation which the Unions or the men do not want and that the only way to avoid this confrontation is that no lay-offs should take place.

Deputy Fahey stated that all Councillors had proposed from time to time a

variety of methods whereby funds could be transferred from non-labour intensive works and he asked the County Manager to look again at the possibility of transferring the money for Capital Projects to enable the roadworkers and maintenance staff to continue to be employed. He also proposed that the Council withdraw and retain from statutory demands sufficient money to keep the Council workers in employment and he stated that unless the Council takes this step, there will be less money made available to the Council in the coming year. He considered it time to face the Government head-on, otherwise the Council would get no funds. Deputy Fahey stated that he had been informed by some Members of the staff that they are prepared to go on Strike if the lay-offs go ahead and he asked if the County Manager had been informed of this.

The County Manager replied that if a Strike could force him to keep men on, a Strike would not be necessary - it is a question of money.

Deputy Connaughton stated that he had met the Union Members that day and he had given an Undertaking that he would do his best on the following day to organise a Meeting between the Unions and An Tanaiste. He stated that he could not understand why no transfer of funds could take place from Social Welfare to enable work to continue but he understood now that there were legal difficulties in the way. He stated, however, that the Minister of State had informed him that he expected that something could be done in this matter in 1984. Stating that there was a difference between the number of weeks for which workers would be laid off in different Engineering Areas, he asked if there is any way by which the boundaries of the Engineering Districts could be juggled to reduce the 7 week lay-off period. He asked if it would be possible to have the lay-offs arranged for one period altogether instead of on alternative weeks.

Councillor Mc Cormack stated that the sum of £400,000 mentioned by Mr. Flannery was a small sum and it should be possible to find it possibly by way of transfer of funds from Social Welfare to Environment and he asked why there were not lay-offs in all sections of the County Council.

Councillor Finnegan stated that it was a bad policy to have lay-offs in the Housing Section because houses were allowed to go into disrepair. He stated that there was a figure of £11 million in the Youth Employment Scheme Fund which had to be transferred to other Government Departments because it was not possible to spend it and he wondered why this could not be made available to Local Authorities.

Councillor Ruane asked the County Manager to do his best for the workers, all of whom had given good service.

Senator Killilea seconded Deputy Fahey's proposal that the Council withhold money in respect of statutory demands to the Office of Public Works, etc., and he stated that when the Deputation met An Tanaiste last June, he had given an assurance that no action would be taken against Councils because they had not paid their statutory demands. He proposed that the Council now withhold and ask for the protection which was promised by An Tanaiste.

Councillor Kilgannon considered that too much money was being spent on Machinery and Mechanical Plant and he asked that jobs with a high labour content be given priority but that the Council should arrange its own priorities within the confines of the Council itself.

Agreeing with what was stated by the other Councillors, Councillor Joyce stated that top priority for funds should be given to Roads and House Maintenance. He expressed surprise at the shortage of funds this year in the Portumna Area as he understood the funds allocated to the National Secondary Road from Killimor to Portumna should have eased the situation. He was informed that over £20,000 had been left over in 1982 and was later used to buy materials despite the layoff of workers in the Portumna Area in that year. He asked if the Council could extend its borrowing in order to keep men employed and he asked that pressure would be continued for funds on the Minister for the Environment.



Councillor J. Burke stated that each Area Engineer should have enquiries made as to which men wished to be laid off and he asked if people who were over the age limit had applied, and if so, the Council should ensure that only people within the working age should continue to be employed. He asked that arrangements should be made whereby the men would not have a long delay in getting Social Welfare payments. He stated also that machinery which is hired should be the first to be laid off when funds become scarce. He considered also that the Council should claim from the Government any money which is due arising from the failure of the farmers to pay the Rates in 1982. He agreed that the Council should stop making statutory payments to the Government if it were within the law in doing so. He said, if necessary, the Council may use its powers under Section 4 to order the County Manager not to pay out statutory demands.

Councillor N. O'Conchubhair supported the other Councillors who had spoken and he stated that when in other organisations, there are lay-offs, everybody from the top ranks down go out but this does not happen in the County Council. He agreed that <sup>some</sup> staff are not entitled to Social Welfare benefits. He stated that if the Council instructs the Manager to refuse to pay the statutory demands, he should comply with this request as they are the Elected Representatives of the people.

Councillor Glynn stated that the situation before the Council brings the matter to a head and he blamed both major parties for the position in which Local Authorities now find themselves. He agreed as a short-term measure to withhold payment of statutory demands and he asked that an option for early retirement should be given to workers. He asked the County Engineer if machinery can be taken off the National Primary Road in the Milltown Area, and that more labour intensive works should be undertaken. He considered that Rates will have to be brought back. He recommended that when lay-offs occur, people who are last in should be the first to be laid off.

Councillor Fahy considered that a special meeting in Committee should be called to decide what can be done and that a representative of the Department of the Environment should be summoned to that Meeting. He considered that workers should not degrade themselves by accepting unemployment benefit and the County Manager should allow borrowing to keep the men at work.

Deputy Kitt asked the Manager to find money to keep the men employed from other services of the Council and he asked that lay-offs would be deferred until the Minister for the Environment meets the Union Representatives.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that a special meeting of the Finance Committee should be held to examine the Estimate and the present state of finances, and he also asked that each Area Engineer should report on the expenditure to date and the amount available. He stated that there was a rush to spend all the money that was available at the end of 1982 in the Portumna Area. It is short-sighted, he stated, to stockpile pipes in Council yards which are not required for a number of years. Referring to an item on the Agenda for financing of the new Library Headquarters, he suggested that this money be made available to spend on wages of workers and so prevent lay-offs. He asked in respect of each area that information be supplied on how much has been spent to date and how much still remains to be done and on what it is proposed to spend the money.

Councillor Brennan asked if Council workers could be employed to build houses by direct labour rather than letting them out on Contract.

At this stage, the Chairman stated in reply to Councillor Haverty that other Members who wished to speak could not be heard as it had been decided that the Meeting should end at 5 p.m. and there was then only a short period to allow the Manager to reply to the points made.

The County Manager stated that in reference to points made by Mr. Flannery, he had informed that last year, farmers had not paid all the Rates due and as a result, the Council did not pay ACOT and the Office of Public Works the full amount of the demand. There was also a shortfall in the domestic rate which <sup>was</sup> legally due to the Council by the Minister but this legal liability

of the Minister had been changed in legislation during the current year. He stated that rough figures had been given to Mr. Flannery that morning but these had been checked in the meantime as a result of which it was clear that in order to pay the cost of wages and materials in order to keep the men fully employed, the sum of £880,000 would be required for Road Workers and £104,000 on Housing Maintenance, of which £352,000 and £62,000, respectively, would be the amount in respect of wages.

Referring to suggestions that internal transfer of funds be carried out, he pointed out that the Council cannot change the allocation of Road Grants and it cannot change Capital Funds to non-Capital works. The priority for what funds were available were discussed at length at the Estimates Meeting and he had before him at the Estimates Meeting a list of works which are required to be done which would cost £7 million but which never even got on the Estimate documents. Demands for services are constantly increasing from the public and the cost of services is increasing also, while the income required by the County Council is contracting.

The statutory demand received from the Office of Public Works in the current year showed an increase of 72% over that for 1982 but the Council decided to provide an increase of only 5% and in the subsequent meeting with the Minister on 15th June, the Minister had stated that he had decided to keep the liability to an increase of 5% over 1982. That sum is due legally and it must be paid over, and if the Council were to fail to pay it, the State has power to divert any grant due to the Council to the Office of Public Works. The Council owes the Western Health Board £1 million and over a number of years, it has paid an increase which is consistent with the resources available to the Council. Youth Employment Schemes cannot be transferred for the benefit of the regular Council worker and Road Grants are not evenly distributed throughout the County because of the location of the National Primary and Secondary Roads - the Department decides where such Grants are to be expended. Referring to the question of lay-offs in alternate weeks, he stated that he understood from the Meeting and from previous discussions with Union Representatives and the men that the alternative week lay-offs was the better system. He stated that he was still open to considering alternatives. Referring to house repairs, he stated that if rent increases resulted in increased Revenue for the Council during the year, that increased Revenue would be spent on Housing Maintenance - it is likely that the Council will not get the increase it was expecting. Referring to the substitution of men for machines, he stated that some men are not anxious to do the work which is often carried out by machines but he pointed out that whenever there is a shortage of funds, hired machinery is the first to be laid off. He pointed out however, that when this was done a few years ago, Councillors came under pressure and had made representations to him to have such hired machinery re-employed. An effort is made to ensure that there is sufficient work for the Council's own machinery but the matter is kept under constant review.

Referring to a proposal to lay-off people who are over age, he pointed out that there has been a considerable increase in the cost of Pensions and he pointed out that while people are working on Road Grant Schemes, their wages are charged to Road Grants but that when they retire, their Pensions cannot be charged to such Grants.

Referring to suggestions that there might be Rates Strike, he pointed out that there is a constant demand for services but that if Rates are withheld, it will make the situation much worse and must result in a further curtailment of services.

The County Manager referred to the question of charges and stated that it had been assumed in the preparation of the Estimates that certain sums would be received, but if those are not received, there will be a further problem as further lay-offs have to be considered. He reminded Members that the arrangements for lay-offs provided for a 4-week full return to work in October but that on a firm undertaking being given by the Union Representatives that morning and by the men present that there would be no Redundancy Claims,



he had agreed to shorten this 4-week return period to 2 weeks in October and he had therefore agreed to defer the commencement of the lay-offs for two weeks from the original date decided. He pointed out that the last thing he wants is to have workers laid off, but he stated that the only way to solve this problem is by making money available, and if money comes, arrangements to terminate or to shorten the period of lay-offs will be made immediately to the extent that money is provided.

Councillor McCormack seconded Senator Burke's proposal regarding the Finance Committee, but the Chairman stated that he was merely noting this proposal.

The Chairman stated that the workers can be assured that they have the full support of the Members of the Council and that every effort to find money will be made and will continue to be made, and he apologised to the workers and to the six Councillors who did not have an opportunity of speaking for having to terminate the Meeting as already agreed.

Deputy Fahey asked if the County Manager could carry out the terms of the Resolution proposed by him regarding the withholding of statutory demands. The County Manager replied that this money is legally due and it is already being spent by the Board of Works and it cannot be spent twice.

Referring to a further query by Deputy Fahey regarding the use of a Section 4 Resolution, the County Manager stated that to withhold this money would be illegal and he could not comply with such a resolution. The sum which is due to the Western Health Board is less than the amount demanded but the Council has consistently paid whatever it was possible within its own resources and the Minister stated that so long as it continued to do this, he would not favour Road Grants being diverted to the Western Health Board.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

26th September 1983 DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, 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, and T. Welby.

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Deputy P. Connaughton and Senator M.D. Higgins.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; J. Griffin, Assistant Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2132 - WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE, GALWAY:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Welby asked that the office occupied by the Weights and Measures Inspector at the Town Hall, Galway, be cleaned, that a chair be provided as was the telephone and that a sign be provided on the door. Senator Killilea supported Councillor Welby's proposal.

2133 - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY LOANS - RATE OF INTEREST:

Mr. Howlett's report of 20th August, 1983, which had been circulated to each Member was discussed and noted.

2134 - SEMINAR AT KILLORGLIN, CO. KERRY - DEVELOPMENT OF WALKING ROUTES:

It was agreed that the following Councillors would be nominated to attend this Seminar -

Councillors M. Fahy, J. Joyce, J. Mannion, and P. McCormack.

It was also agreed that in the event of any of those Members being unable to attend, Councillor Welby could attend in his place.

2135 - EXTENSION OF TUAM TOWN BOUNDARY AND URBAN STATUS FOR THE TOWN:

The County Manager informed the Council that this matter had been taken up with the Department of the Environment and he read for Members letter dated 25th July, 1983, from that Department stating that Local Government re-organisation is under active consideration in the Department at present and that An Tanaiste had indicated that it was his aim within the lifetime of the present Government to bring a formal proposal for reform which will make the Local Government system stronger, more effective and more democratic. The desire of Tuam Town Commissioners for the town to be upgraded to urban status would receive full consideration in this connection.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the Council should await developments under the proposed legislation.

2136 - ARRANGEMENT FOR HOLDING OF SPECIAL MEETING AT 2.30 P.M.:

After discussion, it was agreed on the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Brennan, that in future that special meeting to deal with



Planning matters would commence at 3 p.m.

2137 - REVISION OF POLLING SCHEME FOR COUNTY GALWAY:

The County Secretary outlined his Circular to Members dated 18th July, 1983. He stated that this matter had been raised by Members at the June Meeting of the County Council and he now suggested that the Members would examine the position in relation to the polling districts and polling places in their own areas and would as a first step send in any suggestions which they might have for improving the arrangements. He outlined the procedure for the revision of the Polling Scheme and he asked Members to examine the list of polling places and polling districts particulars of which had also been circulated to them. He also referred to the guidelines for Polling Schemes issued by the Department of the Environment and he suggested that when Members have their suggestions made for revisions, arrangements could be made for meeting the Councillors for each Electoral Area to discuss the provisions of the scheme. Several Members referred to anomalies in relation to the location of polling places in their areas and it was agreed that particulars of those would be supplied.

It was agreed that when proposals are received from Members, arrangements will be made to meet the Members for each Electoral Area.

It was also agreed on the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Glynn, that the Minister for the Environment be requested to arrange that in future, polling for all Elections should take place on a Sunday.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Secretary stated that it is the responsibility of the Returning Officer to provide for the heating and cleaning of Polling Stations.

2138 - SERVICED SITES FOR TRAVELLING FAMILIES:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager outlined the contents of his report of the 18th July, 1983, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

Senator Killilea stated that sites appear to be a major part of the answer to the problem which exists and he stressed the need for doing something for the families on the Tuam Road. Councillor J. Burke complimented the County Manager and Officials for the work which had been done to date and stressed the need for doing something positive for this underprivileged group of people. He stated that there was a misunderstanding with regard to the assistance available from the Department of the Environment. He stated that he had been informed that the allocation for Housing of travelling families was taken from the Council's allocation for Housing.

The County Manager stated that there was no such misunderstanding and that travelling families in need of housing are provided for in the normal way with other applicants who are also in need of housing. Travelling families are not a separate group for this purpose. Cllr. J. Burke stated that if the County Council builds houses and gets 100% Grant towards the cost, he would seriously question the need for Hardstands. He felt that instead the Council should build the houses and claim the Housing Grant. He considered that people who come from outside the County into an area should be informed that they have no hope of getting a house in the County.

Some Members also referred to the question of travellers from outside the County coming in and stated that these should not be provided for by way of housing or sites.

Councillor Joyce referred to problems in the Ballinasloe Area and stated that the settled population have rights also. He referred to the difficulties in getting travellers to move off the new road and stated that he is not in favour of doing much unless the Law is strengthened.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Department of the Environment had been asked what allocation would be made to the Council this year for serviced sites, but he had not received a reply so far. He also referred to complaints at a previous Council Meeting regarding parking of travellers in the Portumna and Gort Areas and said that following a survey, most of those had disappeared. He asked that the County Council would consider formulating a policy in relation to serviced sites.

Deputy Donnellan proposed that the Council go ahead as far as possible with housing of travelling families and that money also be provided for serviced sites, where necessary.

The County Manager asked the Council to consider approving the proposed site for Doughiska as a start of the programme and that further proposals would be brought before the Council for other areas.

Councillor Molloy expressed concern at what would happen to the existing families in Doughiska if the site there were turned into a serviced site. He pointed out that there is no refuse collection, that the site proposed is adjacent to a new road to the city. He considered that the site is not suitable.

Councillor Haverty stated that the Itinerant Settlement Committees should meet and discuss policy. He referred to his proposal previously that each parish should take a family.

Mr. Howlett stated that families have been leaving the rural areas and are going into the towns.

The Chairman stated that many Councillors had made representations on behalf of travelling families and that the County Manager had now brought a proposal before the County Council. He asked that Members would give assistance and let the Manager have approval to the proposal now before the Council.

Councillor Welby proposed and Senator Killilea seconded that consideration of the site at Doughiska be deferred as no documents had been placed before the Council.

Councillor McCormack proposed and Councillor Haverty seconded that the Council prepare a Plan as outlined by the County Manager for a site at Doughiska.

Senator Killilea proposed that no decision be taken until an Outline Plan for the County for serviced sites is brought before the Council. Councillor O'Morain seconded this proposal.

The County Manager stated that this proposal is before the Council only because they asked him to bring a proposal for halting places before the Members. He stated that the proposal now before the Council is only in outline and he reminded Members that when considerable expense was incurred in planning a site previously at Merlin Park, the Council did not agree to go ahead with it. He wished to avoid the situation of having to incur expenditure on planning and asked for an Undertaking in principle that sites for particular areas would be approved.

After further discussion, it was agreed to defer consideration of the matter until proposals for serviced sites throughout the County are available and brought before the Council.

2139 - NEW BRIDGE AT MUICHNEACH-IDIR-DHA-SHAILE:

The County Manager referred to a proposal at a previous meeting of the Council that the Minister be asked to make the balance of the cost of the work available by way of Grant and that if the Minister would agree to give the Grant in 1984, the Council would consider doing the work now by way of Overdraft. He stated that a reply had been received from Roinn na Gaeltachta stating that the Minister would not give a Grant this year or next year towards the cost and asked then if the Council would complete the work.



He stated that from the beginning, the Council's position was that it would build the bridge provided the Department paid the full cost.

Councillor O'Morain proposed and Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded that the matter would be handed to the Council's legal adviser to take action and sue for the money. This proposal was agreed.

The County Manager stated that the legal Opinion of the Council's Law Agent will be obtained.

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that warning signs be erected each side of the bridge.

#### 2140 - ARTS GRANTS 1983:

The following recommendations for grants for the Arts were submitted to the County Council:

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Grant recommended</u>
	£
Dance for the West	600
Tuam Arts Centre	1,200
Regional Arts Committee Programme	700
Clifden Arts Society	900
Salmon Literary Quarterly	300
Music for Galway	400
Regional Arts Officer application - Discretionary Grant	200
Poetry Ireland West	300
Feile Ealaine na nOg, Carna.	400
	<u>5,000</u>
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The recommendation also included the following:

In the light of the excellent contribution of Druid Theatre Company to the Artistic life of the County Galway/Mayo Regional Arts Committee recommends that additional Grant aid may be made available to Druid Theatre Company for their 1983 programme.

Councillor O'Morain proposed the allocations as recommended. Senator Killilea stated that he would support this proposal provided a sum would be included for the Druid Theatre Company and he stated that the sum of £5,000 had been suggested.

Councillor Brennan also supported this proposal.

The County Manager stated that if the County Council passes a resolution that a grant be paid to the Druid Theatre Company, he would see what can be done if money becomes available. He accepted that it is a very deserving Company worthy of support.

On the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Council agreed to the allocations recommended and to payment of a grant of whatever amount can be made to the Druid Theatre Company in the circumstances outlined by the County Manager.

The Chairman stated that the Council was asking the County Manager to make up a grant of £5,000 if possible.

The County Manager stated that the structure of the grants available from the Arts Council provides that up to certain limits the Druid Theatre Company would get pound for pound with whatever contribution is made by the Local Authority.

#### 2141 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve declaration of the roads set out in the schedule to Item No. 10 on the Agenda and are hereby declared to be public roads."

Deputy Fahey asked that a list be circulated to each Councillor giving particulars of nominations made by them for Notice of Motion funds. Deputy Fahey asked also that Members should have all of their proposals for the current year in by the end of September.

Councillor O'Morain asked if it would be in order for him to nominate his Notice of Motion allocation to be spent on public roads.

The County Manager that any Councillor can indicate his wish to have his funds allocated to a County Road.

#### 2142 - RATE OF INTEREST - LOCAL LOANS FUND:

The County Manager read letter dated 3rd August, 1983, from the Department of the Environment stating that the rate of interest on all issues from the Local Loans Fund on or after 1st August, 1983, will be 13½% with the exception of House purchase and improvement loans which will remain at 12%. He stated that the net effect of this will be a saving to the Council of £6,000 in the current year.

#### 2143 - OVERDRAFT - QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1983:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Haverty, 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 31st December, 1983."

#### 2144 - TEMPORARY LAY-OFF OF COUNCIL WORKERS:

It was noted that this matter had been dealt with at the previous meeting.

#### 2145 - SALE OF SITES:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of sites to Mr. John Daly, Ballyboggan, Athanry, and to Mr. Thomas Joyce, Cullighbeg, Maam, at Ballyboggan and Cullighbeg respectively, in accordance with the terms of notices under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, dated 9th August, 1983, which was circulated to each Member of the Council."

#### 2146 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS 1983:

The Draft Scheme and the report of the Higher Education Grants Committee, circulated to each Member of the Council, were submitted by the County Manager who stated that the Committee had two recommendations -

- That applications be accepted from students who passed the Leaving Certificate examination in the previous two years instead of in the previous year.
- That the closing date for applications be extended to the 15th September, 1983, in view of the fact that the Draft Scheme did not come into the hands of the Council until the month of August.



On the proposition of Councillor Haverty, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Council approved the Draft Scheme and the report of the Committee Meeting.

2147 - DEVELOPMENT OF BEACHES:

The County Manager referred to Minute No. 2111 of the previous meeting in which the Council expressed a desire to have a programme for the development of beaches and he listed for Members Youth Employment Schemes which had been approved in the current year for work on beaches. He stated that he would be glad to include beaches in the Youth Employment Scheme Programme for future years and he suggested that Members who know of any desirable areas for development or improvement could submit particulars.

Councillor O'Morain stated that it would be necessary to have adequate signposting for beaches and he suggested that signposts would be provided for them for all of the beaches frequented by tourists by next summer. He also asked that steps be taken to ensure that bi-lingual signs be erected instead of the signs in the English language only at present provided.

Councillor Welby asked if any money had been provided for beach development work at Derrymoyle in the current year. He stressed that this is one of the only two access points to the river Corrib on the Glann Road and he asked that work would commence as early as possible.

The County Manager stated that this work would be financed in conjunction with Bord Failte.

Councillor Joyce asked if the access to the beach near Petersburgh House, Clonbur, could be improved and if Lifebelts could be provided there. He also suggested that some Marker should be erected at a point where the lake bed turns muddy.

Councillor Joyce also asked if facilities for collection of refuse from caravans could be provided.

The County Manager stated that he would like to see a well serviced and developed caravan parks in the Connemara Area and it would be much easier to service those rather than the scattered caravans which are now throughout the area.

Replying to Councillor M. Fahy, the County Manager stated that he had discussed with the proposed developers of holiday accommodation in the area the possibility of providing a toilet and that they are prepared to offer a site with a view to having a toilet erected which would emerge with the development.

Deputy Fahey asked that a report be prepared on all beaches and on the development which is needed in them and also on what caravan parks are needed in the County. The County Manager stated that caravan parks must be provided by private enterprise. He stated that he would look at the Roundstone/Ballyconneely Area in conjunction with Bord Failte. He also stated that the city environs would be in need of a caravan park.

Councillor Murphy stated that there is no toilets or public dumping in Athenry and that these should come before development of lakes or beaches.

2148 - ISLAND HOUSE - COUNTY LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS:

The County Manager informed the Council that it was estimated that it would cost £8,000 to finance partitioning and furnishing of Island House, Galway, as County Library Headquarters following removal of the Library Headquarters from the Courthouse and he requested the approval of the Council to borrow this sum and in the meantime to vote excess expenditure in the event of the loan not being made available in the current year.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £8,000 from such source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment and also approve excess expenditure in the current year pending the raising of the loan."

2149 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

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

2150 - FEES FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The County Manager informed the Council that since the introduction of fees for Planning applications, the sum of £8,312 had been received. The estimated amount under this heading in the Estimate of Expenses was £50,000. He pointed out that it is very difficult to predict the amount of fees which might be received and stated that 18 of the applications received in the meantime yielded the sum of £36,000 and that one brought in over £18,000.

Senator Killilea stated that many applications sent in were refused within a period of 3-4 weeks and this gave no opportunity to the applicants to make representations as a result of which they would have to pay a further fee if they wanted to repeat the application. He asked that the full term of two months would be allowed before <sup>such</sup> decisions would be made in order to give applicants an opportunity of making representations.

Senator Killilea also complained that a charge of £50 was made for a planning application for the construction of a Canopy over a filling station and he considered that no charge should be made for this.

The County Manager stated that the regulations were made by the Minister and the Council cannot vary them.

When Councillor J. Burke asked what use would be made of the excess receipts, the County Manager stated that it is not known at present what the other charges proposed would bring in and until this is seen, no decision would be made regarding the increase in the estimated amount of Planning charges.

Councillor Joyce stated that recently a ditch was replaced with a wall and the charge of £40 for a planning charge was made. He stated that in such cases, the Local Engineer should be allowed to clear the Permission. Replying to Councillor J. Molloy, the County Manager stated that if development is exempted, there is of course no fee payable.

2151 - TEMPORARY LAY-OFF OF COUNCIL WORKERS:

Replying to Councillor Callanan, the County Manager stated that there is no change in the position in this matter since the previous meeting.

2152 - MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Councillor O'Morain suggested that a date should be fixed for a meeting of the Finance Committee and on the same date, a special meeting of the Council be held to finish the Agenda.

The County Manager stated that there is no point in holding a meeting of the Finance Committee and he does not see what can be done now. He has no information which would be of use to the Council at present but that some information would be available later when more information on the out-turn of expenditure and receipts would be available.

Councillor Welby proposed that a meeting of the Finance Committee would be held.



On the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that a meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on Friday, 23rd instant, at 2.30 p.m. prior to the Planning Meeting which will be held at 3.30 p.m. on the same date.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

26th September 1983 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors J. Callanan, T. Welby, and M. Killilea.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Crotty, Acting County Engineer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Members felt that because of the small attendance the Meeting should be adjourned.

The Meeting was, therefore, adjourned and was not resumed.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

26th September 1983 DATE

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor M. Ryan.  
(b) Councillor M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Acting County Engineer; F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; P. Duffy, Executive Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

The Chairman announced that he had received an apology for inability to attend from Senator M.D. Higgins.

2153 - MEETING OF PLANNING COMMITTEE:

It was agreed that the Planning Committee Meeting arranged for the 12th September would be adjourned to Friday, 23rd September.

2154 - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Arising from the adjournment of the Finance Committee Meeting, Councillor McCormack stated that some information should be given in future Agendas about the matters which are proposed to be discussed.

Councillor Welby asked that he be informed of the position regarding the availability of Road Grants for work on the National Secondary Road at Woodstock where he understood work had been closed down until 1984.

Councillor McCormack asked for the same information.

It was agreed that a Meeting of the Finance Committee would be held on 23rd September at 2.30 p.m. prior to the Planning Meeting.

2155 - PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS - MOTION BY SENATOR KILLILEA:

The County Manager explained that Planning contributions are being collected for the past 12 years as provided for by Law. Replying to queries by Senator Killilea and Councillor Welby, he stated that if any person has paid a planning contribution where a public service has not been provided for him and where such charge was made on the basis of such service, consideration would be given for refunds if the appropriate application is made.

2156 - REPAIR OF WATERMAIN AT LACKAGHMORE, CLAREGALWAY. - MOTION BY SENATOR KILLILEA:

The County Secretary stated that the repairs in this case were done by the Group on their own watermain and that there is no problem existing at present.

2157 - HANDING OVER OF HOUSING SITES TO PRIVATE DEVELOPERS - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS HAVERTY, COOGAN, CALLANAN AND BRENNAN:

The County Manager stated that the Council would be pleased to discuss any such propositions with developers and that a similar proposal has been implemented with the Rural Housing Organisation.

Replying to Councillor Callanan, the County Manager stated that the Council does not decide who gets the houses when they are built by the R.H.O. but he does not see any problem in relation to the query raised by Councillor Callanan.

2158 - REBUILDING OF DAMAGED WALL AT CLOONMORE BRIDGE, TUAM. - MOTION BY SENATOR KILLILEA:

Senator Killilea stated that a wall 12 feet high is required in this case and that the landowner is afraid to build. A fatal accident occurred at this spot. He asked that the County Council would carry out the work and would wait for payment of the money until the Insurance Company pays the claim. The Chairman supported the case made by Senator Killilea.

The County Manager stated that the wall is not a hazard - the Council has no legal liability and they should not accept liability for the wall in question. He pointed out that the Council cannot take over the liabilities of private individuals and would be taking on another person's responsibility if it were to undertake this work. He stated, however, that if the work were paid for in advance, the County Council would be prepared to carry it out.

2159 - TAKING OVER OF PUBLIC ROADS SERVING AGRICULTURAL LAND ONLY - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT AND COUNCILLORS CALLANAN AND JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that taking over of roads is a decision reserved for the Members of the County Council but he pointed out that the County Engineer had warned that funds for the maintenance of the existing road network are totally inadequate and to take over any more roads would be assuming legal liability for maintenance which the Council cannot afford.

Councillor Joyce proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated that many people have repaired roads which are serving 15 users of agricultural land and have got it tarred, but they cannot afford the cost of keeping the road in repair, and a second grant is not available to them from Local Improvement Schemes funds. He considered that there would not be very many cases of this kind involved.

Deputy Kitt seconded Councillor Joyce's proposal and it was also supported by Councillor Callanan.

The County Manager stated that in taking over public roads, there are two important questions to be considered. The first one is public utility and an effort has previously been made by the Council to resolve this and they came to the conclusion that it should serve at least one householder. He pointed out that people go to houses and not to private land.

He also pointed out that taking over of roads is no guarantee that funds would be made available to maintain them and while he sympathises with the views of the Members, he could not see that it would result in better maintenance. He pointed out that surfacing for County Roads can now be done only every 45 years on the basis of funds at present available instead of the normal 5-7 year periods and he reminded the Council that they had taken over approximately 1,000 miles of additional roads for maintenance in the past 20 years without any provision for funds for this work.

Councillor Haverty stated that the rules for Local Improvement Schemes should be changed as he had seen a case recently where a bog road was excluded from consideration in a Local Improvement Scheme.

After further discussion, it was agreed that this would be put on as a special item in the Roads Meeting which will be held prior to the next Estimates Meeting.



2160 - PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT ORANMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The County Manager stated that he is in favour of the proposal when funds are available but he pointed out that no funds are made available in the current year. He stated that the Department would not give National Primary Road Grants for it and that it would have to be financed from the Block Grant.

Councillor Fahy proposed and Councillor Haverty seconded that this work be given priority for financing from the 1984 Block Grant. This proposal was agreed by the Council.

Deputy Fahey asked that double yellow lines be provided near the Cloonarkin Estate and Schools.

The County Secretary stated that the County Bye-Laws in relation to control of traffic have not yet been made and that this is one of the areas to be considered when the Bye-Laws are made.

Councillor O'Morain asked that consideration be given to the provision of traffic lights at the junction of the Galway/Limerick road with the Dublin Road.

2161 - GRANGE/TURLOUGHMORE GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that it is not possible to give a connection to this Group from the Galway City Mains. The Group is located in Zone 3 of the Mid-Galway Regional Scheme and it is not possible at present to connect the Group to the proposed Mid-Galway Group Scheme.

Councillor McCormack stated that it is much nearer to the Galway Mains than it is to the Mid-Galway Scheme and involves mains of a distance of only a few hundred yards.

The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined again.

2162 - CARPARK AT KILLANIN CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary stated that due to lack of finance, the work in question cannot be undertaken in the current year. Councillor Welby supported Councillor McCormack's proposal and also asked if a light could be provided at the same place.

Replying to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that he saw no objection to using Notice of Motion funds for marking out the carpark.

It was agreed that an estimate of the cost would be prepared.

2163 - MID-GALWAY GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The County Secretary reported that the design for this proposed Group Scheme has been approved by the Council subject to certain pipe size increases. These increases are necessary to integrate the Group Scheme into the Mid-Galway Regional Scheme and allow for future expansion in the area. The Department Agreement to the increased pipe sizes as well as financing of same is awaited.

2164 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY - QUALITY OF WATER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The County Secretary reported that Tuam Water Supply has been constantly monitored for the past 18 months. During this period, the two sources have been sampled and the samples analysed bacteriologically at regular intervals. The water from both sources is chlorinated so that although both sources show a small amount of contamination from time to time, there is no question of contamination in the town supply. In fact at the present a chlorine residual is being maintained in the supply which ensures that there can be no contamination.

Soft floating fibres found recently in the supply have been found to be tiny pieces of algae which are caused by the sunny weather when there is rapid growth of algae and is totally harmless. A micro strainer installed at each Intake would probably prevent these small bits of floating algae and debris getting into the supply and the cost and feasibility of installing two micro strainers can be investigated if thought necessary.

Councillor Burke asked that the Consultants who were responsible for the quality of the water be required to do whatever it is necessary to do in order to give a proper quality of water to Tuam.

Mr. Howlett stated that the installation of micro strainers is being investigated by the Consultants.

Councillor Finnegan also asked that an effort be made to improve the water supply and he asked what progress is being made with the provision of Boreholes.

Mr. Crotty stated that Tenders for boring wells were due in on that day and he expected that the boring would take place within the next month.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Senior Health Inspector had taken samples at various places at different times in June and that all indicated that the water being delivered was free from contamination.

2165 - GRUP SCEIM UISCE AN CHOILIN, CHARNA. - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR O MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai go bhfuil don Sceim seo tugtha ag an Roinn Comhshaoil agus ag an Comhairle Chontae agus go raibh iarratas an bothar a oscailt faighte on Grupa agus go dtabharfar cead doibh gan mhoill.

2166 - BOTHAR IDIR CARNA AGUS AN SRAITH SAILLEACH - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR O MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai go ndeanfar deisiu ar an mbothar seo tar eis na laethanta saoire.

2167 - AIRGEAD N.O.M. A CHAITHEAMH AR FEABHSU BOITHRE - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an Bainisteoir Contae gur feidir an t-airgead sin a chaitheamh ar bhoithre poibli.

2168 - UPGRADING GALWAY-CARRAROE-CARNA ROAD TO BE A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY.

Councillor Welby proposed that the road from Galway to Carraroe be upgraded to National Secondary Road status and Councillor O'Morain supported this proposal and proposed that the Department of the Environment be asked to upgrade the road to National Secondary status from Galway to Carna. This proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair and agreed.

Councillors O'Morain and O'Conchubhair asked that Motions numbered 19 and 20 would also be taken in conjunction with this item.

The County Secretary then gave the following information on traffic counts carried out in 1968 and in 1980 on the South Connemara and on the Galway/Clifden roads -

a) 1968 National traffic counting programme carried out by An Foras Forbartha -

	<u>average annual daily traffic</u>
Coast Road .....	2,505
Galway/Oughterard .....	1,952
Oughterard/Clifden road .....	667
Spiddal/Maam Cross Road .....	547



b) 1980 Survey -	average annual daily traffic
Galway/Oughterard at Drimcong .....	2,188
Oughterard/Clifden(near Clifden) .....	1,278
Galway/Spiddal (at Irish College) .....	3,522
Spiddal/Costello .....	2,356

It was agreed that information on those counts would be given to Councillors from the Connemara Area.

2169 - REMOVAL OF CLAY AT WOODSTOCK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that this matter would be examined in detail when the re-alignment works on the main road are completed and that the access to the four households concerned will not be disimproved.

Councillor Welby stated that there is a Nursery at this location and the new road would put them off the traffic route, and he also expressed concern that itinerants might camp there. The owners were prepared to help in landscaping. He asked that the bank would be bulldozed onto the old road for the benefit of the four householders concerned. It was agreed that the matter would be re-examined.

2170 - REFUSE DUMP FOR OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that a suitable site is being actively sought to serve the Oughterard area and the Western Environs of Galway. Progress is limited by the availability of finance but rehabilitation work will be carried out on the existing Dump in the current year.

2171 - TITLE TO FORMER VESTED COTTAGE AT ST. COLEMAN'S TERRACE, GORT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that a difference between the boundaries of a plot on the ground and in Land Registry maps showed up recently but that the error probably occurred over 40 years ago and it was not possible to state the circumstances in which it occurred. He pointed out that this matter is being dealt with by Solicitors for both parties and that they were making progress towards a solution of the problem.

2172 - BRIQUETTE FACTORY AT DERRYFADDA. - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS KILGANNON, JOYCE, CALLANAN, BRENNAN AND DEPUTY KITT:

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

"That the Galway County Council request the Government to proceed immediately with the building of the Briquette Factory at Derryfadda, Ballyforan."

2173 - EXTENSION OF FOOTPATHS FROM MINNA TO TULLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Secretary stated that it is the Council's policy to use Youth Employment Scheme Grants for the provision of footpaths in this area wherever possible. The continuation of these paths will depend entirely on the availability of such grants in 1984 provided there is no objection by the Department of the Environment to the proposal.

2174 - PROVISION OF SMALL HOUSES FOR SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES AND ELDERLY PEOPLE IN HOUSING SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

Councillor Burke stated that where there are more than 10 houses in a scheme, the Council should have a policy of providing a certain number of houses for small families such as elderly persons, widows, single parents, etc. Alternatively, he suggested that consideration should be given to designing a two-family house.

COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN THEN TOOK THE CHAIR

2175 - SHOP DEVELOPMENT AT ARD AOIBHINN HOUSING ESTATE, ATHENRY:

Deputy Fahey stated that he understood that this <sup>item</sup> was to be on the Agenda following a discussion at a Council Meeting previously.

The County Manager stated that the matter had again been discussed with the Council's Law Agent and he had advised that there is no authority to withdraw the Permission which has been given and that the Solicitor also advised that there was not any <sup>other</sup> method by which the Council could prevent the development in question taking place.

Deputy Fahey also asked that an effort would be made to have grass sown on the open space on the Estate.

It was agreed that a reply on the question of the development would be sent to Deputy Fahey and Councillor Murphy.

2176 - PROGRESS ON GROUP WATER SCHEMES - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY:

Deputy Fahey complained about the operation of the Group Water Schemes in the County Council and mentioned the following problems -

- Delays in getting approvals from the County Council and the Department of the Environment.
- Delays in sanctioning of sources and in testing of sources.
- Delay in payment of approved contributions.
- Difficulties with regard to sampling of sources and objections of the Chief Medical Officer in certain cases.
- Standards applied being too strict.

He proposed that a separate Group Scheme Department would be set up with no involvement with any <sup>other</sup> department of the County Council and that the County should be divided in two regions for the purposes of Group Schemes. He also asked that a special meeting would be held to the set targets for laying pipes throughout the County, setting out where sources of Group Schemes can be got from Regional Schemes.

Other Members of the Council supported the case made by Deputy Fahey and it was agreed after further discussion that a special meeting would be held at a date to be arranged at which the Chief Medical Officer and a representative from the Department of the Environment would be asked to be present.

2177 - PROGRESS WITH REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

Deputy Fahey stated that the Council's allocation for Capital Works is far behind that of other Counties and that there are problems within the County Council which are showing progress with Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. He instanced delays which he stated have occurred in the Planning of the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme, in the Gort Water Scheme and in the Gort Sewerage Scheme, and he proposed that a special meeting be held to consider the matter, and at which a breakdown of the planning process for each scheme would be available as well as details of Consultants employed on each scheme and the money paid to them. He stated that there are only two schemes on the priority list with the Department at the moment and that the remaining schemes are with the County Council. He also referred to the delay in proceeding with the Athenry Sewerage Scheme which was sanctioned last October and which is only now ready to commence.

Other Members present supported the case made by Deputy Fahey and it was agreed that a special meeting to consider Major Water Supply Schemes would be held on the 14th October, 1983.



2178 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS AND OPEN SPACES AT CLOONARKIN DRIVE AND BEECH PARK, ORANMORE - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that there is no objection to taking over the roads, footpaths and services as well as the designated open spaces for future maintenance. It is not, however, proposed to take in charge the sewage treatment plants. He stated, however, that no funds are available from County Road Maintenance for maintenance of these estates during the current year.

Councillors requested that steps should be taken to publish the necessary statutory notices about taking over of the public roads as early as possible.

2179 - ROAD SIGNS - WOODSTOCK:

Councillor Welby stated that better signposting at Woodstock is urgently needed. He stated that accidents had occurred at this point arising from the very bad condition of the road surface.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED!

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

26th September 1983 DATE

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

20th September, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council at the County Buildings, Galway, commencing at 3.00 p.m. on Monday next, 26th September, 1983, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

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

1. "Ar aon dul le Cuid 4 de Acht na bBainisteoiri Catharach agus Conndae (Leasu), 1955, orduion muid don bhainisteoir cead pleanala uimhir 39351 to Colm O Keaney, Callacruck, Cashel."

M. O'Morain. Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Gearoid Mac Phathlain.

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 Mr. Aiden Finnegan, Tawnagh East, Gort, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse, garage and septic tank at Tawnagh East, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 46283."

Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Toddie Byrne.

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 Permission (full) to John Rabbitte of Caherteemore South, Athenry, for dry shed and open entrance at Caherteemore South. - Planning Reference Number 46472."

Mark Killilea. Patrick Ruane. John Molloy.

4. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require <sup>the County Manager</sup> to decide to grant Permission to Ann Collins for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballinduff. - Planning Ref. No. 46229."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. G. Bartley.

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 Permission to Sean Manning of Farravam, Oughterard, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Farravam, Oughterard. - Planning



Reference number 46092."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.

6. "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 Vincent Goaley of Corrundulla, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Bunatubber. - Planning Reference Number 46290."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. 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 Outline Permission to Michael Freaney of Oranbeg, Oranmore, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Oranbeg, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 46150."

P. McCormack. Tony Murphy. Edward Haverty.

8. "D'reir Acht 4 den Acht an Bhainistíocht Contae, 1955, (Leasaithe) eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead Pleanala go Sean Folan, Teach Mor, Indreabhan, le teach conaithe a thógail ag an seoladh seo leanas:

Teach Mor, Indreabhan.

Uimhir Tagartha Pleanala - 46292."

P. O'Foighil. John M. Mannion. P. McCormack.

9. "D'reir Acht 4 den Acht an Bhainistíocht Contae, 1955 (Leasaithe), eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar na mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead Pleanala go Gearoid Legarton le garaiste a usaid mar ait weldail a thógail ag Cartur Leathar, Indreabhan. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanala - 46644."

P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. F. O'Cuagain.

10. "D'reir Acht 4 den Acht an Bhainistíocht Contae, 1955 (Leasaithe), eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead Pleanala go Joan Herson, New Village, Bearna, le 4 theach conaithe a thógail ag New Village, Bearna. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanala 46739."

P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. F. O'Cuagain.

11. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Michael Kennely, Aillebrack, Ballyconneely, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Aillebrack. - Planning Ref. No. 46498."

G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u Mean Fomhair, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26u Mean Fomhair, 1983, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Raising of loan of £4 million for house construction in 1984.
3. Raising of loan of £150,000 for Knocknacarra Main Drainage Scheme, Stage 2.
4. Sale of site at Ballydavid, Athenry, to Mr. David Loughnane, Railway Station, Athenry, - notice dated 13th September, 1983.
5. Disposal of land at Moycullen to Rural Housing Organisation.
6. International Conferences and Meetings - Copy of letter from Department of the Environment dated 2nd September, 1983, herewith.
7. Seminar on Local Government Reform - Dun Laoghaire - 13th and 14th October, 1983.
8. Application for Remission of Rates - factory at Carrowmoneash, Oranmore - Oranmore Pre-Cast Limited.
9. Fix date for meeting - (a) Review of County Development Plan  
(b) Finance Committee
10. Business submitted by the County Manager.



COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose:

1. When does the Council intend to provide a fire fighting service for the South Connemara area?
2. When do the Council intend to spend the £20,000 allocated in the Estimates of 1983 for the main Lettermore/Lettermullin road?
3. I request Galway County Council to repair the water pump at Ross, Lettercallow, Lettermore, immediately.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

4. That Galway County Council allow a person (name and details supplied) an entrance to his house adjacent to an old County Council pump.

COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will propose:

5. That the road and open space at Council Estate, Kinvara, be taken in charge.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

6. That this Council make a full report for the next meeting as to why the roadworks at Woodstock are being suspended.
7. When will the parking by-laws be implemented for Oughterard and Headford.
8. That the navigation light on the Barna Pier be repaired without delay.

COUNCILLOR FINTAN COOGAN - I will propose:

9. That a public light be provided at O'Flahertys shop at Carna, Kilkerrin, at a point 200 yards the Kilkerrin side of Ardmore National School.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will ask:

10. When does Galway County Council expect to commence the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme?
11. When does Galway County Council intend to erect traffic route lighting at Labane.?

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:

12. That this Council support the call from the Tuam Town Commissioners that the road from Tuam to Athlone be at least National Secondary status, also that our County Plan be altered accordingly.

COUNCILLOR GERALD BARTLEY - I will propose:

13. That the County Manager explain to the Council the Council's function as regard sheep farmers in Connemara and if the Council had any responsibility for the recent tax or levy imposed on the farmer.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th September, 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.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
David Loughnane, Railway Station, Athenry.	20	0.110 acre approx.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:

<u>Site No:</u>	<u>Price:</u>
20	£4,750

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

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Prospect Hill,  
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Ext. ....

21st September, 1983.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1983.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

A Chara,

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

- 4.(a) Sale of site at Glenmore, Athenry, to Peter Costello, Glenmore, Athenry, Co. Galway. - Notice dated 30th August, 1983, already circulated.
- 4.(b) Sale of site at Cuscarrick, Loughrea, to the National Building Agency Limited, Richmond Avenue South, Milltown, Dublin, 6. - Notice dated 30th August, 1983, already circulated.

Mise, le meas,

Handwritten signature of T. Kavanagh.

T. KAVANAGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

30th August, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

Land Acquired From: James Costello, Glenmore, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Location:- Glenmore, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Area:- 2 roods, 7 perches.

To whom land is to be transferred:- Peter Costello, Glenmore, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:- £1

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

Signed: K. Doyle,  
County Secretary.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

30th August, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

Land Acquired From: Thomas Finnerty, Cuscarrick, Loughrea,  
Co. Galway.

Location: Cuscarrick, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Area: .34 acres.

To whom land is to be transferred: National Building Agency Ltd.,  
Richmond Avenue, South Milltown,  
Dublin 6.

Consideration in respect of Disposal: £100

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

SIGNED: K. Doyle,  
County Secretary.

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4th October, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

A Special meeting of the Finance Committee of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

Monday, 10th October, 1983, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to the Acting County Secretary.

ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.



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4th October, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

re: Review of County Development Plan - AMENITY SECTION

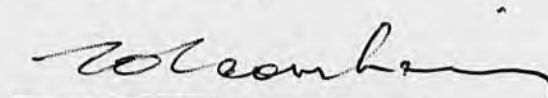
A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 10th October, 1983, commencing at 3.30 p.m., to consider the review of the Amenity Section of the County Development Plan.

Please find enclosed the following documents:

- DOCUMENT NO. 1: The section of the existing County Development Plan on the Control of development in scenic amenity areas. It is printed on white pages.
- DOCUMENT NO. 2: A brief explanatory note consisting of 1 page outlining the proposed changes in this section.
- DOCUMENT NO. 3: The new revised section on Amenity Areas proposed for adoption in the revised County Development Plan. It is printed on yellow pages.

Mise, le meas,

  
Runai Sealadach.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

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, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Micheal G. O'Higgins.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; D. Barrett and Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officers; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2180 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 39351 - APPLICANT: COLM O KEANEY.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Cashel to Carna road approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Glinsk School on the landward side of the roadway.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 24824; Outline Planning Permission granted to applicant on his holding approximately 150 yards south of the site presently under consideration.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant was granted Outline Planning Permission by the Planning Authority in September 1977 and this permission has not been availed of.

The site in question is located in an open moorland landscape which is almost completely free from building development.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

The proposed development would be located in an exposed position in an open moorland landscape which should properly be kept free of non essential development. As the applicant has an existing unavailed of Outline Planning Permission, the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

An Taisce have objected in this case."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor O'Morain. He said that while technically the application might contravene the Plan as it



stands at present he did not agree with the Plan or the reasons put forward for refusing the application. The applicant needs help and has used up the earlier permission.

The County Engineer stated that on the previous occasion, the applicant applied for two houses and was granted one. No need was established and if permission was given in this case, it would be difficult to refuse others.

The resolution was seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair.

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

2181 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46283 - APPLICANT: AIDAN FINNEGAN.

The County Manager submitted the following report which included additional information since the matter was discussed at the August Meeting:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on road no. 390 Gort to Corofin (Co. Clare) approximately 3 miles from Gort and  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from the old monastic settlement of Kilmacduagh National Monument No. 51.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been five other planning applications lodged by members of applicant's family on this holding:

- Reference no. 21600: One house granted out of three sought by Mr. Colman Finnegan, father of this applicant. One of the houses refused was proposed on this present site.
- Reference no. 24388: Approval granted to above house.
- Reference no. 32902: One house granted to Mr. Francis Finnegan, brother of applicant.
- Reference no. 42906: One house granted by Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala to Mr. Pat Finnegan, brother of applicant following appeal by the Office of Public Works.
- Reference No. 45611: One house refused to this applicant on this site, Decision not appealed.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the higher levels of the holding overlooking the round Tower and ruined churches which are at a lower level and are backgrounded by the hills of Clare and the Burren. The view from the public road approach across this site is of a panoramic nature and highly scenic and is of special interest due to the National importance of this early medieval monastic settlement. Negotiations have been carried out with the applicant to re-locate the house near the four existing family houses which are side by side on lower ground 600 yards away. There is no apparent reason why the house could not be located adjacent to the other houses without disruption of land or farmyard activities but the applicant has insisted that his father will not give him any other site. The family holding has almost  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of road frontage and it could provide alternative suitable house locations.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

The proposed non-essential dwellinghouse would seriously interfere with the rural amenities and the views of special interest of the nearby Kilmacduagh Monastic Settlement (Nat. Monuments 51) by virtue of its

obtrusive location on the Gort to Corofin Regional Route between the road and the national monument.

As requested by the Council at its August meeting, the Planning Officer, Mr. Kavanagh discussed this application on site with the applicant, the applicant's father and Councillors Michael Fahy and Deputy F. Fahey. Both sides of the case were discussed in detail and alternative sitings for the development were mentioned.

The applicant was to reconsider alternative locations either adjacent to the existing family houses or possibly east of the proposed site but no indication has been received to date from the applicant of any change of his proposal!

The County Manager stated that a site meeting had taken place since the last Council Meeting but no progress had been made.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said it would cost the applicant alot of money to service an alternative site. The house would interfere very little with the view of the monastic settlement. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused for the grounds set out in the report. The applicant was asked to consider alternative sites and made no response. Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal. Councillor Byrne supported the proposal to grant Permission.

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 F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ruane and Welby.

(20)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Glynn, Senator Higgins, and Councillor Holland.

(5)

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

2182 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46472 - APPLICANT: JOHN RABBITTE.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Cahertymore close to the Galway to Monivea road about 11 miles from Galway.

PLANNING BACKGROUND:

Permission or Outline Permission has been granted to the Rabbitte family for ten houses on family lands adjacent to this site. The majority of the permissions front on to the by road leading to the site from the Galway/Monivea road. Three of the permitted houses have been built, two of which have been sold, the third one being owned by the applicant. The two buyers of the sites are objectors to the current proposal.

The current site is approximately 150 yards further along the by road than the nearest house. It adjoins a site for which the applicant obtained Outline Permission for five houses.



About one year ago the applicant developed a gravelled area on this site and developed the by road leading to it. He subsequently applied for permission for temporary oil storage tanks but was refused permission by the Planning Authority and did not appeal, planning ref. no. 44184.

Subsequently, the applicant applied for an open entrance and dry shed on the site and was refused permission by the Planning Authority, ref. no. 46048. The decision was appealed by the applicant and is currently before An Bord Pleanála. It is similar to this current proposal.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant is involved in the oil distribution business and currently operates with two trucks from a depot in Galway City. His brother attended this office and stated that while originally he intended some storage of oil on the site he now intends developing the site for the storage and maintenance of his trucks, since the cost of servicing them at a city garage was up to £500 per week. He wanted the depot close to the house for security purposes and he had no frontage along the Galway/Monivea Road.

ASSESSMENT:

The location of a vehicle maintenance operation close to dwelling houses on a by-road in a rural area would conflict seriously with existing residential and rural amenity. Despite the best intentions of an operator, it is likely that maintenance operations might have to be carried out at unsociable hours so as to meet delivery deadlines. The resultant traffic movements along the accommodation road together with the attendant noises and smells which normally arise from garage maintenance operations would be incongruous in a location which has become progressively built up with housing development. The operation would more suitably be located in one of the commercial sites permitted in the Oranmore-Carnmore-Claregalway area where there is considerable accommodation still available. It was also suggested to the applicant's brother that sympathetic consideration would be given to a site fronting **directly** on to the Monivea Road in this area, provided there were no houses closeby. He did not think that he would be in a position to acquire such a site and also stated that he would not favour a site which was located some distance from the family house.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:-

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would seriously injure the residential amenity of adjacent dwellinghouses in this rural area by introducing traffic of a commercial nature and its associated servicing operations in too close a proximity to the said houses."

In reply to questions from Members, the County Manager confirmed that in addition to application number 46472 which was now before the Council, there was a similar application currently before An Bord Pleanála.

As there would be time to make a decision on the application at the October Meeting, Councillor Molloy asked to have the resolution deferred to the October Meeting.

2183 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46229 - APPLICANT: ANN COLLINS.

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 narrow unrealigned section of the Galway to Headford road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies.

Planning permission has been refused for houses on this site on three previous occasions (Planning Ref. Nos. 10141, 28525 and 35606). A number of persons have claimed ownership of this site in planning applications (Edward Staunton, part of 1969, Martin Flaherty 1971, and Sean Molloy 1978).

Mr. Molloy applied for permission for a dwellinghouse on the adjacent site in 1979 and the County Manager was directed to grant this application by a Section 4 Motion. The applicant had made no housing need claim, and no dwellinghouse has been constructed on this site (Planning Ref. No. 31552).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Mrs. Ann Collins was the applicant in the last application on this site (Planning Ref. No. 35606) although all correspondence was c/o Sean Molloy. Mrs. Collins stated she was buying the site from Mr. Molloy, who is her brother-in-law. Mrs. Collins apparently lives in Chicago. The Planning Authority have investigated the housing need and are satisfied it does not come within the categories of housing need to which permission is restricted by the 1979 County Plan, i.e., replacement of a sub-standard house or bona fide housing claims from members of a farm holders family, where no suitable alternative lands are available. This policy is held to be fair because it facilitates those who traditionally owned lands abutting important routes and who wish to provide houses for their families. This policy is generally restrictive in order to confine housing development on National Routes to essential development in order to protect public investment on these routes and to restrict new vehicular accesses in the interests of traffic safety.

Mr. Molloy, the landowner, has an address in Kilcoona, where he seems to have other lands which abut minor county roads. There is an existing planning permission on the adjacent site, which has not been used. Mrs. Collins could purchase this site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development, located on the Galway to Headford National Secondary route, where the maximum speed limit applies, would constitute a 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 road.
2. The proposed development, located on the Galway to Headford road where Class 1 control operates would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because this development does not come within the categories to which development on this road is restricted."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby. He said that the applicant had purchased the site from Mr. Molloy and wanted to build her own house there. Councillor Molloy seconded the resolution.

The County Engineer stated that it behoved the Council to try and protect the National Primary Routes. The site was on an unrealigned section of a National road and would constitute a traffic hazard.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused. He said that a number of applicants had applied for Permission on this site and there appeared to be other lands available which were not on the national route.



He said that the advice of the County Engineer could not be ignored. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal saying that no need for hardship had been substantiated.

When a vote was taken after 4.30 p.m for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda, the result was as follows:

**FOR:** Councillor Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(17)

**AGAINST:** Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Glynn, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Kilgannon and Ryan.

(8)

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

2184 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46092 - APPLICANT: SEAN MANNING.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Farravaun on the Glann road on the lake side of the roadway.

HISTORY:

A similar application by the same applicant was refused by the Planning Authority - planning reference number 45121 in April, 1983.

1. The proposed development would be located on an exposed hillside in the area of special amenity value between the public road and Lough Corrib and would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and, if permitted, would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape, 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 proposed development is located in an area of Special Amenity Value where it is the policy of the planning authority to totally restrict development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. No particular need exists and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an area of special amenity as set out in the County Development Plan. It is the policy of the Planning Authority, as set out in the County Development Plan, to restrict development to particular cases of housing need on the family holding of land. Although the applicant was born in the area, the site in question is not part of the family lands. The applicant is a teacher in St. Marys College, Galway, and resides in the College.

The proposed development would be located on an exposed hillside in the foreground of a fine view of Lough Corrib.

The Planning Authority also dealt with an application on a site located immediately adjacent to the public roadway and between the roadway and the site in question. This was refused by the Planning Authority - planning reference number 42697 and the refusal was upheld on appeal by An Bord Pleanala in April 1983.

1. The proposed development is located in an area of designated special amenity value where the Planning Authority's policy is for the total restriction of all but essential development. This policy is considered reasonable and the proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the Development Plan and contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. Located between the public road and Lough Corrib, the proposed development would be located in the foreground of a scenic view of Lough Corrib and if permitted would detract from the scenic amenity of the area and so be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development would be located on an exposed hillside in an area of Special Amenity Value between the public road and Lough Corrib and would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and, if permitted, would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape, 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 proposed development is located in an area of Special Amenity Value where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to totally restrict development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. No particular need exists and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

An Taisce have objected in this case."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby. He said that it was incorrect to say that the site was elevated and was on a hillside. He said the house could be sited without being seen from the road and the distance from the lake would be at least 550 yards. He said that the applicant was a keen fisherman and had got the site at a nominal price and the house could also be used by his brothers and sisters and that they were natives of the area. Councillor Welby mentioned other applicants who had succeeded in getting Planning Permission, i.e., numbers 37874 and 34101. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Molloy.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused saying that a similar application had been turned down by An Bord Pleanala which was an independent Body. Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal.

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 F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(20)

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

(4)

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

2185 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46290 - APPLICANT: VINCENT GOALEY.

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



2186 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46150 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL FREANEY.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the Galway/Dublin road N.6 approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile on the Galway side of Derrydonnell Cross. It adjoins two existing houses, the planning history of which is outlined below.

HISTORY AND COMMENT:

There is a long history of applications on these lands which are in the ownership of Mr. Michael Freaney, and in view of the fact that no special claim has been made on behalf of Mr. Freaney to overcome the planning objections on the grounds of "permissible and substantiated categories of housing need", I will only outline the development permitted. They are as follows:-

1. 18762 and 21885 which were a grant of Outline and Approval for a step brother of Mr. Freaney's.
2. 34217 a grant of permission to a Mr. D. Commins, a step brother in law of Mr. Freaney's.
3. 39473 a grant by Section 4 to Mr. D. Commins on portion of the site for which 34217 had been granted.

In the present case, Mr. Freaney claims that he requires the site to sell due to his grave financial position, and as such does not come within the terms of permitted development in a Class 1 road, namely a national primary route, it is recommended that it be refused for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along this route.
2. The proposed development would contravene the provisions of the the County Development Plan which seeks to restrict development along national routes to particular permissible and substantiated categories of housing need. No such need has been demonstrated by the applicant."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Murphy. He said that there were family problems in this case and he made a special plea that Permission be granted. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Coogan.

The County Engineer stated that the proposed development was on the main Dublin Road near Derrydonnell Cross and that it was lethal to allow houses to be built in such locations with exits onto the National Primary route.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Sen. U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Glynn, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillor Holland.

(5)

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

2187 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46292 - APPLICANT: SEAN FOLAN.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Loughaubeg, Inverin, and is in fact the site of the existing family dwellinghouse.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 28473: Applicant granted permission for a 2 bedroomed extension and front porch to family dwellinghouse.

Planning Ref. No. 38873: Applicant refused permission for the erection of a GL3s dwellinghouse on public health grounds.

Planning Ref. No. 43372: Applicant refused permission for a chalet on public health grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This application is stated to be a second family dwellinghouse for the applicant's son, Stephen Folan, who is 15 years of age. The other children in the family are between 13 and 6 years of age.

Permission was previously granted to the applicant, planning ref. no. 25434 for the erection of a dwellinghouse on the family lands. This site has apparently been sold as it is the subject of an application by another person, planning ref. no. 46526, which is currently under consideration by the Planning Authority.

Although this application is for a dwellinghouse, the plans are the same as those already submitted for a chalet, planning ref. no. 43372.

The site is extremely congested containing the family dwellinghouse which has been extended and two large sheds.

Refusal is recommended by the County Medical Officer, because of the congested nature of the site and the lack of soil to treat the septic tank effluent.

The Planning Authority would have no objection to the erection of a dwellinghouse on the adjacent family lands.

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

The proposed development which would involve the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank on a site already containing an existing house would constitute an excessive density of septic tank development which would be liable to constitute a public health hazard and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil an run a bhi ar an gClár sa chas seo. He said the applicant had only a few acres of land and wanted to build the house adjacent to the existing house. He questioned the unsuitability of the site for a septic tank and he referred to another house which was permitted on a less suitable site adjoining the seashore. Councillor Coogan seconded the resolution.



When Councillor O'Foighil indicated that he would not be in agreement with deferring the resolution, Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused and Councillor J. Burke seconded.

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

**FOR:** Senator U. Burke, Councillor Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors Finnegan, Haverty, Kilgannon, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, and Welby.

(15)

**AGAINST:** Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, Joyce, and Ruane.

(6)

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

2188 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46644 - APPLICANT: GEAROID LEGARTON.

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

"LOCATION:

The site in question is located in the townland of Cartronlahan, Inverin.

HISTORY:

20608 Permission granted to Maire Bean Ni Legerton for the erection of a dwellinghouse.

35956 Permission granted to Aonraoi Legerton for extension to dwellinghouse and erection of a garage/store.

45332: Permission refused to Aonraoi Legerton for change of use from garage to welding workshop on the grounds that a welding workshop would be at variance with the established residential character of the area and would detract from the residential amenities of the area.

A warning notice was issued to the applicant to cease development. It was suggested to the applicant that he might contact Udaras na Gaeltachta with a view to obtaining a suitable premises.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The garage which is proposed to be used as a welding workshop is situated amid a cluster of dwellinghouses and the noise and bright lights associated with welding operations; together with the extra traffic load generated, would detract from the existing residential amenities of the area.

There are local objections in this case which state that the workshop has been used on occasion until 3.00 a.m.

RECOMMENDATION:

The establishment of a commercial welding shop in an existing garage in a residential area would be at variance with the established residential character of the area and the noise associated with the working of the welding shop would seriously detract from the residential amenities of the area and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil an run a bhi ar an gClár sa chas seo. Councillor O'Foighil read out a letter from the applicant outlining his case. Councillor O'Foighil said that the noise from the premises would not be excessive. It would only be used on occasions. The applicant had complied with all safety regulations and the amenity of the area would not be affected. Councillor Coogan seconded the resolution. Councillor J. Burke questioned why the applicant was prepared to pay over £3,000 for an additional electricity supply if it was only going to be used occasionally. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor Brennan.

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

**FOR:** Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Coogan, Kilgannon, Mannion, O'Foighil, and Ryan.

(7)

**AGAINST:** Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillors Holland, Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Morain, Ruane.

(17)

The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

2189 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46739 - APPLICANT: JOAN HERNON.

The County Manager stated that this application was only received on the 7th September, 1983, and has not been fully investigated and will appear on the Agenda for the October Meeting.

2190 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46498 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL KENNELLY.

The County Manager stated that a request for further information has been issued in this case and would be brought back before the Council at a later date. The resolution was not, therefore, proposed.

2191 - DEVELOPMENT AT LACKAGHBEG, TURLOUGHMORE:

Senator M.D. Higgins proposed that the Council seek an Injunction against a Mr. K. McDonagh to cease the development of training stables and track at Lackaghbeg, Turloughmore. He said the matter had been referred to An Bord Pleanála for a decision as to whether the development was exempt or not but that the developer was continuing with the development in the meantime. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Glynn and supported by Councillors Joyce and J. Burke.

The County Manager stated that the applicant's Solicitor contended that the development was exempt and the matter has been referred to An Bord Pleanála. He said the matter would now be referred to the Council's Law Agent with a view to seeking an Injunction.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED.

*Michael Ryan*  
CHAIRMAN

24th October 1983  
DATE



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, P. Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Councillor Micheal G. O'Higgins.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; K. Doyle, Acting Assistant County Manager; D. Barrett, and Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officers; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2192 - SYMPATHY:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Haverty, passed a resolution of sympathy to Mr. Peter Kearns, Assistant County Manager, on the death of his son and agreed to adjourn for a short time as a mark of respect.

Do ghlac an Comhairle moladh comh-bhron freisin on Comhairleoir O'Morain le chlann Seoirse Ui Choilligh. Dúirt an Comhairleoir O'Morain gur gaeilgoir e Seoirse O Choilligh, gur Eireannach an-mhaith e agus go raibh an suim aige i gcoras udaras aitiuil.

The Council also passed resolutions of sympathy to the families of the late Sgt. McNamara, Oughterard, and Fred Hanley, Consulting Engineer, and also to the following:

Mrs. Toolan, Milford, Creggs, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Lohan & Family, Oatfield, Cappataggle, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. & Mrs. John Duggan, Cregboy, Claregalway.  
Mrs. O'Connor, Camp Street, Oughterard.  
Mr. Eddie McEvelly, Pribaun, Roscahill.  
Mr. Micheal Breathnach, Tir na Fhia, Leitirmoir.

The Meeting then adjourned for a few minutes.

2193 - MINUTES:

The Acting Secretary stated that a correction needed to be made in Minute No. 2150 of Meeting of 29th August, 1983, and that the figure of £8,312 in the second line should read £80,312. Subject to this correction, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman, on the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Holland:

Two Meetings held on 22nd August, 1983, - Minute numbers 2122 - 2131 incl.  
Meeting of 29th August, 1983, - Minute numbers 2132 - 2152 incl.  
Meeting of 2nd September, 1983, - Minute numbers 2153 - 2179 incl.

2194 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor

O'Morain, the Council congratulated the Lettermore team on winning the County Junior Football title. On the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by the Chairman, the Council congratulated the Durmore team on winning the Senior County Football title and also Clonbur were the beaten finalists. The Council also congratulated the Galway Under-21 Hurlers for winning the All-Ireland title and the Rathcairn team for winning the Meath County Final.

2195 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £4 MILLION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approves the raising of a loan of £4 million from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purposes of constructing Local Authority houses - the loan to be repaid over a period of 35 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

2196 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £150,000 FOR KNOCKNACARRA MAIN DRAINAGE SCHEME:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £150,000 for the Knocknacarra Main Drainage Scheme - the loan to be repaid over a period of 35 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

2197 - SALE OF SITE AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY, TO DAVID LOUGHNAME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of plot of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. David Loughname, Railway Station, Athenry, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 13th September, 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."

2198 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT GLENMORE, ATHENRY, TO PETER COSTELLO:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Glenmore, Athenry, to Mr. Peter Costello, Glenmore, Athenry, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 30th August, 1983, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and the Housing Act, 1966, circulated to each Member of the Council."

2199 - SALE OF SITE AT COSCARRICK, LOUGHREA, TO N.B.A.:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Coscarrick, Loughrea, to the National Building Agency Limited, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 30th August, 1983, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and the Housing Act, 1966, circulated to each Member of the Council."

2200 - DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MOYCULLEN TO RURAL HOUSING ORGANISATION:

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor Coogan, the Council approved of the disposal of Council land at Moycullen to the Rural Housing Organisation for the purpose of building houses. The Members



welcomed the proposal and said that the R.H.O. should be encouraged to build in other centres. Senator U. Burke said that the Council should be careful not to dispose of all its land bank as the Council needed land for its own building programme.

2201 - LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS:

Circular dated 2nd September, 1983, from the Department of the Environment regarding representation by local authorities at Conferences abroad had been circulated to each Member. Several Members said that the Council had been reasonable and prudent in selecting Members to attend Conferences abroad.

Councillor O'Conchubhair referred to the high expenses which Councillors incurred in serving the public and Councillor M. Fahy wished it to be known publicly that Councillors were not in receipt of any salary.

Councillor Joyce referred to the work being done by the Local Authorities Members' Association and said that he hoped that a decision would be made soon as regards expenses, etc. The Chairman thanked Councillor Joyce and the Association for looking after the Councillors' interests.

2202 - SEMINAR ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:

The County Manager gave details of a Seminar on Local Government Reform being held in the Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, on the 13th and 14th October, 1983, and organised by the Irish Council of the European Movement. It was agreed that the following delegates from Galway County Council attend -

Councillors O'Conchubhair, Haverty, Bartley, Mannion, Coogan, and O'Foighil.

The Members also recommended that an official attend.

2203 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES - ORANMORE PRECAST LIMITED:

The County Manager gave details of an application for partial remission of Rates from Oranmore Precast Limited in respect of a factory at Carrowmoneash, Oranmore. The relevant valuation was £260 and the remission in 1983 would amount to £6,209.60 while over the 9 year period, the remission would amount to almost £47,000 based on an annual rate increase of 10%.

Councillor J. Burke questioned the granting of rate remissions on Industrial premises saying that the Council was not in a position to judge whether or not these industries needed this assistance by way of rate remission.

The County Manager stated that there were difficulties in relation to this scheme. At the present time, the Council could not afford to grant these remissions but the legislation was there authorising it and other western Counties were operating the system. Senator U. Burke proposed that some Government Department asked to compensate the Council for the cost of these remissions. Councillor Glynn seconded this proposal and also referred to the question of people using their dwellinghouses for business purposes which should make them liable for Rates on the business portion. It was proposed by Deputy Fahy, seconded by Councillor Byrne 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 Oranmore Precast Limited at Carrowmoneash, Oranmore, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1982-1991 inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

2204 - FIXING OF DATE FOR MEETING FOR REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

It was agreed to have the Finance Committee Meeting on Monday, 10th October commencing at 3.00 p.m. and the meeting for the Review of the County

Development Plan on the same day commencing at 3.30 p.m.

It was decided to hold the meeting to deal with Capital Water and Sewerage Schemes on Friday, 28th October instead of Friday, 14th October as originally planned. The reason for this was because a number of Members would be attending the Seminar on Local Government Reform on the 14th October.

2205 - CHARGES FOR SERVICES:

Councillor O'Morain asked if a person did not avail of a service provided by the Council, were they still liable for the charge. The County Manager replied that the legal position was that where certain services are provided, the person for whom the service is provided is liable for the charge whether they avail of it or not. The County Manager also confirmed that the Council would operate a hardship scheme which had been referred to by Members.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2206 - LAY-OFFS:

The County Manager read the following letter from the Office of the Minister for the Environment in connection with the Council's request for additional financial assistance:

"The Tanaiste regrets that all available Exchequer assistance to Local Authorities has been fully committed for 1983, there is no special assistance which can be given to your Council. The Council's position will be borne in mind when grant allocations for 1984 are being considered."

Councillor Glynn proposed and Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded that a letter be sent to the Tanaiste advising him about the deplorable state of the roads in the County and that the Department would have to be held responsible for any accidents that would result.

Councillor Murphy referred to a letter which he had received about Notice of Motion money. The County Manager explained that this money had to be spent within the year and in order to do this, jobs would have to be selected fairly quickly.

Councillor Joyce was informed by the County Engineer that the Ballinasloe Inner Relief Road would be opened as soon as the public lighting is provided.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

2207 - FIRE SERVICE FOR SOUTH CONNEMARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The Acting Secretary stated that the provision of a fire fighting service in South Connemara cannot be considered in the present financial climate. Apart from gorse fires, the incidence of fires is low. It would also be very difficult if not impossible to recruit and retain suitable part-time firemen who would give round the clock availability.

Councillor O'Conchubhair said that South Connemara was left in a very dangerous position this year with numerous forest fires. He said there were many factories in the area and in the event of an additional Engineering area being established in South Connemara, he asked that a fire station be included.

2208 - REPAIRS TO LETTERMORE/LETTERMULLIN ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work will start within the next week and would be completed before the end of the year.

2209 - WATER PUMP AT ROSS, LETTERCALLOW - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The Acting Secretary stated that this pump has been repaired.



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2210 -- REMOVAL OF/COUNTY COUNCIL PUMP - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that this pump was not interfering with the entrance to this man's house. The pump is not used by local people as they have a Group Scheme but may be required at some time in the future. Planning Permission would be required for any new entrance.

Deputy Kitt said that the pump looked unsightly but appreciated the possibility that it could be required in the future for public use.

2211 -- COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATE IN KINVARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this short section of blacktopped roadway serves the rear of 10 Council houses and the fronts of two in the village of Kinvara. The open grass space acts as a playground for the children. After some discussion, the County Engineer said that he would examine the matter further in order to clarify the question of maintenance of the road and open space.

2212 -- ROADWORKS AT WOODSTOCK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the roadworks at Woodstock have been suspended because the 1983 Grant allocation for same has been expended. The works will be resumed when the 1984 Grant allocation becomes available.

Councillor Welby asked if it was finance alone that caused work to stop or was the money transferred elsewhere. The County Engineer replied that the grant money ran out and no money was transferred. Councillor Welby suggested that the Council had not honoured its agreement with a landowner in the area. The County Manager stated that Court proceedings were pending in relation to one landowner and if this was the case referred to by Councillor Welby, then the matter was subjudice and could not be discussed at the meeting.

2213 -- PARKING BYE-LAWS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting County Secretary stated that the new Galway (County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws have not yet been sanctioned by the Department of the Environment. When in operation, they would allow bye-laws to be implemented in Oughterard and Headford. Councillor Welby complained about the delay in the implementation of the new bye-laws.

2214 -- NAVIGATION LIGHT ON BARNA PIER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting County Secretary stated that this light has now been repaired.

2215 -- PUBLIC LIGHT AT CARNA, KILKERRIN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR COOGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no financial provision in the 1983 Estimates for new public lighting.

2216 -- ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Chairman agreed to defer this motion to the next meeting.

2217 -- TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING AT LABANE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Chairman asked that a written reply be sent to Councillor Fahy.

2218 -- UPGRADING OF TUAM/ATHLONE ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the road referred to consists mainly of Regional Roads 332 and 363. It was unlikely that any more funds would be made available for the improvement of this route if its classification were National Secondary than is now the case. A "new" National Secondary road would take its place on the priority list - at the bottom. On the other hand, the Department of the Environment have of late, been making funds available for improvement of Regional Roads. Accordingly, the County Engineer recommended that no change of classification be requested.

Councillor J. Burke was satisfied with the County Engineer's recommendation.

2219 -- SHEEP DIPPING FEES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the charge of 10p per sheep was necessary to recoup some of the cost of operating the sheep dipping scheme.

2220 -- GORT DUMP:

Deputy F. Fahey complimented the Council and Mr. R. Killeen in particular on the work which has been done in the rehabilitation of the Gort Dump.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

*Michael Ryan*  
CHAIRMAN

*22nd Oct 1983*  
DATE



MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,  
GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors J. Mannion, M. O'Morain, J. Brennan,  
J. Callanan, Deputy Kitt, Councillor Welby.  
Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor Haverty, Senator Killilea.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance  
Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and  
T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2221 - CHARGES:

Councillor O'Morain asked for clarification about the payment of charges where a person declines to avail of a service and what was the up-to-date position about the collection of refuse charges.

The County Manager replied that persons for whom a service was provided would have to pay the charges and that the bills for the refuse charges would be issued within a few weeks.

There was discussion about the liability of a person to pay refuse charges where the refuse truck did not actually go down a by-road and only collected from the house at the head of the road.

The County Manager stated that it was not proposed to change the routes of the refuse trucks because of the introduction of charges. Any person whose premises is serviced by the refuse truck would have to pay the charges and anybody proposing not to accept the service in order to avoid payment would still have to pay but he could not go into individual cases.

Senator Killilea said that people in certain villages had always brought their refuse to Council tipheads at weekends. He could see this practice growing as a result of which charges might be imposed at the tiphead and he felt that people who had always done this over the years should be exempt from such charges. He also asked how much had been collected to date on planning fees and asked if Council Rate Collectors could be used to collect levies outstanding to the Western Health Board.

The County Manager stated that he had not got the up-to-date figure on planning fees but that it was in excess of £80,000. As regards Rate Collectors, he said that many meetings had taken place with their Union. They had been asked to collect Rates in areas where Rate Collector posts are vacant and they would only do so if they got extra pay. Only recently the Union lifted an embargo on the collection of the new charges and only now the Council was free to negotiate with the Union on the involvement of Rate Collectors in the collection of charges.

Councillor Welby asked if Old Age Pensioners would have to pay the new charges. The County Manager replied that the Council would operate a Waiver Scheme and a notice had been published in local papers recently advising certain categories that they could make application to have charges waived in whole or in part. The County Manager also stated that a list of the new charges would be circulated to Councillors.

2222 - ROADWORKS AT KILLEEN:

Councillor Welby asked how much money had been spent on the road improvement job at Killeen. The County Manager replied that he did not know how much money had been spent but that at the last meeting, the County Engineer stated that all the Grant money allocated for the current year had been

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spent and that the details could be given to Councillor Welby if he required them. Councillor Welby asked that the details be sent to him.

2223 - DATE FOR NEXT FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Chairman stated that it would be desirable to have the Estimates Meeting as early as possible and that the Finance Committee could consider the Estimates beforehand. The next meeting of the Committee would, therefore, be in December or January on the same day as the Council Meeting. When some Councillors suggested that the Finance Committee Meeting be held on a separate day, the County Manager stated that there was not enough money in the current year's Estimates for further additional meetings.

The Chairman decided that the next Meeting would be on the same day as the monthly meeting commencing at 12 noon.

Councillor Mannion asked that adequate notice of the meeting be given in order that Motions could be submitted for consideration.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan*  
CHAIRMAN

*24th October 1983*  
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1983, TO  
CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF THE AMENITY SECTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

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, E. Haverty,  
M.G. O'Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon,  
Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors P.  
McCormack, 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; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning);  
L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby,  
Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer;  
Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2224 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Ruane, the Council adopted a resolution of sympathy to the Diocese of New York on the recent death of Cardinal Cooke. A similar resolution was adopted to the Cooke family in Abbeyknockmoy.

2225 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - AMENITY SECTION:

The County Manager stated that the Members had decided to commence the review of the Development Plan with the amenity section. As decided by the Council at its meeting on the 11th July, 1983, a request was made to the Minister for the Environment to extend the statutory period for a period of 12 months commencing on the 29th January, 1984. Under the new timetable, the draft plan would need to be approved by March 1984. In April 1984, it would be placed on deposit for inspection by the public for a period of three months and in August 1984, submissions from the public would be considered. The draft would be re-submitted to the Council in September 1984 and if it was necessary to re-publish the draft, this would be done for a period of 1 month in October 1984, and hopefully, the final draft would be adopted by the Council in November/December 1984.

Another point which had to be considered was the law in relation to the making or reviewing of the Plan. The County Manager said that the Plan is made under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, the purpose of which Act is to provide in the interests of the common good for the proper planning and development of areas including the preservation and improvement of amenities, etc. Section 19 of the Act sets out what must be included in the Plan and one of these items is the preservation and improvement of amenities. In deciding on a Planning application, the Planning Authority is restricted to considering the proper planning and development of the area (including the preservation and improvement of the amenities thereof) regard being had to the provisions of the Development Plan. Planning, therefore, is concerned with the overall common good and in deciding on an application, the primary consideration is the proper planning and development of the area.

There were four documents circulated for the meeting. Document no. 1 was the section of the existing County Development Plan on the control

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of development in scenic amenity areas printed on white pages. Document no. 2 was a brief explanatory note consisting of one page outlining the proposed changes in the amenity section. Document no. 3 was the new draft of the section on amenity areas printed on yellow pages. Document no. 4 listed replies and comments on recommendations made by Members at the Council Meeting on the 11th July, 1983, and submissions by Councillor O'Foighil and Deputy Kitt.

The Chairman reminded the Members that the amenity section which they were considering covers the whole County and not just West Galway.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go raibh tairiscintí curtha isteach aige ag iarraidh ar an Roinn Comhshaoil An t-Acht Pleanála a athru. Ní feidir pleanáil agus forbairt cearta a dheanamh i ndeisceart Connemara go dtí go ndéanfar an t-athru sin ag tabhairt aitheantas do teanga cultúr agus eacnamaíocht na Gaeltachta. Councillor O'Foighil said that almost one-third of the County was in the Gaeltacht and that the law would have to be changed so that the special needs of the Gaeltacht could be taken into account. He referred to an application for large scale housing development in Spiddal in the last few years which if carried out, could create a serious imbalance as regards the language and culture of that Gaeltacht village. He said that a lot of development had taken place and would continue to take place along the Coast Road from Barna and that it was a question of planning for it and providing the necessary services including sewerage. Councillor O'Foighil acknowledged that an attempt was being made in the proposed draft to ease the problem of development in amenity areas but it still would not work in Connemara unless the law was changed. He proposed that the Department be asked to change the law in order that the social, cultural and economic needs of the Gaeltacht could be taken into account.

Councillor J. Burke asked that the road structure for North/East Galway be given special consideration in the Plan and that recognition be given to the tourist potential in North-East Galway and particularly, Tuam. He said that a lot of local effort was helping to create a tourist amenity and he referred to the Mill Museum, Cathedral, and Palace Grounds.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Morain go m'fheidir nach raibh an reiteach cearta ag an Comhairleoir O'Foighil i dtaobh pleanáil agus forbairt na Gaeltachta. Councillor O'Morain said that the present plan was accepted at face value five years ago but since then there had been a lot of problems which Councillors had to contend with. He said that the Plan should be responsive to public needs and reflect public aspirations to the greatest possible extent. He said that development was restricted along too many roads and that too many amenity areas were scheduled for preservation and he proposed that the two maps relating to amenities be scrapped. There were two areas within five miles of Carna where development could be allowed and he referred to a permission which was refused recently although it would not have interfered with any amenity in the location proposed. He said that thinking in the Plan was urbanised whereas people like a bit of privacy and like to build away from existing buildings. The Plan proposes too vast an area undisturbed. Referring to caravan sites, Councillor O'Morain said that these could be located in many areas. There should be different grades of caravan sites but even the lowest grade would have to have minimum basic standards which should be laid down.

Councillor Bartley said that the planning restrictions in the Connemara area were too restrictive. While there were areas which should be preserved, there were many other areas which should not be restricted and these should be written into the Plan. He said that development should be allowed along the Galway/Clifden road subject to suitable accesses being provided. He said that a caravan site must be provided in Ballyconneely adjacent to the Golf Course and as regards the suitability of soil for the disposal of septic tank effluent, he said that sites can be made suitable by importing the required material.

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Clr. O'Conchubhair said that one of the biggest problems was that practically all of the areas west of Spiddal were designated as areas of high amenity and no matter where people want to build, they seem to be interfering with a sea view, mountain view, etc. He said that all the landholders in the area were very small farmers with bad land and they found it necessary to sell a site to generate income in order to build a new house for themselves or reconstruct an existing house or some similar purpose. Sewerage was another problem which would have to be looked into and he also proposed a plan for the development of the beaches in the area.

Councillor Brennan said that while Councillors would like to see a flexible approach, it would also have to be realised that there must be a certain amount of control. He could not speak for all the amenity areas but Councillors for these areas should get together and meet the Planning Officer. He referred to the statement in the yellow booklet on guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment dealing with Gaeltacht Areas. When the Plan is adopted, all Councillors should abide by it.

Senator Killilea stated that he disagreed with Councillor O'Foighil's proposals for the development of the Gaeltacht and said that the Council was well able to deal with it within the present framework. In the vast majority of Section 4 Resolutions which were brought before the Council, there was a social need involved and this must be a priority in the new Plan. The interpretation of the Plan as regards amenity areas would have to be resolved and he recommended that the wording of the Plan be as simple as possible. As regards tourist policy, Senator Killilea said that this policy was a changing one. There should be three types of caravan parks, small, medium and large with specific minimum requirements for each and once these were complied with, permission should be forthcoming.

Senator U. Burke said that nothing had been done to provide for a flexible approach in the new plan. He objected to all the Galway side of Lough Derg being classified as an area of high scenic amenity. He said the area from Portumna to Whitegate had been reclaimed and was not now a woodland area. Development was allowed on the Tipperary side of the lake but not on the Galway side. He referred to a planning application for a site at Cloondadauve which was refused on several occasions resulting in the family now living in a caravan. Only part of Loughrea lake was classified as special amenity yet, all of Lough Derg was blanketed for preservation. This was not being reasonable or flexible.

Councillor Kilgannon asked what criteria the Appeals Board took into account in deciding on applications and said that if the Board did not have to take the Development Plan into account, then double standards were being applied. He said the social and human aspects must be considered and in relation to Connemara, the Plan would have to be more specific.

Councillor Welby referred to land classification no. 3 in the new draft and said that clauses 1.(e) and (f) of the old Plan had been left out. He suggested that (f) be included with a 30 ft. frontage. Where applicants have fragmented holdings, they are often requested to build on a small portion but this is not satisfactory because it means they have to travel to look after stock, etc. It can also mean that they are removed from the main road and public transport. He said that if requirements in relation to caravan parks were relaxed, more sites would be provided. Councillor Welby then referred to the explanatory note circulated in relation to planning application numbers 34101 and 37874. In relation to application no. 37874, he said that the applicant had not completed that portion of the form relating to ownership. The County Manager informed Councillor Welby that a letter was written to the applicant for the information and a reply received.

Councillor Haverty said that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs had erected a most unsightly building on front of a Council house at Duniry and if public bodies were exempt from Planning Permission, then planning was a waste of time. He also referred to a site at Craughwell where the applicant got permission for three sites but was to put in an access road but has in fact made an entrance onto the main road and that the original owner was refused permission. He asked if there was any age limit in the case of an applicant applying for a second dwelling on the family holding.

Councillor McCormack also referred to applications for Permission for a second dwelling on the family farm. In such cases, the Planning Authority asks the applicant to list all the family holdings and generally they are asked to build away from the main road. He said that where the applicant would eventually be taking over the farm holding or looking after aged parents that this brought the application into a particular category and that they should be allowed build near the existing dwelling. Councillor Byrne said that unless there was agreement on the need for planning and the preservation of amenities, little progress would be made. It was a good idea for Councillors to bring suggestions to the Planning Officer and while amenity areas must be preserved, there must also be room for needy cases. When the Plan is adopted, he hoped that Bodies like An Taisce would go along with it.

Councillor Joyce said that he would like a policy written into the Plan for the removal of derelict buildings which are often used for slogan writing particularly in amenity areas.

The County Manager then replied to points made by the Members. He said that as the law stands, it did not allow for special consideration to be given to Gaeltachta Areas and if this was to be done, the law would have to be changed. Regarding the classification of too many areas as areas of amenity, the County Manager invited the Councillors concerned to meet Mr. Callagy on this. In regard to the provision of caravan sites, if these were to be brought up to Bord Failte standard in order to qualify for grants, etc., a high standard would be required but the question of allowing more basic sites initially would be looked at. As regards making provision to allow small farmers sell sites, the County Manager stated that the law does not provide for this and restricts development to the proper planning and development of the area in the interests of the common good. To ease the problem, special consideration is given to members of the farm holder's family. He said that he would like to see some strategy for the development of beaches using whatever resources are available. Regarding industrial development in the Gaeltacht, it was important that it be properly integrated and in the past, meetings had been held with Roinn na Gaeltachta and Udaras na Gaeltachta at which questions dealing with the provision of services, etc., were discussed. An Bord Pleanála was empowered to contravene the Development Plan. The County Manager said that he had sympathy with Public Representatives who have to serve the public and face difficult situations from time to time. He said the proposed new Plan would be somewhat less restrictive than the present one which itself was less restrictive than the original Plan but there has to be some control which will place some restrictions on landholders. On the question of providing for social needs as mentioned by Senator Killilea, the County Manager stated that as already indicated, the law did not provide for this. The reason for omitting the site dimensions as mentioned by Councillor Welby was to make the system a little more flexible. He said that State Authorities were exempt from obtaining Planning Permission but there was a system there whereby they should consult with the Planning Authority. There was no age limit in the case of applicants applying for a second dwelling on the family farm and the criteria used was that of need. The County Manager said that he would agree with the policy of eliminating derelict buildings, etc., but it was hardly necessary to provide for it in the Plan as it could be pursued under the Derelict Sites Act, etc.



The County Manager said that the discussion had been very useful and preparations would now commence on another part of the Plan.

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked if it would be possible to put a better type finish on Council houses to bring them more in character with neighbouring houses and the County Manager replied that there was a cost factor involved but it would be examined. Councillor O'Morain said that it was wrong that the County Council could build houses wherever it liked without getting Permission and that at least a notice should be put on the site giving neighbours an opportunity to examine the proposals.

2226 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with the following:

Mr. James O'Brien, Monard, Turloughmore.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan  
CHAIRMAN

24th October 1983

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

17th October, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council at the County Buildings, Galway, commencing at 3.00 p.m. on Monday next, 24th October, 1983, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

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T. KAVANAGH,  
Rural Sealadach.

A G E N D A

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

- "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission (full) to John Rabitte of Caherteemore South, Athenry, for dry shed and open entrance at Caherteemore South. - Planning Reference Number 46472."  
Mark Killilea. Patrick Ruane. John Molloy.
- "D'reir Acht 4 den Acht an Bhainistíocht Contae, 1955 (Leasaithe), eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead pleanála go Joan Herson, New Village, Bearna, le 4 theach conaithe a thógail ag New Village, Bearna. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanála 46739."  
P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. F. O'Cuagain.
- "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 Helen Ryder of Headford for a Funeral Parlour at Headford. - Planning Ref. No. 46409."  
Padraic McCormack. Frank Fahey. John Donnellan.
- "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 Peadar O Griofa, Glentrasna, Lettermore, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Loughaunbeg, Inverin. - Planning Ref. No. 46074."  
Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Micheal O'Morain. G. Bartley.



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 full permission to erect 1 no. diesel and 2 no. petrol pumps at Ballindooley, Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 46496."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

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 Outline Permission to John Madden of Middle Third, Oranmore, for a dwellinghouse at Ardfry. - Planning Ref. No. 46428."

P. McCormack. Toddie Byrne. Frank Fahey.

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 full permission to William Lawless of Circular Road, Galway, for a dwellinghouse and garage at Gortatleva, Bushypark. - Planning Ref. No. 46799."

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 requires the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Sean O Harailt for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Carrownacreggaun, where Outline Planning Permission has already been granted. - Planning Ref. No. 46725."

Frank Fahey. Tony Murphy. Thomas Welby.

9. "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 Patrick Cooley, at Glenascaul, Oranmore, without an enurement clause. - Planning Ref. Number 46703."

Frank Fahey. John Molloy. G. Bartley.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NG GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

17u Deire Fomhair, 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, 24u Deire Fomhair, 1983, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Raising of a loan of £120,000 for Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme.
3. Raising of a loan of £80,000 for the Knocknacarra Sewerage Scheme.
4. Sale of site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Francis Joyce - Notice dated 23rd September, 1983, already circulated.
5. Sale of houses to: (a) Agnes Treacy, Attiregan, Ballymacward.  
(b) Martin and Cait Flaherty, Kilronan.  
- Notices dated 13th October, 1983, already circulated.
6. Sale of house to Peter and Bridie Brennan, Clarenbridge - Notice dated 11th October, 1983, already circulated.
7. Sale of plot of land to William Mulkerrins, Ardbear, Clifden - Notice dated 14th October, 1983, already circulated.
8. The Local Authority National Differential Rent Scheme, 1983.
9. Tenant Purchase Scheme for Local Authority Houses 1983/84.
10. Official Opening of Mid-Galway and Dunmore/Glenamaddy Water Supply Schemes.
11. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.



COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Motion adjourned from previous meeting:

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

1. When does the Council expect to commence Oranmore Sewerage Scheme?

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

2. That this County Council provide better public lighting outside Dunmore Primary School. This could be done by changing the location of a light if no new one is available.
3. That this County Council take all possible steps to remove the Sewerage problem at Athenry Road, Tuum.

CLR. JOHN M. MANNION - I will propose:

4. That this Council provide (a) footpath from Cleggan N.S. to Joyce's shop on seaside of the road, (b) footpath from Post Office to pier junction on seaside of the road. (Ground available free of charge in both instances.)

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

5. That the development work on the extension to Meelick Cemetery (Eyrecourt Parish) commence immediately as there are no grave plots left in the old cemetery.
6. That the footpaths in Eyrecourt which have been dug up by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs be repaired immediately.
7. That a standard plan of a small family size Nuclear Fall-Out Shelter be drawn up by the Planning Department of the County Council and that copies of this plan be made freely available to all householders in the County who request it and especially to those who are about to construct new houses (as are the plans for a septic tank).

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

8. Go gcuirfi 'lionadh' no 'filling' ar fail do Phairc an Chathanaigh an Cheathru Rua mar a d'iarr siad i litir chuig an Runai ar 2u Mean Fomhair, 1983.
9. Cen iarracht ata deanta ag Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe le aerphort Carn Mor a reiteach.
10. Iarraim ar Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe Comhartha Luas 30 m.p.u. a chur ar Bhothar Baile Liam, An Spideal.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

11. That this Council set up without delay a dog control unit so as to deal with stray dogs that are wandering and causing damage.
12. What are the long term proposals for the Tonabrocky Quarry.
13. At the next meeting of the Galway County Council that the services of Mr. Sean Concannon from the 8th May, 1939, in the legal Department of Galway County Council be deemed pensionable and that the position of wholetime Conveyancing Clerk be created as and from that date.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, COUNCILLORS T. BYRNE AND M. FAHY - We will propose:

14. That in view of the extensive growth in residential development in Maree in recent years that a three year programme for the improvement of bends on the road between Oranmore and Maree Church be approved by the County Council.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will ask:

15. For the results of quality and quantity tests carried out on the Bore for the augmentation of the Kinvara Water Scheme.
16. When it is expected to proceed with the construction of the County Council houses in Gort and for details of the scheme which is being developed.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:

17. That the Council take immediate steps to improve the road from Derrew to Lisdelliga (No. 535), this road will have to be closed if the Council can't get money to do a major job on it very soon. Extra traffic is on this road owing to Killimor Sewerage Scheme.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

18. For a full explanation on the position of the proposed Oranmore Sewerage Scheme. In what manner and when will the Department deal with the objections to the licence to discharge. In the meantime, pending the starting of the Sewerage work, what is the position regards people seeking planning permission for housing in Oranmore.
19. That this Council make recommendations that a system be established that the gates affecting levels on the Corrib be allowed to be opened especially at this time of the year when the level of the river causes extensive flooding and hardship to farmers in the catchment area of the river.
20. That the Council remove a bad bend on the main Galway/Headford road at John Martin's house, Keernaun - Galway side of Cloughanover Cross.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will ask:

21. That Galway County Council state if a supply of water will be made available from the Mid-Galway Regional Headworks, via the Mid-Galway Group Scheme, to the Newcastle, Attymon and Gurteen Groups. If extra piping will be made available in the Mid-Galway Scheme to allow a supply to these groups, the cost of doing this, and the amount of water that is required to serve the Group Schemes of Newcastle, Attymon and Gurteen.

COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:

22. That two lights be erected outside the G.A.A. Grounds/Social Centre, Caherlistrane, to provide lighting in the public car parking area.



MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Andrew Waldron, 80, Monivea Park, Ballybane, GALWAY.	Ford Escort Van Reg. No. YIZ 923 - Damaged.	County at large.	£279.52	£249.25
Anthony Canney, Dublin Rd., Tuam, Co. Galway.	Rover- Model 3500 - Damaged.	County at large	£1,012.93	£934.93
John Brennan, Castletaylor, Ardrahan.	Barbed wire fence - damaged.	County at large	£500.00	£258.00
Thomas Keaney, Gortroe, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.	Ferguson 35 Tractor - damaged. Large portion of stone wall - damaged.	County at large.	£1,500.00	£575.00
Alfred Murphy, Annagh, Gort, Co. Galway.	Triumph Toledo Reg. No. EZN 448 was taken and crashed.	County at large.	£650.00	£531.75
John Forde, Crumlin Hill, Ballyglunin, Tuam.	Mark 3 Cortina car Reg. No. NEI 311 - damaged.	County at large.	£1,400.00	£365.63
Gerard Gould, 7, Gortboy, Killmallock, Co. Limerick.	Motor Car reg. 3523 ZT - damaged. Gate broken and destroyed maliciously.	County at large	£2,400.00	£1,880.93
Ms. Rose O'Connor, Poulnagon, Kinvara, Co. Galway.		County at large.	£75.00	£51.35

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

23rd September, 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.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

	Site No.	Area of Plot
Francis Joyce, Lemonfield, Oughterard.	28	.073 acre approx.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:

Site No:	Price:
28	£2,700

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.

13th. October, 1983.

Ref. No. 63/1/60

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Particulars cannot be obtained by reasonable enquiry but Council in possession and receiving rent since 1908.

Location:- Attiregan, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold: Agnes Treacy,  
Attiregan, Ballymacward,  
Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2,055.

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

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

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/3/1442

13th October, 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:- His Grace, The Archbishop of Tuam,  
Tuam, Co. Galway.

Location:- Kilronan, Aran, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Martin & Cait Flaherty of Kilronan, Aran, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £14,861.

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

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

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

K. Doyle  
Secretary.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/3/1433

11th October, 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:- Diocesan Trustees, Galway.

Location:- Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Peter & Bridie Brennan of Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £13,799.

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.

14th. October, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

Land Acquired From:- Mrs. Lyden O'Neill, Ardbear, Clifden,  
Co. Galway.

Location:- Ardbear, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Area:- 6½ sq. perches.

To whom land is to be transferred:- William Mulkerrins,  
Ardbear, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:- £1

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

Signed: K. Doyle,  
County Secretary.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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24u Deire Fomhair, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of Galway County Council at the County Buildings, Galway, commencing at 3.30 p.m. on Friday next, 28th October, 1983, to consider Sanitary Services Capital Programme - Report attached.

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T. KAVANAGH,

ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

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, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, 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, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; D. Barrett, T. Murphy, Senior Staff Officers; P. Carroll, Assistant Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2227 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46472 - APPLICANT: JOHN RABBITTE:

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been submitted to the Meeting of the Council on the 26th September, 1983:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Cahertymore close to the Galway to Monivea road about 11 miles from Galway.

PLANNING BACKGROUND:

Permission or Outline Permission has been granted to the Rabbitte family for ten houses on family lands adjacent to this site. The majority of the permissions front on to the by road leading to the site from the Galway/Monivea road. Three of the permitted houses have been built, two of which have been sold, the third one being owned by the applicant. The two buyers of the sites are objectors to the current proposal.

The current site is approximately 150 yards further along the by road than the nearest house. It adjoins a site for which the applicant obtained Outline Permission for five houses.

About one year ago the applicant developed a gravelled area on this site and developed the by road leading to it. He subsequently applied for permission for temporary oil storage tanks but was refused permission by the Planning Authority and did not appeal, planning ref. no. 44184.

Subsequently, the applicant applied for an open entrance and dry shed on the site and was refused permission by the Planning Authority, ref. no. 46048. The decision was appealed by the applicant and is currently before An Bord Pleanála. It is similar to this current proposal.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant is involved in the oil distribution business and currently operates with two trucks from a depot in Galway City. His brother attended this office and stated that while originally he intended some storage of oil on the site he now intends developing the site for the storage and maintenance of his trucks, since the cost of servicing them at a city garage was up to £500 per week. He wanted the depot close to the house for security purposes and he had no frontage along the Galway/Monivea Road.

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ASSESSMENT:

The location of a vehicle maintenance operation close to dwelling houses on a by-road in a rural area would conflict seriously with existing residential and rural amenity. Despite the best intentions of an operator, it is likely that maintenance operations might have to be carried out at unsociable hours so as to meet delivery deadlines.

The resultant traffic movements along the accommodation road together with the attendant noises and smells which normally arise from garage maintenance operations would be incongruous in a location which has become progressively built up with housing development. The operation would more suitably be located in one of the commercial sites permitted in the Oranmore-Carnmore-Claregalway area where there is considerable accommodation still available. It was also suggested to the applicant's brother that sympathetic consideration would be given to a site fronting directly on to the Monivea road in this area, provided there were no houses closeby. He did not think that he would be in a position to acquire such a site and also stated that he would not favour a site which was located some distance from the family house.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:-

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would seriously injure the residential amenity of adjacent dwellinghouses in this rural area by introducing traffic of a commercial nature and its associated servicing operations in too close a proximity to the said houses."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor O'Morain. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Ruane who said that he had seen the site and that it was satisfactory. Councillor Brennan said that it would be a tragedy if this development was allowed as it would destroy the residential amenity of the area. He proposed that it be refused and was seconded by Councillor J. Burke who referred to a letter from an objector. Councillor Welby said that he had seen the site and that the development would be 500 feet from the nearest dwellinghouse and the development would improve the position because the trucks were parked outside the applicant's house at the present time. In reply to Senator U. Burke, the County Manager stated that there were two objectors.

The County Engineer stated that the applicant had stated in correspondence that he would be using the shed for servicing trucks. The applicant had permission for a total of ten houses and it was a natural place for children to play and the development would increase the risk to the children.

Councillor Welby said that the applicant was prepared to give an Undertaking that no servicing would be carried out in the shed and Councillor Welby handed in such an Undertaking from the applicant.

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

FOR: Councillors Bartley, Coogan, M. Fahy, Molloy, Murphy, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane and Welby.

(9)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Holland, Kilgannon, Mannion and O'Foighil.

(8)

The Acting Secretary stated that under the Law at least 11 Members would have to vote in favour of the resolution in order to have it carried. The Chairman then declared the resolution lost.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located 1 mile west of Barna and is on the seaside of the Galway/Spiddal Road. Various members of the Hernon family own most of the adjacent lands on the seaside of the road for about 1/2 mile on each side of the site.

PLANNING HISTORY:

The branch of the Hernon family in question operated a concrete works and gravel haulage operation from this holding. The business seems to have been discontinued but the buildings and plant are still visible and indeed unsightly. It is not clear in any of the submissions with the various applications who owns that particular property.

If the business is not to be revived, and there are indications on file to that effect, it would be preferable to have family housing development there rather than derelict industrial buildings.

The following applications have been lodged in respect of the lands.

Ref. No. 23090: Permission refused for one house by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala. Applicant: Joseph Hernon.

Ref. No. 24730: Permission granted by Planning Authority for one house on a revised site to above. Applicant: Joseph Hernon.

Ref. No. 38716: Permission granted for widening of entrance way to concrete works. Applicant: Mrs. Joan Hernon.

Ref. No. 43918: Permission refused for one house. Applicant: Michael Hernon.

Ref. No. 44408: Outline Permission refused for 4 houses on this site. Applicant: Mrs. J. Hernon. This proposal is similar to the one now being considered and it is currently on Appeal.

Ref. No. 45363: Permission refused for one house. Applicant: Timothy Hernon.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the seaside of the Galway/Spiddal Road where there are highly scenic views of Galway Bay and the Clare Hills.

Planning Policy is to restrict development to verifiable family housing needs, in the interests of visual amenity. There is the added difficulty in this case of the location being close to road bends which have deficient sight distance and a solid white line on the carriageway.

Three of the applicants four sons are 20 years of age and under, and there is no current housing need. Mrs. Hernon wishes to give each of them a building site for their own purposes. The eldest son is due to be married within the next two years and is entitled to a site on the holding. This particular housing need is accepted and it is recommended that one house be granted to satisfy this need.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposal to grant 4 houses would be contrary to the provisions of the Development Plan for the area because of the injury to its scenic amenity and the absence of a current need for the development.



Full assessment of the future housing needs of the HERNON family should be examined in relation to all of the holding and the existing developments thereon as it is felt that there is room for an integrated family housing development on the lands with minimum damage to visual amenity or public health.

Refusal is recommended for the present proposal.

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a road bend of deficient sight distance and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
2. The proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area because it would be located between a heavily trafficked regional route of tourist significance and the sea and it would be unduly obtrusive in the foreground of fine scenic views the preservation of which is a stated objective of the Development Plan."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor O'Foighil. He said that the applicant was a widow and the application was a very genuine one. It was the applicant's desire that each of her four sons would have a house on the family lands and the houses would only be for members of the family. He said there was unsightly development on part of the lands and the applicant was prepared to remove this when the houses were built. He appreciated that the main road was not the best but there would be a 60 feet entrance. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Coogan. Some Councillors asked would each of the sons not be entitled to Permission for a house each. The County Manager replied that under the Plan the Council facilitates a member of the family where housing need exists. Housing need for one house has only been shown and the Council is prepared to give Permission for one house.

The County Engineer said that the road had a bad accident record and an additional four houses exiting onto it would make the position worse. Councillor J. Burke said that the Council could put in a condition restricting the houses for family use.

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

2229 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46409 - APPLICANT: HELEN RYDER.

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

2230 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46074 - APPLICANT: PEADAR O GRIOFA.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located in the townland of Loughaubeg on the sea side of the main road.

HISTORY:

45361: Application received by the Planning Authority on generally same site from Sean O Conaire. Further information was requested but no reply was received.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on an exposed hillside on the seaward side of

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the main tourist route and the proposed development would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape. 5.

This obtrusiveness would be further aggravated by the fact that the applicant is proposing to build a dormer type dwelling that is essentially a two storey dwellinghouse.

The site is triangular in shape. The road frontage is approximately 210 feet long, the depth at the northern end is approximately 110 feet and this tapers to zero depth at the southern boundary. Except for a small level portion at the northern end, the site slopes steeply downwards away from the road. It would not be possible to locate the dwellinghouse, septic tank and percolation area within the site in accordance with the Galway County Council Standard Requirements.

Further if a percolation area were to be located on the steep side slopes, it would be liable to cause septic tank effluent to percolate onto adjoining property.

The Chief Medical Officer recommended Refusal in the case of 45361.

It should be noted that the northern boundary shown on the site map submitted is not a natural boundary. There is a natural boundary nearby to the north and it may be that the intended site is not in fact the site submitted. Although this extra area is level and could possibly accommodate a dwellinghouse, its inclusion would not resolve the public health hazard nor would it reduce the obtrusiveness of the proposed dwellinghouse on the horizon.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development would be located on an exposed and elevated hill between the main tourist route and the sea and would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and, if permitted, would detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The depth of the site proposed to be developed is inadequate to accommodate a dwellinghouse, septic tank and percolation area sited in accordance with the Galway County Council Standard Requirements and the proposed development, if permitted, would constitute substandard development and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
3. The site proposed to be developed is unsuitable for the effective disposal of septic tank effluent and the proposed development would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard."

Councillor O'Conchubhair proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the applicant was working in Cois Fharrage and wanted to reside near his work. He agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting if there was a full consultation with the applicant. This was agreed.

2231 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46496 - 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 Ballindooly crossroads on the Galway-Headford Road. The proposed petrol and diesel pumps would be sited in the forecourt of the existing 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.



The applicant recently regularised the unauthorised use of the premises by obtaining Permission for use as a garage, planning reference number 45327.

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. A subsequent Section 4 motion submitted with reference number 44147 was proposed but not seconded at a County Council meeting in January 1983, and permission was again refused for the same reasons.

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 reasons:

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."

Councillor Molloy asked that the resolution be deferred to the next meeting and the resolution was not, therefore, proposed.

2232 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46428 - APPLICANT: JOHN MADDEN.

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

"SITE LOCATION:

The site is located on County Road 186 on the Ardfry Peninsula, Maree, leading to Ardfry house. The peninsula is a narrow one and can be seen over a wide range of countryside from Rinville to Ballinacloghy. It commands fine panoramic views of the Bay and the hinterland of Rinville Sailing Centre.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

There has been a history of applications in this immediate area and on adjacent lands to the east. Housing development has tended to concentrate at Rinville East and Treanlaur in less scenic surroundings but the highly scenic peninsulas of Rinville West and Ardfry have been preserved almost free of development. There is only one new house constructed on Ardfry, Ref. No. 15493 granted on Appeal 1974, and an Outline Permission was obtained by default during the 1980 postal strike on this applicant's land, immediately adjoining the present site.

PLANNING HISTORY:

The following applications have been made on Mr. Madden's lands:

Ref. No. 22456: Outline Permission refused for 5 houses by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala - applicant: John Madden.

Ref. No. 26006: Outline Permission for 1 house refused on present site - applicant: John Madden.

Ref. No. 27729: Outline Permission for 1 house refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala on an adjacent site to the west - applicant: John Madden.

Ref. No. 31727: Outline Permission obtained by default during postal strike - applicant: D. Flanagan on John Madden's land.

Ref. No. 39924: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala on John Madden's land east of present site - applicant: J. Joyce.

Ref. No. 45490: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority east of present site - applicant: John Madden.

All of the above decisions have consistently upheld the view that any development of the lands along this peninsula would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area. Mr. Madden has stated in previous submissions that he wished to sell sites so as to undertake improvements on his house or build a new one. This was also intimated to the Planning Officer by Councillor McCormack during consultations. Mr. Madden's own house is situated approximately 1 mile away at Treanlaur and from an examination of previous maps lodged it would appear that there may be suitable locations in that area for housing development which would not cause amenity damage and might have a sale value for Mr. Madden.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended:-

1. The proposed development would be obtrusively located on an open hilltop beside the shoreline in an area of high scenic and recreational amenity and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to previous decisions (Reference nos. 22456, 39974, 45490) of the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala for this site and part of this site."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Byrne. He said he visited the site and agreed it was in a scenic area but asked whose amenity would be affected by the development. He said it was not a tourist area. The applicant wanted to sell the site to raise money to improve his own housing accommodation. Deputy F. Fahey seconded the resolution. He agreed that it was in a scenic area and that under the Plan, the Planning Officer had to recommend refusal. He agreed with what Councillor Byrne had said and said that it would only be seen from an obscure position. Councillor J. Burke said that An Bord Pleanala had confirmed the Council's previous decisions and if one house was granted, it would create a precedent. He proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor Brennan.

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

FOR: Councillor G. Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, and P. Ruane.

(19)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Brennan, J. Burke, and B. Holland.

(3)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.



Deputy Fahey asked that An Taisce be requested that in the event of they appealing the decision that they would discuss the application first with the proposers of the resolution. The County Manager said that this request would be made if the Council so wished.

2233 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46799 - APPLICANT: WILLIAM LAWLESS

The County Manager stated that the last date for a decision in this case had been extended to March 1984 and the resolution was not, therefore, proposed.

2234 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46725 - APPLICANT: SEAN O HARAILT.

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

Deputy Fahey asked about Planning Permissions which had not been taken up and which had now expired. The County Manager stated that each application for a new permission would be treated on its merits.

2235 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46703 - APPLICANT: PATRICK COOLEY.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the N.64 Claregalway/Oranmore route approx. 1 mile on the Oranmore side of Carnmore Cross.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been a number of planning applications made this family's lands.

- Ref. No. 27848: Permission granted for 1 house to Mr. P. Cooley, on adjacent site - claimed as a family house for his brother.
- Ref. No. 33821: Permission granted for change of house plan to above.
- Ref. No. 28960: Permission refused for 1 house on present site - applicant: A. Burgess.
- Ref. No. 31817: Permission refused as per 28960 to Mr. A. Burgess.
- Ref. No. 44026: Outline Permission granted to Miss Ann Cooley on this site for a dwellinghouse. The claim made stated that she was a student who was intending to build the house for her own occupation. An enurement condition was attached, tying the Permission to the applicant and her family. Before the final grant of permission issued representations were made to have the enurement condition waived as Miss Cooley wished to sell the site. The applicant herself affirmed this in a letter to the County Council dated March 24th, 1983. The present application, now submitted in her father's name would seem to be submitted so as to enable the site to be sold.

Deputy Fahey, Councillor J. Molloy have made representations on behalf of the applicant.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a realigned section of the National Secondary Route where it is the Planning Authority's policy to restrict development in the interests of traffic safety. There has been considerable pressure along this route in recent years for both housing and commercial development and another Section 4 grant of Permission was made on a nearby site despite alternative location being available on a public road nearby. The granting of planning permission on the grounds of monetary need is inadvisable and will set a precedent for the further erosion of the traffic capacity and level of safety of the National route and negative the investment in its recent reconstruction and realignment.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
2. The proposed development would contravene Section 6.02 Table no. 4 of the County Development Plan which seeks to restrict housing development along this route to local family housing needs."

Deputy Fahey proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He agreed that it was not good planning but the applicant wished to sell the site to raise money to help one of the family through College. The applicant was agreeable not to make any further applications on the land. Councillor Molloy seconded the resolution.

The County Engineer said that the site was on a busy National Secondary Route and the Council was trying to get additional funds for this and other roads to carry out improvements. Granting Planning Permissions on National Routes will not help the Council's case for additional finance. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

9th December 1983. DATE



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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

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, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, 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, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; D. Barrett, T. Murphy, Senior Staff Officers; P. Carroll, Assistant Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2236 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

Two meetings held on the 26th September, 1983, (Minute nos. 2180-2220, inclusive).

Finance Meeting held on the 10th October, 1983, (Minute No. 2221-2223, inclusive).

Development Plan Meeting held on the 10th October, 1983, (Minute No. 2224-2226, inclusive).

2237 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £120,000 FOR MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a Supplementary Loan of £120,000 for Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid over a period of 35 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

2238 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £80,000 FOR KNOCKNACARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME:

The County Manager stated that a Supplementary Loan of £150,000 had been approved at the September Meeting but it had now been decided to omit the surface water drain from the scheme and the cost has been reduced to £80,000. It was proposed by Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Councillor Holland and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £80,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for Knocknacarra Sewerage Scheme, the loan to be repaid over a period of 35 years, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

2239 - SALE OF SITE AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY, TO FRANCIS JOYCE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of plot of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Francis Joyce, Lemonfield, Oughterard, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 23rd September, 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."

2240 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil 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 13th October, 1983, circulated to each Member of the Council 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 -

Agnes Treacy, Attiregan, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe.  
Martin and Cait Flaherty, Kilronan, Aran.

2241 - SALE OF HOUSE TO TENANT:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale to Peter and Bridie Brennan, Clarinbridge, of the house occupied by them in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 11th October, 1983, circulated to each Member of the Council 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."

2242 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND TO WILLIAM MULKERRINS, ARDBEAR, CLIFDEN:

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Bartley, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of plot of land at Ard Bear, Clifden, to Mr. William Mul Kerrins, Ard Bear, Clifden, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 14th October, 1983, circulated to each Member of the Council, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966."

2243 - NATIONAL DIFFERENTIAL RENT SCHEME, 1983:

Letter dated 17th October, 1983, from Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, to each Member of the Council regarding the 1983 National Rent Scheme was submitted. Mr. Howlett explained that the scheme was very similar to the existing scheme and the document circulated gave some examples of the new rents compared to the old.

2244 - TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES, 1983/84:

Letter dated 18th October, 1983 from Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, to each Member of the Council regarding the 1983/84 Tenant Purchase Scheme was submitted. Mr. Howlett explained that the revised scheme was merely an updating of the present scheme. In reply to Councillor Callanan, Mr. Howlett said that tenants would not be liable for putting the houses into good structural condition.

2245 - OFFICIAL OPENING OF MID-GALWAY AND DUNMORE/GLENAMADDY WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES:

The County Manager stated that the Contractors and Consultants had agreed to finance an Official Opening of these two schemes. The Chairman proposed that there should be an Official Opening and this was seconded by Deputy Kitt and it was agreed to invite the Tanaiste to perform the Opening Ceremony.

2246 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that the list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated to Members had been received since the last meeting.



2247 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:BRIDGE AT MUICHNEACHDIRHASHAILE:

The County Manager stated that Roinn na Gaeltachta had written to the Council enquiring if the Council proposed to use the additional grant of £15,548 allocated for Muichneach Bridge because if not, Roinn na Gaeltachta proposed to transfer the money elsewhere and that it would not be made available to the Council in 1984. Councillor O'Conchubhair proposed that the Council use the grant and this was seconded by Councillor Mannion. As regards finishing the bridge, the County Manager said that the Council should consider providing for this in the 1984 Estimates and this was agreed.

Replying to Councillor Bartley about the new bridge at Clifden, the County Engineer stated that the Council had run into difficulties because of the river level and he would be discussing with the Department about resuming work in the new year.

1983 PUBLIC SERVICE PAY AGREEMENT:

The County Manager stated that the 1983 Public Service Pay Agreement had now been ratified by the group of Unions under the aegis of Irish Congress of Trade Unions representing general workers and related grades in Local Authorities outside the Dublin Area. The Tanaiste and Minister for the Environment had sanctioned the implementation of the increases to the employees concerned by Circular letter dated 20th October, 1983. The first phase increase is to be applied to the basic rate of pay from a date six months after the expiry of the 1981 Agreement and amounts to an increase of 4.75% of basic pay and covers a period of five months. The employees included in the Minister's sanction are Labourers, Light Equipment Operators, Refuse Collectors, Gangers, Foremen, Plant Operators, Mobile Library Driver/ Assistants, Waterworks Caretakers, and Overseers, and the effective date of the increase is 1st September, 1983. The Agreement also provides for a special increase of £7.88 per week from 1st October, 1983, for those grades whose maximum rate is not greater than £116 per week. For grades whose maximum exceeds £116 per week the increase is reduced in accordance with the Agreement. The estimated cost of the increase for the current financial year was £130,000 which was provided for in the Estimates.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the implementation of the 1983 Public Service Agreement (including special increase for lower paid workers) for those grade of workers included in the sanction of the Minister for the Environment dated 20th October, 1983, as outlined by the County Manager including pro-rata increases for Part-time general workers."

2248 - CRUINNIU DE CHOISTE NA GAELIGE AGUS NA GAELTACHTA:

Socraíodh go mbeadh cruinniu de Coiste na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta ar an 3u la Samhain, 1983, ag tosnu ag 4.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

## 2249 -

Councillor M. Fahy referred to a report in the Connacht Tribune concerning the housing conditions of Gerry Joyce, Gort, and alleged rat infestation.

The report said that nobody had made representations on behalf of the Joyce family but Councillor Fahy said that he had made representations and that he wanted to have this mistake corrected.

2250 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that progress with Oranmore Sewerage Scheme must await a licence under the Foreshore Act authorising the discharge of effluent. An application for a licence had been made to the Department and objections had been lodged. The objections were from Fisheries interests and from An Taisce.

The Council has written to those objecting on fishing grounds asking them to outline the area of their present and future operations. The Council has also submitted to the Department of Fisheries and the Chief Medical Officer details of An Foras Forbartha Report and other relevant information concerning the proposed outfall. A meeting with all the interested parties will be held as soon as possible. Councillor M. Fahy said that the people of Oranmore had become disillusioned because of the long delay in getting the scheme under way. He said that there were difficulties with the private Treatment Plants in the area and he urged that the scheme be expedited.

2251 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT DUNMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no provision in the current year's Estimates for additional public lighting and, therefore, this proposal could not be considered until such time as finance is provided. It is not proposed to move the existing lantern. Councillor Finnegan said that there were lots of complaints about the lack of public lighting in the vicinity of the school. He said that the existing light was out of order and he asked that it be repaired urgently.

2252 - SEWERAGE PROBLEM AT ATHENRY ROAD, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that remedial works had commenced on this problem.

2253 - FOOTPATHS AT CLEGGAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MANNION:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no financial provision for these works in the 1983 Estimates. They will be considered for inclusion in the 1984 Estimates subject to the availability of finances.

2254 - MEELICK CEMETERY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was hoped to commence work on this Burial Ground in the current year but lack of finance prevented this. If finance is provided in the 1984 Estimates, this Burial Ground will be given priority.

2255 - FOOTPATHS IN EYRECOURT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Department of Posts and Telegraphs had carried out temporary restoration on the instructions of the Council. When this has settled in about four to six weeks, the Council will arrange for permanent restoration to be carried out.

2256 - NUCLEAR FALL-OUT SHELTERS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

Councillor Joyce proposed that a standard plan of a small family size Nuclear Fall-Out Shelter be drawn up by the Planning Department of the Council and that copies of the Plan be made freely available to all householders in the County who requested, especially those who are building new houses. He said he feared that the policy to position nuclear missiles in Western Europe would go ahead but because Ireland was a neutral country, the main problem in the event of a catastrophe would probably be fall-out. This was why he was proposing that plans be made available for Shelters which were compulsory for new homes in Switzerland.

The County Manager stated that the Council would make enquiries with the Department of Defence to see if they had formulated a plan for such a Shelter.

2257 - LIONADH DO PHAIRC AN CHATHANAIGH - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Dúirt an Ruanai nach raibh aon abhar lionadh ar fuilleadh ag an gComhairle faoi lathair agus gur dtugadh an eolas seo don Choiste ar an 12u Deire Fomhair, 1983.

D'iarr an Comhairleoir O'Foighil ar an Comhairle da mbeadh aon abhar lionadh ar fuilleadh, e a thabhairt don Choiste mar go raibh siad ag deanamh obair



an-mhaith agus airgead mor a chaitheadh acu. Thug an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair tacaiocht don moladh freisin.

2258 - AERPHORT CARN MOR - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Foighil gur fíor thabachtach e Aerphort Carn Mor do reigiun na Gaillimhe agus Connamara. He said it was very important for the tourist potential of the area that the Airport be acquired and extended to accommodate 30 seater aeroplanes. If this was done, package holidays could be organised which would be a big boost for the tourist potential for the area. If the scheme goes ahead, he said that Galway County Council could be asked for financial support. Councillor O'Foighil was supported by other Councillors. The County Manager stated that the Council's involvement was through the County Development Team and he was a member of a very recent deputation to the Minister on the subject and response is awaited.

2259 - COMHARTHA LUAS 30 M.P.U. - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai go gcuirfear an iarratas seo san aireamh san chead aith-breithniu eile ar na Luas Teorainn don Chontae a bheidh ag dul ar aghaidh b'fheidir i 1985.

2260 - ROAD IMPROVEMENT BETWEEN ORANMORE AND MAREE CHURCH - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, COUNCILLORS T. BYRNE AND M. FAHY:

FAHEY, COUNCILLORS T. BYRNE AND M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that it is very desirable but it is unlikely in view of the present shortages of finance that any substantial progress can be made here within the short term. The County Council will consider the works that can be undertaken in the light of available finances. Councillor Byrne said that there were many bad bends on this road and they needed to be improved urgently because of the extensive development taking place there. He said that the local committee was annoyed at the lack of progress since the last deputation received by the Council. He asked the Council to receive a further deputation.

Deputy Fahey said that the local committee were very go-ahead and were prepared to do alot of work themselves. When they offered recently to provide an extra public light, they were very frustrated when they were told by the Council that the Council would not agree to maintain it. As regards the bad bends, he said that the cost of doing each of these should be estimated in order that a start could be made.

The County Manager stated that unfortunately there were many other bad roads in the County needing improvement but the problem was a question of finance.

2261 - KINVARA WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that two exploratory water wells were bored in the Kinvara Area. One of the wells indicate a good yield of water. The Hydrogeologists report is awaited on the useable yield and Laboratory reports on qualify.

2262 - NEW COUNCIL HOUSES AT GORT - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that <sup>the</sup> legal position regarding Finnegan's lands - portion of which has been found unregistered - has not been resolved. Pending finalisation of this issue, an Architect has been commissioned to prepare a lay-out and this work is proceeding.

Replying to Deputy Fahey about the possibility of starting the scheme, Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that the Council has started on any schemes for which a Capital Allocation has been provided and that this scheme would have to form part of next year's allocation for new works.

2263 - ROAD FROM DERREW TO LISDELIGNA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that repairs will be carried out to this road in the near future.

2264 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Chairman asked that written replies be sent to Councillor McCormack.

2265 - MID-GALWAY REGIONAL SCHEME AND GROUP SCHEMES - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that a supply of water will be made available for the Newcastle, Attymon, and Gurteen Groups. These should complete survey sheets for these schemes without delay and forward same to the Department of the Environment so that their water requirements can be ascertained. Without the completed survey sheets, this cannot be done. The Gurteen Group have already done this and have got an allocation of 50,000 gallons per day. The Council have requested that sections of piping in the Mid-Galway Group Scheme be increased in size to cater for these groups. As the work has not yet been tendered for, no costings as yet are available.

2265 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CAHERLISTRANE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Chairman asked that a written reply be issued to Councillor Glynn.

2266 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:  
 Bean Choilin Iu Dhonnchu, Na Forbacha, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
 Mrs. Annie Moran, Cloon, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED!

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

9th December 1983 DATE



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 1983, TO CONSIDER THE SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, John M. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M.G. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, and P. Ruane.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; F. Monahan, K. Hays, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Commins, Staff Officer; R. Curley, Acting Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2267 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Council passed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late John Croke, Tuam. The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. John Finn, Carrowcrin, Kylebrack, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Patrick King & Family, Kiltulla, Oranmore, Co. Galway.  
Mr. S. Kelly, Society Street, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

2268 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

Reports on schemes in planning and in progress at 30th September, 1983, and a report on progress over the last 8 years were submitted. The County Manager stated that the cost of schemes in planning exceeded £90 million. It would take a long time to carry out these schemes at the rate finance for Capital works was being made available and another dimension was the fact that every pound borrowed incurred a repayment liability on the Council at a time when we are not getting enough revenue to finance our services. Water charges only provided a fraction of the required revenue and while the substantial loan repayments had not deterred the Council in the past, there was a case for the Department to pay increased subsidy in future. The progress over the last 8 years showed that the Council was always ahead as regards its ability to spend the Capital allocation each year and during 1984, the value of schemes which could be started was over £15 million.

The Chairman decided that the meeting would deal with water schemes first.

Councillor Finnegan complained about the quality of water in Dunmore saying that it could not be fit for human consumption. He asked if Stage 2 of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme would commence in 1984 and if the distribution system in Dunmore would be adequate to avail of the new supply.

Councillor O'Morain referred to the Rosmuc Regional Water Supply Scheme which was with the Department for sanction since 1978. He said one of the frightening aspects of the scheme was that at today's prices, it would cost about £1.5 million whereas the original cost was in the region of £0.5 million. He said that part of Connemara was derelict

for the want of a water scheme and Udaras na Gaeltachta were unable to promote industry as a result. He requested that the Department be asked to sanction the scheme now as the general public felt that the County Council was at fault.

Deputy Fahey said that he was not satisfied with the progress being made by the Council in relation to Sanitary Services Schemes and he did not think that the figures given for the previous 8 years gave the full picture. He said that the Council did not have enough schemes with the Department to attract a bigger allocation and this is what he was told in the Department. He referred to the Capital Allocations for Mayo, Clare and Cork which are much greater than Galway's allocation. Deputy Fahey said that an urgent approach was needed and he was glad to see that there was a big increase in the value of schemes coming up in 1984. He proposed that a meeting be held every three months to review progress.

The County Manager stated that the figures shown at the bottom of page 1 of the report were factual and the Council's ability to start schemes was always ahead of the Department's allocation. He said that the Department when sanctioning Preliminary Reports controlled the rate at which schemes could be submitted for sanction at Contract Document stage.

Deputy Kitt said that the Capital Allocations since 1975 were small. He supported Councillor Finnegan in regard to the Dunmore Water Scheme and hoped that all new schemes were designed to cater for Group Schemes. He asked if there were any results from the borehole in Tuam.

Councillor J. Burke said that Galway was not getting enough money compared to other Counties and that Councillors and Officials would have to get together and demand more.

Senator U. Burke enquired about the present position regarding Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme and the capacity of the source to supply the full requirements. He referred to problems which had arisen about extending the water supply in Woodford and Loughrea because of the lack of pipe sizes and urged that adequate pipe sizes be provided in all schemes. He also asked that the Portumna scheme be expedited as there was inadequate pressure and supply during the summer.

Councillor O'Conchubhair also complained about the delay in getting the go ahead for the Rosmuc Scheme and also the Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme which was preventing the further development of fish processing industries. He also asked about the water supply improvement scheme for Kilonan.

Councillor M. Fahy said that the Oranmore community were disillusioned about the proposed Oranmore Sewerage Scheme. They had expected that the new scheme would start before the road by-pass and it was vital that it be expedited.

Councillor Callanan also considered that Galway County Council was not getting its fair share of Capital finance. He was interested in the Mid-Galway Scheme and Group Schemes that could be served from it. He asked that Council cottages be included in Group Schemes wherever possible.

Councillor Murphy asked that the Council Pump at Ballinacregg be restored as quickly as possible. Councillor Byrne said that Galway seemed to be falling behind in the provision of water and sewerage facilities and that it would be into the next century before some areas will get those services. He said that the Council will have to fight for a bigger allocation and that the stage system under which schemes are approved is holding up progress.



Councillor Brennan also considered that Galway was not getting a fair allocation and he doubted if Cork was submitting £60 million worth of works in order to get a £12 million allocation. He proposed the sending of a deputation to the Department to seek both additional Capital and Subsidy. He also urged that Council houses at Clonfert be included in the Group Scheme there.

Councillor Joyce said that all villages and towns should have adequate water and sewerage facilities and that a priority list should be drawn up for each Electoral Area as he felt that he had no input as to what schemes went ahead. He enquired if there was any result of the tests for a new source for the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme.

Councillor O'Higgins said that there seemed to be a lot of Preliminary Reports with the Department and he wondered if the Council had got bigger allocations in the past, would the Council be in a worse financial position now because of the repayments which would have to be met.

Replying to some of the statements, the County Manager said that at all times the Council could have spent more money. The statistics show that the work was ready but the Capital Allocation did not match it. He agreed that the Council may have been left a bit short in the allocation of Capital but it was not for the lack of planning of schemes. He said the Department of the Environment had its own problems competing with other Government Departments for limited funds. The Council went on a deputation to a previous Minister and was told that Galway County, including the Corporation was getting a fair allocation. He explained that once Preliminary Reports are submitted to the Department, no further progress can be made until they are approved. He also explained that the task of taking a supply of water for a scheme was often a long and tedious procedure with many interests involved. It would take many years to get through the £92 million worth of schemes in planning and if the Council gets a substantial increase in its allocation, it will have difficulty in financing it unless extra assistance is provided. The Rosmuc Scheme was submitted to the Department in 1978 and has not yet been approved.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, referred to statements made about allocations for Mayo, Cork, and Clare, and said that these were influenced by certain factors. Cork had 2½ times the population of Galway and was involved in a Major Scheme in the lower harbour, while Mayo County Council was involved in a Major Scheme to serve areas including Castlebar town which had run into difficulties. Mr. F. Monahan that he understood the high allocation to Clare was related to the E.S.B. scheme at Moneypoint and that Galway had got the fourth highest allocation in 1983.

Regarding the Dunmore Scheme, Mr. Howlett stated that it was intended to connect the town up with this new scheme next year. Replying to Deputy Kitt about the apparent reduction in allocation between 1979 and 1980, Mr. Howlett stated that this was explained by the fact that in that year some finance was provided by FEOGA Grant rather than the normal loan system. He informed Councillor O'Conchubhair that the Kilronan Scheme was in progress and would be completed soon. Regarding the Gleannachmuireann Scheme, the drawings were nearly completed and it had been suggested to Udaras na Gaeltachta that they might offer a contribution towards the scheme. A C.P.O. for some land would also have to be made. As regards Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme, he said that the water proposal was going ahead as planned and the Enquiry is to take place in January 1984. The Enquiry for Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme is taking place within two weeks. On the question of joining Council houses with Group Schemes, Mr. Howlett stated that the problem was due to the lack of funds in the Housing Maintenance area from which this expenditure has to be funded. He said the borehole has been made in Tuam and will be tested shortly.

Deputy Fahey proposed that the C.P.O. for the Gleannachmuireann Scheme be proceeded with in order not to holdup the scheme when it is approved and was supported by Councillor O'Morain. Councillors O'Conchubhair and O'Morain proposed the sending of a deputation to Udaras na Gaeltachta to include Councillors from Gaeltacht areas. Councillor J. Burke proposed a progress report for the December Meeting but it was agreed to defer this to the January Meeting when the normal progress report for the quarter ending December would be available.

Councillor J. Burke seconded the proposal made earlier in the meeting by Councillor Brennan to send a deputation to the Department to look for an additional allocation and subsidy. The following delegates were selected in addition to all Deputies and Senators for the County -

Councillors M. Fahy, O'Morain, Brennan, J. Burke, Ruane, Molloy, Callanan, Glynn, and the Chairman (Clr. Ryan).

2269 - SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

Councillor Haverty thanked the officials involved in the new Sewerage Scheme in Killimor including the extension which is in the final stages of completion. Councillor Murphy said that he was glad to see that Athenry Sewerage Scheme was starting after some delays.

It was decided to defer further discussion on sewerage schemes to the special meeting being arranged to consider Group Schemes, the fixing of the date of the meeting to be left to the discretion of the Chairman.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

9th December 1983 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

22nd November, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council at the County Buildings, Galway, commencing at 3.00 p.m. on Monday next, 28th November, 1983, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

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 requires the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Peadar O Griofa, Glentrasna, Lettermore, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Loughaubeg, Inverin. - Planning Ref. No. 46074."  
  
Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Micheal O'Morain. G. Bartley.
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 Planning Permission to Michael Kennely, Aillebrack, Ballyconneely, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Aillebrack. - Planning Ref. No. 46498."  
  
G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.
3. "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 Seamus Walsh for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Allaphreaghan. - Planning Reference No. 46990."  
  
Frank Fahey. John Molloy. G. Bartley.
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. Patrick Mitchell of High Street, Tuam, for the erection of serviced shopping development at Townparks, 2nd Division, Tuam. - Planning Reference Number 46886."  
  
Mark Killilea. John Donnellan. Thomas Welby.

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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 Planning Permission to Paddy Raftery of Clogher, Cahergowan, Claregalway, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Clogher. - Planning Reference number 46889."  
  
Patrick Ruane. F. O'Cuagain. John Molloy.
6. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Michael McDonagh, of Letterfore, Recess for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Letterfore. - Planning Reference Number 46297."  
  
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. G. Bartley.
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 Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Callow, Ballyconneely, for Joseph Conneely, of Ballyconneely.  
  
G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. M. G. O'h-Uiginn.
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 retention planning to Robert Knight, Gowla Lodge, Lettershinna, Cashel. - Planning Ref. No. 46842."  
  
G. Bartley. T. Welby. John M. Mannion.
9. "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 Brendan Donnellan for Machinery and Grain Store as extension to existing hayshed at Ballinamore. - Planning Reference number 46904."  
  
Paul Connaughton. Joe Callanan. Michael Kitt.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

22u Samhain, 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 Samhain, 1983, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to take in charge immediately the Sewerage Treatment Plants at Beech Grove Estate, Oranmore, Co. Galway, and Cloonarkin Drive Estate, Oranmore, Co. Galway."

Michael Fahy.  
Micheal S. O'Morain.  
Thomas Welby.  
M.G. O'h-Uiginn.  
Joseph Burke.  
Tony Murphy.  
Toddie Byrne.  
F. O'Cuagain.  
John M. Mannion.  
Nioclás O'Conchubhair.  
Edward Haverty.  
Gerald Bartley.  
Mark Killilea.  
Michael Ryan.

Frank Fahey.  
Patrick Finnegan.  
Proinnsias Mac Gloinn.  
Michael Kitt.  
Michael J. Kilgannon.  
Joe Callanan.  
James Joyce.  
Patrick Ruane.  
John Molloy.  
P. O'Foighil.  
Ulick Burke.  
Padraic McCormack.  
John Donnellan.

2. Minutes.
3. Raising of Loan of £2,600 special contribution for Keellogues/Kilcolumb Group Water Scheme.
4. Quarterly meeting of County Councils' General Council - Copy of Notice herewith.
5. Fix date of December Meeting.

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6. Fix date for Meeting re Group Water Schemes and Sewerage Schemes.
7. Auditors' Report on Accounts of River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee - Copy of Summary herewith.
8. Overdraft - Quarter ending 31st March, 1984.
9. Local Government Planning and Development (Amendment) Act, 1963. - Memorandum to follow.
10. Coiste na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta - cruinniú ar an 3u la Samhain, 1983 - tuairisc le teacht.
11. Raidió Aitiúil - Litir 14u Samhain, 1983, o Ghael-Linn - coip leis seo.
12. Financial Report - to follow.
13. Applications for Remission of Rates on Factories:-

	Costas Measta	
	1983	An treimhse ar fad
(a) Dearbhaireacha Uí Chonghaile, Baile an Chlair, Co. na Gaillimhe. (2 bhliain)	£2,380	£18,062
(b) Fiontar Chonamara Teo. An Tuarlach Beag, Rosmuc. (2 bhliain)	£1,785	£13,547
(c) D.C.I.M. Ltd., Portumna. (2 years)	£1,785	£11,542
(d) Murphy Engineering (Tuam) Ltd. Killaloonty, Tuam. (4 years)	£1,160	£ 2,624
(e) Byrne-Mech Ltd., Raheen, Athenry.	£2,369	£37,750
	£9,479	£83,525
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14. Public Service Pay Agreement - first phase.
15. Local Improvement Schemes - Additional Allocation of £13,000.
16. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTIONDEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

1. That Galway County Council repair and widen the road leading to the Ard Aoibhinn Estate, Monivea, and that Galway County Council would arrange to have the lights switched on in this Estate.
2. That Galway County Council would carry out improvement works at Garrafine Pump, to allow sight distance for traffic coming out of Garrafine Village on to the Ballymacward/Castleblakeney Road.
3. That Galway County Council carry out repairs on the road leading from Bord na Mona Workshop, Derryfadda, to Ballyforan Birdge.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

4. Cen Staid ina bhfuil sceim Reiguinda Uisce do Ros Muc?
5. Cen uair a chuirfear caoi ar bhothar Bothuna, An Spideal - bothar a reabadh ag Grupa Sceim Uisce.
6. Cen uair a bhainfear an drochchoirneal den bhothar ag an Coilleach, An Spideal - sonraí tugtha don Innealthoir cheana.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

7. That this Council set up without delay a dog control unit so as to deal with stray dogs that are wandering and causing damage.
8. What are the long term proposals for the Tonabrucky Quarry.
9. At the next meeting of Galway County Council that the services of Mr. Sean Concannon from the 8th May, 1939, in the Legal Department of Galway County Council be deemed pensionable and that the position of wholetime Conveyancing Clerk be created as and from that date.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will ask:

10. If the C.P.O. necessary for the Tuam Treatment Works (Sewerage) is currently before the Minister.
11. That this Council continue the development of the Tuam/Milltown road from Killaphousoge to Kilclooney Bridge. This is extremely urgent as there are a minimum of 25-30 accidents there annually.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose:

12. When do the Council intend to restore the roads in Lettermore, Gorumna and Lettermullen to normal roads and what would the cost be to restore them.
13. That Galway County Council have proper signs at Rossamhil leading to the pier and repair the pot holes near fish factory.
14. That Galway County Council complete the county road at John Donoghue's house, Sruffane, Carraroe, without further delay.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN - I will propose:

15. That the Council erect a suitable safety sign at St. Francis Training Centre, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, as the handicapped adults have need to cross the road to do a project.

SENATOR ULICK BURKE - I will propose:

16. That Galway County Council provide Pedestrian Crossing at Main Street, Loughrea, near the Post Office.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

17. That two lights be erected at Claran Church.
18. That the County Council widen the road on the Claran side of Headford Church on the right hand side as far as Farrell's shed as this narrow section of the road caused severe traffic congestion around the Church.
19. That the County Council repair the pot holes on the link road between Pollinore and Curry near Corofin.

COUNCILLOR PADDY RUANE - I will propose:

20. That the 10p charge put on each sheep for dipping (winter) be withdrawn as it is very hard on small farmers to comply with it.
21. That a drain be made in the Claregalway New Cemetery beside the Cloonabiggeen County Road to take the water from the Cemetery.
22. That at least £250,000 grant be allocated into the National Secondary Road between Carnmore and Claregalway Church this coming year.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

23. That hard shoulders to be constructed in 1984 on the N.6 in the Gort Engineering area should be those at the following locations - 1. half mile on each side of Kiltiernan National School, and 2. from Kilcolgan Village to McDonnell's shop.
24. That sign posts be erected half mile from Labane Village on the Galway/Limerick Road indicating distance to Labane Village and that an adequate sign would be erected on the next junction leading to Labane Village giving the village name and the names of the business premises in the village so as to minimise the serious trading losses which are being experienced by business in the village as a result of it being bye-passed.
25. What action the Council propose to take to improve the Craughwell Water Supply in view of a continued complaints by residents in Craughwell about the quality of water in the village.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

26. That in drawing up the Estimates for 1984 and subsequent years, the County Manager make provision for the insuring of Councillors under Plan B (rather than Plan A) which, although it does not pay any extra benefits in the event of a claim, gives a much more extensive and comprehensive cover to Councillors.
27. That villages and small towns in the County be put on a separate list for Sewerage Schemes and that a determined effort be made by way of a programmed development, to provide each one with a sewerage scheme over a period of years.
28. That planning of the Laurencetown Sewerage Scheme be commenced now.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

29. That Galway County Council erect pedestrian lights at Oranmore and same be included for the 1984 Estimates.

COUNCILLORS J. CALLANAN, J. JOYCE, AND J. BRENNAN - I will propose:

30. That the 5 County Council houses in Clonfert be provided with a proper water supply and that urgent attention be given to the many maintenance problems encountered by the tenants especially those whose houses are sinking into the bog they are built on.



AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:

- 31. Go gcuirfi tus le sgeim uisge Rosmuc in Earrach 1984.
- 32. Ba mhaith liom go nglanfach an Co. Co. an Iorrai agus an "Steam Roller as an gcoirneal ag barr na gcrumpan.

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NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Mr. Thomas McKeon, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.	Damage and destruction of Workshop - entrance door and contents therein.	County at large.	£300.00	£98.70
Mr. James Phelan, Duggan Avenue, Ballinasloe.	Damage to a bicycle.	County at large.	£100.00	£81.70
Ballinasloe Rugby Club, Ballinasloe.	Damage to contents therein.	County at large.	£250.00	£330.70
Cullen & Co. Ltd., Society Street, Ballinasloe.	Damage to shop and contents.	County at large.	£300.00	£147.10
Sean Heavey, 52, Devon Park, Salthill.	Damage to Motor Vehicle, Reg. 833 MIM.	County at large.	£351.19	£321.59
Thomas Madden, Palmerstown, Oranmore.	Damage to fence and wall.	County at large.	£1,091.00	£1,126.72
Coras Iompair Eireann, Eyre Square, Galway.	Damage to 2 windows at C.I.E. station.	County at large.	£260.25	£96.68
Martin Dooley, Ballyara, Bullaun, Loughrea.	Damage to 300 gallon diesel tank and oil containing therein.	County at large.	£1,200.00	£323.50



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23rd November, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

A Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday next, 28th November, 1983, at 2.30 p.m. - report to follow.

You are invited to attend.

Mise, le meas,

COUNTY SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

23rd November, 1983

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA for special meeting of Galway County Council commencing at 3 p.m. on Monday next 28th November 1983.

Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955;

No. 10. "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. Stephen Fahy for the erection of 1 no. deisel and 2 no. petrol pumps at Ballindooly - planning reference number 46496.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
COISTE GAELIGE AGUS NA GAELTACHTA

Cruinniu ar an 3u Samhain, 1983, ins na Foirgnithe Chontae i nGaillimh

I Lathair:

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir M. O'Morain.

Baile eile i lathair:

Na Comhairleoiri T. O'Broin, S. O'Braonain, N. O'Conchubhair,  
P. O'Foighil, M. Mac Giolla Gannain, S. Seoighe.

Fuarthas leithsceal o'n Teachta M. O'Ceit da bhri nach raibh  
ar a chumas bheith i lathair.

Oifigh An Chomhairle Chontae:

T. O'Donncha (Dligheadoir), D. Bairead, Cait Ni Hett, Alastair  
Mac Phleimeann, Maire Nic Shuibhne, C. Ni Chinneidi agus  
C. O'Dubhghaill, Runai.

1. Cathaoirleach:

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair len'ar chuidigh an Comhairleoir  
Seoigheach, toghadh an Comhairleoir O'Morain mar Chathaoirleach i gcoir  
na bliana seo chugainn.

2. Pleadh litir o Chonradh Craobh Beal Atha na Sluaighe maidir le cruinnithe  
a reachtail as Gaeilge.

Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go dtionolfar cruinniu miosuil amhain gach  
bliain as Gaeilge amhain. Chuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair leis  
an run seo agus go mbeadh an cruinniu seo i Mi Marta, 1984, - an da chruinniu  
an la sin tre ghaeilge amhain.

Thug an Runai cunntas ar an dul chun chinn ata deanta le coras aistriuchain  
comh-uaineach a chur ar faghail i seomra na Comhairle. Moladh go mbeadh  
an coras aistriuchain ar faghail do's na nuachtairi.

Socrugheadh freisin go mba cheart do Chomhairleoiri o'n nGaeltacht moltai  
don chruinniu i Mi Marta a bheith i nGaeilge.

Moladh go mbeadh imeachtaí as Gaeilge mar phairt den Cheiliuradh Cuig Cead  
Blian i gcathair na Gaillimhe i 1984 agus go dtionolfar cruinniu eile chun  
an mholadh seo a phle arís.

Aontuigheadh freisin:

- (a) Go mbeadh an chead chruinniu eile ar an Deardaoin roimh an la in  
a dtionolfar cruinniu de'n Chomhairle Chontae i Mi Eanáir, 1984.
- (b) Go dtionolfar cruinniu de'n Choiste gach raithe.

Cuireadh críoch leis an cruinniu leis sin.

Cruinniu le Ionadaí o fhuireann an Chomhairle

D'fhailtigh an Cathaoirleach ionadaí on fhuireann do'n chruinniu. Pleadh  
go ginearalta ceard is feidir leis na Comhairleoiri agus an fuireann ag co-  
oibriú le cheile a dheanamh chun usaid na Gaeilge a chur chun chinn, i dtreo

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is go mbeadh seirbhis níos fearr ar faghail do'n phobal. Ar na moltai a pleadh,  
bhi -

- (a) La amhain gach seachtain ar a ndeanfar iarracht fe leith Gaeilge  
amhain a usaid.
- (b) Nach gcuirfear aon bhru ar aoinne nach bhfuil moran Gaeilge aige  
(aici) Gaeilge amhain a usaid - ach go mbeadh na Comhairleoiri sasta  
labhairt as Gaeilge le baill de'n fhuireann go mba mhaith leo labhairt  
sa teanga sin ach gur feidir le h-aoine athru go Bearla mas gadh.
- (c) Sineacha ins na h-oifigi ag cur in iul go bhfuil daoine airithe ann  
gur feidir leo Gaeilge a labhairt.
- (d) Bonn no fainne a caitheamh ag daoine ata sasta Gaeilge a labhairt.
- (e) Fiosru faoi cursai Gaeilge ata a reachtail ag Ollscoil na Gaillimhe.
- (f) Iarracht a dheanamh nuachtan eolais agus rl. a fhoillsiu gach raithe  
- le h-adhbhair o na Comhairleoiri agus o'n fhuireann.

Duirt an Runai go raibh Club Gaeilge bunuithe ins na h-oifigi le Donncha  
O Cuimin mar Runai agus go raibh Donncha agus Maire Ni Conchradha ag cruinniu  
an la sin le Bord na Gaeilge i mBaile Atha Cliath ag ple cursai Gaeilge  
ins na h-Udaraí Aitiula.

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
COISTE GAELIGE AGUS NA GAELTACHTA

Meeting of the Committee held on the 3rd November, 1983, at the County Buildings, Galway.

PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN: Councillor M. O'Morain.

Other Members present:

Councillors T. Byrne, J. Brennan, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. J. Kilgannon, J. Joyce.

An apology for inability to attend was received from Deputy M. P. Kitt.

Officials:

T. O'Donoghue, (Law Agent), D. Barrett, Miss C. Hett, Mr. A. Fleming, Miss M. Sweeney, Miss C. Kennedy, and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

1. Chairman:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor Joyce, Councillor O'Morain was elected Chairman of the Committee for the coming year.

2. A letter from the Ballinasloe branch of the Gaelic League was discussed concerning the holding of meetings in Irish. Councillor O'Foighil proposed and Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded that the Council should hold one monthly meeting each year entirely through Irish and it was agreed to recommend to the Council that this meeting should be held in March 1984 and that both meetings - special meeting of Section 4s and the ordinary meeting would be conducted in Irish altogether on that date.

The County Secretary reported on the progress which had been made with regard to the installation of an instant translation service in the Council Chamber and the Committee recommended that this service should also extend to the newspaper reporters. It was recommended that Councillors from the Gaeltacht especially and other Members who can do so would submit resolutions in Irish for that meeting.

It was also recommended that some activities through Irish alone should be proposed for the Quincentennial Celebrations in Galway City in 1984 and that the Committee should meet again to consider what might be done under this heading.

It was also agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held on the Thursday prior to the monthly meeting of the Council to be held in January 1984 and also that a meeting of the Committee would be held every three months.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Meeting with Members of the Staff

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the staff to the Committee Meeting and complimented them on their interest in promoting the use of Irish. A general discussion took place on what might be done by the Council and by the staff co-operating together to promote the use of Irish in the Council's

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work so that a better service might be made available to the public who wish to transact their business through Irish.

Among the proposals which were discussed were the following -

- (a) That one day in the week would be devoted to the use of Irish only in so far as this is possible in the Council Offices.
- (b) That no pressure would be brought to bear on anybody who was not competent to use Irish and Councillors stated that they would not embarrass any members of the staff who did not feel that they were competent in Irish by insisting on talking to them in Irish only. It was agreed that Irish and English would be used wherever people felt most comfortable using this method.
- (c) That signs be erected in certain offices indicating to the public that there were Officers in that office who were prepared to do business through Irish with members of the public.
- (d) That some emblem might be worn by people who are prepared to speak Irish, this to be only an indication that they are willing to use Irish when dealing with people who wish to speak in that language.
- (e) That an inquiry would be made from University College, Galway, regarding the availability of courses in Irish.
- (f) That an effort would be made to prepare and publish a newsletter possibly every three months which would include articles from Councillors and members of the staff on matters of interest to the Council and on other subjects.

The County Secretary informed the Committee that an Irish Club had been established in the offices with Mr. D. Commins as Secretary, and that Mr. Commins and Miss Moya Crowe were attending a meeting with Bord na Gaeilge in Dublin on that day to discuss steps for the promotion of more Irish in local authorities.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke,  
Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan,  
Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan,  
F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins,  
Councillors 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'h-Uiginn,  
M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett,  
Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer;  
J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue,  
Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh,  
S.E.E. (Planning); R. Killeen, S.E.E. (Environment);  
B. Callagy, S.E. (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative  
Officer; D. Barrett, and B. Kennedy, Senior Staff  
Officers; D. Commins and G. Conway, Staff Officers;  
and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2270 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46074 - PEADAR O GRIOFA.

The County Manager stated that this matter was before the Council at a previous meeting and that in the course of consultations with the applicant since then, it was confirmed that the site shown on the planning application is not the site on which this man proposes to build a new house. The position, therefore, is that the development proposed is not in fact before the Council.

In the circumstances, Councillors O'Conchubhair and O'Morain withdrew the motion.

2271 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46498 - MICHAEL KENNELLY.

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

"HISTORY:

17002: Permission granted for a dwellinghouse and this permission will expire on 31/10/'86. Part of the site of this permission is included in the present application.

38974: Permission for a further dwellinghouse on the site of 17002 refused by the Planning Authority and refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on public health grounds.

41289: Permission refused on a site similar to that of the present application. Refused by the Planning Authority on public health grounds.

45150: Permission refused for a similar application 41289 on public health grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

There is an existing permission for a dwellinghouse and septic tank on a site part of which is included in this application and the location of the permitted septic tank is approximately 15 ft. from the proposed dwellinghouse. The C.M.O. recommends refusal because the poor nature of the soil would be liable to cause pollution of the adjacent lake and stream.

It should be noted that this permission, if granted, would be mutually exclusive with 17002 because of the overlapping sites, and applicant's father was so informed by telephone.

The applicant states that 17002 relates to his sister and will be used by her. He is further discussing the matter with his Architect and intends extending the time within which the application may be determined.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The proposed development, if permitted, would, because of the poor nature of the soil for the treatment of septic tank effluent, be liable to cause pollution of the adjacent lake and stream, thus conflicting a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

An Taisce have objected in this case."

The County Manager informed the Members that there is an existing planning permission on this site and that both permissions cannot be availed of by the applicant for the reasons given in the report circulated.

He stated that the applicant had telephoned the Planning Office during the week and stated that he was not aware that both permissions were mutually exclusive. In the circumstances, the resolution was not proposed and the Chairman declared it withdrawn.

2272 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46990 - SEAMUS WALSH.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site which is less than 1½ acres and has a frontage of 75 ft. is located at Allaphreaghun, Furbo, 1 mile north of the Galway/Spiddal Road. It is in an area which has a good number of new housing developments, some of which were granted on the basis of the previous County Development Plan density of 1 acre and 100 ft. frontage, the remainder more recently being permitted on ½ acre sites with 75 ft. frontages as per the current Plan.

PLANNING HISTORY:

This site was first the subject of an application in November 1974 by Mr. Walshe when a single house was permitted - reference number 18391. A further application for two houses on the same site was restricted to a single house by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala in July 1977 on the grounds of density and road frontage requirements - planning reference number 23625.

Mr. Walshe made a further application in July 1977 for two houses on the site, which was considered to be a contravention of the Development Plan and the associated Section 4 motion was withdrawn - reference number 25251. Applications 42109, 43604, 43605,



45111 and 46212 all followed with the express purpose of obtaining two houses on the total lands or in effect a second house in addition to the house already permitted and were all unsuccessful on the grounds of density and lack of road frontage. It is again recommended to refuse this application on the same grounds.

The proposed development would constitute an excessive density of housing development on a site on which permission has already been granted for a house and in an area where the site requirements are a minimum area of  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre with 23 metre road frontage. It would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Fahey who stated that the matter had been subject of much negotiation over the years and that he and the Planning Officer had failed to agree. He stated that there is approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre in each site although the frontage is only 80 feet and he felt that in view of this, it would be unreasonable to refuse permission on grounds of housing density. He also stated that in his opinion, there is no danger to the amenity of the area from the proposal and that there is no traffic hazard involved. Councillor J. Molloy seconded Deputy Fahey's proposal and since there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2273 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46886 - MR. PATRICK MITCHELL.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Chapel Lane just off High Street, Tuam. It is surrounded by a high wall and seems to constitute the back yards of other premises fronting on to High Street. There is a right of way at its Southern end.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning ref. no. 41905: A decision to refuse Permission issued to Mr. Patrick Mitchell on the 31st March, 1982, for erection of Lounge Bar.

Planning ref. no. 43318: A decision to refuse Permission issued to Mr. Patrick Mitchell on the 19th August, 1982, for erection of Lounge Bar.

Planning ref. no. 45873: A decision to refuse Permission issued to Mr. Patrick Mitchell on the 20th September, 1983, for serviced shopping development.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site fronts onto a narrow one-way street which has a road carriageway of 10 ft. 6 inches and no footpaths. On the opposite side of the street, there are a number of back yards and derelict premises. The traffic travels quite briskly along the street because there is very little existing development to hinder it apart from an adjacent supermarket outlet. At the time of a recent inspection, the street was completely blocked because of an off loading operation at a nearby yard.

The proposal would involve a site coverage of approximately 90% which exceeds the provisions of Tuam Town Plan, and would have

a building set-back from the carriageway of only 1 ft. 6 inches. This would mean that anyone leaving any of the three shop units would step directly onto the carriageway, which is only just wide enough to accommodate trucks and vans. This would have no safety margin for any lapse in concentration when emerging from the premises and would involve a particular risk for small children.

The principle of allowing development along this street is not at issue but some widening and footpath construction is necessary before normal commercial or residential uses can be safely allowed. In the present instance, no such allowance has been made for such provision. (Planning ref. 46886)

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of:

- (a) traffic hazard, because it would be located too close to the junction with High Street where the turning movements into Chapel Lane would endanger the safety of pedestrians and the occupants of vehicles using and servicing the proposed development and,
- (b) would thereby interfere with the free flow of traffic down Chapel Lane."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea who stated that the applicant is a young man with a family who purchased the premises and changed the use from a licensed premises to a shoe shop. He stated that Mr. Mitchell had wanted to extend his premises at the back but was refused planning permission on a number of previous occasions. He has now made application for a Shopping Arcade and had asked Senator Killilea if he could be of assistance to him. Senator Killilea stated that there is an existing much used entrance onto this laneway from the site and that there is an existing development with two accesses to the lane on the opposite side. He suggested that the development could be moved back a distance of 2 ft. 6 inches so that a footpath could be provided which would facilitate pedestrians and stated that by granting the permission in this case and making the applicant provide a footpath, the Council would be creating space in a congested and very busy laneway, thereby improving the existing situation there. Councillor Welby seconded Senator Killilea's proposal. Councillor J. Burke stated that this is a one way street with a blind corner and that a footpath would be needed to prevent people coming out of the development directly onto the road. He stated that if a substantial footpath can be provided, the Permission should be granted. Replying to the discussion regarding the imposition of the condition requiring the applicant to provide a footpath, the County Manager stated that the Council had not had the opportunity to assess this proposal and could not, therefore, say if such a condition would alter fundamentally the development proposed by Mr. Mitchell. He stated that the best course would be for the applicant to extend the time so that the matter could be examined by the Council and by the applicant's own Consultants. Senator Killilea stated that the applicant had been waiting a long time to get Planning Permission and had paid fees in respect of two planning applications and he was, therefore, formally proposing that permission be granted subject to the applicants being able to provide a footpath 2 ft. 6 inches wide. Mr. Liam Kavanagh, in reply to a question by Councillor Brennan, stated that no consultation had taken place in this case. The Chairman declared the resolution carried, no amendment having been proposed.