

2274 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46889 - APPLICANT: MR. PADDY RAFFERTY.

The County Manager stated that the council had requested additional information from the applicant and that the matter would come before the Council again when the information was received. The resolution was not, therefore, put to the meeting.

2275 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NO. 46297 - APPLICANT: MR. MICHAEL McDONAGH.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the northern side of the Oughterard-Maam crossroad in the townland of Letterfore approximately 150 yards from the thatched cottage at Letterfore on the opposite side of the road.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site consists of outcropping rock and bog and is unsuitable for treatment of septic tank effluent, and refusal on public health grounds has been recommended by the C.M.O. The site is located in an exposed location in an area of very high scenic amenity and the proposed development would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area.

The site is also located on an unrealigned section of National Secondary Route and the traffic movements generated by the proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard.

Except for the site in question, which apparently the applicant received from commonage, all the applicant's lands are located off the main road.

The Planning Authority would have no objection to the applicant building on the remaining part of his holding.

The reason the applicant states that he requires a new dwellinghouse in this location is that he is having a problem with transport getting to his existing dwellinghouse which is in fact served by a public roadway. He is proposing to live in the existing house with his mother while his wife and six children would live in the new dwellinghouse.

RECOMMENDATION:

The site proposed to be developed, consisting of outcropping rock and bog, is unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard.

The proposed development would be located on an unrealigned section of National Secondary route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

The proposed development would be located in an unrealigned position in an area of very High Scenic Amenity and would be an obtrusive element in its surroundings and would not be capable of being assimilated into its background and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

An Taisce have objected in this case."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby who stated that the site in question is part of the applicant's farm holding. He stated that the applicant's house is situated approximately a half mile up a sideroad and that his children have to come down to the main road in order to catch the school bus. He stated that the applicant's mother is elderly and also wishes to live at a more convenient location beside the main road. Referring to the objection by An Taisce, he stated that An Taisce had previously objected to a planning application by Fr. Manning which was subject of a Section 4 Resolution and that when they came and looked at the site, they stated they would not be appealing the decision and expressed surprise at the Council's objections to the grant of Permission in that case. Councillor Welby's proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Morain. The County Engineer stated that the development would involve the opening of an access onto the National Secondary Route and that a number of such applications have been refused in order to preserve the route for the purpose for which it was designed and to avoid a creation of traffic hazard. He pointed out that the applicant has other lands on which he could locate the proposed house. Councillor O'Morain stated that the alternative sites available to the applicant are too remote and that while he agreed it was necessary to keep the traffic flowing freely, it should be possible to provide a recessed area to enable the applicant to enter and leave his site safely.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that Permission not be granted. Councillor Brennan, in seconding Councillor J. Burke's proposal, stated that the report of the Chief Medical Officer that the site was unsuitable and the County Engineer's report that it constituted a traffic hazard, cannot be disregarded.

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

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

(13)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Glynn, Kilgannon, McCormack, O'Conchubhair.

(8)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2276 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46823 - MR. JOSEPH CONNEELY.

The County Manager stated that additional information had been sought relating to this application and that the matter would be brought before the Council again when the information was received. The resolution was not, therefore, put to the meeting.

2277 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46842 - APPLICANT: ROBERT KNIGHT.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the back road from Lough Avally to Cashel. The dwellinghouse is known as Gowla Lodge and is located in the townland of Lettershinna.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 5079: Permission refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of injury to visual amenity and refused on appeal by the Minister for Local Government to a Mr. Freyer.

The matter was referred by Mr. Freyer to the Minister for Local Government under the Planning Act 1963, Part 1, Section 5, for a decision on whether the reconstruction of the existing ruin constituted Exempted Development. However, the matter was not pursued and was eventually deemed to have been withdrawn.

Planning ref. No. 28844: Permission refused by the Planning Authority for retention of a dwellinghouse on the grounds of injury to visual amenity and refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala.

Planning Ref. No. 46298: Permission refused by the Planning Authority for retention of the dwellinghouse on the grounds of injury to visual amenity.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The dwellinghouse is located in an open moorland landscape which is completely devoid of any other development.

This dwellinghouse was constructed after permission on the site had been refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by the Minister for Local Government.

Permission for retention has been refused since by the Planning Authority and once on appeal by An Bord Pleanala.

Subsequent to Planning Ref. No. 28844 the Planning Authority instituted legal proceedings against the applicant under Section 31 of the 1963 Planning Act to demolish the dwellinghouse and restore the lands to their original condition.

A conviction was obtained against the applicant on the 27th November, 1982 at the District Court in Clifden for failure to comply with the terms of the Enforcement Notice and on the 23rd June, 1983, the applicant was convicted of a Continuing Offence under Section 31.

The granting of permission for retention of a dwellinghouse, where originally permission for construction is refused, and the construction is carried out in flagrant breach of the Planning Acts, would lead to the establishment of a most undesirable precedent which would diminish the power and effectiveness of the control mechanisms inherent in the Planning Acts.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The development forms a conspicuous and highly incongruous feature in an exceptionally open moorland landscape and thereby seriously diminishes the scenic amenity of the area.

An Taisce have objected in this case."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Bartley who asked that Councillors would note that the house in question was an existing building and that Mr. Knight did not extend it. He stated that it was his understanding that there was more objection to the polescarrying the electricity supply to the site than to the house itself and that this was a matter over which Mr. Knight had no control. He stated that the E.S.B. had told Mr. Knight that they had no intention of taking down the poles. Councillor O'Morain seconded Councillor Bartley's proposal.

The County Manager, replying to the discussion, stated that the applicant had reconstructed a derelict dwellinghouse and that this was not Exempted Development and required a grant of Permission under the Planning Acts. Councillor J. Brennan proposed that Permission not be granted and referred to a Section 4 Resolution which had been discussed at the last meeting of the County Council and which was not passed for lack of a sufficient majority voting in favour. He stated that since the last County Council meeting, the development has gone ahead and that this should not be allowed to happen as it would create a highly undesirable precedent. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal stating that the Council cannot condone unauthorised development. A vote on this resolution was called after 4.30 p.m. but was not taken because Councillor Brennan withdrew his proposal. The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

- 2278 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER 46904 - APPLICANT: MR. BRENDAN DONNELLAN.

The County Manager informed the Members that the applicant in this case had been asked to furnish additional information in relation to his application and that the matter would be brought before the Council again when the information was received. The resolution was not, therefore, put to the meeting.

- 2279 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER 46496 - APPLICANT: MR. STEPHEN FAHY.

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

"BACKGROUND:

The site of the proposed development is situated adjacent to a heavily trafficked National Secondary route, approximately three hundred yards from Ballindoooley 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 reason:

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

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea who stated that the applicant is a man with a family and he has made every effort to provide space on the ground to let traffic flow in and out of his development without difficulty. He stated that there is adequate sight distance on both sides of the access to the site - 600 yards on one side and twice as much on the other side and that the applicant has taken every safety precaution. Senator Killilea's proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

The County Engineer stated that this application is similar to other developments on the National Roads network. He stated that the applicant is proposing to provide a service which will generate traffic in and out of his site and while there is an existing car maintenance operation on site, the proposal to provide petrol pumps should be treated as a new development which will increase traffic using the site. He stated that this creates an extremely dangerous situation and it is a recipe for an accident of major proportions.

Councillor J. Brennan proposed that Permission not be granted in view of the County Engineer's report. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal. A vote was called on this resolution after 4.30 p.m. but Councillor Brennan withdrew his proposal and the vote was not taken. The Chairman, therefore, declared the resolution carried.

## 2280 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Jimmey Keane & Family, Ballyglass, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Jennings & Family, Craughwell, Co. Galway.  
Padraic O'Neachtain, An Cnoc, Indreabhan.  
Mr. Pat Jennings & Family, An Balla Pada, Gaillimh.

## 2281 - CONNEMARA ROADS:

At the end of this meeting, the Chairman stated that he would hear two speakers from "Cumhacht" from South Connemara, members of which organisation, had entered the Council Chamber at that time. Two speakers from this group addressed the Council and complained of the condition of roads in South Connemara.

Afterward, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. Proposed by Councillor O'Morain and seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair:

"That the Government declare the road conditions in Connemara a National Disaster and that the Minister for the Environment be asked to allocate adequate funds for road improvements."

2. Proposed by Deputy F. Fahey and seconded by Councillor Haverty:

"That a deputation from Connemara go to the Minister to seek funds, that Councillors be invited to go with the deputation and that the road from Galway to Carna be declared a National Secondary road."

3. Proposed by Councillor O'Morain and seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair:

"That the Cois Fhairrge road to Lettermore, Carraroe, Rosmuck, Maam, Recess and Carna be classified as National Secondary Roads."

At various times in the course of the discussions, the Chairman stated that all Members of the Council were sympathetic with the case made by the deputation and in view of the support promised, he asked the group to leave the Council Chamber in order to permit the ordinary meeting of the Council to proceed. This they refused to do.

The Chairman stated that he would ask the County Engineer to have a report on the Connemara Roads before the Council at the December Meeting.

When members of the group asked that pot holes be filled immediately, the County Manager stated that no funds are available in the current year for this purpose - that filling of the worst of them would be done in January 1984 and that continuation of the work would depend on funds available in 1984.

A member of the deputation asked if the County Manager and County Engineer would meet them before the next meeting. The Chairman stated that this could be arranged if they wished and in view of this he again asked the group to leave - they refused.

The Chairman, County Manager, and other Members of the Council pointed out that the only source of adequate funds is the Government and they gave an account of the deputations sent to the appropriate Ministers in efforts to get funds.

Despite further appeals by Councillor Ryan, Chairman, and Councillor O'Morain, who was in the Chair for a time, to the group to leave, they refused. At this time, the Chairman stated that as it was 6.00 p.m., the normal time for ending meetings, he was adjourning the meeting.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

19/12/83 DATE

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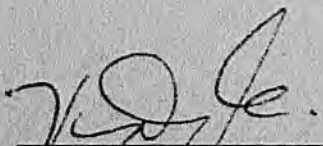
TO EACH MEMBER OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE/

A Chara,

The Finance Committee Meeting, postponed from last Monday, 28th instant, will now be held on Friday next, 2nd December, 1983, at the County Buildings, Galway, at 2.30 p.m. - copy of Financial Report already circulated.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE  
COUNTY BUILDINGS GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 2ND DECEMBER, 1983

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors E. Haverty, M. Kilgannon, J. Mannion, M. O Morain and M. O Huigin.

Officials: E. Lusby, Finance Officer.

Apology: The Chairman informed the meeting of apology for non attendance at the meeting received from Councillor T. Welby.

Arising from the County Manager's report on the Council's Finances as at 21/11/83 dated 21/11/83 which had been circulated to all Council Members, the following matters were discussed.

The expected outturn for 1983 and the requirement for the Council's approval for expenditure transfers as set out in the report.

The Council's liability to the Western Health Board in respect of Supplementary Welfare Demands.

The effects on the rate support grants payable to the Council brought about by the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983.

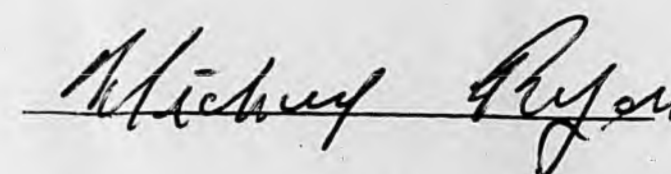
The problems of roads maintenance caused by the inability of the Council to provide for adequate financing over the years.

It was noted that the position for 1984 would not be clear until details of the state allocations were available.

The position re payment of Acot Demand and difficulties caused by the High Court Case on Land Valuation was discussed. The Finance Officer informed the meeting that he was in discussion with The Department on the 1983 Demand and expected a resolution of the matter during the following week.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

19/12/83 DATE

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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, 9TH DECEMBER, 1983.

commencing at 3.30 p.m. to consider the Agenda postponed at the meeting of the Council held on 28th November, 1983. Copies of the Agenda, already circulated, will be available at the meeting to be held on the 9th instant.

Mise, le meas,

  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

13th December, 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, 19th December, 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. "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 O'Griofa le teach nua agus dabhach searachas a thógail ag Tir an Fhia. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanala 46808."

Pol O'Foighil. N. O'Conchubhair. John M. Mannion.

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 Outline Permission to Nora Mahon at Ross, Roscahill. - Planning Ref. No. 46523."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Mark Killilea.

3. "We, the undersigned Councillors will propose that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Miss A.M. Rooney for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Moneytigue. - Planning Ref. No. 46759."

Padraic McCormack. Toddie Byrne. John Mannion.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

13u 1a Nollag, 1983.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 19u 1a Nollag, 1983, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Raidio Aitiuil - memo already circulated.
3. Fix date for Planning Meeting to discuss development sections.
4. Application for Planning Permission for Church, School, Shopping facilities and Housing Development at Knocknacarra and Shangort, Galway, part of such developments being a Material Contravention of the County Development Plan - applicant: Dean M. Spellman.  
(report to follow)
5. Talamh i Ruisin na Manach, Carna a dhiuscairt d'Udaras na Gaeltachta. Disposal of land at Rusheenamanagh, Carna, to Udaras na Gaeltachta. (Fogra chuig Comhairleoiri ar an 9u Nollaig, 1983.)
6. Raising of loan of £7,364 - special contributions for Bullaun and Pollagh Group Water Schemes.
7. Raising of loan of £4,000,000 for Making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.
8. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
9. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from Meeting on 9th December, 1983:

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

1. That Galway County Council repair and widen the road leading to the Ard Aoibhin 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 Bridge.

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 - sonrai 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 Kilaphousoge 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 PADDY RUANE - I will propose:

17. 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.
18. That a drain be made in the Claregalway New Cemetery beside the Cloonabiggeen County Road to take the water form the Cemetery.
19. That at least £250,000 grant be allocated into the National Secondary Road between Carnmore and Claregalway Church this coming year.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

20. 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.
21. 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.
22. That planning of the Laurencetown Sewerage Scheme be commenced now.

COUNCILLORS J. CALLANAN, AND J. BRENNAN - We will propose:

23. 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:

24. Go gcuirfi tus le sgeim uisge Rosmuc in Earrach 1984.
25. Ba mhaith liom go nglanfach an Co. Co. an lorrain agus an "Steam Roller" as an gcoirneal ag barr na gcrumpan.

(b) Other Motions received:

DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will propose:

26. That Galway County Council remove the bad bump on the Aille road approximately 500 yards up from Gabriel Colleran's house.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

27. That the £30 combined rate of charges for services be adopted by the Council for the residents of the housing estates on the East side of the City, Castlepark, Clareview Park, Rockland Avenue, Glenavon Drive, and some of the houses in Rahylin Glebe outside the urban boundaries.
28. That the County Council improve the very uneven surface of road for 200 yards each side of the Baranna Bridge on the Cloonboo/Annaghdown road.
29. When will the hardshoulder be completed on the Tuam road for 200 yards past Castlegar Church.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN - I will propose:

30. That this Council make provision in the 1984 Estimates for the supply of suitably headed stationery to each Councillor who wishes to avail of same.

COUNCILLORS M. MANNION AND G. BARTLEY - We will propose:

31. That this Council provide a designated area for street traders in Clifden.

COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

32. That the County Council provide street lights at Tully and Renvyle.
33. That the Council ask the Department of the Environment for a supplementary grant to complete the Sewerage Scheme at Tully and Renvyle.

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree (including costs)
Moy Contractors (Galway) Ltd., Dublin Road, Galway.	Damage to mobile crane (Coles 7 ton), five windows smashed, two headlamps broken.	County at Large	£1,017.94	£1,200.00
Century Kurlan Tops Teoranta, Ballyquirke West, Moycullen, Galway.	Damage to one Volvo truck Reg. No. 3816 ZM	County at Large	£2,000.00	£1,173.00
Corrib Engineering Supplies Ltd., Str. Brid Brennan, Presentation College, Athenry.	Damage to Opel Berlina Car. Windows damaged and panes of glass broken.	Borough of Galway County at Large	- £300.00	£396.00 £ 99.57
Mr. Barry Egan, Sun Street, Tuam, Co. Galway.	Three Motor cars - Mercedes Reg. No. 4335 ZM Morris Marina, Reg. No. JZM 406, Austin Mini Reg. No. JZM 369 were burned maliciously.	County at Large	£1,244.60	£1,593.92
Mr. Michael Mongan, 24 Gaelcarrig Park, Newcastle.	Damage to horse-drawn cart with load of timber.	County at Large		£219.73
Mr. Michael O'Ceallaigh, Tra Ban, Lettermore.	Damage to a curragh at Aircin Ce, Tra Ban, Lettermore. Damage to various fixtures, fittings and furnishings in the dwelling house including door, plate glass front window, plaster and paint work, carpet and coffee table.	County at Large	£800.00	£763.21
Mr. David Connolly, 5 Hazel Park, Newcastle.		County at Large	£1,500.00	£936.01

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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree (including costs)
Mr. Thomas Glynn, Marliss, Moylough.	Damage to Motor car Reg. No. 4555 IM between Moylough, Co. Galway and Mill St., Galway City.	County at Large	£750.00	£482.58
Sr. Baptist Egan, Holy Trinity School, Mervue, Galway.	The aqua felt was stripped from four sections of a flat roof at the Holy Trinity School, Mervue. Window glass, one partition, two shutters, one door and one plate glass window were maliciously damaged. Damage to inflatable boat.	County at Large	£200.00	£317.71
Abbey Films Ltd., (Blackrock House), 35 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin.	Damage to doors, windows, steel grill, fencing and diesel tank. Damage to rear windscreen and heating unit of car Reg. No. 1521 ZM.	County at Large	£175.00	£312.40
Mr. John Curran, Trabane, Lettermore.	Damage to Ten Ton Roller and motor grader.	County at Large	£ -	£1,001.59
T. Smith, Painting Contractors Ltd.,		County at Large	£300.00	£ -
Mr. Jack Murphy, 53 Oaklands, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to one coil of 24 mm polythene rope, 4 hard eyes, one coil of braided nylon rope.	County at Large	£250.00	£317.70
Roadstone Limited, Saggart, Dublin.	Damage to two doors and frames and a box drawer.	County at Large	£1,000.00	£412.97
Comhlucht Bheathamara, Chonamara, Teoranta.		County at Large	£2,500.00	£248.65
Keane, Mahony & Smith, Auctioneers, 38 Eyre Square, Galway.		County at Large	£530.00	£477.64
Ms. Collette O'Flynn, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to door, stained glass plated and lead door panels.	Borough of Galway	£350.00	£ 77.50



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9th December, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

Notice is hereby given under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, that it is proposed to dispose of the land particulars of which are set out hereunder:

LAND: 15 acres at Ruisin na Manach, Carna, Co. Galway.

PERSONS FROM WHOM THE LAND WAS ACQUIRED:

Mark Burke, Rusheenamanagh, Carna.  
Mary Walsh (Tom), Rusheenamanagh, Carna.  
Pat Walsh (Jnr.), Rusheenamanagh, Carna.  
Michael McDonagh (Pat), Rusheenamanagh, Carna.  
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TO WHOM THE LAND IS TO BE DISPOSED TO:

Udaras na Gaeltachta,  
Na Forbacha, Co. na Gaillimhe.

CONSIDERATION PROPOSED:

£4,577.00

ANY CONVENANTS AND CONDITIONS:

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This matter will be on the Agenda for the next meeting to be held after the expiration of ten days from this date.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
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CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tugtar fogra leis seo faoi Alt 83 de'n Acht Rialtais Aitiuil, 1946,  
go bhfuil se beartuighthe an talamh thíos-luaite a dhiuscairt:

AN TALAMH: 15 acra ag Ruisin na Manach, Carna, Co. na Gaillimhe.

AINMNEACHA NA NDAOINE ONAR TOGADH AN TALAMH:

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AN DUINE CHUN A BHFUIL AN TALAMH LE DIUSCAIRT: Udaras na Gaeltachta,  
Na Forbacha, Gaillimh.

AN CHOMAOIN ATA BEARTUIGHTHE I LEITH NA £4,577.00  
DIUSCAIRTE:

AON CHUNANTA NO COINNIOLLACHA  
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C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 9TH DECEMBER, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, 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, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M.G. O'h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; R. Killeen and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; D. Commins and G. Heneghan, Staff Officers; G. Conway, Acting Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2282 - MEETING ON 28TH NOVEMBER, 1983:

Senator Ulick Burke raised the question of the disruption of the previous meeting when people from South Connemara came into the Council Chamber and interfered with the progress of the Council's normal meeting, and pointed out that a resolution was previously adopted that no such deputations should be permitted without permission. He stated that he was forced into supporting resolutions on that day and he asked the County Manager if there was any point in passing resolutions which they had previously passed. The County Manager replied that he did not arrange for those people to attend the meeting. Other Members of the Council complimented the Chairman on the manner in which he had handled the situation at the meeting on the 28th November and criticised the conduct of the people who attended on that day.

The Chairman stated that he had no prior notice that those people were going to attend the meeting and in fairness, he thought that he should allow two people to speak since they felt that they had a legitimate grievance.

Councillor O'Morain asked if the resolutions passed on the 28th November were in order. The County Manager stated that those resolutions were not invalid and would be recorded.

Referring to complaints about roads in Connemara, Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that he had been told during the year that no money had been made available for them but that it had been indicated on that date that some money might be available.

The County Manager stated that no work can now be done which would not have been done in the ordinary course of events.

2283 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PROPOSAL TO TAKE OVER PRIVATE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS AT ORANMORE:

Senator Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and stated

that the Kilraine Family had built 114 houses and also that promises had been made at the time that a sewerage scheme for Oranmore would be available in a short time. He stated that he has been informed by Mr. Kilraine that he had upgraded the Plant as requested by the County Engineer in order to get a licence under the Water Pollution Act and that this work was carried out under the direction and supervision of the County Council and to the County Council's specification. He did not understand, therefore, why the County Manager stated that the Plant was not in good working order and repair. He stated that the County Council had legal power to take over the Plant in question despite the information given to them and the report circulated.

This resolution was seconded by Councillor Coogan.

This motion was supported by other Councillors present who made the following points in the course of the discussion.

1. Failure to take over the Plants was an injustice to the Kilraine Family who had been maintaining one scheme since 1969 and the other since 1974.
2. The Kilraine Family had spent over £60,000 in maintaining those Plants and they had recently spent £6,000 on upgrading them.
3. It is not agreed that the condition of the Plants is as bad as has been described in the report circulated.
4. The Council should arrange for employing a man to operate the Plant with a contribution from the Kilraine Family.
5. It is not fair to ask a private company to provide a service which is essentially an obligation of a Public Authority and some formula should be found for a solution of this problem for the family. The complaints made against the scheme during inspections by the Council's Engineer indicated that the flaws were only of a minor nature.

Replying to a query by Deputy Fahey, the County Manager stated that Mr. Killeen's report was signed on the 28th November, 1983.

The County Manager, replying to the comments made by Councillors, stated that he had two meetings with Members of the Council in connection with this matter and was prepared to have another meeting, if necessary. However, the answer received from the Kilraine Family was that they had decided on a Section 4 resolution and in a letter written by the family in fact to Councillors, this was stated.

He stated that the situation is that there are two Plants involved which are totally unsatisfactory but he pointed out that he had sympathy with Mr. Kilraine and it was for this reason that he had offered to pay £2,500 per annum as a contribution to Mr. Kilraine towards the cost of maintaining the Plants. It was not possible for him to comply with the other course which Mr. Kilraine was pursuing, i.e., that it would be taken over by the County Council, and it appears that this was the only course in which Mr. Kilraine was interested. The Law prohibits the Council from taking it over and even if the Section 4 Resolution is passed, it could not be implemented as it could not overcome the law on the matter. He pointed out, also, that if he agreed to take over the schemes following a Section 4 Resolution or without it, he could be held liable for surcharge.

The only course, therefore, open to the Council is to make a contribution and this has been done. If, however, the Council insists on passing the Section 4 Resolution, he would refer the matter to the Minister for a decision in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962. He repeated that he was interested in helping Mr. Kilraine but he had to accept the professional advice which was offered to him.

Replying to comments on the contents of the reports from the Chief Medical Officer and Mr. Killeen which were placed before the Councillors, he stated that these were got for the guidance of Councillors when the Section 4 Resolution was proposed.

Mr. Killeen stated that his report had acknowledged that some work had been done including duplicate pumping plants increasing the capacity of the filters and preliminary screening. He stated that while he had asked for improvements, he never considered that those improvements would bring the Plant up to a satisfactory condition and this would provide only basic minimum improvements. He stated that there are two basic problems - ground conditions which requires percolation and also the waterlogged condition of the site.

Deputy Fahey stated that Mr. Kilraine is being blamed for the ground conditions but he stated that the Council had given him permission for the development. He agreed that because of the unusual circumstances, the matter could not be put right by Mr. Kilraine or by the County Council.

Councillor Glynn stated that Mr. Kilraine should not have been allowed to carry out the development unless he could bring the treatment works up to a proper standard. He felt that an effort should be made to reach some compromise which would be satisfactory to the County Council and to Mr. Kilraine.

Councillor Byrne stated that Mr. Kilraine was not responsible for all the pollution arising in the stream from the Cloonarkin Estate and that another source of pollution had been identified by the County Council in the area.

Deputy Fahey stated that other schemes operated by the County Council are in a worse condition than those treatment works - he criticised some of the legal argument mentioned in the Law Agent's letter and quoted a letter from Mr. Kilraine's Solicitor to the County Council.

The County Manager stated that the main legal problem is that the Plants are not in order and the Law does not permit them to be taken over in such circumstances.

Deputy Fahey stated that the Council had offered to pay £2,500 being half the cost of maintenance and to have it supervised by a County Council employee. He asked if the County Council would do the work and let Mr. Kilraine pay a contribution. He stated that two Residents Associations in the area would be prepared to agree that there would be no "come-back" on the County Council if they took it over for future maintenance.

The County Manager stated that what Deputy Fahey is proposing is that the Council take over the Plants and as pointed out already, this is not possible in accordance with the Law.

Senator Burke and Councillor Haverty complained that if the matter is being referred to the Minister for Arbitration, a decision will not be received for a long time.

Councillor Haverty suggested that greater financial assistance should be offered to Kilraines than has been done already in order to help them maintain the Plant.

Councillor O'h-Uiginn proposed that consideration of the Section 4 Resolution would be deferred and that a discussion be held in the County Manager's Office in an effort to reach a solution.

Replying to further complaints about the grant of Planning Permission, the County Manager stated that the Council accepted the proposals made with the Planning Applications as being workable and it was later discovered that in fact they had not been operating satisfactorily.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that all parties involved in this matter should be brought together for a discussion in the County Manager's Office in an effort to reach a solution. It is clear that the majority of Councillors are sympathetic to Mr. Kilraine and it is also clear that the County Manager and Officials are sympathetic. Councillor Glynn seconded this proposal and suggested that the Section 4 Resolution be withdrawn.

The Chairman stated that he was assuring Members that he would do everything possible to solve the problem and it was better trying to do this than to have the Section 4 Resolution passed and left to the Department.

Senator Killilea stated that he would agree to defer or postpone the Section 4 Resolution until a meeting is held and a report is brought back to the Council.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the County Manager would meet Mr. Kilraine and his Engineer, if necessary, together with Members of the Council from the Loughrea Area and other Councillors who have been particularly interested in this matter - at his office at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 16th December, 1983.

#### 2284 - MINUTES:

Deputy Fahey referred to Minute no. 2260 and stated that at the meeting on 24th October, the County Manager stated that no money was available in the current year for easing bends in the Maree Area. He had asked at that meeting that the cost of removing the bends would be estimated in order to decide on whether the work could be done if necessary over a period of years. He had asked that this estimate would be prepared.

He also stated that he had asked that in accordance with a request by a local deputation, the Council would take over future maintenance of a light near Maree Church provided a local committee pay the cost of the erection of a light to the E.S.B. and he asked for a decision on this application also.

Subject to the foregoing, the Minutes of Meetings held on the 24th and 28th October, 1983, (numbers 2227-2269, inclusive), were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Senator Killilea stated that he wished that the Council would have a discussion at a future meeting on development contributions being charged for services.

#### 2285 - E.S.B. GENERATING STATION AT SCREEBE:

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

"That the Minister for Energy be requested to ensure that the E.S.B. Power Station at Screebe, Co. Galway, continue in operation."

#### 2286 - LOAN KEEOLOGUES/KILCOLUMB GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,600 as a special contribution for the Keellogues/Kilcolumb Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be obtained from such source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

2287 - QUARTERLY MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Joyce, it was resolved that the following resolution would be sent to the County Councils' General Council:

"That the basis for allocation of funds for roads is wrong and that this be changed with a view to allocating a much greater proportion of such funds to County Roads."

2288 - LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION:

Councillor Joyce stated that the Minister for the Environment is considering the question of expenses to Councillors and he referred to a circular from the Local Authority Members' Association stating that local authorities could provide stationery and envelopes for Members. He proposed that suitably headed stationery and envelopes would be provided for Members of Galway County Council and that provision for this be made in the 1984 Estimates.

The County Manager stated that a letter would be sent to the Minister enquiring if it is in order to supply the stationery and envelopes as proposed by Councillor Joyce.

Councillor Callanan seconded Councillor Joyce's proposal.

2289 - DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

It was agreed that the December Meeting would be held on the 19th instant.

2290 - DATE FOR MEETING RE GROUP WATER SCHEMES AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

It was agreed that this meeting would be held on 9th January, 1984.

2291 - SPECIAL MEETING RE UNEMPLOYMENT:

Councillor Welby proposed and Senator Killilea seconded that a special meeting of the Council be convened to consider the major problem of unemployment in the County. It was suggested that this meeting could be held on the same date as the date for the Group Water Scheme Meeting - 9th January, 1984.

2292 - RECEPTION OF A DEPUTATION FOR IRISH SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:

It was agreed that this deputation would be heard by the Council at its meeting on the 19th December, 1983.

2293 - AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF THE RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1982:

This report was noted.

2294 - OVERDRAFT QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1984:

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Brennan 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 March, 1984."

2295 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1983:

Referring to the memorandum circulated to Members, Councillor O'Morain stated that it would be necessary to study this matter more closely and

that it seemed that further powers were being taken away from Local Authorities in this Act. It was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter to a Planning Meeting which would be held in January.

2296 - COISTE NA GAEILGE AGUS NA GAELTACHTA - CRUINNIU AR AN 3u SAMHAIN, 1983:

Ar mholadh an Comhairleora O'Morain, le cuidiu an Comhairleora O'Braonain, glacadh leis an tuarascail a cuireadh fe bhraid na Comhairleoiri agus cinneadh go mbeadh cruinniu as Gaeilge amhain i Mi Marta 1984.

Duir an Comhairleoir O'Braonain gur bhfuair se litir o Craobh Conradh na Gaeilge, Beal Atha na Sluaighe ag gabhail buiochas don Chomhairle as ucht an iarracht ata a dheanamh acu ar son na Gaeilge.

2297 - RAIDIO AITIUIL - LITIR O GAEL LINN:

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the meeting of the Council on the 19th December.

2298 - FINANCIAL REPORT:

The County Manager's report of the 21st November, 1983, on the Council's Revenue finances as at 21st November, 1983, was considered and noted. The County Manager stated that the Council's financial position indicated that it would keep within its Budget for the year. He requested the approval of the Council to the transfers listed in his report.

On the proposition of Deputy Fahey, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, the Council approved the following transfers to cover over-expenditures on certain sub-programmes:

AMOUNT £	TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO
45,000	1.1.6. L.A. Housing Loan Charges	1.1.1. L.A. Housing - Repairs and Mtce.
220	1.2.4. Loan Charges House Purchase	1.2.4.(a) Insurance and Legal Expenses
300	1.8.5. Social Workers Salaries	1.8.5. Social Workers Office Expenses
5,295	2.8.1. Salaries	2.1.3. Major Urban Road Galway
43,270	2.8.1. Salaries	2.1.5.(a) County Roads
96,905	2.8.1. Retiring Allowances/Gratuities	2.1.5.(a) County Roads
60,795	2.2.7. L.I.S.	2.1.5.(a) County Roads
600	2.8.8. Insurance Rents Rates	2.2.8. Ballinasloe U.D.C. Grant
5,000	3.1.5. Waste Water Survey	3.1.2. Improvement of Water Supplies
2,000	3.2.6. Improvement of Public Conveniences	3.2.3. Public Conveniences Mtce.
90,000	3.1.3. Loan Charges	3.3.8. Road Restoration G.W.S.
3,000	3.8.1. Travel Expenses	3.8.1. Printing Postage etc.
10,000	5.4.4. Fire Prevention	5.1.3. Domestic Refuse
30,000	5.4.6. Loan Charges	5.4.3. Provision of Equipment
2,500	5.8.1. Retiring allowances/Gratuities	5.8.1. Travel Expenses
4,500	5.4.6. Loan Charges	5.8.1. Printing Postage etc
250	5.8.1. Salaries	5.8.8. Legal Expenses
100	6.2.7. Loan Charges	6.1.2. Improvement Swimming Pools
18,000	1.1.6. L.A. Housing Loan Charges	6.3.8. Environmental Schemes
5,000	7.1.5. Galway Harbour	6.4.1. Contribution to Arts
3,320	1.1.6. L.A. Housing Loan Charges	7.1.2. Pensions - Comm. of Agriculture

AMOUNT £	TRANSFER FROM	TRANSFER TO
1,700	1.1.6. L.A. Housing Loan Charges	7.1.3. Diseases of Animals
1,500	7.1.4. Drainage - Joint Boards	7.1.5. Piers and Harbours
3,980	1.2.8. Administration H.F.A.	7.2.2. Pensions V.E.C.
64,200	1.2.8. Administration H.F.A.	8.3.3. Irrecoverable Rates
26,170	8.3.4. Overdraft Interest	8.3.5. Charges - Collection and Relief
9,400	8.3.4. Overdraft Interest	8.4.1. Register of Electors
4,000	8.3.4. Overdraft Interest	8.5.2. Coroners and Inquests
1,750	8.3.4. Overdraft Interest	8.5.3. Weights and Measures
1,000	8.3.4. Overdraft Interest	8.5.4. Slaughterhouses and Meat

Councillor Joyce said that there is a high standard of traffic route lighting provided in certain towns but that many small towns have very poor lighting. He asked that the matter would be examined especially in the coming year. He also complained about the cost of burial for poor people where a bill for £30 for a grave space is a heavy burden.

The County Manager stated that assistance is available in such cases from the Health Board.

Replying to a suggestion by Councillor Joyce that the Pounds should be sold off, the County Manager stated that they are still required and are used.

Councillor Haverty stated that 22 old lights were taken down in Portumna recently and replaced by traffic route lighting lamps and he asked that the 22 lights removed would be put into use again.

Councillor Welby asked that he be informed about the position in relation to traffic route lighting at Oughterard and Moycullen.

2299 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES - DEARTHAIREACHA UI CHONGHAILE, BAILE AN CHLAIR, CO. NA GAILLIMHE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Lecarrowmore, Claregalway, occupied by Dearthaireacha Ui Chonghaile in respect of the local financial years 1982-1991, inclusive, in accordance with Section 26 of Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

2300 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES - FIONTAR CHONAMARA TEO, AN TURLACH BEAG, ROSMUC:

It was decided to defer consideration of this application for further information on whether the factory is in fact in operation.

2301 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORY - D.C.I.M. LTD., PORTUMNA:

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

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 to 1981, hereby remit two-thirds

of the rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial Premises occupied by D.C.I.M. Ltd. at Portumna Demesne, Portumna, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1981 - 1990, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

2302 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORY - MURPHY ENGINEERING (TUAM) LIMITED, KILLALOONTY, TUAM:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Haverty, 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 Murphy Engineering (Tuam) Ltd., at Killaloonty, Tuam, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1978 - 1987, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

2303 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORY - BYRNE-MECH LTD., RAHEEN, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Haverty, 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 Byrne-Mech Ltd., at Raheen, Athenry, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1983 - 1992, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

2304 - 1983 PUBLIC SERVICE PAY AGREEMENT:

The County Manger referred to Circular Letter dated 18th November, 1983, from the Department of the Environment stating that agreement had been reached on the acceptance of the 1983 Public Service Pay Agreement by the management and staff sides in respect of Officer Grades of Local Authorities. The First Phase increase of 4.75% applies for a period of five months from the 1st September, 1983, and the Minister has sanctioned payment of the increase to all Officers with pro-rata increases for Part-time Officers. It was noted that the cost for 1983 was £39,500, provision for which had been made in the Estimates.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the implementation of the 1983 Public Service Pay Agreement for Officer (including part-time) grades employed by the Council in accordance with the sanction of the Minister for the Environment dated 18th November, 1983."

2305 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES:

The County Manager informed the Council that an additional allocation of £13,000 had been made and the progress on the schemes was as indicated on the report circulated to Members as at 28th November, 1983.

Deputy Fahey asked if any offers made by the Council had been refused and if the total allocation will be spent.

The County Manager stated that he had not immediate information on hands about offers refused but that the total allocation would be expended.

Deputy Fahey referred to scheme no. 32/82 where the money was lodged two days after the closing date and he asked if the scheme could now be done or if not, if it could be done early in 1984. He asked that he be informed of the position.

Councillor Haverty referred to scheme no. 70/82 where an offer had been issued for surface dressing for 480 yards of road but that he had been informed that it would not be possible to have 900 yards done by sanding only at the same cost.

He asked that whatever number of yards could be done with the same financial arrangements would be carried out. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy. It was agreed that a report on the matter would be sent to both Councillors.

2306 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as circulated to Members had been received since the last meeting.

2307 - TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

The County Manager informed the Council that the winners in this competition were Portumna, Cort, Laurencetown, Mountbellew, and Kinvara, and that it was proposed to have the prizes presented to the representatives of these towns at the Council Chamber on Friday, 16th December, at 4.00 p.m. This was agreed.

2308 - WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR UPPER AND LOWER SHANNON:

The County Manager informed the Council that the participants in the Plan for the Upper Shannon were the County Councils of Galway, Leitrim, Roscommon, Offaly, Westmeath and Longford, and he asked the approval of the Council to the following financial commitments to finance Galway County Council's contribution to this Plan -

1984	-	£1,500
1985	-	£1,500
1986	-	£1,000

In relation to the Lower Shannon Plan, he stated that participants would be the I.D.A. and Shannon Development, the E.S.B., Clare County Council, Limerick County Council, Limerick Corporation, Tipperary (North Riding) County Council, and Galway County Council, and he asked the approval of the Council to the provision of the sums of £1,950 in each of the financial years 1984 and 1985.

On the proposition of Deputy Fahey, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, the Council agreed to the financial provision as outlined by the County Manager.

2309 - AMENITY GRANTS 1983:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, and seconded by Councillor Joyce, the Council approved the allocation of Amenity Grants for 1983 as recommended by the County Development Officer and circulated to each Member of the Council.

Councillor Joyce asked if an allocation of £1,000 had been made towards the cost of a Community Centre in Fahy as he understood that this had not been paid. It was agreed that a report on this matter would be sent to Councillor Joyce.

2310 - COMPLETION OF MUICHNEACHIDIRHASHAILE BRIDGE:

The County Manager informed the Council that there is a balance of £15,548 due by Roinn na Gaeltachta towards the cost of the Muichneachidirdhashaile Bridge and he stated that we had now been informed by Roinn na Gaeltachta that if work of this value were carried out in 1983, the grant would be paid. He stated that the Council had undertaken to do this and that work was in progress.

2311 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ORANMORE:

Councillor Fahy proposed the resolution in his name on the Agenda (no. 29) and he asked that this resolution be amended to provide that the pedestrian lights be provided as from the 1st January, 1984, and that pending the allocation of grants, the work to be financed out of Overdraft. Deputy Frank Fahey seconded this proposal.

The County Manager stated that this work would have to be financed out of Block Grant and while these grants are not notified until February and the Council had no assurance that the grants will be allocated, nevertheless, we have reason to believe that the grant will be allocated for 1984. The work would then be put on hands. It has not been the practice that any works financed out of the grant would be commenced before the grant is notified.

Deputy Fahey asked the Manager that in view of the urgency of the matter here, the order for the equipment would be placed when the Tenders are received.

The County Manager stated that the residents had been informed of the position on numerous occasions and that he hoped that this would end the correspondence on the matter.

As an amendment to the proposal made, Councillor Byrne proposed that the County Manager would arrange for the installation of the pedestrian lights as early as possible in the New Year. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Murphy. The County Manager stated that the lights would be installed as early as possible. Councillor O'Morain suggested that in co-operation with Galway Corporation, the County Council should see if something could be done about improvement of the traffic situation through Galway City which involves considerable delays. He also asked if some improvement could be made at the Dublin junction at Oranmore.

Deputy Fahey and Councillor McCormack asked if written replies could be given to their motions.

2312 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. G. Egan, Maunsell's Road, Taylor's Hill, Galway.
- Mrs. M. Wallace, New Cottages, Galway Road, Clifden.
- Mr. Jimmy Davis, Lisduane, Eyrecourt.
- Mr. Thomas Cleary, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- The Newell Family, Brierhill, Castlegar.
- Mr. Larry Hogan, Carrowcrin, Kylebrack, Loughrea.
- Mrs. Nevin, Cahercrin, Kylebrack, Loughrea.

2313 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor Coogan, the Council extended its congratulations to Mr. Gerard Quinn, Mervue, on his elevation to the Bar.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

23/1/84 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, 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, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M.G. O'h-Uiginn, M.S. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive (Planning); F. Monahan, S.E.E.; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Commins and G. Heneghan, Staff Officers; T. Murphy and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; G. Conway, Acting Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2314 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46808 - LIAM O GRIOFA.

The County Manager stated that a request had been received from Councillor O'Foighil asking that this matter would be adjourned to the January Meeting. The County agreed to this request.

2315 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46523 - NORA MAHON.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the main Galway-Oughterard road in the TD of Roscahill East almost directly opposite the entrance of the Ross House Estate.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the proposed development would be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

The applicant and family are currently living in the U.S.A. and states that her husband hopes to be transferred to Galway in approx. 3 years time. There are alternative suitable building sites located on the family holding situated on minor roads in the vicinity of Killanin Church.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The proposed development is located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

The proposed development is located on a National Secondary Route where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development to particular cases of housing need where suitable vehicular access cannot be created by or from another roadway. As the applicant is living abroad, the Planning Authority are not satisfied that a housing need exists and suitable alternative sites are available on the family holding. The proposed development, if permitted, could be contrary to the provisions of the County 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 the portion of land on which the house is proposed to be built was one which was left to her by her parents and that she has no rights or interests in the remainder of the holding. She is at present living in America but proposes to return to Ireland.

The resolution was seconded by Senator Killilea.

The County Engineer stated that he is against the proposal because it involves an opening onto a National Secondary Route and that it was inadvisable to use National Development Routes as development roads. If permission is granted in this case, it will increase the likelihood of an accident at this point.

Councillor Welby disagreed with the County Engineer's view and stated that there is a clear view for 500 yards on either side of the entrance. He stated also that this is a claim for a second family dwelling.

Councillor Welby asked the County Manager to investigate a complaint which he made to the effect that unauthorised development is being carried out inside the entrance to Ross House. He stated that the work involves the conversion of a shed to an office and plastering of the outside wall is being carried out.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the permission sought be refused and stated that the Council should have regard to the professional advice offered by the County Engineer. Councillor Brennan also proposed that an enurement clause be inserted in the permission if it is given.

As there was no seconder to Councillor Brennan's amendment, the Chairman declared the original proposal carried.

2316 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46759 - MISS A.M. ROONEY.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located between Moyveela and Craughwell on the N.6 Galway/Dublin route. It is on a stretch of road that has remained almost free of any housing development, apart from a number of houses opposite Coldwood School. The land in general in the area is good class agricultural land some of which has been reclaimed in the past ten years.

PLANNING HISTORY:

This applicant applied for a house on this site in 1974 and was granted permission having established her claim of family housing need. The permission was conditional on it being used only for



a family housing need. The house was not built and the Permission extinguished on 31st October last. The applicant is now married and lives in Ennis where her husband has a business. She mortgaged the site to get a loan for her present house in Ennis and now wishes to sell the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

This case is similar to a number of other recent Section 4 Planning cases dealt with by the Council, where an applicant wishes to get Permission along a National Route without an enurement clause so as to be able to sell the site to help with family finances. Such cases do not come within the categories of development which the County Development Plan permits along the routes and the policy of restricting development along the routes will be untenable if the number of exceptions continue to increase. There is no Planning basis on which to grant this permission without further increasing traffic hazard and increasing further development pressures.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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 Section 6.02, Table no. 3 of the County Development Plan which seeks to restrict development along this route to local family housing needs. No such need exists in this case. "

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor McCormack who stated that the applicant had got the site from her parents and she and her husband were living in the area and he was working in Athenry. Permission had previously been given on the basis of a second family dwelling but this permission had run out. The land is now owned by her and the house would have been built were it not for her husband's transfer to Ennis.

Councillor Mannion seconded Councillor McCormack's proposal. Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be refused.

The County Engineer stated that this is an application for Permission on a National Primary Route, that the previous application was given for family reasons and that on this occasion, the permission is being sought on purely financial considerations. If this is allowed, other applications will follow and this will become a development road.

As there is no seconder for Councillor Brennan's proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

23/1/84 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1983.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, 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. Killelea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M.G. O'h-Uiginn, M.S. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive (Planning); F. Monahan, S.E.E.; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Commins and G. Heneghan, Staff Officers; T. Murphy and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; G. Conway, Acting Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2317 - DEPUTATION FROM THE IRISH SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS:

The Chairman stated that in accordance with a decision at the previous meeting, he was giving permission to two members of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to address the Council briefly in connection with the provision of a dog control unit in Galway.

Mr. P.G. Shields, Field Officer of the Society, then spoke and urged the Council and the Corporation to get together to make a start with the provision of a dog control unit in Galway in 1984. He stated that 50% of the Capital cost and the cost of maintenance could be recouped from the State. He stated that such a unit would be of considerable assistance both to the farmers and the city dwellers and stated that many County Councils had operated a unit of this type and most of the Councils had made arrangements with the I.S.P.C.A. to manage the running of those units for them. He stated that the Society would be prepared to run the unit in Galway, if provided, and would give frequent reports on its operation.

Mr. Mangan of the Society then spoke and referred to damage caused to sheep by stray dogs as a result of which many farmers had to get out of sheep altogether. He stated that the estimated cost was £2.1 million in the year 1981/82.

2318 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Minutes of meeting held on Monday, 28th November, 1983, (numbers 2270-2281, inclusive), and the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 2nd December, 1983, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Senator Killilea stated that he had asked at the last meeting that the question of development contributions would be put on the Agenda for the meeting on the 19th December. The County Manager and County Secretary stated that they understood that this was intended to be considered at the Planning Meeting to be held in January.

2319 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed that the Council extend its sympathy to the relatives of Garda Peter Garry Sheehan and Army Private Patrick Kelly, who recently lost their lives in the course of duty and he also proposed that the Council extend its sympathy to the relatives of the people who lost their lives at Harrods Store in London recently. Councillor O'Morain seconded this proposal on behalf of the Fianna Fail Members of the Council. The resolution was also supported by Deputy Connaughton, Senator U. Burke and Councillor Brennan and adopted unanimously.

The Council stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to the deceased.

2320 - NEWSPAPER REPORT OF MEETING ON 9TH DECEMBER:

The Chairman referred to a newspaper report of meeting of the 9th December which contained references to the County Manager and he asked that the report would be corrected. He stated that untrue allegations had been made about the County Manager who was referred to as being a liar. He asked Senator Burke to withdraw the allegations which were made. Senator Burke stated that he had never called the County Manager a liar and he stated that at the meeting he had made his cases forcefully and expressed what he believed to be true at the time. He stated that he wished to withdraw any remarks which were attributed to him in the Press and which the County Manager found objectionable and repeated that he had never called the County Manager a liar. The County Manager and the Chairman thanked Senator Burke.

2321 - PRIVATE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS AT ORANMORE:

Senator Killilea referred to the meeting which was held in the County Manager's Office on the 16th December which he stated brought no result as the County Manager was not prepared to discuss taking over the Plant. He then proposed that the Council take a vote on the Section 4 resolution which was considered at the previous meeting. Councillor M. Fahy seconded this proposal.

At the request of Councillor Brennan and Deputy Connaughton, the Chairman stated that the meeting in question had taken place in the County Manager's Office on 16th December, and that in the course of a short discussion, the County Manager had pointed out that if the motion is passed, it would not be possible for him legally to implement it.

In reply to enquiries, Mr. T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, stated the Solicitor for Messrs. Kilraine had telephoned him and he had informed him that a primary reason why the Council could not take it over was that the Plants were not in good repair and he explained the position in relation to the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962, to him. He stated that the Council is not entitled to take over the Plants unless they are in good working order and repair, and that the County Engineer and Chief Medical Officer said that they were not in good order and repair. Mr. Kilraine's Solicitor stated that he was getting Counsel's Opinion on the matter and Mr. O'Donoghue had informed him that when he received this, he would be welcome to contact him without prejudice if he wished to do so.

Deputy Fahey, referring to the County Manger's statement that all the Kilraines required was that the Council would take it over, stated that they want to get off responsibility for future maintenance of it and he appealed to the County Manager to look at the question of maintenance and to leave Kilraines in ownership of the site until a new Sewerage Scheme is provided. Kilraines are prepared to make a contribution.

Mr. O'Donoghue read the relevant section of the 1962 Act and explained the circumstances in which the Council must take over a private scheme. He pointed out, however, that one condition in the scheme had not been met and that was the question of the scheme being in good order and repair. He stated also that there is provision in the section where there is dispute and that this can be referred to the Minister for the Environment for a decision. In this case, the dispute concerned whether the plants were in good order and repair.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the question of "good order and repair" is a relevant term and open to wide interpretation. Replying to a further query, Mr. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, stated that the position now existing appears to be the type which was in mind at the time the Act was being passed and that it is clearly a case on which the Minister would have to be asked to make a decision. There is no discretion left to the County Council on the matter in the event of a dispute. He stated that he had advised the County Manager that if the Council passes the Section 4 resolution, he cannot legally implement it as the Act does not give him any discretion. If the Minister, however, decides that it should be taken over, then the County Council will have to take it over.

Replying to queries from Councillors, the County Engineer stated that if anybody is prepared to spend sufficient money, it would be possible to put the Plants into good order and repair, but he could not give any estimate at the moment of what this cost would be.

Mr. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, again stated that the County Manager cannot implement a resolution if it is unlawful to do so, and he is satisfied that it would be unlawful in this case.

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

2322 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council congratulated Councillor Michael Fahy's father on being elected President of Ardrahan.

The Chairman joined in the vote of congratulations.

2323 - DEPUTATIONS:

Councillor Welby stated that the river in Headford is being polluted by the Sewage Treatment works and he asked that a deputation from Headford would be received after Christmas.

He also stated that the Manager of the Co-Op in Inishmore had asked for reception of a deputation by the Council but had received no reply.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Manager of the Co-Op in Aran asked for a meeting on the week on which the Public Enquiry for the Gort Water Supply was being held and he was asked to ring on the following week to arrange a suitable date. He had not telephoned since. He stated that if the Manager approaches him after Christmas, arrangements will be made to receive a deputation. He also stated that arrangements are being made to receive a deputation from Headford. In relation to the Aran Co-Op, he stated that they were looking for cancellation of the water charges and that this cannot be done.

2324 - RAIDIO AITIUIL:

The County Manager referred to the memorandum received from Gael Linn copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council and he suggested that the County Development Team might be prepared to co-ordinate a case for a regional station for the Galway Area.

Councillor O'Morain stated that there were a number of options open which included the Gael Linn proposals, handing over the radio to the provincial press or broadening of the service being provided by R.T.E.

Deputy Kitt stated that many proposals had been received from County Councils and the provincial press, Gael Linn and other organisations in connection with local radio. He stated that R.T.E. and the provincial press had a proposal for Galway and he thought it would be a good idea to have an input for County Galway made through the County Development Team. Councillor O'Morain seconded this proposal.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that any proposals for local radio should not affect Radio na Gaeltachta which has given good service.

Councillor Joyce stated that community radio should provide a service somewhat like the service being provided by Radio na Gaeltachta and this should be under public ownership.

The County Manager suggested that the County Development Team could research and co-ordinate the views of the various organisations which are interested in providing a service for County Galway and submit a proposal for the County as a whole.

Councillor Brennan stated that he would like to see one radio service for all of County Galway and he considered that this should be in County Galway and Community based with an involvement by the local papers.

Senator Burke asked how other groups which had made submissions should be contacted and he stated that if the County Development Team is to co-ordinate the submissions, they should issue a public advertisement so that those who are interested and those who already have made submissions could again contact the County Development Team.

It was agreed that the County Development Team would co-ordinate the submissions for the County and that a public advertisement inviting submissions would be published.

2325 - DATE FOR PLANNING MEETING:

It was agreed that a meeting to consider the development sections of the County Development Plan would be held on Friday, 13th January, 1984.

Senator Burke asked that a new application for Planning Permission be designed which would incorporate into one form all the information necessary in order to avoid request for further information afterwards. He asked that a draft of this form would be available for the meeting in January.

2326 - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR CHURCH, SCHOOL, SHOPPING FACILITIES AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT KNOCKNACARRA AND SHANGORT - PART OF WHICH IS A MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - APPLICANT: DEAN M. SPELLMAN.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Knocknacarra Cross where the church lands are on the east and west side of the existing public road. The Clybaun stream flows through the lands, crossing the public road and discharging to Lough Rusheen at the south western corner of the site. There are new houses constructed on the lands adjoining to the east and south. Part of the site is zoned for residential and part for agricultural development in the County Development Plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The Church authorities have had a number of meetings with the Planning Authority in relation to the pressing need for a new church and junior school to serve the Knocknacarra area. They propose to locate the church and school close together on the higher ground east of the public road. The difficulty of providing for safe vehicular access was examined in detail and it was felt that a realignment of the existing public road would be necessary to provide adequate sight distance for the traffic which would be generated. This would necessitate relocating the junction 100 yards west of its present position. The left over portion of land between the new road and the existing old road is proposed by the applicant for housing development and a small area of shopping.

Since the County Development Plan designates the commercial area as being located east of the Clybaun Road, i.e., approximately 300 metres from this site it has been necessary to regard the proposal to locate shopping here as being a material contravention of the County Development Plan, and the statutory obligation of advertising the intent to consider to grant the Permission has been fulfilled by publishing the advert in the National Papers.

Section 39(d) of the 1976 Planning Act requires the passing of a resolution by the members of the Planning Authority where it is proposed to grant Permission, having considered any objection lodged within the statutory period. There have been three such objections, copies of which are attached. Two of them are from Conservation Groups and relate to the detrimental effect they allege the development will have on the visual amenities of the area, on the adjacent wildbird habitat and on the ecology of Lough Rusheen. The third objection is from a shopkeeper in the area who claims that the proposed shops will adversely affect his trade and his consequent ability to meet repayments of loans.

As the Development Plan for the Knocknacarra area is currently being prepared in draft form and proposes an enlarged area for development and a relocation of the commercial area from the Clybaun junction to a position a half mile north of same, so as to be centrally situated, there will be a need in the short term to cater for the local shopping needs of the developing areas by the provision of such a facility as is proposed. It is consequently proposed to grant the shopping area.

The proposed housing development is still being examined because the improvement of foul and storm drainage in the area will directly affect the site and wayleaves, etc., have still to be finalised. This aspect of the application, however, is not in material contravention of the Plan. The cost of realignment of the public roadway will be carried by the development, either as a direct financial charge or as a condition that it be carried out by the private developer as part of his overall development.

It is not felt that the small encroachment on the Environs of Lough Rusheen will adversely affect the visual or other environmental amenities of the area nor will this proposal to make best use of the lands and provide important public utilities serve as a precedent for further building development along the seaside of the road. It is, therefore, recommended that Outline Permission be granted subject to the imposition of suitable conditions."

The County Manager also referred to the map which had been circulated to each Member together with copies of objections received from -

- (a) The Irish Wildbird Conservancy;
  - (b) An Taisce;
  - (c) Mr. Finbar Lysaght, "Superfoods", Knocknacarra, Salthill, Galway;
- all of which objections were also circulated to Members.

The County Manager stated that the Planning Officers are prepared to recommend grant of the application with appropriate conditions if the Council approves.

Deputy Fahey proposed that the Council agree to the application but he wondered if it would be necessary to grant the commercial element which might need further consideration. He asked if this could be left out but he agreed with the grant of the remainder of the application.

The County Manager explained the provisions of the 1976 Planning Act which requires that where a grant of Permission would materially contravene the County Development Plan, a statutory notice has to be published inviting objections and requiring that the matter then be decided by resolution of the Council. He stated that the necessary notice was published in this case and that the three objections which were circulated to Members were received. He stated that it is the commercial element of the application which would contravene the Plan.

The County Manager and Mr. Kavanagh, Senior Executive (Planning), explained details of the application by reference to the maps and drawings submitted.

The County Manager stated that the proposal to relocate the roadway would give a better safety factor in relation to the Church and Schools - that it would bring the roads closer to the shoreline. He stated that the cost of altering the route of the road would be borne by the developers.

Councillor Welby stated that this application is being treated differently to others and he referred to the fact that a labourer had been refused Permission for a house in this area some time ago.

Councillor Joyce proposed that a decision on this matter be deferred to the meeting on the 13th January.

The County Manager stated that it would be in order to adjourn the matter until the 13th January and he suggested that the Members for the Galway Electoral Area might meet on the site in the meantime to examine the proposals.

It was eventually agreed that Members for the Galway Electoral Area would meet on the site at a date to be arranged and that the matter would be placed on the Agenda for the meeting on the 13th January.

2327 - DISPOSAL OF LAND AT RUSHEENAMANAGH, CARNA:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the disposal of a site containing 15 acres at Rusheenamanagh, Carna, to Udaras na Gaeltachta, in accordance with the terms of notice sent to each Member of the Council on the 9th December, 1983."

Councillor O'Morain expressed his appreciation to the people of the area who had ceded their land for this purpose in order to have industrial development in the Carna area.

Councillor O'Morain asked if it would be possible to have a clause inserted in the sale which would provide that in the event of the dissolution of the Udaras at any time, that the land would revert to the County Council.

The County Manager stated that an Enquiry would be made as to whether this clause could be included.

2328 - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES AT BULLAUN AND POLLAGH:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £7,364 from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister as a special contribution towards the cost of increased pipe sizes for the Group Schemes at Bullaun and Pollagh, the loan to be repayable over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

2329 - RAISING OF A LOAN OF £4 MILLION FOR MAKING ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4 million from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966; the loan to be repaid over such period and with such interest as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

2330 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as circulated to each Member of the Council had been received since the last meeting.

2331 - TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES - CIRCULAR G.2/83 DATED 12TH DECEMBER, 1983, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT:

Circular G.2/83 dated 12th December, 1983, from the Department of the Environment, copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council was considered.

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

- (a) "That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of travelling expenses at the rate of 53.0 p in respect of each mile travelled to and from his official residence to and from the place of meeting to Members of Galway County Council and to Members of any Committee, Sub-committee, Board, Joint Committee, Joint Board (other than Vocational Education Committee or Committee of Agriculture) of or appointed by the Council, where the official residence of the Member is 5 miles or more by any route from the place of the meeting, this rate to apply to attendances at meetings on and after the 1st September, 1983."
- (b) "That an inclusive travelling and subsistence allowance not exceeding £15.40 be paid to any Member who attends a meeting of the Authority or other Committee at a place less than 5 miles by any route from his official residence and who is obliged by reason of such attendance to remain away from his home for a continuous period of not less than 3 hours - this allowance to apply to meetings held on or after 1st September, 1983."
- (c) "That the Council also approve the payment of the other travelling and subsistence allowances set out in the enclosed circular letter G.2/83 from the Department of the Environment at the rate set out in the enclosure in respect of all meetings held on or after 1st September, 1983."

Councillor McCormack stated that a problem has arisen for him and for two other Members of the Council in respect of claims for expenses for attending meetings outside the County where train fares only are being paid by the Council. He stated that he often has to attend meetings in Dublin which result in his having to take a day off from work and the train fare only would not compensate him for this.

He also criticised the fact that because he is living within 5 miles of the County Buildings, he does not qualify for travelling expenses. Councillor McCormack also stated that he knows that other Councils pay the Members the usual mileage rate for travelling to meetings of the General Council of County Councils.

The County Manager stated that many Councils have no train service available to them.

Councillor Joyce complained also that he does not get any expenses for attending meeting of Local Authority Members' Association although he is informed that other Councils are paying those.

The County Manager stated that the association referred to has the objective of looking after the interests of the Members themselves and that there is no authority for payment of expenses in such cases.

Councillor Joyce stated that there is a variation in the manner in which claims for expenses by Councillors are dealt with between one County and another and he suggested that a few Councillors who are interested in the matter might have a meeting with the Manager to discuss the question. The County Manager stated that he would arrange to meet the Councillors in question whenever they wished to do so. The County Manager also referred to letter dated 16th December, 1983, from the Department of the Environment, following an enquiry about the issue of free stationery to Councillors at the previous meeting. He stated that this letter, copy of which had been given to each Member, stated that there is no statutory provision in Local Government legislation to allow local authorities to provide stationery for their elected members and suggesting that this is a matter which could best be considered in a general context of Local Government reform having regard particularly to the tradition of a voluntary Local Government service which has existed up to now.

2332 - DESIGN FOR NUCLEAR SHELTER:

Councillor Joyce referred to a recent letter from the Department of Defence, copy of which had been sent to him in connection with the design of a nuclear shelter. It was decided that a letter would be sent to the Department asking for design criteria for a Shelter which would be suitable for a private dwelling.

2333 - INSURANCE SCHEME FOR COUNCILLORS:

Councillor Joyce, referring to his proposal, no. 20 on the Agenda, asked that provision be made for insuring Councillors under Plan B rather than Plan A and asked that the necessary provision be made in the 1984 Estimates.

The County Manager stated that the Council is insuring Members to the extent to which it is empowered to do so and that the only basis on which the insurance could be extended would be on payment of the additional cost by the Councillors.

He stated that he is prepared to discuss this with Councillor Joyce when the discussion on travelling expenses, etc., is being arranged.

2334 - NOTICES OF MOTION:

The Chairman suggested that replies would be sent to the Members who had submitted Notices of Motion and which were not dealt with at this meeting.

Councillor Welby asked that the three motions which he had submitted would be left on the Agenda for the January Meeting and Councillor McCormack asked that no. 27 in his name would also be left on the Agenda.

2235 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Michael Mitchell & Family, Rusheens, Tuam.  
Mrs. M. Flynn, "Norbro", Lower Salthill, Galway.  
The Dunleavy Family, Cahereenlea, Turloughmore.  
Mrs. Chrissie Vaughan, Faul, Ardbear, Clifden.  
Mrs. Annie Power and Family, Pallas, Caltra, Ballinasloe.

2236 - GOOD WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS:

The Chairman extended good wishes to all Members of the Council and to the staff as well as to the Press representatives who had done such good work during the year covering and reporting on the business of the Council.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

23/1/84 DATE

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3rd January, 1983.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

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 NEXT, 9TH JANUARY, 1984, AT 3.30 P.M.

to consider the following Agenda.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

AGENDA

1. Group Water Supply Schemes.

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9th January, 1984.

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 Friday next, 13th January, 1984,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Application for Outline Planning Permission for Church, School, Shopping facilities and Housing Development at Knocknacarra and Shangort, Galway, - Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, - as substituted by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976.  
  
(Adjourned from Meeting on 19th December, 1983.)
2. Review of County Development Plan - Development Sections - proposed Drafts of Parts 1, 11, and 111, already circulated.
3. Local Government (Planning and Development) (Amendment) Act, 1983, - Memorandum already circulated. (Minute No. 2295 - Meeting 9/12/'83).
4. Planning Control - An Post and Bord Telecom Eireann. - Copy of Circular PD 67/5 dated 23rd December, 1983, and of Determination by the Minister for the Environment dated December 1983, herewith.
5. Development Contributions - Minute No. 2284.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

17th January, 1984.

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, 23rd January, 1984, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

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

1. "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 Sean O'Griofa le teach nua agus dabhach searachas a thógail ag Tir an Fhia. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanála 46808."

Pol O'Foighil. N. O'Conchubhair. John M. Mánion.

2. "Sin de reir Roinn 4 de Acht Bainistíochta Chathrach agus Chondae (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrann Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Condae cinneadh go gceadfar cead pleanála do Tadhg O'Tuathail le haghaidh teach nua a thógail ag Coismeig Mor. - Uimhir Tagartha Rolla Pleanála 47219."

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

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 to Mr. John White of Rosmoylan, Creggs, Co. Roscommon, for erection of a dwellinghouse at Gardenfield, Tuam - Planning Reference number 47169."

Mark Killilea. Patrick Finnegan. Thomas Welby.

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 Permission to Christopher Higgins of Woodquay, Tuam, for erection of a dwellinghouse at Cahergowan, Claregalway. - Planning Reference Number 46885."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

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5. "We, the undersigned Councillors will propose that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Alphonsus O'Connor, Ballindereen, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Cartron, Kilcolgan. - Reference no. 46712."

Toddie Byrne. P. McCormack. Frank Fahey.

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 Martin Hession of Mounddaly, Castlebar, for one dwellinghouse at Attirowerty, Renvyle. - Planning Reference Number 47187."

G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u Eanair, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 23u la Eanair, 1984, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Estimates 1984.
3. Fix date of next meeting to continue review of County Development Plan.
4. Filling of vacancy for Honorary Member in Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee arising from resignation of Mr. Patrick Holland.
5. Revision of remuneration of Engineers and Cognate Professional Grades.
6. Revision of remuneration of Draughtsman/Technician Grades.
7. Local Improvement Schemes, 1984 - copy of Circular from Department of the Environment, herewith.
8. Sale of house at Caheroyn, Athenry, to Mr. Richard Walsh. - Notice dated 6th December, 1983.
9. Sale of plot at Trellick, Kinvara, to Mr. Peter Noone. - Notice dated 11th January, 1984.
10. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

1. That this Council set up without delay a dog control unit so as to deal with stray dogs that are wandering and causing damage.
2. What are the long term proposals for the Tonabrucky Quarry.
3. 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 whole-time Conveyancing Clerk be created as and from that date.

COUNCILLORS J. CALLANAN, J. BRENNAN, & J. JOYCE - We will propose:

4. That the 5 County Council houses in Clonfert e 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.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

5. That the £30 combined rate of charges for services be adopted by the Council for the residents of the housing estates on the East side of the city, Castlepark, Clareview Park, Rockland Avenue, Glenavon Drive, and some of the houses in Rahylin Glebe outside the urban boundaries.

COUNCILLOR G. BARTLEY - I will propose:

6. That the County Council provide street lights at Tully and Renvyle.
7. That the Council ask the Department of the Environment for a supplementary grant to complete the Sewerage Scheme at Tully and Renvyle.

(b) Other Motions Received:

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

8. That the following lights be erected in 1984 and that funds be made available in the Estimates for same -
  - 1 light at Clontuskert Catholic Church.
  - 2 lights on the Banagher Road, Eyrecourt.
  - 2 lights in Kiltormer near The Hill Bar.
  - 2 lights in Laurencetown, one near the Health Centre and one near County Council Housing site.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN - I will propose:

9. That school signs be provided on the main Dublin-Galway road at Aughrim to help children crossing the main road from Aughrim Village to the Protestant School across the road.
10. That school signs be provided on the Dublin-Galway Road at Cappatagle Cross where children coming from the Portumna Road have to cross the main road to get to Cappatagle School.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

11. That Galway County Council set up a contracts division whereby the County Council will act as contractors on all future road widening and new road developments within the County Council area thereby ensuring greater control of finance and the continuity of employment for existing County Council workers.
12. That Galway County Council erect a fence to protect a lay-by from caravan parking at Caherbrien, Gort on the main Galway-Limerick Road.



COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK . - I will ask:

13. That the County Council take steps to remove two bad bends on the Monard/Turloughmore road and also that the Council improve the very bad surface on this road.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

14. That a dangerous bend, dangerous bridge or Accident Black Spot signs be erected on all approach roads to a bridge on the main Menlough/Monivea Road, near the house of Seamus Hoade, Carrowferrickeen.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will ask:

15. For clarification of the term "Agriculture Zone", also "Housing Zone" with relation to the Galway County Development Plan.
16. Have Galway County Council informed the Department of the Environment of the grave necessity to extend the Tuam Urban Boundary also whether supplement information has been sent to the Department.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY AND COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY - We will propose:

17. That Galway County Council proceed with the preparation of Contract Documents for Zone 4 of the Mid Galway Regional Water Scheme in order to provide an adequate water supply for Claregalway.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

18. That the offer of Maree Community Council to pay for the erection of a light at Maree Church be accepted.
19. That lights be removed from Clarinbridge be erected at Nogra, Kinvara.

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JANUARY MEETING

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

Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
William & Kathleen Gallagher, Dalgan, Dunmore, Co. Galway.	Damage to dwellinghouse - windows and curtains.	County at large.	£298 - £300	£255.62
Westpark Hotel, Portumna Hotels Limited, Portumna, Co. Galway.	Broken Plate Glass Window.	County at large.	£500.00	£854.70
Patrick J. Loughlin, Tuam Road, Kilmaine, Co. Galway.	Floors torn up and damaged, and windows broken in houses at Housing Scheme.	County at large.	£725.00	£727.10
Patrick J. Loughlin, Tuam Road, Kilmaine, Co. Galway.	Damage to flush door, door frame, ceilings, and windows.	County at large.	£1,238.44	£717.50
John O'Toole, Fahy, Clifden, Co. Galway.	Damage to house - hall door, window and stone wall 100 yds. from house.	County at large.	£150.00	£96.76
Frank Kelly, Clifden, Co. Galway.	Car window of driver's door.	County at large.	£400.00	£194.32
P.J. Waters, Loughaubeg, Inverin.	4 tyres on a volkswagon Beetle motor car were slashed and rendered useless - reg. no. SAI 928.	County at large.	£140.00	£76.76
Cuddy Developments Ltd., 18, Inchagoill Road, Newcastle, Galway.	Building equipment damaged and destroyed.	County at large.	£1,140.86	£1,260.17
Mohammed Manif, T/A Carrolls Supermarket, Renmore Park, Galway.	Windows, doors, Cash Register were damaged in Supermarket. Cash, drink and cigarettes stolen.	County at large.	£6,000.00	£749.35

Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Mr. Liam Boyle, 43, Monivea Park, Galway.	Damage to Motor Car, reg. no. 775 HIK.	County at large.	£1,500.00	£527.33
John Cotter, 146, Corrib Park, Galway.	Chrysler Car - Reg. No. 513 AIM - Maliciously damaged.	County at large.	£2,000.00	£619.71
Riverside Residents Assoc., Community Centre, Glenanail, Galway.	Damage to Boards and Plaster Boards, Glass Door broken.	County at large.	£250.00	£217.73
Riverside Residents Assoc., Community Centre, Glenanail, Galway.	Damage to Pool Table, Juke Box, Records and sundry fittings and walls of Community Centre.	County at large.	£700.00	£816.71
Higgins Garage Ltd., Headford Road, Galway.	Damage to 1 Battery of unregistered Ford Fiesta and perimeter fence.	County at large.	£2,500.00	£1,410.21
Mr. Thomas Conney, 13, Coogan Park, Galway.	3 tyres and tubes slashed, lamp unit and wipers destroyed - motor vehicle reg. no. HZM 322.	Borough of Galway.	£290.96	£351.10
Padraic & Philip McGiviney, Knocknacarragh, Salthill.	Premises in Knocknacarra, Salthill, was maliciously and forcibly entered and damaged by fire. (21/4/'78)	County at large.	£39,177.00	£43,945.75
Padraic & Philip McGiviney, Knocknacarragh, Salthill.	Shed maliciously damaged by fire. (21/8/'78)	County at large.	£10,000.00	£2,108.23
Ignatius Fogarty, Roscrea Road, Templemore, Co. Tipperary.	Motor Car damaged - reg. no. YFI 208.	County at large.	£1,000.00	£444.57
Connacht Mineral Water Co. Ltd., Bohermore, Galway.	Interior of building maliciously damaged, i.e., walls, roof, electrical installations, switches and cables, hall and factory floor	Borough of Galway.	£15,000.00	£8,213.03

Name and address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Mr. Peter Smyth, Site No. 9, Maunsells Road, Galway.	area, wooden pallets, work table, fire extinguishers, four windows and liquid soft drinks mix concentrate.	Borough of Galway.	£733.59	£716.59
Ms. Vera O'Dowd Watts, Roundstone.	Damage to 1 rear seat back rest cover, right front seat cushion cover, complete right hand front lock.	County at large.	£300.00	£210.57
William O'Connor, Bishop Street, Tuam.	Damage to windows and furniture in a caravan.	County at large.	£115.00	£44.50
The Representative Church Body, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6.	Plate Glass window broken.	County at large.	£300.00	£96.10
The Representative Church Body, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin, 6.	Damage to stained glass window and damage to Vestry Door.	County at large.	£500.00	£485.84
Rev. Thomas Canon Heraty, P.P., Clifden.	Damage to stained glass window in St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church.	County at large.	£200.00	£122.60
	Damage to two filing cabinets in Parochial House, Clifden.	County at large.	£200.00	£122.60

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

11th. January, 1984.

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: Peter Noone, Trellick, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

Location:- Trellick, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

Area: .425 acres.

To whom land is to be transferred: Peter Noone, Trellick, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal: £1 - Exchange for plot containing .593 acres in the townland of Trellick.

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.

Ref. No. 63/6/1432

6th. December, 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:- Mrs. K. Smith, Corrib Terrace, Galway.

Location:- Caherroyn, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Richard Walsh of Caherroyn, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £10,177.00

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

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

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

K. Doyle,  
Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, ON MONDAY, 9TH JANUARY, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, Senator U. Burke, Councillors 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.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'h-Uiginn, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

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

Officials: Messrs. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Stewart and P. Duffy, Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; D. Commins, Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Chairman apologised for the absence of the County Manager who was engaged at another meeting in Galway Corporation.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2237 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

The Kemple Family, Moate, Moylough, Ballinasloe.  
The Keane Family, 51, Athenry Road, Tuam.  
Thomas and Dermot Hoade, Kilkerse, Cumber, Tuam.  
Padraic McGann, Creagh Road, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Foley, The Cottages, Clifden.  
Mrs. Sullivan, Church Hill, Clifden.  
Padraig O'Neachtain (Neili), An Cnoc, Indreabhan.  
Thomas Tannian (Tom), Killina, Gort.

2238 - FIRE AT FORTBROWNE, LAVALLY, TUAM:

The Chairman expressed his thanks to the Officials of the Council who at very short notice immediately before Christmas provided a caravan for a family whose house was tragically destroyed by fire. He also expressed thanks to the Tuam Fire Brigade for their assistance on the occasion.

2239 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES:

Mr. Howlett's report of 4th January, 1984, and Mr. Duffy's report of 9th January together with lists of Group Schemes completed and planned was submitted.

Deputy Fahey referred to the Minutes of the previous meeting when it was decided to hold a special meeting and stated that at the time it was decided that an official of the Department and the Chief Medical Officer would be invited to attend the meeting. He expressed disappointment that none of those officials was present as he wished to discuss important aspects of the operation of Group Water Supply Schemes with them.

Deputy Fahey stated that his main concern is with the organisation of Group Schemes in the County and he pointed out that there is a significant amount of development going on but that it is being done on a piecemeal fashion because there is no planned approach to the problem. He considered that the County Council should now draw up a scheme for the whole County identifying the schemes that are needed, plan for them and take into account the likely delays in Regional and other schemes which would serve them. He recommended that the Council should prepare a grid plan for the whole County which would set out how all householders in the area could be served and the Council would then be in a position to give an estimated time scale for the supply of water to the households concerned. He stated that in spite of the shortcomings in the organisation, the Council had done reasonably well in the circumstances having regard especially to the fact that the promotion of Group Water Supply Schemes is not the Council's responsibility. He recommended that a special section be set up to deal with the Group Schemes with its own staff including a Staff Officer or Assistant Staff Officer and Secretary. This type of an organisation would allow Engineers involved in Group Schemes to deal exclusively with Engineering aspects of schemes and leave the administrative work to the other staff. He stated that he had received complaints from Groups about difficulties experienced in the County Council which were not the fault of the staff dealing with Group Schemes.

He stated that Zone 3 of the Mid-Galway Regional Scheme had been sent to the Department in December 1981 and that in March 1982, the Department stated that because of lack of interest in Group Schemes in the area, the scheme was not being approved. He pointed out that there was a large number of schemes in the area at the time awaiting a suitable source and that in all about 800 houses were left without water as a result. He stressed the need for staff to deal with problems like this.

He also referred to a scheme at Crosswood, Headford, which was awaiting a supply from Caherlistrane from 1976 to 1983 and that when everything was ready to go ahead in July 1983, the County Council said that they wished to bring water to Headford and they stopped the Group going ahead until agreement was reached on providing an 8" main to carry the additional supply of water. He considered that this should be planned earlier on.

The Chairman stated that while the existing system is being criticised, it has not been set out clearly how the situation could be remedied. He also stated that there a number of groups who did not proceed with their planning.

Mr. Howlett stated that the Council is trying to integrate groups into Regional Schemes and that they have a network of such Regional Schemes.

The primary responsibility for Group Schemes is with the promoters and the Department of the Environment. The Council has not the responsibility for organising Group Schemes nor has it the staff to undertake this work. Referring to the Headford problem referred to by Deputy Fahey, he stated that he considered that the increase in the pipe size by 8 inches in the Headford case was evidence of good planning and that there would be much criticism of the Council later if it had not done this.

Mr. Howlett also explained that he had been in touch with the Department of the Environment regarding the attendance of an official from that Department and he had been informed that it was not possible to accede to the Council's request as the Department had to decline similar requests from other Counties.

All Members of the Council present complimented Mr. Duffy and Mr. Stewart for the comprehensive report which they had prepared setting out particulars in relation to all Group Schemes in the County.

Councillor Finnegan expressed regret that a Department Official could not attend as some schemes appear to be delayed in the Department.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the New Inn Scheme was a model of the type which reflected credit on the involvement of the County Council. He stated it was supervised by the County Council during its construction and was carried out very expeditiously. He considered that there is a misconception with regard to the Council's role in Group Water Supply Schemes and he pointed out that the Council's role is sort of a half way house and that their official role is a supportive one. He stated that without the Group Water Schemes, a huge area of the County would still be without water for many years to come. He stated that our major problems in Ireland at the moment with regard to the provision of Sanitary Services Schemes are financial and that there is something to be said for providing water supply schemes under the Group Scheme system which costs only about one-third of the amount which would be spent on a Regional Scheme by the County Council. He stated that while the role of the County Council is supportive, it was never intended that the Council should take over the organisation of Group Schemes but he felt that there is a need for greater involvement by County Councils in the design of Group Schemes and in helping out with problems. He considered also that the Council should make an effort to provide funds for road restoration for Groups.

Councillor Kilgannon also stated that the charges for water for Group Schemes supplied from public mains appears to be excessive as the Group must continue to maintain the systems which they provided. He stated that Groups are now getting very good co-operation from the County Council in the organisation and carrying out of schemes.

Councillor Glynn referred to a Group Scheme in the Milltown Area which serves 130 houses and stated that there is a shortfall in their finances of about £108,000. The Group had failed to get a subvention from the Council towards this sum and he asked that the matter would be reviewed again. He also asked that the Council would examine the question of the pollution of the Belmont Scheme near Milltown arising from farming activities.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that there are 25 schemes carried out West of Galway and have provided a very good service. He stated, however, that there is some need for improvement and streamlining of procedures as outlined by Deputy Fahey.

He stated also that he did not understand why the County Council would not accept Estimates prepared by Department of Environment Engineers of contributions which should be paid to Group Schemes and he mentioned in particular a scheme at Ballinahown where a problem under this heading had arisen. He recommended that the Council's Engineer and the Department's Engineer should in the first instance reach agreement on the amount of the contribution which is recommended in each case. He asked if steps could be taken to go ahead soon with the Rosmuc and Glenicmurrin Regional Schemes as they are required to service a number of Group Schemes. He asked that consideration would be given to allow the Rosmuc Scheme go ahead as a Group Scheme. He pointed out that there are only 18 months to go before the E.E.C. Subvention ends and urged that every effort be made to avail of these Grants while they are in operation.

Councillor Michael Fahy complained about the delay on the part of the Department of the Environment in sending approval to the special contributions for Kilternan and the Ballyglass/Fiddane Group Water Schemes.

Councillor Bartley asked that a special effort would be made to provide a water supply for the Davros area, stating that he understood that an adequate supply was available at the Diamond near Letterfrack.

Councillor Glynn asked that Groups would be requested to submit up-to-date statistics regarding the number of houses which each of the Groups now serve.

Deputy Kitt referred to problems about shortage of water in the Ballygar Area where the local Groups were unsuccessful in trying to get a suitable source. He asked if the Ballygar scheme could be extended to serve them. He also asked what were the proposals for the provision of a water supply for the Newcastle area of the Mid-Galway Regional Scheme. He agreed that there is need for closer co-operation between the County Council and the Department of the Environment in the planning of Group Schemes and he asked why there is such a delay in paying out road restoration Grants held by the County Council.

Councillor Joyce supported Deputy Fahey's proposals but he referred to the serious problem in relation to sources for water supply schemes which exists in the area between Ballinasloe and Portumna where there are very few Group Schemes. He stated that where there are schemes, many of the sources are inadequate in relation to volume and quality, and he stressed the need for the County Council to carry out a special examination of that area and to assume a leading role in the provision of sources. He stated that there is an urgent need for a Regional Scheme for the area which would likely have a lake or a river as a source. He referred to the fact that Kiltormer has no water supply scheme as no suitable source is available. He expressed disappointment at the delays in dealing with the problems of Laurencetown, Eyrecourt, arising from the need for an auxiliary source and stated that there appears to be a hold-up in relation to the approval of the source by the Chief Medical Officer. He asked that the County Council would also contact the local Group Scheme again in order to provide a water supply for five local authority houses in Clonfert.

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that enquiries be undertaken in order to ascertain if the Rosmuc Scheme could be provided by way of a Group Scheme and he referred to the bad roads in the Lettermullen area for which he stated the Council is responsible as it had undertaken to restore the roads after the carrying out of Group Schemes. He asked that the sum of £100,000 be provided in the Estimates for these roads in 1984.

He also asked if the Council would arrange for a meeting with Udaras na Gaeltachta with a view to seeking financial backing for the proposed Rossaveal Regional Water Supply in order to get it going fairly soon.

With regard to remission of Water Charges in hardship cases, Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that the Council make it clear that it has no responsibility in respect of charges made in respect of connections to private water supply schemes not supplied from a Council source, i.e., schemes which are owned solely by a Group.

Senator Killilea complimented the Group Water Engineers for the very competent service which they are giving to people who call to the office and he asked that they be given more authority in relation to the organisation and planning of Group Water Schemes. He asked if enquiries would be made with a view to negotiating with the Caherlistrane Group for supply of water to the Gurrane North Group. He also asked that an effort would be made to provide a source for Rathfee and that permission would be given for a connection to the Tuam Water supply to people of Cloonmore, Tuam.

Councillor Callanan urged that the Mid-Galway scheme would go ahead as early as possible in order to service local groups and he also supported Councillor Joyce's proposal in relation to the Clonfert houses as he stated that bog mould being blown across the bog and contaminating their existing water supply.

Councillor Byrne stated that while very much good work has been done in relation to servicing of houses in the County, he asked that an effort would be made to provide sources and organise groups for the remaining 4,500 houses which still require a supply. He asked that the charges for water supply to Group Schemes by the County Council would be reviewed with a view to allowing the Groups to retain some money to maintain the schemes. He supported the claim of the Mulroog Group Scheme in Kilcolgan for a special contribution and he asked that a balance due on the Kiltiernan Scheme would be paid as well as the contribution for the Pollough Scheme in Kilcolgan.

He asked that the Group Water Engineers would try to assist the Rahasne area in locating a source and organising a group.

Councillor Molloy asked if some assistance towards augmenting the supply for the Doughiska/Gurranne Group Water Scheme could be given and he stated that the road had not been restored following the completion of the Ballin-dooley Scheme.

Replying to the discussion, Mr. Howlett made the following points:

- (a) In relation to Deputy Fahey's proposal, he stated that the matter would be discussed with the County Manager but he pointed out that many aspects of the proposal are outside the scope of the County Council's responsibilities and are the functions of the Department of the Environment and the Group Scheme organisers.
- (b) 80% of the contribution towards the Milltown Scheme has been paid and the Department's approval to payment of the balance is awaited.
- (c) It is agreed as suggested by Councillor O'Foighil that the Department and Council Engineers should agree in advance on the amount of the contribution which might be payable in respect of any particular scheme. In cases where the Council disagreed with the amount of contribution recommended, details of the Council's Estimate were submitted and comments of the Department were invited.
- (d) Road Restoration - in respect of the older schemes, this is a question of money which the Council has not been in a position to provide.
- (e) Payment of the balance of the contribution in respect of the Kiltiernan Scheme is being considered by the Department at the moment.
- (f) Ballyconneely Reservoir is going ahead.
- (g) Inishnee Group Water Scheme - an application for a road opening licence was received recently and will be approved in a few days.
- (h) A small scheme is being considered to improve the water supply to the Davros area in Letterfrack.
- (i) Mid-Galway Regional Scheme - 35 schemes will be serviced from the Headworks for this scheme.
- (j) Delays in payment of road restoration grants - an effort will be made to speed up refund of contributions in these cases.
- (k) The question of charges in general will be discussed at the Estimates Meeting but it must be remembered that there is a serious lack of funds and that there is an urgent necessity to levy and collect charges.
- (l) The question of a water supply for 5 local authority houses in Clonfert will be further investigated.
- (m) Regarding a query from Councillor O'Conchubhair, an enquiry will be made from the Department of the Environment regarding water supplies for Lettercallow and Derreenglass.
- (n) Regarding a water supply connection for Cloonmore, the people concerned were asked to submit proposals to the Department of the Environment but there is no objection in principle to giving them a connection subject to approval to plans.
- (o) Regarding an enquiry by Councillor Haverty regarding a source for a scheme for Kilmeen, Mr. Howlett stated that the Council had been refused permission to carry out a test in this case.

## 2240 - SPECIAL MEETING:

It was agreed that a special meeting to consider Regional Water Supply Schemes would be held either in the month of February or in the month of March.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED!

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

27<sup>th</sup> Feb 1984 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1984.

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 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.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane and T. Welby.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); R. Killeen, and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. G. Heneghan, Staff Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2241 - APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR CHURCH, SCHOOL, SHOPPING FACILITIES AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT KNOCKNACARRA AND SHANGORT, GALWAY.

The Chairman asked the Council to agree to hear the County Manager in the first instance on this application and he stated then that he proposed to allow one Member of a deputation from Knocknacarra which was present to address the meeting briefly.

The County Manager then referred to a memorandum dated 13th December, 1983, which was circulated to Members at the previous meeting and also to the following memorandum dated 12th January, 1984, which he himself had now prepared and had circulated to Members:

"A Report on this application was before the Council on the 19th December, 1983. For ease of reference, a copy of that report is now attached. As some Councillors seem not to be familiar with the application I give the following information:-

In the adoption of successive County Development Plans, including the current Plan, zoning of land is a feature of Scheduled Towns and development areas adjoining these. Throughout the greater part of the county zoning is not a feature of the Plan. The land, the subject of application no. 46942 is zoned partly for Agricultural use and partly for residential purposes. The church and school would be located on the lands zoned residential. Housing and shops would be located on the land zoned agricultural. The Plan sets out how mixed uses can be availed of in zoned areas. The location of the church and school, where proposed, presents no problem in relation to the zoning. There is an adjacent piece of land zoned for commercial use and because of this -- even though the commercial part of the application No. 46942 is on a small scale -- it would, in my opinion, contravene the Plan. Infringement of zoning is one of the factors which constitute a material contravention of the Plan.

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It should be noted that the Council is confronted with an OUTLINE rather than a full planning application. An outline application is, in effect, a decision in principle, rather than in detail. The Planning Officers report dated 13th December, 1983, did not imply that the Council would, at final approval stage, grant either,

- (a) all of the development, or
- (b) the development exactly as laid out in the Outline application.

The report did, however, say that the commercial development proposed could, in certain circumstances, be approved.

Because of the material contravention of the Plan that would be involved if commercial development were to be approved I was precluded, as County Manager, from giving that approval. Specific provision for this situation was made in the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, Section 39(d). That Section stipulated, in effect, that it is only the elected members who can decide to authorise a material contravention. The procedure in that regard was implemented in order to provide Councillors with the opportunity of considering the matter.

The following options are open to the Councillors in considering the matter:-

- 1 - Authorise the commercial development.
- 2 - Refuse to authorise the commercial development.
- 3 - Make no decision.

If the council makes no decision I, as County Manager, will deal with the application in conformity with the provisions of the County Development Plan.

The land on the Western side of the existing road was offered to the Council as a Playing Field. That offer was refused because of the unsuitability of the land and the proposed designation by the Council in the amended Development Plan of more suitable land at a better location."

The County Manager then stated that it was a matter for the Council what action they wished to take on this one and he referred to the options which he had set out in his report.

The Chairman then gave permission to one member of the deputation from Knocknacarra to address the meeting briefly and Mr. Frank Mullen, Chairman of the Knocknacarra Residents Association then spoke. He stated that at a meeting of the Association, it was decided that development of land on the seaward side of the existing road is unsuitable for development, the area has an amenity value and that it would be tragic if the foreshore and tidal area including the Bird Sanctuary would be spoiled or damaged. The Association also had objected to the relocation of the road.

Replying to Deputy Donnellan, Mr. Mullen stated that his Association was opposed to only part of the development.

Deputy Donnellan stated that the decision on this matter should be deferred and he felt that the third option mentioned by the County Manager to be the best one. He suggested that by deferring a decision, it would give an opportunity for discussions to take place on a possible agreeable scheme. He saw no objection to allowing the Church and School to go ahead.

Councillor Welby stated that the only playing field which the youth of the area have is one on the site and open space is limited in the area. He considers that it will be many years before the promised

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alternative site for open space will be available in the area. He stated that the proposal appears to be for luxury homes for which there is no demand in the area and he proposed that the development be not approved, and he stated that objections on the seaside of the existing road is objectionable.

Councillor McCormack stated that having considered the matter, he could not support the application. He had now discovered that only part of the development contravenes the County Development Plan and he could not vote to pass any part of the application which he considered should be withdrawn completely or defeated. He expressed amazement at a proposal to realign a road to facilitate housing and commercial development. He supported Councillor Welby's view and he stated that the plan should be rejected in its entirety and allow a new application to come before the Planning Authority.

Councillor O'Higgins asked the County Manager if he would be agreeable to give permission for the development excluding the commercial part of the application.

The County Manager stated that if the Council makes no decision, he would confine development to the landward side of the road. He pointed out that this is only an Outline application and there are other issues which have to be considered in a final approval. Councillor O'Higgins stated that Knocknacarra will have 5,000 - 6,000 people in a few years and the proposed development should be examined in the context of the development of the whole Knocknacarra area. He stated that if the proposed road realignment does not go ahead, there will be a problem arising from a Church and School being in close proximity to a junction of two major roads. He considered that this application should be deferred until proposals for the whole area can be examined and he stressed the need to preserve open spaces. Councillor Coogan expressed support for the case made by the residents association and suggested that consideration be deferred for a month to enable the interested parties to get together.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager stated that it is necessary that the whole application be dealt with but that it is possible to grant part of the proposals and to refuse some others. The County Manager also stated that it is only the Elected Members who can decide to grant a planning application which materially contravenes the County Development Plan and then after publication of a statutory notice under the 1976 Planning Act which was done in this case. He also informed Councillor O'Morain that if the route of the road were to be changed, it would be necessary to bring the matter before the County Council.

Councillor O'Morain asked whether the Manager could allow the housing part of the development if the Council makes no decision on the application.

The County Manager stated that he would propose to give permission for development on the eastern side but nothing on the western side. He would also have to take into account safety considerations but he pointed out that this is only a Outline application and that detailed conditions, etc., would have to be specified later in the Approval. He stated that it would not be necessary for him to come before the County Council unless the proposal materially contravened the Plan.

Replying to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that the County Development Plan permits a mix of different kinds of development where land is zoned for particular purposes.

Replying to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that the land between the existing road and the sea is not suitable for open space and had been rejected for this purpose previously by the County Council.

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He stated that the review of the Plan which is at present being undertaken will include proposals for re-zoning and for open space in the area.

Replying to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that an application to extend the time for dealing with this application for three months had been received. A decision on this had not yet been made but the Manager indicated his willingness to extend the time.

Referring to complaints that no notice of this application was given, the County Manager stated that it was obvious that the residents became aware of this because the Council had followed the statutory procedure of publishing a notice of intention of the Council to consider the application although it was materially in contravention of the County Development Plan. Notice of intention to apply for Planning Permission was also advertised by the applicants in the usual way.

Deputy Fahey stated that while he supported the application at the previous meeting, he now feels that he has to go along with the residents view. He proposed that consideration of the application be postponed in order to give an opportunity for all involved - the applicants for permission, the residents association, and the County Councillors and Officials an opportunity to make a contribution towards the preparation of a plan which would be acceptable to all. He considered that the Plan for the whole area should be considered.

Replying to Councillor Holland, the County Manager stated that if the Council makes no decision on the matter before them, he would deal with the application strictly in accordance with the Development Plan. He pointed out that the zoning in the area resulted from the Knocknacarra Action Area Plan.

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil nach mbeadh aon forbairt ar thaobh na farraige den bhothar. He stressed the need for retaining this land as a playing field for the children of the area. He stated that he would support a plan with no development except on the landward side of the road.

Councillor Bartley supported the case made by the residents association.

Senator Killilea proposed that the proposals for the new road be rejected and that development on the seaward side of the existing road would be refused. He also asked to defer consideration of the applications for the Church and School or otherwise that the whole proposal be rejected. Councillor Welby seconded Senator Killilea's proposals.

Councillor Kilgannon felt that the application should be made to provide for development on the landward side of the existing road only.

After further discussion, it was decided that the plan be not contravened and that the County Manager be asked to agree to extend the period for consideration of the application for three months to enable further discussions between the various parties to take place.

Councillor McCormack stated that he was not satisfied with this decision.

2242 - TUAM SUGAR FACTORY:

On the proposition of Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor McCormack, the Council congratulated Deputy Paul Connaughton on the decision of the Government to keep the Tuam Sugar factory in operation.

2243 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager stated that the Council at a previous meeting had considered the Draft Amenity provisions for the County Development Plan, and that three further instalments setting out proposals for review were before the County Council at that meeting. He stated that Mr.



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Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning), was available and would explain the provisions of those. The County Manager also explained to Members that those were the development sections of the proposed plan. He stated that previous plans placed a much greater emphasis on control and that this is the first time that particular emphasis is being placed on development aspects of the County Development Plan.

Replying to Councillor O'Morain, he explained the time scale for dealing with the review of the Plan and the necessity for making progress as early as possible on the review.

Mr. Callagy stated that previously the County Development Plans were prepared without reference to any other plan. In the case of the proposals for the present review and the three sections now before the County Council, the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Strategy Study had used as a basis of the proposals for the Plan. He stated that the Regional Study had been very useful. They had set out objectives for development of the region - they had taken each economic sector and examined it. He stated that he had gone through each section of the Study and related it to conditions in County Galway in relation to growth opportunities potential, as well as constraints in each sector and had used it to set out objectives for development.

The County Manager stated that the Regional Study will be circulated to Members in due course. He stated that previous Development Plans had a greater emphasis on control than on development and this is now being changed in the Draft which is being brought before the Council. The proposed plan contains development targets and objectives - those are set out in the development sections now before the Council. Proposal for Controls will be submitted to the Council later.

Mr. Callagy then explained the contents of the reports before the County Council and these were discussed in some detail.

Mr. Callagy stated that Part 1 explains the structure of the proposed Development Plan. Part 11 puts the Plan in the regional context and explains the Study Brief of the Consultants who prepared the Regional Strategy Study. It also sets out the objectives as set out in the Regional Study. He explained that no single strategy could be applied to the region as a whole and it was, therefore, considered better to consider exploiting each sector for its job potential.

The County Manager then referred Members to Exhibit 5.(A) in Part 1 which set out the employment position as at 1980 and the targets for the year 2044.

Mr. Callagy then stated that the policies are expanded into proposals for infrastructure in the proposed Plan.

Mr. Callagy then reported on his examination of each of the sectors referred to in Exhibit 5.(A) and the method by which he arrived at the population target for the year 2004.

Councillor O'Higgins stated that the only input which the Council appeared to have would be in the area of Planning Controls and he stressed that there would need to be a radical change in national policy if those targets are to be achieved.

The County Manager stated that while all of those sectors are not under the control of the Council, the Council would by its policies and incentives try to influence even those which are not under the Council's control. People looking at the Council's Development Plan would expect to see policies and objectives such as those included in it.

Councillor Kilgannon expressed regret that the Council had not a greater input into the Regional Study but the County Manager stated that the Consultants had gone before the Board of the R.D.O. and it is intended that there will be a major seminar on the Study in May or June of this year.

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The County Manager stated that the importance of the matter before the Council is that an effort is being made to articulate the economic and social aspects of planning - a strong development section is now being put into the Plan and the Council will, therefore, have a much more positive plan than heretofore on objectives. He considered that the Plan should take a serious analytical look at the County - where the growth possibility lies, job creation, and how investment in the County should be directed and also what strategy should be adopted to achieve the desired targets.

Councillor O'Foighil asked why a cultural aspect should not be included in the Plan for the Gaeltacht Areas.

The County Manager stated that there is nothing to stop this but in the exercise of controls as the law stands, an application cannot be decided on the basis of cultural or linguistic considerations.

Councillor Callanan queried the drop of 9,000 in the projected employment for agriculture.

Mr. Callagy stated that this was examined in detail by the Consultants engaged in the Regional Study who consulted various farm interests and others. He stated that the Study did not envisage an increase in the number of people directly engaged in Agriculture - the only hope was of increasing productivity and thereby creating extra jobs. There is also a tendency towards farms becoming bigger.

Councillor Joyce welcomed the positive approach of the Planners to development and he asked that Councillors should support it. He felt, however, that the statement that farms are getting bigger should be qualified as nobody wanted the farms to become bigger. He also considered that the plan should state that Ballinasloe will continue to be a major manufacturing centre and he suggested that this reference in the Plan might be re-drafted as it may give a wrong idea or interpretation that Tuam is given a higher profile than Ballinasloe. Referring to other objections in the Plan, he pointed out that increased production is of little use unless it is accompanied by good marketing.

Referring to a query by Councillor Holland in connection with planning in the environs of Galway City, the County Manager stated that land use maps catering for the overspill of Galway City will be available later. Deputy Connaughton stated that it be the responsibility of the persons in each economic sector to work towards the achievement of the targets which are set out and the Council should try to direct people towards the achievement of those objectives.

Councillor O'Morain complimented Messrs. Brady, Shipman and Martyn and the Regional Development Organisation for the report but he expressed disappointment that the Steering Committee of the R.D.O. or Brady, Shipman Martin made no reference to the Shellfish Research Laboratory at Carna which is the only major aquacultural research unit in the country at the moment. He expressed a hope that this oversight would be corrected.

The County Manager stated that the Study in question is a Regional Study and was concerned with regional strategies.

Councillor O'Morain stated that another region is trying to get a Fishery Research Laboratory located in its area.

Councillor O'Foighil supported Councillor O'Morain and stated that the Research Laboratory in Carna is vital to the economy of the western area and he also stressed the need to upgrade the harbour at Rossaveal.

Deputy Connaughton stated that the Council should take cognisance of the desire of people to live in rural areas.

The County Manager stated that the Council cannot finance services for people not engaged in agriculture who decide to live in rural areas and who demand that urban services be brought out to them. He stressed that roads, sanitary services, telephones, postal services, etc., are very expensive to provide in these situations.

Replying to Councillor Finnegan in connection with isolated rural Council houses, the County Manager stated that if the Council is to achieve its house building target, it would have to provide most of its houses in schemes.

Deputy Connaughton stated that it would be necessary to maintain a reasonable balance between town schemes and rural houses.

At this stage (6.05 p.m.), the Chairman stated that as there was only approximately one-third of the Members present, he was adjourning the meeting. It was agreed that the date for the next Planning Meeting would be decided at the monthly meeting of the Council to be held on the 23rd January, 1984.

2244 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Martin Casserly, Ballindoooley, Galway.  
Mr. John Halloran, Clonbur, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

27 January 1984 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1984.

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 J. Donnellan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, M.D. Higgins, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Cllrs. P. McCormack, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, 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; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, R. Killeen, and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; D. Commins, Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2245 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46808 - SEAN O'GRIOFA:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the back road from Teernea School to Drim School, adjacent to the Old Chapel ruins on the roadway leading to the sea.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:

The site is located in area of special amenity value. The site does not form part of the family holding but is being purchased by the applicant. The granting of this permission would, therefore, be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan.

The site is further located in the foreground of a view of special amenity prospect, as set out in the County Development Plan. It is the stated policy of the Planning Authority as set out in the Development Plan to totally restrict development in cases, such as this, which would obstruct or restrict such views.

The site consists almost entirely of outcropping rock and is totally unsuited for the treatment of septic tank effluent. It is considered that the house could be located on the family holding without damage to visual amenity and at the same time leaving room for other members of the family at a later date.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development is located in an area of Special Amenity Value as set out in the County Development Plan where it is the stated policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development to particular cases of substantiated housing need of the family holding. The site in question is located outside the family holding and is not in the ownership of the applicant and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The proposed development is located in the foreground of scenic views over Greatman's Bay. These views are designed as views of Special Amenity Prospect in the County Development Plan. It is the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development which would obstruct or restrict such views 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.

3. The site under consideration consists almost entirely of outcropping rock and is totally unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard.

Councillor O'Foighil has consulted about this application."

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

Councillor O'Foighil outlined the family circumstances in this case and stated that there is a very large family involved and that to build a house on the family holding would have the effect of making the family holding still smaller and would lead to family disunity. He stated that a septic tank can be provided on a site across the road and he did not consider that the house would impinge on the view.

Councillor Brennan had proposed that the Permission sought be refused as the grounds for proposing are not of a Planning nature but are of sympathetic nature.

Councillor Glynn seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal on the grounds as he stated that there is a site on the family farm.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that it would be impossible for the family to pay the costs of bringing a road into the site where the family is living at present. The subject of the application before the Council is on the roadside.

Councillor O'Morain stated that there is little point in sending requests for further information in connection with the extent of family holdings to people in the Connemara Area as they will not show the best agricultural land as they need this in order to earn their living. He stated that a clause to this effect should be put into the County Development Plan. It was decided that a vote on those proposals would be taken after 4.30 p.m.

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

**FOR:** Councillor Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby. (20)

**AGAINST:** Councillor Holland. (1)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Senator Higgins and Councillors Ruane and Ryan did not vote.

2246 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47219 - TADHG O'TUATHAIL:

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 a minor road north of its junction with the Galway/Spiddal road at Furbo, just west of Udaras na Gael-tachta Headquarters.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

This proposal was applied for under Planning Ref. No. 45994 and was refused in September, 1983. The site is to the rear of two existing houses and septic tanks and would overlook their curtilages. In dealing with the previous application, the applicant, who stated that he wished to sell the site, was asked if he would be prepared to enlarge the site to allow for satisfactory location of the house and septic tank. He did not give any indication that he would do so although he showed a map of his lands extending more than a 1/2 mile northwards along the minor road.

The County Medical Officer's report recommended refusal on public health grounds in view of the proposed location of a third septic tank in close proximity to two others on land which is rocky and of poor quality.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

Rhe proposed development, if permitted, would be situated to the rear of two existing permitted dwellinghouses which it would overlook, thereby interfering with the amenity of existing developments.

The development, if permitted, would constitute a health hazard, due to the concentration of septic tanks on lands not suitable to dispose of a high concentration of effluents."

Councillor O'Foighil proposed the motion set out on the Agenda and stated that the applicant who is disabled is building a house and needs to sell the site which is the subject of this application in order to complete his family house. He has a buyer for the site and the man himself is at present living in Digs.

Councillor O'Foighil expressed surprise that this man had refused to enlarge the site in order to accommodate the septic tank. The applicant did not mean to be obstructive in doing this and he asked if the Council would agree to adjourn the motion in order to give this man time to apply for an extension of time and to consider the proposal put to him about enlargement of the site.

It was agreed to defer consideration of the motion to a later meeting.

2247 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47169 - JOHN WHITE:

**"BACKGROUND:**

The site is located outside Tuam on a minor road off the Ballygaddy Road north of the Sugar Factory. The site presently does not belong to the applicant, but belongs to a Mr. Christopher Meehan, Athenry Road, Tuam. The applicant is the prospective buyer. The site is located between a laneway and the Clare River and at its widest point is less than 200 feet wide and at its narrowest point is less than 100 feet wide, therefore, it is impossible to locate the proposed septic tank the required distance from river, road, house, etc. The lane bordering the site joins the minor road at a sharp bend. The proposed septic tank location is only 115 feet from the River Clare and is 5 ft. from the laneway boundary.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 9076: Permission was granted in 1971 to a Mr. J. E. Mitchell for a house in the southern sector of the current site. However, the location of the septic tank to serve this development was located in a field at the opposite (N.E.) side of the laneway and not within the site itself. Mr. Mitchell was the prospective buyer at that time and the owner was a Mr. John McDonagh, Kilcloghans, Tuam. The Permission was not availed of and has now lapsed.

Planning Ref. No. 43220: Permission was refused for two houses in the northern sector of the current site to Mr. John White. Mr. John White was prospective buyer and Mr. Christopher Meehan was owner. Permission was refused for the two houses for public health reasons.

Planning Ref. No. 43892: Permission was refused for two houses to Mr. John White again in an identical application to reference number 43220 and refused for same reason.

Planning Ref. no. 46494: Permission was refused to Mr. John White for one house on the site currently in question. Septic tank was omitted in this case and the applicant proposed to instal a dry chemical toilet instead. Mr. White, applicant, again was prospective buyer and Mr. C. Meehan, the owner. Permission was refused on public health grounds.

The current proposal is for one house with septic tank and the County Medical Officer has again recommended refusal.

PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:

While the Planning Authority would have no objections to a house on the site provided, the septic tank could be located on lands across the road, refusal must be recommended for the development proposed.

The proposed development would constitute a public health hazard because, due to the restricted nature of the site, the septic tank and percolation area could not be located the required distances from the adjoining Clare River and the road which serves a number of permitted houses and would be liable to cause pollution of the river and nuisance to road users."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor Finnegan.

Senator Killilea outlined the Developer's proposal for development of the site in order to make it suitable for septic tank effluent. He stated that he was in a position to give an absolute assurance from the

Developer that all necessary steps would be taken to ensure that there would be no pollution whatsoever on the Clare River.

The County Manager asked Senator Killilea if it would be possible for the applicant to provide a site on the other side of the road for the septic tank. Senator Killilea said that this was no possible.

The County Engineer elaborated on his reasons for objecting to the septic tank proposal, that if the percolation area becomes saturated, the effluent will rise to the surface eventually and flow into the river.

During a further discussion, the County Manager stated that if additional time were available to deal with the application, arrangements could be made to have percolation tests on the soil carried out. Senator Killilea stated that when the septic tank is being constructed, he would be asked that it be done under the supervision of the Council's Engineering staff. In the circumstances, it was agreed to defer a decision on the resolution on the Agenda.

2248 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46885 - CHRISTOPHER HIGGINS.

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

"LOCATION:

The site adjoins a farm accommodation road approximately 1/2 mile on the Galway side of Claregalway Village. The farm road adjoins 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.

Originally, 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. Two recent Section 4 grants of Permission issued in respect of a site adjoining the present site, following the history of refusals along the boreen, as set out below:-

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 house 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.
- 46099: Permission granted by Section 4 Motion to Frank Gannon.

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 resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor Molloy. Senator Killilea stated that this is the last available on a tarred by-road and would be a desirable development.

The County Manager stated that the same considerations apply in this case as applied to a previous applications granted under Section 4.

The County Engineer stated that this is a particularly dangerous application arising from the generation of additional traffic from this by-road including children leaving the houses for school. He does not agree that this would be the last house in the area and in fact, he stated that it is possible to have a small village there. He considered this entire development to be a recipe for a disaster of major proportions because of traffic hazard.

Replying to Councillor Holland, the County Manager stated that he had no record of any objections to development on this by-road from people in the area.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be refused stating that by granting it the Council is creating a dangerous precedent. He stated that if this is allowed, any farm road can be utilised in this way and demands will then be received to have these roads declared public roads at a considerable additional cost. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal. It was decided to take a vote on those proposals after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby. (20)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Glynn, and Holland. (3)

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

Councillor Byrne, Senator Higgins, and Councillor Ryan did not vote.

2249 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46712 - ALPHONSUS O'CONNOR:

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

"BACKGROUND:

The site for the proposed dwellinghouse is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Ballindereen village on the Kilcolgan/Kinvarra National Secondary route which is subject to Class 2 control in the County Development Plan. In reply to a request for further information the applicant indicated that an essential housing need was not claimed but that he wished to sell the site to finance the building of a house for himself.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 10303: Application sought for 3 houses by A. O'Connor one of which was granted with an enurement condition attached. Applicant claimed that he wished to sell two of the sites.

Ref. No. 17155: Outline Permission for three no. houses refused to A. O'Connor.

Ref. No. 39257: Outline Permission refused for three number houses by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala to A. O'Connor.

CONSIDERATION:

Although the site is located on a very narrow section of disused layby the principle of restricting new accesses onto the National Secondary Route remains the same. For this reason the frontage onto the layby cannot be regarded as a mitigating circumstances. On this basis, the application must be refused on the grounds of traffic hazard.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal:

- (i) The proposed development located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
- (ii) The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict development on this route to particular categories of essential housing need. This is set out in section 6.02, Table 4 of the County Development Plan."

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

The County Engineer stated that while the house is opening onto a lay-by which existed due to road alignment operations, it is still in his view tantamount to an opening onto a National Secondary Road - the junction through the lay-by onto the Secondary Road is sub-standard from the point of view of traffic and it was the policy to keep national roads free from unnecessary development in order to provide safe movement of traffic.

Councillor McCormack stated that the existence of a lay-by means that traffic will in any event be moving in and out.

The County Engineer stated that the lay-by is not used as such but it was left in order to provide an access for an existing house.

Deputy Fahey stated that he could not agree with the County Engineer from the traffic aspect. He stated that the road is not a busy one and this development is at a wide section of the road. He stated that the applicant who is disabled is living with his brother - and he has no means and the purpose of a Section 4 is to enable this applicant to sell the site.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be refused and stated that if the Council is to be consistent, it should adhere to the rules with regard to development on National Routes. Councillor Joe Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal.

It was decided to take a vote on those proposals after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Councillors Bartley, Byrne, Coogan, Deputy Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, Ruane, and Welby.

(19)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Glynn, Holland.

(4)

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

Senator Higgins and Councillor Ryan did not vote.

2250 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47187 - MARTIN HESSION.

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

LOCATION:

"The site is located on the Clifden-Letterfrack road adjacent to right-angle bend with very deficient sight distance which is located close to the entrance of the Rosleague Manor Hotel.

HISTORY:

There have been four previous applications by the applicant on sites which include the site now in question. Planning Reference Numbers 37536, 39750, 41548 and 43911, all were refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of (1) traffic

hazard on a right-angle bend on a National Secondary Route (ii) backlands development, (iii) public health hazard and (iv) visual amenity.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The access to the proposed development is situated on a right-angle bend on a National Secondary Route where the sight distance is restricted.

The site consists of waterlogged bogland and is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

The site has no road frontage. The site is on an elevated and exposed hillside in an area of High Scenic Amenity.

The Planning Authority requested further information on foot of application number 39750 to determine the applicant's housing need, if any. The applicant is not a native of the area, being from Mullaghglass, bought this land in order to build a dwellinghouse and return home from England, where he resided. He now has an address in Castlebar.

The Planning Authority has also refused permission on 3 number abutting sites and to different applicants.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

1. The proposed development would detract from the scenic amenity of the area because it would be unduly obtrusive on an elevated unrelieved location and could not be properly assimilated into its surroundings.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would constitute undesirable development of backlands in an area of high scenic amenity.
3. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would initiate traffic movements to and from a National Secondary Route at a right angled bend with severely restricted sight distance which would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the major route.
4. The site proposed to be developed, consisting of waterlogged bogland is unsuitable for the effective disposal of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard."

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

Councillor Bartley stated that he agreed that this is a scenic area - that a number of houses have already been refused but some houses had also been granted in the area. He stated that this is the applicant is working in Castlebar and comes home at weekends.

The County Engineer stated that the access road to the site is in an exceptionally poor condition. He stated that when examining applications where "Amenity" is an issue, he tries to give the benefit of the doubt to the applicant. In this case, however, there are four reasons why the application should not be granted as listed in the report circulated to the Councillors. In all the circumstances, he stated that he considered the site unsuitable and he recommended refusal of the application.

Regarding the traffic hazard, Councillor Bartley stated that the applicant could improve the entrance to the National Road but the County Engineer stated that he did not see how this could be done without straightening a bend on the major road.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the reason given by the County Engineer appeared to be used to ensure that no development would be permitted in Connemara - the policy seems to be that building will be permitted only in urban areas.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Permission sought be refused in view of the reasons set out in the Report circulated. Councillor Joe Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal. It was decided to take a vote on those proposal after 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Callanan, Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby.

(18)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Byrne, Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Ruane, and Ryan.

(8)

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

Senator Higgins did not vote.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED.

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

27 February 1984 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1984.

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 J. Donnellan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, M.D. Higgins, 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, 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; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, R. Killeen, and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; D. Commins, Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2251 - MINUTES:

Councillor O'Foighil proposed and Councillor M. Fahy seconded the adoption of the Minutes of Meetings held on the 9th December and 19th December, 1983, (numbers 2282 - 2236, inclusive).

Councillor Haverty referred to Minute No. 2305 of Meeting of 9th December and contrary to what is stated in this Minute, <sup>said</sup> the Council had agreed to his proposal as set out therein in connection with a Local Improvement Scheme No. 17/82.

This matter was raised at a later stage at the meeting by Councillor Haverty - see Minute No. 2257.

The Minutes of the Meetings held on the 9th and 19th December, 1983, were then signed by the Chairman.

2252 - ESTIMATES 1984:

The County Manager reviewed his report dated 19th January, 1984, copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council. He informed Members that while the inflation rate from November 1982 to November 1983 was 10.3%, the increased domestic and agricultural grants from the Department of the Environment for 1984 is likely to be in the order of 0.8%. Out of this increase, the Council would be expected to meet its obligations to the Western Health Board, ACOT, and the Office of Public Works in respect of drainage. The estimates presented to him as being the Council's requirements for 1984 amounted to a sum of £9 million over and above the sum available to the Council. The cut in Revenue this year is far more drastic than in any previous year - it is likely that the sum available for roads will be approximately the same amount as was available in 1983, and this would be equivalent to a 9% cut in real terms. The Council's liability to the Western Health Board continues to grow but last year the Council had got a guarantee from the Minister that its grants would not be diverted to the Western Health Board to meet this debt.

The County Manager also stated that he wished to call the particular attention of the Council to the position regarding Capital expenditure and in the current year, he could see no way by which provision could be made in the Estimates for repayment of loan charges and the Council may, therefore, have to forego its Capital Allocation for Water and Sewerage services despite the fact that the Council has many new schemes in an advanced stage of planning, and some ready to go ahead. If such schemes go ahead in respect of which loan charges have to be paid, they would be at the expense of roads.

In the normal way, the Council would be liable to provide for approx. £1.1 million as special contributions for Group Water Schemes and he proposed that this sum be limited to £500,000 spreading this sum out over as many schemes as possible. He also stated that he was proposing that the domestic water charge be increased to £50 but that no other increase in charges be made.

He also explained the reduction in the provision for house repairs and in the library services and stated that the amount levied in respect of domestic refuse charges had been slow in being collected. He also proposed not to renew the employment of temporary staff when their present term of employment is terminated and that permanent staff would be replaced only if absolutely necessary.

Burial Grounds:

He stated that it has also been found necessary to reduce the provision to £20,000 and that this limited fund be spent in respect of new Burial Ground where the local community matches the expenditure pound for pound.

He informed the Council because of the urgency of the situation now facing it, he had started negotiations with the Unions and had informed them that in 1984 lay-offs as had been done in previous years would not be enough and that in the current year, the Council may have to make up to 75 workers redundant. In addition, there would have to be lay-offs for periods early in the year and in the autumn.

The figures being prepared will assume a rate increase of 10% over that for 1983. He emphasised that the County Council is in a serious crisis situation and that if the Health Board, ACOT, and the Office of Public Works succeeded in law in diverting Council funds towards meeting its liabilities to them, just closing down the roadworks would not be enough.

Deputy Kitt stated that the increase this year appeared to be only one-sixth of that allowed in 1983 and it was a serious situation when the Council is considering redundancies. He asked the County Manager how the people to be made redundant would be selected and he asked if it would be on the basis of last in - first out. The County Manager stated that this is the general approach to it and it is being taken area by area. Deputy Kitt stated that there is dissatisfaction among Engineers and Overseers regarding curtailment of mileage and stressed that staff need adequate mileage in order to supervise roads. He expressed the approval of the Manager's act sending a copy of his report to the Department of the Environment and stated that it may be necessary to send them a stronger letter and ask for a deputation to be received by the Minister.

Deputy Fahey asked if information could be available at the next meeting on the savings which were made arising from redundancies and he also asked for the amount of fees and costs paid to Consultants for 1983 and the estimated amount for 1984. He also enquired if Senior Engineers on the Council's staff could do the work hitherto being done by Consultants.

Deputy Killilea enquired if a saving could be effected by having public lighting maintained by the Council and also in relation to other activities of the Council if savings could be effected by having the work carried out by private contractors instead of the present system.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that the number of lay-offs in the earlier part of the year and in the Autumn would be approximately the same as for last year. The County Manager also stated that he expected to receive notification of Road Grants after the Budget and that after that, a programme for redundancies and lay-offs would be prepared.

Councillor Kilgannon referred to the practice of having much of the work done by machinery and stated that this work wherever possible should be done by workers giving them priority over machines and that wherever possible men should not be laid off.

It was agreed that a meeting to consider the Estimates would be held on the 20th February, 1984.

2253 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

It was agreed that a meeting to continue Review of the County Development Plan would be held on Tuesday, 14th February, 1984.

2254 - FILLING OF VACANCY FOR HONORARY MEMBER ON ANCIENT MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Councillor Holland proposed that a student from the <sup>Department</sup> Archaeology in U.C.G. be appointed to this Committee and this was seconded by Councillor Glynn.

Councillor Joyce proposed <sup>that</sup> Mr. Paul Gosling of the Archaeology Department, U.C.G., who was already working in the County be appointed to the Committee as Honorary Member. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt and agreed.

It was also agreed, on the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Holland, that the Department of Archaeology in U.C.G. be asked to recommend a student for nomination as an Honorary Member of the Ancient Monuments Advisory Committee.

2255 - REMUNERATION OF ENGINEERS AND COGNATE PROFESSIONAL GRADES:

The County Manager informed the Council that under Arbitration Report number 086 dated 12th July, 1983, revised salary scales for Engineers and cognate grades were recommended and the Minister for the Environment is prepared to approve the increases where a local authority so desires. He stated that under Clause 4.(2)d. of the Public Service Pay Agreement only 40% of the relevant increase would be payable as from the 1st October, 1983.

The minimum and maximum rates payable to the various Engineers and Cognate grades effective from the 1st October, 1983, are as follows:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
County Engineer	£19,672	£22,609
Senior Executive Engineer	£15,493	£18,460
Executive Engineer	£12,157	£16,337
Assistant Engineer	£10,525	£14,233
Graduate Engineer (range)	£ 8,326	£10,070
Deputy County Engineer	£18,327	£20,588
Chief Assistant County Engineer	£14,899	£16,829
Assistant County Engineer	£11,116	£14,899
Resident Engineer (range)	£185.20 p.w.	£207.22 p.w.



The County Manager informed the Council that the total cost of the increases in one year would be £174,000.

It was proposed by Deputy Fahey, seconded by Senator Burke and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve payment of the revised salary scales to Engineers and Cognate Grades approved in Arbitration Report number 086 dated 12th July, 1983, as amended by Clause 4.2(d) of the Public Service Pay Agreement, with effect from the 1st October, 1983."

2256 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF DRAUGHTSMAN/TECHNICIANS, CRAFTSMAN, CRAFTSMAN MATES AND SUPERVISORY CRAFTSMAN:

The County Manger informed the Council that under Arbitration Report number 087 dated 22nd July, 1983, increases in the remuneration of Draughtsman/Technician Grades had been recommended and he also informed the Council that the Minister for the Environment has stated that where a local authority desires, the Minister's sanction may be presumed to the implementation of the award in accordance with the terms of Clause 4.2(d) of the Public Service Pay Agreement which provides that only 40% of the relevant increase would be payable as from the 1st October, 1983.

The minimum and maximum of the revised scales with effect from the 1st October, 1983, would be as follows:

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Executive Draughtsman/Technician	£10,705	£12,146
Draughtsman/Technician Grade 1	£ 9,953	£11,256
Draughtsman/Technician Grade 11	£ 7,185	£ 9,953
Draughtsman Grade 1	£ 8,720	£ 9,844
Draughtsman Grade 11 & Civil Engineering Technician	£ 6,385	£ 8,720

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revision of the remuneration of Draughtsman/Technician Grades as set out in Arbitration Report number 087 dated 22nd July, 1983 as amended by Clause 4.2(d) of the Public Service Pay Agreement with effect from the 1st October, 1983."

The County Manager also informed the Council that sanction of the Minister for the Environment had been received to the payment of the first and second phases of the 1983 Public Service Agreement for Craftsmen, Craftsman Mates, and Supervisory Craftsman - the first phase of 4.75% being effective from the 1st July, 1983, and the second phase of 3.25% being effective from the 1st December, 1983. He also stated that a special increase arising from a review of the Craftsman's Analogues had been approved and that this is for the sum of £8 per week effective from the 1st October, 1983. However, he pointed out that in accordance with Clause 4.2(b) and (c) of the Public Service Pay Agreement only 40% of this special increase is payable with effect from the 1st October, 1983. The revised minimum and maximum salaries for Craftsman under the terms of the above increases are as follows:

	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
(a) From 1st July, 1983.	£134.37	£147.70
(b) Revised scale from 1/10/'83	£137.57	£150.90
(c) Revised scale from 1/12/'83	£142.04	£155.80

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve payment of the first and second phase of the 1983 Public Service Agreement from the appropriate dates and also 40% of the special increase arising from <sup>Review</sup> of the Craftsman's analogues as from the 1st October, 1983, to Craftsman, Craftsman Mates, and Supervisory Craftsman."

2257 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES, 1984:

The County Manager referred to Circular R.12/83 dated 19th December, 1983, from the Department of the Environment, copy of which had been circulated to each Member and stated that it seemed that every scheme will have a condition in relation to Local Improvement Schemes for 1984 that 1/10 of the cost will have to be made up by way of local contribution. The Council had not yet been told of the amount of allocation for 1984.

Councillor Joyce stated that the Council should revise its norms to take account of increasing costs and asked that further Local Improvement Scheme Grants should be made available for roads which were previously done under that scheme and which are now in bad repair.

After a discussion on this matter, Councillor Finnegan proposed and the Chairman seconded that the Minister for the Environment be asked to change the rule regarding further grants for Local Improvement Scheme roads in order to provide that a second grant may be paid provided a period of 10 years has elapsed from the date on which the previous grant was paid.

Councillor Haverty referred to Minute no. 2305 of meeting held on 9th December, 1983, and asked for an assurance that in the case of scheme no. 70/82, a greater length of road would be done without surface dressing within the amount allocated for surface dressing of 480 yards of that road. The Assistant County Manager stated that he was not aware that a final decision had been made on the matter at that meeting, and if Councillor Haverty's proposal was implemented, it would be a breach of the Council's norms which set out the maximum amounts which could be spent for roads that were surface dressed and roads that were sanded. He stated that the application of the higher maximum to the lower costs operation could create an undesirable precedent.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that in view of the exceptional circumstances of this case Councillor Haverty's proposal would be allowed to proceed within the total limit of £4,974 and on the strict understanding that this is was a once off operation and that it would not be taken as precedent for other schemes.

Councillor Kilgannon asked that the Council would draw up a document setting out the rules and conditions attaching to Local Improvement Schemes.

Councillor O'Conchubhair complained that only £4,500 had been provided by Roinn na Gaeltachta in 1983 for bog roads and minor roads.

Councillor O'Morain asked what roads leading to bogs are the responsibility of the County Council to maintain and he also asked that a survey would be carried out of trees which are adjacent to public roads and which might be dangerous.

2258 - SALE OF HOUSE AT CAHERROYN, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house at Caherroyn, Athenry, to the tenant, Mr. Richard Walsh, Caherroyn, Athenry, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 6th December, 1983, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

2259 - SALE OF PLOT AT TRELICK, KINVARA:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor Byrne, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of an area containing 0.425 acres at Trellick, Kinvara, to Mr. Peter Noone, Trellick, Kinvara, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 11th January, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which was circulated to each Member of the Council."

2260 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

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

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

2261 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS:

The County Manager informed the Council that a notification had been received that the I.F.H.P. Congress would be held in Berlin this year from the 10th - 14th September, 1984, but that costs of transport and accommodation had not yet been notified to the Council. He stated that when this information was received, the matter would be brought before the Council again.

2262 - PLANNING:

The County Manager read for the Council letter dated 13th January, 1984, from An Taisce asking for information in relation to the numbers of planning applications dealt with by the County Council and particulars of applications which had been the subject of resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, and stated that he was bringing the matter before the County Council in order to give Members an opportunity of deciding whether they wished that this information would be supplied to An Taisce.

This matter was discussed at length during which different proposals were made by Members - some in favour of giving the information, others requesting further information from An Taisce, and also copies of the Minutes of their own meetings in which they considered Section 4 resolutions.

After the discussion, it was agreed that copy of the letter from An Taisce would be circulated to each Member and that it would be considered again at the monthly meeting to be held in February.

2263 - OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEES:

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that he had heard that it was the Government's intention to abolish Old Age Pension Committees and Sub-Committees and he proposed that a resolution be sent to the Minister for Social Welfare asking that Old Age Pension Committees and Sub-Committ-

ees would be continued in existence. He stressed that they are doing good work and that the Members are doing it voluntarily.

Councillor O'Foighil seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal.

Councillor McCormack stated that these committees are a farce and are serving no useful purpose.

2264 - BRIDGE AT FURNISH, LETTERMULLEN:

Councillor O'Conchubhair proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that the Council provide a railing on the bridge at Furnish, Lettermullen, as it is considered to be in a dangerous position at the moment.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2265 - SETTING UP OF DOG CONTROL UNIT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that no funds have been provided in the current year for this purpose and that the sum of £8,000 which was included in the Draft Estimate for 1983 had been omitted at the Estimates Meeting.

2266 - LAW CONVEYANCING CLERK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that the occupant of this post had been employed as a Temporary Conveyancing Clerk since the 16th October, 1976. Prior to that, he was employed by the late Mr. Naughton, Solicitor, who in common with former Solicitors to the Council had to employ their own staff. It is not legally possible to comply with the terms of the resolution.

Councillor Welby stated that Mr. Concannon had been working with the County Council for over 40 years and that a memorandum sent out by the County Manager on the 22nd October, 1976, admitted that Mr. Concannon was employed by the County Council.

Councillor Welby then proposed and Councillor O'Morain seconded that Mr. Concannon be given full pension rights in respect of his services as a Law Conveyancing Clerk as from May 1939.

The County Secretary stated that there is no application in relation to his conditions of appointment from Mr. Concannon and that if he wished to make any such application, he was free to do so and a decision on it would be made by the County Manager. If Mr. Concannon is dissatisfied with the County Manager's decision, he would have the right of appeal to the Minister.

2267 - HOUSES AT CLONFERT

Councillor Joyce referred to a reply which he had received from the Council in connection with a previous motion regarding a County Council Housing Scheme at Clonfert in which it was stated that the Group Water Scheme main is passing by the houses. He stated that this is not correct and that the main is some distance away. He also stated that the information given in relation to the condition of the houses was not correct and he asked that a further investigation be carried out.

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that a further investigation would be carried out as requested by Councillor Joyce.

Councillor Joyce also stated that one of the tenants (Mr. McEvoy) had applied on a number of occasions for revision of his rent but that this had not been done. He complained that rents are not revised fast enough and that in Mr. McEvoy's case, he had been served with a Notice to Quit

very soon after he had paid a substantial instalment of rent.

2268 - PUBLIC LIGHTS AT TULLY AND RENVYLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

Councillor Bartley proposed that if any money is available under any heading in 1984 public lighting be provided in Tully and Renvyle.

2269 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR TULLYCROSS, RENVYLE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The County Secretary stated that the normal procedure is that the Groups apply to the Department of the Environment for supplementary grants but that in the case of Group Sewerage Schemes, we had already been informed by the Department that such grants are not available. The County Secretary, however, stated that if the Council wished, a resolution could be sent to the Department asking for the grant in this case.

On the proposition of Councillor Bartley, seconded by Deputy Fahy, it was agreed that the appropriate resolution would be sent to the Department.

2270 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CLONTUSKERT, EYRECOURT, KILTORMER, LAURENCETOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The County Secretary stated that no funds had been available for a number of years for any additional public lighting and that this could not be provided unless funds were made available for it in 1984. Later in the meeting during a discussion on item no. 18 on the Agenda, it was suggested that Councillor Joyce would approach the local communities where lighting is required for churches and that they should submit applications for the Council to have the lights maintained on condition that the cost of erection of the lights is paid by the local community. Councillor Joyce also stated that he had intended including in this motion, the Church at Killoran and the Church at Mulligh.

2271 - ROAD SIGNS AT AUGHRIM AND CAPPATAGGLE - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR CALLANAN:

The County Secretary stated that arrangements are being made to erect the appropriate signs on the national primary road as well as on the side-roads at Aughrim and Cappataggle.

2272 - ZONE 4 MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY AND COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY:

Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager stated that the Contract documents for Zone 4 are awaiting approval in the Department of the Environment. There is a Group Scheme in the area near Claregalway and it will be possible to supply the village from that if the pipe sizes were enlarged. Deputy Fahey stated that the village of Knockdoe is looking for a connection and he asked if it would be possible to get a connection for them. Mr. Howlett stated that there may be some objections to this but he would confirm if the larger pipes are to be provided.

2273 - PROVISION OF LIGHT AT MAREE CHURCH - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The County Secretary stated that if the Maree Community Council arranges with the E.S.B. for erection of a light at Maree Church and pays the cost, the Council would be prepared to pay for the maintenance of the light in future.

2274 - REMOVAL OF LIGHTS FROM CLARINBRIDGE TO NOGRA:

The County Secretary stated that it is most likely that there would be a fair amount of cost involved in carrying out this work and that no provision for additional lighting had been made for a number of years. The County Engineer had advised that the cost of repairing and re-erecting lanterns may be considerable and if the lanterns were an obsolete type, re-erection would be undesirable.

Deputy Fahey stated that he has been applying for this for four years and he asked that an estimate would be obtained from the E.S.B. for the cost of re-erecting the lights in question on poles which are already in existence.

2275 - ROAD OPENING LICENCES:

Councillor Joyce stated that he had been informed that the Council is seeking the sum of £15 per metre in respect of road openings and he understood that this charge had been made in the Portumna area.

It was agreed that the matter would be investigated.

2276 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Festus Flaherty, Mannin, Ballyconneely.  
Mr. William Martyn, Carrowrea, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.  
Relatives of the late Mr. John Carr, Henry Street, Galway.  
Mrs. Eileen Coyne, "Mount Carmel", Headford Road, Galway.  
Mrs. Madge Mitchell, Cloncuna, Killimor, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Thomas O'Brien, Main Street, Loughrea.  
Miss Cawley, Mill Street, Galway.  
Diarmuid Mac an Adhastair, Beal a Dangan, Gaillimh.  
Mr. Patrick Hansberry, Glentane, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

27th Feb 1984 DATE

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6th February, 1984.

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

Tuesday - 14th February, 1984, at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,  
County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Lease of factory at Killaloonty, Tuam. -  
Notice dated 26th January, 1984, already circulated.
2. Continuation of Review of the County Development Plan -  
Documents enclosed herewith -  
Part IV - Development Control.  
Part V - Land Use Plans for non-scheduled towns and other areas.  
Appendix A - Residential Development Standards.  
Appendix B - Requirements for standard septic tank Treatment Systems.  
Appendix C - Requirements for Industrial and Commercial Development.  
Appendix D - Heritage areas.  
Appendix E - Galway City Environs - Long-term Planning strategy.
3. Memo from Planning Officer on changes proposed. - Copy herewith.

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GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

26th January, 1984

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to lease a plot of land with the factory thereon at Killaloonty, Weir Road, Tuam particulars of which are given hereunder viz:-

LAND: Plot of land area - .180 hectares approximately with factory thereon situated in the townland of Killaloonty, Tuam.

LANDS ACQUIRED FROM: Patrick Dempsey, High Street, Tuam.

TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE LEASED: Mr. James Commins,  
Craughwell Furniture Centre,  
Dublin Road, Craughwell,  
Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: Rent of £4,000 per annum.

OTHER COMENANTS OR CONDITIONS: The Lease shall be for a term not exceeding 2 years.

This proposal will be considered at the next meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 clear days from the date hereof.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE  
COUNTY SECRETARY

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8th February, 1984.

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, 20th February, 1984,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

to give preliminary consideration to the Estimate of Expenses for 1984.

Copy of the Estimate and of the County Manager's report are enclosed herewith.

Following consultation with the Chairman, it is proposed to hold the Statutory Estimates Meeting on Friday, 16th March, 1984.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

21st February, 1984.

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, 27th February, 1984, 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. "Sin de reir Roinn 4 de Acht Bainistíochta Chathrach agus Chondae (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrann Comhairle Condae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Condae cinneadh go gceadfar cead pleanála do Tadhg O' Tuathail le haghaidh teach nua a thogail ag Coismeig Mor. - Uimhir Tagartha Rolla Pleanála 47219."

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 grant Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick Duggan, Kilmeen, Loughrea, Co. Galway, for retention of roadside advertising sign at Caherlaine, Loughrea, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 47348."

Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Tom Welby.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick Duggan, Kilmeen, Loughrea, Co. Galway, for erection of roadside advertising sign at Kilmeen, Loughrea, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 47343."

Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Tom Welby.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick Duggan, Kilmeen, Loughrea, Co. Galway, for retention of existing roadside advertising at Ballingarry, Loughrea, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 47347."

Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Tom Welby.

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 Gerard P. King, of Shamrock Valley, Castlegar, Galway, for erection of a dwellinghouse at Burnthouse, Moycullen. - Planning Ref. No. 47374."

John Molloy. G. Bartley. T. 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 Permission to Miss Carmel Quinn of Cregboy, Claregalway, for erection of serviced dwellinghouse and garage at Cregboy, Claregalway. - Planning Ref. No. 45159."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

7. "D'reir Alt 4 de Acht Bainistiochta Cathrach agus Contae (Leasaithe), 1955, eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead a thabhairt do Peadar O'Griofa, Gleantrasna, Leitirmor, teach a thogail ag Lochan Beag, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe. - Uimhir Pleanála 47342."

Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Micheal S. O'Morain. P. O'Foighil.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

21u Feabhra, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionólfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimhe, De Luain, 27u la Feabhra, 1984, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Overdraft - quarter ending 30th June, 1984.
3. Capital Allocation - Housing Loans and Supplementary Grants, 1984.
4. Fix date of meeting to continue consideration of Estimates.
5. Fix date of meeting to continue review of the County Development Plan.
6. Appointment of Members of deputation to the Minister for the Environment re Estimates.
7. Second Phase - Public Service Pay Agreement.
8. Abstract of Accounts, 1982.
9. Raising of loan of £4,700 - contribution towards cost of headworks for Sylau/Dunmore Group Water Scheme.
10. Sale of Housing site at Clarinbridge - Notice dated 15th February, 1984.
11. Letter dated 13th January, 1984, from An Taisce - copy herewith - Minute No. 2262.
12. Malicious Damage Decrees - list herewith.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

1. That Galway County Council set up a contracts division whereby the County Council will act as Contractors on all future road widening and new road developments within the County Council area thereby ensuring greater control of finance and the continuity of employment for existing County Council workers.
2. That Galway County Council erect a fence to protect a lay-by from caravan parking at Caherbrien, Gort, on the main Galway-Limerick Road.

(b) Other Motions received:DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

3. That payment of a special contribution to Crosswood Group Water Scheme, the amount of the contribution to be that recently agreed by Engineers from the Council and the Department.
4. That preliminary work be commenced on the preparation of the Contract Drawings for Gort Regional Water Scheme in anticipation of the confirmation of the Water Rights Order and Compulsory Purchase Order by the Department of the Environment.
5. That land be acquired adjacent to the Burial Ground at Queen Street, Gort, for its extension.

COUNCILLORS M.J. KILGANNON AND M. RYAN - We will propose:

6. That the Council clarify the position re responsibility for roadside trees. In view of the recent fatalities caused by falling trees we will ask that immediate steps be taken to make all roads in the county safe from dangerous trees.

COUNCILLORS F. GLYNN AND P. RUANE - We will propose:

7. That Galway County Council do a survey of all trees and derelict buildings on the side of all public roads in County Galway, in view of the accidents because of falling trees during the recent storms.
8. That Galway County Council call on the Government to introduce legislation that would make it compulsory that the windscreens of all new vehicles be fitted with laminated glass in future.

COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN - I will propose:

9. That suitable markers be erected on the approaches to the dangerous bend on the National Primary Road opposite Mallon's house, Musicfield, Milltown, until such time as the bend is made more safe.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL S. O'MORAIN - Molaim:

10. Go mbeadh dha sholas breise i gCill Chiarain ag an Seipeal agus ag tigh Chathain.
11. Go ndeanfai iarracht coir a chur ar an mbothar mor o Charna go Maghros, chomh luath is feidir.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

12. That Galway County Council review the Mileage Allowance of County Council staff, who are being restricted in their work, with a reduction in the Mileage Allowance for 1984.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

13. That Galway County Council take steps to alleviate the serious flooding on the Moyloughmore Road, Moylough.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

14. That this Council carry out a decision taken at a Council Meeting - That is to take over the roads and services on the Fahy Estate, Oughterard - also which was recommended by Assistant Engineer, Mr. Copeland.
15. That the Galway West Regional Water Scheme be extended through Moycullen Village for approximately 1,000 metres on the Oughterard road to Willie Feeney's house.
16. That funds be made available to lay a section of water main in Camp Street, Oughterard. The existing water main is very <sup>corroded</sup> and householders and business people complain of lack of supply.

SENATOR ULICK BURKE - I will ask:

17. That Galway County Council allow the Residents of Shannon Park Estate, Portumna, instal ranges in their houses and to allow them some rent reduction in lieu of this cost as tenants.

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Carmel Morley, Ballyfarne, Claremorris.	Damage to motor car reg. no. 567 TIZ and items of clothing.	County at large.	£1,200.00	£422.75
Patricia Brannick, 5, Lenaboy Avenue, Salthill.	Contents of house maliciously damaged.	County at large.	£1,518.00	£741.93
Scully Contracting Company, Castlegar, Galway.	Damage to concrete block store with galvanised roof and steel plated door.	County at large.	£ 298.20	£291.90
Mr. Kevin Connolly, Winlough, Gentian Hill, Galway.	Damage to Yamaha Motor Cycle reg. no. 742 EIM.	County at large.	£ 702.50	£319.73
Mr. Neil Davidson, Gortroe, Currandulla, Co. Galway.	Motor Cycle - Suzuki TS reg. no. 800 JIM	County at large.	£ 477.00	£446.19
Corbett & Son Ltd., Castle Street, Galway.	Damage to roof window, three filing cabinets, 3 telephone receiver and one table.	County at large.	£2,000.00	£1,007.29
Francis Hallinan, 224 Upper Salthill, Galway.	Opel Ascona Motor vehicle sprayed with a chemical substance.	County at large.	£ 800.00	£382.89
Philip Boyle, Maunsells Road, Galway.	Motor Cycle - reg. no. 126 LIM damaged - clocks, headlamps, piston, mudguards, etc.	County at large.	£ 450.00	£346.53
Thomas Hoiohan, 42, Rahoon Park, Galway.	Motor Car (Mini) Reg. No. 7765 ZC and contents maliciously damaged.	County at large.	£ 865.00	£496.73

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Michael Keating, 37, Hawthorn Drive, Renmore, Galway.	Ford Escort - reg. no. Y10 48 maliciously damaged.	County at large.	£ 455.25	£228.73
Mr. Denis O'Neill, 28, Sandylvue Drive, Riverside, Galway.	Motor vehicle Datsun Bluebird Reg. No. 370 JIM maliciously damaged - aerial and windscreen wipers broken and body of car destroyed by paint.	County at large.	£ 503.96	£443.82
Ryder Plant Hire (Galway), 45, Dun na Mara Drive, Renmore, Galway.	J.C.B. Digger - malicious damage to rear window, sliding side door, fixed side window, rubber bead and filler steep.	County at large.	£ 268.26	£246.06
Gerard and Martina Guinnane, 6, High Street, Galway.	Skylight windows, doors and locks of premises at 6 High Street, Galway, were damaged.	Borough of Galway.	£ 750.00	£331.03
Gerard Small, 2, Newtownsmyth, Galway.	Toyota Hiace Van damaged.	Borough of Galway.	£ 500.00	£483.03
Connacht Mineral Water Co., Bohermore, Galway.	Metal Door and iron Mongery damaged. 1 doz. bottles of spirits smashed.	Borough of Galway.	£ 163.16	£377.70
James & Claire Murphy, 32 Lakeshore Drive, Renmore.	Clothing, antiques, bed fittings, lamps, carpets, chairs, other household goods damaged.	Borough of Galway.	£ 2,771.00	£1,346.93
Ashford Castle Hotel	Fire to room in Hotel - damage to room and contents.	County at large.	£20,000.00	£2,490.95
Dora Price	Damage to Renault 5 GPL, reg. no. CZN 775.	Borough of Galway.	£38.00	£119.48



Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Laurence Flanagan, Foorpheilim, Moate, Co. Westmeath.	Damage to the structure, fittings, fixtures, and contents of six self contained flats and out-buildings.	County at large.	£30,000.00	£23,000.00
Gerard Howard, 62, Castle Park, Galway.	Damage to boot, Bonnet, two doors, engine mountings, exhaust pipe, gear box, sump, battery leads, grill, and bodywork, removed a spare wheel, the seatcovers, two gallons of oil, a jack and a tool kit of motor vehicle reg. no. BZF 283.	County at large.	£ 500.00	£ 419 ll.

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.

15th February, 1984.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: Proposed Sale of land, Clarinbridge.  
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A Chara,

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

LAND

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Galway Diocesan Trustees.

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

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
6	£1,500

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The sites will be sold in fee simple.
2. The erection of a house to be completed by the purchaser within two years.

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

Mise le meas,

K. Doyle  
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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1984, TO CONSIDER THE REVIEW OF THE CONTROL SECTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND APPENDICES.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, 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.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, 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; P. Flood, County Engineer; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); Misses C. Burke, Staff Officer; and B. Finnerty, Clerical Officer; Messrs. F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; A. Comer, Draughtsman/Technician; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer, who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2277 - GET-WELL MESSAGE TO SENATOR M. KILLILEA:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair, it was resolved that best wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to Senator Killilea on behalf of the Members.

2278 - ACCESS TELEVISION PROGRAMME SCHEDULED FOR TRANSMISSION BY R.T.E. ON THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1984.

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Coogan, it was agreed that the following resolution should be forwarded to R.T.E.:

"That the proposed Access Community Television Programme by the National Gay Federation be withdrawn."

2279 - LEASING OF DEMOUNTABLE FACTORY AT KILLALOONTY, TUAM:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the letting of lands at Killaloonty, Weir Road, Tuam, comprising approx. 0.180 hectares with demountable factory thereon to Mr. James Cummins, Craughwell Furniture Centre, Dublin Road, Craughwell, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 26th January, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which was forwarded to each Member of the Council."

2281 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to enable the Members to make recommendations and proposals for any changes they wished to make in the Development Plan. He suggested that any changes to be made in the Plan should be made at this stage so that the Council would be in agreement when the time came to finalise and adopt the Draft Development Plan. The County Manager referred to previous meetings of the County Council in October, 1983, and January, 1984, at which the amenity and development sections were discussed by the Members.

He stated that the documents to be considered by the Members at this meeting were the Development Control Section of the Plan - Part IV and Land Use Plans

for non-scheduled towns and other areas - Part V together with Appendices A to E, the contents of which were described in Mr. Callagy's memo of 14th February, 1984, which had been circulated to the Members. Cllr. O'Morain made the following criticisms of the document on Development Control - its major aim appears to be to create an urbanised society in County Galway and to inhibit rural development in Connemara. The Development Control provisions are more suited to conditions in East Galway than to Connemara where land holdings are fragmented and site conditions are generally not ideal for septic tanks. He also criticised the roads classification as it applies to the Connemara Area. Referring to the practice of asking applicants for Planning Permission to relocate their proposed houses on sites indicated by the Planning Officer, he stated that landowners in Connemara usually chose the worst part of their holding as housing sites in order to retain better parts for agricultural purposes and he proposed that the following statement be included in the Development Control Section of the Plan:

"It is the aim of the County Development Plan to resist the urge to urbanise County Galway and where an applicant for Planning Permission has a genuine claim for a second family dwelling, every advice should be made available to that person in the Planning Office in relation to the siting of the proposed house but the applicant's right to choose the site should be over-riding."

Deputy Fahey stated that absolute planning control should not be applied in amenity areas unless a particular development would interfere with a specified view and that this should be written into the Plan. General specifications for the siting of septic tanks should not be given and each case should be decided on its individual merits by a County Council Engineer in the context of a Planning application. If Planning Officials wish, a minimum distance of 100 metres between a septic tank and a source of domestic water supply might be provided for in the Plan with the proviso that water quality tests on the source of water supply show no evidence of pollution. He stated that there should be some easing of control on national secondary routes which are not heavily trafficked and he referred in particular to the Gort/Loughre road. Replying to Deputy Fahey, the County Manager stated that there is a new provision in the text before the Council that was not in the previous Development Plan which provides that every case will be dealt with on its merits and this will be the over-riding condition even in the most sensitive areas.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the Members would examine each page of the documents on Development Control and attempt to agree each page before moving onto the next one. The following matters were agreed:

Page 1, Section 4.1 - Control of building, design and location:

- (a) The paragraph entitled "overall design should be re-written omitting references to quotation marks, professional skill, etc.," and emphasising instead "competently prepared drawings".
- (b) The reference to single-storey buildings in the paragraph entitled "Profile" should be qualified in order to indicate that there is no general prohibition on the construction of two-storey houses.

Page 1 was agreed subject to the matters referred to at (a) and (b).

Page 2:

It was decided to defer consideration of the paragraphs entitled "Environmental assimilation" and "obtrusiveness". The remainder of page 2 was agreed.

Page 3:

It was agreed to insert a statement in the paragraph entitled "General" in connection with the reference to Appendix D, Part C, the statement

to be to the effect that the Council will be free to vary the Appendix from time to time as it considers necessary in the light of any information emerging from the archaeological survey of County Galway which is at present in progress. Page 3 was otherwise agreed.

Page 4, Section 4.2 - Control of land uses:

Page 4 was agreed.

Page 5 - Housing Estate Development:

It was agreed that the paragraph entitled "Take over and completion of Estates" should be more strongly worded. Page 5 was otherwise agreed.

Page 6:

It was agreed to defer the paragraph entitled "Backlands Development" for further consideration. Page 6 was otherwise agreed.

Page 7 - Temporary living accommodation:

Page 7 was agreed.

Page 8, Section 4.2.2 - Industrial Use:

Page 8 was agreed.

Page 9:

Page 9 was agreed.

Matters arising out of the discussion at the meeting:

Arising out of a discussion on the building of natural stone walls by the Council in the course of road improvements on National routes, it was agreed that the County Engineer would make the Department of the Environment aware of the Members' views that this practice should be continued both in the interests of maintaining employment and in the interest of visual amenity.

In reply to a question by Councillor Bartley, the County Manager stated the question of arranging for the removal of wrecked caravans from the beach at Ballyconneely would be investigated in the context of the Litter Act.

In reply to a complaint by Councillor Haverty regarding a structure erected some time ago by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs, the County Manager stated that the matter would be investigated and Cllr. Haverty would be informed of the outcome.

In reply to queries raised by a number of Councillors with regard to amenity areas in Connemara, the County Manager stated that as had been agreed at an earlier meeting, Mr. Callagy has been and is still available to visit and discuss any amenity areas in Connemara with interested Councillors as required.

It was agreed that a statement would be included in the Development Plan intended to encourage the Arts by suggesting the inclusion of some work of Art in the larger industrial and commercial developments and it was also decided that a resolution would be forwarded to the Department of the Environment requesting that some provision be made in any proposed amendments of the Planning Acts. It was agreed that Mr. Callagy would propose a suitable wording to the Members both for the Plan and the proposed resolution.

It was agreed that the date for the next meeting to review the County Development Plan would be fixed at the February Meeting of the Council.

2282 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mr. Michael Flaherty (Johnny Tom), Carraroe, Co. Galway.

SUBMITTED APPROVED & CONFIRMED!  
 Michael Ryan  
 CHAIRMAN  
 25th March 1984  
 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor T. Byrne, Councillors J. Callanan, 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, P. O'Foighil, M. O'h-Uiginn, 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; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, and A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; S. McMahan, Senior Executive Engineer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2283 - SYMPATHY:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. Michael Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer, on the death of his sister.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, the Council also extended its sympathy to Councillor O'Conchubhair on the death of his uncle.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, the Council also extended its sympathy to Mr. Jimmy O'Mara, T.C., Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, on the death of his mother.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Hugh Mannion, Moylough.  
 Mr. Pat Gannon, Caladh Fhinnse, Carna.  
 Mairin, Bean M. Owens, Bothar Ath Chinn, Gaillimh.  
 Mrs. Michael Coughlan, Kilahuna, Killimor, Ballinasloe.  
 Mrs. R. O'Meara, Derryhinney, Portumna.  
 Mrs. Maureen Casey, Portnick, Ballinasloe.  
 Mr. Francis McClearn, Tomany, Kylebrack, Loughrea.  
 Mrs. Martin Page, Rossmore, Woodford.  
 Mr. Oliver Varley, Headford, Co. Galway.

2284 - RETIREMENT OF MISS E. DORAN AS GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

On the proposition of the Chairman, supported by all members present, the Council extended its good wishes to Miss E. Doran on her retirement as Secretary to the General Council of County Councils and expressed appreciation for the long and dedicated service which she had given to the General Council and to local authorities.

2285 - GET-WELL MESSAGE TO MR. F. MONAHAN, S.E.E.:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, extended its good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer.

2286 - WELCOME TO SENATOR M. KILLILEA:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, supported by all Members present, welcomed back Senator Killilea to the Council Chamber after his recent illness.

Senator Killilea thanked the Members for their good wishes during his illness.

2287 - ELECTRICITY FAILURES - CARRAROE AREA:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was resolved that the Electricity Supply Board would be asked to investigate the causes of four breakdowns in the electricity supply to the Carraroe Area since Christmas and asked to ensure that there would be no repetition of those incidents.

2288 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Senator Burke, seconded by the Chairman, the Council congratulated Councillor Pól O'Foighil on his selection as a candidate for the European Parliamentary Elections.

2289 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1984:

The Chairman suggested that the County Manager should first give a summary of his report to the Council which had been circulated, that the County Engineer should then give his report on Roads after which the Council could raise any points which they wished to make.

Councillor O'Morain asked that the County Engineer's report be deferred to later and that a special meeting would be held to consider the question of roads. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. O'Conchubhair. The Chairman stated that this proposal can be considered later.

The County Manager then reviewed for Members in detail his report dated 3rd February, 1984, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council and gave further explanations of the various matters which were mentioned therein.

Councillor Callanan expressed disappointment at the lower level of State Grant indicated to be available for 1984 and stressed that roads should be the Council's first priority and also to keep the work force in employment. He considered also that more money should be put into Housing Maintenance. He stated that water charges and the rate on commercial property should not be increased, and recommended that the money to finance increased employment on Roads and on House Maintenance should be obtained by an additional allocation of money from the Government or to reduce the amount to be provided for statutory demands.

Deputy Fahey and all other Councillors who spoke, complimented the County Manager and the staff who had prepared the Estimates for the clear manner in which the documentation had been prepared, and in which the financial problems facing the Council had been set out.

Deputy Fahey stated that while the Council proposed to spend about £30 million, there is almost nothing going on and he opposed the suggestion that no new water supply or sewerage schemes should be commenced despite the difficulty outlined by the County Manager in repaying the loans.

He stated that the Council needed a clearer breakdown of administrative charges and stated that he had been informed that there are 92 Engineers employed by the County Council although there is now a serious drop in the workload. He asked for a breakdown of administrative and management costs. He stated that he was opposed to making roadworkers redundant and expressed concern that temporary staff who were employed last year are now given notice of termination of their employment. He stated that the Manager should put forward an alternative proposal to making people redundant. He had heard of criticisms of the performance of

roadworkers and their productivity but he stated that he was not blaming the workers but the management and control of the workers. He stated that many of the roadworkers could be better employed than they are at the moment and he stated that there is a lot of important work to be done including better management of water supplies, both public and group schemes. He stated that the Council should not be dispensing with the services of the youngest and most able of the workers while retaining the services of the older workers who would be retiring in a few years.

Deputy Fahey asked for an evaluation of the benefits which the Council gets from the Electricity Supply Board for the £123,000 per annum which is paid for public lighting. Referring to proposed improvements of the treatment works at Tuam and Loughrea, he asked if this was an admission that those schemes were causing pollution.

Councillor M. Fahy stated with the loss of £9.9 million on roads since 1980, the roads are going into a worse condition every year and will cost huge sums to restore them. He considered that too much money is being spent on the building of walls in major roadworks and he believed that a lighter and a safer wall could be built at less cost. He considered that more money should be provided for house maintenance for demountable dwellings for elderly people and for amenity grants to help local development associations. He recommended that instead of laying off roadworkers, those who are 60 or over should be given the option of voluntary retirement.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that since most of the Council's money comes from the Government, the Government should deal with monies payable to ACOT, Western Health Board and the Office of Public Works. The Council itself has no input into the work of those organisations. He stated that the Council's most important service is roads and he said it raised the question of whether better value could be obtained by a Contract system. He also referred to the imbalance between the amount of money allocated to National Roads which are a very low mileage and the other roads which have a major portion of the mileage in the County. He could not see the justification for spending large sums of money on hard shoulders while roads on which a large number of people had to travel are neglected. He recommended that some system be devised to enable tenants carry out some repairs to their own houses with some incentive or reward system being made available to them to do so. He stated that there is a serious deterioration in the maintenance of roads particularly in relation to hedge-cutting which are damaging school buses. He considered that mechanisation can go too far and that too much money is being spent on machinery hire. He recommended that the Council should not employ machinery where the work can reasonably be done by workmen.

Councillor Glynn stated that the problems of the Council go back to the abolition of Rates and he criticised the increased imposition of Rates on the 11% who have to carry the burden of Rates on commercial property. He stated that the primary purpose of the Council is to keep services going and the Council should look at every alternative in order to get the best value for money. He considered that the Council's primary aim should not be to keep people in employment but to get services provided. He pointed out that the Council is increasing its liability for roads by taking over small insignificant roads and he suggested that the Councillors forego the Notice of Motion allocation and leave it for road repairs. He considered that farm accommodation roads should be done by the Local Improvement Schemes.

He supported Deputy Fahey's comments on public lighting and stated that he does not consider that the Council is getting good value for money. He referred to long breakdowns in electricity supply and understood that the Council is getting only four inspections per annum from the E.S.B. He recommended that some provision be made in the Estimates for the provision of a Dogs and Cats Home and that Environmental

Protection works should be put out to Tender in order to reduce the cost. He also referred to the need for completing the fencing of Addergoolé Cemetery. He suggested also that the provision of £24,000 for Amenity Grants should be deleted from the Estimates entirely this year and suggested that Youth Employment Scheme monies should be utilised instead. He expressed approval of the proposal that the Malicious Injuries Code should be repealed.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the County Manager's report and the Estimate before the Council prove that the County Council cannot function and he suggested that the Estimate be rejected as the Council is now incapable of administering the affairs of the County. He stated that the provision for Housing Maintenance is only 50% of the requirements. He stated that the Council has the sum of £10 million under-invested in roads in the past few years and he asked that the Council do not pass the Estimate as by doing so, the Council is accepting responsibility for something which it is not in a position to do. He criticised the fact that there is no Government assistance towards pollution control and stated that the County Manager's suggestion that a local contribution towards the provision of Burial Grounds is unfair.

He criticised the failure of the Government to take over the responsibility for ACOT, Western Health Board and the Office of Public Works demands which was supposed to be done a few years ago. He considered that the commercial and business community are being over-charged for all services. He proposed that the document before the Council be rejected until a deputation is received by the Minister and that no increase be levied in respect of the rate on commercial premises or on water charges.

Senator Killilea also criticised the inadequacy of the increase of 0.8% when compared with an inflation rate of over 10% and he asked how the County Council can be expected to run the services of a County with the limited funds allocated while millions of pounds can be given to organisations like C.I.E. The estimate before the County Council means a zero growth in 1984 at a time while the staff and members are being harassed by the public for services. He proposed that the Council send a deputation to the Minister and if additional funds are not available, the Council should reject the 0.8% increase proposed and leave the County as it was in 1983. He stated that it is clear that the Council cannot pay money to ACOT, Western Health Board, or to the Office of Public Works, and he considered that even if the Council were dissolved, they would be as well off as to be facing the abuse and criticism of the public who are complaining about the inadequate services. The Council should not pretend it can pay money which it has not got and has no hope of paying. He criticised the imposition of charges for planning applications, stating that the Council had collected three times more than it had expected in 1983 from people who badly needed the money for development.

He suggested that the Council should get private enterprise to service the public lighting and thereby effect a saving. He stated that the Council should not go ahead with the purchase of the Folk Park at Rinville, Oranmore. He considered that the allocation of the workload in the County Council is unbalanced and that some Departments, such as the Housing, appear to be understaffed for the amount of work which is being carried on there.

Senator Killilea proposed that the Council appoint a deputation to meet the Minister for the Environment on the financial problems which are facing the Council and that no Estimate be adopted until such time as the Council have met the Minister.

This proposal was seconded by Senator Ulick Burke and agreed.

Senator Burke stated that the Council is now at the point of crisis and is in a much worse state than the last time the deputation met the Minister. The Council should not prune any service unless it is absolutely necessary.

He expressed approval that proposals for Amenity Grants had been left on the Estimates and stated that they have in the past been very fairly apportioned throughout the County and are much appreciated by local development associations who see this as direct recognition of their work by the County Council. He stated that similar considerations apply to Notice of Motion Roads as they provide a service right down to the community level.

He stated that there is a deterioration in the standard of maintenance of housing due to lack of finances and he suggested that in Tenant Purchase Schemes rather than an escalating clause, there should be a deterioration clause determining the price particularly in relation to prefab houses. He stated that the pressure on the Western Health Board to meet its commitments is so great that he asked that the County Council would make every effort to pay the amount provided in the Estimates by the Manager with the least possible delay. He stated that the two other Counties in the area of the Board are practically clear with their commitments. On the question of lay-off of workers, he stated that the Council must decide if it employing people for social reasons or whether it wishes to get services at the cheapest cost. He stated that if there are redundancies, plant would also be idle. He proposed that the charges for water and refuse collection be set off against the rates on commercial property. (Councillor O'Morain seconded this proposal.) He asked that Engineering areas should be asked to supply details of the costs of works which they have carried out within the area by comparison with the allocation which they have got. He considered that the Council should consider charging for advertising signs on roadways as he considered that a reasonable amount of Revenue could be obtained from this source.

It was decided to defer the selection of the Members of the Deputation to meet the Minister to the meeting to be held on the 27th instant.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

26th March 1984 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1984.

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, Deputies J. Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, 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. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); E. Lusby, Finance Officer; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; Messrs. K. Doyle, County Secretary; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer who acted as Secretary to the Meeting.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2290 - RUN FAOI ALT 4 DEN ACHT BAINISTIOCHTA CHATHRACH AGUS CHONTAE (LEASAITHE), 1955 - IARRATAS I GCOMHAIR CEAD PLEANALA - UIMHIR TAGARTHA 47219 - TADHG O'TUATHAIL:

The County Engineer informed the Members that it was proposed to decide to grant Permission in this case and the resolution was not, therefore, put to the meeting.

2291 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47348 - PATRICK DUGGAN:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

This unauthorised sign has been erected on the N.6 Galway/Dublin Route, 1 mile west of Loughrea at its junction with the Loughrea/Athenry Road. The location is on a horizontal road curve where the maximum speed limit applies.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The stated policy of the Planning Authority relating to advertising signs in rural areas is set out in Section 6.05 of the County Development Plan, i.e., "to strictly limit advertising signs in rural areas". This policy has been fairly successfully pursued along National Routes in particular where the added problem of serious traffic hazard arises when the proliferation of such signs causes distraction to drivers and consequent accident risk. The recent tendency for business people to erect signs without Planning Permission on the approaches to towns and villages is undermining planning policy and reducing the safety level of the Route.

Consideration is being given to developing advertising depots/laybys on the fringes of the larger towns where local businesses can display their advertisements in an orderly but conspicuous manner while at the same time avoiding an unsightly

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scatter of hoardings and signs throughout the countryside. Such a project will only prove viable if it is linked to a policy of refusing advertising signs outside town speed limits in the interim.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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 it would cause distraction to drivers travelling along the Route and serve as a precedent for the proliferation of other similar signs in rural areas along such Routes."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy. The County Engineer stated that the advertising sign referred to in this resolution and those referred to in resolutions numbered 3 and 4 on the Agenda were all unauthorised signs, two of which were on the National Primary Route and one on the National Secondary Route. He stated that the Council is at present undertaking a survey of all such signs on the National Routes and will be taking action against any unauthorised signs. Senator Killilea stated that he was unable to understand why the Council should oppose such signs which he stated are very common in Europe. Referring to the survey of advertising signs, he stated that this would result in individuals being deprived of advertising signs while hoardings erected by multi-national companies would escape because they had been erected before the Planning Act came into operation. He suggested that all advertising signs should be permitted. Councillor Brennan proposed with regard to the erection of such signs, many of which could be unsightly. Councillor Coogan seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal. A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Bartley, Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(18)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, P. McCormack.

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The Chairman, Deputy Connaughton, and Councillor Coogan did not vote.

The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

2292 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47343 - MR. PATRICK DUGGAN.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

This unauthorised sign has been erected in the front garden of a house on the N.6 Galway/Dublin Road 3 miles east of Loughrea and approximately 1/4 mile from the junction to Portumna.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The stated policy of the Planning Authority relating to advertising signs in rural areas is set out in Section 6.05 of the County Development Plan, i.e., "to strictly limit advertising signs in rural areas". This policy has been fairly successfully pursued along National Routes in particular where the added problem of serious traffic hazard arises when the proliferation of such signs causes distraction to drivers and consequent accident risk. The recent tendency for business people to erect signs without Planning Permission on the

approaches to towns and villages is undermining Planning policy and reducing the safety level of the Route.

Consideration is being given to developing advertising depots/laybys on the fringes of the larger towns where local businesses can display their advertisements in an orderly but conspicuous manner while at the same time avoiding an unsightly scatter of hoardings and signs throughout the countryside. Such a project will only prove viable if it is linked to a policy of refusing advertising signs outside town speed limits in the interim.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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 it would cause distraction to drivers travelling along the Route and serve as a precedent for the proliferation of other similar signs in rural areas along such Routes."

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy and seconded by Councillor E. Haverty. Councillor Brennan proposed that Permission be not granted and this proposal was seconded by Cllr. Coogan.

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

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

(17)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, and P. McCormack. (3)

The Chairman, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne and Coogan, did not vote.

The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

2293 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47347 - PATRICK DUGGAN:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

This unauthorised sign has been erected on an unrealigned but straight section of the N.66 Gort/Loughrea Route approximately 2 miles West of Loughrea at a point where the maximum speed limit applies.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The stated policy of the Planning Authority relating to advertising signs in rural areas is set out in Section 6.05 of the County Development Plan, i.e., "to strictly limit advertising signs in rural areas". This policy has been fairly successfully pursued along National Routes in particular where the added problem of serious traffic hazard arises when the proliferation of such signs causes distraction to drivers and consequent accident risk.

The recent tendency for business people to erect signs without Planning Permission on the approaches to towns and villages is undermining planning policy and reducing the safety level of the Route.

Consideration is being given to developing advertising depots/laybys on the fringes of the larger towns where local businesses can display their advertisements in an orderly but conspicuous manner while at the same time avoiding an unsightly scatter of hoardings and signs throughout the countryside. Such a project will only prove viable if it is linked to a policy of refusing advertising signs outside town speed limits in the interim.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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 it would cause distraction to drivers travelling along the Route and serve as a precedent for the proliferation of other similar signs in rural areas along such Routes."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy and seconded by Councillor E. Haverty. Councillor J. Brennan proposed that Permission not be granted and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Coogan.

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

FOR: Councillors Bartley, Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Fahey, Cllrs. M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Sen. Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Poighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(18)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, and McCormack. (3)

The Chairman, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Coogan and Councillor Glynn did not vote.

The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

2294 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE NUMBER 47374 - GERARD T. KING.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located close to the shores of Lough Corrib at Burnthouse, Collinamuck, approximately 13 miles from Galway City.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been a number of applications on this site and on adjacent lands following extensive clearing of hazel woodland in 1973.

Reference number 14168: Outline Permission granted by the Minister on a large site, which includes the present site, to Thomas Carter. A second family housing need was claimed. This Permission was never proceeded with and has now elapsed.

- Reference Number 25231: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala on this site to Owen Hannon.
- Reference Number 28201: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority to Owen Hannon on a large site which includes this site.
- Reference Number 45064: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala on this site to Gerard P. King.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is at Burnthouse/Knockferry Cross where there is an extensive view of Lough Corrib and its shoreline. There are a number of older houses nearby, all of which have attached land holdings and which are generally well sited and present no damage to visual amenity.

This proposal would result in the location of a house in the foreground of a panoramic view of the Corrib Country which would be damaging to visual amenity and would act as a precedent for further such development in this area. No housing need has been claimed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would injure the visual amenity of the area because the dwellinghouse would be located in the foreground of a panoramic view of Lough Corrib and its hinterland and it would be a prominent discordant element in the scenic view."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor O'Morain. Councillor Brennan proposed that Permission be not granted in this case stating that no case had been made by the proposers of the resolution and that there had been a history of refusals on the site. He stated that if every applicant who was refused Planning Permission sought to have such Permission granted by Section 4, there would be no order in planning in the County.

Councillor Brennan's proposal was not seconded and the Chairman, therefore, declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

2295 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45159 - MISS CARMEL QUINN.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the N.17 Galway/Tuam Road, half mile south of Claregalway. It adjoins the applicant's parent's farmhouse in an area which has been subject to heavy pressures for housing and commercial development in recent years.

PLANNING HISTORY:

- Ref. No. 8426: Outline Permission refused to P. Garrett on front of this site.

- Ref. No. 12756: Outline Permission refused to J. Quinn by Planning Authority and by the Minister on Appeal on this site. Applicant stated that he wished to sell the site so as to get capital to build a new house for himself. He had obtained permission for a family house on an adjoining site. Ref. No. 15611.
- Ref. No. 14825: Outline permission refused by Planning Authority and Minister as in the case of 12756.
- Ref. No. 17106: Outline Permission refused on this site to J. Quinn by the Planning Authority.
- Ref. No. 18431: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority and by the Minister to J. Quinn, as in previous cases 12756 and 14825.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant wishes to sell the site so as to be able to provide finance for medical treatment for a member of the family. While it is accepted that a humanitarian need exists, the proposal must be assessed on Planning Grounds and, as such, does not come within the permitted categories of housing need allowable on this road.

The applicant's father has land on a minor road nearby, where there are already two houses built. Part of her father's land was sterilized so as to provide the necessary site area for one of the houses but it is probable that a suitable site is available on this minor road which would be saleable. A detailed examination of the minor road land frontage was not done, but this can be arranged if required.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal is recommended as follows:

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 Section 6 of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to local family housing needs on farm holdings. Such a housing need has not been claimed in this case.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea who stated that the circumstances surrounding this application are out of the ordinary. He stated that a member of this family is on a kidney machine and medical expenses have placed the family in financial difficulty. He stated that a family in such need should be facilitated and he recommended a grant of Permission on humanitarian grounds. He stated that he had had consultations with the Planning Officer in this case.

Councillor J. Molloy seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

Councillor Brennan referred to the fact that a site is available to the applicant on a minor road and suggested that such a site would be as valuable as a site on the main road. He stated that if Councillors advised applicants as to what is and what is not acceptable on planning grounds, there would be less Section 4s and he expressed concern at the precedent set by the granting of Permission on humanitarian grounds.

The County Engineer stated that while the Members may be assisting a person with particular problems in this instance if a major accident should occur



at this location, it might well result in the deaths of several people. He stated that the reason for the recommendation to refuse is in order to keep the roads safe for traffic using them.

Senator Killilea stated that there is significant sight distance on each side of the entrance to this site and that there is a lot of land sterilised in the area which causes people to seek permissions adjacent to the main road.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that the Planning Act should be amended, not alone to enable the Council to have regard to cultural matters in deciding on planning applications, but also to have regard to humanitarian considerations.

Since there was no amendments to Senator Killilea's proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

2296 - RUN FAOI ALT 4 DE'N ACHT BAINISTIOCHTA CHATHRACH AGUS CHONTAE (LEASAITHE) 1955 - IARRATAS I GCOMHAIR CEAD PLEANALA - UIMHIR TAGARTHA 47342 - PEADAR O'GRIOFA:

The County Engineer 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:

The applicant had a previous Section 4 motion before the Council but the wrong site was submitted with the application. This application was refused on public health and visual amenity grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on an exposed hillside on the seaward side of the main tourist route and the proposed development would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape. 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 in question is not large enough to accommodate a septic tank and percolation area in accordance with the Galway County Council standard requirements, even if the building line requirement is reduced to 30 ft. from the roadway. In order to overcome this difficulty, the applicant has proposed to use a proprietary composting toilet which would be connected to the electricity supply and would turn the waste into a turf-like compost. However, the C.M.O. has stated that such installations are not suitable as a permanent treatment system in a dwellinghouse and has recommended that the application be refused.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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 in accordance with the Galway County Council standard requirements and the alternative treatment system proposed is unacceptable to the Planning Authority for permanent treatment of domestic effluent, the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor N. O'Conchubhair who stated that the applicant is a young man who has moved into this area and is working there. He stated that he had discussed this matter with the Engineer and that he was grateful to the Engineer for coming out to visit the site.

He stated that he does not consider that a house at this location would be obtrusive and with regard to the problem of effluent disposal, he stated that the system proposed has been successful in other areas and would not be a health hazard according to the manufacturers of the system.

Councillor O'Foighil seconded Councillor O'Conchubhair's proposal. He stated that he agreed with Councillor O'Conchubhair that the house would not be obtrusive and that the treatment system proposed would not constitute a health hazard. He stated that he is not happy with the opinion given by the County Medical Officer with regard to the proposal for effluent disposal and he stated that if this area is not suitable for the normal septic tank, it was up to the Council to come up with an acceptable alternative. He stated that if the system is well maintained and working properly, there should be no health hazard.

The County Engineer stated in reply to a query by Councillor Brennan that the treatment system proposed will deal only with sewage and there is no proposal in the application for dealing with bath or sink waste. He stated that he does not know if it will work with regard to sewerage and the County Medical Officer has stated that the system is not good as a permanent means of effluent disposal.

In reply to a further query by Councillor Brennan, Mr. Liam Kavanagh stated that the application could be deferred if the applicant agreed to an extension of time. He stated that the Council's Engineers are not familiar with the process involved in the proposed effluent treatment system as they have no direct experience of how it works. The suitability or otherwise of the system from the point of view of public health would be a matter for the County Medical Officer and he has already given his opinion.

Councillor O'Morain stated that this is third time the application has been discussed and that it should not be deferred any further.

Councillor Brennan proposed that Permission be not granted in this case and Councillor J. Burke seconded this 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 Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(21)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan and J. Burke.

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The Chairman and Councillor Glynn did not vote.

The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED!

*Michael Ryan*  
CHAIRMAN

26th March 1984  
DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 20TH FEBRUARY, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor T. Byrne, Councillors J. Callanan, 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, P. O'Foighil, M. O'h-Uiginn, 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; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, and A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2283 - SYMPATHY:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. Michael Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer, on the death of his sister.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, the Council also extended its sympathy to Councillor O'Conchubhair on the death of his uncle.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, the Council also extended its sympathy to Mr. Jimmy O'Mara, T.C., Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, on the death of his mother.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Hugh Mannion, Moylough.  
Mr. Pat Gannon, Caladh Fhinnse, Carna.  
Mairin, Bean M. Owens, Bothar Ath Chinn, Gaillimh.  
Mrs. Michael Coughlan, Kilahuna, Killimor, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. R. O'Meara, Derryhinney, Portumna.  
Mrs. Maureen Casey, Portnick, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Francis McClearn, Tomany, Kylebrack, Loughrea.  
Mrs. Martin Page, Rossmore, Woodford.  
Mr. Oliver Varley, Headford, Co. Galway.

2284 - RETIREMENT OF MISS E. DORAN AS GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

On the proposition of the Chairman, supported by all members present, the Council extended its good wishes to Miss E. Doran on her retirement as Secretary to the General Council of County Councils and expressed appreciation for the long and dedicated service which she had given to the General Council and to local authorities.

2285 - GET-WELL MESSAGE TO MR. F. MONAHAN, S.E.E.:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, extended its good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer.

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2286 - WELCOME TO SENATOR M. KILLILEA:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, supported by all Members present, welcomed back Senator Killilea to the Council Chamber after his recent illness.

Senator Killilea thanked the Members for their good wishes during his illness.

2287 - ELECTRICITY FAILURES - CARRAROE AREA:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was resolved that the Electricity Supply Board would be asked to investigate the causes of four breakdowns in the electricity supply to the Carraroe Area since Christmas and asked to ensure that there would be no repetition of those incidents.

2288 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Senator Burke, seconded by the Chairman, the Council congratulated Councillor Pol O'Foighil on his selection as a candidate for the European Parliamentary Elections.

2289 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1984:

The Chairman suggested that the County Manager should first give a summary of his report to the Council which had been circulated, that the County Engineer should then give his report on Roads after which the Council could raise any points which they wished to make.

Councillor O'Morain asked that the County Engineer's report be deferred to later and that a special meeting would be held to consider the question of roads. This proposal was seconded by Clr. O'Conchubhair. The Chairman stated that this proposal can be considered later.

The County Manager then reviewed for Members in detail his report dated 3rd February, 1984, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council and gave further explanations of the various matters which were mentioned therein.

Councillor Callanan expressed disappointment at the lower level of State Grant indicated to be available for 1984 and stressed that roads should be the Council's first priority and also to keep the work force in employment. He considered also that more money should be put into Housing Maintenance. He stated that water charges and the rate on commercial property should not be increased, and recommended that the money to finance increased employment on Roads and on House Maintenance should be obtained by an additional allocation of money from the Government or to reduce the amount to be provided for statutory demands.

Deputy Fahey and all other Councillors who spoke, complimented the County Manager and the staff who had prepared the Estimates for the clear manner in which the documentation had been prepared, and which the financial problems facing the Council had been set out.

Deputy Fahey stated that while the Council proposed to spend about £30 million, there is almost nothing going on and he opposed the suggestion that no new water supply or sewerage schemes should be commenced despite the difficulty outlined by the County Manager in repaying the loans.

He stated that the Council needed a clearer breakdown of administrative charges and stated that he had been informed that there are 92 Engineers employed by the County Council although there is now a serious drop in the workload. He asked for a breakdown of administrative and management costs. He stated that he was opposed to making roadworkers redundant and expressed concern that temporary staff who were employed last year are now given notice of termination of their employment. He stated that the Manager should put forward an alternative proposal to making people redundant. He had heard of criticisms of the performance of

roadworkers and their productivity but he stated that he was not blaming the workers but the management and control of the workers. He stated that many of the roadworkers could be better employed than they are at the moment and he stated that there is a lot of important work to be done including better management of water supplies, both public and group schemes. He stated that the Council should not be dispensing with the services of the youngest and most able of the workers while retaining the services of the older workers who would be retiring in a few years.

Deputy Fahey asked for an evaluation of the benefits which the Council gets from the Electricity Supply Board for the £123,000 per annum which is paid for public lighting. Referring to proposed improvements of the treatment works at Tuam and Loughrea, he asked if this was an admission that those schemes were causing pollution.

Councillor M. Fahy stated with the loss of £9.9 million on roads since 1980, the roads are going into a worse condition every year and will cost huge sums to restore them. He considered that too much money is being spent on the building of walls in major roadworks and he believed that a lighter and a safer wall could be built at less cost. He considered that more money should be provided for house maintenance for demountable dwellings for elderly people and for amenity grants to help local development associations. He recommended that instead of laying off roadworkers, those who are 60 or over should be given the option of voluntary retirement.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that since most of the Council's money comes from the Government, the Government should deal with monies payable to ACOT, Western Health Board and the Office of Public Works. The Council itself has no input into the work of those organisations. He stated that the Council's most important service is roads and he said it raised the question of whether better value could be obtained by a Contract system. He also referred to the imbalance between the amount of money allocated to National Roads which are a very low mileage and the other roads which have a major portion of the mileage in the County. He could not see the justification for spending large sums of money on hard shoulders while roads on which a large number of people had to travel are neglected. He recommended that some system be devised to enable tenants carry out some repairs to their own houses with some incentive or reward system being made available to them to do so. He stated that there is a serious deterioration in the maintenance of roads particularly in relation to hedge-cutting which are damaging school buses. He considered that mechanisation can go too far and that too much money is being spent on machinery hire. He recommended that the Council should not employ machinery where the work can reasonably be done by workmen.

Councillor Glynn stated that the problems of the Council go back to the abolition of Rates and he criticised the increased imposition of Rates on the 11% who have to carry the burden of Rates on commercial property. He stated that the primary purpose of the Council is to keep services going and the Council should look at every alternative in order to get the best value for money. He considered that the Council's primary aim should not be to keep people in employment but to get services provided. He pointed out that the Council is increasing its liability for roads by taking over small insignificant roads and he suggested that the Councillors forego the Notice of Motion allocation and leave it for road repairs. He considered that farm accommodation roads should be done by the Local Improvement Schemes.

He supported Deputy Fahey's comments on public lighting and stated that he does not consider that the Council is getting good value for money. He referred to long breakdowns in electricity supply and understood that the Council is getting only four inspections per annum from the E.S.B. He recommended that some provision be made in the Estimates for the provision of a Dogs and Cats Home and that Environmental

Protection works should be put out to Tender in order to reduce the cost. He also referred to the need for completing the fencing of Addergoole Cemetery. He suggested also that the provision of £24,000 for Amenity Grants should be deleted from the Estimates entirely this year and suggested that Youth Employment Scheme monies should be utilised instead. He expressed approval of the proposal that the Malicious Injuries Code should be repealed.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the County Manager's report and the Estimate before the Council prove that the County Council cannot function and he suggested that the Estimate be rejected as the Council is now incapable of administering the affairs of the County. He stated that the provision for Housing Maintenance is only 50% of the requirements. He stated that the Council has the sum of £10 million under-invested in roads in the past few years and he asked that the Council do not pass the Estimate as by doing so, the Council is accepting responsibility for something which it is not in a position to do. He criticised the fact that there is no Government assistance towards pollution control and stated that the County Manager's suggestion that a local contribution towards the provision of Burial Grounds is unfair.

He criticised the failure of the Government to take over the responsibility for ACOT, Western Health Board and the Office of Public Works demands which was supposed to be done a few years ago. He considered that the commercial and business community are being over-charged for all services. He proposed that the document before the Council be rejected until a deputation is received by the Minister and that no increase be levied in respect of the rate on commercial premises or on water charges.

Senator Killilea also criticised the inadequacy of the increase of 0.8% when compared with an inflation rate of over 10% and he asked how the County Council can be expected to run the services of a County with the limited funds allocated while millions of pounds can be given to organisations like C.I.E. The estimate before the County Council means a zero growth in 1984 at a time while the staff and members are being harassed by the public for services. He proposed that the Council send a deputation to the Minister and if additional funds are not available, the Council should reject the 0.8% increase proposed and leave the County as it was in 1983. He stated that it is clear that the Council cannot pay money to ACOT, Western Health Board, or to the Office of Public Works, and he considered that even if the Council were dissolved, they would be as well off as to be facing the abuse and criticism of the public who are complaining about the inadequate services. The Council should not pretend it can pay money which it has not got and has no hope of paying. He criticised the imposition of charges for planning applications, stating that the Council had collected three times more than it had expected in 1983 from people who badly needed the money for development.

He suggested that the Council should get private enterprise to service the public lighting and thereby effect a saving. He stated that the Council should not go ahead with the purchase of the Folk Park at Rinville, Oranmore. He considered that the allocation of the workload in the County Council is unbalanced and that some Departments, such as the Housing, appear to be understaffed for the amount of work which is being carried on there.

Senator Killilea proposed that the Council appoint a deputation to meet the Minister for the Environment on the financial problems which are facing the Council and that no Estimate be adopted until such time as the Council have met the Minister.

This proposal was seconded by Senator Ulick Burke and agreed.

Senator Burke stated that the Council is now at the point of crisis and is in a much worse state than the last time the deputation met the Minister. The Council should not prune any service unless it is absolutely necessary.

He expressed approval that proposals for Amenity Grants had been left on the Estimates and stated that they have in the past been very fairly apportioned throughout the County and are much appreciated by local development associations who see this as direct recognition of their work by the County Council. He stated that similar considerations apply to Notice of Motion Roads as they provide a service right down to the community level.

He stated that there is a deterioration in the standard of maintenance of housing due to lack of finances and he suggested that in Tenant Purchase Schemes rather than an escalating clause, there should be a deterioration clause determining the price particularly in relation to prefab houses. He stated that the pressure on the Western Health Board to meet its commitments is so great that he asked that the County Council would make every effort to pay the amount provided in the Estimates by the Manager with the least possible delay. He stated that the two other Counties in the area of the Board are practically clear with their commitments. On the question of lay-off of workers, he stated that the Council must decide if it employing people for social reasons or whether it wishes to get services at the cheapest cost. He stated that if there are redundancies, plant would also be idle. He proposed that the charges for water and refuse collection be set off against the rates on commercial property. (Councillor O'Morain seconded this proposal.) He asked that Engineering areas should be asked to supply details of the costs of works which they have carried out within the area by comparison with the allocation which they have got. He considered that the Council should consider charging for advertising signs on roadways as he considered that a reasonable amount of Revenue could be obtained from this source.

It was decided to defer the selection of the Members of the Deputation to meet the Minister to the meeting to be held on the 27th instant.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED :

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

*26th March 1984* DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1984.

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, Deputies J. Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, 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. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); E. Lusby, Finance Officer; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2297 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed that the Council extend its sympathy to the families of the late Mr. Redmond Lee, former Planning Officer with the County Council, and of Mr. Michael Molloy of Salthill, and he proposed as a mark of respect that the Council meeting stand adjourned for five minutes.

This proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Morain.

The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy with the relatives of both deceased on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council. Other Members of the Council present also associated themselves with the votes of sympathy.

After a short adjournment, resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Virginia McGrath, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.  
The family of the late Mr. Jack Divilly, Presentation Road, Galway.  
Mr. & Mrs. P. Tierney, Esker, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Michael Whelan, Corrandrum, Galway.  
Mrs. Mary Higgins, Cregclare, Ardahan, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Loretta Burke, Bantrach Ard, Cill Chiarain.

2298 - MINUTES:

The adoption of the Minutes of Meetings held on the 9th January, 13th January, and 23rd January, (2237 - 2276 inclusive) was proposed by Cllr. Molloy and seconded by Councillor Brennan.

Councillor Welby referred to Minute no. 2266 in relation to the position of Mr. Sean Concannon, Temporary Conveyancing Clerk, and stated at the previous meeting he had proposed and it had been agreed that he be deemed pensionable and that the position of Whole-time Conveyancing Clerk be created as and from the 8th May, 1939.

Councillor Coogan stated that he had seconded this proposal.

Councillor Welby stated that if this resolution cannot be implemented it be sent to the Minister. The County Manager stated that it cannot be implemented and Councillor Welby's proposal that the matter be referred to the Minister, was seconded by Councillor John Molloy, and agreed.

Deputy Fahey asked that a report would be available on the proposal which he had submitted in relation to extension of the Burial Ground at Queen Street, Gort, and he also asked for information from the E.S.B. for the service which they are providing for the sum of £123,000 paid to them in 1983. He also asked for reports on Consultants' fees and on improvement of roads in Maree Area.

Councillor Welby and Senator Killilea complained about the long delay in dealing with placing of an order with the E.S.B. for the provision of a light outside Barna National School.

Councillor O'Morain asked what was the position in relation to a proposal which was passed at the last meeting in relation to identifying the bog roads which are public roads in the County.

The County Secretary stated that there would be a considerable amount of work involved in this as no immediate records are available as to which public roads are serving bogs either partially or wholly and those which are not. He suggested that if members have any queries about any particular roads under this heading, there would be no difficulty about giving replies to them.

The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman.

2299 - VETERINARY SERVICES - CONNEMARA AREA:

Councillor O'Morain stated that notices recently appeared in the papers to the effect that certain Veterinary Officers were not in a position to provide veterinary services to certain parts of Connemara as they had pointed out that it was not economic for them to travel long distances.

He proposed that the County Council call the Department of Agriculture, Roinn na Gaeltachta, and Udaras na Gaeltachta to prepare a comprehensive package to service the area such as will enable people to have an adequate service by a Veterinary Officer of their choice.

This resolution was seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair and adopted.

Deputy Connaughton stated that he is having the matter examined at the present time.

2300 - OVERDRAFT:

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £3 million be borrowed on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 30th June, 1984."

2301 - CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS OF HOUSING LOANS AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS, 1984:

Councillor J. Burke stated that Galway County Council is getting far less of an allocation than Mayo County Council and he considered that this should be investigated. The County Manager stated that Galway City gets its own allocation whereas smaller urbans do not.

Councillor Glynn stated that the waiting period for payment here is too long and that other Counties are able to make payments much quicker than they are made in Galway.

Deputy Kitt stated that the Council should get more money to avoid delays in payment and he asked if single women could be made eligible for loans rather than passing them over to the Housing Finance Agency.

Deputy Connaughton asked that half payments of reconstruction loans would be made when a substantial part of the work is done.

Senator Ulick Burke complimented the Council on the low charge of approx. £25 which is being made towards the legal costs of processing loans. Welcoming the increases in income limits and in the amount of loans, Clr. Finnegan asked that more money would be sought to meet the higher demand which would arise from these factors.

Mr. Howlett stated that he expects the money will be forthcoming if the demand arises. The Council is getting an instalment per month from the Department and there are no serious delays in payments.

Councillor Brennan stated that there are delays in some Engineering areas in reporting on loans and he asked that an effort would be made to speed up reporting from those areas. Senator Killilea stated that there is a particular type of mortgage protection in County Mayo and he suggested that details of this would be obtained from Mayo County Council. Replying to Councillor Michael Fahy, Mr. Howlett stated that it is not possible to advance loans to people who are under 21 years of age and he also stated that all applicants for loans are advised to obtain a mortgage protection policy. Councillor Kilgannon asked if an insurance policy could be obtained against redundancy.

The County Manager stated that each individual should ask his own Insurance Company but it is very likely that there would be an extremely large premium for an insurance of this kind. He stated, however, that enquiries will be made regarding the possibility of having such a policy made available.

2302 - DATE OF ESTIMATES MEETING:

The County Manager stated that the latest date for having the statutory Estimates Meeting is 16th March but that the Council could adjourn consideration at the meeting on that date to a date not later than 20 days afterwards. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, it was agreed that the statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on the 16th March, 1984. Councillor Glynn stated that this date does not suit him.

2303 - DATE OF NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

It was agreed that this be held on 9th March, 1984.

2304 - ESTIMATES 1984 - APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTATION TO MEET THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:

Referring to the decision of the Council at its meeting on the 20th February to appoint a deputation to meet the Minister for the Environment in connection with the 1984 Estimates of Expenses, Deputy Kitt proposed that a deputation consisting of 6 Members of the Council, together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and the Oireachtas Members for the County be appointed to meet the Minister. This proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea and agreed. The following Council Members were then appointed on the deputation:

Councillors E. Haverty, N. O'Conchubhair, J. Molloy, J. Mannion, F. Glynn, P. McCormack, M. Ryan (Chairman), and M. O'Morain (Vice-Chairman).

Councillor McCormack asked what was the Council's attitude to recent statements of Ministers who did not agree to receive deputations which included Members of Sinn Fein who do not reject violence. He asked that the Council should consider this matter so that they would know where they stand in relation to acceptance of the deputation by the Minister.

Councillor Glynn stated that it was a matter for the Council to decide who to bring on the deputation and he asked if any Member of the Council ever heard him advocate violence in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Burke said that the last thing the Council needed at this stage was to have the deputation rejected and he considered it essential that the Council should meet the Minister.

Councillor Glynn stated that he is opposed to violence on all sides but that "political violence has been imposed on us".

## 2305 - PUBLIC SERVICE PAY AGREEMENT - SECOND PHASE:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to payment of the second phase of the Public Service Pay Agreement which amounts to 3.25% for the appropriate Officers as from the 1st February, 1984. He stated that the total cost in 1984 is £226,000 and in a full year £247,000.

It was proposed by Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Councillor O'Poighil, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve an increase of 3.25% in the remuneration of all staff as from the 1st February, 1984, to whom this revision date applies with pro rata increases for part-time personnel, in accordance with the terms of Circular Letter E.L. 3/84 dated 23rd January, 1984, from the Department of the Environment."

## 2306 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS, 1982:

The County Manager referred to his report dated 24th February, 1984, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council setting out particulars of the Council's total expenditure and receipts for the year ended 31st December, 1982. He pointed out that the total Revenue Expenditure was within the amount voted by the Council at its Estimates Meeting and the question of Ministerial sanction to overexpenditure did not arise. He stated, however, that within the overall estimate, there were various amounts over the adopted estimate and the Council's approval to a formal transfer of funds from headings in which savings occurred to those headings which were in excess of the estimate, was required in order to meet the legal requirements of voting adequate expenditure under each specified heading - the transfers in question being those listed at the end of his report.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the transfers of the amounts set out hereunder from/to the programmes listed:

TRANSFER		AMOUNT
FROM PROGRAMME	TO PROGRAMME	£
1.2	1.8	11,390
7.1	2.2	621,893
5.1	2.3	60
1.2	2.8	130,179
8.6	2.8	59,999
4.1	2.8	36,199
3.2	3.1	42,575
3.3	3.8	8,431
4.1	4.3	9,650
5.3	5.2	6,506
5.3	5.4	2,949
5.3	5.5	1,486
6.4	6.1	754
8.3	6.3	93,571
7.1	6.3	19,843
5.8	6.8	20,035

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TRANSFER		AMOUNT
FROM PROGRAMME	TO PROGRAMME	£
2.1	7.2	76,758
8.8	7.8	18,632
3.2	8.2	23,924
5.3	8.4	9,276
5.8	8.4	1,044
5.8	8.7	118

## 2307 - LOAN £4,700 CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COST OF HEADWORKS FOR SYLAUN/DUNMORE GROUP WATER SCHEME:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the raising of a loan of £4,500 (in lieu of the sum of £4,700 set out on the Agenda) towards the cost of Headworks for Sylau/Dunmore Group Water Scheme.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,500 from the Commissioners of Public Works or from such other source as may be approved by the Minister, as a contribution towards the cost of Headworks for the Sylau/Dunmore Group Water Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

## 2308 - SALE OF HOUSING SITE AT CLARINBRIDGE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of site number 6, area 14.32 perches at Clarinbridge to Mr. John and Mrs. Carmel Fordham, Clarinbridge, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 15th February, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

## 2309 - LETTER DATED 13TH JANUARY, 1984, FROM AN TAISCE RE PLANNING:

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this letter to the Special Planning Meeting to be held on 9th March, 1984.

It was agreed on the proposition of Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Cllr. Joe Burke to invite An Taisce to send a deputation to the County Council at some future date so the Council would understand their thinking on planning matters and to hear any submissions which they might like to make in connection with the County Development Plan.

## 2310 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

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

## 2311 - L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:

Deputy Kitt asked why the proposal to hold this Conference was not discussed at the County Council Meeting.

The County Secretary stated that the Council did not receive any notice of the Conference and was not aware of it until Councillor Joyce telephoned to inform the County Secretary of it.

Several Members expressed regret that the Council was not represented at the Conference which they considered to be a very important one for Local Authorities.

Councillor Haverty stated that enquiries should be made to find out why the Council did not receive a notification.

Councillor Joyce stated that while he knew the Conference was due to be held, he did not know the date until he saw a newspaper report of a discussion on the Seminar in Roscommon County Council. He stated that he had got a notification one week after the previous County Council Meeting and he then rang the County Secretary who was not aware of the Conference. He had been informed by Mr. McNamara of the I.P.A. that notification had been sent to all Councils except Louth and Meath.

The Chairman stated that he had been informed by Mr. McNamara of the I.P.A. that two local authorities had been omitted but he could not guarantee that notification was sent to Galway.

Following further discussion, the County Manager stated that the Council will make any enquiries which the Members of the Council might wish to have made.

Referring to the decision to postpone the Local Elections, Councillor Kilgannon asked if any request had been received by the Council for an input from the County Council into the re-organisation or reform of Local Government.

The County Manager stated that the Council had received no official notification on the postponement of the Local Elections and that perhaps, when this comes there may be some reference to the question of making representations on Local Government Reform by Local Authorities.

On the proposition of Councillor Haverty, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, it was agreed that a letter would be sent to the I.P.A. enquiring about the reason why the Council did not receive a notification and that if necessary afterwards, that this enquiry be followed up with An Post.

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon seconded by Clr. McCormack, it was agreed that the Department of the Environment would be asked what contribution is expected from Local Authorities towards proposals for the reform of Local Government.

The County Manager stated that he understood that a Committee is working on the matter of Local Government Reform and that an enquiry could be sent to ascertain the present state of their deliberations.

It was also agreed on the proposition of Senator Ulick Burke that an enquiry would be sent to the Department asking for up-to-date information on submissions made by the County Council some time ago in connection with Road Transportation.

Councillor Joyce stated that the Conference on Local Government Reform from 10th-12th February was a very useful one and that a report of the Conference would be included in the future issue of the L.A.M.A. News. He stated that the Local Authority Members' Association was inviting all Members to a Conference to be held in the Munster Area after which Conferences would be held in the other Provinces.

Councillor O'h-Uigin stated that Local Authorities are not taking a proper interest in Local Government Reform and considered that Local Government Reform must be an integral part of National Policy Planning. Councillor Glynn stated that the power to levy local finances must be left at Local Government level.

Councillor O'Foighil proposed that the Council ask the Institute of Public Administration and Local Authority Members' Association to arrange a

Conference for the Connacht Region and that this be held in Galway. The Chairman seconded this proposal stating that the Conference in Dublin was a very worthwhile one and stated that he understood that a Conference was to be arranged in each region within the next three months. Councillor O'Morain suggested that the Conference be arranged in consultation with Ireland West.

2312 - EUROPEAN COMMUNITY - SEMINAR:

The County Manager stated that he had received notification from the Institute of Public Administration of a proposal to hold a one-day seminar on the subject of the European Community but that no date had been fixed.

It was agreed that an application would be made to the Institute to have a Conference under this heading held in Galway for the Galway/Mayo Region.

2313 - I.F.H.P. CONFERENCE - BERLIN:

It was agreed that this matter would be put on the Agenda for the March Meeting - noted that the fee will be lower for registrations received before the 1st May, 1984.

2314 - MARCH MEETING THROUGH IRISH:

The County Manager referred to a recommendation of Coiste na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta that the March Meeting would be held through Irish and that this had previously been agreed to by the County Council. It was agreed that the business of the meeting would be transacted through the Irish language.

2315 - MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

It was agreed that Notices of Motion on the Agenda for this meeting would be taken as the first item at the Special Meeting to be held on the 9th March, 1984, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

26th March 1984 DATE

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2nd March, 1984.

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 Friday, 9th March, 1984.

commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Members' Notices of Motion adjourned from meeting of 27th February, 1984.
2. Letter dated 13th January, 1984, from An Taisce re Section 4 Resolutions, etc. - Copy already circulated.
3. Continue consideration of Control Section of the Draft County Development Plan.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1984.

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, F. Coogan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2136 - ELECTRICITY INSTALLATION - COUNTY BUILDINGS:

Mr. Kearns apologised to Members that because of the installation of a new Fuse Board for the County Buildings, it was not possible to have any heating provided in the building or to have tea for Members on that day.

2317 - IDENTITY CARDS - TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

The Council agreed to a request received from Mr. Jarlath Keane, a Member of Tuam Town Commissioners, for permission to use the Council's Crest on identity cards being provided for young people in order to curb under age drinking. This was agreed on the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Ryan, and the Council Members present wished the committee well in their efforts.

2318 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1984 - DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER:

The Deputy County Manager referred to a circular letter received from the Office of the Minister for the Environment stating that the Minister, because of commitments in the Dail and requests for other deputations, would not be in a position to receive a deputation in the immediate future and he stated that if the Council wished to have a deputation received very soon, he would arrange that Mr. Fergus O'Brien, T.D., Minister of State at the Department, would meet the deputation. He stated that the Estimates meeting is fixed for the 16th March and if the Council wished to have a deputation received by the Minister of State before that date, the Department would be asked if it could be arranged.

It was agreed on the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Clr. Haverty, that the Council would request a meeting with Mr. O'Brien so the Council would have the necessary information before the statutory Estimates Meeting on the 16th March.

Following a telephone call to the Department, the Chairman announced that the Minister of State is prepared to receive a deputation at 12.00 noon on Thursday, 15th March, and it was agreed that the deputation would attend at the Minister's Office on that date.



2319 - CONFERENCES:

(a) Regional Policy and National Development at Berkeley Court Hotel, Dublin, on 30th March, 1984:

(b) National Housing Conference, 1984, - Galway - 4th, 5th and 6th April.

It was agreed that the question of sending delegates to those Conferences will be considered at the Estimates Meeting to be held on the 16th March, 1984.

Senator Killilea proposed that an opportunity be availed of at the Galway Conference to show delegates what has been done for travellers throughout the County and that the bus tour should include information on this aspect of the Council's work.

2319(a) - PUBLIC TOILET AND INFORMATION OFFICE AT KILRONAN:

Mr. Howlett informed the Council that a proposal has been on hands for several years to provide a public toilet and tourist information office at Kilonan but it was not possible to have this work done because of financial scarcity. He stated that he had recently been approached by Roinn na Gaeltachta and Bord Failte and informed that Roinn na Gaeltachta will give a grant of 50% of the cost up to a maximum of £15,000 and that Bord Failte will give a grant of £15,000 towards this project. He stated, however, that the cost may be over £30,000 but that he wished to go ahead immediately with preparation of plans and arrangements for construction of the building since the work must be done in 1984. He stated also that the cost may be over £30,000 and that he was asking the approval in principle of the Council to raising a loan for the excess should this become necessary.

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor Molloy, the Council approved in principle the raising of a loan to cover the cost of the building which may be in excess of £30,000.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:2320 - SETTING UP OF CONTRACTS DIVISION IN THE COUNCIL FOR ROAD WIDENING AND NEW ROAD DEVELOPMENTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Fahy stated that the objective was to safeguard security of employment in the control of finance. He referred to delays which had occurred in carrying out roadworks and he asked that a time limit would be placed on the completion of roadwork improvements. He stated that the policy appeared to be directed more towards constructing walls than roads.

Replying to queries, Councillor Fahy stated that he was not asking to have Contractors appointed and that he wished to keep on the direct labour system but that contract periods for completion of work be applied.

The County Secretary stated that road improvements on National, Primary and Secondary Roads are financed by way of a special grant from the Department of the Environment and that the Council cannot expend in any year more than the grant allocated in that particular year for the particular work.

Senator Killilea stated that if work were carried out by Contract, Value Added Tax amounts to only 5% whereas when the work is done by the County Council, the Value Added Tax rate is 23%. He recommended that the law should be changed and he asked that the appropriate request should be made to the Department.

2321 - FENCING OF LAY-BY AT CAHERBRIEN, GORT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY.

The County Secretary stated that fencing off of plots such as this will not solve the problem even if it succeeds in keeping caravans off the particular site - that they will just move to another site in the locality perhaps to a lay-by where worse problems might arise such as a traffic hazard or public health nuisance. It is considered that the Council should have a policy on such sites - all of them cannot be fenced off and the question arises whether the Council should do any such work before it has provided its own hardstands for travellers.

Councillor Fahy stated that a local family is being frightened by the people in this area and that they are trespassing on private property and had broken a pump. He stated that the family would dig the trench along the roadside if they were allowed.

Senator Killilea seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal. The County Secretary stated that this could raise additional problems about hazard to people using the road and that this did not seem to be the answer to the problem of roadside parking.

Councillor Fahy then asked that something would be done to alleviate the problems at Caherbrien.

2322 - RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROADSIDE TREES - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLORS RYAN, KILGANNON, AND RUANE:

The County Secretary stated that if the trees are on the road or on a roadside, it is the responsibility of the Council to see that dangerous trees are demolished but if they are on private property which is generally the case, it is clearly the responsibility of the landowner to ensure that it does not represent a danger to the public road or to the persons using it. However, wherever the Council finds a dangerous tree in private property, it approaches the landowner and puts pressure on him to take action on his own to remove any dangerous trees. He stated that the 1925 Local Government Act does not give adequate powers for doing the work but that where a dangerous tree exists, the area is being treated by the Council on the advice of its Law Agent as a dangerous place and appropriate action is taken under the 1964 Sanitary Services Act. He also stated that a survey of dangerous trees throughout the County is at present underway with a view to establishing location of dangerous trees abutting public roads for the purpose of taking appropriate action.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that there are 10 trees approximately one mile from his own place which he considers are dangerous and that one of those fell some time ago. He expressed concern that there is no clear policy on the matter and that nobody knows exactly what is to be done.

The Chairman stated that he would like the Council to adopt a new policy with regard to roadside hedges and dangerous trees. He stated that while the position is that when a tree is on private property, it is regarded as being the property of the landowner, but if it falls, an effort would be made to place responsibility on the local authority. He asked that the survey would be carried out through the Engineering areas and if it cannot be done in this way, that a special engineer should be appointed to survey all roads. Notification should be given to landowners to remove dangerous trees, and if not, the County Council should deal with them. He stated that hedges are not being cut and that this results in the shading of roads and is damaging to roads. He recommended that the Council examine the possibility of serving hedge-cutting notices.

He stated that near the school in Caltra, there are trees overhanging the road and he asked that those would be inspected as they may be dangerous.

Councillor Mannion asked that the trees on the approach road to Roundstone would be examined as he considered some of those to be dangerous also.

Councillor Ruane referred to his motion regarding dangerous trees and derelict buildings and asked that derelict buildings would also be surveyed.

Councillor Holland asked what is the legal position regarding trees growing on one person's property which were overhanging and obstructing the light of another person's property.

Mr. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, stated that the Council would have no function in this matter.

Councillor O'Morain stressed that a licence is required from the State to cut trees even on one's own property and he asked that the legal position on this aspect of the matter would be enquired into. Referring to derelict sites and derelict buildings which are dangerous, Councillor O'Morain stated that planning permission should be given to people who have cleared those sites as well as financial assistance to restore the site to its natural use.

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by the Chairman, it was agreed that a progress report on the survey of dangerous trees will be submitted to the Council within three months.

2323 - USE OF LAMINATED GLASS ON ALL NEW ROAD VEHICLES - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS GLYNN AND RUANE:

The County Secretary referred to a report by Dr. John Blake, Consultant Eye Surgeon, Head of the Department of Ophthalmology, Saint Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, which was published in the British Medical Journal on Road Blindness, copy of which had been circulated at the meeting to every Member of the Council. He stated that he had received this from Clr. Glynn with a request that it be circulated.

It was agreed that the resolution in the names of Councillors Glynn and Ruane would be forwarded to the Department of the Environment.

2324 - SOILSE BREISE AG CILL CHIARAIN - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai nach raibh aon airgead ar fail i mbliana i gcomhair soilsi poibli nua.

2325 - COIR A CHUR AR AN mBOTHAR MOR O CARNA GO MUGHROS - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai go gcuirfear ath-choiriu ar an mbothar seo comh luath is a mbeidh crioch leis an grup sceime san ait.

Councillor O'Morain expressed his appreciation of the good work done by the Contractors on this scheme and he asked that when restoring the road finally the Council would not confine itself just to the area where the trench was dug but that a general improvement in the overall surface of the road would be done.

2326 - MILEAGE ALLOWANCE OF COUNTY COUNCIL STAFF - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT:

The County Secretary stated that it is necessary to keep under review the mileage being travelled by County Council staff at times when money is scarce. He stated, however, that following a review, the mileage allowances had increased in the overall by an average of 6% and that different adjustments were made in respect of different services following our experience of the controls exercised in 1983.

Replying to further queries by Deputy Kitt, the County Secretary stated that all out-door staff have been asked to plan their journeys in such a way that there is no overlapping between any two of them and that travelling is kept to the minimum necessary to ensure proper supervision of work being carried out.

2327 - FLOODING ON THE MOYLOUGHMORE ROAD, MOYLOUGH. - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. KITT:

The County Secretary stated that the Council could not identify the location at which the flooding referred to takes place and he asked that more detailed information be supplied.

2328 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD ON FAHY ESTATE, OUGHTERARD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

In the absence of the County Engineer, the County Secretary asked if this motion could be adjourned to the next meeting.

Councillor Welby stated that a motion in connection with this matter was passed about two years ago and he asked that the minutes of the Council would be checked to get a record of the decision.

2329 - EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN AT MOYCULLEN TO WILLIE FEENEY'S HOUSE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that the extension to Mr. Feeney's house would involve laying approximately 200 metres of pipeline and that this proposal is being examined either as an extra to the existing Regional Scheme or for a small scheme in 1985.

Councillor Welby stated that there are approximately 24 houses on that stretch of road and that in addition to this, the Marble Factory which is a large user of water. He asked that the extension be carried out by one method or another.

2330 - RELAYING OF WATERMAIN AT CAMP STREET, OUGHTERARD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The County Secretary stated that no funds are available for the work this year but that consideration will be given to including it in the Small Schemes Capital Programme for 1985. Councillor Welby stated that this pipeline is needed to serve the large number of houses in Camp Street and that when sections of the main were cut out for examination recently, they were found to be heavily corroded. He asked that the work be carried out in 1985 or sooner if possible.

2331 - BURIAL GROUND AT SALEEN, SPIDDAL:

Councillor Coogan stated that he understood that there had been some interference with the graveyard at Saleen, Spiddal, and he asked what the position was about the matter.

The Deputy County Manager stated that some work had been done in an area which was in the vicinity of the cemetery but there is no indication that any interference had been carried out with the cemetery itself. It was agreed that the Council would erect some boulders to try to hold back the action of the sea. Some clay and grass had been disturbed in the area - this clay is being replaced and will be seeded and a surrounding fence of 6 feet high will be provided. Notices warning against removal of sand from the area will also be erected.

2332 - LETTER FROM AN TAISCE RE SECTION 4 RESOLUTIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that An Taisce would be asked to make available to Members a copy of the document in connection with Section 4 Resolutions which they now wished to up-date so that the Council would be in a position to see the context in which they require further information. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Mannion and agreed.

Councillor Kilgannon asked what is the legal position regarding contraventions of the County Development Plan.

The Deputy County Manager explained that the Planning Acts permit Members to grant permissions even if they are contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan provided the appropriate procedure regarding notice, etc., is complied with.

Replying to a further query from Councillor Kilgannon, the Deputy County Manager stated that a person is entitled to appeal against a decision if given contrary to the Development Plan just as any person is entitled to appeal other decisions. He stated, however, that the Council Officials must adhere to the Plan and that it is only the Members who can change it.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the Development Plan is a very rigid document and that as a result, the Councillors find themselves at variance with Officials whereas the Councillors felt it should be flexible, the Officials interpret the Development Plan strictly. Now, since everything is to be written in, the Plan should be flexible and should be what the Councillors want.

Councillor O'Morain referred to a planning application which was refused soon after it had come in and it was turned down with reasons relating to amenity, septic tank, being on a National Secondary Route, and interfering with a view, whereas the site had already been approved by a previous Minister for a Hotel.

2333 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (CONTINUED):

The Council then proceeded to consider Sections 4.2.3. to 4.2.7. of Part IV of the Draft Plan.

The Deputy County Manager reviewed the provisions of this Section of the Draft for Members.

Referring to clause 2.5., Councillor O'Morain stated that in the Connemara area, there are many fragmented holdings, many of which are four to five miles apart. He stated that when applications for Permission are received, the applicants are often told that all development must be near the existing house whereas the applicant may want to go elsewhere. He suggested that a clause be added as follow:

"A second family dwelling should be located to suit the farmer and not necessarily the County Development Plan."

The Chairman stated that he was in sympathy with this view.

Councillor Holland stated that some applications for Permission for some small retail units outside built-up areas had been refused. He proposed that small shopping units be permitted where there is a local need. Councillor O'Morain seconded this proposal.

Councillor Joyce, referring to the provision for making development charges towards the cost of services, stated that it may happen that an Industrialist would move elsewhere if he found out that development charges were being made in one area. He referred to the development charge of £300,000 which was levied for the Ballyforan Briquette Factory and that this may be one of the straws which will break the camels back. He stated that the Council should not put obstacles in the way of developers. He considered that the Plan should have suitable wording to provide that at least industrial development can take place.

Councillor Byrne stated that the Plan should provide that Local Authorities and semi-state bodies should have to apply for planning permission. He stated that at present, the Council can erect what it likes where it likes and he proposed that provision should be made in the Plan whereby they would have to apply for planning permission. Councillor O'Morain seconded this proposal.

Councillor Burke objected to the provision in Section 4.2.7. which provides for development contributions for services which have not yet been provided. He considered this to be unfair to developers. Replying to a further query by Councillor Burke, the Deputy County Manager stated that the levies are made not because there is an increase in the value of land but as a contribution towards the cost of services provided or to be provided. He stated that the cost of these contributions can be taken into account for firms when they are looking for I.D.A. Grants. Councillor Burke proposed that the provision for charging a development contribution in respect of development to take place in the following seven years should be deleted from the Plan.

Councillor O'h-Uiginn stated that the various uses cannot be in practical terms separated, and it is not easy to identify all uses in preparing the Plan. Industrial uses should be permitted in amenity areas but the Plan does not make any provision for this. He stated also that when heavy industrial development takes place, this brings with it a housing and roads demand, etc. The Plan makes no attempt to deal with these problems. It must be recognised that people are living in this area and that while the Plan makes some provision for houses, it does not make provision for industry. There must be a heavy input from the people of the areas to what they want as it affects their livelihood. Councillors are under constant pressure about this and he asked that something positive be put into the Plan to encourage industrial development. He proposed that a policy statement to this effect be included in the Plan.

Councillor O'Morain seconded Councillor O'h-Uiginn's proposal and stated that Clause 4.2.6. should never be used to prevent natural development of the rural community in the western part of the County. Instead, such development should be guided and encouraged. Councillor O'h-Uiginn stated that he wished to stress that the incentive should be positive and not just control which is a negative approach.

Councillor Kilgannon stressed that this is a development Plan and control should be in the context of development taking place and being permitted.

Deputy Kitt then referred to the development charge levied for the Ballyforan factory and stated that this levy should not have been made as it discouraged the development.

The County Secretary stated that the development charge was levied in this case because it was necessary for the purpose of enabling the development proposed to take place. He further stated that on Appeal, this decision was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála. Replying to further criticism of the levy by Deputy Kitt, the County Secretary stated that if the levy were not imposed, the roads could not take the traffic and there is no other source from which the money could be obtained. This had already been carefully investigated before a decision was made on the Planning Application.

Deputy Kitt proposed and Councillor Joyce seconded that the Plan be amended to provide that no development charges would be made in respect of road services.

The Deputy County Manager stated that provision for development charges is made in the 1963 Planning Act and will have to be applied whether or not provision is made for them in the Plan.

Councillor Brennan proposed that if services are to be given, that people who have benefit from them should contribute towards them by way of development contributions and he also proposed that charges be levied for roads as well as for all other services in respect of which levies can be made. This proposal was seconded by the Chairman.

Councillor Brennan also asked if an amnesty could be given to people who genuinely purchased land before applying for Planning Permission and now found they could not get planning permission for the site in question - this amnesty to extend back over a period of say five years.

The Deputy County Manager stated that this proposal could not be implemented.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the section in the Draft Plan relating to payment of development contributions should be deleted from the Plan since provision has already been made for this in the Act.

2334 - PLANNING FEES:

Councillor Haverty asked that the Minister for the Environment be approached with a view to getting approval to refund fees in respect of planning applications which have been lodged by charitable organisations prior to the abolition of such fees for charitable purposes.

2335 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. John Conroy, Moorfield, Eyrecourt, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Mary Corbett, Cornamona, Co. na Gaillimhe.
- Mrs. Patrick Mullins, Feabeg, Eyrecourt, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Rita Greaney & Family, Ballygreaney, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Earley, Tonabrucky, Rahoon.
- Mr. Peter Henry, "Cheviet Inn", Frenchpark, Roscommon.
- The King Family, Kiltulla, Oranmore.
- Mrs. Bridget Burke and Family, Knockatogher, Kiltulla, Athenry.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

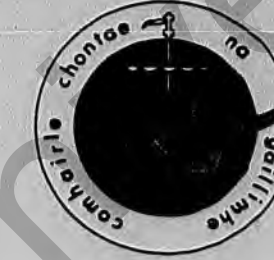
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8th March, 1984.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 16th March, 1984, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

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A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1984.  
(Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already circulated).
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.
3. Notice of Motion:

SENATOR M. KILLILEA - I will ask:

What was the cost of maintenance of Public Lighting for the County at large for 1983 - also the Capital costs and allocations for the Estimates Meeting.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF ESTIMATES COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, 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, 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 Senator Michael D. Higgins.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Messrs. S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer; G. Conway, Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; B. Kennedy, D. Barrett, and A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2336 - SYMPATHY:

The Council, on the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Senator Killilea, expressed its sympathy to Mr. Robert and Mr. Terry Curley of the Council staff on death of their mother.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Michael Whyte & Family, Ochilmore, Laurencetown.  
Mr. Frank Quinn, Bel-Air-Drive, Tuam.  
Mrs. Davoren & Family, Bushypark, Galway.  
Mrs. Maria King, The Square, Clifden.

2337 - LETTER FROM AN TAISE:

Senator Killilea referred to a letter from the County Secretary dated 16th March, 1984, enclosing copy of a report prepared in March 1983 by An Taisce in connection with a Resolution under Section 4, etc., and stated that he took exception to the heading of this report and proposed that the matter should not be put on the Agenda for the meeting on the 26th instant as intended.

No decision was taken on Senator Killilea's proposal.

2338 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1984:

The Chairman stated that at the previous meeting a number of Members had not had an opportunity of speaking and he proposed at this meeting to complete the discussion on the County Manager's report on the Estimates and then to deal with the County Engineer's report on roads.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Council should have a full meeting to discuss roads.

This proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea.

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The Chairman stated that he did not agree that a Roads Meeting was necessary and that immediately consideration of the County Manager's report was complete, the Council would then go on to discuss the County Engineer's report and roads.

Councillor Joyce expressed disappointment that there was no report of the meeting of the deputation with the Minister at the Department of the Environment.

Dealing with the Estimates in general, Councillor Joyce stated that while he recognised that the Council and the County Manager had problems, he did not agree that many of the steps advocated by the Manager were necessary. He considered that the Council should ease up on the payment of statutory assessments - the Council should not destroy itself in order to keep other organisations alive. The Council should tell the Minister that it wishes to keep men at work - he considered that there is an anti-worker bias in the Estimate documents and that while the Council must look for value for money, it should look elsewhere than to the roadworkers.

Councillor Joyce then made the following comments regarding various services:

Burial Grounds: He was given a promise last year that Meelick Burial Ground would be extended and then told that it cannot be done. The old burial ground is now full. He proposed that it be done this year and he did not agree with a 50/50 contribution recommended by the County Manager.

Public Lighting: Some efforts at economy should be made whether by way of reducing the number of hours lighting or eliminating alternate lights.

Water Charges: He objected to the increase in water charges. Referring to the document circulated from the Vintners Association, they are being asked to pay twice for the same services. They are finding difficulty in surviving and any water rate paid should be deducted from their rates bill.

Local Authority Housing: The Council should review the collection system and not leave it to the collectors how to manage it. It is taking too long to adjust rents when the person becomes unemployed. When rents are being assessed, regard should be had to the increased charges which families have now to face including school transport charges.

The purchase scheme is unattractive and the Department should be asked to review it.

Allocation of Houses: This is biased towards the unemployed and an ordinary worker has little chance of getting a house.

Lay-Offs: Proposed lay-offs are not acceptable and money allocated to meet statutory demands should be diverted to keeping our roadworkers employed.

Planning Charges: He expressed disappointment that voluntary organisations and clubs who had paid planning fees before they were abolished for such developments cannot now be compensated for them.

Refuse Charges: As the Council was late last year in starting collection of charges issued, it should now try to collect outstanding charges using Rate Collectors and other methods, making some allowance to the Rate Collectors for doing so.

Library Service: The decision to reduce the provision for books is disappointing.

One room should be reserved in the County Buildings where copies of Acts and Orders and other books in connection with the Public Service should be kept for use by the staff and Councillors.

Chimney Fires: Tenants of Council houses should not be asked to pay for the attendance of the fire brigade.

Conferences: Where a Conference is held, the Council should be represented particularly where the question of Local Government Reform is being considered.

Arts: Additional assistance should be provided if possible for the Arts including the Druid Theatre Company, if necessary, later in the year.

Councillor Byrne stated that the system of borrowing money for Capital projects and getting subsidies on the Loan Charges later is outdated as it leaves a growing debt over a long period of years. The Council is entitled to an additional sum in respect of Block Grant to bring Galway up to the same level of assistance per mile as is given in other Counties. It is disappointing that for the fourth year, no provision is being made for public lighting away from the National Primary Routes.

Councillor Byrne then proposed that the Council be allowed to spend from the Notice of Motion funds the cost of say one or two lights in villages in their area.

This proposal was seconded by Senator Ulick Burke.

Councillor Byrne stated that Malicious Injury Claims should be a matter for Insurance and not for Decrees against the County Council.

Reducing the book fund for Libraries has had serious consequences for the Library Services and an effort should be made to improve the situation.

Councillor Finnegan stated that a sensible financial basis must be established by Central Government for Local Authorities which should be allowed to hold on to Motor Tax paid, for road repairs.

Councillor Finnegan also asked if particular assistance could be given towards the provision of public lighting in the Milltown Park Estate in Tuam, with the co-operation of the local people.

He also stated that the Islands River in the Galway Section should be completed this year as only one-fifth of the Galway portion now remains to be done. The same financial provision for it could be made as in 1983.

Councillor Murphy asked that an effort would be made to provide traffic route lighting in Craughwell, Oranmore, and Clarinbridge as the road involved carry the main stream of traffic into Galway City.

Councillor O'Morain stated that Councillors are being asked what do rate-payers who are carrying 11% of the valuations get for the Rates they pay. The answer is that they are getting nothing as they are now being billed for water and for refuse collection. He disagreed with the theory that the Local Authorities' problems started with the abolition of Domestic Rates and he stated that the real problem is legislation which was passed in the past 18 months whereby the Government is no longer obliged to re-imburse Local Authorities for Rates on houses in accordance with the commitment given in 1978. He agreed that the Arts should be helped and in particular the Druid Theatre Company who had achieved International fame. The Council is in a more serious situation this year in that it is not in a position to start any new Capital works on water or sewerage and he referred to the Rosmuc Water Scheme, plans of which are in the Department for a long time.

Councillor O'Morain also stated that the fire service is only an urban service for Galway City and areas like West Galway cannot have a service.

He asked that a new system of mobile pump being tested out by the Chief Fire Officer at present be provided in remote parts of the County particularly in Connemara.

Councillor O'Morain referred to the considerable amount by which charges and Rates on business premises would have to be increased in order to meet the deficit which the Council is facing but he pointed out that the business community cannot afford any further increases and that they are asking that charges be set off against rates payable by them.

Councillor O'Morain asked what amount was spent by the Western Health Board in 1983 in carrying out essential repairs to houses for elderly people and enquired what steps were taken to ensure that no duplication is occurring between that work and what is being done by the County Council.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go bhfuil easpa airgid sa Stat Chiste agus gurb'e an fadhb a bhi ag an Comhairle Chontae na ce'n bealach gur feidir an t-airgead ata ag an Comhairle Chontae a usaid chun seirbhisi riachtanacha a chur ar fail. Nil an cumhacht ceanna ag an Comhairle Chontae 's a bhi aige blianta o shoin agus duirt se go raibh gear-ghadh le h-aithchoiriu i Rialtas Aitiuil i dtreo is go mbeadh smacht ag an Comhairle Chontae ar a chuid caitheachas. Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go nglacfadh an Comhairle Chontae leis an rata inniu agus go ndeanfar iarracht na fadhbanna airgid ag Udarais Aitiuil a leigheasu.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the Council make a decision that Rates be collected from Ratepayers by providing facilities for them to lodge their money directly in the Bank and so save the cost of collection to the County Council. Councillor McCormack seconded this proposal.

The County Manager stated that this matter had been discussed previously but that the position is that the Council has a number of Rate Collectors who have much less to do now than they had some years ago. He stated that negotiations were going on, on terms for ending their employment but this would involve concessions which have not yet been approved by Government. He stated that the Council will have to continue to use the Rate Collectors for collecting Rates while it has them but he agreed that the cost of collection in relation to the amount collected is disproportionately high. He pointed out that there must be settlement of the problem of the Collectors' salaries and this settlement must be approved by the Minister for the Environment and the Minister for the Public Service. He stated that the ordinary redundancy arrangements which apply in Industry do not apply in the case of Rate Collectors.

Replying to Councillor Joyce about areas where Rate Collectors had resigned and whether those areas were divided among existing Collectors, the County Manager stated that Rate Collectors had asked for three-quarters of the salary for the second job as a condition of carrying out the collection.

Deputy Kitt asked if extra duties could be assigned to Rate Collectors and stated that the Minister had informed the Unions that only 30% of the charges had been collected. He wondered if the Rate Collectors could be used to collect outstanding charges.

The County Manager stated that the amount collected for water at the moment is about 90% of the total sum due but he stated that there was an agreement with the Union at National level to get Rate Collectors involved in collecting those charges but the Galway Rate Collectors refused to carry out the work unless they got additional payment. He also stated that the Rate Collectors are still being paid normal expenses as if they were carrying out their full job for which they were originally appointed.

Councillor O'Morain proposed a direct negative to Councillor Burke's proposal. He stated that the Council is not capable of changing the Law, and even if the money were paid through the Bank, the Council must continue to pay the salaries of Rate Collectors.

The County Manager stated that solution which the Council requires is to abolish the Office of Rate Collector and as an alternative to appoint Revenue Collectors but before the Council can get to that position, the problem about existing Rate Collectors must be resolved. The Rate Collectors have pointed out that they did not cause the problem and the County Manager stated that they are entitled to compensation if their offices are abolished.

Councillor Welby seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal of a direct negative to that proposed by Councillor J. Burke.

The Chairman stated that it is clear that the Council cannot change the position on its own and that until changed by the accepted methods, the present position would have to continue.

After further discussion, Councillor Burke agreed that the proposal made to him be treated as a recommendation.

Councillor Fahy stated that he had previously asked for a breakdown of the administration costs for the various Council services and that when he had asked for particulars of the sums paid to Consultants in 1983, he had received a letter from the Secretary which he regarded as unsatisfactory and which did not give the information which he sought. He stated that what he required was the amount paid in 1982 and 1983 and the projection of the amounts becoming payable in 1984.

The County Manager stated that in every Programme in the Estimates before the Council the Administration Costs are set out separately, and he pointed out that salaries cannot be related solely to Field Work and he instanced the case of the Planning Section where Planners and Office Staff are necessary to administer this Department.

Deputy Fahey stated that he felt that because of the low allocation of funds there should be some deployment of staff, for instance in the Engineering Department, where he stated there would be approximately £720,000 less for roads in the current year, but that it still had the same number of Engineers. He referred to the fact that there are three Senior Executive Engineers in the roads section and that the only work they have is supervision of the Area Engineers' Work, all of whom are competent to carry out the work of their areas without the Senior Executive Engineer's supervision. Deputy Fahey also referred to the amount of money being paid to Consultants and stated that this is exceptionally high and he asked that an effort be made to have the work done, some of the work at least, by the Council's Engineers.

The County Manager stated that the County Engineer is engaged at the moment in reviewing the Engineering Structure. Regarding the Engineers work on roads he also pointed out that the Area Engineers and the Senior Executive Engineers deal with the maintenance of water and sewerage schemes throughout the County. He agreed that the true value of road work has gone down but he hoped this would be of a temporary nature.

Clr. Kilgannon stated that he had experience of two instances where there is very low productivity on the part of the Council - in one case he stated that only a very small amount of work had been done for the sum of £300 Notice of Motion Money which he had allocated to a particular road and in the other he stated that men were waiting half a day for sand to arrive before they could commence work. He also stated that he had a bit of experience about a local improvement scheme where the cost was over the norms and the Estimate was for \$4,500 for a distance of 400 yards of reasonably well surfaced and soled road. He considered the Estimate completely excessive.

Clr. Welby stated that our road grant was only half the sum per mile that other Counties in the West of the Country were getting.

He also stated that he had heard of some criticism of the Council arising from the following matters.

- (a) Hiring of Vans transporting men across the County in both directions where the men being transferred were of equal skills.

- (b) That a retired engineer had been brought back to work.
- (c) That while men were on three day working week working on Leenane Graveyard Machinery was paid for for five days per week on the same job.
- (d) That in the Woodstock Area where roadworks necessitated disrupting the water supply to a local farmer, the Council have been drawing water to him for five years whereas a short connection to a main could have brought water to his property instead.

Clr. Byrne proposed that the Council agree to allocation of part of Notice of Motion funds at the discretion of the Councillor to the provision of additional public lights in their area where they considered these were necessary.

The County Manager stated that the situation is that under existing arrangements which have gone on for a long time Notice of Motion funds are allowed the special concession to be allocated by Councillors for roads. They are already difficult to administer and possibly do not give the best value for money. The County Manager could not agree to the transfer of this arrangement to other services.

Clr. Finnegan proposed and the Chairman seconded that the Council transfer the sum of £15,000 from the provision of County Roads in the Milltown Area in order to complete the cleaning of the Island River.

The Council agreed in principle to this but it was agreed to leave the matter over until an estimate of the cost of completion of the work is available at the next meeting.

Clr. Burke referred to a Circular Letter given to each member of the Council from the Licensed Vintners Association in connection with payment of charges and water and refuse in respect of their premises and he proposed that in relation to commercial premises that water and refuse collection charges be set off against rates payable in respect of commercial premises. This proposal was seconded by Clr. O'Morain.

The County Manager stated that this is not practical and that rates are levied for County Council services and that the charges and the rates are only a small proportion of the total cost of provision of the service. He stated that if there is no charge for water or sewerage services on commercial premises the Council must find the revenue from some other source or reduce expenditure accordingly or as a further measure increase the rate in the pound. In replying to Senator Burke, the County Manager stated that the proposal meant in fact relieving all of the persons concerned from liability to pay charges and this would result in a loss of funds. He stated that the rate proposed i.e. 10% would bring in the sum of £187,000 and the estimated cost of abolishing the charges billed to those premises or giving credit for them would be £176,000 which would mean virtually no increase arriving into the Council from the 10% rate increase. Replying to Clr. O'Morain the County Manager stated that rates never paid fully for services and that there was always a gap to be met and this gap had to be bridged out of the rate levied.

Deputy Kitt asked if provision could be made for provision of lights outside churches and asked if the Council would maintain a light if the costs of erection were met by the local community.

The County Manager stated that the Council has not enough money to provide additional lights, that in one or two cases recently the Council had agreed to maintain lights while the costs was paid by the Community but that the Council will not be able to continue even that system.

Clr. O'Morain complained about the failure of the E.S.B. to repair defective lights

Roads Programme for 1984.

In reply to a query by Clr. O'Morain, the County Manager stated that the situation in this matter is as set out in the report which he had prepared for the Deputation to the Minister for the Environment and which had be: circulated to members.

He stated that he had discussed the matter with the Department's Roads Section and had been informed that if the Council were able to carry any additional expenditure on overdraft during 1984 it could be financed out of the allocation for 1985. He had also been informed that if the allocations to other local authorities were not taken up in 1984 there might be a general re-allocation of funds which could benefit Galway County Council but no guantees could be given in this respect. The Department Officials had also pointed out that the sum of £4,040,000 allocated to the Council was a guaranteed sum and that taking into account the allocation to Galway City, Road Grants to County Galway were increased considerably this year as compared with other years - the increase being in respect of the proposed bridge over the Corrib.

Clr. O'Morain stated that this was irrelevant to Galway County Council.

Adjournment of Estimates Meeting.

It was agreed that the Estimates Meeting be adjourned to a Special Meeting to be held on the 23rd March, 1984.

2339 - CONFERENCES

(a) Regional Policy on National Development - Berkerly Court Hotel Dublin, 30th March, 1984. It was agreed that the following Councillors be appointed to attend this Conference - Clr. M. Ryan, Chairman, Clr. M.O'Moran, Vice Chairman, Clr. J. Joyce, Clr. E. Haverty, Clr. G. Mannion and Pol O'Foighil.

(b) National Housing Conference, Galway - 4th to 6th April, 1984. It was agreed that six Councillors would be nominated to attend this Conference - the members to be selected at the meeting on the 26th March, 1984.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Ryan CHAIRMAN

27th April 1984 DATE

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 23rd March, 1984, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1984.  
(Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already circulated).
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1984.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; R. Killeen and R. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; A. Fleming and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; Miss M. Conneely, Clerical Officer; and Mr. K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2340 - SYMPATHY:

Councillor Holland proposed that the Council extend its sincere sympathy to the family of late Mr. Austin Sharkey, who was former County Manager in Galway and he paid tribute in particular to the work which he had done in Galway City during the term of his office. He also proposed that as a mark of sympathy the Council adjourn its proceedings for a short time.

This proposal was seconded by the Chairman and unanimously agreed.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council, joined in the expression of sympathy to the family of the late Mr. Sharkey and he also paid tribute to his integrity, to the quality of his work and his loyalty to the Local Government system.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Deacy, Oughterard.  
Mr. T. Faherty, Emmet Avenue, Mervue, Galway.  
Mrs. Frank Connolly, Carnan, Kilcolgan.  
Mrs. Bridie Acton, Belmont, Milltown.

2341 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1984:

The County Manager gave a report to the Members on the deputation which attended the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment on 15th March, 1984, and the Council deputation made a submission to the Minister regarding Road Grants in particular and in relation to the Council's general financial situation. The County Manager stated that they had presented a further copy to the Minister of a case made on the occasion of a previous deputation in June 1983 in which 16 points were made in relation to the Council's finances. In relation to roads, he stated that under the new condition, a sum of £719,000 spent in 1983 and formerly recoupable without limitation will be paid in 1984 but this will come out of the overall allocation for 1984.

The County Manager stated that the amount recoupable on foot of expenditure on new work in 1984 would be £3,206,360 as against a 1983 Grant of £3,870,000, leaving a difference of £660,000. He stated also that if the Council is financially able to carry some additional expenditure on the approved schemes, the amount of such expenditure would be paid early in

1985 out of the 1985 Allocation and that some adjustment might be made later in 1984 if some other local authorities underspend. The County Manager stated that the sum of £3,206,360 might be augmented by £500,000 if the Overdraft towards the end of the year permits. He stated that if the Council were to spend £500,000 in the last two months of the year and have it recouped in January 1985, it would be a case of having this sum spent two months earlier than it normally would. He warned, however, that the system of limitation on expenditure now decided will continue. He stated, also, that the Council is awaiting a new circular from the Department of the Environment regarding the allocation of the funds decided on for roads and until this circular is received, he could not state what transfers might be arranged within the roads expenditure, but that he would inform the Council of the position when the circular is received.

Councillor O'Morain asked how the Council could incur expenditure on Overdraft of £500,000 for roads while at the same time, it could not make provision in the Estimates for repayment of loan charges for Sanitary Services.

The County Manager stated that no provision has been made in the Estimates for Capital draws up to November 1984. In relation to the sum of £500,000 for roads, this would be incurred in the last two months of the year and would be recouped in January 1985.

The County Engineer explained to Members that when he prepared the Estimates which were put before them, he had not been notified about the amount of the Road Grants, but that he was hoping that they would be in the general order as they were for 1983. He then referred to his report to each Member of the Council dated 23rd March, 1984, together with the schedule attached thereto giving the up-to-date position regarding the funds available for the 1984 Roads Programme and he explained the provision of those to the Members. He stated that he could not, however, do a complete Roads Programme until a new circular which is promised by the Department will arrive. He stated that he had reported to the Manager that he would require £6.1 million for non-national roads but that the allocation which he got was only £2.4 million. He stated that the Block Grant for 1984 includes the sum of £75,000 for Ballyforan Bridge and when this is deducted from the total, the sum available is marginally less than for 1983. In relation to Local Improvement Schemes, he stated that the Council had hoped to get £300,000 but that the sum allocated is only £220,000. He also stated that the estimate includes £250,000 for roadworks in the City Environs and he pointed out that the Council had invested heavily in services in those areas and that the roads are urgently needed to serve 1,180 new houses which have to be serviced by those roads. He stated that the employment content of National Primary Grants is quite low and he stated that there could be lay-offs from Summer to Christmas 1984. He stated that while Grants for Maintenance are marginally up on the figures for 1983, the Department stipulated the amount to be spent on surface dressing which has a low employment content - this took flexibility away from the County Council in relation to where the money would be spent. Specific projects were specified and all have a low employment content. He reminded Councillors that in 1983, he had appealed for a halt to roads under the Notice of Motion Scheme and stated that the overall position in relation to roads is very critical. Present indications are that the surface dressing cycle is increased from 33 to 45 years on the basis of funds available at present, and he asked that no new roads would be taken over as the Council cannot maintain those it has already under its control. He stated that if he had discretion to use Notice of Motion funds, he would put it into employment creation projects.

Councillor O'Conchubhair referred to the low allocation in relation to needs for roads in Connemara where there is, he stated, 18% unemployment and he asked if some money could be taken from the fund of £250,000 for roads in the City Environs to improve roads in Connemara.

The County Engineer stated that Connemara alone is getting the bulk of the Regional Roads money and that South Connemara would get a fair share of other funds available but it is necessary for the Council to give a balance

in order to ensure equal employment in so far as this is possible throughout the County.

Deputy Kitt stated that he would be anxious to see the sum of £10,000 made available for the Derrymullen road. Councillor Joyce also asked that money be made available for this purpose. Deputy Kitt also stated that more money should be put in to areas where there is a high employment content and he objected to lay-offs and to redundancies in roadworkers grade.

Councillor O'Morain stated that while there is a first class road from Leenane to Westport the road is in a very bad condition between Carna and Leenane and he pointed out that this is contributing to the closing of factories in the Carna area where transport over bad roads is becoming a major problem.

Councillor Kilgannon complained that virtually as much money in Road Grants is being allocated to 280 miles of National Roads as to approximately 3,000 miles of other roads throughout the County. He stated that a request should be made for the allocation of money from Main Roads to County Roads and that preference should be given to jobs which contribute to the earning of money and the keeping of people in employment.

Councillor J. Burke criticised the recent speech of the Minister and stated that he had given wrong information in relation to Road Grants. He also criticised the cut in Essential Repairs which are designed for the under-privileged.

He proposed that the Council reject the Estimates as presented to them.

Deputy Fahey asked if the money allocated to the Oranmore By-Pass would be spent and he agreed that there is a necessity for the roadworks proposed at Knocknacarra and he asked why work was done near Cappataggle Cross where a half mile of road was raised from 6 to 8 inches although there was no evidence of flooding in the area. He stated that the surface there is now worse than before and that it seemed to him that money had been wasted there. He criticised the amount of money paid to Consultants for Sanitary Services Schemes. He stated that the Estimate appeared to make no provision for Hardstands or for solving the travellers problems.

The County Manager stated that this is shown in the Capital side of the Estimates and that a provision is made for loan charges at 100% recoupment on an estimated £400,000 Capital expenditure.

Deputy Fahey also asked that facilities would be made for people in wheel-chairs and while he stated that a good effort had already been made, he asked that the Council would continue to adapt buildings and make an effort to persuade private interests, hotels, etc., to make similar provision for handicapped people.

Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded Councillor J. Burke's proposal that the Estimates be rejected.

Senator U. Burke criticised the fact that the Council has to spend more money repairing damage from travellers who do damage to seating, etc., at Hardstands as has been done in Craughwell. He knows that the County Council is helpless in this matter and he stated that the Gardai had let horses wander on the roads while they could be impounded.

Councillor Burke stated that he had experience of a hymac machine being on the roadside and on the other side a grader on contract. The County Council had only one small truck to remove the material from the large hymac machine and that there was most obviously no supervision. The Council should purchase larger trucks to do such jobs as the hymac and grader were not being used to full capacity.

Senator Burke proposed that the Council would ask the Department to give responsibility to local authorities to deal with reconstruction and new

house grants as this would be much more economical where the Council already had staff in the area. He stated that he would like to see the Estimate passed if the Council can do nothing more than minor adjustments with it.

Replying to Councillor Joyce in connection with the purchase of land for the Derrymullen road, the County Engineer stated that this is a Regional Road and while the Council can spend money on any road, the Regional Roads are the responsibility of the Department of the Environment to fund. He stated that he would press for an allocation of money for this road in 1985 and would investigate land purchase this year.

Councillor Joyce stated that he would not vote for any Estimate unless money is provided for the Derrymullen road this year. He seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal that it be taken out of Rates for the current year.

Councillor Joyce and Deputy Kitt criticised a newspaper report on the discussion on Rate Collectors at a previous meeting when only one side of the argument was published.

Councillor Joyce referred to the allocation of £8,500 for work on a road at Moher. It started in January last year during bad weather as a result of which the money was virtually wasted. Councillor Joyce also stressed the importance of ensuring that any trees which are to be felled are decayed as the appearance of trees is very important to the environment and to Tidy Towns Competitions. The County Engineer stated that it is not intended to cut down sound trees and that no trees will be cut down unless they are dangerous.

The Chairman asked that the Council would adopt the Estimate at that meeting as he stated that it had been agreed to have a special meeting on roads when the new circular from the Department arrives and when a new roads policy can be drawn up.

Councillor Glynn referring to all the complaints which had been made with regard to the allocation of funds, urged that the Council would invite the T.D.s to get together and to hear the situation in which the Council is with a view to getting them active at Government level on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Glynn proposed that a sum of £4,000 be taken from Amenity Grants and put to some other use.

Senator Burke stated that he strongly objected to this.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Council limit the rate increase to 5% over 1983 and that the cost of this - £93,950 - be taken from the sum of £250,000 from roads in Galway City Environs. After further discussion on the question of whether or not the Estimates should be adopted with or without amendment, it was agreed to defer further consideration of the Estimates to a special meeting which would be held on Monday, 2nd April, 1984.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

27<sup>th</sup> April 1984. DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u Marta, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 26u la Marta, 1984, ar 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

C L A R

Moltai fe Alt 4 de'n Acht um Bainisti Chathrach agus Contae (Leasu 1955):

Athchomair:

1. Cead sraclearaide d'fhorbairt tithiochta ag Mackney, Beal Atha na Sluaighe - Sean O'Neachtain - Uimhir 47029.  
Comhairleoiri Seogheach, O'Ceit, T.D., O Callanain.
2. Cead Pleanala ar scathlan ag Caherbrien, Gort Inse Guaire - Roibeard Marcus - Uimhir 47513.  
Comhairleoiri M. O'Fathaigh, O'Beirne, P. O'Fathaigh, T.D.
3. Cead Pleanala - cro d'aththogaint, dabhach searachais a thogaint ag Cloosh, Cinn Mhara - Padraig O'Fathaigh - Uimhir 47562.  
Comhairleoiri M. O'Fathaigh, O'Beirne, P. O'Fathaigh, T.D.
4. Cead Pleanala - dha theach ag Mountross, Ath Chinn - John Halvey - Uimhir 47498.  
Comhairleoiri O'Mannin, O'Riain, O'Domhnallain, T.D.
5. Cead Pleanala - teach agus dabhach searachais ag Demesne, Tuaim - Timothy King - Uimhir 47615.  
Comhairleoiri O'Fionnagain, Mac Giolla Leith, O'Ceit, T.D.
6. Cead Pleanala - teach ag Rooghaun, Ard Rathain - John Joyce - Uimhir 47580.  
Comhairleoiri O'Mainnin, O'Riain, O'Domhnallain, T.D.
7. Cead Pleanala - bealach isteach chuig teach ag Ballynamantan, Gort Inse Guaire - Joe Lee - Uimhir 47563.  
Comhairleoiri M. O'Fathaigh, O'Beirne, P. O'Fathaigh, T.D.

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8. Cead Pleanala - teach ag Derrydonnell Beg, Uaran Mor - Maura Farrell - Uimhir 47700.

Comhairleoiri O'Maolmhuidhe, Mac Pharthalan, Welby, M. O'Fathaigh.

9. Cead Pleanala - teach agus garaiste ag Gort a'tSleibhe - William Lawless - Uimhir 46799.

Comhairleoiri Mac Giolla Leith, Welby, O'Maolmhuidhe.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u Marta, 1984.

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Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

C L A R

1. Miontuairisci.
2. Iasachtaí i gcoir siolta agus leasachain.
3. Tuarascail ar bhailiu rataí i 1983 (coip leis seo).
4. Iarratas o Galway Association for Mentally Handicapped Children Ltd. ar iasacht chun dha theach a thogail ag Cill Chiarain, Beal Atha na Sluaighe agus i dTuaim.
5. Data a cheapadh i gcoir cruinniu miosuil Mi Aibreán ( An cheathru Luan - Luan Casga ).
6. Data a cheapadh i gcoir an chead cruinniu eile chun leanuint le phle an Dreacht-Phlean Forbartha.
7. Ionadaí a cheapadh ar "Failte an Iarthair" i gcoir 1984/85.
8. Litir o "An Taisce" maidir le h-iarrataisí ar cheadanna pleanála.
8. (a) Ardu tuarastail - Oifigh Cleireachais agus Cuntoiri Leabharlanna.
9. Comhdhala Eireannacha agus Idir-naisiunta:-
  - (a) Comhdhail Naisiunta Tithíochta - Gaillimh - 4u-6u Aibreán - seisear comhalta a ainmniú.
  - (b) Comhdhail I.F.H.P. - Berlin - 10u-14u Mean Foir.
  - (c) Comhdhail Bliantúil, Ard-Chomhairle na gComhairlí Chontae - Portlaoise - 10u-12u Bealtaine.
10. Dail-Chaipitil - tighthe Udaras Aitiúil a thogail.
11. Foraitheanta Diobhala mailiseacha - liosta le seo.
12. Athchoiriú Rialtais Aitiúil:
  - (a) Tuarascail Seimineara - 13u-14u Deire Foir, 1983.
  - (b) Litir - 13u Marta, 1984, on Roinn Comhshaoil - coipeanna seolta chuig baill

13. Gno' a chur i lathair ag an mBainisteoir Chontae.

MOLADH CURTHA SIAR O CRUINNIU ROIMHE SEO:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR T. WELBY:

1. Molfaidh me:

Go gcomhlionfaidh an Comhairle cinneadh a rinneadh ag cruinniu de'n Chomhairle -

'Se sin curam a ghlacadh ar na boithre agus na seirbhísí ar Eastait Uí Fathaigh Uachtar Ard - rud a mhol an Innealtoir cunta, an t-Uasal Copeland.

MOLTÁI EILE A FUARTHAS:

NA COMHAIRLEOIRÍ M.S. MAC GIOLLA GANNAIN AGUS S. O'BRAONAIN:

Molfaimid:

2. Go reiteochadh an Comhairle an tuille a bhíonn go gnathach ar an mbothar ag an tSleathain (Cappatagle) in aice le teach J. Garvey.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O RUADHAIN:

Molfaidh me:

3. Go mbeidh seomraí gleasta ar pairceanna imeartha saor o rataí sa Chontae seo.

4. Go ndeanfar leathnu agus feabhsu ar bhothar Chontae - Gaillimh/Carn Mor -go dtí an Aer Phort.

5. Go gcuirfear dha shoillse ar fail ag Eaglais Anach Chuain.

AN TEACHTA M. O'CHEIT:

Molfaidh me:

6. Go ndeanfar an bothar ag Trihill, Droichead Ballinamore, a dheisiú, maolu ar thuillte, agus driseacha ar dha thaobh an bhothair a ghearradh síos.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. MAC CORMAIC:

Iarrfaidh me:

7. Go ndeanfadh an Comhairle Chontae coiriú ar dhromchla an bhothair ag Waterdale, Baile Clar na Gaillimhe, agus na tuillte a mhaolu air.

8. Go dtogfar solas poiblí ag an Ionad Comhphobail ag Coran Dola.

9. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae ionad tuirlingthe nua ar fail ar phiara Anach Chuain.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR O'BEIRN:

Molfaidh me:

10. Go gcuirfear cludach chre ar an laithrean fuilligh i gCinn Mhara agus nach ndeanfar a thuille usaid as mar ionad fuilligh.

11. Go dtabharfar cead do Chomhairleoirí airgead 'Notice of Motion' a usaid chun soillse poiblí a chur ar fail in aiteanna nach bhfuil aon airgead chuige sin curtha ar fail ins na Meastachain.

12. Go dtabharfar tuairisc ar an dul chun chinn ata deanta go dti seo le Sceim meaduithe uisce do Chinn Mhara.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR T. WELBY:

Iarrfaidh me:

13. Cen chios a bhi iniochta le tineonta Halla an Bhaile i nGaillimh do'n Chomhairle seo i 1963, 1973, agus 1983, ar ioc an Comhairle na Ratai, an meid a iocadh agus an meid chiosa a bhi gan a bheith iochta ag deire 1983.

14. Go ndeanfadh an Comhairle solathar do leathnu an phiopa uisce i Magh Chuilinn ar bhothar Uachtair Aird chun freastal ar na grup-sceimeanna ata beartuighthe sa Bhaile Nua, an tSeanbhaile, Coolaghy agus sceimeanna eile.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR SEAMUS SEOIGHE

Molfaidh me:

15. Go rachadh an Comhairle Condae seo i gcomhairle leis an Rialtas, le Bord Failte, le Oifig na nOibreacha Poibli, le Eaglais an h-Eireann, agus le unaeri Ard Eaglais Naomh Bhreandain i gCluain Feartha (agus na tailte thart timpeall air) chun plean forbartha a chur ar fail don ionad Naisiunta agus idir-Naisiunta ata ann.

16. Go mineodh an Comhairle Condae cen fath nar thosaigh an deisiu ar na taobh-chosain i nDun an Ochta roimh deireadh na bliana seo caite faoi mar a gealladh dom.

17. Go ndeanfadh na h-innealltoiri aitiula i mBeal Atha na Slua agus i bPort Omna staidear ar na comharthai bothar ina gceanntreacha mar go bhfuil cuid mhor acu briste, casta, leagtha, lofa, scaoilte, agus in-leite agus go gcuirfeadh siad tuairisc orthu os comhair an Comhairle Condae go luath le plean feabhais.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR

Molfaidh me:

18. Go dtoghfaidh Comhairle Condae freagracht as Sceim Uisce na n-Oilean, Leitirmoir.

19. Cen socru ata deanta ag an Comhairle Condae maidir leis an droch piosa bothar o theach Mac an Iomaire (Ridge) go dti teach na Cuirte Casla.

20. Cen reiteach ata deanta maidir le feabhsu Roillig Leitirmeallain.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR S.M. O'MAINNIN:

Molfaidh me:

21. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae caidhsear uisce ar fail taobh amuigh den scoil sa tSraith Saileach.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

20th March, 1984.

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 March, 1984, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,  
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 Outline Planning Permission to John Naughton of Mackney, Ballinasloe, for a housing development at Mackney. - Planning Ref. No. 47029."

James Joyce. Michael P. Kitt. Joe Callanan.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Robert Marcus, Caherbrien, Gort, Co. Galway, for the erection of a shed at Caherbrien, Gort, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 47513."

Michael Fahy. Toddie Byrne. Frank Fahey.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick Fahy, Knocknakill-eeen, Kinvara, Co. Galway, for reconstruction of outhouse and construction of septic tank at Cloosh, Kinvara, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 47562."

Michael Fahy. Toddie Byrne. Frank Fahey.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to John Halvey of Gentian Hill, Knocknacarra, Galway, for the erection of two houses at Mountross, Headford, Co. Galway. - Planning ref. no. 47498."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Timothy King, Kilcloghans, Tuam, Co. Galway, for erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Demesne Townland, Tuam. - Planning Ref. No. 47615."

Patrick Finnegan. Mark Killilea. Michael Kitt.

6. "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 John Joyce of Ardahan, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Rooghaun, Ardahan, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 47580."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.

7. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Joe Lee, c/o R. Monahan, Kinvara, Co. Galway, for entrance to dwellinghouse at Ballynamantan, Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 47563."

Michael Fahy. Toddie Byrne. Frank Fahey.

8. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Maura Farrell, Derryhoyle, Craughwell, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Derry-donnell Beg, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 47700."

J. Molloy. G. Bartley. T. Welby. Michael Fahy.

9. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant full permission to William Lawless of Circular Road, Galway, for a dwellinghouse and garage at Gortatlewa, Bushypark. - Planning Ref. No. 46799."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u Marta, 1984.

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, 26u la Marta, 1984, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O'DUBHGHAILL,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Seeds and Fertilisers Loan Scheme.
3. Report on Rate Collection 1983 ( Copy herewith ).
4. Application from Galway Association for Mentally Handicapped Children Limited for a loan to erect two houses at Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, and at Tuam.
5. Fix date of Monthly Meeting for April (4th Monday is Easter Monday).
6. Fix date for next meeting to continue review of the Draft County Development Plan.
7. Selection of representative on Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for 1984/85.
8. Letter from An Taisce re Planning applications, etc.
- 8.(a) Salary Revision - Clerical Officer, Library Assistant, etc.
9. Irish and International Conferences:
  - (a) National Housing Conference - Galway - 4th-6th April - nomination of 6 Members.
  - (b) I.F.H.P. Congress, Berlin - 10th-14th September.
  - (c) Annual Conference County Councils' General Council - Portlaoise - 10th-12th May. - (Copy herewith)
10. Capital Allocation - Local Authority Housing.
11. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
12. Local Government Reform
  - (a) Report on Seminar on 13th-14th October, 1983 - Dun Laoghaire.
  - (b) Letter dated 13th March, 1984, from the Department of the Environment with enclosure.
  - Copies to follow.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

## COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

## (a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

1. That this Council carry out a decision taken at a Council Meeting -  
That is to take over the roads and services on the Fahy Estate, Oughterard - also which was recommended by Assistant Engineer, Mr. Copeland.

COUNCILLORS M.J. KILGANNON AND J. BRENNAN - We will propose:

2. That the Council deal with the regular flooding of the road at Slehane (Cappatagle) at J. Garvey's house.

COUNCILLOR PATRICK RUANE - I will propose:

3. That all dressing rooms on playing pitches in this County be free of Rates.
4. That the Galway/Carnmore County Road to Air Phort be widened and improved.
5. That 2 lights be laid on outside Annaghdown Church.

DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT - I will propose:

6. That a road at Trihill, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe, be repaired by Galway County Council, that flooding be relieved and in particular, that briars on both sides of the road be cut down.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

7. That the County Council surface dress and relieve flooding on the Waterdale Road, Claregalway.
8. That a public light be erected at the Community Centre, Corrandulla.
9. That the County Council take steps as soon as possible to replace the landing stage on the pier in Annaghdown. This matter is very urgent because in this Quincentennial year, it is important that proper landing facilities be provided at the Annaghdown Pier to facilitate landing of Corrib boat trippers as the boats always traditionally stopped at Annaghdown.

COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE - I will ask:

10. For an up-to-date statement on the position of the proposed Kinvara Augmentation Scheme.
11. That Kinvara Dump be covered over with soil and site be no longer used as a dump of any description.
12. That Councillors be allowed to use Notice of Motion money for the provision of public lighting in areas not provided for otherwise in the Estimates.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

13. What rent was payable by the tenant of the Town Hall Cinema to this Council in 1963, 1973, and 1983, if the Council paid the Rates, the amount it paid in each of those years, and the amount of rent if any unpaid at the end of 1983.
14. That this Council make provisions for the extension of the watermain in Moycullen Village on the Oughterard Road so as to serve the proposed group water scheme for Newtown, Oldtown and Coolaghy and others that may join.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR SEAMUS SEOIGHE - Molaim:

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18. Go dtoghfaidh Comhairle Condae freagrecht ar Sceim Uisce na n-Oilean, Leitirmoir.
19. Cen socru ata deanta ag an Comhairle Condae maidir leis an droch piosa bothar o theach Mac an Iomaire (Ridge) go dti teach na cuirte Casla.
20. Cen reiteach ata deanta maidir le feabhsu Roillig Leitirmeallain.

COUNCILLOR JOHN M. MANNION - I will propose:

21. That this Council provide a water gullet outside Recess National School.

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Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Ambrose J. Joyce, "Bernade", Maunsell's Road. Minister for P. & T.	Ford Escort - reg. no. 8120 IM	County at Large.	£1,000.00	£628.03
Mrs. Rose Mougan, 31, Renmore Park, Galway.	Large coin collecting apparatus (Tel. no. 23175) removed, damaged and destroyed at Garrafrauns, Dunmore.	County at large.	£ 350.00	£143.26
Mr. Liam Lawless, Kiltulla, Athenry.	Damage to Ford Escort XZM 102.	County at Large.	£ 450.00	£842.21
Mr. Liam Higgins, Gort Shopping Centre, Gort.	Damage to plate glass window.	Borough of Galway.	£ 50.00	£ 67.64
Martin Hoban Plant Hire Ltd., 39, Devon Park, Galway.	Damage to door.	County at large.	£ 262.50	£ 62.70
Carolyn Shiels, 51, Oaklands, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to windows of J.C.B.	County at large.	£ 523.00	£652.44
Mr. Patrick Egan, St. Anne's, Woodquay, Galway.	B.M.W. 520 Saloon Car, reg. no. 8230 ZM - rear passenger window smashed, car radio removed, panels of passenger doors ripped off.	Borough of Galway.	£1,000.00	£249.76
Frank McDonagh, Inishannagh Park, Rahoona, Galway.	House and contents burned - damage to flooring, plaster board on walls, ceilings and decorations.	Borough of Galway.	£2,000.00	£808.21
	Damage to timber, plaster to 15 flue liners, aeroboard, scaffolding doors and breakage of window sill.	Borough of Galway.	£1,573.00	£1,031.91

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1984.

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 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.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; P. Flood, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Messrs. B. Callagy and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2342 - USAID NA GAELIGE AG AN gCRUINNIU:

It was agreed that in order to facilitate all Members, the use of Irish would be optional at the meeting.

2343 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47029 - JOHN NAUGHTON.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Mackney, Ballinasloe,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west of Garbally College Gates. It fronts on to the N.6 Galway/Dublin route but has a proposed access onto a minor County road on its western boundary.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

While the site has frontage on to a National Route it has been the policy of this Planning Authority to permit development on such sites where access can be gained from a minor public road and where other Planning requirements can be met. In this case, the land is lower than the National Route and any visual impression of ribbonisation along the route would be lessened. Trial holes were dug by the applicant following a request for further information and an inspection was made by the Community Care Health Inspector who recommended that not more than 3 number septic tanks should be built on the site so as to avoid "public health problems". A recommendation to grant three of the five houses which are sought is being made on the basis of this recommendation. A local objection has been lodged against the development on the basis that the development would make it difficult for the objector to maintain control over his movement of stock along this road."



Do mhol an Teachta O Ceit an run a bhi ar an gClár agus duirt nar thuig se an fadhb slaintíochta a bhi ann mar nar deinéadh aon triail le h-uisce ar na poill triaileacha a bhi tochailte ag an iarrthoir. Clr. Callanan seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal and he could see no reason why permission would not be given for five houses in an area which is approximately 2½ acres in area.

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O Braonain gan cead a thabhairt agus cuidigh an Seanadoir De Burca leis an run seo.

Councillor Brennan and Senator Burke referred to the possibility of pollution of a river nearby from the septic tank. Senator Burke stated that there are underground drains within 8 yards of one of the septic tanks and that there is a strong possibility that pollution would go through those channels from the septic tank to the river. He considered that there is adequate land in any event within the Urban District of Ballinasloe and that the Council should not be giving planning permissions leading out from the town especially as in this case where there is no housing need. It was agreed that a vote would be taken on those proposals after 4.30 p.m.

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

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

(16)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, Senator Burke, Councillor Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Councillor Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Mannion, O'Foighil, Ryan.

(12)

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

Councillor Glynn did not vote.

2344 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47513 - ROBERT MARCUS:

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

LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately 3 miles south of Gort on the N.18 Galway/Limerick route. It adjoins the junction with a minor County Road leading to Shanaglish.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 13590: Permission granted for a house on the southwest portion of this site to Mr. John McInerney, on the basis of a family housing need. A condition of the Permission was that the access be from the minor road. This has not been complied with and the development as carried out is unauthorised.

Ref. No. 28021: Outline Permission refused to Mr. John McInerney for three houses on the North West portion of this site.

Ref. No. 40363: Outline Permission for 3 houses refused as per 28021.

Ref. No. 43638: Outline Permission for one house granted to Mr. John McInerney on the northwest portion of the site.

Ref. No. 46369: Permission for construction of shed and retention of unauthorised development refused to Mr. Robert Marcus.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant has been carrying out an unauthorised use of this land for the repair and sale of cars for some time although we have only been aware of this for about one year. Following a warning letter issued from the Planning Department in April of last year, Mr. Marcus lodged an application - ref. no. 46369 in order to regularise matters. The application was refused by the Planning Authority and Mr. Marcus's appeal was adjudged to be late. He subsequently attended the office with Councillor M. Fahy and outlined his case.

He has been in the business of buying second hand cars, refurbishing them and re-selling them and did not think that he required Planning Permission for this purpose. The new shed which he proposes to build would be for the storage and repair of cars. Deputy F. Fahey and Councillor T. Byrne also made representations on his case.

The site is on the National Primary Route N.18 and while there is a County Road adjoining the site a retail business such as this will have a specific attraction for passing traffic and generate movements to and from the National Route which will present a hazard which the policy of restricting Commercial Development along the route seeks to avoid. Businesses such as this should properly be located in Gort itself or one of the surrounding villages where traffic hazard can be avoided and where it can contribute to the physical and commercial growth of the village.

It should be further pointed out that the granting of this Permission will not legitimise the other unauthorised structures and uses on the site.

Refusal is recommended 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 be contrary to Section 6.02, Table No. 3 of the County Development Plan which restricts commercial development, such as is proposed, along national primary routes."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy who stated that this man was unaware that he needed planning permission until about a year ago and that his main activity is in repairing vintage cars, that the location is not dangerous, or a hindrance to traffic on a National Primary Road.

Councillor Byrne seconded this proposal and stated that this is a young man starting a small business and he wanted to replace an old shed by a new one.

The County Engineer stated that the permission given for the house in this case was on the basis of family need to another man, that the business carried on is not authorised and is doing a substantial second-hand car business. The entrance is not authorised and this entrance from a National Primary Road with increased turning movements can lead to a serious hazard to traffic. He stated that to grant this permission would be compounding a breach of the planning law.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Councillor M. Fahy passed.

2345 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47562 - PATRICK FAHY:

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

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

2346 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47498 - JOHN HALVEY:

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

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

2347 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47615 - TIMOTHY KING:

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

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

2348 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47580 - JOHN JOYCE:

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

2349 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47563 - JOE LEE:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the N.18 Galway/Limerick road approximately 1/2 mile outside the 40 m.p.h. speed limit on the Galway side of Gort.

PLANNING HISTORY:

The applicant's site is on lands which are being developed for the construction of five houses which were granted by a Section 4 Resolution of the County Council after two previous Refusals for comprehensive commercial and one Refusal for housing development. The Section 4 Grant was conditional on the construction of a service road giving a single point of access to the five houses onto the National Route. This service road was also shown on the documents submitted with that application - Reference Number 37859.

A previous application by this applicant for this individual access was refused by the Planning Authority - Reference Number 47263.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:

The original grant of Permission which was contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan, on the grounds of traffic hazard, was mitigated somewhat in the limitation of access points. This is now proposed to be set aside and will serve as a precedent for the remainder of this development and other similar developments, thus increasing the number of access points onto highly trafficked route and the consequent risk of serious accidents.

The relationship of vehicular access points to accident ratings is well established and can be ignored but not refuted.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. The proposed development involving the creation of a separate and independent access onto a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would result in a proliferation of accesses contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and would be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a 'traffic hazard.'

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy who stated that when Permission was given for this house in 1981, the applicant built a two-storey house and now wants a main entrance to the house from a National Primary Road.

Councillor Byrne seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal.

The County Engineer stated that the previous Permission granted following a Section 4 Resolution specified that there is to be one entrance only for five houses and he asked that the Council should adhere to this decision and not allow five separate entrances.

As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Councillor Fahy, passed.

2350 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47700 - MAURA FARRELL:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located 300 yards east of Derrydonnell Cross on the N.6 Galway/Dublin route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

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| Ref. No. 7088  | Outline Permission granted to Mrs. Margaret Cahill for a house on this site. The house was stated to be for her son's occupancy. |
| Ref No. 15988  | Permission refused to Mr. P. Courtney for a house on this site.  |
| Ref. No. 16718 | Approval to No. 7088 granted on appeal to the Minister. Applicant: Mr. P. Courtney.  |
| Ref. No. 47320 | Permission refused to present applicant, Miss Maura Farrell, for a house on this site.   |

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The original grant of Permission was given in 1970 on the basis of a second family housing need. This application has not been availed of and there was a late attempt in November 1981 by a Mr. Thomas Burke to extend the Permission under Section 29(9) of the 1976 Act. A further Planning Act in 1982 made applications such as this valid until 31st October, 1983, but this was still not availed of and there is now no Permission on this site.

It would appear from our files that this site has had five different owners since 1970. The present proposal does not come within any of the categories of housing need which the Development Plan may allow along National Primary Routes. No consultation has taken place on the matter but Councillor Molloy did make representations on applicant's behalf.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

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.

The proposed development would be contrary to Section 6.02 Table 3 of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to family housing needs on local farm buildings. No such need has been claimed in this case."

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

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

2351 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46799 - WILLIAM LAWLESS:

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

LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on Galway/Oughterard/Clifden national route 2 miles north of Galway City. It is approximately 400 metres outside the city speed limit zone.

PLANNING HISTORY:

- Ref. No. 3519: Outline Permission granted for a house to Mr. T. Lawless on a larger site which includes this site in September 1967. This Permission was not availed of and lapsed at the end of last October.
- Ref. No. 8008: Outline permission for a hotel refused by the Planning Authority and the Minister - applicant Mr. W. Lawless.
- Ref. No. 15359: Outline Permission for a hotel refused by the Planning Authority and the Minister - applicant: G. O Laighleis.
- Ref. No. 19414: Outline Permission for a guest house refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala - applicant: G. Lawless.
- Ref. No. 41059: Outline Permission for a guesthouse refused by the Planning Authority - applicant: G. Lawless.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on reverse bends on an unrealigned section of the National Secondary route where sight distance is critically deficient due to the poor horizontal and vertical alignment. Planning policy as expressed in Section 6.02 Table 3 of the County Development Plan restricts development along this route to local family housing needs. No family housing need exists in this case

The decision date was extended so as to allow the applicant discuss the possibility of revising the proposal so as to locate the house elsewhere on the lands where access can be gained on to the adjacent County road. A meeting was held and such a possibility was discussed but it would appear that whereas the applicant may look for further housing development with an access from the minor road he is allowing the present proposal to be judged on its present merits.

Apart from the general safety risk of a proliferation of accesses along this route this proposal would constitute a specifically serious risk because of its location on reverse bends with deficient sight distance.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

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 3 of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to local family housing needs on farm holdings. No housing need exists in this case.

The Resolution set out in the Agenda proposed by Senator Killilea who stated that this house is required by the man himself and while he agreed that there is no housing need as such this man wants to live in the area where he had been brought up. The family estate had previously facilitated the County Council would continue to do so in relation to land acquisition for road realignment but he stressed that the present proposal would not interfere in any way with roads.

This resolution was seconded by Clr. Mannion.

The County Engineer stated that the site is on a particularly bad double bend on a national secondary road and he considered that this man or members of his family or members of the public would be at risk if this development is permitted.

Mr. Kavanagh stated that this man owns about 12 acres in the area but that it might be possible to allow development with an access on to a minor road.

Clr. Brennan proposed and Clr. J. Burke seconded that the permission sought would be refused.

It was agreed to take a vote on those proposals at 4.30 p.m.

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

FOR: Councillors Bartley, Callanan, Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Deputy Fahy, Clrs. M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Sen. Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Clrs McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane and Welby. (22)

AGAINST: Councillor Brennan, Deputy Connaughton, Clr. Holland. (3)

The Chairman then declared the resolution set out in the Agenda carried.

The following Councillors did not vote: Senator Ulick Burke, Clrs Byrne and Glynn and Ryan.

The Meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael Ryan* CHAIRMAN

27th April 1984 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH MARCH, 1984.

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 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. M. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. G. O'hUiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer, T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); Miss C. Hett, Senior Staff Officer; Messrs. B. Callagy and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

2352 - MINUTES:

The Minutes of Meetings held on the 14th of February, 20th February, 27th February and 9th March, ( 2277 - 2335) were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Clr. Mannion and seconded by Clr. Molloy.

Arising from the Minutes Clr. M. Fahy stated that at a previous Meeting a commitment had been given to providing fencing for some of the work to prevent camping of travellers at Caherbrien, Gort.

The County Secretary stated that no commitment had been given and that the difficulties involved were explained.

Also arising from the Minutes Clr. Haverty raised the question of the time and date for the meeting already fixed to consider the Estimates i.e. 2nd April, 1984.

Following a discussion it was agreed that this Meeting would commence at 4.30 p.m. on the 2nd April, 1984.

2353 - CONNAUGHT HERITAGE PARK.

Clr O'Foighil stated he wished to raise the question of the Connaught Heritage Park.

It was agreed that this matter be put on the Agenda for the Monthly Meeting in April.

2354 - Seeds & Fertilisers Loan Scheme 1984.

The Draft Scheme as circulated to members was approved on a proposition of Clr. J. Burke, seconded by Clr. Ruane.

2355 - Report on Rate Collection 1983.

The Report on Rate Collection for 1983, copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council was noted.

2356 - APPLICATION FROM GALWAY ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN LIMITED FOR A LOAN TO ERECT TWO HOUSES AT KILKERRIN, BALLINASLOE, AND AT TUAM.

The County Manager stated that this application is being made under a New Scheme under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1966 which provides that the Minister may advance a loan to a Housing Authority which may in turn give up to 80% of the capital costs of approved work by an approved organisation. The Department will recoup 100% of the loan charges so long as the approved organisation is complying with the conditions. He stated that an application for assistance under the scheme had been received in respect of two projects one at Kilkerrin (Ballinasloe) and at Tuam. He stated that the estimated total cost of the Scheme is £120,000 and it is expected that the loan to be applied for in this case would be 80% of this amount.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Sen. Killilea the Council unanimously agreed to providing the necessary assistance for those two projects and approved in principle making an application for the appropriate loan - when planning and estimates are complete.

Replying to queries from members, the County Manager stated that the scheme is designed to help elderly persons eligible for local authority houses or institutional care at public expense or handicapped persons, homeless persons, deserted or battered wives, single parent families or families on approved lists for local authorities who could not reasonably be expected to secure adequate housing accommodation with their own resources. He also stated that there is a list of organisations which can be assisted which has been approved by the Minister and that it is open to other organisations who can comply with the terms of the scheme to make an application for approval to the Minister.

2357 - DATE OF APRIL MONTHLY MEETING.

It was agreed that this Meeting would be held on Friday, 27th April, 1984.

2358 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed that the next meeting for this purpose will be held on Tuesday, 17th April, 1984 at 3.30 p.m.

2359 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR DIRECTORSHIP OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION FOR 1984/85 AND TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ORGANISATION TO BE HELD IN MAY.

It was proposed by Clr. Mannion, seconded by Clr. O'Foighil that " Clr Holland be appointed as the Council's nominee".

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Clr. O'Morain that " Clr O Conchubhair be appointed as the Council's nominee on the Organisation".

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

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

For Clr. O'Conchubhair: Clrs Bartley, Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Clrs M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Sen. Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Clrs Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'hUiginn, O'Morain and Welby. (15)

For Clr. Holland: Clr. Brennan, Sen. Burke, Clr. Byrne, Deputy Connaughton, Clr. Coogan, Deputy Donnellan, Clrs Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Mannion, O'Foighil, Ruane and Ryan. (14).

The Chairman declared Clr. O'Conchubhair to be the Council's nominee on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Limited for 1984/85 and to attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in May.

Gabh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair agus O'Holland buiochas doibh siud a thug a votai doibh.

2360 - LETTER FROM AN TAISCE RE PLANNING APPLICATIONS, ETC.

This matter was discussed at length during which some members criticised the action of An Taisce in lodging objections where a Section 4 Resolutions have been passed and which resulted in hardship to applicants for planning permission some of whom had to emigrate and some had not yet succeeded in getting suitable sites. It was suggested that an Taisce be asked to bring their files with them and to substantiate the reasons for their objections in those cases. After further discussion it was agreed to invite representatives of An Taisce to attend the Council Meeting on the 17th inst., and it was also decided that if the representatives are attending the Meeting will commence at 2.00 p.m., after which the Council will continue with the review of the County Development Plan.

2361 - PROVISION OF REMUNERATION OF CLERICAL OFFICERS AND LIBRARY ASSISTANTS.

The County Manager informed the Council that an agreement had been reached between the Local Government Public Services Union and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board in relation to a claim for an increase at the maximum of the scale of Clerical Officer and analogous grades employed by local authorities. He stated that the revised maximum for Clerical Officers, Library Assistants and analogous grades are as follows from the date stated:

Date	Revised Maximum
1.9.80	£7124
1.10.80	£7746
1.6.81	£8288
1.12.81	£8497
1.3.82	£9007
1.10.82	£9457
1.9.83	£9906
1.2.84	£10228

A total cost in 1984 including arrears is £49,150 and in a full year it will be £12,650.

It was proposed by Sen. U. Burke and seconded by Clr. Brennan and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve increases in the maximum of the Clerical Officers, Library Assistants and analogous grades as set out in a Circular Letter dated 16th March, 1984, ref. EL 5/84 Rem 166 from the Department of the Environment."

2362 - NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE, GALWAY - APPOINTMENT OF SIX REPRESENTATIVES.

It was agreed that the following Councillors would attend this Conference:-

Councillors G. Bartley, Deputy F. Fahey, Clrs J. Molloy, M. Ryan, J. Mannion and P. O'Foighil.

2363 - I.F.H.P. CONGRESS, BERLIN.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Brennan, seconded by Clr. M. Fahy and agreed that the Council send no delegates to this Conference. Sen. Killilea stated that this was a retrograde step and he considered that attendance at those Conferences was a great asset for Councillors.

Clr. Glynn stated that two or three delegates should be sent.

Deputy Kitt proposed and Clr. O'Conchubhair seconded that the money be used to avoid redundancies.

Sen. Killilea asked what saving would result from the decision not to send any delegates.

The County Manager stated that there would be a saving as such but that the Council would be underspending and he stated that the Council this year has spent more than they have spent in previous years on expenses of meetings since more meetings were held than in previous years.

Sen. Killilea stated that he took offence to this remark and the County Manager replied that he was merely answering a question. Deputy Fahey stated that he agreed that meetings should be kept to a minimum but he pointed out that members in other counties are going to the Conference in Berlin.

The County Manager stated that normally the County Council has about 25 meetings per annum but this year in 3 months they already had ten meetings as a result of which there would not be any saving.

Deputy Fahey proposed that the estimate be amended by increasing the amount for Councillors' travelling expenses. He complained that he had asked previously for a Sanitary Services Meeting and nothing had been done about it.

Clr. Glynn criticised the absence of many Councillors at the previous meeting while the Estimates were being considered.

Clr. O'Morain seconded Deputy Fahey's proposed and stated that the Manager's statement if published could be interpreted that Councillors were holding extra meetings in order to get expenses. The County Manager stated that he made no such insinuation and was simply reporting to the Council that already ten meetings had been held up to the end of March while normally 25 were held for the full year. He agreed that the meetings were necessary because of the review of the County Development Plan and for the consideration of the Estimates.

Clr. Joyce stated that there was good reason for extra meetings and that the Council should make provision for it and the County Manager stated that he agreed fully with this.

Deputy Fahey stated that decisions are made by the County Council and are glossed over by Officials. He stated that he had previously asked for a Meeting on Sanitary Services every three months.

At this stage the County Manager stated that there are growing allegations against officials and he asked that the Councillors would treat officials fairly and that the business between the Councillors and officials should be transacted in a fair and polite manner.

Clr. Brennan and the Chairman stated that they wish to dissociate themselves from Deputy Fahey's remark in relation to County Council staff.

2364 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - PORTLAOISE - 10TH-12TH MAY.

It was agreed that in addition to the Chairman and the other Council representatives on the County Councils General Council the following Councillors would attend this Conference:-

Clrs. J. Joyce, E. Haverty, F. Coogan and P. O'Foighil.

2365 - COSPOIR CONFERENCE - WESTPORT, CO. MAYO - 21ST TO 25TH MAY.

The County Manager stated that notification had been received about this Conference and he asked if the Council wish to send any representatives. It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the April Meeting.

2366 - CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS - PORTLAOISE - 3RD-5TH MAY, 1984.

It was agreed that the question of sending representatives to this Conference would be deferred to the next meeting.

2367 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL ALLOCATION.

The County Manager reviewed Mr. Howlett's report of 21st March, 1984, and Department's Circular dated 15th March, 1984, notifying the initial capital allocation of £2,475,000 for on-going commitments at 31st January, 1984. He stated that an allocation for new starts is awaited. Sen. U. Burke asked that an effort be made to acquire more private sites and he referred in particular to the need of such sites in Loughrea.

Replying to Sen. Burke regarding house prices, the County Manager stated that competitiveness appears to be keeping prices down but he stated that there is little demand for sites. The question will be reviewed however when the allocation for new starts is received.

Clr. Joyce asked if the number of people dealing with the review of rents could be increased as there have been some delays in revising rents where incomes change and some problems with regard to service of notices to quit.

2368 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as listed to the Schedule of the Agenda had been received since the last Meeting.

2369 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM.

The County Manager referred to the report of the Seminar held on 13th/14th October, 1983, at Dun Laoghaire and letter dated 13th March, 1984, from the Department of the Environment, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council. He suggested that the Council should consider making a submission on the reform of local government.

Clr. Kilgannon stated that the Circular from the Department does not answer the question which was asked that the County Council should have an input into proposals for Reform. No decisions have been taken and finance is not the only problem as the general powers of a local authority should also be considered. He felt that a special meeting to prepare details for a submission should be called.

Clr. Glynn stated that there is need for a self financing system in local government.

Clr. Joyce suggested that a Committee of members who are particularly interested in Reform should form a Committee, meet and prepare a paper for the County Council.

The Chairman supported this proposal and suggested that a number of Councillors might get together and prepare a document which would then be presented to the County Council for consideration as a submission to the Department.

Sen. Burke stated that it would be wrong to approach the question of Reform as if everything hinged around finance and he suggested that one of the proposals to be made should be that the administration of grants and loan schemes should be handed back to local authorities.

It was agreed that the following members would be appointed to consider proposals for reform, would prepare a document which will be submitted to the County Council for consideration:-

Clrs. M. Ryan, T. Byrne, F. Glynn, J. Callanan, T. Welby, M. J. Kilgannon, J. Joyce and Senator U. Burke.

The County Secretary was asked to collect previous submissions regarding the reform of Local Government and to circulate the appropriate documents to members of the Committee.

2370 - INTERDEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON INLAND TRANSPORT.

The County Manager stated that following an enquiry made at a previous meeting a letter had been addressed to the Secretary of the above Committee in the Department of Public Service enquiring what is the present position regarding the work of this group. He stated that a reply had now been received indicating that the work of the group is nearing completion and it is hoped that a report will be available in the near future. The Secretary of the Group expressed his thanks to the Council for their contribution which he stated had been very useful.

2371 - HARDSTAND FOR TRAVELLING FAMILIES IN LOUGHREA.

Clr. Burke stated that some concern is being expressed in Loughrea and

that work has started about taking levels for a site near the existing travellers site at Gortbreeda, Loughrea.

The County Manager stated that what ever survey work is being done it is only for the purpose of preparing a report for the County Council and that no work on the development of the site is being undertaken at the present.

MEMBERS NOTICES OF MOTION.

2372 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS ON THE FAHY ESTATE, OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY.

The County Secretary stated that he had checked the records and found that no decision has previously been made by the Council on taking over the roads in this Estate.

The County Engineer stated that the roads had not been constructed in accordance with the planning permission or the specification of work submitted by the applicant with his application. In the circumstances he said he was not prepared to recommend that the roads be taken over as the Council would be immediately involved in expenditure in maintaining the roads.

Clr. Welby stated that Mr. Copeland, Area Engineer Oughterard, had previously recommended that the Estate be taken over and that he considered that the roads had been constructed to a good standard. He proposed that the Council take over the roads on this Estate.

Clr. Coogan seconded this proposal.

The County Manager stated that it is necessary to look into the planning application and the Council may have to take up the matter with the Developer.

The County Engineer stated that he agreed that Mr. Copeland had previously recommended taking over the roads but he pointed out that the roads do not comply with the standards required by the County Council for taking over. He stated that if the Developers were prepared to spend some money on it, he (County Engineer) would recommend the minimum amount necessary to bring the roads up to standard.

Clr. Welby asked in what respects the work carried out differs from the conditions in the planning permission and the County Engineer stated that he would send details to Clr. Welby.

2373 - RELIEF OF FLOODING OF ROADS AT SLEHANE (CAPPATAGLE) NEAR J. GARVEY'S HOUSE MOTION BY COUNCILLORS KILGANNON AND BRENNAN.

The County Secretary stated that this matter will be attended to in the near future.

Clr. Kilgannon asked if he would be informed when the work is done. The County Engineer stated the problem arises from a drain from private land which goes on to a road and then back to private land again. It will require some regrading and the work will be carried out as soon as possible.

Clr. Callanan supported the proposal.

2374 - KINVARA WATER AUGMENTATION SCHEME - MOTION BY CLR. BYRNE.

The County Secretary stated that an investigation had been carried out on a bore development in Kinvara under a small scheme in 1983 and results indicated a satisfactory source for an augmentation scheme. Planning of the scheme is at an advanced stage and it being carried out by the Council's Engineering Staff. It is expected that the planning of the scheme will be completed by early summer.

2375 - CLOSING OF KINVARA DUMP - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE.

The County Secretary stated that this dump is out of use, the surrounding walls have been built up and the adjoining property cleared of wind blown materials. The dump has been levelled by a machine and on a recent inspection

it was judged to be satisfactory. The gates are closed. Under present financial constraints no undertaking can be given to top soil the area though this is in the long term desirable.

Replying to a query by Clr. Byrne, the County Manager stated that there was no proposal for using the dump for old cars and machinery.

2376 - NOTICE OF MOTION FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTS.

It was agreed that this matter had been disposed of at a previous meeting.

2377 - RENT OF TOWN HALL GALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY.

The County Secretary stated that the rent in 1963 was £240 per annum, in 1973 £200 per annum with some conditions about insurance, 1983 £550 per annum. This is retrospective to 1975. He also stated that the sum due to 31st December, 1983, is £48,175 and that the matter is still before the Court. In reply to a further query by Clr. Welby, he stated that the valuation is £68 rates paid in 1983 to Galway Corporation £1,478 and that the responsibility of rates is on the tenant.

2378 EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN IN MOYCULLEN ON THE OUGHTERARD ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BYRNE.

Proposing his motion Clr. Welby stated that a number of group schemes in the areas referred to by him intend sending in applications for approval to group water schemes.

The County Secretary stated that the extension of the watermain along this road is not included in the Galway City West Regional Water Supply Scheme. Regarding group schemes he stated that no applications have been received or any correspondence with regard to the formation of group water scheme in Newtown, Oldtown and Coolaghy. It is not therefore possible to say what quantity of water would be required or where the connection point would be. He stated that Newtown School is approximately 3,150 metres distant from Moycullen Village.

Replying to a further query by Clr. Welby, the County Manager stated that the general policy is that the Council provides the heads works and that the infill would be undertaken by groups.

2379 - ARD EAGLAIS NAOMH BHREANDAIN I GCLUAIN FEARTA - PLEAN FORBARTHA - MOLADH O COMHAIRLEOIR SEAMUS SEOIGHE.

Duirt an Runai gur le Eaglais na hEireann an foirgneamh agus na tailte ata i gceist anseo. Mhol an Comh. Seoighe go mba cheart iarracht a dheanamh an foirgneamh seo a chaomniu agus go raith locht mhor ar an dion. Duirt se go rachaidh se fein chun cainnte leis an Doctuir Rhyne agus leis an Easpaig Empey. He stated that he could see the whole of this area being developed as it has potential for tourism and employment.

The County Manager stated that this is a rather delicate matter and he felt that it should be a matter for the Board of Works to deal with the problem.

The County Manager stated that he had a letter from Dean Champ and that he would try to meet him in connection with it again. He stated also that it would not be a suitable project for Youth Employment because of the archeological and architectural aspects of the work which will be necessary.

2380 - Taobh chosain in nDun an Ocha - Moladh O Comhairleoir Seamus Seoighe.

Duirt an Runai de bharr fadhbanna a bhain leis an aimsir narbh fheidir tosnu ar an obair seo ar feadh tamall. Tosnaigh an obair afach cupla seachtain o shin.

2381 - COMHARTHAIR BOTHAIR BEAL ATHA NA SULA AGUS PORT OMNA - MOLADH O COMHAIRLEOIR SEAMUS SEOIGHE.

Duirt an Runai go bhfuil an moladh seo a scrudu ag Innealtoiri Aitiula

i mBeal Atha na Slua agus ibPort Omna.

2382 - GROUP SCEIM UISCE NA NOILEAN LEITIRMOIR - MOLADH COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR.

Duirt an Runai go mbeadh ga le iarratas a fhail on groupa go glacadh an Comhairle Chondae curam na sceime ar fhein agys go-mbeadh an Comhairle Chondae sasta glacadh leis an sceim da mbeadh se ag feimiu i gceart agus go mbeadh tiodal acu igcoir piosai talamh a bheadhag gabhail leis an sceim.

2383 - BOTHAR O THEACH MC AN IOMAIRE GO DTI TEACH NA CUIRTE CHASLA - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR.

Duirt an Runai gurb e ata i gceist san obair seo na ath-ailliniu a chur igcrich ach nach bhfuil aon airgid leaghta amach chuige ag an Roinn Comhshaoil go dti seo.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Conchubhair gurb e seo an cuid is measa den Príomh Bothar agus go mba ceart an talamh a cheannach comh luath agus is feidir.

2384 FEABSU REILIG LEITIRMOIR AGUS LEITIRMEALLAIN - MOLADH AN COMHAIRLEOIR O CONCHUBHAIR.

Duirt an Runai go bhfuil an Innealtoir ag scrudu na dtailte timpeall an dha reilig seo fa lathair.

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*Richard Ryan* CHAIRMAN

*27th April 1984* DATE

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27th March, 1984.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held in the County Buildings, Galway, on

Monday, 2nd April, 1984,

commencing at 4.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,  
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A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1984.  
(Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already circulated).
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 2ND APRIL, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. Ryan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator R. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillor J. Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors Ml. 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, N. O'Conchubhair, M.G. O'hUiginn, 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; T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; A. Fleming and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers, J. Conway, Acting Staff Officer and K. Doyle, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2385 - THEFT OF CHAIRMAN'S CHAIN OF OFFICE:

The Chairman informed the Council that he was attending a Conference in Dublin on the previous week and that on Friday night when he had his car parked in a very safe and locked enclosure at the Clarence Hotel it was broken into and the Chain of Office taken during the night together with some personal property. He stated that this was a particular disappointment to him as the Chain was the property of the County Council. He stated that every effort is being made to get it back.

Members of the Council expressed their sympathy with the Chairman and they expressed the hope that the chain would be soon recovered.

2386 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1984:

The Estimates were discussed at length during which discussion the following points were made by members:-

1. All members realised that the Council is not responsible for the situation which it finds itself at the moment and that while the Council's only option is one of accepting or rejecting the Estimates, members should be aware that if it is rejected the position may be much worse for the Council. There could be more unemployed and more money as a result might go to State bodies.
2. There is a possibility that the Council members might be removed from office and no one wishes to have them replaced by a State Official who would not have regard to the considerations which influence Councillors including the question of a Development Plan which has yet to be made.
3. Serious concern was expressed by all members of the prospect of redundancies and short time for employees. The proposed rate increase of 10% on commercial and industrial properties should be reduced to 5%.
4. Water Charges should be accepted in 2 instalments yearly.



5. There is no justification for spending money on hard shoulders while County Roads are in such a bad state of repair.
6. The provision of £10,000 for a Dogs and Cats Home should be eliminated, and used to generate employment.
7. Too much money is being spent on traffic route lighting and not enough available for lighting of small towns and villages. The Councillors should consider carefully whether the provision of a Cats and Dogs Home should be eliminated. The proposal originally arose from a request to the County Council that the Corporation would undertake the building because of heavy losses incurred by farmers due to wandering dogs.
8. That some method be devised to rationalise the charges for water and refuse on local authority tenants immediately outside the borough boundary. That all tenants of the Corporation should be treated equally.
9. It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair and resolved:  
  
"that the Department of the Environment be asked to give the County Council discretion to spend the money allocated for hard shoulders on more labour intensive work on national roads"
10. That the Council examine the possibility of effecting economies by having reports etc printed on both sides of paper and that post and other documents be left in the office for Councillors until they call.
11. That the provision of £90,000 for planning application fees should be increased. The County Manager stated that it is most likely that this estimate will not be exceeded.
12. A fixed percentage of the amount collected in Motor Tax should be handed back to the Council each year.
13. The charges for supplying water to field tanks should be reduced especially for small farmers with scattered holdings.
14. Cllr. Callanan proposed that the provision for payment of the statutory demand for the Office of Public Works be reduced to half. This money to be used to avoid redundancies.
15. £10,000 should be transferred from the provision of roads in Knocknacarra to the road improvements in Derrymullen.
16. No steps should be taken to reduce the amount of Notice of Motions funds. In fact they should be increased.
17. It is not certain that the provision of a Cats and Dogs Home near Galway City will stop the worrying of sheep in rural areas.
18. It was proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Cllr. Molloy that the Corporation tenants in Castlepark and Ballybane areas who are in the rural area be charged the same amount as is charged for services in the Corporation area.

In replying to the comments by Councillors the County Manager made the following observations:

- (a) the proposal to pay water charges by two moieties would be examined but that the Council must have regard to any possible increase in the cost of collection. The only increase proposed in charges is in relation to domestic water from £35 to £50 per annum.
- (b) Hard shoulders - if the request is to transfer money to County Roads this would not be successful but there may be a possibility of having it diverted to other labour intensive works on national roads.
- (c) Dogs and Cats Home - A deputation attended the Council some time ago

in connection with this - and the Home is not proposed for the comfort of dogs and cats but for the comfort of people who are harassed by stray dogs which attack sheep.

- (d) Charges are payable by all irrespective of ownership. It is agreed that the charges are unfavourable in relation to tenants outside the Corporation area but the Corporation did not need to make charges for certain services - no charge was made for refuse collection by the Corporation last year. The Corporation collects the refuse from those tenants and charges the County Council for it. An enquiry will be made for the Corporation to see will it be possible to forego the charges in relation to the services provided for its own tenants.
- (e) Statutory Demands - This has been examined on many occasions and the Council is living dangerously financially but it did the best it could to give increases from year to year equal to the revenue increase. There is the danger that if the Council changes from this course it could have spent money on roads and then have to pay twice. He agreed that the Health Board had serious problems and has been very understanding of the Council position but there is no scope to reduce statutory demands.
- (f) Knocknacarra Roads - The sum of £250,000 was allocated last year and a further sum of £250,000 is proposed in the current year's Estimates but when the cost of work done by the Corporation and expenditure on land is taken into account, together with expenditure in 1983, the sum remaining to the Council in the current year is only £137,000 and this will not finish the road development which will serve over 1,100 houses constructed or being constructed by three builders.
- (g) Playing Field - Knocknacarra: It is necessary to provide for playing fields in Knocknacarra - it is estimated that this will cost up to a half million pounds between land purchase and development and it is hoped to finance this from development contributions.
- (h) An enquiry will be made to see if tenants of local authority houses can pay charges with the rents.

Councillor O'Morain again raised the question of the possibility of giving credit to people liable for Rates in respect of the charges for which they are to be made liable, and he asked that the amount of Rates payable by them would be reduced by the amount of the charges.

The County Manager stated that this is not practicable and that the amount of Rates chargeable did not pay for the cost of the service. He also mentioned that if there is to be a reduction in the Council's Revenue arising from such a proposal, the money will have to be found elsewhere or expenditure will have to be curtailed by that amount.

Replying to Councillor Kilgannon in connection with the fees payable to Consulting Engineers, the County Manager stated that no new schemes have been allocated to Consultants since 1979. Councillor Kilgannon also asked that machinery hire charges be eliminated and that men be employed instead of machinery. He asked if Notice of Motion road funds could be allocated to road improvement works, e.g., bad bends instead of to taking over new roads. He also felt that work allocated to Consultants could better be done by the Council's own Engineering Staff and he asked if some incentive could be given to tenants to repair their own houses.

Councillor J. Burke referred to areas where refuse is collected on Mondays and stated that because of the instance of Bank Holidays, these areas get 6 days less service in the year than other areas get. He asked that if the 3% provided for salary increases this year is not spent, money be allocated to keeping existing workers in employment. The County Manager stated that this is the intention. Councillor Burke also asked that the Council would look at the provision of £25,000 for heating of Courthouses.

The County Manager stated that there are complaints every day about inadequate heating of Courthouses.

Deputy Fahey asked when was the submission made to the Minister by local authorities regarding Rate Collectors.

The County Manager stated that the proposal was sent to the Minister by the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board.

Replying to Councillor Joyce regarding the Derrymullen road, the County Engineer stated that the funding for this road would come from Government Grants and even if funds were available now, the work which includes the work on two bridges could not go ahead as land has yet to be acquired. He stated, however, that the necessary steps are being taken to acquire the land and he is hopeful that money will be allocated for this work in 1985.

Councillor Joyce asked if the maintenance and caretaking of Burial Grounds will be examined with a view to cutting the cost. Members also expressed objection to the suggestion in the County Manager's report that a contribution equal to that being provided by the County Council be made locally towards the cost of new Burial Grounds.

Deputy Fahey asked that if redundancies are to take place, those people who are near retiring should be selected and not those who are younger.

Deputy Fahey proposed that the Council would continue with its Capital Programme for Sanitary Services.

The County Manager stated that the Council should ask the Government to provide funds to enable these works to be undertaken as he can see no other way of providing for payment of loan charges.

Deputy Fahey stated that if the Council does not get the extra money for new water and sewerage schemes which are necessary for development, the Council will get nothing for many years to come and he asked that arrangements be made for an emergency meeting.

Councillor J. Burke seconded this proposal which was also supported by Councillor McCormack.

The County Manager stated that while the Capital Allocation had not yet been notified, it is the intention that works already in progress will continue but that it will not be possible to undertake new starts in present circumstances.

Deputy Fahey asked if Deputy Connaughton and other Oireachtas Members would meet the Ministers for the Environment and Finance and ask that the extra money be made available.

Deputy Connaughton stated that the Manager had set out the position on many occasions to the Council over the past 4 years and deputations went up to the Ministers on 6 occasions since then without any result. Deputy Connaughton also expressed worry about the inability of the Council to undertake new works and stated that he will have discussions with Members of the Government during next week in an effort to get additional funds allocated.

Councillor Callanan proposed that the Council reduce its statutory demand of the O.P.W. by 50% and Councillor M. Fahy seconded this proposal.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the rate increase be reduced from 10% to 5% and this was seconded by Councillor Glynn.

Following a further discussion on various aspects of the Estimates on possible savings and transfers, it was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:

"That the Estimates be amended as follows:

1) Amendment of Town Charges to the following:

Name of Town	Money Demanded	Irrecoverable Rates	Total	Rate
	£	£	£	£
Loughrea	1,418	106	1,524	0.1142
Tuam	3,781	284	4,065	0.2203

2) By transferring the sum of £15,000 from Programme 2.1.5.(a) - County Road Maintenance to Programme 7.1.4 in respect of Island River Drainage.

3) By reducing the expenditure provision under Programme 4.1.2 (Cats and Dogs Home) by £5,000.

4) By the reduction of £14,480 in the expenditure provision under Programme 7.1.1 (ACOT).

5) By the reduction of £25,000 in the expenditure provision under Programme 8.5.1 (Courthouses).

6) By the increase of £36,550 in the income provision under Programme 2.9.9. - Grant in lieu of Rates on land.

7) By the reduction from 10% to 5% increase in the rate in pound over 1983 level with the net balance of the items under paragraphs 3 to 7 inclusive herein to be applied to Programme 2.1.5.(a) - County Road Maintenance.

8) By the consequent amendments to (a) the Domestic Rate Grant Adjustment figure in Programme 8 and (b) Tables A, B1, and D."

#### ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1984, the Estimate of Expenses as amended set out in Tables A, B1, C and D, and hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimates as amended, the rates set out in Column 11 of Table B1, Column 11 of Table C and Column 7 of Table D to be the rates in the pound to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1 and in Tables C and D."

The prescribed certificate was then signed by the Chairman and County Secretary.

#### DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES:

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

"That the statutory demands on the Galway Borough Council and the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1984, be sealed and signed."

The Demands were then sealed and signed.

#### 2387 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Jarleth King, Riverside, Clifden, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. M. Daly, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Bridie Hillery, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Michael Daly, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Michael Glynn and Family, Caheroglissane, Kinvara.

THE MEETING

THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

DATE