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**27 AUGUST 1984 - 23 SEPTEMBER 1985**

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

20th August, 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 August, 1984, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Patrick J. Cunningham, c/o E.B.S. House, The Square, Tuam, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Keekill, Headford. - Planning Reference Number 48502."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Michael Culkeen, c/o E.B.S. House, The Square, Tuam, Co. Galway, for retention of a dwellinghouse at Drum. - Planning Reference Number 48504."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. John Paul Kearney of Knockdoemore, Claregalway, Co. Galway, for the retention and change of use from agricultural building to light engineering workshop and for permission for extension of same, and for retention of nurseries at Knockdoemore, Claregalway. - Planning Ref. No. 48527."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. Paddy Ruane. Frank Fahey.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Denis O'Dea, Karaun House, Stradbally, Clarinbridge, for the erection of an advertisement sign at Stradbally North, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 48482."

Michael Fahy. Mark Killilea. Tony Murphy. Frank Fahey.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Michael J. Mahon, c/o J. Cahalan, Treanlaur, Oranmore, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Cloosh, Kinvara, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 48304."

Michael Fahy. G. Bartley. Thomas Welby.

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 Outline Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick McGrath, Frenchfort, Oranmore, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Frenchfort, Oranmore, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 47962."

Michael Fahy. G. Bartley. T. Welby.

7. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Kevin Walsh for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Uggool. - Planning Ref. No. 48346."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Michael Fahy.

8. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant permission to Gerard Walsh for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Uggool. - Planning Ref. No. 48347."

Thomas Welby. G. Bartley. Michael Fahy.

9. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Margaret Keaveney, c/o Willie Winston, Knockdoe, Claregalway, Co. Galway, for Garden Centre and erection of sign at Cappanabornia, Castlegar. - Planning Reference number 48174."

Paul Connaughton. Frank Fahey. Michael Ryan.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u Lunasa, 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, 27u Lunasa, 1984, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:  
"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to bore well at Craughwell for an alternative water supply for the village of Craughwell, Co. Galway."  
Michael Fahy. Tony Murphy. Frank Fahey. Edward Haverty.
2. Minutes.
3. Revision of remuneration - Branch Librarians.
4. Raising of loan of £3 million for Local Authority Housing.
5. Raising of supplementary loan of £192,000 for Killimor Sewerage Scheme.
6. Sale of plot of land at Roundstone to Western Health Board - notice dated 1st August, 1984, already circulated.
7. Sale of plot of land at Townparks, Ballinasloe - notice dated 16th August, 1984, refers.
8. Sale of house to Anthony and Theresa Hughes - notice dated 14th August, 1984, refers.
9. Leisure and Amenity Park at Rinville.
10. Overdraft - quarter ending 31st December, 1984.
11. Fix date for review of County Development Plan.
12. National Housing and Town Planning Conference - Brighton - 6th - 8th November, 1984.
13. Arts Grants, 1984. - Recommendations attached.
14. Purchase of Industrial sites in Loughrea.
15. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
16. Business submitted by the County Manager.

Mise, le meas,  
T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

1. DEPUTY JOHN DONNELLAN - I will ask:

That repairs be carried out to the Tullybeg Road, Renvyle.

COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will ask:

2. What is the position regarding the proposed Engineering Area for South Connemara.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

3. That traffic and parking by-laws be introduced as soon as possible for Oughterard and Headford.
4. That this Council prevent the parking of caravans in areas around Oughterard which are already declared as restricted areas for same.
5. That this Council pass a resolution requesting the Department of Agriculture not to proceed with the abolition of the Land Commission until an alternative land agency be set up.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN - I will propose:

6. That the County Council erect a "no dumping" sign at the Newgrove-Kilkeekil entrance to Carra Bog, Bullaun, as alot of dumping is taking place there.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

7. That Galway County Council cut bushes, hedges and trim all County Roads in South Galway, and afterwards the Council spray hedges with Brushwood to prevent further growth.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, COUNCILLORS MICHAEL FAHY, TODDIE BYRNE, SENATOR ULICK BURKE, COUNCILLORS TONY MURPHY AND EDWARD HAVERTY - We will propose:

8. That a full report on road restoration costs for Ballyglass/Fiddane Group Water Scheme be circulated to Members of the Council for consideration at the August Meeting, giving the following information -
- (i) breakdown of total road restoration costs;
  - (ii) description of the works carried out;
  - (iii) number of metres of the scheme in the Gort and Loughrea Engineering areas;
  - (iv) cost of restoration in each area and dates on which road crossings were surface dressed in each area;
  - (v) total cost of removal of clay from margins in Loughrea area in May 1984;
  - (vi) details of reports of "Dangerous Road" which necessitated this work;
  - (vii) details as to why the group were not requested to repair the margins alleged to be dangerous and we will ask that the group are only requested to pay road restoration charges for damage caused by them.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will ask:

9. For a report on the up-to-date position on the preparation of designs for Oranmore Sewerage Scheme.
10. That clay be removed from roundabout at the entry to Labane Village adjacent to Mal Quinn's petrol filling station.

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AUGUST MEETINGM 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
Peter M. Kelehan, Newcastle Road, GALWAY.	Damage to dwellinghouse and contents	County at large.	£12,000	£9,338.11
Western Health Board, Merlin Park, GALWAY.	Damage to electrical wires.	County at large.	£ 1,274.34	£1,854.34
Gerard Lally, Ballyconnell, Gort, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£1,654.54	£ 798.27
Fursey Whyte, Ballymanagh, Ballinasloe, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to loading machine and excavator.	County at large.	£ 500	£ 402
Jeremiah Ryan, The Pharmacy, Ballinasloe, CO. GALWAY.	Plate glass window broken.	County at large.	£ 250	£ 278
Ottavio De Fidio, 6, Lough Atalia Grove, Renmore, GALWAY.	Interior wall of house destroyed also, fittings, furnishings and decorations.	Borough of Galway.	£ 1,500	£ 495
Olga Madden, 22, Middle Street, GALWAY.	Damage to two head lights and removal of petrol tank cap - car reg. WZM 326.	Borough of Galway.	£ 170	£ 175.05

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

1st August, 1984.

To / Each Member of Galway County Council.

A Chara,

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

Land Acquired From : Possessory Title  
Location : Roundstone, Co. Galway.  
Area : 1 rood 15 perches  
To whom land is to be transferred : Western Health Board for the purpose of erecting a Health Centre.  
Consideration in respect of disposal : £3,800.

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,

T. KAVANAGH  
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Aras an Chontae,  
Cnoc na Radharc,  
GAILLIMH.

16u Lunasa, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

Re: Proposed Terms of Disposal of Land at Townparks, Ballinasloe, in connection with Relief Road.

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to dispose of a plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder.

LAND Plot of land, area 5529 sq. ft.(approx) situated in the townland of Townparks, Ballinasloe.  
LANDS ACQUIRED FROM: Ballinasloe Urban District Council.  
TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE TRANSFERRED. Mr. William O'Carroll, Haydens Hotel, Ballinasloe.  
CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL. This plot of land is being transferred to Mr. William O'Carroll, Haydens Hotel, Ballinasloe in exchange for a plot of land measuring 4,000 sq. ft. (approx).

T. KAVANAGH,

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/5/1465

14th. August, 1984.

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:- Anthony Hughes, Ballyturn, Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- Drummin, Ballyturn, Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Anthony & Teresa Hughes of: Drummin, Ballyturn, Gort, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £9,789.00

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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; L. Kavanagh, R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; G. Conway, Staff Officer; A. Comer, Draughtsman/Technician; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2567 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48502 - APPLICANT: PATRICK J. CUNNINGHAM:

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed development is located on the shores of Lough Corrib at keekill approximately 4 miles from Headford. It is immediately adjacent to a lakeshore development of 8 houses.

HISTORY:

Planning Permission was originally granted on a larger site in 1972 by Ministerial Order, planning reference 9813. In May 1981, an application was lodged on this site and a request for Further Information indicated that the developer was unable to submit the total site on which the Minister granted Outline Permission. The application was refused in January 1984 on the grounds of visual amenity (planning ref. no. 39281). Two subsequent applications were refused on similar grounds and neither were appealed (Planning ref. nos. 47237 and 47385).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the shore of Lough Corrib directly above the waterline in an area zoned "high amenity" in the County Development Plan. The proposal would contribute to the erosion of the scenic amenity of the Corrib shoreline and would also be in conflict with the siting requirements for the area which are road frontages of 50 metres and site depths of 60 metres.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed development located adjacent to the lakeshore would be liable to detract from the amenity of same and would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict development in this area to particular categor-

ies of essential housing need, in the interest of visual and environmental amenity."

The County Engineer stated that the site was in a very scenic area on the lakeshore and that it did not comply with the basic site requirements.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Donnellan. He said that the application was no different from previous applications which had been granted. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Ryan.

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

2568 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48504 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL CULKEEN

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 a minor County Road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north of Tuam.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Permission was granted for this dwellinghouse to this applicant on a site 177 ft. in depth. The applicant subsequently constructed the house and lodged an application to retain it and its associated septic tank and drainage on a site with a 150 ft. depth. He called to the office to explain that there had been a dispute with the landowner from whom he bought the site and he was unable to provide the total site for which he acquired Planning Permission. The application for retention was refused - reference number 47588.

There is now a totally inadequate rear garden space in which to locate the septic tank percolation area in accordance with the County Council's standard requirements and there is consequently a serious risk of pollution on the site itself and seepage on to the adjoining lands.

The septic tank as now constructed is approximately 40 ft. from the house and, there being no room for a percolation area, its outlet is into a hole in the ground. There is no drainage yet since the house is unoccupied. The applicant was asked if he could gain access onto the adjoining lands to the rear so as to construct a proper drainage area, even if he could not purchase the extra land. He was unable to do this as the landowner is an objector to the development on public health grounds. The objector is also the man from whom the applicant bought the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because the site is inadequate in size to accommodate a septic tank and percolation area in accordance with the standard requirements of Galway County Council, i.e., 60 ft. from the dwellinghouse and 10 ft. from the site boundary. This would result in effluent being discharged in too close a proximity to the dwellinghouse and across the site boundary onto adjoining lands, thus giving rise to a public health nuisance."

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

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

2569 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48527 - APPLICANT: JOHN PAUL KEARNEY:

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed development is located on the National Primary Galway/Tuam Road approximately one mile north of the Lacht-george junction.

HISTORY:

Previous planning decisions on this site relevant to this application are:

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| Planning ref. no. 41447: | Application to change use of hay shed to workshop. Granted under Section 4 Galway County Council. Refused on appeal by An Bord Plean-ala. |
| Planning ref. no. 41453: | Application to retain garden centre. Permission granted under Section 4 by Galway County Council. Refused on appeal by An Bord Plean-ala. |
| Planning ref. no. 43575: | Application to retain garden centre. Refused by Galway County Council. (Not appealed).  |
| Planning ref. no. 43576: | Application for change of use of hayshed to workshop and offices. Refused by Galway County Council (Not appealed).                        |
| Planning ref. no. 44527: | Change of use of store to factory and extension of same. Refused by Galway County Council. (Not appealed).                                |

PRESENT PROPOSAL:

The current application is for the retention and change of use from agricultural buildings to engineering workshop and permission for extension to same and retention of nurseries and sales complex.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The development constitutes commercial development on the National Primary Route which is wholly restricted on such routes by the County Development Plan 1979.

The development is contrary to the Planning Authority's policy as the traffic turning movements generated would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the National Primary Route.

The proposed workshop is located 4.8 metres from the centre of a high voltage power line which contravenes the Electricity Supply Acts and in the opinion of the E.S.B. is totally unsafe.

There have been numerous meetings with the applicant and Councillors relating to this business.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

1. The proposed development which constitutes commercial development on the National Primary Route would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and the 1979 County Development Plan because it would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the additional traffic turning movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the free flow and safety of traffic on the said route."

The County Engineer stated that this location was hazardous and that the risk of accident was great.

Senator Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said he wanted to help the applicant to carry on the business which he had established. He said the Council unanimously approved of the application on the last occasion but it was appealed by a planning official. The applicant had got the site from his parents and had no other site. He was giving some employment. Senator Killilea acknowledged that it might cause a slight traffic hazard on the road but he had never seen an accident there. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby.

Councillor J. Burke said that he was objecting to the application as the Appeal had been upheld by an independent body and according to the E.S.B., the location was unsafe. Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal that the application be refused.

Deputy Fahey stated that the building had been there for a number of years and he questioned how the E.S.B. could deem it unsafe if they had provided it with electricity. Councillor Ruane supported the granting of permission stating that only one entrance would be used.

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

FOR: Councillor G. Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke.

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

2570 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48482 - APPLICANT: DENIS O'DEA:

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

"BACKGROUND:

The location of this sign is on the junction of the Stradbally County Road and the Galway-Gort National Primary Route, approx. ½ mile south of Clarinbridge Village.

Planning ref. no. 42557 refused permission to Mr. O'Dea to erect this sign at this position in May 1982. However, this sign has now been erected without permission.

PLANNING CONDITIONS:

There are already over 40 signs of various types (statutory

and private advertising signs) along the 1½ mile stretch between Clarinbridge and Kilcolgan causing visual clutter and disarray and causing a distraction to road users on this busy National Primary Route.

There are 4 "B & B" signs located at the junction of this county road, one of which has already been the subject of a Section 4 motion (Mrs. Anne Martin, P.R. 42549). However, a compromise solution granted a temporary permission to Mrs. Martin in order to enable the Planning Authority to assess the demand for signs in the area and to seek to rationalise their location. This issue is now included in the County Development Plan Review and has not been examined yet by the Council.

The existing County Plan policy is stated in 6.05 (page 38) and is:-

- (a) to control the proliferation of advertising structures, and
- (b) to strictly limit advertising signs in rural areas.

This policy would become inoperable if the Council was to bow to pressure to allow every house which offers accommodation to erect signs along adjacent major traffic routes. This would lead to a clutter of signs along major routes, detracting from the visual amenities and causing a severe distraction to road users and traffic hazard.

The Planning Authority recognise the legitimate right of people providing a service to advertise. However, this must be controlled in the interests of visual amenity and road safety. Single signs at the junctions between minor and major roads, displaying all services available on these roads would seem to be a satisfactory approach. This would enable people to advertise and would avoid a multiplicity of signs of varying shapes and design.

The Planning Authority are prepared to grant a temporary permission for one year in this case, in order to enable the Council to complete its review of the County Plan and to examine its policy in relation to advertising signs in rural areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

A grant of permission until 1st October, 1985."

The County Engineer stated that a proposal to draw up a scheme for signs was discussed at a recent meeting on the Review of the Development Plan. He said such a scheme was being prepared and will be brought before the Council and in the meantime, he appealed to the Members not to pass the resolution under discussion.

After some discussion, it was agreed that a temporary permission would be granted for two years. The resolution set out on the Agenda was not, therefore, proposed.

2571 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48304 - MICHAEL J. MAHON:

The County Engineer stated that a decision to grant Permission in this case had issued.

2572 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47962 - APPLICANT: PATRICK McGRATH:

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



"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located at Frenchfort, Oranmore, on a County Road approximately 200 yards from the Galway to Loughrea road.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located adjacent to an existing ribbon of dwelling-houses on a site which slopes towards a low lying area which floods and which contains a number of spring wells. The applicant has dug a trial hole on the site which has been inspected by the Chief Medical Officer's Office, and the report is as follows:

The site consists of cropping limestone rock which is adjacent to a lowlying area which is liable to flooding in winter and which has several connecting springs. As the site slopes towards the springs, there would be a danger of pollution of the spring well and the underground water table.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is hereby recommended for the following reason:-

The proposed development would be seriously injurious to public health because the proposed septic tank and percolation area would be located too close to a low lying area containing several springs and because of the slope of the site in the direction of this area, there would be a serious danger of pollution of the spring well and the underground water table."

Councillor M. Fahy proposed that the resolution set out on the Agenda be adjourned to the next meeting and this was agreed.

2573 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48346 - APPLICANT: KEVIN WALSH.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located 50 yards off a minor road which leads westwards from the N.59 Galway/Clifden road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the Galway side of Moycullen. It adjoins the site of application number 48347 which is also subject of Section 4 Resolution.

PLANNING HISTORY:

The sites are part of a very large tract of land which was owned by a local farmer, Mr. Thomas Geoghegan who sold a considerable portion of his road frontage as building sites. The great majority of the road frontage in this area is built up or has unavailed of Planning Permissions, and it now appears that it is proposed to develop the backlands in a piecemeal, random manner. The drawings submitted show an access road leading further inland from the present sites to service further lands.

A previous application number 43965 for two houses on this site was refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala. Planning Permission exists along the road frontage to the south which will result in a septic tank percolation area being approx. 30 feet from Mr. Kevin Walsh's house.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The sites are located approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from Moycullen Village and are outside the area zoned for residential development in

in the Plan where extensive housing development is now being carried out. The piecemeal development of housing as is now proposed will diminish existing residential amenity as the houses will be located to the rear of other houses and will result in an extremely excessive concentration of septic tanks on small sites which do not clearly comply with the Standard Requirements of the County Plan or of the I.I.R.S. Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located to the rear of existing and permitted houses in a rural area outside the development boundary of Moycullen Village which is devoid of drainage services, and would thus diminish its residential amenity."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the applicant in this case and in the case of no. 48347 were brothers and that they were getting the sites from their uncle-in-law. He regarded the applications as coming under the second family category. They were both young men and wanted to provide homes for themselves. He considered the ground suitable for percolation. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Bartley.

The County Engineer suggested that further development might be proposed and that if the applicant submitted an overall layout, this could be looked at. Councillor Welby said that there would not be any further development.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the application be refused and Councillor Brennan seconded. A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors B. Holland, M.J. Kilgannon, J. Mannion, and M. Ryan.

(9)

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

2574 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48347 - APPLICANT: GERARD WALSH.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located 50 yards off a minor road which leads westwards from the N.59 Galway/Clifden Road,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the Galway side of Moycullen. It adjoins the site of application number 48346 which is also subject of Section 4 Resolution.

PLANNING HISTORY:

The sites are part of a very large tract of land which was owned by a local farmer, Mr. Thomas Geoghegan, who sold a considerable portion of his road frontage as building sites. The great majority of the road frontage in this area is built up or has unavailed of Planning Permissions, and it now appears that it is proposed to develop the backlands in a piecemeal, random manner. The drawings submitted show an access road leading further inland from the present sites to service further lands.

A previous application number 43965 for two houses on this site was refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala. Planning Permission exists along the road frontage to the south which will result in a septic tank percolation area being approx. 30 feet from Mr. Gerard Walsh's house.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The sites are located approximately 1/4 mile from Moycullen Village and are outside the area zoned for residential development in the Plan where extensive housing development is now being carried out. The piecemeal development of housing as is now proposed will diminish existing residential amenity as the houses will be located to the rear of other houses and will result in an extremely excessive concentration of septic tanks on small sites which do not nearly comply with the Standard Requirements of the County Plan or of the I.I.R.S. Recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located to the rear of existing and permitted houses in a rural area outside the development boundary of Moycullen Village which is devoid of drainage services, and would thus diminish its residential amenity."

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

Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

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

FOR: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Cllrs. M. Fahy, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

(17)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors B. Holland, M.J. Kilgannon, J. Mannion and M. Ryan.

(9)

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

2575 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48174 - APPLICANT: MARGARET KEAVENEY.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the Galway side of Morahan and Hughes, Builders Providers, at Twomileditch, approximately 1/4 mile outside the 40 m.p.h. speed limit on the Galway/Tuam Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 28837: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala for six houses on a larger site which includes this site.

Ref. No. 34347: Outline Permission granted for a warehouse and offices on the larger site.

Ref. No. 41683: Approval granted to Morahan & Hughes for offices and warehouse.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is a subdivision of a 2 1/2 acre site on which Morahan & Hughes were granted permission for their business premises. A grant of Planning Permission on this subdivision would affect the Permission granted to Morahan and Hughes in that their permission would have to be regularised on a smaller site if complications were not to arise in the event of any future sale of the premises.

The site is located on the N.17 Route where the maximum speed limit applies and where the County Development Plan restricts development to the family needs of farm holders. The pressures for development along the section of the route have been considerable and there is a danger of continuous ribbonisation stretching to Claregalway unless a farm policy of restricting development is adopted.

A recent application of an extension to Kings Building Centre on anearby site was refused because the undue intensification of the development would constitute a traffic hazard on the National Route.

There have been consultations with the applicant and Minister Connaughton and Deputy Fahey concerning this development.

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 the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.

The proposed development would contravene Section 6.02, table no. 3 of the County Development Plan which restricts commercial developments along this route."

Deputy Connaughton proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the same entrance would be used that is used for the Morahan & Hughes development, and therefore, would not create a traffic problem. He said that a great upsurge in the Garden Centre business had taken place and many full-time jobs had been provided and that this development would provide two further jobs. He said that the applicant had searched for an alternative site but could not get one. The present site was now derelict and when developed, would add to the area. He said it was necessary to try and achieve a balance between planning restrictions and the need for certain developments.

The resolution was seconded by Deputy Fahey.

Councillor Molloy said that the development was quite close to houses and that when the existing permission was given, it was understood that no further permissions would be granted. He proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor Holland.

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

FOR: Senator U. Burke, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M.J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, J. Mannion, P. O'Foighil, and M. Ryan.

(7)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, and T. Welby.

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The Chairman declared the resolution lost.

2576 - CONDITIONS ATTACHING TO PLANNING PERMISSIONS:

With the Permission of the Chairman, Councillor O'Foighil raised a question about a planning permission which was granted on Appeal in 1972. He said that certain conditions were attached to the Planning Permission but the Planning Authority had now granted a further permission in contravention of the condition. He could not understand how this could be done and objected strongly to it. Councillor O'Conchubhair supported Councillor O'Foighil.

The County Manager stated that if he was aware that this matter was going to be raised, he would have checked on the position and that he would do this if Councillor O'Foighil supplied the particulars.

Councillor Kilgannon asked if conditions attaching to Planning Permissions were followed up. Senator Killilea asked if a follow-up had been done on Section 4 Permissions. The Chairman stated that these were matters which could be raised at the next Planning Meeting.

2577 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman and Members passed a resolution of sympathy to Senator Killilea on the recent death of his mother. On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, a resolution of sympathy was also passed to the relatives of the late Mairin De Valera. The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined in the resolution of sympathy.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Senator Mark Killilea, Caherhugh House, Belclare, Tuam.  
Mrs. Mamie Flaherty, Crinnagh, Lettermore.  
Mr. Tom Walsh, Ferthbraun, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Mary Finnegan, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Henry Duggan (Peter) & Family, Claregalway.  
Mr. Peter Hughes, Kilbeg, Headford P.O.  
Mr. James Kelly, Easterfield, Power's Cross, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Lilly Hughes & Family, Power's Cross, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe.

The Meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*John M. Mannion* CHAIRMAN

*24th Sept 1984* DATE

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; L. Kavanagh, R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; G. Conway, Staff Officer; A. Comer, Draughtsman/Technician; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2578 - RENOVATION OF COUNCIL CHAMBER:

The Chairman said that he was very pleased with the re-decoration and new layout of the Council Chamber and complimented all the staff involved in the work. He recommended that consideration be given in the 1985 Estimates for improvements in the entrance hall to the County Buildings. Other Councillors also expressed satisfaction with the work done. Councillor O'Conchubhair asked if it was correct that the carpet tiles were imported. The County Engineer said that he was not aware of this but would check on the position. He also explained that the new amplification system had yet to be installed.

2579 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO BORE A WELL AT CRAUGHWELL FOR AN ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY:

In proposing the resolution, Councillor M. Fahy said that he was doing so because the people of Craughwell cannot be guaranteed a supply of water which would be free of pollution. He referred to an occasion recently when sewage was discharged into the river which was the source of the supply. Clr. Haverty seconded the resolution.

Councillor Byrne said that he supported the request for an improved water supply for Craughwell but did not agree with the use of a Section 4 resolution to achieve this end. He said that the proper procedure would be to provide money in next year's Estimates to have the work done. Councillor Murphy said that he had complaints about Craughwell Water Supply over a considerable period and that it was possible that there could also be pollution from silage. Senator U. Burke agreed that the people of Craughwell would have to get a suitable water supply.

The County Manager stated that the Craughwell Water Supply was chlorinated, filtered and has aluminium sulphate added as a flocculent. More than adequate chlorine residual is always maintained. The untreated water is like most river waters supplying most large cities which are unsuitable for drinking prior to treatment. During 1983, an auxiliary chlorinator was installed and the main chlorinator overhauled. Since then, the treated water has always been sterile as it is never without adequate chlorine.

In regard to the suitability of the source, this is the position:

E.E.C. guidelines categorise drinking water sources under three headings

- A.1 - Water which will receive simple treatment for public supply.
- A.2 - Water which will receive intermediate treatment for public supply.
- A.3 - Water which will receive elaborate treatment for public supply.

Craughwell Treatment Works comes under Category A.2. Recent regular sampling of the untreated water shows that the Coliform Count is normally well below the guide value set out in the E.E.C. Directive - water quality standards, interpretation of water analyses 27th October, 1983, published by An Foras Forbartha.

The County Manager said that the passing of a Section 4 Resolution would not of itself provide a borehole or an alternative supply unless money was provided. He said that sinking a borehole would establish if water was available and its quality and quantity. After that, a suitable intake works would have to be provided. He said it was his intention to provide money in next year's Estimates for a borehole. When asked if any work could be done before the end of the year, the County Manager stated that the area could be examined for a borehole and an estimate of cost prepared.

2580 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Senator U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Minutes of the following Meetings, numbers 2518 - 2566, inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman:

Special meeting on 23rd July, 1984.  
Monthly meeting on 23rd July, 1984.  
Planning Meeting on 30th July, 1984.

2581 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - BRANCH LIBRARIANS:

The County Manager stated that following a Conciliation Agreement between the Local Government and Public Services Union and the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board, the Minister for the Environment has sanctioned increased hourly rates for Branch Librarians as follows:

1st October, 1983. - From £2.071 per hour to £2.549 per hour  
1st February, 1984. - From £2.138 per hour to £2.632 per hour

He said that the total cost for 1984, including 1983 arrears amounted to approximately £9,150. It was proposed by Senator U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the revised hourly rates for Branch Librarians employed by Galway County Council with effect from the 1st October, 1983, and 1st February, 1984, as outlined by the County Manager."

2582 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £3 MILLION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3 million from the Office of Public Works for Local Authority Housing Construction, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

2583 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £192,000 FOR KILLIMOR SEWERAGE SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £192,000 for Killimor Sewerage Scheme, the loan to be obtained from the Office of Public Works and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

2584 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT ROUNDSTONE TO WESTERN HEALTH BOARD:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Roundstone containing approx. 1 rood, 15 perches to the Western Health Board in accordance with the terms of notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 1st August, 1984, circulated to each Member of the Council."

2585 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT TOWNPARKS, BALLINASLOE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the transfer of plot of land at Townparks, Ballinasloe, measuring approximately 5,529 square feet to Mr. William O'Carroll in accordance with the terms of Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 16 Lunasa, 1984, circulated to each Member of the Council."

2586 - SALE OF HOUSE TO ANTHONY AND THERESA HUGHES:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house at Drummin, Ballyturn, Gort, to the tenants, Anthony and Theresa Hughes, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 14th August, 1984, 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"

2587 - LEISURE AND AMENITY PARK AT RINVILLE:

The Chairman stated that he was deferring this item to the next monthly meeting. At the request of some Councillors, the County Manager gave details of the meeting on the 6th July, 1984, with representatives of the Irish Land Commission at which the Chairman, Deputy Connaughton and Councillor Welby were present. Some Members suggested that the matter be put on the Agenda for the meeting on the 31st July but it was decided to defer it to the September Monthly meeting.

2588 - OVERDRAFT QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1984:

It was proposed by Senator U. Burke, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £3 million be borrowed on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 31st December, 1984."

2589 - DATE FOR REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The council fixed Friday, 14th September as the date for the next meeting to Review the County Development Plan.

Councillor Joyce asked if there would be area meetings and Councillor Kilgannon asked if arrangements could be made whereby Area Engineers would meet Councillors for a short time about once every month. The Chairman stated that these matters could be raised at the next meeting.

2590 - NATIONAL HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING CONFERENCE - BRIGHTON:

The Council decided to defer this item to the Council Meeting on 31st August, 1984.

2591 - ARTS GRANTS, 1984:

Recommendations for the distribution of the Council's Arts Grant allocation of £11,000 were circulated to each Member. It was noted that only £500 of the £1,000 allocated for Writer in Residence, County Galway, would be required during 1984 and that the other £500 would be allocated to the James Coleman Event. On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Joyce, the recommendations were approved.

2592 - PURCHASE OF INDUSTRIAL SITES IN LOUGHREA:

The County Manager explained a proposal that the Council purchase six industrial sites at Caherlavine, Loughrea. The total area of land being purchased by the Council would be approximately 1½ acres and the six sites could be sold individually at a later date. The purchase price of the six sites was £24,000. On the proposition of Senator U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Haverty, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the purchase of six industrial sites at Caherlavine, Loughrea, and that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, the Council approve of the raising of a loan of £24,000 to cover the purchase, the loan to be obtained from whatever source and to be repaid over whatever period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

2593 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees, circulated with item 15 on the Agenda, was noted.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2594 - 1984 BORD NA GAELIGE SEMINAR:

The County Manager stated that notification had been received from Bord na Gaeilge that the Grupa Stiurtha for the promotion of Irish in the Local Government Service had decided to hold the 1984 Annual Seminar in Carraroe on the 19th and 20th October. Councillor O'Foighil proposed that six delegates attend. This was seconded by Councillor Joyce and agreed, the names to be decided later.

2595 - SHEEP DIPPING MEETINGS:

The County Manager stated that notification had been received of an All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Meeting being held in Tralee on the 28th August, 1984, and a meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committees of the five Connacht Counties and County Donegal, which is being held in Roscommon on the 12th September, 1984. Following a long discussion about the importance of sheep dipping for a County like Galway, it was finally agreed to nominate Councillors Ruane and Welby to attend the meeting in Tralee and Clrs. Ryan, Haverty, Bartley, Callanan, McCormack, and Ruane, to attend the meeting in Roscommon.

2596 - SCREEBE GENERATING STATION:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor O'Morain raised the question of the closure of Screebe Generating Station and proposed that a telex

be sent to the Tanaiste and Minister for Energy requesting that the decision be reviewed and that Screebe be kept open on an on-going basis. This was unanimously agreed.

2597 - E.S.B. TRANSFERS:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Welby proposed the following motion:

"Galway County Council is seriously concerned at the Millar/Barry Report's proposal to transfer the E.S.B. District Management and related functions from Galway City.

Such transfer would cause major disruption in the lives of long-serving E.S.B. staff and considerable loss to Galway's economy. The members of the Council are not satisfied that the Report proves that the changes it proposes for the Galway District will contribute in any significant way to the stated aim of reducing the cost of electricity nationally.

So that the members can judge the value of the proposals relative to the interests of the communities which they represent, the Council requests the Minister to instruct the Chief Executive of the E.S.B. to furnish specific information as to the cost saving to be achieved by the transfer of E.S.B. business from Galway to Limerick and Sligo."

Councillor Welby also proposed a vote of congratulations to Mr. Charles Sinnott on his appointment to the Board of Bord Failte, and he also proposed that the Council make a contribution to the Galway County Community Games. The proposals were seconded by the Chairman and agreed. Many Members condemned the proposed transfer of E.S.B. staff and also insisted that the E.S.B. Engineering Office should remain in Tuam. The point was made that as E.S.B. consumers, the County was entitled to its share of the E.S.B. administration and management structure. Clr. O'Conchubhair suggested that the T.D.s and Senators take up the matter with the Minister.

With regard to contributing to the Galway County Community Games, the County Manager stated that he would take this into account in preparing the 1985 Estimates.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

2598 - NEW ENGINEERING AREA FOR SOUTH CONNEMARA - MOTION BY CLR. O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Manager stated that he would bring forward a report on this for the next meeting.

2599 - TRAFFIC AND PARKING BY-LAWS FOR OUGHTERARD AND HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Garda Authorities are at present preparing the detailed schedules for the traffic and parking by-laws for these towns and these will be implemented by the Council when instructed by the Garda Authorities.

Councillor Welby asked that the matter be taken up again with the Garda Authorities in order to have it expedited.

2600 - PARKING OF CARAVANS IN PROHIBITED AREAS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council discourages the parking of caravans in prohibited areas. However, it was unlikely that the Council would succeed in Court if proceedings were taken against caravan owners who persist in parking in prohibited areas. Councillor Welby stated that he had made proposals previously that caravans be prohibited on roads such as the Pier Road, the Glann Road, and the Costello Road. He referred in particular to the Pier Road where there was a caravan with no sanitation.

2601 - ABOLITION OF LAND COMMISSION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

Councillor Welby proposed that the Department of Agriculture not proceed with the abolition of the Land Commission until an alternative land agency is set up. He said it was important that some agency would be appointed to look after this work before the Land Commission is abolished. Cllr. Callanan seconded Councillor Welby's proposal.

Senator U. Burke **opposed** Councillor Welby's motion and said that he welcomed the decision to abolish the Land Commission but would agree with some other agency being set up which would deal with land division quickly.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

2602 - NO DUMPING SIGN AT THE NEWGROVE-KILKEEKIL ENTRANCE TO CARRA BOG - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the sign as proposed would be erected.

2603 - CUTTING OF BUSHES, HEDGES, ETC. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were no funds available during the current year to do this work. Councillor M. Fahy and other Cllrs. complained that some roads were very bad and dangerous with overgrown hedges and it was suggested that the landholders should be asked to cut the hedges as was done years ago. Deputy Fahey asked if the cost of hedge cutting for 1983 could be made available and he felt that a lot of work could be done by the use of tractor hedge cutters.

The County Engineer explained that road maintenance funds ran out in some areas around May/June but he agreed to look at the question of hedge cutting on a countywide basis.

2604 - BALLYGLASS/FIDDANE GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, COUNCILLORS MICHAEL FAHY, TODDIE BYRNE, SENATOR ULICK BURKE, COUNCILLORS TONY MURPHY AND EDWARD HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary submitted the following breakdown of restoration costs to date:

	£
(i) Hired Plant .....	1,052
Council Plant .....	2,312
Quarry .....	690
Payroll .....	4,118
Payroll overheads ...	413
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TOTAL	8,585
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(ii) There is approximately 9,000 yards (over 5 miles) restoration involved along the road margin together with cuttings for connections.

(iii) 6,040 yards (Gort Area). 2,900 yards (Loughrea Area).

(iv) The cost of restoration in Gort Area was £3,400.  
Cost in Loughrea Area was £5,157.  
The restoration in the Gort Area was carried out in 1983 and 1984.  
All the restoration in the Loughrea Area was carried out in 1984.

(v) A breakdown of the removal of clay from margins was not available as the records were not sufficient to have this information abstracted.

(vi) The roads were repaired under the direction of the Area Engineers concerned who have responsibility for the condition of the roads in their area.

(vii) The restoration carried out by the Council was done after the Group Scheme Contractor had left the job.

The Acting Secretary stated that it had been agreed with the Group that their contribution towards the road restoration costs would be £2,800.

Councillor Haverly questioned the steep increase in the cost of final restoration compared to the original estimate.

The County Manager stated that the expenditure as detailed had been incurred but he had decided that it would be unfair to charge the Group the full cost and had agreed on a figure of £2,800.

The Chairman and Deputy Fahey agreed that the matter had been resolved satisfactorily.

2605 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that following meetings with the Department of Fisheries and with the objectors to the application for a licence under the Foreshore Act, we instructed our Consultants to investigate and report on alternative treatment works sites and treatment systems. We received Consultant's report on an alternative site and treatment proposal with cost estimates. Due to the high cost of the treatment proposed (£302,900 per annum, made up of £93,000 running cost and £209,900 capital repayments) we requested the Consultant to investigate and report on alternative treatment systems with costs. The Consultant's report on alternative treatment systems with cost estimates was received on 24th August and is being examined. Following examination of the report, the Consultants will be instructed to prepare a revised Preliminary Report for submission to the Department of the Environment for approval.

Following Department approval, a new application will be made under the Foreshore Act, 1933.

Deputy Fahey said he understood that all the necessary reports had been submitted to the Department.

The County Manager stated that treatment was not provided for in the original proposals but this has now to be provided. The plans prepared for a treatment system were prohibitive from a cost point of view and the County Engineer has now received a report on a less expensive form of treatment and this is being examined. The Council cannot be certain that the proposals will meet with the approval of the Department of the Environment but every effort will be made to get approval and to get the necessary documents away in a **short time**.

Deputy Fahey asked that the Councillors for the area be notified when the documents are submitted.

2606 - ROAD ISLAND AT LABANE VILLAGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the roundabout or island referred to was provided at the request of the business people of Labane Village. They wanted the Council to provide a 'slip road' for heavy vehicles approaching the village from the south. This island is not an attractive feature in its present form. To remove it totally without providing an alternative would be to create a danger for motorists. The possibility of the island being replaced by a smaller affair with a kerb surround is being investigated by the County Engineer.

Deputy Fahey said that the island was dangerous in its present form. He also referred to a planning application submitted for roadside signs by business people from Labane Village which was refused. The County Manager suggested to Deputy Fahey that he discuss the question of signs with the County Engineer.

In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer stated that restoration work on the Clybaun road had been held up because of work by An Bord Telecom but the work would be started shortly.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:  
*John M. Mannion* CHAIRMAN  
 24/9/84 DATE

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27th August, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

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

Friday next, 31st August, 1984,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

Local Government Reform - Committees recommendation attached.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2607 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:

A copy of the recommendations of the Committee of Galway County Council on Local Government Reform was circulated to each Member with the Agenda. When some Members asked if any attention would be paid to submissions made by the Council, the County Manager referred to a letter dated 13th March, 1984, addressed to Galway County Council wherein it was stated that any submissions which the Council would like to make would be given full consideration in the preparation of proposals for reform. Some Members felt that while the recommendations of the Committee mentioned some very important items, it did not go far enough. A long discussion followed during which the following points were made:

- (1) That many of the recommendations made referred to administrative matters.
- (2) That the whole question of reform should be looked at in a broader sense.
- (3) That the question of the region should be looked at as well as the unit below the urban level.
- (4) That there was no reference to the management system in the document.
- (5) That the best system would be the system with the greatest efficiency and the greatest amount of democracy.
- (6) That the balance of information had shifted against the Councillor.
- (7) That any system of funding Local Government should be indexed linked.
- (8) That the Health Board demand should be paid directly by the Department.
- (9) That the Council should not be out of pocket in the operation of the Higher Education Grants Scheme while awaiting recoupment from the Department.
- (10) That the new house grants and mortgage subsidy should be operated by local authorities.
- (11) That Group Water Schemes should be devolved and administered locally where there is plenty of expertise and that it was ridiculous having Inspectors travelling from Claremorris to Gort.
- (12) That in regard to Courthouses, the Council should be anxious to retain responsibility for maintenance but the Department should be responsible for the cost.

- (13) That the work done by the O.P.W. should be taken over by the County Councils.
- (14) That County Councils at the moment are not functional Bodies.
- (15) That there is a tendency to refer to Local Government in the context of environmental matters.
- (16) That educational and health decisions should be made in the County context.
- (17) That the local Garda Superintendent should be discussing matters of importance with local representatives.
- (18) That in regard to finance, nobody can get away from the principle that you get what you pay for.
- (19) That a sound basis of finance for Local Government will have to be built into the system.
- (20) That the new charges imposed are not effective and put a very heavy burden on business people.
- (21) One Councillor said that the present structure should be retained and he would not agree with the three-tier structure suggested by F. Ryan, I.P.A.
- (21a) The establishment of a financial base is the first priority, County Councils have not a tradition of raising finance, and therefore, should not have to do it.
- (22) In talking about units of Local Government, there is no comparison between the size of County Galway and say County Carlow.
- (23) The present position as regards adopting Estimates is farcical, there is nothing Councillors can do to have extra works included and all they are doing is agreeing to what is placed before them.
- (24) There are many ways in which Local Government could be financed:-reserve a percentage of V.A.T., P.A.Y.E., Customs and Excise, Car Tax.
- (25) A local base for raising Revenue could result in an unequal distribution of funds between East and West Galway.
- (26) That the Land Registry should be a part of Local Government.
- (27) That the European Regional Fund should be administered by County Councils.
- (28) That decisions on Local Government Reform will be made by the Dail and that Councillors should be making their views known to T.D.s.
- (29) That finance for the operation of Local Government should not be raised locally. One Councillor favoured a regional structure saying that there might some chance of having power devolved to regional level.
- (30) There can never be local democracy unless there is a local form of finance.
- (31) A local tax would not be acceptable unless there was a corresponding reduction in P.A.Y.E.
- (32) That there should be a transfer of funds from Social Welfare to local authorities to keep workers employed rather than paying out unemployment benefit.

During the discussion, Senator Higgins stated that in 1976, an Interdepartmental Committee was set up to carry out a study on sub-national structures. He said an advertisement appeared in the public press inviting submissions but he never saw any report from the Committee. He proposed that a request be made for a copy of the Committee's findings and this was agreed.

Some of the Members said that they would like to hear the County Manager's views on the suggestions put forward.

isation, the County Manager said In the course of his comments on Regional- /that this debate had been going on for a long time and the question was being asked as to whether regionalisation was successful. The disbandment of some regional authorities in England was being considered at the moment. It also looked as if Dublin would be broken up into smaller units. It seemed that the Members wanted to resolve questions as to the size, scale and accessibility of the unit of Local Government. He respectfully submitted the view that it was vital that the County structure remain, but that there might be a case for some regional functions.

The County Manager stated that the whole question of functions should be looked at and as many functions as possible should be taken from Central Government and fitted into the Local Government system. It was a fundamental reappraisal of institutions that was required. Some of the very important points made by the Members should be looked at for example, the primary education system and also a role or scope for consultation in the police function. Referring to recommendation no. 2 in the list of recommendations, he said that this did not go far enough and that it was a fundamental re-examination of all functions that was required.

The County Manager agreed that finance was at the root of the problem and that unless this was satisfactorily resolved, the rest would be meaningless. At the root of the Local Government system was the idea of local needs being assessed locally and being provided. He was of the opinion that unless there was a source of finance like the rating system, without the faults of that system, there was little point in looking for other adequate sources of revenue as they were not there. A number of studies carried out in the past on the question of local finance came to the conclusion that there was no alternative to the rating system. It should be made clear to the Minister that if an alternative system of funding is not implemented, there must be a different approach to supply funds to local authorities. Each area has needs and if these needs are politically, socially and economically desirable, funds must be provided for them. Every million pounds spent on Sanitary Services Capital Works creates an additional liability for loan charges and maintenance, and a full 100% subsidy was now required. He would recommend, therefore, that the strongest possible case be made in the matter of finance.

The Chairman suggested that the County Manager draft a revised report incorporating the Members' recommendations and the views expressed by the Manager and that it be considered at the next monthly meeting. This was agreed.

During the discussion on Local Government Reform, Deputy Fahey recommended that the question of Councillors representations and letter writing be examined. To try and cut down on the expense incurred by Councillors in replying to Constituents, he suggested that the Council write to the person directly on whose behalf representations had been made, including in the letter the name of the Councillors. He also referred to the large volume of representations which are made on behalf of housing loan applicants and he said that this could be reduced if agreement was reached that no representations should be made within a certain time from the date of receipt of the application.

Councillor Kilgannon asked if an arrangement could be made whereby the Clrs. for each area could meet the local Engineer to discuss problems and schemes relating to the area.

The Chairman asked the Political Parties on the Council to consider these proposals.

Also during the discussion, Councillor Bartley stated that more productivity was required in works carried out by the Council and suggested that some work such as the construction of bridges should be let out on contract.

2608 - NATIONAL HOUSING AND PLANNING CONFERENCE - BRIGHTON:

The Council agreed to send the following delegates to the Conference:

Councillor M. Fahy, Councillor J. Molloy, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor J.M. Mannion, Councillor O'Foighil, and Councillor Ryan.



The Council also recommended that an official attend.

2609 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Michael Ford & Family, Corrundulla P.O., Co. Galway.
- Mr. Martin O'Donnell, Ballyconneely, Clifden, Co. Galway.
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Glynn, Killeeneen, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED!

*John M. Wainson* (CHAIRMAN)

24th Sept 1984 DATE

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CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

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

Friday next, 14th September, 1984,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

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T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

- Review of County Development Plan  
Enclosures as follows: (a) Copy of County Engineer's report on National Road Policy.  
(b) Revised Appendices to the County Development Plan. - Copy to follow.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Callanan, F. Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; B. Callagy and L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Albert Comer, Draughtsman/Technician; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2610 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, the Council passed a resolution of sympathy to the wife and relatives of the late Garda Frank Hand - Hogan Family, Moylough, and Hand Family, Roscommon.

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, the Council extended its sympathy to the Kilgarriff Family on the death of the late Frank Kilgarriff, former Rate Collector with Galway County Council. The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined in the expressions of sympathy. The meeting then adjourned for a short time as a mark of respect.

2611 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

County Engineer's Report on National Roads Policy:

The County Engineer gave an outline of the contents of his report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council. He stated that the document is a package providing for the relaxation of control on some of the less trafficked National Secondary Routes and for the maintenance of strict control on the other National Routes. He referred to the provision of the current County Development Plan which divides the major routes into two classes for Control purposes and he suggested that a third class might be introduced providing for lesser restrictions on the routes mentioned in his report. A discussion then took place in the course of which the following points were made.

Councillor Finnegan welcomed the relaxation of controls on the Tuam/Dunmore, and the Tuam/Horseleap roads. He stated that the Council should also be concerned with safety on the non-national roads and that money should be channelled into improving the situation on such roads. He referred in particular to dangerous bends at Browngrove and asked that these be looked at with a view to having them improved. Councillor Welby stated that he did not see how the Council could justify Class 1 Control on the Galway/Oughterard/Clifden road and he disagreed with the figures for traffic volume given in the County Engineer's report in respect of this road. The County Engineer stated in reply that the figures given were for the year 1980 and were produced by the Department of the Environment. He stated that the figures do not reflect peaks or hollows but an average annual daily traffic volume. Councillor Joyce stated that in his opinion, less accidents occur on the National Routes relative to the volume of traffic carried. Referring to page 3 of the County Engineer's report in which it was stated that only 5% of all accidents on National Routes are attributable to traffic entering or exiting from a roadside development, he asked what information is available regarding the other 95% of accidents. In reply, the County Engineer stated that regard must be had to the severity of accidents which occur on major

roads where you may have multiple deaths and stated that while there are many other factors which affect the rate of accidents on any road, the County Council's interest in the matter was in accidents caused by roadside development and road conditions. In reply to a point made by Councillor Welby to the effect that the figures given in his report were not up to date, the County Engineer stated that while he might be able to obtain figures for 1981, the figures for 1984 would not be available and he also stated that the traffic figure for the Galway/Oughterard stretch of the National Secondary Route was 2,400 and not 3,400 as he had stated earlier in the meeting. Councillor Bartley stated that there are not too many minor roads leading from the Oughterard/Clifden, the Clifden/Leenane, and the Clifden/Maam Cross roads and there are a large number of small holdings adjoining these roads. Therefore, the imposition of strict control places a severe restriction on building by the local landowners. Councillor McCormack stated that with a very little amendment, the County Engineer's recommendations as to Class 1 Control could solve the Council's problem in relation to Section 4s and it was not unreasonable to expect that there would be all-party agreement on the matter. He asked, however, that the Galway/Oughterard road be excluded from Class 1 Control and stated that if this were done, agreement could be reached on other roads. Councillor Kilgannon welcomed the document and stated that strict development control on National Routes was in the interests of all and that he would not support any Section 4 in future on National Routes unless he had first seen the site and was satisfied that no traffic hazard would be involved. In reply to a query by Councillor Brennan, the County Engineer stated that he had recommended the inclusion of the Claregalway/Oranmore road in Class 1 Control because it performs an important function joining three National Primary Routes, the N.17, the N.6, and the N.18, and that in future, it will have an enhanced role with the development of the Airport. In reply to a query by Councillor Welby, the County Manager stated that the Council's wish to have farm management considerations taken into account in dealing with certain planning applications will be one of a number of matters arising out of previous meetings on which report will be made to the Council when it has completed consideration of documentation in relation to the Review of the Development Plan.

Replying to further discussion, the County Engineer stated that the general public have a right to expect proper safety standards from the Council on roads in preference to the needs of individuals and he pointed out in relation to restrictions on development that there are 3,000 miles of County Road and only 97 miles of National Primary Road which we are trying to protect for the future in order to shift large volumes of traffic in safety. It was then agreed in view of the small number of Councillors in attendance to defer consideration of the County Engineer's report to a future meeting and to continue with the Review of the Development Plan.

Heritage Areas and Structures: Paragraph 2.12

Mr. Callagy referred to the document bearing this heading and the related appendices which had been circulated to each Member of the Council and he outlined briefly the contents of the documents. Councillor Kilgannon stated that he is concerned that sufficient emphasis is not being placed on preserving our heritage stock and that the Council should take a positive role and should seek the assistance of local groups in the identification and preservation of heritage items. Councillor Joyce stated, with reference to appendix D, that it is pathetic because there are so few items mentioned in it and he referred to the valuable work being done by the Department of Archaeology, U.C.G., who are carrying out a survey and listing all items of Archaeological and historic interest in the County. He stated that the survey had been done in the Tuam, Athenry, Loughrea and Gort areas and was in progress in the Ballinasloe area. He stated that the Council should offer its congratulations on the work being done in this respect and that the lists being compiled by this survey should be added to the Appendix in the County Development Plan. The County Manager stated that this particular section of the Plan is being drafted in such a way that the catalogues produced by the Archaeological survey can be incorporated into. The County Manager then referred to a letter received from the Office of Public Works regarding Ballindooly Castle.

He stated that the surprising aspect of this letter is that the Body charged with responsibility for National Monuments on behalf of the nation is apparently stating that it has 600 monuments in its charge at the moment and appears to be limiting its responsibility to that number regardless of what may be discovered in future. Councillor Molloy stated that the owners of Ballin-dooley Castle did not know where to turn for help in this matter and at the moment, they are attempting to sell the castle.

Referring to a further discussion on the destruction of heritage items in the course of development or agricultural activity, the County Manager stated that the Council has a list of heritage items as we know them and the policy for protecting them in so far as it can and the results of further surveys can be added to the list. He stated that the Council can attempt to protect these items in the context of a planning application but the problem arises in cases such as agricultural development where planning permission may not be necessary, and where the Council may not be aware of what is going on. Councillor O' Morain proposed that a post of County Archaeologist be created and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Joyce and agreed. Councillor Joyce also proposed that the Department of the Environment be informed of the Council's concern that there is no adequate machinery in existence for the protection of heritage items. Councillor Kilgannon proposed that if there is any way that monies can be made available, such as from amenity grant schemes, to enable local committees to identify local heritage items, and to erect plaques identifying the items concerned, this should be done. Deputy Kitt supported Councillor Kilgannon's proposal. Councillor Ryan proposed that the section of the draft plan relating to heritage areas and structures be adopted and the proposal was seconded by Councillor Joyce and agreed.

Advertising Signs - Control of existing Signs and Proposed Development Plan Policy - County Engineer's report:

Deputy Fahey stated that the document circulated providing for the erection of finger-post signs and the development of lay-bys on the approaches to towns and at certain locations in Connemara with advertising bays seems a reasonable one and he was, therefore, proposing its adoption. Councillor Joyce seconded this proposal. The County Engineer stated that the proposal is an attempt to rationalise the situation regarding advertising signs and to remove existing illegal signs. He stated that the design for the sign would provide for the accommodation of the Bord Failte symbol where applicable. He also stated that the requirement to pay a £10 licence fee was not determined by the Council but is a stipulation of the 1963 Planning Act. The County Manager stated that the Council is now reviewing the policy in relation to roadside advertising in the existing County Development Plan and that two proposals had been made at previous meetings -

1. That the question of providing finger-post signs be examined and,
2. That proposals be brought forward for dealing with situations where there is a plethora of signs at particular locations,

and the County Engineer's report is being put before the Members in response to these proposals. Councillor Haverty expressed doubts regarding the proposal to develop lay-bys and advertising bays and stated that the lay-bys would become inaccessible due to parking by itinerants. He also expressed disapproval of temporary signs and stated that the Council should only permit the erection of proper signs. Councillor O'Morain stated that he had asked sometime previously at a County Council meeting that a Plan be drawn up to provide for advertising at the lay-by at Recess and stated that the Council should not agree to the proposals in the County Engineer's report until a design for the type of hoarding to be erected had been put before the Council.

The County Manger stated in reply that if the Council is happy with the principles as set out in the case in the County Engineer's report, the policy can be written into the Draft Plan and sketches put before the Members.

A number of Members expressed the view that the signs would be made locally and the County Engineer stated that there would be no objection to this provided that they complied with the Council's specification. Deputy Fahey suggested that the County Engineer should make arrangements with some manufacturers to provide the signs at a fixed reasonable cost. Councillor O'Morain

proposed that the County Engineer's report be rejected until the matter is fully discussed. Councillor Welby stated that he would be prepared to accept the document in principle but would like to add a few things.

After further discussion, it was agreed to adopt the County Engineer's report on Development Plan Policy for roadside advertising and Councillor O'Morain stated that he wished to be recorded as dissenting from this decision.

Sign for Corofin at Main Street, Gort:

Deputy Fahey asked that this sign be removed as it was unnecessarily large.

Section 5 - Land Use Plans for non-scheduled towns and other areas:

In reply to a query by Councillor Welby, the County Manager stated that a map had been supplied to the Members with the documents relating to the section which had been circulated and that a more detailed map is in preparation. He stated that the Council would be dealing with this at the next Planning Meeting and that it is one of the most important planning exercises that the Council will have to deal with.

Appendices (a) and (b) of the proposed Draft Plan:

Referring to these Appendices which had been circulated to the Members, Cllr. O'Morain said that the Council had spent a full meeting discussing the problems in relation to septic tanks and that they had again been issued with the same standards for residential development and site requirements for septic tanks with no reference to alternative systems although there are alternative systems on offer. Deputy Fahey also referred to the fact that the agreement reached in relation to septic tank requirements was not included. The County Manager stated that there would be a statement included covering this matter.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*John M. Wannon* CHAIRMAN

*22-1 Oct 1984* DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

18th September, 1984.

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, commencing at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 24th September, 1984, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

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

1. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Mr. Michael Naughton, of Claregalway, for the erection of a serviced dwelling with garage at Corbally North. - Planning reference number 45081."  
Mark Killilea. Tom Welby. John Molloy.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick McGrath, Frenchfort, Oranmore, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Frenchfort, Oranmore, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 47962."  
Michael Fahy. G. Bartley. T. 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 decide to grant Thomas Keaneney, Lisduff, Dunmore, Co. Galway, Planning Permission for retention of farm agricultural shed as factory/workshop and office at Lisduff, Dunmore. - Planning Reference Number 48822."  
John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.
4. "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 Mr. Finbar Fahy, Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 48785."  
Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. John Molloy.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

18u Mean Fomhair, 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, an 24u Mean Fomhair, 1984, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £14,330 for Clifden Branch Library.
3. Raising of Supplementary Loans for Sanitary Services Schemes.
4. Leisure and Amenity Park at Rinville.
5. Nomination of 6 delegates for Seminar in Carraroe on 19/20 October organised by Grupa Stiurtha on Irish in the Local Government Service.
6. Fix date for next meeting for Review of County Development Plan.
7. Local Government Reform.
8. Engineering Review.
9. Auditors' Reports: (a) County Galway V.E.C. for 2 years ended 31/12/'83.  
(b) County Galway Committee of Agriculture for 2 years ended 31/12/'83.
10. Proposed regulations for new Burial Grounds and Extensions - Copy enclosed.
11. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTIONSENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

1. That an amount of money be made available for tar and chips to be placed outside Kilconly Church, to complete new car park and general parking area.

COUNCILLOR GERALD BARTLEY - I will propose:

2. That an increased supplementary £15,000 grant be made available to the claddaghduff Group Water Scheme.
3. That the County Council repair section of road between main road near Roundstone and Inishnee Bridge.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

4. That a road leading to Shruffaun, Caltra, be widened as lorries and machinery cannot travel on this road at the present time.
5. That a road leading to the house of Mr. Owen Naughton, Rabane, and others, be widened to allow machinery use this road.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

6. That the Council give high priority to easing the following problem areas on the Galway-Dublin Road through Ballinasloe -

- (a) Dooley's corner;
- (b) Hymany Junction;
- (c) River Street junction;
- (d) Creagh Junction;
- (e) Entrances to Kilgarve Park and Woodlands Estate.

7. That the Council carry out road widening on the Ballinasloe-Shannonbridge Road at Portnick.
8. That the Council carry out road widening on the Ballinasloe/Ahascragh road at Derrymullen.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

9. That repairs be carried immediately to the gutter outside Mons Gate at Drimanakill, on the Glann Road.
10. That the speed limit be moved from its present location on to the Eastern side of the Sacred Heart Nursing Home at Park, Spiddal, the reason being the amount of traffic to the Nursing Home, Doctor's Clinic and Hotel.
11. What improvements has been carried out to the Headford Sewage Treatment Works so as to prevent pollution of the Headford River and Lough Corrib.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

12. That Galway County Council take steps to fill in the very dangerous quarry on the left hand side of the Anglingham road past the Lackagh Rock Quarry on Patsy Maloney's land.
13. That the County Council provide lights on the old Ballybane road past Cullinane's, Connors and Walsh's houses. This is a very dark road at night and it is used extensively by shoppers from Rahylin Glebe area travelling to and from shops on the Monivea Road.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON - I will propose:

14. That the flooding problem at Hugh Naughton's house at Ballylara, Bullaun, Loughrea, be rectified by Galway County Council immediately.

SENATOR ULICK BURKE - I will propose:

15. That Galway County Council let us know its plans and location for the public toilets at Portumna and Woodford.
16. That Galway County Council clean up and maintain the graveyards at Addergoole, Kilclooney and Kilgevra, as they are in a poor state.
17. That Galway County Council reduce the speed limit from 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. at Milltown.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

18. That Galway County Council plant trees and shrubs on one acre of open space adjacent to Jimmy Loughnane's house on the Gort/Ennis Road at Lough Cutra if agreement can be reached to hand the area over to the local people.
19. To ask the position in regard to the erection of lights which were removed from the village of Clarinbridge at Nogra, Kinvara.
20. To ask when the planning of augmentation of Kinvara Water Supply Scheme will be completed.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

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

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Mullocar Limited, 92, Castletlawn Heights, Headford Road, Galway.	Damage to window.	County at large.	£1,500	£459.90
Thomas Hogan, 9, The Crescent, Galway.	Damage to Ford Escort.	County at large.	£ 250	£96.93
Mr. Sean Moran, Liss, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam, Co. Galway.	Damage to car.	County at large	£2,000	£1,671.71
Mr. Martin Ward, c/o Castleisland P.O., Tralee, Co. Kerry.	Damage to Van.	County at large	£490.52	£452.44
T. & D. Engineering Ltd., Tynagh, Loughrea.	Damage to Dump Truck.	County at large	£2,500	£821.32
Brian Geraghty, 119, Lr. Churchtown Road, Dublin, 14.	Damage to Vehicle.	County at large.	£549.45	£396.48
Mon. Martin McDonagh, Craughwell, Co. Galway.	Damage to Oil Tank & Pipes and fittings.	County at Large	£750	£737.29
Hibernian Insurance Co., Hibernian House, Eyre Square, Galway.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£1,200	£779.88
Patrick J. O'Connor, Mablestown House, Malahide, Co. Dublin.	Damage to Motor Vehicle.	County at large.	£1,000	£983.33

NAME AND ADDRESS	PARTICULARS OF CLAIM	AREA OF CHARGE	AMOUNT OF CLAIM	AMOUNT OF DECREE INCLUDING COSTS
Gerard Barrett, 2, Glenard Road, Salthill.	Damage to double-paned laminated shop window fronting to Upper Abbeygate Street.	County at Large.	£2,500	£754.21
Veterinary Supplies Ltd., 8, Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.	Damage to a shop, house and contents.	County at large.	£15,000	£1,876.76
Grace Stephens, 38, Lower Salthill, Galway.	Damage to Skylight window.	County at large.	£1,000	£362.73
Eleanor Caulfield, Dominick Street, Galway.	Damage and destroyed plate glass window.	Borough of Galway.	£50	£66.57
Patrick Elwood, 6, Cross Street, Galway.	Plate Glass Window broken.	Borough of Galway.	£45	£81.77
Martin Callagy, Claremadden, Killimor, Ballinasloe.	Damage to Toyota Car.	County at large.	£2,300	£1,411.98
Maureen Walsh, 8, Barry Avenue, Mervue, Galway.	Damage to Ford Escort Car.	County at large.	£284.51	£255.24
Michael P. Long, Maree, Oranmore.	Damage to windows, furniture, crockery and electrical appliances.	County at large.	£5,000	£655.71
Galway Motors Ltd., Headford Road.	Damage to B.M.W. Car.	County at large.	£912.78	£857.24

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COUNCIL MEETING - 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

The following item was omitted in error from the Agenda circulated on 18th September, 1984:

4. (a) Oranmore Sewerage Treatment Plants.

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, 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. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, and R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary;

The Opening Prayer was recited.

- 2611 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 45081 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL NAUGHTON:

The County Engineer stated that Further Information had been requested in relation to this application but that the reply received was unsatisfactory and further clarification was requested.

It was agreed to defer the resolution.

- 2612 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47962 - APPLICANT: PATRICK McGRATH:

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

"BACKGROUND:

The proposed site is located at Frenchfort, Oranmore, on a County Road, approximately 260 yards from the Galway to Loughrea road.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located adjacent to an existing ribbon of dwellinghouses on a site which slopes towards a low lying area which floods and which contains a number of spring wells. The applicant has dug a trial hole on the site which has been inspected by the Chief Medical Officer's Office, and the report is as follows:-

The site consists of cropping limestone rock which is adjacent to a lowlying area which is liable to flooding in winter and which has several connecting springs. As the site slopes towards the springs, there would be a danger of pollution of the spring well and the underground water table.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is hereby recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development would be seriously injurious to public health because the proposed septic tank and percolation area would be located too close to a low lying area containing several springs and because of the slope of the site in the direction of this area, there would be a serious danger of pollution of the spring well and the underground water table."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy. He said that the proposed house would be within a few hundred yards of an existing house built by the applicant's brother and that there was no problem with the existing house. He said that nobody was boring for water in the area.

In reply to a question from Councillor Holland, the County Engineer stated that there was no objection from a roads point of view. The objection was on public health grounds as the site slopes towards a lowlying area which has several connecting springs and there would be a danger of pollution of the springs and the underground water table.

The resolution was seconded by Councillor Bartley.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused and this was seconded by Councillor Coogan.

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

FOR: Councillor G. Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, F. Coogan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

(18)

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

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

2613 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48822 - APPLICANT: THOMAS KEAVENEY:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the main Dunmore to Ballyhaunis road. This road is an alternative Galway-Sligo route. The road is classified as a National Secondary Route.

BACKGROUND:

A decision was taken to refuse planning permission for the proposal on the 16th August, 1984, Register Reference Number 48439. The "proposed" is actually built and therefore, constitutes unauthorised development. A Warning Notice under Section 26 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, has been issued.

The applicant states that the application is for change of use from agricultural shed to factory/workshop. It is, however, most unlikely that this shed was ever used for agriculture as the complete structure looks completely new and purpose built. Furthermore, even if constructed solely for agricultural use, it would still require planning permission, as it does not fall within exempted categories due to its proximity to the public road.

Moreover, the structure is not built in accordance with the plans submitted. Mr. Keaveney is rated for land amounting to approximately 25 acres in Lisduff and approximately 27 acres in adjacent townland Cappagh. Therefore, alternative siting would have been possible.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development is located alongside and unduly close to the National Secondary Roadway, leaving no adequate unloading/loading area for lorries, vans, etc. The distance from garage/workshop door to road edge is only 27 feet. It is the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict industrial commercial development on National Secondary

Routes.

REASONS FOR REFUSAL:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed use of the existing development because of its nature and its location immediately adjacent to a National Secondary Route would create a serious traffic hazard. Entry and exiting movements onto and from the site onto this heavily trafficked section of road where the maximum speed limit applies would create a serious traffic hazard.
2. Loading and unloading operations at the development would likewise create a serious traffic hazard because of the proximity of the factory door to the said roadway.
3. The structure as built is with regard to building line set back requirements, contrary to the requirements of the County Development Plan."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Ryan. He said that the site was not on the main Galway/Sligo road and he did not think that the development would create a traffic hazard. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Coogan.

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

2614 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48785 - APPLICANT: FINBARR FAHY:

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

"Planning Permission was granted to Mr. Finbarr Fahy on 7th August, 1984, as a result of a resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, for a site which is included in the site of the present application. The present proposal is to enlarge the site (which is for sale) to include the total frontage of the field - an incorrect site map having been previously submitted. It is proposed to refuse the present application on the following grounds:--

1. The proposed development located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit pertains, would owing to the turning movements it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict residential development on this route to particular categories of essential housing need. This is set out in Section 6.02, table 3 of the County Development Plan."

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the only difference between the present application and an application which was granted previously as a result of a Section 4 Resolution was that the present site was bigger. It was granted previously on financial considerations and was a very deserving case. Councillor J. Molloy seconded the resolution.

Councillor J. Burke asked if the passing of the resolution would result in permission for a second house on the site and was informed that a condition would be included restricting the development to one house.

As there was amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John M. Wannan CHAIRMAN

22nd October 1984 DATE



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillor F. Coogan, Deputy F. Fahey, Cllrs. 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. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'h-Uiginn, M. O' Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, and R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2615 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, the Minutes of the following meetings, numbers 2567 - 2609, inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman:

Special Meeting on 27th August, 1984.  
Monthly Meeting on 27th August, 1984.  
Special meeting on 31st August, 1984.

2616 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £14,330 FOR CLIFDEN BRANCH LIBRARY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £14,330 for Clifden Branch Library, the loan to be borrowed from the Office of Public Works or another source and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

2617 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £3500 FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO AILLE GROUP WATER SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £3,500 for a special contribution for Aille, Barna Group Water Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Office of Public Works and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

2618 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £608,000 FOR GALWAY CITY WESTERN ENVIRONS WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £608,000 for Galway City Western Environs Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Office of Public Works and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

2619 - LEISURE AND AMENITY PARK AT RINVILLE:

Deputy Fahey proposed that the Council purchase the lands at Rinville from the Irish Land Commission along the lines previously suggested by the County Manager. He was satisfied the Irish Land Commission were not going to give out any more land and the decision to purchase would be appreciated by many generations to come. He said there was one farmer whose case the Council might look at later. He also recommended that contact should be made with Bord Failte and the Youth Employment Agency.

Cuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Foighil leis an run chun an talamh a cheannach. Councillor O'Foighil said he was also satisfied that the Land Commission would not divide any more land and it was an opportunity to provide a great amenity for the City and County of Galway and the West of Ireland. Councillor J. Burke also supported the proposal and favoured having a committee involved in the running of the Amenity Park which he said might be of assistance in getting extra funding. Councillor Ryan also supported the proposal and felt that it would be a great benefit to the County. Senator U. Burke also supported the proposal and said that there should be nothing to prevent the long-term development of the amenity to its full potential. He did not see how the Council could get involved in allocating any of the land to farmers. Councillor M. Fahy said that he had certain reservations about the proposal and that some farmers had been badly treated. Councillor O'Morain said that the only reservation he had about the purchase was that the Council would only be in half ownership and the fact that money would be spent on this development while other property such as Peterburgh House is deteriorating.

Councillor Byrne said that he had always sought to have the land divided amongst farmers and therefore, he was opposing the proposal. There was already a shortage of funds and in going ahead with the purchase, the Council would be living beyond its means and getting away from its priorities. Cllr. Ruane said he had an open mind on the proposal but added that maybe some more land could have been given to farmers.

Deputy Connaughton said that it was not possible to please everybody but overall, the Council had a job to do and he was in favour of purchasing the land. He said that the Irish Land Commission was arranging an exchange to cater for the playing field. Councillor Kilgannon said that a case had been made for this property to come into public ownership and the proposal should go ahead.

The County Manager said that some of the points which he intended making had been reflected in the Members' contributions. At no stage had the Council decided to abandon the project completely. As regards allocating any part of the land to farmers, he said that the Council could not agree to this. The Irish Land Commission was the statutory body for this exercise and had completed its task in this respect. The lands would be used for an amenity or leisure park and there was no question of the Council financing a Folk Park. That would be a decision for Government, and if any proposal came forward in the future, it could be looked at.

The Chairman then declared the proposal to purchase the lands carried with Councillors O'Morain, M. Fahy, and T. Byrne dissenting.

2620 - PRIVATE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS IN ORANMORE:

The County Manager referred to the two private sewage treatment plants at Oranmore which were discussed at a meeting of the Council some months ago and were the subject of a Section 4 resolution. The report of the Council's Technical Officers indicated that the plants were not in good order or repair and the matter was referred to the Minister for decision. A reply has now been received, which while agreeing that the Plants are not in good order, makes a suggestion which would be helpful in resolving the situation. The effect of the suggestion is to make a loan available which would rank for subsidy in the normal way to finance the work required to bring the Plants up to the required standard. The estimated costs would be upwards of £25,000. On receipt of the letter, the Council wrote to the owners Solicitors asking them to forward particulars of interest in the property, details of the system, equipment, etc., and to turn on the two pumps in order to relieve the effluent problem. The County Manager said that he was asking the Members if they were

in agreement with spending the money on the Plants and to the raising of the necessary loan. He then read the letter from the Department of the Environment dated 14th September, 1984.

Deputy Fahey welcomed the Minister's intervention and proposed the spending of the necessary funds in order to take over the Plants. He asked if an indication could be given that the arrangements will be complete in say three months in order that the owners might turn on the pumps in the meantime to avoid any potential health hazard. Senator U. Burke also welcomed the Minister's letter and believed that the owners would be amenable to turning on the pumps if there was goodwill on both sides. The County Manager pointed out that if the required remedial works were not undertaken and in the absence of funding arrangements by the Minister, the Plants could not be taken over. It was up to the Council to decide whether or not to do the necessary works and raise the loan. If the Council agrees to this, he (County Manager) will bring back plans, hopefully at the next meeting as he wished to proceed as quickly as possible. It was essential to get the pumps turned on and the Council would be agreeable to pay for the electricity.

Councillor M. Fahy welcomed the proposed solution to the problem. Councillor T. Byrne proposed that the Council agree to take over the Plants as soon as money is made available to carry out the remedial works. This was seconded by Senator U. Burke and agreed.

In reply to Councillor J. Burke, the County Manager stated that it was difficult to say when the proposed sewerage scheme for Oranmore would be functional and that the design was being discussed presently with the Departments of Environment and Fisheries.

2621 - NOMINATION OF SIX DELEGATES FOR SEMINAR IN CARRAROE ON 19-20 OCTOBER ORGANISED BY GRUPA STIURTHA ON IRISH IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE:

The following delegates were nominated to attend the Seminar:

Councillors Molloy, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, O'Foighil, and Brennan.

2622 - FIXING OF DATE FOR MEETING FOR REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

It was agreed to hold meetings for the Review of the Plan on the 12th and 26th October, 1984.

2623 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:

The County Manager stated that the Council had just received a copy of the submission of the County Councils' General Council on Local Government Reform and would be circulated if required. The five page document setting out the proposals of Galway County Council for Local Government Reform was then considered. During the discussion which ensued, the following points were made:

That subject to a few additional suggestions, the document set out clearly the Council's position on Local Government Reform and that the Council should demand that it be responded to in a positive fashion.

That greater stress be put on the centralisation of Bodies such as the Department of Labour, Youth Employment Agency, AnCO, etc., and that the local authority should have an input into them.

That the Youth Environmental Schemes should be returned to the local authorities, thereby giving the 31 Elected Members of Galway County Council an input into them.

That Councillors should speak out strongly now on the proposed reform and that there was an onus on Members of the Oireachtas to ensure that the system is properly and adequately reformed.

That the West of Ireland had special problems and that the solution for Dublin would not necessarily suit Galway.

That power must be restored to local elected representatives, thus giving the people a say in the Government of local affairs as is the case in many other countries.

That local authorities should not have to pay demands to other Bodies unless the local authorities have a say in the administration of the particular service.

That local authorities should try and implement a bonus scheme for workers to improve productivity and get better value for money.

That the proposals for reform should be drawn up by Oireachtas Members rather than Civil Servants.

That some form of regional authority would be desirable for co-ordination purposes.

Expenses and facilities for Councillors:

(a) That legislation should make provision for an allowance to be paid to the Chairmen of County Councils in the same way as allowances are presently paid to Mayors of County Boroughs and Borough Corporations and to Chairmen of Health Boards. The allowance to include for the cost of official receptions, etc.

(b) Payment of postage and telephone allowance to Councillors.

(c) Provision of telephone facilities for Elected Members at local authority offices.

At the end of the discussion, it was agreed that the document be forwarded to the Minister and that a copy of Minutes of the meeting should also be forwarded in order to have the additional items raised at the meeting included.

2624 - ENGINEERING REVIEW:

This item was adjourned to the next meeting.

2625 - AUDITORS' REPORTS:

(a) County Galway V.E.C. for two years ended 31st December, 1983.

(b) County Galway Committee of Agriculture for two years 31st December, 1983.

The Auditors' Reports of these Bodies for the two years ended 31st December, 1983, were noted.

2626 - PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR NEW BURIAL GROUNDS AND EXTENSIONS:

A copy of the proposed regulations for Burial Grounds dated August, 1984, which was circulated to each Member was considered.

Referring to the proposed regulations, the County Manager stated that some areas had been asking for these type of regulations and it would be desirable to introduce them as soon as possible. The proposed regulations are now circulated and a decision could be made at the next meeting. Deputy Kitt asked for particulars of the proposed standard headstones. The Chairman decided that the matter would be discussed again at the meeting on the 12th October.

2627 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with item no. 11 on the Agenda were noted.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2628 - RATE OF V.A.T. ON MATERIALS USED FOR ROADWORKS, ETC.:

The County Manager read a reply from the Department of the Environment about the Council's representations in relation to the rate of V.A.T. payable by local authorities on certain materials used for road construction, etc. The letter stated that the matter has been considered by the Department and proposals for an amendment have been submitted for consideration by the Department of Finance.

2629 - TRANSFER OF E.S.B. DISTRICT MANAGEMENT TO LIMERICK:

The County Manager referred to a letter dated 14th September, 1984, from Galway Corporation regarding the proposed transfer of the E.S.B. District Management from Galway to Limerick. The letter stated that the Corporation had decided to set up a small committee to be chaired by the Mayor of Galway to make representations to the E.S.B. and the Minister concerning the matter. The committee would be comprised of two representatives of Galway Borough Council, Galway County Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

The Council agreed that Galway County Council's two representatives would be the Chairman, Councillor Mannion, and Councillor T. Welby.

2630 - PROTECTION FOR OLD PEOPLE LIVING ALONE, ETC.:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor M. Fahy moved the following motion:

"That Galway County Council urgently relay a message of concern and anxiety to the Department of Justice regarding the fate of senior citizens in County Galway being robbed of their life's possessions."

During the discussion which followed, reference was made to many old people being robbed of their life savings and to the menace caused by large groups of travellers setting up halts in certain areas and annoying and terrifying the nearby inhabitants.

The County Manager agreed to meet with the Garda Authorities before the next monthly meeting and report back.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:2631 - CARPARK AT KILCONLY CHURCH - MOTION BY SENATOR KILLILEA:

The Chairman asked that a written reply be sent to Senator Killilea on this motion.

2632 - GRANT TOWARDS CLADDAGHDUFF GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the motion probably referred to a special contribution for this group scheme. He said the group would have to make an application to the Department for a special contribution and if recommended by the Department, it would then be considered by the Council. No recommendation has been received to date.

2633 - ROAD REPAIRS NEAR INISHNEE BRIDGE, ROUNDSTONE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BARTLEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that a group water scheme had been carried out here recently. Part of the road is a non public road. Road restoration on the public road section will be carried out by the County Council in due course.

Councillor Bartley said that his motion referred to the section of road between the main road and the bridge. The road was very bad and the people had got together and put sand on it to get the school bus through. He said the bridge was also of poor construction. Councillor O'Morain supported Councillor Bartley.

The County Manager stated that the road referred to in the motion was not a public road and therefore, could not be repaired by the County Council. The Council, however, was examining the position as regards the bridge and would bring back a report on it.

2634 - ROAD LEADING TO SHRUFFAUN, CALTRA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are no funds available to do this work. The road is only used by a small number of people and the spending of alot of money on it would not be justified.

Deputy Kitt said that the road was very narrow and lorries cannot use it in order to transport stock. He asked that the filling in of the drain on the road be looked at.

2635 - ROAD TO MR. OWEN NAUGHTON'S HOUSE, RABANE. - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were no funds available to do this work. The road is only used by a small number of people and is of low priority.

Deputy Kitt asked that consideration be given to the provision of a lay-by at one of the bad corners.

2636 - GALWAY/DUBLIN ROAD AT BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the areas referred to at (a), (b) and (c) are junctions on the new Relief Road. Work is about to commence on junction (c). There is still land and property being negotiated for in connection with (a) and (b) and when same has been acquired, work can proceed. It is not proposed to do any works at junctions (d) and (e). Councillor Joyce stated that the River Street junction was very dangerous and he was informed by the County Engineer that this should be completed by Christmas. When Councillor Joyce asked that traffic lights be provided at Creagh junction, the County Engineer stated that this could hold up traffic on the main road but a traffic count could be done on it. As regards the entrances to Kilgarve Park and Woodlands Estate, Councillor Joyce asked that consideration be given to the provision of road lining or a traffic island.

2637 - BALLINASLOE/SHANNONBRIDGE - ROAD AT PORTNICK. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this road was improved about 1976. However, a portion of the road was not improved due to problems of land acquisition at the time. This land has still not been acquired and also there are no funds available for the work at the present time.

Councillor Joyce asked that the Council press ahead with the acquisition of the necessary land.

2638 - BALLINASLOE/AHASCRAUGH ROAD AT DERRYMULLEN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that it is intended to approach the landowners later in the year with a view to carrying out the work next year. It is hoped that a grant will be provided by the Department of the Environment for the work.

2639 - REPAIRS TO GULLET AT DRIMANAKILL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that repairs have now been carried out at this location. Councillor Welby stated that similar repairs are required at Kellys, Derrymoyle.

2640 - ALTERATION OF SPEED LIMIT AT SPIDDAL:

The Acting Secretary stated that this would be considered at the next Review of Speed Limits for the County which would probably take place in 1986.

Councillor Welby stated that there was an urgent need to alter the location of this speed limit and he asked if it could be done sooner.

The County Manager stated that if the proposal was agreed by the Council and the Garda Authorities it could be submitted to the Minister. It would now be referred to the Garda Authorities. Councillor Welby also referred to the request to extend the speed limit at Moycullen which was outstanding for a long time.

2641 - HEADFORD SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Sanitary Services Section are at present designing a scheme which will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for approval as soon as the design work has been completed.

2642 - QUARRY AT ANGLINGHAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the problem has been caused by quarrying too near the adjoining road and has resulted in a vertical drop of approx. 20 feet which is approximately 5 feet from the nearer edge of the adjoining carriageway. The Council will take steps to try and have the location made safe.

Councillor McCormack stated that the adjoining landowners were agreeable to co-operate with the Council in making the location safe.

2643 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT BALLYBANE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that there was no provision in the Estimates for any new Public Lighting other than Traffic Route Lighting as approved by the Department.

Councillor McCormack stated that he could not accept the Secretary's reply as this is a very dark road and is used by alot of old people.

The County Manager stated that it would be considered for next year's Estimates.

2644 - FLOODING AT NAUGHTON'S HOUSE, BALLYLARA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY CONNAUGHTON:

The Chairman asked that a written reply be issued to Deputy Connaughton.

2645 - PUBLIC TOILETS AT PORTUMNA AND WOODFORD. - MOTION BY SENATOR U. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that enquiries are being made about a site for Portumna. The Council has a site for a public convenience in Woodford to which there are some objections but no alternative site has been provided. There is also a shortage of funds for public conveniences generally. It is proposed to review the question of need and priority for public conveniences in the County. Senator U. Burke said that Portumna would be internationally recognised next year when there would be from 15,000 to 20,000 people there for a fortnight during the Scout Jamboree. He said there was a suitable site beside the Fairgreen and he asked that plans be pressed ahead immediately. As regards Woodford, he stated that it was possible that the Council would be facilitated with a site in the laneway across the road leading to the Courthouse.

The County Manager stated that there was not any agreement regarding the siting of a public convenience in Portumna and he did not see agreement forthcoming for locating one at The Square. When Councillor Haverty seconded Senator Burke's proposal to locate the public convenience at the Fairgreen, the County Manager stated that this site would now be examined.

2646 - GRAVEYARDS AT ADDERGOOLE, KILCLOONEY, AND KILGEVRIN. - MOTION BY SENATOR BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that there were not sufficient funds to carry out the proposed works but the work would be done next year if the funds were provided.

In relation to Addergoole Burial Ground, Senator U. Burke asked that the Council erect the walls for which blocks had already been provided. Cllr. Glynn supported Senator Burke and referring to Kilclooney Burial Ground, he stated that the Council had already purchased land for an extension and that no grave spaces were available in the existing burial ground. Both Councillors asked that the extension be completed in 1985 and that a costing be prepared.

2647 - SPEED LIMITS AT MILLTOWN - MOTION BY SENATOR U. BURKE:

The Acting Secretary stated that this would be considered at the next Review of Speed Limits which would take place in 1986.

Senator U. Burke stated that this was a very fast road and the present speed limit was inclined to be ignored. Councillor Glynn said that the problem was that the existing limit was a 30 m.p.h. speed limit but since the road was widened, it has become a speed track. He recommended that a 40 m.p.h. speed limit be introduced outside the 30 m.p.h. limit.

The Acting Secretary stated that he would check on the existing position about the speed limits on this road.

2648 - OPEN SPACE ON GORT/ENNIS ROAD AT LOUGH CUTRA - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council has recently carried out works on this land after consultation with the local residents.

Deputy Fahey complained about the health, <sup>hazard</sup> inconvenience and annoyance caused to residents at this location by travellers.

The County Manager gave details of the work carried out to restrict the parking of caravans at this location.

Senator U. Burke asked if land severed by roadworks could be transferred to the adjoining landowner and was informed that this would depend on the individual circumstances in each case.

2649 - ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT NOGRA - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Council has written to the E.S.B. asking them to advise if the lanterns removed from Clarinbridge can be re-used at Nogra. The Council has asked for an estimate "per lantern" for cost of re-erecting the lanterns. No reply has been received to date.

Deputy Fahey complained that he had got the same reply to previous motions on this matter. He asked that the motion be placed on the Agenda again for the next meeting and that details of the requests to the E.S.B., etc., be made available.

2650 - KINVARA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was proposed to submit the Preliminary Report to the Department on this scheme by the end of October 1984.

Deputy Fahey complained about the delay in getting this scheme approved. Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, explained about difficulties which had arisen in relation to a new water source which had been found.

2651 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was passed to Mrs. Staunton, Cloonlahan, Kiltormer, whose husband was a former ganger with the County Council.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Connors & Family, Craughwell.  
Mr. Thomas Small & Family, McBride Avenue, Mervue, Galway.  
Mr. C. O. Flamhain, Cor na Ron, Indreabhan.  
Mrs. Michael Staunton, Cloonlahan, Kiltormer.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*John M. Mannion* CHAIRMAN

22nd October 1984 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Post Office Box No. 27,  
County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

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Ext. ....

5th October, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

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

Friday, 12th October, 1984,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

Review of 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, 12TH OCTOBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; B. Callagy and L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. A. Comer, Draughtsman/Technician; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2652 - SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. Keating, County Manager, on the recent death of his father. He also proposed a vote of sympathy to Councillor P. McCormack on the death of his mother.

The resolutions of sympathy were seconded by Councillor Welby and all the Members joined in the expressions of sympathy.

Mr. Kearns, Deputy County Manager expressed his sympathy on his own and on behalf of the staff.

It was decided that there should be a full adjournment of the meeting as a mark of respect.

2653 - TOWN TWINNING CONFERENCE 19/20 OCTOBER, 1984:

The Deputy County Manager gave details of an International Conference on Town Twinning which is being held at the Connemara Gateway Hotel, Oughterard, on the 19th and 20th October next. Provisional bookings had been made for two Members of Galway County Council and two Members of Galway Corporation. He suggested that the Council nominate two delegates.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillor Welby be nominated.

Councillor McCormack stated that he had been asked by the General Council of County Councils to attend the Conference. It was then agreed that Councillor McCormack be nominated as a third delegate.

2654 - L.A.M.A. SEMINAR IN PORTLAOISE ON 13TH OCTOBER, 1984:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed to nominate Councillor Joyce as a delegate to attend a Regional Seminar in Portlaoise on 13th October, 1984, being organised by L.A.M.A.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*John M. Mannion* CHAIRMAN

26th November 1984, DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

15th October, 1984.

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, commencing at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 22nd October, 1984, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

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

"In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Michael McNamara, c/o Padraig O Cuinn, Main Street, Loughrea, at Greeneragh, Loughrea. - Planning Reference Number 48662."

Edward Haverty.      James Joyce.      Michael P. Kitt.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR:                      Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:                              As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; J. Kineen, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

- 2655 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - APPLICATION NUMBER 48662 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL McNAMARA:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located 1 mile east of Loughrea on County Road No. 484 near its junction with the N.6 route.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the line of the revised Loughrea By-Pass route which was approved by the Council last year following a prolonged study of alternatives and a number of meetings with Councillors and Officials.

A grant of Permission such as suggested would result in either a further revision of the design so as to avoid this site completely or, in the even of the house being built, costly compensation for and demolition of same.

A refusal of permission by the Planning Authority, followed by a refusal by An Bord Pleanala would give the applicant the right to serve a purchase notice on the County Council and have the price fixed by agreement or arbitration. There is also a further area of approximately 1 acre owned by the applicant which would be affected by the By-Pass.

RECOMMENDATION:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located on lands required for the construction of a By-Pass route to Loughrea Town and it would prejudice the construction of the said route."

Councillor Haverty stated that there was an old Outline Permission on the site and that if Permission was refused, the applicant would have to be compensated.

The County Manager stated that the site was located on the line of the revised Loughrea By-Pass route which was approved by the Council over a year ago and that the Council was prepared to discuss the applicant's difficulties with

him. In advising the Members not to pass the resolution, the County Manager stated that if Permission was granted, it could result in higher compensation.

After further discussion, it was agreed to defer the resolution to the Council Meeting being held on the 26th October, 1984.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED , APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John M. Maanion CHAIRMAN

26th November 1984 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u Deire Fomhair, 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, an 22u la Deire Fomhair, 1984, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Raising of supplementary loan of £11,500 for extension to Galway City Fire Station.
3. Raising of loan for public convenience at Portumna.
4. Sale of houses as per notices dated 10th October, 1984, to:-
  - (a) Martin Flaherty, Marian Terrace, Portumna.
  - (b) John & Patricia Greally, Largan, Shrúle.
  - (c) Patrick & Mary Mahon, Moy, Kinvara.
  - (d) Kathleen Leahy, Traskernagh, Loughrea.
5. Lease of 2 plots of land to E.S.B. as per notice dated 9th October, 1984.
6. Private Sewerage Treatment Plants at Oranmore.
7. Appointment of Members for Committee in connection with Leisure and Amenity Park at Rinville and entering into agreement with Galway Corporation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955.
8. Engineering Review - report attached.
9. Creation of office of R.D.O. Director.
10. Burial Ground Regulations - referred from meeting of 24th September. (It is proposed that headstones should not be wider nor higher than 1 metre)
11. Annual Conference of the Council of Irish and European Local Authorities in Clonmel on 23/24 November, 1984.
12. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

1. To ask the position in regard to the erection of lights which were removed from the village of Clarinbridge at Nogra, Kinvara.

(b) Other Motions received:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

2. Go gcuirfi cui laithreach ar bhothar Inis Mean - on Seipeal go dti an scoil agus soir go dti na monarchain.
3. Go gcuirfi cui laithreach ar bhothar Baile an Sleibhe, Rosamhil - an bothar go dti an sean Coastguard Station.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:

4. That the Council report at the Meeting of October 22nd what the position is in relation to the L.I.S. scheme at Feabeg, Eyrecourt, rep. John Quinn, above address. If a new offer has not been made, I will ask the County Manager to explain why.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

5. That the disused waterpump at Lissybroder, Dunmore, be removed and a wall be erected in front of its present position to prevent the nuisance it is now causing.
6. That Galway County Council take all the necessary steps to improve Tuam Water Supply and to get increased pressure in the worst affected areas such as Bel-Air Drive and the Fairgreen.
7. That the pedestrian and bicycle exit beside Timmins' Shop on Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, be altered to eliminate the obvious dangers to users of the exit.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

8. That three bad turns be eased on the Grange/Cregmore road as it is very dangerous for children going towards Cregmore N.S.
9. That urgent steps be taken to improve the very dangerous road surface each side of Barana Bridge on the Cloonboo/Annaghdawn road.
10. That the County Council erect a large "children crossing sign" on the Athenry/Tuam Road near the Filling Station where the children from the Ballinvoer area cross the main road going to Crumlin National School.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

11. That public lighting be provided outside Clontuskert Church.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

12. What progress has been made in acquiring an alternative site for a County Council dump at Oughterard.
13. Why has the hay not been cut in the Kilcummin Cemetery, Oughterard, this year.
14. When will the proposed works be carried out in front of Mr. Hughes premises at Cloonboo, also the completion of the entire job started in 1979.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

15. That the County Council erect a sign post for Clonfert Catholic Church at Clonfert crossroads.
16. That tenants of local authority houses be allowed to avail of local authority housing loans to enable them to purchase the houses in which they live.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/9/1402

10th. October, 1984.

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:- Minister for Lands.

Location:- Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Martin Flaherty of: Marian Terrace, Portumna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £9,570.00

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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/10/1654

10th. October, 1984.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- John Greally, Wakefield, Shrule, Co. Galway.

Location:- Largan, Shrule, Co. Galway.

Persons to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John & Patricia Greally of: Largan, Shrule, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £15,619.00.

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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/5/1472

10th. October, 1984.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Patrick Mahon, Moy, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

Location:- Moy, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

Persons to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick & Mary Mahon of: Moy, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £14,253.00.

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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/1540

10th. October, 1984.

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:- Bridget Larkin, Traskernagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Traskernagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Kathleen Leahy of: Traskernagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £10,360.00.

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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

9th October, 1984.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: (a) Land at Moycullen - E.S.B. Substation.  
(b) Lands at Parkmore, Tuam - E.S.B. Substation.

A Chara,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to lease two plots of land, as set out hereunder:-

(a) FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

V. Rev. G. Quinn P.P. Moycullen.

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS  
PROPOSED TO BE LEASED

The Electricity Supply Board - for the provision of a Substation.  
The lease will be for 100 years and subject to a nominal rent of 5p per annum.

Area of Plot:

Approximately (53 sq ft) - incorporating a 10ft right of way.

(b) FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Liquidator of Tuam Race Company Limited - c/o Messrs. Mc Quillan - Kelly & Co, Chartered Accountants, Dublin.

Persons to whom land is proposed to be leased:

The Electricity Supply Board - for the provision of a Substation.

The lease will be for 100 years and subject to a nominal rent of 5p per annum.

Area of Plot: 56 Sq Ft Approximately.

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.

T. Kavanagh  
Acting County Secretary.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Michael & Lisa King, 88, Rahoon Park, Galway.	Damage to shed.	County at large	£600	£1,272.10
Gerard Flynn, Main Street, Banagher, Co. Offaly.	Damage to house.	County at large	£2,000	£1,337.70
Fr. Naughton, Diocesan Trustees of Emerald Ballroom, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to glass in 3 doors of premises.	County at large	£52.64	£128.73
Gerard Geraghty, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.	Damage to window and door of a car.	County at large	£285	£256.95
Virginia O'Mahony, 15, Murrrough Park, Glenoran, Renmore.	Damage to front and rear window of car.	County at large	£285.57	£252.30
Sean Dunican, Clareview Park, Ballybane.	Damage to car.	County at large	£225.50	£300.14
Coras Iompair Eireann, Kings Bridge, Dublin 2.	Damage to panes of glass in single cabin.	County at large	£350	£160
Fr. Christopher Glynn, The Presbytery, Ballinasloe.	Damage to ventilators and walls.	County at large	£100	£176.79
Frank Fitzgerald & Co. Ltd., 7, Rockmount Road, Highfield Park, Galway.	Damage to 5 panes of glass.	County at large	£123	£172.35

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; J. Kineen, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2656 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by the Chairman, the Council unanimously passed a vote of congratulations to Sean Mannion, Rosmuc, on his fine performance in the Light Middleweight Boxing Championship at Madison Square Garden, New York.

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, the Council passed a vote of congratulations to Tommy Reilly, Claregalway, on winning four All-Ireland Ploughing Championships in a row.

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, the Council congratulated the Members recently elected to Udaras na Gaeltachta.

2657 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Senator U. Burke, the Minutes of the following meetings, numbers 2610-2651, inclusive, were approved and signed by the Chairman:

Special meeting on 14th September, 1984.  
Special meeting on 24th September, 1984.  
Monthly meeting on 24th September, 1984.

2658 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £11,500 FOR EXTENSION TO GALWAY CITY FIRE STATION:

The County Manager explained that the estimated final cost of the extension which had been carried out to Galway Fire Station was £50,000. Further improvements consisting of toilets and showers were also required and the estimated cost of these were £6,500. A loan of £45,000 had already been approved and approval for a supplementary loan of £11,500 was now required.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £11,500 for improvements to Galway Fire Station, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works, or from another source, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

2659 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT PORTUMNA:

On the proposition of Senator U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Haverty, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £20,000 for a new Public Convenience at Portumna, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works or such other source, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

Replying to some questions, the County Manager stated that the toilets would be located in the Fairgreen and that they were not intended to cater for the needs of the Scouts for whom special facilities would have to be provided during the Scout Jamboree.

Councillor Welby urged that the Council draw up a programme for the provision of public conveniences in a number of towns and that a start be made on them.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Council enquire from the Department of the Environment as to the present position of the Rosmuc Water Scheme.

2660 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

On the proposition of Senator U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale to the following tenants of the houses occupied by them in accordance with the terms of notices dated 10th October, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (a) Martin Flaherty, Marian Terrace, Portumna.
- (b) John & Patricia Greally, Largan, Shrulle.
- (c) Patrick & Mary Mahon, Moy, Kinvara.
- (d) Kathleen Leahy, Traskernagh, Loughrea."

2661 - LEASE OF TWO PLOTS OF LAND TO E.S.B.:

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Senator U. Burke, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the Lease of plots of land at Moycullen and Parkmore, Tuam, to the E.S.B., for the provision of Sub-Stations, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 9th October, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

2662 - PRIVATE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS AT ORANMORE:

The County Manager referred to the discussion which took place at the Council meeting on 24th September, 1984, regarding Kilraines two private Treatment Plants at Oranmore, when he undertook to have improvement schemes prepared and brought back to the Council. He stated that a rationalisation scheme for the two sewage treatment plants serving Cloonarkin and Beech Grove Estates had now been prepared and the total estimated cost was £56,000. Included in this sum of £56,000 was a sum of £27,000 in respect of the cost of a large rising main which would eventually form part of the proposed new sewerage scheme for Oranmore. This would leave the net cost of the present proposals at £29,000.

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

"That the Council approve of the rationalisation scheme for the private sewage treatment plants serving Cloonarkin and Beech Grove Estates, Oranmore, as outlined by the County Manager and subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, the Council approve of the raising of a loan of £56,000, the estimated cost of the said proposals, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

2663 - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE AND AGREEMENT WITH GALWAY CORPORATION IN CONNECTION WITH LEISURE AND AMENITY PARK AT RINVILLE:

The County Manager stated that the original intention was to appoint a committee consisting of four Members of Galway Council and four Members of Galway Corporation. After some discussion, the following Members were nominated to the Committee:

Councillors Welby, Haverty, Deputy Fahey, Senator U. Burke, Councillor O'Foighil, and the Chairman (Councillor Mannion).

The County Manager then referred to the necessity for entering into an agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, under which Galway County Council would carry out the work programme on behalf of the two authorities and providing for the sharing of all costs equally between the Council and the Corporation. He said that a suggestion had been put forward to name the Park as "Galway Bay Park". When asked as to whether recommendations of the Committee would have to come back to the Council for approval, the County Manager stated that this would be a matter for the Council to decide.

Deputy Fahey suggested that no further decisions be taken until after the Committee holds a meeting and this was agreed.

2664 - ENGINEERING REVIEW:

Because of the absence of Mr. Flood, County Engineer, Councillor O'Conchubhair suggested that this item be deferred to the next Monthly meeting and this was agreed.

2665 - CREATION OF OFFICE OF R.D.O. DIRECTOR:

The County Manager explained that for some time, there had been an anomaly in relation to the pension rights of Officers of Local Authorities holding posts of Directors of Regional Development Organisations in that their pension rights would relate only to the substantive posts which they held with the Local Authorities. A solution had now been arrived at whereby a temporary office of the same level as the R.D.O. post would be created by the parent Local Authorities of the Officers concerned and the Officers would be appointed to them. Officers would then be seconded to the Regional Development Organisations and in this way, the pension rights of the holders of the R.D.O. posts would relate to the jobs which they held. Replying to questions, the County Manager stated that Mr. T.A. Smyth, the R.D.O. Director, will be appointed to the post being created.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Council approved of the creation of a temporary post as outlined by the County Manager.

2666 - BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS:

A copy of the proposed regulations were circulated for Council meeting on the 24th September, 1984, but consideration of the regulations was deferred. The County Manager explained that some areas had asked for these type of regulations and Mr. Crotty explained how they would facilitate good maintenance, grass cutting, etc.

Practically all the Members were opposed to the regulations and during the course of the discussions, the following points were made:

That within reason, people should be allowed to develop the grave of their deceased relatives by the use of kerbs, headstones, etc.

The prohibition of kerb stones and restriction on headstones would affect the employment of people in that business.

That as soon as grave spaces are purchased, they should be kerbed within six months.

There should be no gap between grave spaces and this would avoid alot of weeds, grass, etc.

The use of kerbs avoids encroachment on adjoining graves.

That some of the older burial grounds are laid out very badly and that paths should be provided from the start.

People should be encouraged to look after graves better and the Council should fix a fee for which the Caretakers would maintain graves for anybody who wanted it.

That many Burial Grounds are not properly maintained and that this work should be assigned to Parish Councils if they are willing to do it for a nominal sum.

That Local Improvement Schemes should be available for roads into Burial Grounds.

That the drainage in some Burial Grounds is inadequate.

That proper records are not kept to identify graves particularly in old Burial Grounds.

That Notice of Motion money and Youth Employment Schemes should be available for Burial Grounds.

Councillor Kilgannon referred to Killahaun Burial Ground where there is no access road and asked that Notice of Motion money be allowed on this road. Councillor Bartley referred to the need for a Burial Ground in Cashel. Cllr. Joyce stated that a major job is being carried out on Meelick Church at the moment. The Burial Ground is being extended and he asked if the Council would provide a stone finish on the boundary wall to keep it in character with the existing wall.

The County Manager asked the Members if the regulations could be introduced in any particular Burial Ground if the community wanted it and this was agreed.

2667 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL OF IRISH AND EUROPEAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN CLONMEL ON 23RD/24TH NOVEMBER, 1984:

It was noted that this Conference was clashing with the R.D.O. Conference in Westport and the County Manager stated that the organisers had been asked to consider an alternative date.

It was agreed to defer the nomination of delegates to the Council Meeting on the 26th October, 1984.

2668 - COMMUNITY ARTS CONFERENCE IN CASTLEBAR ON 25TH/26TH OCTOBER, 1984:

The following Members were nominated to attend the Community Arts Seminar in Castlebar on the 25th and 26th October, 1984, organised by the Galway/Mayo Regional Arts Committee:

Councillor J. Callanan. Councillor T. Byrne. Councillor F. Glynn.

Councillor J. Burke referred to the problem of getting insurance cover for employees engaged in community work or on Youth Employment Schemes where the County Council would not be involved. He proposed that a resolution be passed asking the Minister to negotiate a realistic premium for insurance cover on such schemes. This was seconded by Deputy Kitt and agreed. Cllr. Glynn suggested that the Dail Deputies should also pursue this matter.

2669 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that the list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with item 12 on the Agenda had been received since the last meeting.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

2670 - PROBLEM OF TRAVELLERS, ETC., IN COUNTY GALWAY:

The County Manager stated that he had met the Chief Superintendent in Galway about this problem as requested by the Council. The Superintendents from Clifden, Oughterard, Loughrea and Gort, were also present. There was a wide ranging discussion in relation to large concentrations of campers, the situation in relation to law observance and breaches attributable to travellers and security measures for elderly persons and others living in isolated areas. The County Manager stated that the Chief Superintendent had subsequently written a letter to him on the matter and he read details of the letter to the Members.

Deputy Fahey was of the opinion that enough action was not being taken under the Casual Trading Act but the County Manager explained the problems and costs that would be involved in fully implementing the Casual Trading Act which would require the setting up of a network of trading sites. During the course of further discussion, Councillor Kilgannon proposed that the Chief Superintendent be invited to address the Members and Councillor M. Fahy said that tougher action should be taken against the culprits. Councillor J. Burke said that the dialogue which had commenced with the Garda Authorities should continue.

2671 - CALL-OUT OF ROAD STAFF:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Joyce raised the question of the calling out of road staff during emergencies. He said that there was a storm last weekend and many gullies were blocked with fallen leaves resulting in flooding in many areas including outside Laurencetown Church. When he went to the Supervisor, he was informed that the men who were laid off could not be brought back to work. He proposed that all road staff be brought back to work to do whatever emergency relief work had to be done.

Mr. Kearns, Assistant County Manager, explained that there was not sufficient funds to bring the staff back to work.

Councillor Haverty proposed that the Department of the Environment be requested to provide the necessary funds to have all hazards cleared. This was seconded by Deputy Kitt and agreed.

2672 - SCREEBE GENERATING STATION:

Councillor O'Morain proposed that a deputation from the County Council and the County Development Team seek a meeting with the Taoiseach with a view to having Screebe Generating Station kept open. After some discussion, it was agreed that the deputation should go ahead and should consist of the Councillors from the Connemara Area plus Councillors O'Foighil and Welby.

2673 - REPAIRS TO DEMOUNTABLE DWELLINGS:

Councillor O'Conchubhair urged that the Council have all demountable dwellings examined and the necessary repairs carried out as some of them were in a very bad condition. He mentioned one particular case at Lettermore and asked that it be examined immediately. Councillor O'Morain supported Councillor O'Conchubhair.

2674 - PORTUMNA WATER SUPPLY:

Senator U. Burke asked that the Council have the quality of the water in Portumna tested. He said that there was an epidemic of jaundice in Portumna and he would like to be assured that there was no connection between it and the water supply.

Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, stated that public water supplies are tested regularly and he was not aware of any problem in Portumna but would have it checked out.

2675 - EXTENSION OF OPENING HOURS FOR SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR:

Councillor Kilgannon proposed that the Council call on the Government to re-consider its proposal to extend the opening hours for the sale of intoxicating liquor.

2676 - TUAM/BARNADERG ROAD:

Councillor Ryan stated that portion of this road was in a very dangerous condition and that a lorry got stuck there recently. He asked that some repairs be done it immediately.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION2677 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT NOGRA - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary <sup>stated</sup> that as a result of a phone call to the E.S.B. on the 17th October, it was found that the E.S.B. had now surveyed Nogra. Two new poles would be required to place the lights in appropriate positions. Some of the old lanterns from Clarinbridge could be used but new ones will be needed. A full estimate will be forwarded by the E.S.B. in about one week. Reply in to further questions from Deputy Fahey, the Acting Secretary stated that the Council had written to the E.S.B. on four occasions.

Deputy Fahey asked that the motion be included again on the November Agenda.

2678 - BOITHRE AR INIS MEAIN - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai nach raibh na boithre in Inis Meain faoi curam Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe.

Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go dtogfai na boithre in Inis Meain faoi curam an Comhairle Chontae. Cuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Morain leis an run seo.

Mr. Kearns, Assistant County Manager, explained that before roads could be declared public roads, they had to meet certain standards and certain legal procedures had to be complied with. It was agreed to have a report on this item for the next meeting.

2679 - BOTHAR BAILE AN TSLEIBHE, ROSSABHIL. - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai go gcuirfi an obair seo idir laimhe roimh deire na míosa seo.

Councillor O'Foighil complained about the delay in doing this work for which Udaras na Gaeltachta had made a grant available.

2680 - L.I.S. SCHEME AT FEABEG, EYRECOURT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY:

The Acting Secretary stated that an offer of grant is now being issued in respect of this L.I.S. scheme.

Councillor Haverty complained about the delay in issuing the offer.

2681 - DISUSED WATERPUMP AT LISSYBRODER, DUNMORE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Lissybroder Pump is not in use. It does not appear likely that it can ever be put in working order. Consideration will be given to the motion during the preparation of the 1985 Estimates.

Councillor Finnegan proposed that provision be made in the 1985 Estimates to have this work done.

2682 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Bel-Air Housing Estate is supplied with water from the nearby Water Tower. The water pressure is sometimes inadequate for the reason that the three inch diameter cast iron mains carrying the supply from the trunk main (at the roundabout) as far as the Estate

entrance is old and encrusted. There is, therefore, a considerable loss of pressure. We are investigating the cost of improving the water pressure which would involve laying new mains. The watermains within the Estate are comparatively new and in good condition. A further report will be prepared. In regard to the Fairgreen area, he stated that generally there are no pressure problems in this area but if specific instances are reported, they will be investigated. During the recent drought when an auxiliary source of supply was in use in Tuam, there was a temporary loss of pressure in the Fairgreen area while new supply arrangements were being put into effect.

Councillor Finnegan stated that there was a lot of dissatisfaction in Tuam about the new Water Tower on Tullinadaly Hill and people felt that this was the cause of the problem. He asked what was the future water supply position for Tuam.

Mr. Howlett stated that many alternative proposals had been examined but the only real alternative appeared to be a supply from the Corrib and it was hoped that a Preliminary Report on this would be ready for submission to the Department by the end of the year.

2683 - EXIT BESIDE TIMMINS' SHOP, TULLINDALY ROAD, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that some work on the footpath is now being done in this area. The Council will examine the problem mentioned in the motion and if suitable alterations of a minor nature are feasible, they will be carried out in the next few weeks.

2684 - EASING OF BENDS ON GRANGE/CREGMORE ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that this proposal will be considered during the preparation of the Estimates for 1985.

Councillor McCormack, who was supported by Councillor Ruane, stated that this was a very bad stretch of road.

2685 - ROAD SURFACE EACH SIDE OF BARANNA BRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that emergency repairs are being carried out here at present. Finance for the complete vertical re-alignment of this County Road is not available during the current year.

Councillor McCormack stated that this was a very dangerous stretch of road and is used by the School Bus. Apart from emergency repairs, a major job was necessary. He was supported by Councillors Ruane, Welby, and Deputy Fahey.

2686 - CHILDREN CROSSING SIGN ON ATHENRY/TUAM ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Acting Secretary stated that the location referred to is a crossroads west of Crumlin N.S. on the main Athenry to Tuam road. Already, there are warning signs in position approaching the crossroads. There are signs number 109 and 125 on the approaches on the main road. On the minor road approaches, there are signs 125 and signs 201 (School and Yield Right of Way signs). It is considered, therefore, that sufficient warning signs are in position and that additional signs will not be of any advantage. The children that have to cross the main road going to and from school must exercise caution at this crossroads.

Councillor McCormack emphasised that a larger sign was necessary particularly on the Athenry side.

2687 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CLONTUSKERT CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KILGANNON:

The Acting Secretary stated that no funds were provided for new public lighting in the current year's Estimates.

Councillor Kilgannon requested that Councillors be allowed use of Motion money for public lighting. He said that the Clontuskert area benefits very little from Council services and the lack of public lighting made the provision of Church Services very difficult.

Councillor Joyce requested that Estimates be sought for the provision of a public light at Meelick, Killoran, and Mullagh Catholic Churches.

2688 - ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR DUMP AT OUGHTERARD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Environment Section has investigated in recent months a number of sites located to the south and west of Oughterard which were brought to the notice of the Council as having potential for development as Waste Disposal sites. None of the sites are considered suitable. Proposals for an extension of the present site are being considered.

Councillor Welby said that he was not satisfied that an alternative site could not be located. Mr. Crotty explained about the unsuitability of the sites.

Councillor Welby said he would oppose the extension of the present site.

2689 - KILCUMMIN BURIAL GROUND, OUGHTERARD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that this work was not reached because of pressure of other works in the Oughterard area this year. Some cleaning up and other maintenance works will be carried out as soon as possible.

Councillor Welby stated that the Burial Ground was in a deplorable condition and he asked that the weeds and long grass be cut and the Burial Ground cleaned up before Cemetery Sunday.

2690 - ROADWORKS AT CLOONBOO. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Acting Secretary stated that the completion of these works is dependent on the allocation of funds from the Department of the Environment. It is hoped that such funds will be made available in 1985.

Councillor Welby stated that this job had been going on since 1979 and had still not been completed despite many promises. He said that the area in front of Hughes premises was fenced off and he asked that this job be finished immediately. Councillor Welby also asked that a signpost be erected showing the road to Baranna.

2691 - SIGNPOST FOR CLONFERT CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the cost of doing this work is estimated at £200. It will be considered for the 1985 Estimates.

Councillor Brennan considered that the estimated cost of £200 was high in view of the fact that a sign only was needed which could be erected on the existing signpost.

Councillor Joyce stated that there was a famous statue in Clonfert Catholic Church and he said the sign should read "Our Lady of Clonfert Catholic Church. He said that signs would be required in two locations.

2692 - LOANS FOR PURCHASE OF COUNCIL HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that local authority tenants are given the option to purchase the houses they occupy by way of a Purchase Scheme which has the same affect as an ordinary loan.

Councillor Brennan was of the opinion that it would be more advantageous to tenants if they could purchase their houses through County Council loans but Mr. Howlett explained that there was very little difference, and in fact the House Purchase Scheme would be more favourable in view of the discounts allowed, etc.

2693 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Eric and Mary Trappe, Harrold Horseman, South View, Killimor, Ballinasloe.  
Michael Callanan, Woodford, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Sean & Mary Fahy, Killimor, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. T. Divilly & Family, Cloonacat, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.  
Sean O'Conghaile, Cnoc na hAille, Indreabhán, Co. na Gaillimhe.

Sean Cloherty, Lettercallow, Lettermore, Co. Galway.  
Martin Staunton, Lettercallow, Lettermore.  
Mrs. Gardiner & Family, Athenry, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Peggie Gibbons, Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Joe Egan, Duniry, Kylebrack, Loughrea.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John M. Keenan, CHAIRMAN

26th November 1984 DATE

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19th October, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

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

Friday, 26th October, 1984,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
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A G E N D A

Review of County Development Plan.

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22nd October, 1984.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

The following Section 4 resolution which was adjourned at the meeting of the Council on the 22nd October, 1984, will be considered at the Planning Meeting on the 26th October at 3.30 p.m. -

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Michael McNamara, c/o Pádraig Ó Cuinn, Main Street, Loughrea, at Greeneenagh, Loughrea. - Planning Reference Number 48662."

Edward Haverty. James Joyce. Michael P. Kitt.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 26TH OCTOBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; B. Callagy and J. Kinneen, Senior Executive Engineers; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2694 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48662 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL McNAMARA:

Councillor Haverty stated that the applicant was satisfied with the explanation and implications of the application given by the County Manager and therefore, the resolution was not being proposed and was withdrawn.

2695 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COUNCIL OF IRISH AND EUROPEAN LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN CLONMEL ON 23RD/24TH NOVEMBER, 1984:

The following delegates were nominated for the Conference:

Councillors O'Morain, M. Fahy, J. Brennan, and P. O'Foighil.

Councillor Bartley was nominated to attend the R.D.O. Conference in Westport instead of Councillor O'Morain.

2696 - SHEEP DIPPING MEETING IN DONEGAL ON 14TH NOVEMBER.

In reply to Councillor Welby, the Acting Secretary stated that no information had been received in connection with this meeting.

The following delegates were nominated to attend:

Councillors Welby, Callanan, Murphy, Ryan, McCormack, Ruane.

Councillor Haverty was nominated as a substitute.

Councillor McCormack was approved as a substitute for Councillor Ryan for the Conference in Brighton.

2697 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Mr. Callagy went through the document on Section V of the Draft Plan dealing with Land Use Plans for non scheduled towns and other areas. He said that the 1979 County Development Plan contained Development Plans for the following non-scheduled towns and other areas.

Galway City Environs - Eastern and Western, Satellite villages of Oranmore, Barna, Spiddal, Moycullen, Claregalway, the non-scheduled towns of Oughterard, Portumna, the unserved villages of Ballynahown, Knock, and Furbogh.

Mr. Callagy stated that a long-term planning strategy study has been carried out for the Galway City Environs and then went on to explain the following maps in relation to the Knocknacarra Plan which were displayed on the wall:

General location map.  
General topography map.  
Land Use Zoning and Distributor Roads map.  
Existing or permitted land use and ownership pattern.  
Proposed new infrastructure.

Mr. Callagy stated that the objectives in relation to the Distributor Road was to give access to land that would be land locked and to co-ordinate with the drainage proposals for the area. To set the Plan into its proper context, it was necessary to compare the population projection for the present plan against the proposed population for 20 years time of 15,000 people. Mr. Callagy also mentioned a road proposal which would by-pass the Plan area.

Replying to Councillor Welby, Mr. Callagy said that the standard provision for playing fields was 4 acres per 1,000 population. Councillor Brennan asked if the Council would have to purchase the lands for playing fields and open space.

Replying, the County Manager stated that this was one of the crucial elements of the Plan. In the Knocknacarra area, he said that the County was catering for the city overspill and it was a case of co-ordinating the Plans for the County and City areas. Because of the development pressures, it was imperative to have a plan for the area. A key element of the Plan was the selection of an area for a playing field. A six acre site was selected and it is considered to be in the most suitable area. This was the next priority after making provision for the Distributor Road and the cost of acquisition could be expensive. He said it was necessary for the Members to understand the implications involved and if the Members agreed, the Council would purchase the land as soon as the plan is adopted.

Deputy Fahey said he agreed with the playing field proposal and proposed that it be accepted.

Councillor O'Morain asked why half of the plan area was zoned agriculture and he asked how much would developers or the Corporation pay towards the development costs.

The County Manager replied that the land zoned for development was land which could be drained by gravity. The present development charge in the Knocknacarra area was £1,000 per house and the County Council and Corporation do not normally contribute towards development costs which would benefit only one area. If the County Council did not face up to the task, the other alternative was a boundary extension for the Corporation.

Mr. Flood stated that a limit had to be put on the amount of land that would be zoned, taking into account the projected population and it was good planning to channel the growth into the servicable area.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, Mr. Callagy stated that while there was no specific proposals for local authority housing in the Plan, there was nothing to prevent it.

Councillor Welby proposed that the area of Ryan's Caravan Park be retained as open space or that no building be allowed on it. This was seconded by Councillor O'Morain. The County Manager stated that this proposal would be examined and reported on.

Councillor O'Foighil asked if any of the Plan area was in the Gaeltacht and on being informed that there was, he proposed that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be asked to re-define the Gaeltacht areas by excluding areas like Knocknacarra and Tirellan. Replying to Councillor Joyce, about the identification of areas of Archaeological interest, the County Manager stated that no information had been received to date for the area in question but this could be added later.

Councillor Welby asked if provision was being made for caravan parks in towns like Oughterard and Spiddal. Councillor O'Morain agreed that provision should be made for caravan parks and Senator Killilea referred to a previous proposal of his for caravan parks of different gradings. He said 50% of tourists to Ireland were either caravanning or camping.

The County Manager stated that a paper on caravan parks would be prepared for the next Planning Meeting.

Galway Eastern Environs:

Mr. Callagy then discussed the Plan for the Galway City Eastern Environs as circulated. He said there was not the same pressure in the Eastern Environs area as in the area of the Western Environs of the City.

Senator Killilea asked if the road proposals would bi-sect farm holdings.

The County Manager replied that land severance is taken into account as far as possible and where it cannot be avoided, the owners have a valid claim for compensation.

Mr. Flood stated that the routes were selected under the Transportation Study and the severance of land is avoided as far as possible.

Oranmore Plan:

Mr. Callagy then outlined the Oranmore Plan, giving details of the zoning and population projections and the by-pass route which has been designed.

Deputy Fahey referred to the area zoned "commercial" and was of the opinion that some housing should be permitted on it.

The County Manager referred to the definition of commercial development at 5.6 in the document and said that if too liberal an approach to housing development is allowed, it could militate against commercial development.

Mr. Callagy said that he would do a more detailed study of the commercial need for the area and this would be helpful in determining the extent of housing development that could be permitted. Deputy Donnellan said that if a more detailed plan was prepared showing where one could or could not build, this would avoid the use of Section 4 resolutions.

Senator Killilea asked if plans could be prepared for small villages/settlements throughout the County.

The County Manager explained that the Council was only obliged to prepare Land Use Zoning Plans for the five scheduled towns and that it would be impossible to prepare such plans on a County wide basis.

Replying to Deputy Fahey about the time scale for completing the County Development Plan Review, the County Manager stated that it could take up to December 1985 to complete the Review and this was something which could be considered at the next Planning Meeting.

It was decided to hold the next planning meeting on Friday, 16th November, at 3.30 p.m.

2698 - REVIEW OF SPEED LIMITS:

Deputy Kitt enquired of the present position about the Review of Speed Limits.

The Acting Secretary stated that because of the long delay which arises in reviewing speed limits for the whole County, it had recently been decided that speed limits would be reviewed on an annual basis and whatever proposals were ready at the end of each year would be submitted for approval. In the case of the present review, he stated that it was intended to have all proposals submitted to the Department within two weeks.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*John M. Mounson* CHAIRMAN

26th November 1984 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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9th November, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

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

Friday, 16th November, 1984,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Supplementary Welfare Allowances Demand (See enclosures.)
2. Review of 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, 16TH NOVEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; B. Callagy, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2694 - DEATH OF COUNCILLOR FINTAN COOGAN:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Fintan Coogan, Jnr., T.D., and the Coogan Family on the recent death of Councillor Fintan Coogan, Snr. He said that the late Councillor Coogan was one of the longest serving Members of Galway County Council and had been a Dail Deputy for 23 years. He said that Councillor Coogan was most popular with all sections of the community and he paid tribute to his work as a public representative over the years. The Chairman said that he proposed to adjourn the meeting as a mark of respect.

In seconding the resolution of sympathy, Councillor Welby expressed his sympathy with the Coogan Family. He said that the late Councillor Coogan had given great service to the people of Galway and would be sadly missed by all.

All other Members present joined in the expression of sympathy to the Coogan Family and paid tribute to the work of the late Councillor Coogan. They mentioned the many organisations he was involved in, such as Order of Malta, The Taibhdhearc, etc., and said that he was a very genuine and popular public representative.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined with the Members in the expressions of sympathy with the Coogan Family. He said that the late Councillor Coogan was always gentle and courteous to all the staff that came in contact with him.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Clann Mhic Dhonncha, 78, Ascail Devon, Bothar na Tra, Gaillimh.  
Mr. Paddy McNamara, Aillebrack, Ballyconneely.  
Mr. & Mrs. T. Treacy, 6, St. Joseph's Park, Tuam.  
Mrs. M. Craughwell, 4, Moneenageisha Road, Galway.  
Mr. Sean Mannion, N.T., Ballyturn, Gort.  
Mary & Mattie Casey, Glynsk, Cashel, Co. Galway.  
Cait Bn. Ui Chiardha, Aille, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
Mrs. Dobbynn, 2, Pearse Avenue, Mervue, Galway.  
Mr. Thomas Sharkey, County Librarian, Island House, Galway.  
Mr. Cahill, Corofin, Tuam, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Brian Callagy, 19, Dr. Mannix Road, Salthill, Galway.  
Mr. James & Mrs. Christina Furey, Gurrane North, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

2695 - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES DEMAND:

The Chairman stated that he was allowing no discussion on this item but was seeking the Council's approval to authorise the Officials to get in touch

with Mayo and Roscommon County Councils with a view to arranging a deputation. He said a discussion would be allowed at the next meeting.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Joyce, the Council agreed that arrangements be made for a deputation and that contact be made with Mayo and Roscommon County Councils and the Western Health Board if they so wished.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED AS A MARK OF RESPECT.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

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CHAIRMAN

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

20th November, 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 November, 1984, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. Kavanagh,

ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

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

1. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant planning permission to Hugh Lavelle, Creggaree, Cong, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank. - Ref. No. 48676."

M. O'Morain. G. Bartley. T. Welby.

2. "Eilíonn muidne ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleanala a dheanu do Proinnsias O Fatharta, An Lochan Beag, Indreabhan. Ta an iarratas seo d'reir Acht an Bhainisteoir Contae agus Cathrach (Leasaithe) 1955 Alt 4. Uimhir Pleanala 48981.

P. O'Foighil. Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Padraic McCormack.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant planning permission to Mr. Tom Walsh, Lydican, Oranmore, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference number 48972."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.

4. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Thomas McHugh, Ballytrasna, Tuam, for the erection of a dwellinghouse. Planning Reference number 48366."

Patrick Finnegan. Michael P. Kitt. Thomas 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 Sean Joyce of Gortadooey, Claregalway, for serviced dwellinghouse and garage at Gortadooey, Claregalway. Planning Reference Number 48910.

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

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6. Application for permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse by Seosamh O h-Ogain, Seanafearachain, An Fhairce, at Seanafaghaun, (Clonbur area), planning application number 48700, the granting of which would be a material contravention of the County Development Plan.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; Mrs. C. McCormack, and Mr. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer, and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2696 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48676 - APPLICANT: HUGH LAVELLE.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in the village of Cong in the townland of Creg-aree. Access is gained from Co. Mayo.

HISTORY:

Planning Reference No. 13140 was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of unsuitable backlands development and septic tank.

Planning reference no. 47082 was refused by the Planning Authority in December 1983 on similar grounds as their previous refusal.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site level is approximately 15 ft. below the level of the roadway opposite the site and is, therefore, approximately 10 ft. below the proposed sewer pipe in the roadway. The development could not be connected to the proposed sewer. There is a river, which runs from Poll Leibin, with 70 ft. of the furthest corner of the site and the proposed septic tank and percolation area would be less than 70 ft. from the river.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The site of the proposed development is approximately 10 ft. lower than the level of the proposed sewer in the public roadway and cannot, therefore, connect to the proposed scheme and the proposed development would involve the construction of a septic tank approximately 70 ft. from the adjacent river, would be liable to cause pollution of the river, thus constituting a health hazard, which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development without any road frontage would constitute undesirable and peace-meal developments of backlands which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Do mhol an Comhairleoir O'Morain go glacfaí leis an run chun cead pleanála a thabhairt san chas seo. Councillor O'Morain asked if permission had been given previously on this site. He understood that planning permission had been granted but that it had withered. He said it was a second family house within the confines of the village and would be granted if the proposed changes in the Development Plan were applied to it.

Councillor Welby seconded the resolution set out on the Agenda.

The County Engineer stated that he was not aware of any previous planning permission but having checked it in the planning office, he discovered that one sentence was omitted from the report indicating that a permission had been granted on appeal.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the present application should be permitted in view of the previous permission.

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

2697 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48981 - APPLICANT: PRIONNSIAS O FATHARTA:

The County Engineer stated that a request for further information had been issued on this application and the resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply is received.

Dúirt an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go raibh dioma airgur chuireadh an iarratas ar tuille eolais. He said the applicant had submitted a site of nearly 2½ acres and he hoped it would be on the Agenda for the December meeting. Councillor O'Conchubhair supported Councillor O'Foighil.

2698 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48972 - APPLICANT: TOM WALSH.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Oranmore/Claregalway route N.64 approx. ½ mile on the Claregalway side of Carnmore Cross. The road has not yet been realigned here but is likely to be in the next couple of years.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 15863: Outline Permission granted for 4 number houses to Mr. Walter Walsh in May 1974. This permission was extended until October 1986. It included a condition that a service road be built. This was not appealed.

Three subsequent approvals have been granted to Mr. Walsh's sons, all of them indicating that a service road would be built as stipulated above. When the most recent house was under construction, it was noticed that an individual access had been opened onto the national route and warning letters were issued to the Walsh family. Mr. Edward Walsh called to the Planning Office with Councillor Ryan to discuss the problem. He intimated that he would apply for a direct access, and the current application ensued.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

It is the stated policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development along this route to local family housing needs where alternative access onto minor roads is not available. There is no minor road frontage on this holding and prior to granting the original permission, there were extensive consultations with the landowner before including the service road condition. The relationship of accident occurrence to the frequency of access along vehicular routes is well established and has been clearly put to the Council in the discussion of the draft plan. It is in the interests of traffic safety to restrict the number of accesses by including a service road in situations such as this where it is necessary to grant a number of houses to a family group.

RECOMMENATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would contribute to the proliferation of individual traffic access points onto a National traffic route in a rural area where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by such access points would interfere with the free flow of traffic along the route."

The County Engineer stated that this traffic route was one which he had recommended be upgraded to Class 1 Control.

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

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

2699 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48366 - APPLICANT: THOMAS MCHUGH:

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 2 miles north of Tuam on the Tuam/Milltown Road N.17.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 2093: Extension to house granted to Mr. P. McHugh.  
 Ref. No. 11317: Permission granted for dwellinghouse to Mr. P. McHugh on minor road frontage of holding.  
 Ref. No. 33747: Outline Permission refused for 4 number houses to Miss Carmel McHugh on National Road frontage.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site in question is on the extreme north eastern corner of the holding with its frontage directly onto the National Primary Route which has been realigned for about two years. The applicant

who is a son of the landowner lives with his wife and family in a house which was built on foot of Reference Number 11317 above. His parents and three sisters live in the family house nearby on the minor road. There is no house at present on the National Road frontage of this holding.

In reply to a request for further information, applicant states that his parents intend to reside in his (applicant's) house, leaving the family house to one of the sisters and a field each to the remaining sisters on the minor road. This would mean that he would require this proposed house for himself.

Accepting that a housing need exists, it can quite adequately be catered for on the extensive minor road frontage of the holding without extending the accident risk involved in permitting new development directly on the National Route. The previous Permission sought by one of the family on the N.17 gave the appearance of seeking permission with a view to sale.

RECOMMENDATION:

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 contravene Section 6.02 table no. 3 of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this road to the housing needs of farm holders where suitable vehicular access cannot be created by or from another roadway. In this case, suitable sites are available on family lands fronting onto an adjacent minor public road.

Councillor P. Finnegan discussed this application with the Planning Officer."

The County Engineer recommended that Permission be not granted as the need could be accommodated on the minor road.

Councillor Finnegan proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda stating that the applicant was a son of the landowner, and therefore, should be entitled to build on the site proposed. The resolution was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

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

2700 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48910 - APPLICANT: SEAN JOYCE.

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 Gortadoey, Claregalway, approximately 1/2 mile from Loughgeorge on the road to Corrandulla.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 39400: Outline Permission granted for house to Michael Glynn on site which is double the present site and includes it.  
 Ref. No. 41438: Approval granted to above.

- Ref. No. 47021: Outline Permission refused on present site to Sean Joyce.
- Ref. No. 47110: Permission refused on present site to Mrs. K. Higgins.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site, which is a subdivision of an approved site, is totally inadequate to locate a septic tank and percolation area in accordance with the standard requirements of Galway County Council. There are existing houses on each side of the site and in the case of one of them the septic tank would be located approximately 40 ft. from it. The outlet would be onto the site boundaries and there would not be any percolation area. It would also contravene the I.I.R.S. standards for site sizes which in cases such as this stipulate at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, the present site size being 0.3 acre. There is a neighbouring objector to the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development, if permitted, would constitute a health hazard due to the confined nature of the site and the close proximity of 3 other septic tanks in the area.
2. The proposed site is inadequate to locate a house, septic tank and percolation area the required distances from one another, from the site boundaries and from an existing dwelling-house so as to comply with the standard requirements of Galway County Council."

Senator Killilea stated that the applicant in this case has approached the adjoining landowner with a view to extending the site which he hoped would get over the septic tank objection. He asked that the resolution be deferred as the latest date for decision had been extended to the 18th January, 1985.

This was agreed.

2701 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48700 - APPLICANT: SEOSAMH O h-OGAIN.

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 Seanafearachan, Clonbur, overlooking Lough Nafoeey on its northern shore.

PLANNING HISTORY:

This applicant was granted permission for a house in 1979 on a site  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile east of the present site in a cluster of houses which comprised the little village of Seanafearachan More. The house was built and lived in by the applicant and his family but the applicant states that there has been a persistent and serious problem with a neighbour which has made living in the house intolerable and compelled him to sell the house in the hope of moving to this new site.

He applied for permission early this year on the present site but did not make any claim or indicate any housing need and was refused permission on scenic amenity grounds - ref. no. 48138."

The applicant has approximately 25 acres of land but much of it is mountain pasture and the remainder is either too close

to the source of his aggravation or on the lake side of the road. He has purchased this site so as to build a house with the minimum damage to the scenic landscape and at the same time so as to be a comfortable distance from his existing problem.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The area is zoned as an area of outstanding scenic amenity in the County Development Plan where Permission is only granted for substantiated family housing needs on the family holding. Since this proposal is not on the family holding, it is regarded as not being in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, hence the public declaration of the fact in the newspapers and the requirement of the vote of the Council.

It is considered that there will be a degree of damage to the visual amenity of the outstandingly scenic area which is relatively undeveloped, the existing housing being located in two small clusters about a mile apart, with present proposals being midway between them. However, taking into consideration that the applicant is a farmer from this area, has a small craft industry which is of benefit to the area, and has advanced a particular case of housing need. A grant of Permission is being recommended subject to special planting considerations and an enurement clause."

The Chairman proposed that Permission be granted in this case and was seconded by Deputy Kitt. As there was no objection, the Chairman declared the proposal carried.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*John M. Henneion* CHAIRMAN

17/12/84 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u Samhain, 1984.

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, an 26u la Samhain, 1984, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
2. Overdraft approval for quarter ending 31st March, 1985.
3. Sale of houses to the following tenants:
  - (a) William & Bernadette Horan, Keeloge, Meelick, Eyrecourt.
  - (b) Martin & Bernadette Feeney, Loughaunbeg, Inverin.
  - (c) James Walsh, Kylemore Village, Connemara.
  - (d) Kathleen Leary, Loughaunawadda, Peterswell.
  - (e) Mary Finnerty, Eskerboy, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.- Notices dated 13th November, 1984, refer.
4. Lease of factory premises at Gortrevagh, Oughterard. - Notice dated 13th November, 1984, refers.
5. Auditor's Report on Accounts of Galway County Council for 2 years ended 31st December, 1982. - Copy enclosed.
6. Auditor's report on account of River Suck Joint Drainage Committee for 2 years ended 31st December, 1982.
7. Remission of Rates on the following factory premises:

	<u>1984</u>	<u>For the full period</u>
A. Croke Concrete (Moycullen) Ltd.	£1,533 (2 bhliain)	£11,416
B. Stephen Glennon, Galway Hydromat Ltd.	£235 (1 year)	£3,200
C. Western Pleasure (Tuam) Ltd.	£1,490 (3 years)	£7,017
8. Creation of 4 permanent offices of Clerk of Works (regrading of existing posts).

9. Amenity Grants 1984 - Recommendations attached.
10. Raising of loan of £152,000 for 2 fire tenders, crash rescue vehicle and equipment.
11. Raising of supplementary loans for the following Sanitary Services Schemes:
  - (a) Dunmore/Glenamaddy Water Supply Scheme, Stage 1, Phase 1 £5,000
  - (b) Mid Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme, Stages 1 and 11, Phase 1 £60,000.
  - (c) Knocknacarra Sewerage Scheme £5,000
12. Fix dates for: (a) December Monthly Meeting.  
(b) Review of County Development Plan.
13. Report on Council's finances - report to follow.
14. Selection of 4 delegates for deputation re Supplementary Welfare Allowances funding.
15. Filling of vacancy on County Council arising from the death of Councillor Fintan Coogan.
16. Engineering Review - report already circulated.
17. Circular from Department of the Environment re £5,000 grant for Local Authority tenants and tenant purchasers to provide their own houses.
18. Housing Finance Agency Loans - Copy of letter enclosed.
19. Malicious Damage Decrees.
20. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'HUIGINN. - Molaim.

1. That procedures be initiated in order to take in charge the housing estates at Polnarooma and other estates completed in the Western Environs of Galway City.

COUNCILLORS TODDIE BYRNE AND MICHAEL FAHY. - We will propose.

2. That Galway County Council take over the Dooras Group Water Scheme.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim.

3. Go gcuirfear clocha mora san Lay-Bye ag Baile an Domhnallain, An Spideal le aith-theacht na dTinceiri a stopadh. Ta siad imithe anois ach beidh siad ar ais i Marta 1985 muna gcuirfear bac ortha. Fanann siad fui ag choirneal fíor-chontuirteach.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim

4. Linte Ban a mharcaíl ar an mbothar o Rosamhíl comh fada leis an Mullach.
5. Iarracht ceart a dheanamh talamh a cheannacht le hagaídh tithe Comhairle Condae i gceantair Conamara theas.
6. That the Minister of Gaeltacht be invited to attend a Meeting of Galway County Council.

COUNCILLOR P. F. GLYNN - I will propose.

7. That the By-Laws for the new Carpark at Abbey Trinity Road, Tuam be implemented forthwith.
8. That adequate signs be erected at the Claretuam Junction to prevent cars coming from the Galway direction crashing through the wire fence in wet weather and dark conditions.

COUNCILLOR FRANK FAHEY - I will propose

9. That Galway County Council erect temporary traffic lights at the junction between the Dublin Road and Limerick Road at Oranmore, or alternatively, that the Local Garda Síochána be asked to provide traffic control during peak traffic periods in the morning and in the evening.
10. That Tully Sewerage Scheme be included in the 1985 small public schemes programme, in view of the fact that this group have spent £1,800 and have at present an overdraft of £1,000 in their effort to provide a group sewerage scheme for the village of Tully, Renvyle.
11. That the necessary funds be made available in the forthcoming estimates for the Automation of Gurraun Level Crossing, Oranmore.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY AND DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT. - We will ask

12. The County Manager for complete details of the source testing on the County Council Bore at Lurganmore, Killimor.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose.

13. That provisions be made in the 1985 Estimates for the erection of Public Toilets at Oughterard.
14. When will work commence on the restoration of footpaths and areas disturbed during pipelaying by Bord Telecom in Oughterard.
15. That immediate steps be taken to repair section of road leading to Collinamuck near Tim Connells house in Ower West, Roscahill.

COUNCILLOR PADDY RUANE. - I propose.

16. That this Council call on C.I.E. to have light flashers as traffic warnings at the Gurrane Level Crossing near Oranmore, which as it is is a death trap to users of this road.
17. That a wire fencing be erected, instead of a wall opposite the dangerous junction at Loughgeorge where many accidents occur.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose.

18. Galway County Council request Department of the Environment that the Council be given full responsibility in dealing with Group Water Schemes both regard approval of design and Finance.
19. Galway County Council does not By-Pass Ardrahan.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL KITT - I will propose.

20. That Galway County Council repair the road leading from Ballygar, through Derryfadda, Caltra and leading to the Junction at Kilglass with the Caltra/Ahascragh Road.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN - I wish to propose.

21. That the Council sink a Borehole to improve the supply at Kilconnell Water Supply.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE. - I will propose.

22. That the County Council in conjunction with the Western Health Board organise a particular period this winter when all property owners would be requested to set poison for rats.
23. That the County Council would build suitable accommodation units throughout the County which could be let at short notice to unmarried mothers before or after the birth of their child.
24. That the County Council, the County Development Team, the Regional Development Officer and Ireland West co-operate in the production of a colour Brochure in several languages dealing with the great variety of attractions in the Shannonside Area of County Galway.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th November, 1984.

Ref. No. 63/9/76

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Particulars cannot be obtained by reasonable enquiry but Council in possession and receiving rent since 1911

Location:- Keeloge, Meelick, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

William and Bernadette Horan, Keeloge, Meelick, Eyrecourt, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4,520.00

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 ten days from the date of this Notice.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th November, 1984.

Ref. No. 63/3/1472

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: Martin Feeney, Loughaubeg, Inverin, Co. Galway.

Location:- Loughaubeg, Inverin, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Martin and Barbara Feeney of Loughaubeg, Inverin, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £12,283.00

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 ten days from the date of this Notice.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th November, 1984.

Ref. No. 63/2/1408

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- James Walsh, Kylemore Village, Connemara, Co. Galway.

Location:- Kylemore Village, Connemara, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

James Walsh of Kylemore Village, Connemara, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,568.00

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 ten days from the date of this Notice.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

13th November, 1984.

Ref. No. 63/5/1430

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:- Martin Leary, Loughaunawadda, Peterswell, Co. Galway.

Location:- Loughaunawadda, Peterswell, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Kathleen Leary of Loughaunawadda, Peterswell, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £10,008.00

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 ten days from the date of this Notice.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/1/1471

13th. November, 1984.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Mary Finnerty, Eskerboy, Kiltormer,  
Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Location:- Eskerboy, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mary Finnerty of: Eskerboy, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £14,510.00.

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.

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting Secretary.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
GALWAY.

13th November, 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 Gortrevagh, Oughterard, particulars of which are given hereunder.

LAND: Plot of land, area - 1 rood, 6 perches, approximately, with factory thereon, and right of way thereto, situated in the townland of Gortrevagh, and Electoral Division of Oughterard.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: The Industrial Development Authority,  
Landsdowne House, Dublin 4.

TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE LEASED: Mr. J.M. Parslow, Claremount,  
Oughterard, Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL:

The Lease shall be for a term of 35 years. Rent shall be reviewed at the end of every three years period. Rent for the first year of the lease shall be £2,805 and rent for the second and third years of the lease shall be £5,610 per annum. Tenant shall be liable for repairs rates and all other outgoings.

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.

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T. KAVANAGH  
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY

## MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Martin Higgins, Coolarne Cross, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.	Damage to tractor.	County at large.	£2,000	£2,159.11
John Burke, 273 Castle Park, Ballybane, Galway.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£1,000	£ 283.80
Michael Hanley, Carnmore, Oranmore.	Damage to factory.	County at large.	£2,000	£1,130.00
Corrib Boats Limited, Oughterard, Co. Galway.	Damage to boat.	County at large	£ 500	£ 301.34
M/S Darra Builders Ltd., Clonfert Avenue, Portumna.	Damage to plant, machinery, Materials, vehicles and workshop premises.	County at large.	£9,000	£6,466.57
Josephine De Courcy	Damage to Motor Vehicle.	County at large.	£ 300	£ 270.23
Enda O'Byrne and P. & C. Keogh Ltd., Fr. Griffin Place, Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.	Damage to premises at Fr. Griffin Road, Galway.	County at large.	£20,000	£5,682.30
Marble panels Ltd., Omev, Clifden, Co. Galway.	Damage to property at clifden.	County at large.	£181,000	£47,140.78
Thomas Kilroy, Church Street, Athenry.	Damage to property at Church Street, Athenry.	County at large.	£ 489	£ 469.80
James Fallon, Two-Mile-Ditch, Polkeena.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway.	£ 100	£ 135.25

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Michael O'Flaherty, Ard Mhuire, Knock, Inverin, Co. Galway.	Damage to house, garage, garden and car.	County at large.	£15,000	£1,939.73
Thomas Monaghan, Doire Phartamor, Carraroe.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£ 239.23	£ 170.64
Frank Barrett & Sons Ltd., Main Street, Ballinasloe.	Damage to part of tarmacadam yard, a store of 250 gallons of oil, 7 cartons of aeroboard and other goods.	County at large.	£ 4,000	£2,021.75
Cecil O'Brien, "Belgrove", Lenaboy Gardens, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to motor vehicle 4863 ZM.	County at large.	£ 300	£ 240.97
Seamus O'Flatharta, Oatquarter, Kiltonan, Aran.	Damage to caravan and contents.	County at large.	£ 800	£ 705.21
Niall Hogan, Society Street, Ballinasloe.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£ 225.47	£ 185.47
Michael Golding, Gallagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.	Damage to double glazed anti-sun glass windows.	County at large.	£ 2,200	£1,943.71
John Murray, Mainguard Street, Galway.	Damage to one large plate glass window.	County at large.	£ 472.50	£ 432.25
Maura Hardiman, St. Bridget's Place, Woodquay.	Damage to gate and pillar.	County at large.	£ 300	£ 302.73
Gerard Coen, Eskerboy, Kiltormer, B'Sloe.	Damage to window and door.	County at large.	£ 460	£ 423.23
John Haugh, 20, Tirellan Heights, Galway.	Motor Bike 5080 IM - destroyed.	County at large.	£ 452	£ 123.73

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Queensbury Securities Ltd., Eglinton Street, Galway.	Gaming machines damaged.	County at large.	£464.50	£372.25
Roches Stores Ltd., Eyre Street, Galway.	Plate glass window. - Damaged.	County at large.	£600	£204
Sean Walshe, Devon Park, Salthill, Galway.	10 Speed racing bike damaged.	County at large.	£200	£ 68.21
Ryder Plant Hire Ltd.	Lorry damaged.	County at large.	£300	£ 62.76
Mukesh Kumer, Moynes, Tuam.	Premises and contents damaged.	County at large.	£944.54	£912.13
Mr. Patrick Newell, 24, Seamen Drive, Riverside.	Motor car damaged.	County at large.	£450	£441.73
R. Rainsbury & Son Ltd., Mainguard Street, Galway.	Damage to security shutters/ lock/surrounds.	County at large.	£1,386	£1,388.71
Gerard Geraghty, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£285	£256.95
Ann Murtagh, Monksfield, Salthill.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway.	£32.89	£111.59
Pat Fahy (Stephen), Claregalway.	Wooden fencing stakes burnt.	County at large.	£165	£230.90
Gerard P. Murray Insurances Ltd. 200, Upper Salthill, Galway.	Building and contents damaged.	County at large.	£500	£423.35
George Lyons, Turlough, Rosmuc.	Damage to house contents by fire.	County at large.	£1,375	£1,446.21

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of claim	Amount of Decree including costs
David Ray, 14, Dun-na-Mara, Renmore.	Damage to motor cycle.	County at large.	£700	£564.61
Digital Equipment International Limited, Ballybrit Industrial Estate.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£2,000	£1,366.50
Western Motors Limited, Tuam Road, Galway.	Damage to windows.	County at large.	£ 500	£ 40
Mullocar Limited, 92, Castletawn Heights, Galway.	Damage to windows.	County at large.	£1,500	£ 777.59
Western Motors Ltd., Tuam Road, Galway.	Damage to windows.	County at large.	£ 500	£ 289.00
Western Motors Ltd., Tuam Road, Galway.	Damage to windows.	County at large.	£ 500	£ 110.00

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; Mrs. C. McCormack, and Mr. D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer, and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2702 - SYMPATHY:

Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair run comhbhron do mhuintir Folan as Rosabhill de bharr timpist a tharla le deanai sa gCeathru Rua nuair a baitheadh a dtriur mac. Ba cuis comhbhron e agus cuidigh gach ball leis an run.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Mattie Conneely, Inishnee, Roundstone, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Eileen Burke, Killeroran, Ballygar, Co. Galway.  
The Heneghan Family, Knockdoe, Claregalway, Co. Galway.  
Muintir Ui Chualain, Baile an tSleibhe, Baile na h-Abhann, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
Mr. Martin Fahy, Cooloo, Brierfield, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Sean O'Dwyer, Bishop Street, Tuam, Co. Galway.

2703 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of the following meetings, numbers 2652-2698, were approved and signed by the Chairman:

Special meeting on 12th October, 1984.  
Special meeting on 22nd October, 1984.  
Monthly meeting on 22nd October, 1984.  
Special meeting on 26th October, 1984.

Arising out of the Minutes of meeting of 26th October, 1984, Councillor O'Foighil asked if the Council was in agreement with his proposal to request the Minister for the Gaeltacht to re-define the Gaeltacht areas. The Acting Secretary stated that this may have implications in regard to the payment of subsidy on loan charges for Sanitary Schemes in Gaeltacht areas. It was agreed to defer the matter to the next monthly meeting.

2704 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY:

With the permission of the Chairman, Senator Killilea raised the question of the water supply in Tuam. He said that the quality of the water in Tuam was a matter of grave concern for a considerable time and on many occasions, the water was undrinkable. He said people were actually going out the country with buckets to get water. He said there was a surplus

of good water in the source for the Kilbannon Group Water Scheme and he asked that this surplus be used for the Tuam supply as a matter of urgency. Councillor Finnegan supported Senator Killilea and asked that information be obtained about the Kilbannon source immediately.

Councillor J. Burke said that competent medical people were worried about the quality of the water in Tuam. He had met the County Manager with a deputation from Tuam Town Commissioners, and in order to provide Tuam with an adequate supply of good quality water, the only proposition was to bring water from the Corrib. He was not sure if the Kilbannon proposition would solve the problem and he proposed that the Corrib Scheme be pushed ahead immediately. Councillors Ryan and Glynn supported the other Cllrs.

2705 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1985:

It was proposed by Councillor Holland, 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, 1985."

2706 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale to the following tenants of the houses occupied by them in accordance with the terms of notices dated 13th November, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (a) William & Bernadette Horan, Keeloge, Meelick, Eyrecourt.
- (b) Martin & Bernadette Feeney, Loughaubeg, Inverin.
- (c) James Walsh, Kylemore Village, Connemara.
- (d) Kathleen Leary, Loughaunawadda, Peterswell.
- (e) Mary Finnerty, Eskerboy, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.

2707 - LEASE OF FACTORY PREMISES AT GORTREVAGH, OUGHTERARD:

On the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor Ruane, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the lease of plot of land, including factory at Gortrevagh, Oughterard, to Mr. J.M. Parslow, Claremount, Oughterard, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 13th November, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

2708 - AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR 2 YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1982:

The Auditor's Report on the Accounts of Galway County Council for the 2 years ended 31st December, 1982, which had been circulated to the Members, were noted.

2709 - AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNT OF RIVER SUCH JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE FOR 2 YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1982:

The Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee for the 2 years ended 31st December, 1982, were noted.

2710 - REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORY PREMISES - CROKE CONCRETE (MOYCULLEN) LTD.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Moycullen occupied by Croke Concrete (Moycullen) Ltd., in respect of the financial years 1983-1992, inclusive, in accordance with Section 26 of the Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

2711 - REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORY PREMISES - GALWAY HYDROMAT LTD.

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

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Act, 1969-1981, hereby remit two-thirds of the Rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial premises occupied by Stephen Glennon, Galway Hydromat Ltd., at Shangarry, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1983-1992, inclusive, the appropriate certificate having been issued under the Act by the Industrial Development Authority."

2712 - REMISSION OF RATES ON FACTORY PREMISES - WESTERN PLEASURE (TUAM) LTD.

It was proposed by Councillor Welby, seconded by Senator U. Burke 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 Western Pleasure (Tuam) Ltd., at Townparks, Tuam, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1982-1991, inclusive, the appropriate certificate having been issued under the Acts by the Industrial Development Authority."

2713 - CREATION OF FOUR PERMANENT OFFICES OF CLERK OF WORKS (REGRADING OF EXISTING POSTS):

The Deputy County Manager explained that there are six Clerk-of-Works employed by the Council for a number of years. They are employed mainly on Housing Construction and Sanitary Services. For some time, there has been negotiations with their Union to have the posts made permanent offices. Agreement has now been reached for the substitution of four permanent offices for four of the existing posts, and he requested the Council's approval to this, and subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the creation of four permanent offices of Clerk of Works in substitution for four existing posts as explained by Deputy County Manager."

2714 - AMENITY GRANTS 1984:

The recommendations for the allocation of the £10,000 provided in the Estimates for Amenity Grants for 1984 were circulated to each Member. On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Senator U. Burke, the Members approved on the recommendations.

Deputy Kitt said he was disappointed that an £800 grant provided in 1983 for a Mountbellew scheme had not yet been paid and asked that the matter be examined.

Deputy Fahey asked about the payment of a special amenity grant to the Gort Community Council and was informed by the Acting Secretary that this was being dealt with separately and would be brought before the Council. Deputy Fahey asked that it be brought before the December meeting of the Council.

Councillor Glynn questioned the advisability of continuing to pay amenity grants particularly when the grants were small and the administrative costs could be high. He was not supported on this and other Councillors very much favoured the Amenity Grants Scheme.

2715 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £152,000 FOR TWO FIRE TENDERS, CRASH RESCUE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT:

The Deputy County Manager explained that the Council proposed to purchase two Midi Water Tenders, one for Portumna and the other for Clifden, to replace old fire appliances. It was also proposed to purchase a Crash Rescue Vehicle for the Fire Service and heavy cutting equipment. The total cost was estimated at £152,000 and he requested the Council's approval to the raising of the necessary loan.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £152,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works or another source, for the purchase of two Midi-Water Tenders, Crash Rescue Vehicle, and Cutting Equipment, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

2716 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £5,000 FOR DUNMORE/GLENAMADDY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £5,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Water Supply Scheme, Stage 1, Phase 1, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

2717 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £60,000 FOR MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £60,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme, Stages 1 and 2, Phase 1, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

2718 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £5,000 FOR KNOCKNACARRAGH SEWERAGE SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £5,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Knocknacarragh Sewerage Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

In regard to the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme, Deputy Kitt and Councillors Kilgannon and Ryan asked if the raising of this loan would further the Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme.

The Deputy County Manager explained that the work for which the loan was required was already done and it was a question of raising a supplementary loan to cover expenditure already incurred.



Councillor Ryan said that he would like to see the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Scheme proceeding to the next stages. Councillor O'Morain complained that other Water Schemes were going ahead while the Rosmuc Water Scheme was still awaiting approval in the Department. Councillor O'Conchubhair supported Councillor O'Morain.

2719 - FIXING OF DATE FOR DECEMBER MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the December Monthly meeting on Monday, 17th December.

2720 - FIXING OF DATE FOR REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

It was decided to hold the next meeting for the Review of the County Development Plan on Friday, 30th November, at 3.30 p.m.

2721 - REPORT ON COUNCIL'S FINANCES:

The County Manager's report on the Council's 1984 Estimates and estimated out-turn of income and expenditure, based on information available at 1st November, 1984, was submitted.

The Deputy County Manager explained that while the estimated excess expenditure would be £404,450, it was necessary to get the Council's approval even though the excess expenditure would be financed by adjustments or savings under other headings as explained in the Report. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Welby, the Council approved of excess expenditure over the 1984 estimate of £404,450 as follows:

<u>PROGRAMME</u>	<u>HEADING</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
		£
1	Rent and Annuity Collection	6,000
	Housing Estate Management	3,700
	Salaries	5,085
	Retiring Allowances	21,680
	Itinerant Accommodation	1,700
2	National Primary Roads Upkeep	52,000
	National Secondary Roads Upkeep	37,000
	Major Urban Roads - Galway Corporation	4,320
	National Secondary Roads Improvement	100,000
	Bridge Works - Grant	75,000
	Ballinasloe U.D.C. Grant	600
3	Waterworks Maintenance	25,000
	Water Supply Improvement	2,000
	Public Convenience Maintenance	1,000
5	Burial Ground Upkeep	2,000
	Fire Fighting	31,000
	Fire Prevention	2,700
6	Operation of Swimming Pools	5,000
	Comhairle Leabharlanna	175
	Operation of Parks	1,200
	Retiring Allowances	70
7	Piers and Harbours	2,050
	Pensions - V.E.C. Employees	25,170
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£404,450</b>
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To be financed by -		
	Road Grant adjustments	264,600
	Increased State Grant for V.E.C. Pensions	12,585

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Savings:

Overdraft Interest	25,000	
Committee of Agriculture Pensions	11,860	
Residential Homes and Special Schools	5,280	
Swimming Facilities	1,500	
Derelict Sites	1,000	
Dangerous Places	3,000	
Travel Expenses Programme 3	6,750	
Pensions Programme 3	3,005	
Loan Charges - Supplementary Grants Housing	2,825	
Travel Expenses Programme 1	6,700	
Pensions & Gratuities Programme 2	48,690	
Salaries Programme 3	4,000	
Planning Control	2,060	
Loan Charges - Library	5,740	
		127,410
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£404,595</b>
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Replying to Senator Killilea about the estimated income from planning application fees, the Deputy County Manager stated that this was estimated at £120,000 for the full year.

Councillors O'Morain and Welby recommended that there be a meeting of the Finance Committee as soon as possible.

2722 - DEPUTATION RE SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES FUNDING:

Report dated 8th November, 1984, from the County Manager regarding the Supplementary Welfare Allowances Demand from the Western Health Board was submitted. The Chairman stated that he would allow a discussion on this item that had been adjourned from a previous meeting.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the figures shown in the Report showed clearly that the Demand from the Western Health Board on Galway County Council for Supplementary Welfare Allowances was not legitimate. He said that the Demand would not stand up in view of the fact that for 1984, the Local Authorities in the Western Health Board area were required to pay over 75% of the expenditure on Supplementary Welfare Allowances while in the North-Western area, the Local Authorities were only required to pay less than 24%. He said that the Health Board had a responsibility to keep the Health Services going and it was very embarrassing for the County Council Members of the Health Board to have so much money due by the County Council. All the Councillors agreed that the figures which had now been extracted proved that the Local Authorities in the Western Health Board area were getting very unfair treatment, notwithstanding the fact that several deputations had gone to various Ministers.

Councillor Glynn stated that the same situation applied to Road Grants and that Galway County Council was not getting its fair share and that all other areas where aid is provided by the Government should be examined.

The following Members were selected for the Deputation:

Councillors Ryan, Callanan, Welby and the Chairman (Councillor J.M. Mannion).

It was agreed that T.D.s and Senators would also be included.

2723 - FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNTY COUNCIL:

Arising from the death of Councillor Fintan Coogan, Councillor Ryan proposed that Deputy Fintan Coogan be elected to fill the vacancy on Galway County Council which arose from the death of his father, Fintan Coogan Senior. The proposal was seconded by Councillor McCormack.

Deputy Kitt stated that his Party was not opposing the election of Deputy Coogan as the Party had previously given an undertaking to abide by an agreement whereby whatever Party lost the seat would retain it.

Councillor Glynn and Senator M.D. Higgins stated that they supported this principle as it was very relevant for minority Parties.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Deputy Coogan elected as a Member of Galway County Council and wished him every success as a Councillor. The Members also congratulated Deputy Coogan on his Election.

Deputy Coogan, who was present, thanked his proposer and seconder, as well as the other Parties for electing him unopposed. He said it was a great honour for him to be elected to Galway County Council and his wish was to carry out his duties as a Councillor in the same way as his late father did.

2724 - ENGINEERING REVIEW:

The Report of the County Engineer dated 15th October, 1984, on the Review of the Engineering Services, which had been circulated to each Member, was submitted. The Report was welcomed by the Members and during a long discussion, the following points were made.

That the new Engineering District in the Connemara area was badly needed in view of the size of the existing district.

That full Engineering and Office staff should be provided in the new district as well as adequate finance.

The bad conditions of the roads in Connemara was mentioned, much of which resulted from Group Water Schemes and that these roads should now be tackled.

That the Regional Roads in Connemara be given special attention.

That Industrial Development in Connemara was in danger because of the fact that trucks were refusing to travel the bad roads.

That it was about time that the Council decided to employ its own Engineers on engineering work rather than giving it out to Consultants.

That it was vital to have properly trained staff to look after Sanitary Services works.

That forward planning as mentioned by the County Engineer was essential for any business.

That it was not necessary to by-pass Ardrahan.

That Area Engineers should be left in areas for at least 5 years to avoid the problems arising in the Ballinasloe Area due to the regular movement of Engineers.

That the Tuam and Milltown Areas be examined with a view to arriving at a more sensible division of the districts in view of the fact that the Milltown district borders on Tuam Town where the Tuam Engineer is based.

That there is a lack of information between Councillors and Area Engineers and that meetings should be held every few months to get over this problem.

That Engineers are involved in too much non-engineering work and that Councillors should co-operate to avoid this.

That changes were badly needed within the Council in the organisation of Group Water Schemes as the staff dealing with them were spread all over the County Buildings.

That the best value is not being got out of Notice of Motion money.

That the Hearnbrook road be improved in 1985.

That the Kilcolgan road to the Burren should be upgraded to National Secondary status.

That the Oughterard Area, taking into account the area which it has lost to the new district, is still very large and that consideration be given to extending the Galway Area towards Oughterard.

That the charges being made by the Council for road restoration following Group Schemes are excessive and that the costings be looked at as the work could be done cheaper by a private contractor.

That the Engineering staff look at the design of Council houses with a view to effecting some improvement and that no houses should be built without side or rear entrances.

That the proposal to reduce the Athenry Area was welcome.

That the Galway/Monivea road was badly in need of improvement.

Replying to the debate, the County Engineer stated that while he may have been aware of some of the smaller problems mentioned by the Members, when preparing the Report, he had to look at the overall situation in the County and see if it could be improved. As regards finances, he stated that roads were financed either from State Grants or from Rates. Unfortunately, the Rates related monies were reducing and there was nothing he could do about it. However, in regard to roads which were assisted by State Grants, forward planning was essential and this is what he was trying to do in order to influence the Department in ensuring that Galway gets the required level of Grants. It was his intention to get better value for money being spent on roads and referring to the wet-mix jobs which had been done in West Galway, he considered that this has been successful, and hopefully further progress would be made in 1985. He said that Engineers were spending too much time doing paper work, although he agreed that an Engineering input was necessary in many cases. As regards Notice of Motion Roads, he said that it was impossible to get good value out of small jobs having regard to the cost factor in mobilising a gang. As regards Sanitary Services Maintenance, the County Engineer stated that what he was trying to do was establish a nucleus of well-trained people in this field.

The County Engineer stated that there were 11 Engineering Areas already in the County and this seemed a lot but some areas were still large, the Oughterard Area in particular. He recommended a new Engineering District in Connemara as set out in his Report but pointed out that this would not necessarily mean extra funds. In the Oughterard Area at the moment, there was an Executive Engineer and an Assistant Engineer, and it is proposed to transfer the Assistant Engineer post to the new Area and upgrade it to Executive level. He said he would have another look at the Tuam/Milltown Areas. Referring to the new Waterloo Bridge, the County Engineer stated that the hire of trucks was advertised in the public Press and that the concrete mix had to be of the highest quality and could not be done with a local mixer. Regarding Group Schemes, he stated that the Council had not been recouping the full cost in the past for road restoration. Concluding, the County Engineer stated that the main thrust of his Report was to set up a more efficient organisation.

The Chairman declared the Report approved, including the creation of a post of Executive Engineer in lieu of an existing post of Assistant Engineer. Councillor O'Morain wished to be recorded as dissenting.

2725 - CIRCULAR FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT RE £5,000 GRANT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY TENANTS AND TENANT PURCHASERS TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN HOUSES:

Circular letter dated 13th November, 1984, from the Department of the Environment regarding the new £5,000 Grant which had been circulated to each Member, was noted.

2726 - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY LOANS:

Letter dated 18th October, 1984, from the Housing Finance Agency, which had been circulated to each Member, advising of increased interest rates on Housing Finance Agency loans, was noted. The increase in allocation from £500,000 to £750,000 to Galway County Council was also noted.

2727 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

It was noted that Malicious Injury Decrees as set out in the list of Malicious Injury Decrees as per item 19 on the Agenda were received since the last Meeting.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:2728 - TRANSFER OF CLERK/TYPIST:

The Deputy County Manager stated that there was a procedure whereby an Officer could transfer from one local authority to another and an application had been received from a Clerk/Typist in Dublin County Council to transfer to Galway County Council. On the proposition of Clr. Haverty, seconded by Senator U. Burke, the Council recommended that the transfer be granted.

2729 - SCREEBE GENERATING STATION:

The Deputy County Manager read letter dated 14th November, 1984, from the Department of the Taoiseach stating that the Taoiseach had arranged that a delegation from Galway County Council and the County Development Team would be received by Officials of the Department of Energy. Clrs. O'Morain and Welby expressed disappointment that the deputation could not be received by the Taoiseach. It was decided that the deputation should meet Officials of the Department of Energy.

2730 - KILLING OF SHEEP BY STRAY DOGS:

Councillor Bartley referred to the problem of sheep being killed by stray dogs and recommended that the Council should take some action. He was supported by Councillor Welby. The Deputy County Manager stated that it was proposed to provide an animal shelter at Ballybane which would be funded by Galway County Council and Galway Corporation.

2731 - WORK EXPERIENCE:

Senator U. Burke recommended that the Council co-operate with schools and colleges in taking pupils for short periods who are interested in work experience.

2732 - LOCAL ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN COMPETITION:

Councillor Joyce asked that the results of this competition be announced at the next Council Meeting.

2733 - PIERS IN CONNEMARA:

Councillor O'Conchubhair said that he would be raising the question of unprotected piers in Connemara at a later date.

2734 - BALLYFORAN BRIQUETTE FACTORY:

Councillor Callanan said that Members of Roscommon County Council had met E.E.C. Commissioner, Dick Burke, to try and get Grant assistance from the E.E.C. which would enable the Ballyforan Briquette Factory to proceed. He asked that Galway County Council send a letter supporting Roscommon's request.

2735 - GARRAUN LEVEL CROSSING - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Chairman agreed to take Notice of Motion number 11 on the Agenda in the name of Deputy F. Fahey. Motion No. 16 on the Agenda in the name of Councillor P. Ruane also referred to Garraun Level Crossing.

The Acting Secretary stated that it was the responsibility of C.I.E. to provide lights or other automatic devices at level crossings. The Council will consider making provision in the 1985 Estimates for recouping the Council's contribution to C.I.E. if the work is done.

Deputy Fahey asked for a commitment from the Deputy County Manager that provision would be made in the 1985 Estimates.

The Deputy County Manager explained that the Council could not make a decision now as to what would be adopted in the 1985 Estimates.

Deputy Fahey then made a recommendation that the necessary provision be made in the 1985 Estimates and this was seconded by Councillor Ruane.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*John M. Madden* CHAIRMAN

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27th November, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

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

Friday, 30th November, 1984,  
commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Review of County Development Plan.  
(Copy of letter dated 13th November, 1984, enclosed.)
2. Notice of Motion:

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA AND COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: We will propose:

That we as a Council re-check the proposals for Knocknacarra as outlined at the last meeting, as changing circumstances have come to light.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Sen. U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputies F. Coogan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Apologies were received from Senator M.D. Higgins for his inability to attend.

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; Messrs. A. Comer, Draughtsman/Technician; and D. Barrett, S.S.O.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2736 - APPROVAL TO CAPITAL SCHEMES:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Members that approval had been given by the Minister for the Environment to the following schemes:

- (1) Rosmuc Water Supply Scheme
- (2) Knocknacarragh Sewerage Scheme - Stage 2
- (3) Mountbellew Water Supply Scheme

2737 - NOTICE OF MOTION BY SENATOR KILLILEA AND COUNCILLOR WELBY:

It was agreed that this motion would be discussed before the Council proceeded with the review of the Development Plan.

Senator Killilea, referring to the proposal by Deputy Fahey on Page 2 of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 26th October, 1984, stated that the proposal to designate a six acre site for a playing field had not been seconded. He stated that since that meeting, he had been approached by the owner of the land in question and was alarmed at what the landowner had told him. He stated that the landowner, Mr. McGrath, was not opposed to the purchase of the property for open space and he then asked if the Deputy County Manager would formally agree that negotiations for the purchase of the land would be concluded and the land acquired before 1st May, 1985, as this would ease the landowners problem; if this did not happen, he would have to go further into the case.

The Deputy County Manager stated that he could not commit funds for 1985 until the Estimates for that year were under consideration by the Members and that he could not commit the Council to any date for the purchase. He added that if the landowner were refused planning permission on the grounds that the land was required for playing fields he would have a right to seek compensation or serve a purchase notice, and that such matters are governed by statutory procedures.

Senator Killilea stated that lands could be zoned for years and not be acquired by the County Council, and if the owner approached the County Council to buy it before they approached him, he would get a lesser price for it. He then referred to a person whose land was similarly zoned in the current Development Plan and who was approached by a prospective purchaser for the land and stated that it worried him how that prospective purchaser would know that the zoning of the land was to be changed.

Senator Killilea then gave the following account of a planning application for housing development on the lands, under discussion, by the landowner, Mr. Thomas McGrath.

In 1981, Mr. McGrath spoke to a member of the planning office about a planning application for housing development on his lands which were zoned for housing development; some weeks later, members of the planning office came to him proposing to split his land with a service road. Mr. McGrath told them he would not oppose a Compulsory Purchase Order on his lands provided the Council did not refuse him planning permission and that he wished his planning application and the C.P.O. procedure to run concurrently.

A planning application for housing development was lodged on Mr. McGrath's behalf on 17th November, 1981, which was acknowledged by the Council on 19th November, 1981. Further information relating to the proposed housing layout or a layout conforming to the Chesire Design was requested on 14th January, 1982. A Mr. Kelly of Tobins, Consultant Engineers, was acting on Mr. McGrath's behalf and from 14th January, 1982, he made a number of unsuccessful attempts to make an appointment with the planning office to discuss the planning application and eventually, wrote to the planning office asking for a meeting.

The Compulsory Purchase procedure was going ahead all this time and 7th October, 1982, was the latest date for an Appeal by Mr. McGrath against the C.P.O. Mr. McGrath had wanted to have his planning application dealt with before that date and had sent in all necessary maps and particulars. On the evening of 6th October, 1982, the Council's Planning Officer telephoned Mr. Kelly regarding the planning application but Mr. Kelly was away on holiday and the matter was discussed with Mr. Conneely, a junior member of Messrs. Tobins' staff. Mr. Conneely was asked by the Planning Officer to extend the time for decision on the planning application and Mr. Conneely, not Mr. McGrath, signed the form for the extension of time.

On 2nd November, 1982, a senior planning officer telephoned and mentioned, for the first time, that the land might be required for playing fields and two days later the same officer telephoned to say that a decision had been made that the lands were required; a refusal of the planning application followed later.

The Compulsory Purchase Order was carried through and the land was rated for compensation at 35,000 per acre. Senator Killilea stated here that he did not know if this had been included in any prior estimate by the Council and that the road had never been constructed on Mr. McGrath's Land and would probably not be needed because of the proposed road at the top of the area shown in the Knocknacarragh Development Plan before the Council.

Mr. McGrath appealed the Council's decision on his planning application to An Bord Pleanala and his appeal has acknowledged on 1st December, 1982, and on 22nd December, 1982, the Board informed him that they had received relevant documents from Galway County Council. On 12th October, 1983, the Board sent a copy of a letter from Galway County Council explaining the situation and Mr. Kelly made a detailed submission to the Board on Mr. McGrath's behalf. On 22nd November, 1983, the Board requested further copies of drawings and wrote to Mr. Kelly and to Galway County Council requesting clarification of various points. Mr. Kelly replied to the Board and Galway County Council did not reply until 1st November, 1984.

Senator Killilea stated that he and Councillor Welby proposed to circulate this information to every Member of the Council. He stated that if the Council zones this land as open space, Mr. McGrath will have to sit and wait until the Council acquires it from him or alternatively offer it for sale to the Council and thereby get less for it than he is entitled to. He added that An Bord Pleanala will not decide on Mr. McGrath's appeal until the Development Plan is adopted and if the proposed zoning is adopted, they will refuse permission.

He stated that the Council should not allow this individual to be mistreated or appear to be mistreated in this way and that he was supporting the man's right to get a proper price for his property.

He also stated that he was amiss to know how people outside the planning office could know that there is a possibility that the zoning of land can be changed.

He stated that he could not agree to the proposed plan while a man's land was in jeopardy and that he thought it only fair that the land be purchased before the plan is adopted.

He proposed that the lands be purchased from Mr. McGrath before 1st May, 1985, or if not that the open spaces as designated in the 1979 Development Plan be retained.

Councillor Welby seconded Senator Killilea's proposal and stated that he had the same information as Senator Killilea. He stated that the amount of delay in processing and sending information to An Bord Pleanala coinciding with the dates of the Compulsory Purchase Order would make one very suspicious of the dealings of this department with the applicant; Mr. McGrath's lands were zoned for housing the same as other lands in the area and it appeared that he had been singled out and made a pawn and that his land would be acquired at agricultural value.

Councillor Welby also stated that he had been approached by a resident of Clybaun who told him that he had had a discussion with a senior person in Galway County Council and that the person in question had advised him to go to a County Councillor and press for the acquisition of McGrath's land by Notice of Motion. Councillor Welby stated that Mr. McGrath was being treated unfairly by the Planning Office and that every effort was being made to deprive him of his rights.

Councillor McCormack stated that he hadn't been approached by anyone in this matter and that he did not agree with Senator Killilea that all decisions on Knocknacarragh should be deferred. He stated that he could not agree with abandoning the plan because of one particular case as it is essential for the proper development of this area.

Councillor Brennan stated that he was disturbed that the matter should have been raised in the Council Chamber and that he considered that it should have been thrashed out in the office or in Committee. He stated that the Council did not know the truth of the matter and asked if the right of an individual supercedes the rights of the general public.

He considered that delays are normal when land is being acquired by the County Council and that Mr. McGrath was not being treated any differently from people in Ballinasloe, for example, whose land had been frozen for various reasons. He stated that he resented the manner in which the matter had been brought up and that he resented the attack on Officials. He proposed that the lands in question be zoned as open space. Councillor O'Higgins stated that he had been involved a little in the matter before the two Councillors who raised it at the meeting and that the whole matter arose out of the landowner's frustration; the planners hadn't made up their minds and Mr. McGrath was kept waiting by various ruses and schemes while they were doing so. He stated that the County Council is often accused of failing to provide open space and asked why, when it had decided on the area best suited for the purpose, the Council did not advance the provision of open space and school, etc., rather than wait until a population of 5 or 6 thousand people in a housing development were there and waiting for such services.

The Deputy County Manager stated that he was not accepting the account given of the planning application and appeal as being correct, and that any delay arising in relation to the planning application had nothing to do with the zoning of the land. He pointed out that a great deal of land had been zoned in the County and that the Council could not go and acquire it all immediately. He reminded the Members that the zoning of land is a normal procedure for local authorities and that normal statutory procedures are available to landowners in the matters of compensation and purchase if they are refused planning permission because of zoning.

He informed the Members that the land in question was regarded as the most suitable for playing fields and that the zoning of the land at this stage would not prevent the Council from reviewing the matter at some future date if they felt that satisfactory progress was not being made with its acquisition.

Mr. Callagy stated that the lands under discussion were regarded as more suitable for playing fields than the lands zoned in the 1979 Plan. He also pointed out that the proposed plan makes provision for a larger population than the previous plan and that it does in fact propose to retain approximately 50% of the lands zoned in the 1979 Plan as open space also to serve the area surrounding it. Referring to the statement made by Senator Killilea regarding the planning application, he stated that a letter on similar lines was sent to the Council and to An Bord Pleanála and that the points made in it had been refuted by letter.

Deputy Fahey, referring to his proposal that the lands be zoned as proposed in the Knocknacarragh Plan, made at the meeting on 26th October, 1984, stated that he was satisfied with the reply he had received from the County Manager at the time namely, that the Council would purchase the land as soon as the plan was adopted and asked for clarification that the County Manager would proceed with the purchase by agreement or by C.P.O. when the plan was adopted.

He proposed that the plan for Knocknacarragh including the zoning of Mr. McGrath's land as open space be accepted and that the Council proceed to acquire the lands by agreement or if necessary by C.P.O. with the proviso that Mr. McGrath be allowed to retain a half acre site in order to build a house for himself.

Councillor Brennan seconded Deputy Fahey's proposal.

A discussion followed on the question of imposing a time limit for the acquisition of the land and it was agreed that this was not feasible and that everything possible should be done to finalise the matter as expeditiously as possible and some method of reporting progress in the matter to the Council should be adopted.

The Chairman declared Deputy Fahey's proposal carried.

#### 2738 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Deputy County Manager referred to the letter of 13th November, 1984, from the Acting County Secretary which had been circulated with the Agenda for the meeting. He stated that he understood that the Members wished to have the Review of the Development Plan completed before June 1985 and he pointed out that in order to accomplish this, the Members would have to deal with items (a) to (e) inclusive of the Acting County Secretary's letter before the end of December 1984 and agree the Draft Development Plan for publication by that time. He stated that the timetable provided in the Acting County Secretary's letter could only be achieved if the Draft Plan was agreed by the end of December, and if no material change is made in the Draft after its publication and it also required that the Review of the Plans for the scheduled towns be deferred for the present and recommenced again in February 1985.

He also pointed out that statutory period for Review of the Development Plan and Plans for the scheduled towns would expire on the 29th January 1985 and informed the Members that it was necessary to apply to the Minister for the Environment for an extension of the statutory period for the review.

On the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Brennan, it was agreed that the Council would complete the Review of the Development Plan by the end of December 1984 and that application should be made to the Minister for the Environment for an extension of the statutory period for Review of the County Development Plan to the 31st May, 1985, and for an extension of the period for Review of the Plans for the scheduled towns in County Galway to the 31st March, 1986.

Councillor O'Higgins stated that now that the Knocknacarra Plan had been accepted, it should be brought before the Members of Galway Corporation without delay as there were certain road proposals in the Plan which would be of concern to Galway Corporation.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Knocknacarra Plan could be brought before the Galway Corporation next month if the Corporation so wished.

Councillor J. Burke stated that he understood that a plan had been prepared for the town of Tuam and asked if it could be brought forward before February 1985 as the Tuam Town Commissioners were anxious to consider this Plan.

The Deputy County Manager stated that it might be possible to bring forward the Tuam Town Plan within the next month.

#### Part V - Zoning Plans for non-scheduled towns:

##### Zoning Plan for Oranmore

It was agreed that no further observations were required with respect to this Plan which has already been discussed at the meeting of 26th October, 1984.

##### Zoning Plan for Barna

Mr. Callagy referring, in general, to the Plans for the non scheduled towns, stated that it had been necessary to enlarge the areas of the existing Town Plans to cope with projected population increases and future expansion of services. He stated that the communal areas in the existing Plan for Barna had been over-zoned.

In reply to a query by Councillor Welby regarding provision for an industrial estate at Barna, Mr. Callagy stated that this area is adequately catered for by an industrial estate in the Ballybane/Mervue area, and in the light industrial zoning which the Galway Corporation had provided for in the Rahoon area.

On the proposal of Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Welby, it was agreed that the area zoned agricultural adjoining the northern and eastern boundaries of the area outlined in the Barna Plan should be zoned residential.

The proposed zoning plan for the village of Barna was otherwise agreed.

##### Zoning Plan for Spiddal

Mr. Callagy stated apart from the proposed diversion of the public road to permit the use of the existing road as a promenade, the Spiddal Development Plan was otherwise the same as the existing Development Plan.

Deputy Fahey referred to a public meeting which he had attended in Spiddal to discuss the Spiddal Amenity Plan which had been prepared some time ago and pointed out that there had been considerable local opposition to some aspects of the Plan. He stated that he considered it would be a useful exercise if Mr. Callagy took these village plans out to the villages concerned and put them before the people in order to obtain their views and he proposed that this be done during working hours.

Mr. Callagy stated that he would agree with this suggestion and referring to the Spiddal Amenity Plan, he stated that the only part of it which is included in the Plan now before the Council is a broad zoning which provides plenty of leeway in the matter.

Councillor McCormack asked that the Councillors representing the area in question should be informed in advance of any local meetings to be held for the purpose of discussing the village plans.

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked if the plan contained any provision for the preservation of the Gaeltacht and the Irish language and stated that the people of the Gaeltacht were worried that the area would be swallowed up by the Gaeltacht.

Mr. Callagy stated in reply that the Planning Act does not provide any means of doing this but pointed out that he had had discussions with Roinn na Gaeltachta in the course of preparation of the Plan.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh stated that the provision of the existing plan restricting development in certain areas to local housing need and to people working in the area would tend to have the affect sought by Councillor O'Conchubhair but that this affect could be negated by the sale of houses for which planning permission was obtained on the basis of local housing need.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that it should be written into the plan that the Council would make every effort to preserve the culture of the Gaeltacht.

Councillor Welby proposed that the residential zoning as shown in the Spiddal Development Plan be extended northwards to the boundary indicated on the Plan before the meeting. This proposal was seconded by Senator Killilea.

Mr. Callagy, referring to Councillor Welby's proposal, stated that in zoning lands as residential, the Council must have regard to the question of servicing the land and the relevant design population projections.

Councillor Welby stated that provision should be made for a caravan park in this area as such a facility is needed there.

Senator Killilea proposed that the County Manager write to Roinn na Gaeltachta suggesting to them that a caravan park be provided in the area which could be advertised as suitable for people attending summer courses in Irish.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that the people of the area will not allow any caravan park near the beach but they would have no objection to a park back in the hinterland.

#### Zoning Plans for Moycullen, Oughterard and Portumna

Mr. Callagy stated that these plans are the same as in the 1979 County Development Plan and suggested that after the new Development Plan is adopted, Action Plans could be prepared for these areas. He added that there is no great pressure at the moment for development in these areas.

Councillor Welby stated that he did not agree that there is no pressure for development in Oughterard and that there is, in fact, a fair demand for houses in that area. He also referred to the fact that no provision had been made in the Plan for Oughterard for a caravan park.

Mr. Callagy stated that he was preparing a report on strategy for caravan parks in the whole County and that he hoped to have it for the next meeting. And in reply to a query by Councillor Haverty, he stated that the Fehily Plan relating to an amenity park in the area of Portumna Castle is not included in the Development Plan for Portumna but that the area covered by the Plan is zoned for amenity in order to cater for this Plan and to provide for flexibility in its implementation.

#### Part V - Objectives for Further Studies:

Mr. Callagy explained the provisions of Part V of the proposed plan in relation to objectives for future studies to be carried out when the Plan has been adopted.

Councillor Joyce referred to a recent conference he had attended regarding the preservation of villages and stated that such matters were regarded

as highly important in Europe and suggested that the Council should plan for a preservation of villages in the County and should have plans to provide sewerage schemes for every village in the County so that infill development could be carried out, thereby preserving the character and appearance of villages.

Deputy Coogan stated that the Council should have a definite policy with respect to the provision of open spaces and community facilities at an early stage in the development of an area as such development promotes and enhances community spirit.

Deputy Fahey, referring to the area zoned agricultural at Brierhill in the Plan for the Eastern Environs, stated that this zoning is not a good idea and proposed that the zoning of this area should be left as in the 1979 Development Plan. Councillor Welby seconded Deputy Fahey's proposal.

Mr. Callagy stated that this area is on the boundary between the residential and the industrial area, and if it is developed, it would give a "concrete jungle" effect.

It was agreed that Deputy Fahey's proposal would be discussed again at the next planning meeting and that Mr. Callagy would then give his views on the proposal.

#### 2739 - DATE OF NEXT PLANNING MEETING:

It was agreed that the next planning meeting would be held on Monday, 10th December, 1984, at 3.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Councillor McCormack stated that he objected to the holding of the meeting on that date.

#### THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED.

*John M. Manning* CHAIRMAN

17/12/84 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Post Office Box No. 27,  
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4th December, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

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

Monday, 10th December, 1984

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH  
*Runai Sealadach.*

A G E N D A

1. Review of County Development Plan.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDING, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 10TH DECEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillor G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies F. Coogan, 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, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; B. Callagy, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; A. Comer, Draughtsman/Technician; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2740 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to his report dated 5th December, 1984, explaining in summary what had to be done in order to meet the timetable accepted by the Council at its meeting on 30th November, 1984. He outlined again the proposed timetable and said that it involved deferring the adoption of the Draft Plans for the scheduled towns to December 1985. In a letter from the Department of the Environment dated 30th November, 1984, the Minister asked that this be the final application for an extension of time and the County Manager recommended that the time for the County Development Plan be extended to 30th June, 1985, and for the plans for the scheduled towns to 30th June, 1986. In order to adhere to the timetable, the County Manager then suggested that the appendices be taken as presented, that the septic tank standards be approved subject to the inclusion of the new discretionary clause, that the amended scenic area maps be incorporated in the draft and that the County Engineer's amended proposals in relation to roadside development be incorporated in the draft.

Councillor O'Morain stated that he was not satisfied with the septic tank standards as there was no alternative system proposed. He said there was an alternative system which already had been used once in the County. He said the plan as proposed would allow applications to be refused that need not be and he recommended that a clause be included that where an applicant proposes an adequate alternative disposal system, that this be accepted.

The County Manager stated that there was nothing in the draft plan preventing the acceptance of a suitable alternative system of disposal and that the problem of septic tanks in Connemara will be taken up with the I.I.R.S. for investigation.

The County Engineer then read letter dated 18th October, 1984, to the I.I.R.S. regarding the septic tank problem, and also the reply from the I.I.R.S. He stated he will be meeting them after Christmas for discussions.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that some solution would have to be found to the problem of septic tanks in places like Connemara where the soil is unsuitable. He said that most trial holes will fill up with water at this time of year but there are ways of getting over the problem by bringing in soil onto the site, etc. Councillor Welby agreed that it was possible to import gravel and material to make an area suitable for effluent disposal. He said that planning permission was granted for 20 houses (reference no. 32160) where there was 7 feet of bog and there seemed to be double standards applying. He asked if the excavation of a large hole would be satisfactory.



Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that he was aware of one alternative system which had been put forward by an applicant and was accepted by the Council. He agreed that the I.I.R.S. should be asked to try and devise an alternative system and he stated even if it cost extra money to the applicant, that it would be worth it.

The County Manager pointed out that the draft plan sets out the standards only where septic tanks are proposed. There is no prohibition on an alternative system. A new clause is being included easing up on the distances where this can be done satisfactorily and that the Council has already taken up with the I.I.R.S., the question of an alternative system.

Deputy Fahey suggested that if the applicant provided an adequate percolation area that the septic tank system should be acceptable as there was a certain amount of seepage in most land.

The County Engineer stated that unless the soil conditions provided adequate percolation, the digging of a big hole or providing a larger percolation would not meet the requirements because eventually, it would fill up and overflow and create a possible health hazard.

Councillor J. Burke asked if the Councillors could meet the I.I.R.S. and the County Manager replied that there would be no difficulty about this.

A discussion followed about the advisability of having a separate soak pit for the disposal of waste water as opposed to disposing of it through a septic tank. The County Engineer read from the I.I.R.S. booklet setting out the recommendations for septic tank systems which stated that the percolation area is the most important part of the septic tank system and that the practice of constructing soak pits should be discontinued. It also stated that the concensus of modern expertise favours the treatment of all domestic waste in a single septic tank.

The Chairman referred to Councillor O'Morain's proposal that where an applicant produces an adequate alternative disposal system, that this should be accepted. He asked if this would be acceptable to the Members if the system was approved by the I.I.R.S.

Councillor Finnegan then proposed that where an applicant produces an adequate alternative system of effluent disposal approved by the I.I.R.S., that this be acceptable to the Council and that provision be made for this in the Plan. This was seconded by Councillor Brennan and declared passed by the Chairman.

Councillor J. Burke asked when would the Draft Plan for Tuam Town be placed before Tuam Town Commissioners.

The County Manager stated that it was his intention to deal with the Town Plans in the same manner as they had been dealt with before by putting them before the Members of the Electoral Areas where the towns were situated. He said, if in addition, the Council wished to place it before the Town Commissioners of Tuam and Loughrea, this could be done.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that the Draft Plans for Tuam and Loughrea be placed before the Town Commissioners as soon as possible. This was seconded by Senator Killilea and agreed.

#### Residential Development Standards:

Councillor Finnegan proposed the motion which he had handed in concerning the completion of housing estates. He said it was a scandal the way some housing estates were not completed and that it was very important to provide for this in the Plan. It was wrong that after paying for an expensive home, householders were left with unfinished roads, footpaths, public lighting, etc. He gave Millstream Park, Tuam, as an example and said that planning conditions would have to be enforced by the County Council. Councillor Finnegan also proposed that adequate green areas be provided in Council housing estates, such as Parkmore, Tuam. Senator Killilea seconded Councillor Finnegan's motion. He said that the County Council would also have

ensure that their own estates were completed and mentioned the Fairgreen sites in Tuam. He also mentioned about adequate open space in Parkmore Housing Estate.

The County Manager stated that the question of unfinished housing estates had been raised previously and a revised clause is proposed in the Plan and referred to in Undertaking No. 4.

Councillor Glynn stated that much of the problem was a legal one in enforcing the planning conditions.

It was suggested that Notice of Motion money be used to complete housing estates but the County Manager stated that this would be improper and would relieve builders of their obligations.

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by the Chairman, Appendix A dealing with residential development standards was agreed.

#### Appendix C - Requirements for Industrial and Commercial Developments

Councillor Holland referred to the development of new shopping centres. He said that what usually happens is that somebody with sufficient wealth purchases the sites and develops the total complex. He holds on to the major shopping unit himself and lets out the remaining smaller units at exorbitant prices. He would like to see the local authority developing the sites and the smaller retailers building their own units. Councillors J. Burke and Brennan supported Councillor Holland's idea.

The County manager stated that the Minister for the Environment had laid down guidelines for shopping centres. Every application would have to be examined on its merits. There was nothing the plan favouring shopping centres. The Council does not propose acquiring land for disposal for commercial purposes but a statement could be included in the Plan encouraging the development of owner occupied units.

Councillor Glynn agreed that the Council could not get involved in the costly business of developing commercial sites. He also mentioned the number of commercial outlets being opened up in private dwellings and asked that this be looked into. On the proposition of Councillor O'Foighil, seconded by Councillor Brennan, Appendix C in regard to requirements for industrial and commercial developments was agreed.

#### National Roads Policy

The County Engineer's report on national roads policy which was considered at a previous meeting of the Council was resubmitted.

Senator Killilea said that he was concerned about permission for a site in the Knockdoe area where a father gave a site to one of his sons for development. He proposed that the draft policy be amended to include a clause that in instances where the owner of inherited land makes a site of not more than two acres available to his son, that Permission be granted with a specific condition that the Permission enure to the benefit of the applicant only. This was seconded by Councillor Welby.

The County Manager stated that the inclusion of an open ended clause in the Plan as suggested by Senator Killilea could result in great difficulties and he did not see any way that the proposal could be implemented. He asked what would happen if such an application was for a commercial garage. He said the enurement clause would be open to grave doubt particularly if the development involved substantial investment.

The County Engineer stated that the purpose of the exercise was to try and have agreement for development control on the Class 1 roads with a lessening of control on other roads.

Councillor O'Foighil said that he would be against road R.336 (Galway/Ballynahown) coming under Class 1 control until such time as the septic tank problem is resolved. Senator U. Burke said that exceptions would

have to be made in places such as Portumna where development was restricted because of the bridge and the only areas for development were on the Ballinasloe and Killimor roads.

Deputy Fahey said that he would be in general agreement with curtailment of development on national primary roads but felt that the Galway/Headford and Galway/Oughterard roads should not be Class 1. He said that there were a few applications where there was ongoing disagreement and if these could be resolved, it would be possible to arrive at an agreed policy. Councillor Joyce said that in any roads policy, safety was of the utmost importance. Exits on such national primary roads would have to be controlled and he instanced the Kilgarve Park entrance in Ballinasloe as an example of the danger involved. Councillor Welby stated that the Galway/Headford and the Galway/Oughterard roads should not be Class 1. Senator Killilea referred to the new Rugby Club premises on the main Tuam Road and said that it made a joke out of planning. He felt development on the Galway/Shrulle road should not be restricted and should be re-examined. As regards filling stations he suggested that where they are permitted on one side of the road, pumps should be provided on the other side of the road to avoid vehicles crossing over.

Replying to Senator Killilea about the existing Knocknacarra Plan, the County Manager stated that the Plan could only be amended with the approval of the Members.

Councillor O'Morain recommended that bellmouth or parallel entrances be a requirement in planning permissions. He questioned the need for the Oughterard/Leenane road to come under Class 2 control. Councillor Haverty said that greater use should be made of consultations rather than the use of Section 4 resolutions.

The County Engineer read out the definition of the three classes of control proposed, Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3. The main difference between Class 1 and Class 2 was in relation to commercial development. He stressed the importance of preserving Class 1 roads for the purpose for which they were provided and because of the severity of accidents on these roads due to the high speed which vehicles travel on them. He said that he looked at the other roads to see where they could be relaxed from Class 2 to Class 3 control.

A discussion then followed during which Deputy Fahey proposed an all party agreement that there be no Section 4s on national roads in the future but that the existing few difficult cases be looked at to try and have them resolved.

The County Manager stated that he would be agreeable to discuss with Members ways of avoiding the use of Section 4 resolutions.

The National Roads Policy was then agreed by the Council subject to the following:

- "(i) that classes 2 & 3 control as per County Engineer's report be merged into a new Class 2 control;
- (ii) that the following roads be taken out of Class 1 and put into Class 2 control:-
  - (e) R.336 (Galway/Spiddal/Ballynahown Cross)
  - (f) N.59 (Galway/Oughterard town)
  - (g) N.84 (Galway/Headford)
- (iii) that applicants coming under the second family category on roads under Class 2 control be permitted to build on the main road rather than down a by road unless there is a problem such as a dangerous bend involved."

The meeting then ended and it was decided to hold the next meeting to Review the Plan on Friday, 21st December, 1984, at 2.30 p.m.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN John M. Hanrahan  
DATE 28/11/85

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

11th December, 1984.

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, commencing at 3.00 p.m. on Monday, 17th December, 1984, to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Acting County Secretary.

A G E N D A

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

1. "Eilíonn muidne ar an mBainisteoir Contae cead pleánala a dheanu do Proinnsias O Fatharta, An Lochan Beag, Indreabhán. Ta an iarratas seo d'reir Acht an Bhainisteoir Contae agus Cathrach (Leasaithe) 1955 Ait 4. Uimhir Pleánala 48981."

P. O'Foighil. Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Padraic McCormack.

2. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Peadar Finnerty for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ugool, Moycullen. - Planning Ref. No. 49053."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. P. Finnegan.

3. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Seamus Concannon, c/o John P. Kelly, Cloon, Claregalway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Summerfield. - Planning Reference No. 48212."

Frank Fahey. John Molloy. Paddy Ruane.

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 Sean Joyce of Gortadooey, Claregalway, for serviced dwellinghouse and garage at Gortadooey, Claregalway. Planning Reference Number 48910."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

11u la Nollag, 1984.

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, an 17u la Nollag, 1984, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Minutes.
  2. Amenity Grant - Gort Community Council.
  3. Sale of plot of land at Cashleen, Renvyle. - Notice dated 3rd December, 1984, refers.
  4. Sale of plot of land at Ballygar. - Notice dated 7th December, 1984, refers.
  5. Public Service Pay Agreement, 1983 - Revision of remuneration - Engineers and Cognate Grades, Draughtsman/Technician, Craft and Allied Grades, General Operatives, Overseers and Waterworks Caretakers.
  6. Filling of vacancy on Western Health Board resulting from the death of Councillor Fintan Coogan.
  7. Emergency Plan.
  8. Roads on Inis Mean, Aran Islands.
  9. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
  10. Business submitted by the County Manager.
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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

COUNCILLOR MICHEAL O h-UIGINN: - I will propose:

1. That procedures be initiated in order to take in charge the housing estates at Polnarooma and other estates completed in the Western Environs of Galway City.

COUNCILLORS TODDIE BYRNE AND MICHAEL FAHY: - We will propose:

2. That Galway County Council take over the Dooras Group Water Scheme.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR POL O'FOIGHIL - Molaim:

3. Go gcuirfear clocha mora san Lay-Bye ag Baile an Domhnallain, An Spideal, le aith-theacht na dTinceiri a stopadh. Ta siad imithe anois ach beidh siad ar ais i Marta 1985 muna gcuirfear bac ortha. Fanann siad fui ag choirneal fion-chontuirteach.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

4. Linte ban a mharcail ar an mbothar o Rosamhil comh fada leis an Mullach.
5. Iarracht ceart a dheanamh talamh a cheannacht le haghaidh tithe Comhairle Condae i gceantair Conamara theas.
6. That the Minister for the Gaeltacht be invited to attend a Meeting of Galway County Council.

COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN: - I will propose:

7. That the By-Laws for the new Carpark at Abbey Trinity Road, Tuam, be implemented forthwith.
8. That adequate signs be erected at the Claretuam Junction to prevent cars coming from the Galway direction crashing through the wire fence in wet weather and dark conditions.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

9. That Galway County Council erect temporary traffic lights at the junction between the Dublin Road and Limerick Road at Oranmore, or alternatively, that the local Garda Siochana be asked to provide traffic control during peak traffic periods in the morning and in the evening.
10. That Tully Sewerage Scheme be included in the 1985 small public schemes programme, in view of the fact that this group have spent £1,800 and have at present an overdraft of £1,000 in their effort to provide a group sewerage scheme for the village of Tully, Renvyle.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY AND DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT: - We will ask:

11. The County Manager for complete details of the source testing on the County Council Bore at Lurganmore, Killimor.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY: - I will propose:

12. That provisions be made in the 1985 Estimates for the erection of Public Toilets at Oughterard.
13. When will work commence on the restoration of footpaths and areas disturbed during pipelaying by Bord Telecom in Oughterard.
14. That immediate steps be taken to repair section of road leading to Collinamuck near Tim Connell's house in Ower West, Roscahill.

COUNCILLOR PADDY RUANE: - I will propose:

15. That a wire fencing be erected instead of a wall opposite the dangerous junction at Loughgeorge where many accidents occur.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

16. Galway County Council request Department of the Environment that the Council be given full responsibility in dealing with Group Water Schemes both regard approval of design and finance.
17. Galway County Council does not by-pass Ardrahan.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

18. That Galway County Council repair the road leading from Ballygar through Derryfadda, Caltra and leading to the junction at Kilglass with the Caltra/Ahascragh Road.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN - I will propose:

19. That the Council sink a borehole to improve the supply at Kilconnell Water Supply.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

20. That the County Council in conjunction with the Western Health Board organise a particular period this winter when all property owners would be requested to set poison for rats.
21. That the County Council would build suitable accommodation units throughout the County which could be let at short notice to unmarried mothers before or after the birth of their child.
22. That the County Council, the County Development Team, the Regional Development Officer and Ireland West co-operate in the production of a colour brochure in several languages dealing with the great variety of attractions in the Shannonside area of County Galway.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR MICHEAL O h-UIGINN - I will propose:

23. That the Council hear a report from the Chief Fire Officer on the provision of fire fighting equipment at Kilronan, Aran Islands.

COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN - I will propose:

24. That where a group water scheme is already responsible for pumping and other charges, where water is provided by the local authority or by an adjoining authority, that they not be responsible for the full water charges in addition as levied and now applied by the County Council.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

25. That a signpost be erected giving the position of Lehrin, Clonberne, from the nearest major road.
26. That improvements be carried out to relieve flooding outside Curragh West P.O., Dunmore, and the Dereen Inn, Dereen, Tuam.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

27. What is the position re the Corrandulla group water scheme getting a Gaeltacht Grant as about 25 connections in this scheme are in the Gaeltacht area.
28. That the Galway County Council take steps to remove some of the dangerous hill and clay banks on the Cashla/Athenry Road.

29. That the Council surface dress the Galway/Moycullen road as soon as possible.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN - I will propose:

30. That a special committee be set up to examine the possibility of draining the Dunkellin River under a giant Local Improvement Scheme.

31. That rural cottages built in the future should all have three bedrooms, kitchen and sittingroom.

COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY, DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, AND COUNCILLOR MICHEAL O h-UIGINN: We will propose:

32. That a full Rates Remission be granted to Castlegar Sports Complex due to the fact that it is a community owned non-profit making complex.

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DECEMBER MEETING

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Ailesbury Holdings Ltd., 62, Wellington Road, Dublin.	Damage to windows and doors.	Borough of Galway.	£100	£132.51
Niall Bianey, 29, Threadneedle Road, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to set of clocks of Motor bike.	County at large.	£300	£ 91.50
Niall Bianey, 29, Threadneedle Road, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to 400 c.c. Honda Motor bike and 250 c.c. Suzuki Motor bike.	County at large.	£220	£182.50
Catherine Higgins, 15, Clybawn Heights, Knocknacarra, Galway.	Damage to Ford Fiesta Car, reg. no. 19 FIM.	County at large.	£1,500	£1,664.30
Ellen Mary Casey, Gurteen, Renvyle, Co. Galway.	Damage to private dwellinghouse.	County at large.	£500	£170.38
Ardos Holdings Ltd., Dominick Street, Galway.	Damage to contents of property at 35-37 Dominick Street, Galway.	County at large.	£305	£119
Peter Cunningham, Lochlurgan Hotel, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to contents and fixtures at Lochlurgan Hotel.	County at large.	£1,000	£ 59
Ann Sherlock, 248, Castlepark, Ballybane.	Damage to caravan.	County at large.	£900	£1,007.17
Anthony Ryans Ltd., Shop Street, Galway.	Damage and destruction of glass window at Buttermilk Lane.	Borough of Galway.	£88.50	£156.20
Michael Coyne, Kilkerrin, Carna.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£5,000	£372.29

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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
George Lyons, Turlough, Rosmuc.	Damage to house.	County at large.	£1,375	£1,446.21
Brendan Noone, Eyrecourt.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£516.60	£404.10
Mr. Peter Joyce, 34, College Road, Galway.	Damage to Ford Cortina car, reg. no. 188 WIK.	County at large.	£490	£291.73
P.J. O'Connell, 18, Market Street, Galway.	Damage to canopy hanging from premises.	County at large.	£545	£409.88
Peter Folan, Inverin, Co. Galway.	Damage to car regn. no. AIM 940	County at large.	£3,000	£2,492.86
Frank Kilkelly, 150, Castle Park, Ballybane, Galway.	Damage to car reg. No. 1354 IM.	County at large.	£600	£593.73
Joyce and Sons Ltd., Headford, Co. Galway.	Damage to plate glass window.	County at large.	£300	£278.50

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, 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, Clrs. P. McCormack, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Asst. County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, F. Monahan, and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; J. Griffin, Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2741 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48981 - APPLICANT: PRIONNSIAS O FATHARTA:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Aille, Inverin, on the sea side of the roadway almost opposite the old Selerna School.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 48525: An application by the same applicant, on approximately the southern half of the site of this application was refused on public health grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site in question forms a low pocket of land which is covered in rushes and is waterlogged. A trial hole was dug on site and on inspection it was noted that the hole was completely full of water. Because of the lowlying nature of the ground it would not be possible to drain the site to reduce the ground water level. The site, therefore, is completely unsuitable to treat septic tank effluent.

The Planning Authority have also refused permission on an adjacent site to the south, in different ownership, on public health grounds.

Although the development is on the sea side of the main road, there is some adjacent development and it is not considered that injury to the scenic amenity of the area would result.

The Planning Authority's sole concern, therefore, is with the creation of a serious health hazard. Although this is claimed to be a second family dwellinghouse, the applicant is living and working in Tralee.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The site proposed to be developed, being lowlying, waterlogged and boggy, is unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent and if permitted would endanger public health by reason of a health hazard and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Councillor O'Foighil consulted with the Planning Officer on this application."

Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Foighil go dtabharfai cead pleanala don iarrthoir seo. Councillor O'Foighil said that the site had been left to the applicant. Originally, the applicant applied for Permission on about 1/2 acre but now he had agreed to include the whole site which consisted of approximately 2 acres and picked out the most suitable location. Although he was working in Tralee at present, he was returning to Galway and the house was for himself and his family. He said that digging a trial hole at this time of year was a waste of time and added extra expense to the applicant. He was satisfied that sufficient drainage could be got on the site and that the County Council had provided septic tanks in similar conditions. Clr. O'Conchubhair seconded the resolution set out on the Agenda.

The County Engineer stated that if there was no percolation, the septic tank system would not work and the important point was to protect the family from a potential health hazard.

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

2742 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49053 - APPLICANT: PEADAR FINNERTY.

The County Engineer stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application and that the Section 4 Resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply is received.

2743 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48212 - APPLICANT: SEAMUS CONCANNON:

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 Galway/Tuam Road, N.17 one mile on the Galway side of Claregalway.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 4740 Outline Permission refused to J. Canavan, August 1968

Ref. No. 6399 Outline Permission refused to P. Concannon by the Planning Authority and the Minister in January 1970.

Ref. No. 11011 Permission refused to P. Concannon March 1972.

Ref. No. 20058 Outline Permission refused to P. Concannon by the Planning Authority but granted by the Minister on Appeal in April 1976.

Ref. No. 39480 Approval granted to S. Concannon in respect of No. 20058 in August 1981.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Mr. Concannon has stated that he purchased the site in 1966 so as to give it to one of his children. He succeeded in getting Outline Planning Permission in 1976 and Approval in 1981. He subsequently carried out some quarrying and earthworks in preparation for the house construction, in the belief that he had five years from the grant of approval to complete the work. The permission in fact lapsed on 31st October, 1983.

The applicant's Consultant Engineer, Mr. John P. Kelly has estimated that work to the value of £6,290 has been carried out on the site.

The site is on a bend of the National Route where sight distance is deficient and where there are two existing house accesses and a county road junction. The County Council obtained a High Court Injunction against the use of an adjacent site for commercial purposes and succeeded in having the said business relocated on a minor road nearby. If the applicant were enabled to gain access on to the minor road nearby, the Planning Authority would have no objection but the introduction of another vehicular access on this bend would further intensify the hazard there. The pressure for development on this section of roadway has been very intense and this is the fifth Section 4 Motion on the stretch in the past year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because if would be located at a bend on a national primary route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the devlopment 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 the family housing needs of farmholders where alternative access from their farms onto minor roads are not available. The present proposal does not come within this development category.

Consultations have been held with Frank Fahey in this case."

The County Engineer stated that having looked at the site, he found that there were two entrances opposite which make the position more dangerous. The site is at a location where the maximum speed limit applies and is regularly exceeded, and any accident could be a very serious one.

In reply to Deputy Fahey, the County Manager stated that Outline Permission had been granted on Appeal followed by an Approval but these had now lapsed.

Deputy Fahey stated that he could not argue against the case put forward by the County Engineer. However, Outline Permission and Approval had been granted and some works had been carried out on the site. He was under the impression that an applicant had five years to build from the date of Approval. He proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. The Resolution was seconded by Councillor Ruane. After further discussion and the possibility of the applicant obtaining an alternative access onto the minor road, it was decided to defer the resolution to the January Meeting.

2744 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48910 - APPLICANT: SEAN JOYCE.

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

The County Engineer stated that Senator Killilea had requested that this resolution be deferred from the last meeting to allow the applicant get Permission from an adjoining landowner for a percolation area on his lands. Since the last meeting a revised sketch had been submitted but it was not accompanied by a signed agreement of the adjoining landowner. Replying to Councillor McCormack, he stated that the revised proposal will leave the septic tank in the same position but will take the percolation area further away from the adjoining premises. In reply to Councillor Welby, he stated that the percolation area would be the required distance from the adjoining premises.

Deputy Donnellan stated that he was under the impression that the septic tank and percolation area were not the required distances from other properties.

The County Manager stated that the only problem in this case was the percolation area and unless the adjoining landowner gave Permission in writing, Permission could not be granted.

Councillor Glynn objected to a Section 4 being used in this case without any consultation.

It was decided to adjourn the resolution to the Planning Meeting on the 21st December, 1984.

2745 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Welby, the Council passed a resolution of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Dr. Michael McLoughlin, Senior Dental Surgeon, Western Health Board, who died over the weekend. The Chairman stated that Dr. McLoughlin had been employed by the County Council before the establishment of the Health Boards and he had done much to advance dental services in the County. The County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Dympna Jennings, Lurgan, Killoran, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Robin Lahiffe, Cloon House, Gort, Co. Galway.
- The Williams Family, Carnaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.
- Mr. & Mrs. Bill Conway, Moorpark, Athenry, Co. Galway.
- Mr. Vincent Murphy, Caherhugh, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting as a mark of respect and said that the Monthly Meeting would not start until 4 p.m.

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED +  
CONFIRMED:

John M. Mannon CHAIRMAN

28/1/85 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, 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, Cllrs. P. McCormack, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Asst. County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, P. Monahan, and S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; J. Griffin, Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

2746 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Holland, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

Special meeting on 16th November, 1984.  
Special meeting on 26th November, 1984.  
Monthly meeting on 26th November, 1984.  
Special meeting on 30th November, 1984.

Arising from the Minutes, Deputy Fahey raised the question of the automation of the level crossing at Garraun. He said that at the monthly meeting on the 26th November, he had proposed that provision be made in the 1985 Estimates for the Council's contribution to C.I.E. for this job. He said he wanted to ensure that this would be done.

The County Manager stated that the question of automating Garraun level crossing was a matter for C.I.E. and the appropriate Minister. If C.I.E. does the work, the Law enables it to demand a certain contribution from the County Council and if this happens, the Council would have to meet the bill.

Arising from the Minutes of special meeting on 30th November, 1984, Deputy Fahey stated that he had proposed that the County Manager proceed with the purchase of lands identified in the Draft Plan for Knocknacarra for open space.

The County Manager stated that the land will not be zoned for open space until after the plan has been adopted by the Council after its publication and at that stage, he will proceed to purchase if it is zoned for open space.

Deputy Fahey stated that the purchase of lands can take a considerable time and if agreement is not reached, it may be necessary to do a Compulsory Purchase Order, and therefore, he asked the Manager to commence negotiations with the landowner.

The County Manager stated that he would open negotiations with the landowner but said that the negotiations could not be concluded until after the plan is adopted.

2747 - TRANSFER OF E.S.B. OFFICES:

With the permission of the Chairman, Deputy Kitt raised the question of the proposed transfer of the E.S.B. offices from Galway. This was raised at

a Council meeting on the 27th August, 1984, and a resolution was forwarded to the Department of Energy and he asked if a reply had been received. Cllr. O'Morain said that at the meeting on the 27th August, 1984, he had proposed that the Chief Executive of the E.S.B. come and explain to the Council the economics of the proposed transfer.

The Acting Secretary stated that no such request was included in the Minutes and no reply had been received from the Department. He then read the resolution which had been passed in relation to the matter (minute no. 2597).

It was decided to take the matter up again with the Department of Energy.

2748 - MID-GALWAY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

With the permission of the Chairman, Deputy Connaughton raised the matter of the Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme. He said this was a major scheme and would bring water to 1,600 people. The reservoir was already provided by the County Council but no water was being used from it. The Group has been organising the scheme for a long number of years but it seems now that there is a proposal that the County Council would construct the mains and the group do the rest. He said that the group is well capable of doing the whole scheme, and if the County Council is to construct part of the scheme, this would involve Consulting Engineers, etc., and long delays. He asked that the Council advise the Department that the Group be allowed to construct the scheme. Deputy Kitt and Councillor Kilgannon supported Dep. Connaughton.

The County Manager stated that he had not sufficient information on the matter as he was not aware that it was going to be raised. If the group is to do the whole job, it could involve a substantial special contribution in the region of £700,000 and the question to be decided was whether the County Council should do this portion of the work. He said the decision would be based on good business criteria.

It was agreed to place the matter on the Agenda for the January meeting.

2749 - AMENITY GRANT - GORT COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

The County Manager explained that the Gort Community Council had sent in a planning application for a community centre before the charging of planning fees became operative but it did not arrive in time. Subsequently, a planning fee of £4,072 had to be paid. He said it was a special case and it was proposed to pay an amenity grant of £4,000 to the Community Council which was an amount similar to the planning fee. He said that a sum of £2,123.98 would be deducted to cover the cost of relaying of the public watermain which was one of the conditions of the permission. It was proposed by Deputy Fahey, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of excess expenditure of £4,000 for the payment of an amenity grant to Gort Community Council, the amount to be financed from increased income in planning fees."

2750 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT CASHLEEN, RENVYLE:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the transfer of a small piece of ground to Mr. John Keane, Cashleen, Renvyle, from whom the land was originally acquired. Mr. Keane had given the Council a similar piece of land in lieu. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. O'Morain and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land measuring approximately .09 acres at Cashleen, Renvyle, to Mr. John Keane, Cashleen, Renvyle, in accordance with notice dated 3rd December, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

2751 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT BALLYGAR:

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



"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Ballygar measuring 1.75 acres approximately to Messrs. Popular Homes Limited, Ballygar, in accordance with notice dated 7th December, 1984, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

2752 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION:

The County Manager stated that special pay increases were awarded to certain local authority grades over the past year or so. The Public Service Pay Agreement, 1983, provided that these increases be paid in phases. The sanction of the Minister has now been received to the payment of the second phase of the increases from 1st December, 1984. The increase in most cases is a 2½% increase and applies also to part-time staff. The main grades involved are Engineers and cognate grades, Draughtsman/Technicians, Social Workers, Branch Librarians, Craft and Allied Grades, General Operatives, and related grades including Overseers and Waterworks Caretakers, Full-time Firemen. The estimated cost for 1984 is £5,400. The sanction of the Minister if contained in Circular letters dated 9th November, 1984, and 7th December, 1984, and the revised salary and wage scales are set out therein. It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of revised remuneration with effect from 1st December, 1984, to the grades of staff as explained by the County Manager and in accordance with the sanction of the Minister."

2753 - FILLING OF VACANCY ON WESTERN HEALTH BOARD RESULTING FROM THE DEATH OF CLR. FINTAN COOGAN:

Councillor Ryan proposed that Deputy Fintan Coogan be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Western Health Board. This was seconded by Senator U. Burke.

Deputy Kitt proposed that Councillor Callanan be appointed to fill the vacancy and this was seconded by Councillor O'Morain.

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

FOR COUNCILLOR COOGAN: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Byrne, Deputies Connaughton, Coogan, Donnellan, Councillor Glynn, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillors Kilgannon, McCormack, Mannion, O'Foighil, Ruane, and Ryan.

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FOR COUNCILLOR CALLANAN: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, and T. Welby.

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The Chairman declared Deputy Coogan appointed to fill the vacancy on the Western Health Board resulting from the death of the late Councillor Coogan.

Deputy Coogan was congratulated by Councillor Callanan and others on his appointment. Deputy Coogan thanked his proposer and seconder and those who voted for him and said that he would carry out his duties as a Member of the Health Board to the best of his ability.

2754 - EMERGENCY PLAN:

The County Manager referred to the revised Emergency Plan which had been circulated to the Members with the Agenda. He said he was anxious to have the Plan implemented immediately in case there would be any adverse weather conditions on the way. Councillor O'Morain referred to the fact that there was no reference in the Plan to Elected representatives. He asked who was

going to activate the Plan in places like Carna where there was no Overseer or Foreman.

The County Manager stated that in relation to blizzard or adverse weather conditions, the Plan was drafted in such a way that it could be activated from the lowest level of authority. Replying to Councillor Joyce, he stated that Overseers would have the authority to clear fallen trees or relieve flooding.

Councillor Glynn and Senator U. Burke complained that the Council had gone too far in removing dangerous trees and were informed that the County Engineer would be submitting a report on this shortly.

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Welby, the Major Emergency Plan for the County of Galway was adopted.

2755 - ROADS ON INIS MEAN, ARAN ISLANDS:

The County Manager stated that at a previous meeting, it was suggested that the roads on Inis Mean be taken over by the Council. He now had a report from the County Engineer which estimated the cost of bringing the roads up to standard for adoption at £120,000. He recommended that the Council approach Roinn na Gaeltachta for funds to bring the roads up to standard for adoption and that they be taken over according as funds are made available. This was proposed by Councillor O'Morain and seconded by Clr. O'Conchubhair who said that this matter should be discussed with the Minister for the Gaeltacht whenever he meets the Council as suggested in his Notice of Motion.

2756 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with item no. 9 on the Agenda was noted.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

2757 - ROINN NA GAELTACHTA SUBSIDY IN RESPECT OF LOAN CHARGES ON GALWAY CITY WESTERN ENVIRONS REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager referred to his report dated 12th December, 1984, regarding the refusal by Roinn na Gaeltachta to pay subsidy on the loan charges in respect of the Galway City Western Environs Regional Water Supply Scheme. He said that Roinn na Gaeltachta had always paid a subsidy of 25% towards the loan charge repayments on water and sewerage schemes serving areas which are designated as Gaeltacht areas. In the case of this scheme, 93.5% of the area was in the Gaeltacht and the Council had asked Roinn na Gaeltachta to pay a subsidy on this basis but they had refused. He said that 25% of the loan charges in 1984 amounted to £128,000 and over the 30 year period of the loan would amount to approximately £3,500,000. He requested the Council's support in seeking the payment of subsidy from Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be asked to make this subsidy available. He said Gaeltacht grants were being cut drastically. Councillor Welby seconded the proposal saying that this scheme serves many genuine gaeltacht areas.

Councillor O'Foighil said that he had certain reservations and referred to his proposal some time ago that the Gaeltacht areas be redefined.

Duirt an Comhairleoir Mac Giolla Geanain go raibh foir-dheontas ag cur droch mheas ar an Gaeilge agus go raibh cas na Gaeilge caillte mas ga deontas a thabhairt chun an gaeilge a spreagadh.

D'iarr an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair cead o'n Chathaoirleach, run uimhir 6 ar an Chlar a thogaint. Councillor O'Conchubhair proposed that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be invited to a meeting of Galway County Council and discuss the question of subsidy and our financial difficulties with him in a business-like fashion. He felt the Minister was not getting enough funds from the Government and that the cutting back on loan charges might only be a start to cut backs generally. He proposed that the meeting at which the Minister

would attend be in the Gaeltacht. Councillor Welby proposed that the meeting be held in Moycullen and was seconded by Councillor O'Morain. Councillor O'Foighil proposed that the meeting be held in Colaiste Lurgan and was seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

FOR MOYCULLEN: Councillors J. Callanan, J. Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Murphy, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby.

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FOR COLAISTE LURGAN: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Deputies F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors Kilgannon, McCormack, Mannion, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, Ruane, and Ryan.

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The Chairman declared that the meeting would be held in Colaiste Lurgan.

2758 - HOUSING ESTATES IN WESTERN ENVIRONS OF GALWAY CITY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. O h-UIGINN:

The Acting Secretary stated that there are three estates in the Western Environs of Galway City that could be considered for taking over if the following requirements were complied with:

- "(1) Developer to submit written application with complete "as constructed" drawings showing exactly all the services he wishes to have taken over and a specification of how they were laid. He should also indicate all wayleaves clearly.
- (2) A certificate from the developer that he has inspected all the services himself and they are in order.
- (3) County Council will examine and do an assessment.
- (4) County Council will communicate with the applicant specifying works required, if any, to bring the services up to an acceptable standard.
- (5) When all defects are remedied a recommendation will be made that the services be taken over."

The Acting Secretary stated that the three estates concerned were Pollnarooma, Carragh Hill and Brooklawn.

Councillor O h-Uigininn stated that the problem about Pollnarooma was that there were two developers involved. The developer at the end of the estate is trying to meet the Council's requirements and is anxious that the estate would be taken over. The developer involved in the first half of the estate sold the sites and when planning permission was granted, there was no Bond and it was unlikely he would be prepared to do any work on the estate. He said the residents were going around collecting money to try and keep the services maintained.

The County Manager stated that in the light of what Councillor O h-Uigininn had stated, the Pollnarooma estate would be examined.

2759 - PROPOSED NEW PIER ON INISHBOFFIN:

The County Manager stated that Inishboffin was the only inhabited non-gaeltacht island on the Galway coast and the Office of Public Works were completing plans and documentation for a new pier there. He requested the Council's support in trying to have funds allocated for the project. The Chairman proposed that the Government make funds available for the proposed new pier on Inishboffin and this was seconded by Councillor O'Morain and agreed.

2760 - PETERBURGH HOUSE, CLONBUR:

The County Manager stated that County Galway Vocational Education Committee were considering Peterburgh House for use as an Outdoor Pursuits Centre. The property belonged to Galway County Council and if the project went ahead, it would involve transferring the property to the V.E.C. In order to facilitate the V.E.C. in pursuing the project, he asked the Council if they were agreeable in principle to the proposal.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, the Council agreed to the proposal and suggested that the R.D.O., Ireland West and Mayo County Council be informed of the matter. Councillor Joyce also welcomed the idea.

2761 - NEW COUNTY SECRETARY:

The County Manager stated that the new County Secretary, Mr. Edmond Gleeson, Nenagh, County Tipperary, would be taking up duty on the 7th January, 1985.

2762 - ROAD WIDENING AT WOODSTOCK, MOYCULLEN:

Councillor Welby stated that he had written a letter requesting that the result of the Court case between Patrick Noone and Galway County Council be conveyed to the Council.

The County Manager read the following report from the Council's Law Agent regarding the decision of the Court:

"The above case was heard in Galway Circuit Court on Thursday the 6th of December last. The Plaintiff's Claim was for

1. An Injunction directing the County Council to deposit Spoil on Mr. Noone's land.
2. An Injunction restraining the County Council from depositing the Spoil elsewhere.
3. Fifteen thousand pounds damages for breach of Contract.
4. Costs.

The key issue in the case was whether the material excavated by Galway County Council during the road making on Noone's land was spoil or not. Noone's case was that it was spoil and consequently, should have been delivered to him. The County Council's case was that it was not spoil and consequently should not be delivered to him but would be used in the normal road construction of the road, and its suitability for this purpose was confirmed for the County Council by An Foras Forbartha. If Mr. Noone succeeded in this aspect of his Claim, the cost to the County Council would have been in excess of thirty-eight thousand pounds together with such damages as Noone might have got for breach of Contract and costs.

The County Council's evidence of the Agreement entered into with Mr. Noone was that the County Council Engineers were clear, they never intentionally agreed with Mr. Noone to provide him with material to construct a bog road as demanded by him. The County Council's evidence that the material was not spoil but was road making material was strongly supported by an expert Witness from An Foras Forbartha.

After hearing the evidence, the Judge did not award Mr. noone an Injunction directing Galway County Council to deposit the material on Mr. Noone's land, nor did the Judge grant an Injunction restraining the County Council from depositing the material elsewhere. In the event the Judge awarded Mr. Noone the sum of seven and a half thousand pounds damages. The Judge also awarded Mr. Noone a further five hundred pounds but this was on the basis that the County Council did not have to give to Mr. Noone any further topsoil excavated on his lands, so strictly speaking this was not an award for damages.

"At the time prior to the case, as far as the County Council is aware, Mr. Noone's claim was that he was entitled to all of the excavated material from the road. The County Council always consistently contested this. However, several efforts were made to reach settlement with Mr. Noone but strictly on the basis that the excavating material was road making material but that the County Council would make a certain amount available to Mr. Noone. Unfortunately none of the efforts to settle the matter peacefully by negotiation succeeded. In general terms, therefore, the view that the County Council always held, namely that the material was not spoil was vindicated, and the immense claim which the County Council originally faced therefore did not succeed."

Councillor Welby stated that it was pity that these cases arise as they damage relationships and the general public is inconvenienced. There was also another case where there were still difficulties.

2763 - CLARACHA GAELIGE AR AN TELEFIS:

Dhean an Comhairleoir O Braonain tagairt ar litir a fuarthas le deanai o'n Gaelic League agus mhol se an run seo:

"That the R.T.E. Authority be requested to cater for Irish language and cultural programmes and that at least 20% of broadcasting time be allocated to such programmes and that radio programmes for schools be introduced to encourage and promote use of the Irish language."

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Braonain nach raibh ach 5% de claracha as Gaelige ar an Telefis agus d'iarr se ar na Comhairleoiri eile tacaíocht a thabhairt don run. Cuidigh an Comhairleoir Mac Giolla Geanain leis an run agus mhol se go mbeadh claracha gaeilge ar an raidio ar maidin do na scoileanna. Thug Comhairleoiri eile tacaíocht don run freisin agus duradar gur comhair beartas fe leith bheith ag R.T.E. agus bealach eile telefis chun an gaeilge agus an cultuir a chur ar aghaidh.

2764 - PLANNING MEETING ON 21ST DECEMBER, 1984:

Some Members suggested that the 21st December was not a suitable date for a meeting. The Chairman stated that the Council had fixed the date for the meeting and had given a commitment to finish the Review of the Plan, and therefore, he did not propose to change the date.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

2765 - TAKING OVER OF DOORUS GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS BYRNE AND M. FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that if a group scheme is in good order and repair, it can be taken over in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962. On receipt of an application from the group, the scheme will be examined.

Councillor Byrne stated that the Doorus scheme was one of the group schemes which is supplied from a public source. He said that the group was in difficulty in regard to extensions and that the Geeha area was experiencing a chronic shortage of water. There was also a pumping problem and he asked that the County Council take over the scheme. He was supported by Clr. M. Fahy and Deputy Fahey. The Acting Secretary stated that the scheme would be examined on receipt of an application from the group.

2766 - LAY-BYE AG BAILE AN COMHNALLAIN, AN SPIDEAL. - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR O'FOIGHIL:

Duirt an Runai nach raibh se ar intinn ag an Comhairle Contae leath-taobhanna a dhunadh go dtí go mbeadh suíomhanna seirbhíseach ar fail do's daoine tais-tealái. Councillor O'Foighil stated that this was not an official lay-bye. Travellers parked there last year and will come back again if it is not closed off. It was at a dangerous bend and he urged that something be done about it.

The County Manager stated that this matter raised a number of problems. There was the question of depriving these people of some place to locate and if they are prevented from going to a particular place, they will move to some place else. Councillor O'Foighil urged that this particular stopping place be closed off. The County Manager stated that if there was still a public right-of-way over it, it could not be closed off and this would be examined.

2767 - LINTE BAN AR AN MBOTHAR O ROSAMHIL COMH FADA LEIS AN MULLACH. - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai go raibh an obair seo deanta anois.

2768 - TITHE I gCONNAMARA THEAS - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Duirt an Runai go gcuirtear iarrataisi i gcoir tithe o dhaoine as Connamara Theas san aireamh díreach cosuil le iarrataisi on chuid eile den chonadae. Nuair a bhíonn an Comhairle Chontae sasta go bhfuil ga tithíochta ag iarrathoir, cuirtear teach ar fail do ar a shuíomh fein. Mura bhfuil suíomh oiriúnach aige, deantar iarracht suíomh a fhail do sa cheanntar.

Comh maith le sin deineadh iarracht piosa talun a cheannacht sa Cheathru Rua le scem tithe a thogail ach ní raibh an talamh a bhí le díol oiriúnach le forbairt in aon chas. Ach in ainneoin sin, meastar duinn go bhfuilimid ag solathair a dhothain tithíochta sa cheanntar agus ta da theach deag criochnaithe go dtí seo i mbliana i gConnamara Theas.

D'aontaigh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair go raibh tithe curtha ar fail ag an Comhairle i gConnamara Theas ach duirt se go raibh daoine ann fos go raibh tithe ag teastail uatha agus nach raibh suíomh acu. He recommended that the Council approach Udaras na Gaeltachta to see if they have any land that would be suitable for housing and the County Manager agreed to take this up with the Udaras.

2769 - BYE-LAWS FOR CARPARK AT ABBEY TRINITY ROAD, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the bye-laws have not yet been approved by the Minister and when approved, they will be implemented.

2770 - SIGNS AT CLARETUAM JUNCTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that this problem has been greatly reduced since the surface dressing of the road, the provision of delineators, signs and road markings. It is now believed that this problem is confined to drivers driving at excessive speed and unable to negotiate the bend.

Councillor Glynn stated that the wire fence on the side of the road was rusted and that one or two cars go in through the fence every week. He felt that the gradient on the road was not good. Clr. J. Burke supported Councillor Glynn suggesting that Chevron signs be erected. Deputy Donnellan also recommended that something be done.

The County Engineer agreed to have a further look at the problem.

2771 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT ORANMORE JUNCTION - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that considering that there was a likelihood that the Oranmore Bye-Pass be commenced within another year, the cost of traffic lights would be hard to justify even of a temporary nature. The alternative procedure of asking the local Gardaí to control traffic at this junction during peak periods would be more attractive.

Deputy Fahey stated that the long lanes of traffic held up during peak hours were no longer acceptable. He said that temporary traffic lights even during the peak hours would be of great benefit and that it could be two years before the by-pass would be in operation. A number of Councillors supported Deputy Fahey and it was agreed to ask the Garda Authorities if they would be prepared to provide traffic control at the peak periods.

2772 - TULLY SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY FAHEY:

The Acting Secretary stated that Stage 1 of Tully Sewerage Scheme up to the limit of £50,000 is included in the Council's proposal for Small Sanitary Capital Schemes for 1985 subject to a Capital Allocation for Small Schemes.

2773 - BOREHOLE AT LURGANMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR HAVERTY AND DEPUTY KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that the borehole at Lurganmore was sunk in late 1981 and tests for quality while pumping in September 1982. Results of chemical and bacteriological analysis indicated a potable water and the quantity of 900 gallons per hour would be sufficient to serve approximately 20 houses. Further bacteriological and chemical tests were carried out in April 1984 by the County Medical Officer which showed the source to be unsuitable for a group scheme. However, we understand that these tests may have been carried out without pumping. It is proposed to have further tests carried out after pumping. Councillor Haverty complained about the fact that when the source was tested originally, it was found to be suitable but when tested subsequently, it was found to be unsuitable by the C.M.O.

The County Manager stated that the scheme cannot be approved without the C.M.O.'s approval and that the source may be found to be suitable after a further test.

2774 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Chairman asked that written replies be sent to Councillor Welby on his motions.

2775 - JUNCTION AT LOUGHGEORGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR RUANE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the junction in question is at present being examined to see what other measures, if any, can be adapted to lessen the risk of accidents. Councillor Ruane's suggestion will be considered. The prime aim, however, is to make vehicles stop at the junction stop sign.

Councillor Ruane stated that there was one fatal accident at this junction and a number of other crashes. He felt that a wire fence instead of the wall would lessen the risk of fatal accidents. The County Engineer stated that he had this junction examined by An Foras Forbartha who confirmed that the road signs were adequate. He said he was considering the provision of lighting at the junction and this would be further examined.

2776 - ADMINISTRATION OF GROUP WATER SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that full responsibility would include the duties which at present are the responsibility of two Departmental Engineering Inspectors working in the County with appropriate Senior Engineering supervision including the organisation and checking of groups, the search for sources of water supply, checking and costing of designs, supervision of construction work, certification for payment of grants, etc., as well as the additional administrative staff for grant allocations, etc. The proposal would present no engineering or administrative difficulties subject to the provision of adequate suitable staff and resources.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that there was a long delay at present in the payment of group water scheme grants. The Acting Secretary stated that the Department would be asked to expedite payment.

2777 - BY-PASS AT ARDRAHAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The Acting Secretary stated that from the point of view of long term planning, the Council are obliged to investigate the possibility of providing by-passes for all towns and villages on National Primary Routes. At present, a survey is being carried out in the village of Ardrahan which is on the National Primary Route, N.18 to see if a feasible route exists for a by-pass. It will be several months before the survey is complete and the matter will be brought back before the Council before any decision is made.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed that no further investigation be carried out for a by-pass for Ardrahan as it was not necessary. He said the road can be widened and the monument moved and that it was ridiculous spending big money when it was not necessary. He said the people of the village did not want it. Deputy Fahy agreed with Councillor Fahy saying that Ardrahan was a very safe village.

The County Engineer stated that an investigation was only being carried out at the moment which the Council was obliged to take to establish the possibility of providing by-passes for all towns and villages on National Primary Routes. He said that the village may be safe at present due to the fact that the roads leading into it slowed down the traffic but when these are improved, there is the danger that cars will speed through the village.

The Chairman stated that the Council would have to allow the survey to be completed to see what proposals would result.

2778 - REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING FROM BALLYGAR THROUGH DERRYFADDA, ETC. - MOTION BY DEPUTY KITT:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Ballyforan Bridge road to Kilglass junction is approximately 5½ miles in length and is County Road no. 514. The current estimate for strengthening this road with wet mix material is £140,000. Funds are not available for this work. Repairs from the County Road Maintenance Fund have been and will continue to be done as far as funds allow.

Councillor Callanan who moved this motion stated that this was the worst road in the area. The County Engineer stated that this road went through sections of bog and all the Council could do was to keep it patched up as good as possible.

2779 - KILCONNELL WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that Kilconnell water well borehole is included in the Council's proposals for Small Sanitary Schemes in 1985 subject to a Capital Allocation being available. The present source is inadequate during periods of drought. Waste water and mains leakage will also be investigated.

2780 - CAMPAIGN AGAINST RATS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary read a report from the County Medical Officer stating that there was a lot to be said for a concerted action to be taken against rats and relevant Health Board Personnel will support any such campaign. The Supervising Health Inspector, Mr. A. Halloran, has made some preliminary contacts with ACOT on the subject. The Council can take it that the Health Inspectors in general will be only too pleased to help with advice and indeed health education.

Councillor Joyce welcomed the County Medical Officer's interest in the problem and said that he understood that the Health Board were drawing up proposals to deal with it as well as an education programme.

2781 - ACCOMMODATION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that unmarried mothers are considered sympathetically for housing by the Council. A number of one and two-bedroomed houses are being provided in our town schemes and applicants in the various towns and their immediate vicinities are considered for the tenancies of these houses. For those seeking housing in rural areas, the Council is disposed to providing two-roomed houses for approved applicants. It is considered that these applicants are adequately catered for at present. It would not be advisable to designate certain units of accommodation for them as this might result in isolation and have an adverse affect on both mothers and children.

Councillor Joyce stated that he was glad to see that some provision was being made for accommodation for unmarried mothers and said he would like a system whereby accommodation could be provided quickly. Deputy Fahy supported Councillor Joyce and said that he would like to see more accommodation being provided as the accommodation being provided at present was

mainly for old people. Councillor J. Burke agreed that suitable accommodation for this housing need had been provided in Tuam.

2782 - PROMOTION OF SHANNONSIDE AREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the three tourism regions, Ireland West, Shannonside and Lakelands had combined to produce a colour brochure which would help boost tourism in the Athlone, Portlaoise, Abbeyleix, Roscrea, Nenagh, Killaloe, Portumna, Loughrea and Ballinasloe areas - entitled "The Heart of Ireland". Galway County Council had agreed to contribute towards the cost of the publication.

2783 - FIRE SERVICES ON INISHMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O h-UIGINN:

The Chairman asked that a written reply be issued to Councillor O h-Uiginn.

2784 - WATER CHARGES - GROUP SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GLYNN:

The Acting Secretary stated that it was hoped to introduce some modification in the charges for 1985 to cater for group schemes supplied with water from public sources.

2785 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

The Chairman asked that written replies be issued to Councillor Finnegan's motions.

2786 - MOTIONS BY COUNCILLOR McCORMACK:

The Chairman asked that written replies be issued to Councillor McCormack on his motions.

2787 - DRAINAGE OF DUNKELLIN RIVER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the drainage of the Dunkellin river was a major job and comes within the scope of the Arterial Drainage under the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945. Major drainage works <sup>are done</sup> by the Office of Public Works and not by the County Council. The provision of funds is a matter for the Government and it would be totally inappropriate to be dealt with as a Local Improvement Scheme under the Local Government (Roads and Drainage) Act, 1968.

Councillor Callanan said that what he had in mind was that a scheme might be designed under the Local Improvement Scheme and funds sought from the E.E.C. He said that farmers were unable to avail of grants to drain their lands because the main river was not drained.

The County Manager stated that the setting up of a committee would not serve any purpose and may only lead people into believing that the County Council could undertake the project when in fact it could not. He said that all E.E.C. funding was through the Government.

It was decided that the Council would ascertain from the Office of Public Works the present position about drainage of the river.

2788 - SIZE OF COUNCIL RURAL HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CALLANAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that at present the Council provides three and four bedroomed houses for its approved applicants in the rural area. It is proposed to continue to provide houses of varying sizes to meet the current and anticipated needs of rural applicants.

Councillor Callanan stated that he considered the standard rural house too small and suggested that if the turf shed was omitted, it would mean that very little extra cost would be involved in providing an additional room. Deputy Fahey stated that because of the very competitive price pertaining at present, the Council should build more rural cottages not necessarily in rural areas but also in villages.

The County Manager stated that comparatively speaking the Council had a very big rural housing programme and one of the reasons for this was the cost effectiveness being achieved. However, the main vehicle for solving the housing problem was in the construction of town schemes and that a good balance between rural and other housing was being achieved at present.

2789 - RATES REMISSION ON CASTLEGAR SPORTS COMPLEX - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MOLLOY, DEPUTY F. FAHEY, AND COUNCILLOR MICHEAL O h-UIGINN:

The Acting Secretary stated that as the premises in question is registered under the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act, 1904, it is excluded from rate relief under the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978.

Deputy Fahey stated that it was unfair that rate relief did not apply to that portion of the complex excluding the licence portion. The County Secretary stated that once the premises was registered under the Registration of Clubs Act, rate relief did not apply to any part of the building.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED

CONFIRMED:

John M. Maconn. CHAIRMAN

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17th December, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

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, 21st December, 1984,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

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Review of County Development Plan.

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18th December, 1984.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that the following Section 4 resolution, which was adjourned at the Council meeting held on the 17th instant, will be considered at the special meeting to be held on Friday, 21st December, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

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

That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Sean Joyce of Gortadooey, Claregalway, for serviced dwellinghouse and garage at Gortadooey, Claregalway. Planning Reference Number 48910."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

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RUNAI SEALADACH.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 21ST DECEMBER, 1984.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J.M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, P. O'Foighil, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Asst. County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); E. Lusby, Finance Officer; F. O'Gallachoir, Assistant Planner; A. Comer, Draughtsman/Technician; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2790 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48910 - APPLICANT: SEAN JOYCE.

The County Engineer stated that this resolution was adjourned from the Council meeting on the 17th December. The Council has now received the written consent of the adjoining landowner for the percolation area and he was satisfied that the application was in order and Permission could be granted.

Councillor McCormack stated that the ground level of the percolation area was higher than the septic tank and that the system may not work. When the adjoining householder bought his house, he understood that no house would be allowed on this site.

Councillor Welby said that the applicant had met the requirements of the Planning Authority and would do whatever excavation is required for the percolation area.

The County Manager stated that he proposed granting Permission.

Councillor McCormack said that he was against the granting of Planning Permission and proposed that the application be refused. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Senator Killilea asked for permission to withdraw the Section 4 resolution in view of the fact that the application was now in order but the Chairman ruled that the Section 4 resolution could not be withdrawn having been proposed and seconded at the last meeting and adjourned.

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 F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. Molloy, O'Morain, and Welby.

(12)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, Byrne, Deputies Coogan, Donnellan, Cllrs. Kilgannon, McCormack, Mannion, O'Foighil, and Ryan.

(9)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2791 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Knocknacarra Plan:

Senator Killilea stated that he had given a motion on the telephone to the Secretary about the Knocknacarra Plan and he was surprised it was not on the Agenda. He then read out the following motion which he proposed:

"That in the Knocknacarra Area Plan, a new revision take place taking into account the extension of the existing open areas of the 1979 Plan in preference to the new areas now included for adoption in the New Plan."

Senator Killilea indicated areas around the open space in the old plan where no development had taken place. He said if all these areas were reserved as open space together with the numerous small areas of open space in the McGrath planning application and other applications, there would be sufficient open space to meet the needs of the area. Councillor Welby seconded Senator Killilea's motion and it was also supported by Councillor McCormack. Councillor Ryan asked would the motion, if passed, deprive the people of the area of sufficient open space.

The County Manager stated that it was necessary to put this whole question in context and said that in the last County Development Plan, there were two plans for the environs of the City, one for the Eastern and one for the Western Environs which were necessary to cater for the city overspill. Both plans worked well but after some time, it became apparent that the pace of development in the Western Environs was much faster than anticipated. Therefore, about two years ago, he had to initiate a Review of these Plans particularly for the Western Environs and this was one of the most important exercises in the whole Review. During the course of the study, it became clear that open space was needed for playing fields as distinct from incidental open spaces here and there. The Planning Officers told him that they had identified a suitable area for playing fields but there was a problem in that the lands were the subject of a planning application. In deciding on the planning application, he had to take into account the long-term planning and development needs of the area. He said McGrath's lands were most suitable for open space but he had a problem in acquiring the lands as they were not zoned for open space. If the land is zoned for open space, he would proceed to negotiate the purchase in the New Year and if agreement was not reached, he would proceed with Compulsory Purchase.

Senator Killilea said that he was informed that a road through McGrath's lands was proposed and that Mr. McGrath had an agreement with the Planning Officer that if he did not object to the C.P.O., his planning permission would go through.

The County Manager stated that McGrath's lands were affected by the road already being constructed and by another spur road which may or may not be necessary. There was no question of there being a commitment by anyone on a planning application as no one decides on a planning application only the County Manager and such undertakings are not given.

Councillor Byrne said it was only during the week that he had got the proper picture in relation to this problem. The land in question was zoned for housing and about two years ago, a planning application was lodged. After discussions, further information etc., permission was refused and no other developer was held up like this. The Councillors were now being asked to zone the land as open space in order that the Appeal to An Bord Pleanala might be lost.

The County Manager stated that anybody looking at the overall development needs of the area would agree that it was the most suitable for open space. Under the planning law, any land owner aggrieved by the refusal of planning permission may serve a purchase notice on the planning authority to have the land purchased. The County Manager said that he was stating categorically that the land in question was the most suitable for open space and should be acquired by the Planning Authority, but before this could be done, it would be necessary to have it zoned for open space.

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The Chairman stated that he was proposing an amendment to Senator Killilea's motion and proposed that the Council go ahead with the Knocknacarra Plan already approved by the Council and that as soon as it is published, that the County Manager open negotiations with the landowner.

Senator Killilea said that his proposal was a simple one and only involved retaining the open space in the existing plan and zoning other pieces of land around it as open space which were not the subject of planning applications.

The County Manager stated that these small areas referred to by Senator Killilea were too scattered and too small. It was not proper to mix robust 17 and 18 year olds with young children. The whole area had been carefully checked and he was satisfied that the development needs of the area required playing fields. The residents of the area required them, there was a growing population and the land was most suitable.

Councillor O'Foighil asked if the area south of the Knocknacarra road was suitable for playing fields.

The County Manager stated that the Council had a previous discussion on this which made him have a fresh look at the Church lands. Although they were used at present as a playing field, they were in the wrong location and were not suitable and he was clear in his mind that the Council did not want them for playing fields. He strongly recommended that the Council agree to the area zoned for open space in the new Draft Knocknacarra Plan which already had been accepted by the Council.

Deputy Fahey asked would the value of the lands be reduced if it was zoned for open space.

The County Manager replied that it was not a matter for him to plead the vendor's case.

Senator Killilea asked would the County Manager give an assurance that he would proceed to purchase the land immediately if the Council agreed to zone it for open space.

The County Manager stated that with the Council's support, he would start negotiations immediately in the New Year.

Senator Killilea said that he was then withdrawing his motion.

#### Galway City Eastern Environs:

Deputy Fahey stated that sufficient lands were zoned for industrial purposes in the present plan for this area and that in the new Draft, an effort is being made to take away all residential zoning from the Doughiska/Ballybrit areas although a number of Permissions have been granted there already for residential development. He proposed that the zoning be left as it was in the 1979 Plan, i.e., to be the subject of further detailed investigation.

The County Engineer stated that much of the land zoned in the area may not come on the market and therefore, it was necessary to have a sufficient amount of land zoned. He said it would not be proper to allow housing to be intermixed with industry and to do so would discourage industrial development in the area.

Deputy Fahey stated that the I.D.A. has alot of land for industrial development and while he accepts the necessity for a distinction between housing and industry, he considers that the Plan should be more flexible. Cllr. McCormack supported Deputy Fahey saying that it was not necessary to have too large an area zoned industrial.

Mr. Callagy stated that it would be a retrograde step to allow housing to intersperse with industrial development and pointed out that this was the only area zoned for the future expansion of industry in Galway for the next 20 years. It could have serious employment implications and he could not emphasise strongly enough that the land be zoned industrial.

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Deputy Fahey stated that at both ends of the area, there are a significant number of houses and his point was that with further study, the boundaries of the industrial area could be better drawn.

The County Manager stated that he understood Deputy Fahey's point but the over-riding factor was that sufficient land should be zoned for industry and the Council could not afford to allow housing which might adversely affect future industrial development. He said the area would be looked at to see were there any pockets where housing could be allowed and Deputy Fahey accepted this.

Deputy Fahey said that he was proposing that the top of Brierhill be zoned as it was in the existing Plan, i.e., to be reserved for further study.

The County Engineer stated that development here as well as being visually objectionable would create a demand for additional expense in bringing water there. He said that the area is defined on the basis of the contour line having regard to visual considerations and cost of servicing. The County Manager stated that the final outcome of this zoning will be the determination of a contour line above which no development will be allowed. The objective is to prevent development on the top of the hill which everybody would agree with.

The County Engineer stated that if the proposal in the draft Plan is not accepted, then the objectives of the Plan could be frustrated by a planning application.

Deputy Fahey proposed that the zoning for the top of Brierhill remain the same as in the 1979 Plan. There was no seconder.

#### Designation of areas of scenic amenity

The County Manager stated that having considered the initial draft and representations made by the Councillors in the course of the consideration of the draft, revised maps were prepared and considered at a Council meeting on the 30th July, 1984. The scenic areas have now been reduced as a result of previous discussions with the Council and it was now a question of putting the revised draft on display.

Councillor O'Morain stated that while some of the restricted areas had been reduced, development along all the main roads in Connemara was being restricted.

The County Manager stated that this was not correct and that the restricted areas have been reduced. He said that the first draft showed less restrictions than in the present Plan and the second draft is less restrictive again. Mr. Callagy stated that there were clauses in the draft to cater for essential housing needs and taking the overall merits into consideration. According to Bord Failte, scenic areas are a major tourism resource and as well as being provided for in the Regional Strategy, the preservation and improvement of amenities is an obligation under the Planning Act.

Councillor O'Morain mentioned one application which he said was refused five times, but the County Engineer stated that there may be disagreement on some individual cases but that did not mean that all restrictions should be done away with.

Councillor O'Morain said that he is worried about three things - (a) the problem of septic tanks in Connemara; (b) the definition of second family; (c) the right of the landowner to decide where to build.

The County Manager stated that the septic tank problem was being referred to the I.I.R.S. and the use of the expression "second family dwelling" was dealt with in Mr. Callagy's memorandum. As regards the right of a farmer to decide where to build, the County Manager stated that the memorandum also dealt with this and provided for the efficient management of the holding being taken account.



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Councillor O'Morain stated that the applicant should have a choice in deciding the location of a house.

The County Manager stated that you cannot have a plan which ignores the physical characteristics of the landscape and that under the Law, it was the job of the Planning Authority to decide the location of developments in the interests of proper planning and development. The County Manager reminded the Members that in considering a planning application, the Council is restricted to considering the proper planning and development of the area, regard being had to the provisions of the Development Plan.

In reply to Councillor Welby, Mr. Callagy stated that there were no greater restrictions in the draft Plan for the Roscam area than there are in the existing Plan.

Councillor Welby, referring to matters arising out of previous discussions relating to the draft Plan, suggested that they go through Mr. Callagy's memorandum in detail.

Undertaking No. 1 - Designation of Amenity Areas:

On the proposition of Deputy Fahey, the Council agreed to undertaking no. 1 including the revised map showing the revised amenity areas and the changing of wording referred to therein.

Undertaking No. 2 - Caravan Park standards:

The County Manager referred to Mr. Callagy's reply in the memorandum in relation to caravan parks.

Senator Killilea said that he would disagree with all caravan parks having to come up to Bord Failte standards as some owners would not be seeking Bord Failte assistance.

The County Manager agreed that there could be two standards of caravan parks

- (a) Those which would be applying for Bord Failte assistance and <sup>would</sup> have to work up to Bord Failte standards;
- (b) Those who would not be applying for Bord Failte assistance but would have to meet with minimum County Council standards.

Councillor Joyce stated that caravanning was becoming important to a growing number of tourists and if there was only a small number of caravan parks, there would be little competition which could result in overcharging. Cllr. Ryan stated that East and South Galway should also be considered for caravan parks. Senator Killilea asked that a limited stop over period be stipulated for caravan parks but the County Manager explained that the Planning Authority could not enforce this.

The Chairman then declared Undertaking No. 2 agreed subject to the addition of a second category of caravan parks which would be subject to County Council minimum standards.

Undertaking No. 3 - Control of building, design and location:

Undertaking No. 3 was agreed.

Undertaking No. 4 - Completion of housing estates:

It was noted that this was agreed at Council meeting on 10th December, 1984.

Undertaking No. 5 - Provisions relating to housing need of landholders and their families:

The County Manager read Undertaking No. 5. Deputy Fahey proposed that Undertaking No. 5 be agreed subject to the inclusion of a clause providing that where there is a fragmented holding, the applicant should be allowed to build where he wants to subject to planning considerations being complied with.

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The County Manager replied that alternative locations on family lands would be examined having due regard to the loss of any potentially valuable agricultural land and to efficient management of the holding.

Councillor McCormack referred to the desire of parents to have some of their family living near them and he had seen applications for second family dwellings near the parent's house being refused.

The County Manager stated that a clause can be included to take into account the desire of parents to have some of their family living near them.

The County Manager informed Councillor O'Morain that there would be no objection to the deletion of word "populated" in reference to scenic amenity areas.

The Chairman declared Undertaking No. 5 agreed subject to the above amendments.

Undertaking No. 6 - Development Control on National Routes:

It was noted that this was agreed at the Council meeting on the 10th December, 1984.

Page 4 of Mr. Callagy's memorandum - Issue No. 1:

Issue no. 1 was agreed.

Issue No. 2 - Encouragement of the Arts:

It was noted that existing legislation would not allow conditions requiring the inclusion of works of art in large developments but the Planning Authority would encourage it.

Issue No. 3 - Commercial Development:

It was noted that this Issue was agreed at Council Meeting on 10th December, 1984.

Issue No. 4 - Development Contributions:

The County Manager stated that the matter referred to herein was a matter of Law and this was accepted.

Issue No. 5 - Effluent disposal from septic tanks, etc.

The County Manager stated that this item was agreed at the Council meeting on 10th December, 1984.

Councillor O'Morain asked would the Study by the I.I.R.S. relate only to future septic tank developments or would existing septic tanks be examined. The County Engineer replied that both would be subject to the Study but that the existing septic tanks would only be examined to gain information as to how they were functioning.

Referring to the Archaeological Survey of County Galway, Councillor Joyce said that when the survey is completed, it would be a very important document and suggested that it be divided up into Electoral Areas and published.

Issue No. 5 was agreed.

Issue No. 6

The County Manager read the reply to issue No. 6 of the memorandum.

Councillor O'Morain said that he objected to the use of such words as obtrusiveness, etc., which were used in refusing Planning Permission.

The County Manager stated that these expressions were part of the language of the planning process the world over.

Issue No. 6 was agreed, Councillor O'Morain dissenting.

Additions made since first draft was considered by the Council:

The following additions to the section on Development Control and as set out in pages 6 to 11 of the memorandum were agreed. They related to the following:

Residential Amenity.  
Interference with heritage areas and buildings.  
Shop fronts.  
Housing estate development (now to be called Residential Development in serviced areas) relating to open space, landscaping, naming and numbering of streets, residents associations, playing fields.  
Housing development in industrially zoned lands.  
Advertising structures.

Area of Special Development Control:

Deputy Fahey asked what were the requirements of the Plan in relation to the area of special development control around Galway City. He referred to the provisions in the existing Plan and said that the restrictions were applying too far out the Monivea, Athenry and other roads.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh stated that if Deputy Fahey was referring to Table No. 6, Area no. 1 on page 42 of the present Plan that the Council was not refusing Permissions where the site requirements were otherwise complied with.

Deputy Fahey proposed that the area of special development control around Galway City be reduced and that Clauses (a) and (b) of Table No. 6, page 2 of the present Plan be omitted. In order to ease the restrictions in the area, he suggested that the restricted area be limited to an area extending approximately four miles from the city boundary.

It was explained that the main provision of Table No. 6 referred to, related to a minimum site requirement for applicants other than cases of specified housing need. The County Manager agreed to reduce the area where this provision applies to a smaller area as suggested by Deputy Fahey and this was agreed.

It was then proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:

"That having completed the Review of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway, exclusive of the scheduled towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea, and Tuam, and the environs of the town of Tuam as defined in the said Development Plan made on 29th January, 1979, and having examined and agreed a draft of the proposed Development Plan for the said area, the Galway County Council hereby recommends publication of the draft as amended in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements."

Councillor O'Morain asked to be recorded as dissenting from this decision.

The County Manager then referred to the fact that the statutory period for the Review of the Plan would expire on the 29th January, 1985, and that it was necessary to apply to the Minister for an extension of time. It was then proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council having undertaken a review of the County Development Plan made on 29th January, 1979, and having determined that the said review cannot be completed within the period prescribed for such review in Section 20(1) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as extended by Order of the Minister for the Environment dated 13th October, 1983, direct that application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend in accordance with Section 20(1A) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 43 1(f) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, the said prescribed period as it affects the Development Plan for County Galway in the following manner:-

(1) To 30th June, 1986, as regards the Scheduled Towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea and Tuam, and the environs of the Scheduled Town of Tuam as defined in the Development Plan made on 29th January, 1979.

and

(2) To 30th June, 1985, as regards the County Health District of Galway exclusive of the said Scheduled Towns and the said environs of Tuam."

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. Kavanagh for his service as Acting Secretary pending the permanent filling of the post of County Secretary. The Members and the County Manager also joined in the tribute to Mr. Kavanagh.

The Chairman then wished everybody Happy Christmas.

2792 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Micheal O Conghaile (Seainin), Coill Rua Thiar, Indreabhan, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
Mrs. James Campbell, Attigara, Portumna, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Charles Mullins, Bridge Road, Portumna.  
Mr. Tony Devine, Lowville, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED +

CONFIRMED:

John M. Whannon. CHAIRMAN

23/1/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

21st January, 1985.

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, 28th January, 1985, commencing at 3.00 p.m., to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

E. GLEESON,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

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

1. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Seamus Concannon, c/o John P. Kelly, Cloon, Claregalway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Summerfield. - Planning Reference No. 48212."  
  
Frank Fahey. John Molloy. Paddy Ruane.
2. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Joseph McDonagh, c/o Martin McDonagh, Maimin, Leitirmoir, for erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Knock, Lettermullen. - Planning Ref. No. 49288."  
  
Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Micheal S. O'Morain. P. O'Foighil.
3. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Mr. James Goaley of Balroebuck, Corrandulla, for erection of septic tank at Mullaghdrum, Corrandulla. - Planning Ref. No. 49088."  
  
Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. Michael Fahy.
4. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Joseph Burke of Kilglass, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, for dwellinghouse at Mountain, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe. - Planning Ref. No. 49047."  
  
Paul Connaughton. Michael P. Kitt. Joe Callanan.
5. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Gerard Fahy, Carrownamona, Ardrahan, County Galway, permission for entrance to dwellinghouse at Carrownamona, Ard-  
rahan, Co. Galay. - Planning Ref. No. 49345."  
  
Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. John Molloy. Tony Murphy.

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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 Planning Permission to Miss Cecelia Giles, Killeely Mor, Killecolgan, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 49242."  
  
Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. John Molloy. Tony Murphy.
7. "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 Kieran Moran, for the erection of a shed for storage and sale of motor cars at Glenascaul, Oranmore. - Planning Ref. No. 49060."  
  
P. McCormack. Paddy Ruane. Michael Fahy.
8. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Mrs. Margaret Keaveney, c/o William Winston, Knockdoe, Claregalway, for a Garden Centre and the erection of a sign at Cappanabornia."  
  
Paul Connaughton. Frank Fahey. Michael Kitt.
8. "Application for Outline Planning Permission for dwellinghouse and septic tank at Aille - Applicant: Prionsias O Fatharta - Planning Ref. No. 48981."  
  
(This application was the subject of a Section 4 Resolution in the names of Councillors P. O'Foighil, Nioclás O'Conchubhair, and Padraic McCormack at Special Meeting of 17th December, 1984.)

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillor G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, P. Coogan, J. Donnellan, 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. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2793 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Council passed a resolution of sympathy to Mr. Miko Kelly, Member of Tuam Town Commissioners on the recent death of his mother.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy O'Loughlin & Family, Poulmagann, Kinvara.  
Mrs. Mulhern, University Road, Galway.  
Mrs. Owen Spelman, Garrymore, Aghrim, Ballinasloe.

2794 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48212 - APPLICANT: SEAMUS CONCANNON.

The County Engineer indicated that this application had been deferred from the December Meeting in order to clarify whether or not the applicant, Mr. Concannon, was in a position to gain access to the proposed site from the minor road to the south-west. The applicant's Agent had written to the Council stating that Mr. Concannon was not the owner of the lands between his site and the minor road and that he was unable to obtain a right of way over the lands from the landowner. He was not, therefore, able to provide an alternative access to the site proposed for the development. The report and recommendation on the proposal were as set out in the Report circulated to each Member for the December Meeting of the Council. Refusal of Permission was recommended. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that three planning permissions had been granted on the opposite side of the road. He proposed that planning permission be granted to Mr. Concannon. Councillors P. Ruane seconded Deputy Fahey's proposal.

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

2795 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49288 - JOSEPH McDONAGH.

The County Engineer stated that further information had been requested by letter dated 25th January, 1985, in relation to this application and that the Section 4 Resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2796 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49088 - APPLICANT: JAMES GOALEY.

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 1/2 mile from Corrandulla village on the Corrandulla to Loughgeorge Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 32077 - Outline Permission granted for the replacement of an old substandard house to Mr. Martin Hynes who claimed that it was for his own occupation.

Ref. No. 42174 - Permission granted for house to Mr. James Goaley on condition that the house be serviced by means of a patent chemical closet. This condition was not appealed.

Ref. No. 44654 - Permission refused for a septic tank on the site - applicant James Goaley.

Ref. No. 48671 - Permission refused for septic tank on the site - applicant James Goaley.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Outline Permission was granted originally on this small and restricted site on the basis of a claim by the landowner that he was replacing an old substandard house for his own occupation. He stated on his application form that he would construct the septic tank in accordance with the County Councils standard conditions but it did not advert to the fact that there was a water supply source on adjacent land close to the rear of his site. The Outline Permission was granted in ignorance of this fact.

The original applicant, Mr. Hynes, sold the site to Mr. Goaley who applied for permission almost three years later, at which time the owner of the adjacent land objected on the grounds of the likelihood of his water supply being polluted by septic tank effluent. Permission was granted to Mr. Goaley stipulating that no septic tank be constructed and that a chemical closet be used. Two subsequent applications seeking permission for a septic tank were unsuccessful and in no case was there an appeal.

The position remains the same and it is not possible to discharge septic tank effluent on this site without a serious risk of pollution to the adjacent water supply source, whose owner continues to object to the proposal.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located in proximity to a bore hole source of water supply and would be liable to constitute a public health hazard."

The County Engineer also read the following report of the Chief Medical Officer which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"The proposed septic tank and percolation area will be sited approximately 100 ft. from nearby bored well serving neighbours house and there is liable to be contamination of the water supply by septic tank effluent if permission is granted. Due to the size of this site, it is not possible to relocate the septic tank and percolation area at a safe distance from boring."

In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer indicated that a neighbouring landowner was objecting to the Permission and that there was no way in which the site involved would accommodate the septic tank. At the request of Councillor Welby, the Section 4 resolution was withdrawn.

2797 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49047 - APPLICANT: JOSEPH BURKE.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on Regional Route 358 from Mountbellew to Ballinasloe approximately 1/2 mile north of Ahascragh.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Reference No. 48630: Permission refused to Mr. Joe Burke for dwellinghouse on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is just south of a reverse road bend on the Regional Route where sight distance is restricted due to tall and dense tree and hedgerow growth along the road frontage. In assessing the previous application on the site the applicant was asked if he could improve sight distance by having the neighbouring landowner set back the roadside fence at the bend or alternatively relocate his vehicular access further from the bend. He was not able to achieve either solution and a refusal issued.

The present application is similar to the previous one and the applicant has now cut down the high hedge along his frontage to improve visibility. It is still, however, deficient, giving a sight distance of approximately 90 metres as against an emergency stopping distance requirement of 130 metres. It is, therefore, consistent with the previous decision to recommend refusal as follows:

1. The proposed development would create a serious traffic hazard because of inadequate sight distance available in a northerly direction at any access proposed from the site. The proposed site is located close to a bend on a busy regional route where the maximum speed limit applies."

Deputy P. Connaughton stated that the applicant did not own any other land other than 2 1/2 acres in that area. The man had cleared fences and he proposed that Planning Permission be granted. Deputy M. Kitt seconded Deputy Connaughton's proposal and stated that the applicant has cut down hedge rows on either side and was endeavouring to acquire land which was for sale adjacent to his site. There were title difficulties in relation to the land involved. The County Engineer indicated that he was concerned for the safety of the applicant and was not interested in the land acquisition. The bend was a bad one and there would always be the risk of accidents. There was no possibility of the Council carrying out improvement works in the foreseeable future.

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

2798 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49345 - APPLICANT: GERARD FAHY.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The proposed development is located on the Galway/Limerick National Primary Route approximately one mile south of Labane and outside the speed limits.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 31021 - Permission was originally granted in 1979 for a dwellinghouse on the grounds that a second family house was involved, but subject to the provision that the proposed dwelling share an access onto the National Primary Route with the existing dwelling on the adjoining site which was granted to the applicant's brother.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:

The proposal is to change the terms of the original Permission which included the condition that the access be shared with that of the applicant's brothers house. There was a subsequent application to regularise a change of house design which was commenced without Permission and just last year, there were two Section 4 grants of Permission to the applicant's father for a site just across the road on the plea that the site was to be sold to aid the repayment of the loan on this present site.

The proliferation of accesses on the National Routes will increase the accident risk and reduce the level of service of the roadways. This principle has been debated in detail in the review of the County Development Plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:-

The proposed development involving the provision of an additional access onto the National Primary Route would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict the proliferation of individual accesses onto the National Primary Route and to encourage the use of shared accesses in the interests of traffic safety."

The County Engineer indicated that if Planning Permission was granted in this case, there would be four accesses at 25 yard intervals along a National Primary Road. There was a grave risk of a severe accident in such circumstances. Councillor M. Fahy proposed that planning permission be granted. He referred to the difficulties of sharing an access and the problems that could arise if the house was being sold in the future. Deputy Frank Fahey seconded Councillor M. Fahy's proposal. Councillor J. Burke stated that the County Engineer's report indicated the hazards involved and he proposed that planning permission not be given. Councillor J. Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's amendment.

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 F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane and Welby.

(15)

AGAINST:

Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor T. Byrne, Deputies Connaughton, Coogan, Donnellan, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Mannion, O'Foighil, and Ryan.

(14)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2799 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49242 - APPLICANT: MISS CECILIA GILES.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on the Galway/Limerick national primary route approximately 400 metres on the south side of the Kilcolgan speed limit.

HISTORY:

Permission was originally granted to the applicant in 1981 (Planning Reference Number 39410) on the grounds that a second family house was involved but subject to an enurement clause entitling only the applicant to benefit from the Permission.

In February, 1984, the applicant re-applied requesting that the enurement clause be lifted for the purpose of selling the site and resolving some financial difficulties. This application was refused on traffic safety grounds and on the grounds that it was contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority (planning reference number 47648). The decision was not appealed.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The present application is essentially an attempt to have the enurement clause lifted. The Planning Authority's policy on this issue, however, is clear which is that only cases of substantiated housing need are permitted on national primary routes. The Planning Authority would be willing to grant Permission if the enurement clause were included.

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 contravene Section 6.02 No. 3 of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the housing needs of landowners. As it is proposed to sell the site the development would not be in the permitted categories."

Councillor M. Fahy proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. His proposal was seconded by Councillor Tony Murphy. Councillor Joe Brennan stated that it was clear that the enurement clause was included in the Permission originally granted to the applicant. He proposed that Planning Permission be not granted. Councillor Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's amendment.

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, Clrs. Byrne, Callanan, Deputies Coogan, Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(21)

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Deputy Connaughton, Councillors Glynn, Holland, Mannion, and Ryan.

(7)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2800 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49060 - APPLICANT: KIERAN MORAN.

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 Glenascaul, Oranmore, on the N.64 Claregalway to Oranmore Route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 15128: Outline Permission for two houses refused by the Planning Authority but granted on Appeal to the Minister - applicant: Miss Mary Walsh.

Ref. No. 17293: Permission granted for above two houses to Reck Forge Ltd.

Ref. No. 42324: Permission granted for retention of house to Mr. Aran Bhan.

Ref. No. 43135: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala for a house on a subdivision of this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This applicant has been selling cars from his site curtailage without Permission since Autumn 1983. He was served with a warning notice to cease the unauthorised development in February of 1984 but disregarded this and continued trading. The developer is to be prosecuted in the District Court in March. He lodged this application on 25th October last and requested an extension of time so as to clarify his proposal. This was done by Councillor McCormack just after Christmas. Councillor McCormack stated that the applicant had lost his job in the motor business and decided to start his own business on this site.

This National route has been under considerable pressure for development in recent years since work commenced on the realignment of the route. Permission was granted for commercial warehouse development just 200 metres from this site so as to cater for such demand while preventing ribbonisation along the route with a consequent diminution of the investment in road realignment. Very little development has taken place on the commercial site because of the lack of demand in the market, and there is adequate capacity on site to cater for this car sales business without further reducing the level of service and safety of the route.

The draft County Development Plan imposes a Class 1 control on this route precluding all new commercial and industrial development. A grant such as is proposed makes little sense after the comprehensive debate on road safety during consideration of the plan and the subsequent adoption of absolute restriction on this type of development.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

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."

The County Engineer stated that he was recommending strongly that this application be refused. The applicant was carrying on a commercial business illegally. The road was an important one and there was a high risk of accident involved because of the development. If the applicant wanted to establish his business properly, he should find a premises which was permissible from a planning point of view. Councillor P. McCormack proposed that the planning permission be granted. He had seen the site himself and shed which the applicant was using was well screened off. The applicant had been made redundant and was endeavouring to make a living. The cost of an alternative site would be of the order of £22,000. Councillor Michael Fahy seconded the proposal. Councillor J. Burke stated that he had great sympathy

for the applicant but that the Council had to ensure safety on its roads. He was not in favour of granting the Permission.

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

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

(23)

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

(5)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2801 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49460 - APPLICANT: MARGARET KEAVENEY.

The County Engineer stated that this was much the same proposal as that which was dealt with by the Council as a Section 4 Motion at the August Meeting of the Council, Planning Reference Number 48174. The Section 4 Motion was defeated and the Refusal of Permission issued. The County Engineer read the following report which had been circulated to each Member:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the Galway side of Morahan and Hughes, Builders Providers, at Two-Mile-Ditch, approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile outside the 40 m.p.h. speed limit on the Galway/Tuam Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 28837: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and A. Bord Pleanala for six houses on a larger site which includes this site.

Ref. No. 34347: Outline Permission granted for a warehouse and offices on the larger site.

Ref. No. 41683: Approval granted to Morahan and Hughes for offices and warehouse.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is a subdivision of a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  acre site on which Morahan and Hughes were granted Permission for their business premises. A grant of Planning Permission on this subdivision would affect the Permission granted to Morahan and Hughes in that their permission would have to be regularised on a smaller site if complications were not arise in the event of any future sale of the premises.

The site is located on the N.17 Route where the maximum speed limit applies and where the County Development Plan restricts development to the family needs of farm holders. The pressures for development along the section of the route have been considerable and there is a danger of continuous ribbonisation stretching to Claregalway unless a farm policy of restricting development is adopted.

A recent application for an extension to Kings Building Centre on a nearby site was refused because the undue intensification of the development would constitute a traffic hazard on the National Route.

There have been consultations with the applicant and Minister Connaughton and Deputy Fahey concerning this development.

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 6.02 table No. 3 of the County Development Plan which restricts commercial developments along this route."

Deputy Paul Connaughton proposed that the Permission be granted. He stated that an existing entrance would be used and that the development was badly needed in the area. Deputy Frank Fahey seconded the proposal. He stated that Outline Permission had been granted for a warehouse and offices on a larger site and full planning permission should be granted. In reply to a query raised by Councillor F. Glynn regarding the differences between Planning Reference number 28837 and 34347, it was agreed to write to him regarding his query. As there was no objection, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2802 - APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PERMISSION FOR DWELLINGHOUSE AND SEPTIC TANK AT AILLE - APPLICANT: PRIONNSIAS O FATHARTA - PLANNING REF. NO. 48981.

The County Manager outlined the background to this case. He quoted from a letter from the Council's Law Agent indicating that it would be unlawful for the Manager to make a decision in this case as it was not in accordance with proper planning and development. Councillor O'Foighil expressed regret that the matter had only been placed before the Members on the day of the meeting and felt that the Councillors who had submitted the Section 4 Resolution should have been consulted. He outlined the difficulties in relation to septic tanks in the Connemara area. The applicant had got two acres of land from his father and he felt that some system could be devised to facilitate the septic tank. The County Manager again outlined the legal position if the Council did not consider the proper planning and development of the area. He also pointed out that there was the possibility that the Council could be made liable in any cause of action that might arise for damages in the future. Clr. O'Conchubhair stated that the applicant had made every effort to satisfy the requirements of the Council and that some method <sup>should</sup> be devised to accommodate the applicant. The County Manager indicated that a second inspection had been carried on the site since the last meeting. The whole site had been re-examined and it was clear that a septic tank would not work. In reply to Councillor O'Foighil, the County Manager indicated that a fresh application would have to be submitted if the case was to be re-examined. Councillor O'Foighil proposed that the March Meeting of the Council be held in Colaiste Lurgan and that the question of septic tanks in the Connemara area be put on the Agenda. He stated that he could arrange for inspection of certain sites by the Council. Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded Councillor O'Foighil's proposal. The Chairman stated that if Councillor O'Foighil wished to pursue his proposal, he could raise it under Manager's business later on the Agenda.

2803 - KNOCKNACARRA LAND:

In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Manager indicated that negotiations were in progress for the acquisition of the Knocknacarra land.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John M. Mannion. CHAIRMAN

25/2/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

2lu 1a Eanair, 1985.

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, Gaillimhe, De Luain, 28u la Eanair, 1985, ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
  - (a) Special meeting 10th December, 1984.
  - (b) Special Meeting 17th December, 1984.
  - (c) Monthly Meeting 17th December, 1984.
  - (d) Special Meeting 21st December, 1984.
2. Fix date for statutory Estimates Meeting.  
(Copy of Department Circular Fin. 27/84 enclosed.)
3. Town Development Plans - arrangements for Review.
4. Supplementary Welfare Allowances Demand.
5. Sale of houses to the following tenants:  
James & Eileen Fannon, Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.  
James Ryan, 6, Caherroyne Drive, Athenry, Co. Galway.  
Frank & Anne Darcy, 8, New Street, Headford, Co. Galway.  
Peter & Bridie Brennan, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.  
(Notices dated 15th January, 1985, refer.)  
  
Barbara & Martin Kelly, c/o 1, Coen House, Salthill, Galway.  
(Notice dated 17th January, 1985, refers.)
6. Special contribution Aille (Barna) Group Water Supply Scheme. (Revised resolution)
7. Special contribution Derrydonnell Group Water Scheme.
8. Circular letters of 16th January, 1985, from the County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission, regarding Electoral Area boundaries and proposal to constitute the Borough of Galway as a County Borough.
9. Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme.
10. International Youth Year 1985.
11. Local Authority Members's Association Annual Conference for Elected Members on 22nd-24th February, 1985.
12. Galway Youth Seminar.

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13. New Planning Regulations (Memorandum herewith).
14. Drainage of Dunkellin River. (Copy of letter dated 15th January, 1985, from the Office of Public Works attached.)
15. Malicious Injury Decrees (list herewith).
16. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTIONCOUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will ask:

1. If Galway County Council has submitted the Gortgarrow Water Scheme at Dunmore to the Department.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

2. That Galway County Council take over the Liss Group Water Scheme, Headford.
3. That the County Council surface dress the Caher road, Maheramore, Oughterard, past John Coyne's and Christy Connolly's houses. This is a County Road.

COUNCILLOR PADDY RUANE - I will propose:

4. That Galway County Council remove an old wall beside Hession's house, Claregalway to give a view to motorists coming out of Montaugh Village.
5. That traffic lights be erected at Claregalway junction near Church also to pin down motorists to observe the 30 mile speed limit at Claregalway.
6. That the clay banks on the Carnmore/Monivea County Road be removed so as to widen this road for safety.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

7. That Galway County Council would repair the Trihill Road, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe and would remove the briars and bushes which are overgrown on to this road.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

8. Galway County Council give attention to the County Roads in Ballinderreen, Aran, Tyrone, Castlecolgan, Mulrook. There are very large potholes in some of these roads.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

9. That Galway County Council declare public the road into the Fahy Estate at Claremount, Oughterard.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

10. That the County Council release money intended as contribution towards Rawfee (Caherlistrane) Group Water Scheme.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

11. That this Council make provisions to prevent flooding on the County Road at Shankill, Corrandulla, opposite Paddy and Brendan Newell's dwellinghouse.
12. A resolution at the next meeting requesting the Minister for Agriculture to finalize a leasing agreement with the Roscahill Group Water Scheme Committee for the development of bogs at Ardderroo. Bord na Mona has given a provisional sanction in this case subject to the lease from the Minister.

13. What is the up-to-date position regarding the Barna Pier? I understand that the Department of the Gaeltacht are in consultation with the County Council regarding the provision of lights on the pier, also the Office of Public Works propose cleaning up the anchorage beds by the pier.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

14. That the Government allow the £5,000 Housing Grant be made payable to all who are in rented local authority housing or are on local authority housing lists.
15. That the Department of Finance be asked to investigate means to alleviate the crippling burden of bridging finance for those purchasing or building their own homes.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose: (Continued) 4.

16. That the ceiling for the H.F.A. loans be raised to £12,000.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:

17. Ba mhaith liom staid sgeim uisge Rosmuc a fhiosru.
18. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go dtoigfi an sean-lorrai as barr na gCrumpan.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

19. Galway County Council surface and tar 36 feet of road at Crowe Street, Gort, and take over and maintain same.

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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.
Desmond Madden, 35, Cardinal Cushing Road, Mervue, Galway.	Damage to a wall and sixty tins of paint.	Borough of Galway.	£1,353.15	£834.01
Jarlath O'Brien, Lowville, Ahascragh, B'Sloe.	Damage to Suzuki Motor Cycle.	County at large.	£300.00	£261.00
John Brennan, 200, Upper Salthill, Galway.	Damage to property.	County at large.	£1,000.00	£1,556.51
Deirdre Manifold, Quay Street, Glaway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway.	£300.00	£279.90
Uister Bank Ltd., 47, Donegall Place, Belfast.	Damage to property.	Borough of Galway.	£250.00	£317.45
Michael Hyland, Barnahown, Araglin, Kilworth, Co. Clare.	Damage to Land Rover Reg. No. KDM 266K and damage to cab of a swamp machine.	County at large.	£800.00	£488.89
Cantrell & Cochrane Group Ltd., Kylemore Park South, Dublin, 10.	Replacement of door at premises at Ballybane Industrial Estate.	County at large.	£1,000	£322.63
Liam O'Toole, Kilroe, Inverin.	Damage to windscreen and side window of J.C.B. vehicle.	County at large.	£342.16	£197.47
Colm McGuinness, 45, Dun na Mara, Renmore.	Damage to car by fire.	County at large.	£800.00	£298.53
Martin McNamara, 74, Grattan Park, Galway.	Damage to car by fire.	County at large.	£3,000	£2,186.80
Gerard Lynn, c/o International Hotel, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£150.00	£220.73

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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
James Kenny, Main Street, Oughterard.	Damage to windowns and front door.	County at large.	£500.00	£246.91
Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.	Damage to property.	County at large.	£350.00	£143.26
Portumna Hotels Ltd., Portumna, Co. galway.	Damage to plate glass window.	County at large.	£859.10	£189.02
Gerard Lynn, c/o International Hotel, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£2,000	£1,274.21
Lough Derg Vintners Ltd., Confert.	Damage to cash register and plate glass products.	County at large.	£7,500	£315.06
Alphonsus Duffy, Killimor, Co. Galway.	Damage to two doors and plate glass panes.	County at large.	£460.00	£334.93
Michael O'Flaherty, Knock, Inverin, Co. Galway.	Damage to motor car.	County at large.	£15,000	£1,939.73
Department of Justice.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£3,000	£4,986.00
Hugh McGrath, c/o Eglinton Street, Garda Station, Galway.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£220.50	£185.73
Rum Spirits Ltd., 228, Upper Salthill, Galway.	Damage to front window.	Borough of Galway.	£200.00	£179.00
Galway Diocesan Trustees.	Damage to property.	Borough of Galway.	£600.00	£392.25
Noel Finan, Lenaboy, Rahoan, Galway.	Damage to plate glass window.	Borough of Galway.	£100.00	£117.00