

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
William Kelly, 6, Parkavera, Galway.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£928.24	£271.25
Michael Kenny & Sons, River Street, Ballinasloe.	Damage to property.	County at large.	£80.00	£97.25
Industrial Development Authority.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£500.00	£328.45
Matthew Lohan, Cashla, Athenry.	Damage to property.	County at large.	£1,500.00	£1,416.73
Michael Folan, Cornarone, Inverin.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£200.00	£259.92
Philip Farrell, Rockfield Cross, Athenry.	Damage to property.	County at large.	£1,655.00	£1,754.23
John Kelleher, Salthill Service Station, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to property.	County at large.	£500.00	£215.23
Martin Treacy, Rathruddy, Loughrea.	Damage to car.	County at large.	£1,000	££359.93
Christopher Dooley, Polleeny, Furbo.	Damage to crane.	County at large.	£200.00	£170.47
Deirdre Manifold, Quay Street, Galway.	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway.	£175.00	£279.90
George Irwin, 33, Shantalla Road, Galway.	Damage to property.	Borough of Galway.	£42.90	£110.27

COMHAIRLE CHOINTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/4/174

15th. January, 1985.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Irish Land Commission.

Location:- Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Persons to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

James & Eileen Fannon of: Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe,
Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2,881.00

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.

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/1436

15th. January, 1985.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Mrs. K. Smith, Corrib Terrace, Galway.

Location:- Caherroyn, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

James Ryan of: 6 Caherroyn Drive, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £12,500.00.

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.

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/10/1498

15th. January, 1985.

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:- Oliver Varley, Headford, Co. Galway.
Fintan O'Malley, High Street, Headford,
Co. Galway.
Martin O'Malley, St. George's Square,
Headford, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary Divilly, The Square House,
Headford, Co. Galway.

Persons to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Frank & Anne Darcy of: 8 New Street, Headford, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £16,597.

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.

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/3/1433

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The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Diocesan Trustees.

Location:- Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.

Persons to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Peter & Bridie Brennan, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £13,258.00

The conditions to be included in the sale will contain, among other the conditions as specified in the Form of Transfer Order prescribe 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.

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

17th January, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: Proposed Sale of Land at Moycullen

A Chara,

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot Acres</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
Barbara and Martin Kelly	5	0.085	£945.00

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

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County Secretary.

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E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE MONTHLY 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.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputies P. Connaughton, F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, 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, 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, Assitant 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.

2804 - COUNTY SECRETARY:

The Chairman introduced Mr. E. Gleeson who had recently taken up duty as County Secretary with the Council. He welcomed Mr. Gleeson to Galway. The Councillors present associated themselves with the Chairman's remarks. Mr. Gleeson thanked the Chairman and the Members for their words of welcome.

2805 - MID-GALWAY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The chairman agreed to allow a discussion on the Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme which appeared at number 9 on the Agenda. Deputy Paul Connaughton stated that the Mid-Galway Group Water Scheme was intended to serve in the order of 1,700 houses. It was mooted about 10 years ago and was now in a position to start work on the construction of the scheme. He was concerned that it now appeared that Galway County Council wanted to construct a major portion of the scheme as such an arrangement could result in further delays in getting the scheme to construction stage. He stated that there were about 15 miles of pipeline involved and the job could be more costly and take much longer if the Council were to take on the construction of it. He stated that the group should be allowed to go ahead and that they were agreeable to whatever controls would be laid down by the Council. A number of Councillors spoke in favour of allowing the group to go ahead and construct the mains involved.

The County Manager stated that he appreciated the merits of the scheme. The estimated cost of a subvention to meet increased pipe sizes was of the order of £750,000 which would be met by the Council by way of raising a loan. He would be personally accountable for the proper spending of an amount of that magnitude and he was not in favour of handing over this amount of money to a Group Scheme. He was proposing that the County Council who had experience in work of this nature, would carry out the work and he would take steps to do so. He had informed the Department of the Environment that the Council proposed to carry out the work and he was agreeable to provide for the loan charges involved in the 1985 Estimates. In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, the County Manager stated that no job of this magnitude had come before the Council by way of Group Scheme before. The Council would have no control on the spending of this money. He would urge the Department of the Environment to clear the scheme on the lines suggested by him and it was not correct to say that he was holding up the scheme. In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager indicated that he was seeking approval from the Department of the Environment and that subject to such approval, the time scale for getting the scheme to final tender stage would be of the order of three months. He would give a precise time scale to

the Council at the next monthly meeting. The Council agreed with the County Manager's proposal.

2806 - ROSMUC WATER SCHEME:

In reply to Councillor M. O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that he intended providing for the loan charges for the Rosmuc Water Supply in the 1985 Estimates.

2807 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ruane, seconded by Councillor Holland, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Meeting on 10th December, 1984.
- (b) Special meeting on 17th December, 1984.
- (c) Monthly meeting on 17th December, 1984.
- (d) Special meeting on 21st December, 1984.

2808 - STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING:

It was agreed that the Statutory Estimates Meeting for 1985 be held on Monday, 18th February, 1985, at 3.30 p.m.

It was agreed to hold an Estimates Committee meeting after the first Estimates Meeting. The County Manager indicated that the Roadworks Scheme would be available for discussion at the Estimates Meeting.

2809 - COMMITTEES FOR REVIEW OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT PLANS:

It was agreed on the suggestion of the County Manager that the Members from the appropriate Electoral Areas be formed into Committees for the purposes of dealing with the Town Development Plans. The Members of the Loughrea Area would deal with the Athenry, Gort and Loughrea Plans; the Members of the Tuam Electoral Area would deal with the Tuam Plan; and the Members of the Connemara Electoral Area would deal with the Clifden Plan. It was agreed that meetings of the Committees would be called as appropriate as soon as the Draft Plans became available. It was agreed that the fixing of dates for the Review of the Plans would be placed on the Agenda for the February Meeting.

2810 - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES DEMAND:

The County Manager informed the Council that the Western Health Board had instructed the Chief Executive Officer to institute proceedings for the payment of outstanding amounts in respect of Supplementary Welfare Allowances Demand. He indicated that a letter had been received from the Health Board's Solicitors requesting payment within 7 days. He outlined the seriousness of the situation and the serious financial crisis which the Council would find itself in if the amount demanded by the Health Board had to be paid. He referred to the document which had been circulated to the Members with the Agenda for a previous meeting outlining the serious inequities in the way in which the Demand was calculated. He stated that the Council had an amicable relationship with the Health Board at all times but that there was serious inequality in the present arrangement and the Council should seek a solution for the future and a resolution of the present problem of arrears.

Deputy John Donnellan stated that the other Counties in the Western Health Board Area were also involved. A meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 6th February, between the Ministers for Finance, Environment, and Health & Social Welfare, to discuss the problem. Councillor O'Morain thanked the Council Officials who had traced the inequities of the scheme and stated that the Council should consider allowing the case to go to Court. Cllr. J. Burke stated that it was his information that the Council had a very good case and should consider allowing the matter to go to Court. The County Manager stated that he would not discuss the Council's defence in public in the event of Court proceedings later.

Councillor E. Haverty stated that as Chairman of the Health Board, he wished to point out that the Board were compelled to take action because of the serious financial situation in which it found itself. He hoped that the Ministers would take action to solve the problem at the forthcoming meeting. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, and passed:

"THAT having considered the decision of the Western Health Board to institute proceedings against Galway County Council regarding the Supplementary Welfare Demand, and in the absence of adequate resources available to the Council to meet such a demand, this Council requests:

1. THAT the Western Health Board be asked to defer any further action in relation to the matter until a meeting between the Minister for the Environment, the Minister for Finance, and the Minister for Health and Social Welfare takes place.
2. THAT the Council convey its serious concern at this development and urge that the matter be resolved at Ministerial level.
3. THAT the Council call on the Taoiseach to intervene with a view to resolving the difficulties involved.
4. THAT in view of the fact that this Council has at all times paid an amount in respect of Supplementary Welfare in line with the resources available to it, the Council points out to all concerned the inequitable method in which State subvention has been allocated to meet demands such as this.
5. THAT the Council renew its request to the Minister for Health and Social Welfare to receive a deputation to discuss the problems involved."

2811 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor M. 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 15th and 17th January, 1985, 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) James & Eileen Fannon, Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.
- (b) James Ryan, 6, Caherroyne Drive, Athenry, Co. Galway.
- (c) Frank & Ann Darcy, 8, New Street, Headford, Co. Galway.
- (d) Peter & Bridie Brennan, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.
- (e) Barbara & Martin Kelly, c/o 1, Coen House, Salthill, Galway."

2812 - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION AILLE (BARNA) GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor T. Welby, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan 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 such source as may be approved by the Minister and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

2813 - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION DERRYDONNELL GROUP WATER SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ryan, seconded by Councillor Pól Ó'Foighil and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £9,580 for a special contribution for Derrydonnell Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from such source as may be approved by the Minister and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

2814 - COUNTY AND COUNTY BOROUGH ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARIES COMMISSION - ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARIES AND PROPOSAL TO CONSTITUTE THE BOROUGH OF GALWAY AS A COUNTY BOROUGH

The County Manager gave details of all the information available to the Council in regard to the County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission and in regard to the correspondence received from the Commission. He drew the Members' attention to the fact that the Boundaries Commission had requested written submissions not later than Friday, 8th February, 1985. The review of boundary changes was being undertaken for representation purposes and there were separate proposals in regard to the granting of County Borough status to the Borough of Galway and to boundary variations. He had discussed the documentation with the Members of Galway Borough Council and they had asked him to suggest to Galway County Council that the Members for the Galway Electoral Area be constituted as a Committee for the purpose of discussing the proposals with the Members of the Borough Council. It had been suggested that the Joint Meeting might be held on the 31st January, 1985. The Borough Council were anxious for an alteration of boundaries to accommodate their planning and development needs. It was his understanding that the legislation as proposed was not intended to provide for development needs. Once the Borough became a County Borough, there was provision in existing legislation for compensation to cushion the effect of changes. There were serious financial implications for the County Council and Ballinasloe Urban District Council if boundary changes were implemented. Nevertheless, the proposal to constitute the Borough of Galway as a County Borough was a fact of life and the two local authorities should endeavour to identify in detail the implications involved and to cushion the affects.

As regards the Electoral implications, the new County Borough on being constituted would have 15 Members. In looking at any proposed extension, it was necessary to take the built up areas on the eastern side where Corporation housing estates had been provided and on the western side where high density development had occurred outside the borough boundaries. Townlands corresponding nearest to these areas had been selected and it appeared that if the city boundaries were extended to include the areas involved, the revised population of the new County Borough Area would be 44,638. This would give an average population per representative in the new County Borough of 2,976 based on the proposal that the new County Borough should have 15 seats. This representation compared favourably with that of other County Boroughs. The details of the population in the present County Electoral Areas were outlined to the Members. It was pointed out that there was a reasonable relationship between 1981 population and representation in the Electoral Areas of Ballinasloe, Connemara, and Tuam. An addition of one representative in the Loughrea Area would bring the average population per representative into line in that area with the other areas. The revised Galway County Electoral Area, after excluding the new County Borough, would have a population of 26,578. A total of six representatives would give favourable representation to the revised Galway area which would suggest that the new Membership of the Council would be 29. In the Galway Area, there would be a reduction of 3 Members in the County Electoral Area and an increase of 3 Members in the new County Borough Area, thus resulting in no overall change in the number of public representatives.

It was indicated that consultations should take place between the two authorities. If both authorities agreed on the terms of extensions, it appeared that the Commission would accept such an arrangement. If there was no agreement, it appeared that the Commission would rule on the issues involved. The County Manager stated that if agreement was possible, he would prepare a memorandum which would set out in a fair way the issues involved. The only sensible way forward was to share in the provision of some services but it was necessary to identify the financial issues involved. In view

of time constraints, it was not possible to prepare a detailed statement but the Council would have to seek a set of arrangements which would cushion the effects of any changes in boundary extensions.

In reply to queries, the County Manager indicated that if the two planned environs were taken into account for the purposes of extensions, a total of 5,500 acres of land would be involved. Deputy F. Coogan stated that while the re-organisation was basically for Electoral purposes, the question of physical planning also arose. He stated that the Corporation would need extensions to meet their planning needs. Councillor O h-Uiginn stated that the City had spilled into the County and an effort should be made to get enough land to make the City a development entity of itself for the foreseeable future.

In reply to Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager stated that he had written to the Department of the Environment asking whether any proposed legislation would include provision for compensation where appropriate. He had not received a reply at the date of the meeting.

Councillor Welby stated that it was desirable to have a joint meeting between the two authorities to discuss the implications involved.

The Council considered the suggestion that Members of the Galway Electoral Area meet as a Committee the Members of the Galway Borough Council to discuss the proposals. It was suggested that the Members of the Connemara Area should also attend and following discussion, it was agreed that any Member of the Council could attend the meeting to be held on the 31st January, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. in the County Council Chamber, County Buildings, Prospect Hill.

It was also agreed that a special meeting of Galway County Council would be held on Tuesday, 5th February, 1985, to discuss the Electoral Area implications within the County. It was also agreed that the remaining items on the Agenda would be adjourned to the special meeting of the 5th February, 1985.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED, AND CONFIRMED:

John M. Mannion. CHAIRMAN

25/2/85 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND GALWAY BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 31ST JANUARY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of Galway County Council: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Burke, J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, G. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, P. McCormack, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Members of Galway Borough Council:

Councillors Mary Byrne (Mayor of Galway); J. Connolly, B. Holland, J.F. King, G. Molloy, H. O'Connor, Bridie O'Flaherty, and M. O'Higgins.

Officials of Galway County Council:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer.

Officials of Galway Borough Council:

Messrs. P.J. Gavin, Town Clerk; G. Leyden, Borough Engineer; and J. Regan, Planning Officer.

The Chairman welcomed the Members and Officials of Galway Corporation to the Joint Meeting and expressed the hope that the discussions would be successful. The Mayor of Galway Borough Council expressed her appreciation of the Members of the County Council for receiving her and the other Members of the Corporation.

2815 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS:

Councillor Micheal O'Morain proposed a vote of congratulations with Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair whose wife had given birth to a baby daughter recently.

2816 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION:

The County Manager indicated that both Councils had come together to consider jointly the implications for both Councils of the proposal to constitute the Borough of Galway as a County Borough and the question of extending the existing boundaries of the Galway Borough. He gave details of all the documentation which had been received and which had been circulated to each Member of both Councils. Details of the documents which had been received were set out in a memorandum dated 30th January, 1985, which had been circulated to each Member of both Councils for the purpose of the Joint Meeting.

The County Manager indicated that an examination of the relationship between population and representation had been carried out in the environs of Galway. The areas mainly affected by any proposed extension were in the built up areas where Corporation housing estates had been provided on the eastern side and where high density development had occurred on the western side outside the existing boundaries. The townlands corresponding nearest to the areas involved were selected. Details of population were set out in Appendices to the memorandum of the 30th January, 1985. If the City boundary were

extended to include the areas involved, a revised estimated population of the new County Borough area would be 44,638. This would give an average population per representative in the new County Borough of 2,976 based on the proposal that the new County Borough should have 15 seats.

Details of the population in the present County Electoral Areas were also set out in an Appendix to the memorandum. There was a reasonable relationship between the population and representation in the Electoral Areas of Ballinasloe, Connemara and Tuam. An addition of one representative in the Loughrea Area would bring that area into line with the other Electoral Areas with the exception of the Galway Area. The revised Galway County Electoral Area would have a population of 26,578 after the exclusion of the new County Borough. A total of six representatives in that new area would bring the average representation into line with all of the other areas and the overall result would be that the number of representatives on Galway County Council would be reduced to 29, with an average population per representative of 4,531. There would be a reduction of three Members in the revised County Electoral Area and an increase of three Members in the new County Borough Area, thus resulting in no overall change in the number of public representatives in the Galway Area.

If the boundaries of the existing Galway Borough were extended to include the 2 planned environs of the present borough, the total population to be added would be 6,381, thus making the population of the new Galway County Borough 46,532. The acreage of the townlands involved in the smaller extension would be 1,244 acres as against 5,477 acres in the larger extension.

The County Manager indicated that in considering the adding to the City of a part of the County, the following issues arose:

- (a) The Terms of Reference of the Boundaries Commission seemed to refer only to changes necessary for representation purposes. This would seem to refer to suburbs or environs already built up as distinct from future developments.
- (b) The desire of the Borough Council to procure an extension at this time for representation and development purposes.

He indicated that any transfer of area from the County to the City carried financial implications. The County Council generated Revenue of the order of £355,000 in the smaller area referred to and for the larger area, the figure would be of the order of £575,000. On the other side, the Corporation would incur liabilities in respect of the added area. It was not possible in the time available to calculate the precise figures involved but it was believed subject to analysis that either transfer would result in a significant loss to County Council funds.

The existing law carried a clear cut obligation on a County Borough extending into a County Area to pay compensation to the County Council. The position was not so clear in the case of an extension into a County Council area of a local authority below the status of County Borough. He indicated that he had sought clarification of the Government's intentions as to whether or not the legislation proposed for boundary extension would carry provisions enabling compensation to be a feature of the Galway case. If the issue was not clarified or alternatively, if it transpired that compensation was not provided for, the County Council may wish to ensure that any proposed extension was kept to the minimum necessary for representation purposes. If the extension for development purposes were deferred until after the creation of the County Borough, the compensation would then be sorted out under existing legislation. This raised the question as to whether the County Council should now agree to the addition of any area and the County Manager pointed out that in the absence of agreement, the Boundaries Commission would decide the issue. As regards any agreement which the County Council may be disposed to enter, the question of compensation would probably be pressed. The financial exercise necessary to match the Council's decision would be undertaken without delay when there was clarification as to whether there was agreement about an added area and the size of that area. A separate issue arose about the financial implications for the County Council of the proposed County Borough status.

The Minister had invited the two local authorities to submit observations in that regard. The County Council would be holding a special meeting to discuss the matter on the 5th February, 1985, and a report would be available for that meeting.

In reply to Councillor Pol O'Foighil who sought clarification on the letter from the Department of the Environment dated 28th January, 1985, the County Manager indicated that he would be meeting Officials of the Department of the Environment after the Council meeting of the 5th February, 1985.

Councillor Henry O'Connor stated that both Councils should avail of the opportunity of the granting of County Borough status to Galway to make the new County Borough large enough to accommodate development for the next 20 to 30 years. Councillor B. Holland stated that the Council were being rushed into decisions regarding the important issues involved, both from a representation and a financial point of view. He would like to see a postponement of decisions until further information was available. Councillor Glynn supported Cllr. Holland and stated that representations should be made for extension of time to have the matter considered fully. Councillor Micheal O'Higgins referred to the financial implications and to the County Demand. He stated that it should be possible to sort out the difficulties involved over a period of time and that services could be done on an Agency basis by the County Council on behalf of the County Borough. The Corporation were hoping to avail of the opportunity to go for a reasonably sized city with potential for development. He hoped that there would be a consensus at the Joint Meeting to go along the lines he was suggesting and to have the financial implications worked out at official level. In such a way, the County Borough would have the additional areas both for representation and for development. He stated also that the Government would have to assist financially in the new arrangements.

Councillor McCormack welcomed the opportunity for the County Council Members to come together with the Corporation Members. It was fact that Galway was going to be a County Borough and it was obvious that the existing Borough would have to be extended both east and west. On the eastern side, the Corporation had provided houses outside the boundary and the people residing there were orientated towards the City. He stated that in the short term, the question would have to be looked at for representation purposes in view of the fact that Local Elections were proposed in the current year. Councillor Bartley agreed that the issues should be looked at in the context of 25 to 30 years. The question of extension into the development areas should be dealt with in the short term and finance could be looked at at a later stage. Councillor J. Burke stated that the question of boundaries should be discussed at the meeting and the other issues such as finance should be dealt with later.

The County Manager indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the question of boundaries in the knowledge that County Borough status was being given to Galway. There were financial implications involved and it was quite clear that the question of compensation was involved. If the meeting agreed on extensions, compensation would have to become an issue. If the question of extensions were not considered until County Borough status was awarded to Galway, existing law provided for financial arrangements. The law as it stood in relation to the extension of areas other than County Borough areas was obscure in relation to compensation. There were real financial considerations particularly for the County Council which would have to be taken into account in the any legislation being drafted.

Councillor O'Morain stated that it was essential that a clarification be given as to who was to be responsible for the payment of compensation. Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that the meeting should endeavour to agree on the question of an extension with the proviso that agreement be reached on finance. In considering any extension the requirements of the next 20 years should be taken into account.

In reply to Councillor Holland, the County Manager indicated that increased burdens usually fell on the local authority giving away the land. There would be a loss of income in respect of rate support grant of houses and land and there would be income from charges. On the other hand, liabilities for loans would transfer with the services and the areas being transferred to the County Borough but there invariably remained a burden on the local authority giving

away land. The law in relation to compensation was obscure in relation to extension of boroughs but there was legislation for the assessment of compensation in relation to extension of County Boroughs. He had taken up the matter of compensation with the Department of the Environment but no decision had been made as yet.

Councillor Pol O'Foighil produced a map at the meeting and proposed that an extension as outlined on the map be granted to the new County Borough subject to satisfactory financial arrangements being made. Councillor O'Foighil gave details of the extension as outlined on the map.

Councillor Molloy stated that he was in agreement with the extension proposed by Councillor O'Foighil and that any extension proposed should accommodate the City for the next 30 years. The meeting should agree with such an extension and the question of compensation could be dealt with later.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that whatever arrangements would be made should give the best service to both Galway County and Galway City. It appeared to him to be impossible to take major decisions of the nature involved within the short time allowed.

In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Manager stated that there was provision for a Public Enquiry in the present legislation dealing with the extension of County Boroughs.

Councillor Joyce stated that he would like to see two local authorities in the County which would compliment each other. It was only fair that the Corporation should look towards the future and he was in favour of an extension to enable them to plan ahead. Councillor Bridie O'Flaherty stated that there was need for further information in relation to compensation. The Mayor of Galway Corporation, Councillor Mary Byrne, stated that the meeting should decide on an extension for electoral and development purposes. She supported the proposal submitted by Councillor O'Foighil.

Following further discussions, the meeting agreed in general principle that an extension as outlined on the map submitted by Councillor Pol O'Foighil should be granted to the new County Borough, such agreement to be conditional on any proposed legislation providing adequately for compensation. The Chairman of the County Council and the Mayor of Galway thanked the Members for attending. The Chairman of the County Council indicated that a report would be submitted to each Authority for a decision. The Members of Galway Corporation then left the meeting and the Members of the County Council had a short discussion on the question of Electoral Area Boundaries. The Councillors agreed that information should be made available at the meeting of the 5th February, 1985, on the possibility of retaining the total membership of the Council at 31. The Council Members also asked that the question of extending the Connemara Area towards the Corrib be examined.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A special meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1985,

commencing at 3.30 p.m. to consider the Agenda postponed at the meeting of the Council held on the 28th January, 1985. Copies of the Agenda, already circulated, will be available at the meeting to be held on the 5th February.

I enclose copy of letter dated 28th January, 1985, from the Department of the Environment, the contents of which will be discussed at the meeting.

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[Signature]
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 5TH FEBRUARY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, 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; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2817 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Council extended its sympathy to Clr. Michael Fahy on the recent death of his father, Deputy Connaughton on the death of his mother, and Mr. Gleeson on the death of his uncle.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined in the expression of sympathy.

The meeting then adjourned for a short time as a mark of respect.

2818 - EXTENSION OF GALWAY BOROUGH BOUNDARY AND REPRESENTATION ON GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

The County Manager referred to the documentation which had been circulated for the information of Councillors and to the joint meeting of the Council and Galway Corporation which was held on the 31st January, last. He said that there were two suggestions in regard to the Borough extension, a small extension on the east and west, and a larger extension which was similar to Councillor O'Foighil's proposal. At the joint meeting, it was considered that there should be agreement as to the submission to be made to the Commission. The extension proposed by Councillor O'Foighil was considered by Galway Corporation at their meeting on the 4th February and the Corporation decided to make a submission based on that proposal subject to a qualification that a further small addition may be made. On the question of compensation, a letter was received from the Department of the Environment dated 31st January, 1985, which the County Manager read to the meeting. He said that the Council had two tasks to consider, one in relation to the extension of the borough boundary and the other in relation to the County Electoral Areas and representation. The County Manager also referred to letter dated 28th January, 1985, from the Minister for the Environment inviting any comments which the Council may wish to make in the light of the Government's decision that Galway is to be given County Borough status.

Referring to the review of representation for County Electoral Areas, Senator Killilea said that the townland of Kilcoona as shown on the maps circulated should be in the Galway Electoral Area. He said there was a suggestion that the Galway Electoral Area east of the Corrib should be a four seater. In his opinion, there should be an urban and rural balance in Electoral Areas and the present position was unsatisfactory where areas 4 or 5 miles from Tuam were in the Galway Electoral Area. Councillor O h-Uiginn said that the Corporation had expressed an interest in the townlands of Killoughter, Angliham, Carrowbrowne, Garraun North and South, and may make a submission as of now.

Councillor O'Foighil proposed that the extension as shown on his map be accepted subject to the proviso that additional areas may be added later if necessary and also subject to provision being made for adequate compensation. Councillor McCormack seconded Councillor O'Foighil's proposal subject to the right to propose minor changes in it.

Councillor O'Morain said that he was not satisfied with the reply from the Department as it did not mention the word compensation. He asked if there was agreement on Councillor O'Foighil's proposal subject to adequate compensation being made and if legislation did not provide for compensation what would happen.

The County Manager stated that Council Officials would like to examine the areas involved in the proposal as it included, for instance, Tonabrocky Quarry and maybe reservoirs, on which the Council would not wish to have to pay rates to another Local Authority. As regards compensation, he said that this was inherent in the agreement and it was most important that legislation provide for it.

Councillor J. Burke asked if Galway Corporation had studied the Report of 1st February, 1985, dealing with the County Demand on the Corporation. He said that unless there was a commitment from the Minister that the Council would be adequately compensated, he could not approve of handing over land. The County Manager replied that the Corporation agreed that a case for adequate compensation from Government funds should be made to the Minister but he could not see a commitment being given as to what might be incorporated in legislation.

Councillor Brennan referred to the fact that the Demand on Ballinasloe could increase by 60% and he said that he could not approve of any proposal which would involve any extra payment on Ballinasloe U.D.C. Councillor Ryan asked what were the area of the extensions under consideration and if land valuations would increase.

The County Manager replied that the smaller extension as set out in Exercise 1 of report of 30th January, 1985, involved an area of 1,243 acres while the larger extension to include the two planned environs involved an area of 5,476 acres, and the area proposed by Councillor O'Foighil would be greater than that again. In regard to valuations, he stated that he was not certain what the implications would be but that the valuations in Galway City were re-valued between 1947 and 1951 and this resulted in an average increase of 50% in the total valuations.

Councillor Welby said that the question of valuations were very important and there was no guarantee that domestic rates would not return. He suggested that the new boundary should go up the Clybawn road and should not take in Tonabrocky Quarry. Councillor O'Morain said that it would have to be pointed out to the Commission that the Council was being pushed into making a decision within a matter of days and the matter should be deferred.

The Chairman suggested that because of the little time available the Council might consider the small extension now and agree to consider the larger extension at a later date. Councillor O'Foighil asked if a meeting could be arranged with the Minister before the 8th February but he was advised that the consultation mentioned in letter of 28th January, 1985, referred to the County Borough status question. Councillor O'Conchubhair said that the Council should meet the Commission. Councillor Kilgannon stated that other Commissions have taken years to report, yet the Council was being asked to make a submission within a week. He said he was concerned with the divide that the new situation might create between the Council and Corporation whose relations were always amicable up to now. No area should suffer as a result of the granting of County Borough status and no consideration was being given to the overall development of the County.

Councillor O h-Uiginn stated that whatever development is happening around the city at present is happening under two separate local authorities. What the Corporation are asking for is an extension whereby the city would expand under one local authority and included in that area, there should also be enough land for open space and green belt. He said the vehicle being made available through the Commission should be used to achieve

a suitable extension and he was satisfied that the question of compensation would be settled. He would like to see both local authorities coming to an agreement. Deputy Fahey asked what was the valuation differential between the City and the County and said that the extension as proposed by Councillor O'Foighil was extending too far towards Oranmore and was not necessary.

The County manager stated that he was not certain about the question of valuations and all he could say that when valuations in the City were revised, there was an average overall increase of 50%.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the Council cannot discuss the boundary extension in a vacuum not knowing whether or not the Government will provide for compensation. The Council would have to be very careful in their decision and he proposed that no decision be taken on Councillor O'Foighil's proposal until clarification is got on compensation and other aspects. Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal. Councillor McCormack expressed concern about no submission being made before the final date for submissions. Councillor J. Burke said that the question of compensation was causing a major problem and only the Government or legislation could resolve that. Councillor O h-Uiginn said that compensation was involved in both the County Borough status question and also the boundary extension and he could not agree to hand over land without compensation. Councillor O Morain referred to the inequity in the Supplementary Welfare Allowances Subvention and said that the Government has not helped to resolve it and that letter dated 31st January, 1985, from the Department only referred to financial adjustments and not necessarily compensation. He would like to see the City grow but not at the expense of the County. Cllr. Ryan said that the proposals could affect future financial allocations to Galway County Council and care would have to be exercised in arriving at a decision.

The County Manager said he wished to point out that the various exercises, population, and financial information set out in the documentation which had been circulated were put together to assist the Councillors in their deliberations in the difficult task which faced them. If the Council decided what area they wished to transfer, he would do an exercise to try and estimate the financial implications. With that was the question of County Borough status which would mean a major change in the charging of expenditure from the old system of County at large charging including the City. After deciding what services would remain with the Council and what services the new County Borough would take over, there would be a financial loss to the Council which would have to be provided for by legislation. In reply to Councillor O h-Uiginn, he stated that any extension for electoral purposes would also be an extension for administration purposes. Councillors J. Burke and O'Morain suggested asking the Commission if they can deal with the question of compensation but the Chairman explained that this appeared to be outside their terms of reference as circulated. Deputy Fahey said that if the Council agreed to Councillor O'Foighil's proposal, the Council would be left in a very weak position.

The Chairman then said that he was proposing an amendment that the Council submit to the Commission that the Council is agreeable to transfer to the Borough of Galway (which it is intended to constitute as a County Borough) for representation purposes and subject to adequate compensation, the townlands in Appendix 1 of report dated 25th January, 1985, (Ballybanemore, Rahylin Glebe, Ragoon rural, Clybawn, Shangort, Knocknacarra Rural, Pollna-rooma West, Acres, Ballymoneen East, Ballymoneen West, Ballyburke, and Mincloon), and that the Council gives a commitment to enter into negotiations with the new County Borough in regard to further extensions when legislation will have provided for same and for compensation. Councillor Glynn seconded the Chairman's proposal. Councillor McCormack stated that the proposal took in only small areas in the eastern and western environs and was not sufficient but the Chairman said that the proposal gave a commitment to negotiate a larger area. Councillor O h-Uiginn said that he would prefer to see the status quo remain rather than go for a small extension. He said that the elevation of the borough to County Borough status was causing the biggest problem and no guarantees were available in that respect.

Councillor Kilgannon said that the Council was asked to make submissions with regard to representations but that there were much wider implications which could not be gone into in the time available.

A vote was then taken on the Chairman's amendment which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor J. Burke, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors F. Glynn, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Mannion, N. O'Conchubhair, P. Ruane, and M. Ryan. (10)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, B. Holland, P. McCormack, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, and T. Welby. Councillor Finnegan abstained. (10)

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the amendment and declared the amendment carried.

2819 - ELECTORAL AREAS - REPRESENTATION:

The County Secretary read through document headed "Electoral Area Boundaries" which had been circulated to the Members. The document dealt with population figures in the different Electoral Areas. The information was to assist the Members in considering electoral changes and included suggestions which had been mentioned at previous meetings.

Councillor Brennan asked if it was possible to make the areas more compact and mentioned as an example the long distance in the Loughrea Electoral Area between Oranmore and Eyrecourt.

Councillor O'Conchubhair said that the Connemara Area which included the Gaeltacht was unique and that a case should be made for a special electoral area for the Gaeltacht and the Aran Islands. He asked would that affect the proposed new engineering area in Connemara. The County Engineer said that the proposed borough extension would affect his plan for revising the engineering districts and he would have to defer a decision for the present.

Councillor McCormack drew attention to the terms of reference of the Commission and expressed the view that the Commission would stick to these terms. The Council having now decided on a small extension of the borough, the Commission would now look at the population remaining outside the extended area. He referred to report dated 21st January, 1985, which showed the relevant population figures and said that it appeared logical to him that the boundaries could be left as they are with an extra seat added to the Loughrea Area. This would result in 29 seats on Galway County Council with even representation over the whole County and was a justifiable proposition.

Councillor J. Burke referred to earlier suggestions by Senator Killilea about natural hinterlands being included in electoral areas and said that Williamsstown and Glenamaddy appeared to look towards the Ballinasloe Area rather than the Tuam Area. Councillor O'Foighil agreed with Councillor O'Conchubhair's recommendation relating to the Gaeltacht and said he would also agree with the exercise under schedule B of the document.

Councillor Joyce said that he would opt for the representation outlined under schedule A as it would cause less disturbance and he would recommend that the townlands of Graigue Abbey, and Cloonkeen be switched with Bullaun and Kilreekill. Councillor O'Morain proposed that there should continue to be 31 seats on Galway County Council and suggested that the West Galway Dail Constituency be divided into 2 seven seat electoral areas. Councillor Glynn said that the natural market areas of towns like Ballinasloe, Tuam and Loughrea, should be included with those areas. Councillor Callanan said he would like to see the Ballinasloe Electoral Area left unchanged. Cllr. Ruane suggested that the Connemara Electoral Area be made a 7 seater to include that part of the Galway area west of the Corrib.

When the chairman asked if there was agreement that the Ballinasloe, Tuam and Loughrea Areas be left unchanged subject to an additional seat being added to the Loughrea Area, the response was in the negative. Councillor Byrne said that the exercise under schedule A resulted in a large representation being taken away from the Loughrea Area.

Councillor Welby proposed that Galway County Council continue to be represented by 31 Councillors and this was seconded by Councillor Ruane. The Chairman declared this proposal carried on a show of hands.

Councillor Ruane then proposed that the Connemara Area be made a 7 seater to include that part of the Galway Electoral Area west of the Corrib and the Aran Islands. This was seconded by Councillor Welby. On a show of hands, the Chairman declared the proposal carried, 7 for, one against.

After further discussion, the Chairman suggested that the Council's submission to the Commission would be that the Council should continue to be represented by 31 Councillors and that the Connemara Electoral Area should be extended to the Corrib to form a 7 seat electoral area including the Aran Islands. This was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Ryan and seconded by Cllr. O'Foighil.

2820 - L.A.M.A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ITEM 11 ON AGENDA:

It was agreed to nominate the following Members to attend the Local Authority Members' Association Annual Conference for elected representatives being organised by the I.P.A. at the Grand Hotel, Malahide, from the 22nd-24th February, 1985:

Councillor James Joyce;
Councillor John Molloy;
Councillor M.J. Kilgannon;
Councillor Pol O'Foighil;
Councillor John Mannion (Chairman).

2821 - GALWAY YOUTH SEMINAR - ITEM 12 ON AGENDA:

It was agreed to nominate the following Members to attend the Galway Youth Seminar which is being held in University College, Galway, from February 15th-17th, 1985:

Councillor James Joyce;
Councillor Padraic McCormack;
Councillor M.J. Kilgannon;
Councillor Joe Callanan;
Councillor John Mannion (Chairman).

2822 - MEETING OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE OF THE FIVE CONNACHT COUNTIES AND DONEGAL:

It was agreed to nominate the following Members to attend the meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee of the five Connacht Counties and Donegal which is being held at Carrick-on-Shannon, on Wednesday, 15th February, 1985:

Councillor Patrick Ruane;
Councillor Thomas Welby;
Councillor Padraic McCormack.

2823 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Hanlon, Mountprospect, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Pat McCormack, The Mall, Eyrecourt.
Mr. Paddy McDonagh, Silverhill, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John M. Mannion CHAIRMAN
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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 18th February, 1985, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1985. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith).
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John 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, 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, 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. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; A. Fleming, D. Barrett, and B. Kennedy, Senior Staff Officers; T. McGowan, Senior Staff Officer; and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2824 - SYMPATHY:

The Council extended its sympathy to the Lawless Family, Dangan, on the recent death of Mr. Michael Lawless, former Secretary of the Department of Local Government.

A vote of sympathy was also adopted with the Mannion Family, Laught, Moylough, on the death of Mrs. Ena Mannion, a sister-in-law of the former Rate Collector, Michael Mannion, Moylough.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Christy Flaherty, Maumin, Ballyconneely, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Mr. Paddy Guy, Railway View, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Mr. Eamon Guy, Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

2825 - COUNTY AND COUNTY BOROUGH ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARY:

Councillor Micheal O'Morain stated that he understood that the Members of the County and County Borough Electoral Areas Boundaries Commission had come to Galway to meet the Chairman, the Mayor of the Corporation and certain Officials on that morning. He asked why the Commission had not met all the Members of the Council as suggested by him at a previous meeting. The County Manager indicated that the Council had not taken a decision to request a meeting with the Boundaries Commission. He indicated that the Secretary of the Commission had contacted the County Secretary on the previous Wednesday with a view to meeting the Chairman of the County Council, the Mayor of the Corporation and himself to discuss the submissions made by both authorities. The discussion had been arranged and had taken place on the morning of the 18th February, 1985. A number of questions had been put to the Commission and the Members of the Commission had indicated that their Terms of Reference enabled them to deal with a boundary extension which would

cater for future development as well as for representation purposes, that they were not bound by the fact that there might be absence of agreement between both authorities, that they would be making their recommendations to the Minister for the Environment, and that they would consider further submissions from either authority if such submissions were made within the next week. In reply to Councillor O'Higgins, the Chairman indicated that the Commission were prepared to accept a further submission from Galway Corporation. Clr. O'h-Uiginn stated that it was his impression that if there was general agreement on an extension, the Commission would accept such agreement and recommend it. The Chairman indicated that as it was the Estimates Meeting, he was not prepared to consider any further submissions at that stage at the meeting.

It was agreed, on the request of Deputy Coogan, that copies of the County Council's submission to the Boundaries Commission be circulated to each Member.

2826 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1985:

The Chairman then indicated that he was proceeding with consideration of the County Manager's Estimates. The County Manager gave details of the proposed Estimate of Expenses for the year 1985 as set out in his report of 5th February, 1985, a copy of which had been circulated with the Estimate of Expenses to each Member. He indicated that the Estimate as prepared was based on a rate increase of 10% which involved a rate in the pound of 21.60 for 1985 as against 19.64 for 1984. The Estimate also proposed a 10% increase in respect of water charges and other charge levels were being left unchanged.

Housing and Building:

The County Manager indicated that a figure of £2.8 million approximately was provided for loan charges in respect of the Council's S.D.A. borrowing. A sum of £3.8 million was spent by the Council last year in the form of loan advances. According as Council expenditure accumulated in respect of this service, the full collection of repayments due by borrowers became increasingly necessary. In calculating the Revenue accruing to the Council, it was being assumed that loan repayments would be made in full. Any significant default in the repayment of loans would have serious consequences for the Council and considerable attention would have to be given to the collection of S.D.A. instalments as they fell due during the year.

Road Transportation and Safety:

The County Manager gave details of the funds available for Road Improvement and Maintenance. He indicated that the Compulsory Purchase Order in relation to the Oranmore By-Pass had been confirmed by the Minister for the Environment recently. The County Manager gave details of the Block Grant allocation per mile of road in the Counties of Galway, Mayo, Donegal and Clare.

Water Supply and Sewerage:

The County Manager gave details in relation to the provision for water supply maintenance and loan charges. He referred to the growing burden on the Council's finances represented by loan charges, the difficulties confronting the Council in financing additional loan charges, and the maintenance of new schemes which posed a dilemma in relation to continuing large scale Capital spending. These difficulties would force the Council to seriously curtail Capital spending unless or until improved financial arrangements were brought about. He had made provision for the loan charges in respect of the Rosmuc Water Supply, Moylough Sewerage Scheme, Oughterard Water Scheme, Mid-Galway pipe work, and Oranmore Sewerage (Kilraine Development). Any other Capital monies on offer to the Council for any other schemes during the year would have to be declined so as to avoid incurring liabilities for loan charges over and above the estimated provision. This situation had very serious implications in relation to the development of the County.

Development Incentives and Control:

The County Manager indicated that provision had been made towards the Galway Airport development of £10,000. A similar provision had been made in last year's Estimate. A sum of £8,000 as a contribution to the cost of the Animal Home had been provided and he was hoping that it would be possible to put work in hands on this project in the current year.

Environmental Protection:

The County Manager gave details of the provisions made in the Estimates under the various headings.

Recreation and Amenity:

The County Manager gave details of the provisions made in the Estimates under the various headings.

Agriculture, Health, Education and Welfare:

The County Manager indicated that the Estimate provided for the payment of £249,000 to ACOT. The provision was made on the basis of an estimate received from ACOT as distinct from the demand and amounted to an increase of 0.6%. In last year's Report, he had suggested that the Council appeal to the Government for relief in respect of this demand. A sum of £124,740 appeared due on the Council's books to ACOT. This item had arisen in a year in which Rates were levied on agricultural land but not paid. This deficit had not been made up from Government or any other source. It was the only amount presenting any difficulty as between the Council and ACOT. The demand from this Body over the years since the abolition of the Domestic Rates in 1978 had been reasonably in line with the Council's resources by contrast with the situation obtaining vis-a-vis the Council and the Western Health Board. This position demonstrated the Council's willingness to meet statutory demands that were reasonably in line with the Council's resources. The demand from the Office of Public Works in respect of land drainage amounted to £1,014,870 which represented a 54.6% increase over the provision made by the Council in last year's Estimates. In addition to the 1985 demand, the Council was indebted to the Office of Public Works for the sum of £637,015. This sum represented the excess in previous years demands over payments annually by the Council corresponding with the rate of increase accruing to the Council. In the year's 1982 and 1983, the Government acknowledged that local authorities could not cope with an unrestricted demand and placed limits on the amount payable within those years. It was not clear as to whether expenditure above the restricted level in those years was being carried forward as a debt due by the Council. In relation to the arrears figure quoted, a sum of £524,636 represented the amount unpaid owing to the non-payment of agricultural rates and a shortfall in the domestic rate relief grant in the year 1982. It was becoming increasingly important that the Council should renew its appeal to the Government through the Minister for the Environment for relief in respect of this demand. The provision made for this demand in this year's Estimate represented an increase of 0.8% over last year's figure. The Council had written to the Department of the Environment and he understood that a reply would be received shortly indicating that no relief would be forthcoming.

Western Health Board:

The County Manager indicated that the provision made for this item in the 1985 Estimate at £664,705 represented an increase of 0.8% over last year's figure. Members had been kept fully informed in the Estimate Reports over a number of years of the position in relation to this demand. As Court Proceedings against the Council had been decided upon by the Western Health Board, he proposed to confine his remarks this year to the consequences for the Council if provision were to be made in this year's Estimate for the full amount demanded. In proposing the provision made in the 1985 Estimate, he had taken cognisance of the many demands on the Council and on Council Members for a satisfactory level of performance in relation to the services administered by the Council. He had considered the many cases where urgent work requiring to be executed had to be deferred. He had taken into account the fact that rate support grant for the current year was increased by 0.8% over last year's grant and that the overall Revenue increase to the Council from the sources for Estimates purposes was 3.6%. The County Manager also indicated that he had taken into account the difficulties which confronted Elected Members each year at the adoption of an Estimate for this demand. Members were at all times prepared to meet statutory demands to the extent that resources were available. The provision of funds on foot of this demand

was always examined in depth and in an objective way. Increased provision for this demand had been made annually and at the same time, Council services were the subject of under provision especially the Road Services. In his 1984 Report dealing with Roads, Transportation and Safety, he indicated that there was an under provision for Roads between 1980 and 1984 amounting to £9.9 million. Numerous approaches to Government Departments including deputations to the Ministers had referred to the problem arising from this item, but the matter had remained unresolved at the date of his Report in respect of the 1985 Estimates. He indicated that if the Council were to make provision in this year's Estimate for the arrears of £2.1 million approx. one of the following measures or combination of measures would be necessary:

- 1 - To raise the amount by way of a rate increase would require a further rate in the £ of 29.05 in addition to the rate of £21.60 as proposed in this Estimate.
- 2 - Water charges would have to be increased by 284%.
- 3 - Water charges and domestic refuse charges would require an increase of 209%.
- 4 - Total elimination of the provision in the Estimate for the Maintenance of County Roads supplemented by recourse to one of the foregoing sources.
- 5 - The elimination of the Fire Service and Library Service combined, producing £1.9 million, plus recourse to one of the foregoing services.

The County Manager indicated that he was fully aware of the difficulties confronting the Council Members in this regard but he had to advise Council Members for the need for special consideration of the matter in the course of exercising their statutory powers and responsibilities connected with the adoption of an Estimate and the determination of a rate in the pound for 1985.

The County Manager gave details of the provisions under the headings of Miscellaneous Services and Support Services. He expressed his thanks to all the staff for their efforts in connection with preparation of the Estimate and he thanked in particular Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer, and Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, and their staffs.

A number of Councillors complimented the Manager and his staff for the manner in which the Estimate of Expenses had been prepared.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that there was need for fresh thinking in relation to how services were going to be provided by local authorities. In regard to Housing Maintenance, he stated that there should be some method whereby Maintenance of Council houses should be the responsibility of the tenants involved. He referred to the problems in relation to Road Maintenance and stated that the County Council were not able to accept responsibility for the maintenance of some roads because of lack of funds. He said that local communities would have to come together and keep the minor roads in their areas maintained. Councillor Kilgannon also referred to the Estimate in respect of Malicious Injuries which he stated was of an alarming scale. In relation to the provision for Burial Grounds, he indicated that he made representations in relation to works at Killoran and Killure.

Councillor Glynn stated that the commercial people were being asked to carry a heavier burden each year thus increasing the gap for commercial properties. He was not in favour of a 10% increase as the projected inflation rate was not as high as that. He referred also to the County Manager's statement regarding the repayment of S.D.A. loans by borrowers and asked if there were any serious problems involved. Councillor Glynn referred to the shortfall on roads as against allocations to other Counties and stated that the Council should send a letter of protest to the Government regarding the small increases in allocation allowed. Councillor Glynn referred to the cost of collection of rates which he stated was 25% of the amount collected. It was not fair on small businesses to have to pay rates in such circumstances. Councillor Glynn stated that the demands from ACOT and the V.E.C. were reasonably in line with the Council's ability to pay but that the demand from the Office of Public Works was out of all proportion to the Council's ability

to pay. He indicated that he could not agree to a rate increase of 10% which was above the projected rate of inflation in 1985.

Councillor Finnegan stated that any increase in the rates should be limited to 0.8% which was the rate of increase on the rate support grants. He referred to the inadequate provisions for housing repairs and stated that the Council should protest at the rate per mile for roads in the County as against other Counties. Councillor Joe Burke stated that if there were problems in relation to repayment of S.D.A. loans, they should be looked at and an effort should be made to solve any difficulties involved. The Council should maintain pressure on the Government regarding the Road Grant Allocations and he proposed that the Council ask each Deputy in the County to endeavour to achieve allocations comparable with other Counties. Councillor Burke stated that in relation to Water Charges, he and Councillor Glynn had submitted a letter to the County Manager for consideration. In relation to waivers, he had seen a number of unjust refusals and he asked that the question of waivers be reviewed and explanations given in cases of refusal. He stated that an increase of 17.7% in the Fire Service was unacceptable as there was no increase in staff. He would propose that the rate increase for 1985 be 6% in line with inflation and that savings should be found in the Fire Services provisions. Senator Michael D. Higgins stated that Local Authority finances were in a straight jacket. In relation to the Western Health Board demand, there was need to have the matter dealt with at national level and he understood that a meeting of the relevant Ministers was to take place. Councillor M. Ryan asked that details of the amount uncollected in respect of Water Charges and Refuse Collection be made available to each Member. He stated that it was difficult for the Council to agree to an increase in the rates of 10% particularly in relation to small businesses. Councillor Ryan also asked for details in relation to the number of houses built in the last year, the number of miles of road blacktopped in 1984, and the number of miles proposed for blacktopping in 1985. He also asked that details of Local Improvement Scheme monies in respect of last year be made available.

2827 - COUNTY AND COUNTY BOROUGH ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARIES COMMISSION:

Councillor Micheal O h-Uiginn referred again to the need for reaching a consensus on the question of a Borough Boundary extension. He indicated that the Corporation were holding a meeting on that night and asked what the position would be if the Corporation sought a Joint Meeting with the County Council to discuss the possibility of further submissions. He asked if the Council would be agreeable to such a meeting and he proposed that if a full meeting of the Council was necessary to ratify any consensus arrived at, that the meeting be held later.

A discussion took place in relation to the provisions in Standing Orders regarding the calling of a special meeting of the Council. The Council's Legal Adviser indicated that not less than 3 clear days should elapse between the date of the summons convening the meeting and the day of the meeting. There was not enough time available to meet the requirements to call a full special meeting of the Council on Friday, 22nd February, 1985. Following further discussion, the Chairman indicated that if the Corporation requested a Joint Meeting for the purposes of consultation, he would arrange to have such a meeting called for the following Friday.

Councillor T. Welby proposed that Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of discussing a resolution which he had handed in to the Chairman. The Chairman stated that he was no prepared to accept Councillor Welby's proposal and adjourned the meeting.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

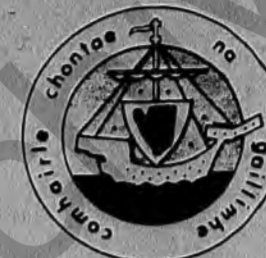
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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A meeting of Galway County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway,

on Friday, 22nd February, 1985,

at 12 noon,

to confer with the Members of Galway Corporation as to a consensus on the ideal boundary extension that might be granted to Galway City.

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E. GLEESON,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND GALWAY BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1985, AT 12 NOON.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members of Galway County Council: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputies F. Coogan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillor B. Holland, Senator M. Killilea, 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.

Members of Galway Borough Council:

Councillors Mary Byrne, Mayor of Galway; Thomas Browne, John Connolly, Michael Leahy, Bridie O'Flaherty, Senator Michael D. Higgins, Councillors Gerald Molloy, Pat McNamara.

Officials of Galway County Council:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, and P. Kearns, Assistant County Managers; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer.

Officials of Galway Borough Council:

Messrs. P.J. Gavin, Town Clerk; G. Leyden, Borough Engineer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2828 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION:

The Chairman indicated that at the request of the Mayor he had agreed to call the Joint Meeting. The purpose of the Joint Meeting was to enable the Members of both authorities to confer as to a consensus on the ideal boundary extension that might be granted to Galway City. In reply to queries from Councillors O'Morain and O'Foighil, the Chairman indicated that the meeting was a consultative one and that the County Council would be taking a decision on the outcome of the discussions at its meeting of Monday, 25th February, 1985. The County Manager read the following memorandum dated 22nd February, 1985, a copy of which was circulated to each Member of both authorities together with the map referred to:

"The purpose of this meeting between Members of Galway County Council and Galway Corporation is to confer with a view to seeking a consensus on the ideal boundary extension that might be granted to Galway City.

In considering a Borough boundary extension for Galway, the relevant issues and principles need to be identified. The following are considered relevant:

- 1) The County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission have confirmed that their Terms of Reference enable them to make recommendations on extensions of boundaries to cater for both development and representation purposes. It is suggested that any extension for development purposes should cater for the needs of the City for the next 20 years.

- 2) The projected population of Galway City and its environs is expected to be 70,000 by the year 2004, resulting in an increase of 32,165 from the 1981 Census of Population of 37,835, i.e., 85%. Such an increase in population will require the provision of 9,633 houses together with all the other ancillary requirements for services, industrial development, amenities and other planning and development needs. Provision should also be made for open space and land that should remain undeveloped.
- 3) In considering any boundary extensions, regard should be had to the existing and planned drainage areas which serve both the city and its environs. The County Council has for many years been planning the expansion of the city into two planned environs - east and west of the city. It is in these areas that major development outside the Borough Boundary has taken place and it is in these areas also that the major developments in the environs of the city will continue to occur for the foreseeable future.

These areas have now been examined and a map has been circulated to you showing those environs adjusted to:-

- (a) Follow townland boundaries;
- (b) Bring in certain areas which Corporation staff would wish to see included;
- (c) Exclude the industrial estate and adjoining townlands in order to ease the financial burden on the County Council consequent on an extension of the Borough Boundary.

The net effect of the areas as outlined in the map before you is that the area covered is approximately 52% of the area sought by the Corporation but it accommodates the development requirements of the city as perceived in the short time available, for the past 20 years.

The area proposed in this compromise plan includes the following acreages for the purposes stated:

	<u>Acres</u>
Residential	948
Industrial	383
Road Reservation	200
Agricultural	1,244
Communal	171
Agriculture/Amenity	301
Commercial	19
Unzoned	<u>1,920</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	5,186
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The area proposed as an extension of the Borough Boundary in this exercise has a total acreage of 5,186 acres, a total valuation of £24,546, and an estimated population of 6,306. The attached schedule sets out the details in respect of each townland involved. The addition of the extension to the present area of the new Galway Corporation would increase the area of the new County Borough of Galway from its present area of 5,362 acres to 10,548 acres - an increase in area of 97%.

4) Financial Considerations:

The exact details of the financial adjustments applicable to the two Councils following an extension of the City Boundary are dependent on a number of factors, e.g.:

- (i) Agreement on the exact area to be added to the city.
- (ii) The timing of the extension, i.e., before or after County Borough Status is granted in law to the City.

- (iii) The legal provisions (if any) in respect of compensation laid down in the legislation amending the boundary following the Commission Report if such legislation precedes the legal upgrading of City status.
- (iv) Negotiations as to amount, method of payment, and period of payment in respect of compensation.

These matters are all in addition to the financial questions arising from the upgrading of the City to County Borough status per se.

In any event, any transfer of area from one authority to another carried financial implications.

In the area mentioned in this Report, the County Council has access to Revenue from rate related sources and charges in amount of £513,000 based on 1984 figures.

This compares with figures of -

- £355,000 - in respect of built up areas on east and west;
- £575,000 - in respect of the two planned environs as adjusted to townland boundaries;
- and £822,550 - in respect of area outlined on map introduced by Councillor O'Foighil at meeting on 31st January, last.

Of course, the City Council would on the other hand incur financial liabilities in respect of any added area. A detailed exercise as to all the financial aspects will be undertaken as soon as possible.

One particular difficulty arises for the County Council in examining any boundary extension on the eastern side where the townlands comprising Brockagh, Polkeen, Ballygarraun, Cappanabornia, Ballybrit, Parkmore, Ballindoooley, Menlough, Glenanail and Ballybane Beg, carry on Industrial and Commercial Valuation Base of 12.75% of that of the whole County. This Valuation Base alone would result in an annual loss of revenue (in 1984 terms) to the Council of £185,300.

I have already stated on a number of occasions that any transfer of area from the County to the City carries financial implications particularly for the County Council. While the Department of the Environment have indicated that it would be the intention that provision would be made for financial adjustments in appropriate respects between the County Council and Corporation in the event of the boundary adjustment being effected, the detailed provisions relating to such financial adjustments have not yet been finalised. I want to repeat again that any new legislation affecting the extension of the Borough Boundary of Galway must provide clearly and specifically for financial adjustments on a continuing basis for a number of years.

The Members of the County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission have indicated that if further submissions are made to them by the end of this week, they will consider them before making their recommendations to the Minister for the Environment.

I hope that the information that I have outlined to you will assist you in your deliberations."

The County Manager indicated that he intended to inform the County and County Borough Electoral Areas Boundaries Commission of the outcome of the meeting and also that both Councils would be considering the matter with a view to reaching final decisions on Monday, 25th February, 1985. He understood that the Commission would take into account any further submissions from either authority if they were received by them by Tuesday of the following week.

Councillor M. O'Higgins thanked the Chairman and Members of both Councils for affording another opportunity to reach a consensus on what the ideal boundary extension should be for Galway City. He asked that the Members address themselves to looking at what the City of Galway would be in the future. The City should have a completeness in itself and at the same time leave the County Council as a viable unit. The question of financial arrangements and compensation should be considered later. It was the Corporation's view that the Government had a responsibility in relation to compensation as their decision to upgrade to County Borough status resulted in changes in the financial base of both local authorities. He hoped that the necessary financial arrangements could be worked out and he was anxious that the financial arguments would not intrude too much on the discussions regarding the ideal future City of Galway. Councillor O'Higgins referred to the County Manager's Report and stated that the drainage areas which served both the City and its environs should be included in any extension. He referred in particular to the Industrial areas in the environs of the City and stated that they should be included in an extension as such areas would look to the City for services in the future. He was reasonably satisfied with the extension proposed by the County Manager on the western side of the City but he felt that the Menlough and Ballindoooley townlands should be brought in to facilitate amenity areas for the city along the river bank and also that the industrial area be brought into the City.

The County Manager indicated that there was significant quarry development in Menlo and a substantial valuation base going with the townlands of Menlo and Ballindoooley. There would be a financial consequence if the rate support grant in respect of any of the areas involved was taken from the County Council. In reply to Councillor O'Higgins, the County Manager indicated that the financial arrangements that applied in existing law in relation to the extension of County Boroughs were that efforts were made to agree on the figures involved. If no agreement could be reached, the Minister for the Environment nominated an Inspector to report to him on the question of financial adjustments. Experience had shown that when the Inspector's Report was made, it was difficult to establish how his figures were arrived at. There was no automatic formula for financial adjustments.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that the financial implications involved should not impede progress on an agreed boundary extension. He was prepared to allow an extension large enough for the development of Galway City subject to just and proper compensation being made to the County Council. The meeting should aim for a consensus on a boundary extension and there was room for movement between the County Manager's proposal before the meeting and the proposal which Councillor O'Foighil himself had proposed at the first joint meeting. He felt that the townlands of Menlough and Ballindoooley should be included in an extension and also the industrial areas at Parkmore and Ballybrit.

Senator Michael D. Higgins stated that the extension of the City should be approached on broad planning criteria. The financial implications would have to be taken account of but should not over-ride planning considerations. Consideration should be given to the shape of the City after the extension had taken place and there was need for an overall integrated plan rather than a boundary determined by intermediate administrative criteria. The natural hinterland of the City should be included in an extension. The question of the financial implication should be considered later. He supported the views expressed by Councillor M. O'Higgins regarding the extensions that should be granted to the City.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that he hoped the Boundaries Commission would take into account towns and their natural hinterlands in determining Electoral Areas. As regards the extension of the City, he stated that Menlough should be included to allow the City right of access to Lough Corrib.

Councillor Leahy stated that the financial implications should not hinder a proper extension of the boundary from the City. It was the unanimous decision of the Corporation that financial implications would have to be faced up to in a reasonable manner and any extension should cater for at least 20 years. An extension of the boundaries should also take in Corporation Housing Estates and Industrial Estates as such areas were considered part of the urban community. The areas of Menlough, Parkmore, Ballybane Beg, Ballindoooley should be included.

Councillor McCormack stated that the Members of both authorities should not lose the opportunity of trying to agree on an ideal extension. He had not been in agreement with the original decision of the County Council in relation to giving the smaller area as an extension and he hoped that progress would be made at the present joint meeting.

Councillor O'Morain stated that he was not in favour of granting extensions until the Council were guaranteed that compensation would be paid. He would like to see the City of Galway develop in a proper manner but not at the cost of the remaining areas in the County Council.

Councillor Welby felt that some people who were residing on the western side of the city and who were included in the extension proposed were not over anxious about being transferred into the City area. Some valuable pieces of land were being included in the extension and he felt that the smaller extension was reasonable.

The Mayor of Galway Corporation stated that the Members of the Corporation had come to endeavour to reach agreement on an extension. She appealed to the Members of both Councils to agree on an extension. She would like to see the areas of Menlough, Ballybrit, Brockagh and Ballintemple included in the map before the meeting. She stated that the meeting should endeavour to reach agreement on the area to be included in the extension and compensation could be talked about later.

Councillor Glynn proposed that the map be considered area by area to decide what areas should be considered for inclusion in an extension.

In reply to Councillor Ryan, the County Manager indicated that the question of zoning lands not zoned at present could be considered at every review of the City's Development Plan. The City would be reviewing its present Development Plan in three and a half years.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the real problem for the County Council were the financial implications. He referred to the County Manager's report which indicated that there would be a loss of Revenue of £185,000 if a number of townlands as listed in the memorandum were included in an extension. The Council had spent alot of money on the development of these areas over the last 10 years at the expense of other villages and towns in the County. He felt that the map as presented to the meeting was a reasonable compromise and further extensions could be considered if necessary after a short number of years.

Councillor Gerald Molloy stated that the opportunity should be availed of to reach agreement. He felt that the Commission would take into account the views of both authorities.

Following further discussions, it was proposed by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, that the area as shaded on the western side as outlined on the map before the meeting, be accepted in considering any extension that might be granted in respect of that side. The meeting agreed with the proposal.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Holland, seconded by Councillor O'Foighil, that the townland of Menlough be included in considering a boundary extension.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Gerald Molloy, that the townland in Ballindoooley be considered in any proposed extension.

It was agreed that the townland of Ballygurraun be excluded from any proposed extension.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager gave the following information in relation to the townlands listed:

TOWNLAND	POPULATION	ACREAGE	TOTAL VALUATION
Ballybane Beg	-	96.0.33	4,761.85
Ballybrit	207	326.3.38	1,487.50
Glenanail	-	17.3.07	360.70
Parkmore	32	194.1.00	479.25

Councillor O'Morain stated that he was opposed to any changes in the boundary extensions until the question of compensation was clarified. Councillor M. O h-Uiginn stated that the Corporation had included in its submission to the Boundaries Commission that normal criteria for the payment of compensation should apply, this was an expression of goodwill by the Corporation.

The County Manager indicated that the law as it stood did not provide for compensation in the event of a borough extension as distinct from a County Borough extension. He had taken up the matter with the Department of the Environment and the position was as set out in his report before the meeting. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that any financial adjustment would have to be between the two local authorities involved out of such funds as were available to them. The County Manager indicated that he felt there was a relationship between valuation and rates support grant but he could not say with absolute certainty if this was so. The County Manager indicated that he had prepared a document in relation to the granting of County Borough status to Galway and had set out the financial implications involved. The County Council would be discussing the matter at its meeting of 25th February, 1985. The County Manager also gave details of the financial implications involved for Ballinasloe U.D.C. as a result of the granting of County Borough status to Galway. In reply to Councillor O' h-Uiginn, the County Manager indicated that he had given a copy of his document in relation to the financial implications of County Borough status to the Department of the Environment. Following further discussion, the meeting were unable to agree on a concensus that the townlands of Ballybanebeg, Glenanail, Parkmore, and Ballybrit, be added to the area shaded on the map being considered by the meeting in view of the financial implications involved for the County Council if such townlands were added as an extension to the new County Borough.

It was eventually decided that the following two proposals be put to the County Council at its meeting on the 25th February, 1985, for formal decision:

- 1) That the boundary extension be as outlined in the County Manager's map circulated with the report of 22nd February, 1985, and that in addition to the area shaded on the map, the townlands of Menlough and Ballindoooley be included in the extension.
- 2) That the boundary extension be as outlined in the map attached to the County Manager's report of the 22nd February, 1985, and that the townlands of Menlough and Ballindoooley be added to the extension. That both authorities having discussed the question of including the townlands of Ballybanebeg, Glenanail, Parkmore, and Ballybrit, in a boundary extension recorded disagreement on the inclusion of the said townlands because of the financial issues involved for the County Council if these townlands were included.

The meeting agreed that the two proposals as outlined above be put to the County Council for its decision at its meeting of 25th February, 1985. The joint meeting also noted that a special meeting of Galway Corporation would be called to discuss the matter on the night of the 25th February, 1985.

The County Manager stated that he would communicate the results of the joint meeting to the County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission and inform them that both authorities were to meet on the 25th February, 1985, for the purposes of making final decisions. He would indicate to the Commission that the final decision of both authorities would be known on Tuesday morning, 26th February, 1985, and that same would be communicated to them on that date.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John M. Morrison CHAIRMAN
25/3/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

18th February, 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, 25th February, 1985, commencing at 3.00 p.m., to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

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E. GLEESON,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwelling-house at Callow, Ballyconneely, for Joseph Conneely, of Ballyconneely. - Planning Reference Number 46823."
G. Bartley. Thomas Welby. M.G. O'h-Uiginn.
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 Peadar Finnerty for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ugool, Moycullen. - Planning Reference Number 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 Permission to Michael Geoghegan of Kilgarriff North, Lavally, Tuam, for the erection of petrol filling station with underground storage at Kilgarriff. - Planning Reference Number 49286."
Michael P. Kitt. Michael Ryan. Patrick Finnegan.
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 for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Bushypark to William Kelly. - Planning Ref. No. 49177."
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Michael Fahy.
5. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to retain a dwellinghouse at Derryloughaun East to P. Hopkins. - Planning Ref. No. 49355."
Thomas Welby. Micheal S. O'Morain. Frank Fahey.

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6. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Patrick Varley of Pollacorragune, Tuam, for retention of dwellinghouse, garage and shed and change of access at Pollacorragune, Tuam. - Planning Reference Number 49489."
Mark Killilea. Patrick Finnegan. Thomas Welby.
7. "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht Bainistiochta (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrtar ar Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cuir faoi ndeara don Bhainisteoir Contae cead pleanala a thabhairt do Padraic Breathnach (Coill Rua) teach agus dabhach searachas a thogail sa Choill Rua. - Uimhir Pleanala 49471."
P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. N. O'Conchubhair.
8. "D'reir Alt 4 den Acht Bainistiochta (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrtar ar Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cuir faoi ndeara on Bhainisteoir Contae cead pleanala a thabhairt do Seosamh O Marta (Cor na Ron) teach agus dabhach searachais a thogail i gCorr na Ron. - Uimhir Pleanala 49543."
P. O'Foighil. P. McCormack. Nioclas O'Conchubhair.
9. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Coughlan of Fairfield, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, for permission for erection of shop at Fairfield, Ahascragh. - Planning Reference Number 49497."
Michael P. Kitt. James Joyce. Paul Connaughton. Joe Callanan.
10. "We, the undersigned Councillors will propose that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission/Permission to Brian Touhy, Coose, Whitegate, Co. Galway, for the construction of a house at Coose North, without an enurement clause. - Planning Ref. No. 49343."
Frank Fahey. Edward Haverty. Michael P. Kitt.
11. Report on Planning Application - Frank Kilcommins - erection of dwelling-house and septic tank at Carrowmore. (Planning Reference No. 39885). (Requested by Deputy Michael Kitt).

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John 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 F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett and P. Kearns, Assistant County Managers; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2829 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Brian Hynes, The Green, Dunmore.
Mr. Michael Heffernan, Streamstown, Clifden.
Mr. Patrick Beatty, Truscan, Lettermullen.
Mr. Edward Hogan, c/o John Coyne, Market Street, Clifden.
Mr. Michael Hogan, Laught, Moylough.

2830 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49489 - APPLICANT: PATRICK VARLEY.

The Chairman agreed on the request of Senator Mark Killilea to allow consideration of this resolution which appeared at no. 6 on the Agenda. The County Engineer submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately 3 miles from Tuam on the Tuam to Ballinrobe Regional route no. 332.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 46797: Permission granted for a house to Mr. Michael Varley on a site which is almost identical to the present one. In the case of that application it was originally proposed to have a direct access onto the Regional Route, but because of its location at a sharp bend with deficient sight distance a refusal was contemplated. Senator Killilea attended the Planning Office, asked that the matter be re-examined and volunteered that the access could be taken onto an adjacent by-road, thereby avoiding the traffic hazard. He arranged the submission of a revised site map to this effect, and condition no. 2(a) of the Permission stipulated that Development take place in accordance with this agreed access.

When the dwellinghouse was built the condition was ignored and the applicant was written to in January of this year pointing out the unauthorised development and giving him one month to comply with his Permission before referring the matter to the Council's Legal Department. This present application is submitted so as to regularise the unauthorised development.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a hazardous bend at which traffic turning into the site from the Tuam direction would have critically substandard sight distance in which to assess the safety of turning right off the main road. The proposal is, therefore, specifically a hazardous one and is strongly opposed by the roads design Department of the County Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because the access would be located in close proximity, to a sharp bend with deficient sight distance on a Regional 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.

Councillors J. Burke and J. Brennan discussed this application with the Planning Officer."

Senator Killilea proposed that planning permission be granted in this case. He outlined with the aid of a map, details of suggestions for consideration by the Council. He stated that there was an existing roadway of 14 feet adjacent to the site. The entrance could be receded back 5 feet and widened to a total width of 28 feet rather than the applicant having to go to the other side of the site and build a road. The entrance proposed by the applicant was 230 feet from the bend. Senator Killilea stated that Mr. Varley was employed as a Caretaker in the V.E.C. in Tuam and had not got the finance to construct the roadway required by the Council. Councillor Finnegan seconded Senator Killilea's proposal and stated that he supported fully the points made by Senator Killilea. Councillor Joe Burke stated that he agreed with the County Council's assessment of the situation. The road referred to was a Land Commission road and was a very minor one. He formally objected to Senator Killilea's proposal. Councillor Burke stated that he had discussed the matter with the Planning Officer and he had asked that the case be looked at again. He asked that the decision be deferred to see if the Council could facilitate the applicant. Councillor Joe Brennan supported Councillor Burke. Senator Killilea stated that he was proposing widening the entrance to 28 feet. He also had discussed the matter with Planning Officials.

The County Engineer stated that there was no objection in principle to a house on the road involved but he was objecting to the danger that would be involved in using the access proposed. He had measured the distances himself and the eastern side of the road was 55 yards from the bend. The bend could be taken at a fairly fast speed and the proposed entrance could not be seen from the bend. There was a severe risk of an accident if Mr. Varley was using the proposed access to enter into his site. The County Engineer stated that he would be willing to consider a modification if an access was proposed on the apex of the bend which would improve the situation. The County Manager indicated that if the County Engineer continued to certify to him that a serious traffic hazard was involved, he would have to take legal advice before acting on the Section 4 resolution proposed.

It was agreed that, with the agreement of the applicant, the time for making a decision in relation to the planning application would be extended beyond the date of the next monthly meeting of the Council. It was agreed that the Section 4 Resolution would be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council and that in the meantime the County Engineer would examine the case further.

2831 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46823 - APPLICANT: JOSEPH CONNEELY.

The County Engineer stated that further information had been requested in relation to this planning application and that the Section 4 Resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2832 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49053 - APPLICANT: PEADAR FINNERTY.

The Council were informed that planning permission had been granted in this case.

2833 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49286 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL GEOGHEGAN.

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 5½ miles from Tuam near Lavally School on the Tuam to Clonbern road. It is at a junction with two other roads.

PLANNING HISTORY:

The site is a subdivision of a house site in respect of which there is a County Council loan paid and on which the Council has a charge.

Reference No. 48823: Permission refused to Mr. Michael Geoghegan for a filling station on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site which measures only 60 feet X 60 feet is at the side of an existing house curtailage. It falls short of the requirement for filling stations as set out in the County Development Plan - appendix D, which requires a frontage of 45 metres and a depth of 23 metres inside the building line. Its location on a complex road junction would lead to traffic movements from three different roads to and from the site which would be hazardous to the vehicles using the facility and those travelling past on the busy Tuam/Clonbern road. There would be no objection to a more suitably located and larger site on this route where the pumps and storage tank could be situated adequate distances from the roadway and residences so as not to cause traffic hazard or fire hazard.

The Housing Department object to this proposal and would not be agreeable to releasing the Council's charge on the site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a complex uncontrolled road junction, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic at the junction and along the Tuam/Clonbern road.

2. The proposed development would contravene the requirements of the County Development Plan relating to the site size for filling stations because the site submitted is inadequate in frontage and depth to provide for the satisfactory and safe provision of a petrol retail service.

Deputy Kitt and Councillor Ryan have made representations in this case."

The County Engineer stated that he objected to this application because the applicant could not meet the requirements for filling stations. There was a serious fire risk involved also. Deputy Michael Kitt proposed that a planning permission be given. In this case, the Council had given the applicant permission to build a house and the applicant proposed to cut down the bushes to improve the sight line. As regards the Council Charge on the site, he indicated that the man intended to redeem his Council loan. The man was unemployed and was endeavouring to set up business near his home. As regards the fire hazards involved, equipment could be provided to deal with this problem. The County Engineer referred to the danger of oil tankers making deliveries to the site and to the risk of accidents involved in such cases. Councillor Michael Ryan seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal. He stated that the man was redundant and wanted to set up a business of his own and that there was a need for a filling station in the area. Cllr. Finnegan stated that he also supported the proposal. In reply to Councillor Finnegan, the County Manager indicated that the question of planning permission would come before the question of a licence under the Dangerous Substances Regulations. He wanted to refer the matter to the Chief Fire Officer for his report on the case and indicated that the latest date for a decision was the 5th April, 1985.

It was agreed that the resolution would be adjourned to the March Meeting of the Council and that the Chief Fire Officer's report would be sought and considered at that meeting.

2834 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49177 - APPLICANT: WILLIAM KELLY.

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 was received.

2835 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49355 - APPLICANT: PADRAIC HOPKINS.

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 County Road at Derryloughaun, Furbo, approx. ¼ mile north of its junction with the Galway/Spiddal Road.

HISTORY:

33519 - Application for outline permission for dwellinghouse received from a Mr. P. O hOibicin. Request for Further Information sent to him on 15th November, 1979, regarding housing need and possibility to relocate septic tank outside site. No reply to date.

35185 - Application for outline permission for storage building from P. Hopking. Granted 11th August, 1980.

37048 - Application for full permission for storage building from P. Hopkins. Granted 15th December, 1980.

In March 1981, a complaint was received from an adjoining land owner that Mr. Hopkins was constructing a septic tank. Mr. Hopkins was written to on 22nd April, 1981, and informed he had not got permission for a septic tank. He replied on 29th April, 1981 to say he had only been excavating for a well.

In April 1984, it was noted that Mr. Hopkins continued work on the site and by May it was confirmed that Mr. Hopkins was not building in accordance with the permission granted and was in fact constructing a septic tank and dwellinghouse. Mr. Hopkins was written to on 7th June, 1984, putting him in notice that he was carrying out unauthorised development, in reply to which Mr. Hopkins called to

the Planning Office on 12th June and said he intended to apply for retention for a house and septic tank. By this time, Mr. Hopkins was living in a caravan on the site, and using a half completed septic tank, which was causing considerable nuisance to adjoining neighbours.

The Planning Authority had inspections carried out to have enforcement proceedings undertaken. Mr. Hopkins then made an application on 20th December, 1984, for the retention of the dwellinghouse and septic tank which is the present application.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site as submitted is only 0.13 acre and is completely inadequate for the construction of a septic tank and percolation area so as to avoid a public health hazard. Mr. Hopkins has been unable to gain any adjacent land on which to construct drainage from his proposed dwelling. There is a neighbouring objector to the application.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

The site is not of sufficient size or of a suitable nature to accommodate a septic tank in accordance with the requirements of the Draft County Development Plan and if permitted, would constitute a health hazard, both to the resident on the site, and to adjoining neighbours."

The County Manager read the following report which had been received from the Chief Medical Officer:

"The site is not of sufficient size or of suitable nature to accommodate a septic tank. The site is comprised of rock and behind the boundary wall, where the tank is proposed to be located, there is a sheer drop into the neighbouring field which is low lying, poorly drained and contains a stream and a network of drains. The siting of a septic tank as proposed would be likely to pollute the stream and drains. There is no other place where a septic tank and percolation area could be located, as the dwellinghouse occupies almost the entire site.

In reply to Councillor Welby, who asked if there would be objections to the provision of a chemical toilet, the County Engineer stated that he would consider any proposition made by the applicant in relation to this matter. It was indicated that the latest date for a decision to issue was the 3rd April, 1985, and it was agreed to adjourn consideration of the resolution to the March Meeting of the Council so that the applicant could consult further with the Planning Authority. The County Engineer pointed out that it was up to the applicant to make the submissions to the Planning Authority.

In reply to queries from Councillors O'Conchubhair and O'Morain, the County Engineer outlined the up-to-date position in relation to studies being carried out by the I.I.R.S. in relation to septic tanks in the Connemara Area. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that consultations could be arranged between the I.I.R.S. and Council Members when the I.I.R.S. Study was advanced enough to enable discussion.

2836 - RUN FAOI ALT 4 DE'N ACHT BAINISTIOCHTA (LEASAITHE), 1955, CEAD PLEANALA A THABHAIRT DO PADRAIC BREATHNACH, COILL RUA, - UIMHIR PLEANALA 49471

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 was received.

2837 - RUN FAOI ALT 4 DE'N ACHT BAINISTIOCHTA (LEASAITHE), 1955, CEAD PLEANALA A THABHAIRT DO SEOSAMH O MARTA (COR NA RON) - UIMHIR PLEANALA 49543.

The County Engineer stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application and the Section 4 resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2838 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49497 - APPLICANT: JOHN COUGHLAN.

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 County Road No. 522 from Ahascragh to Ballinasloe approximately 2½ miles from Ahascragh.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Reference No. 30393: Permission granted for a house to Mr. John Coughlan.

Reference No. 48895: Permission refused for a shop to Mr. John Coughlan on the grounds of traffic hazard.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The site is a subdivision of a house curtilage which is situated on a sharp bend linking two long fast straights, each of which exceeds one mile in length. Because of the very deficient sight distance at the bend there would be a very serious hazard to passing traffic if the shop were to be permitted. There is no immediate likelihood of a realignment of this bend. At the request of Deputy Kitt, the Planning Officer called to the house to discuss the matter with the applicant but the applicant was unable to attend.

If he were enabled to acquire an alternative site at least 150 metres from the bend there would be no planning objections to the proposal.

Deputy Coughlan and Councillors Brennan and Callanan also discussed this application with the Planning Officer.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development would create a serious traffic hazard being located close to a bend on a heavily trafficked road where the max. speed limit applies. There is insufficient sight distance from the proposed access in both directions, most particularly in a southerly direction and the traffic turning movements/parking created by the proposed development would also seriously interfere with the free flow of traffic along the roadway."

The County Engineer indicated that there was no objection in principle to a shop on the road involved but the applicant wanted to locate it on a dangerous bend. The road was heavily trafficked and a serious traffic hazard would be created. Deputy Kitt proposed that planning permission be granted. He stated that the applicant intended improving the sight distance which would render the development as safe as possible. Councillor Joe Callanan seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal. Councillor J. Brennan stated that he had visited the site and agreed with the Planning Officer's report. He had made representations to the Planning Officials and he felt that there was a definite risk of a traffic hazard. He asked that the resolution be deferred to enable further discussions to take place with the applicant. The County Manager advised the Council to defer a decision as he would have to get legal advice on the matter if a traffic hazard existed. It was agreed that the applicant should request an extension of time in this case and Deputy Kitt indicated that he would ask the applicant to extend the time for decision.

2839 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49343 - APPLICANT: BRIAN TUOHY:

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 Coose, Woodford, on the shores of Lough Derg close to the Galway-Clare Border.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been eleven previous applications in this immediate area on the shores of Lough Derg. Apart from the reconstruction of an old house, there were to successful housing applications, these having been granted by resolution of the Council to the Donoghue Family. None of the houses has been built.

In the case of this present site the previous applications were:

- Ref. No. 24511: Outline Permission granted by Resolution of Galway County Council for a house to Mr. Michael Donoghue. An Enurement condition was included which effectively tied the Permission to Mr. Donoghue's son.
- Ref. No. 40802: Application for house made by Mr. Michael Donoghue and subsequently withdrawn.
- Ref. No. 42835: Permission granted for a house to Mr. Michael Donoghue with Enurement Clause attached.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the shores of Lough Derg in a highly scenic area. It is approximately 200 metres from the Public Roadway and there has been pressure for some years to develop a frontage onto the lake for new housing development. This would be an unfortunate precedent and would be injurious to visual amenity and the recreational potential of the Shannon Waterway and would serve as a precedent and would be injurious to visual amenity and the recreational potential of the Shannon Waterway and would serve as a precedent for further similar developments. Whereas the earlier applications pleaded family housing needs the most recent application sought to have the enurement condition deleted and the present applicant is an Auctioneer who is advertising sites for sale in this area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development, located on the shore of Lough Derg which is an area of high scenic and recreational importance both in the local and national context, would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area because it would be visually obtrusive on the lakeshore and would lead to the further erosion of the remaining amenity.

Deputy Fahey has discussed this proposal with the Planning Officer."

The County Engineer indicated that the applicant was an Auctioneer who was advertising sites in the area and it appeared that Permission was being sought without an Enurement Clause for the purposes of selling the site. The Council had to take account of the common good and of the high amenity area involved. Deputy Michael Kitt proposed that planning permission be granted. Councillor Callanan seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal. Councillor Joe Burke stated that he objected to planning permission being granted as the Council should preserve amenities.

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, Councillor Callanan, Deputy Coogan, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane and Welby.

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Holland, Kilgannon, Mannion, and Ryan. (7)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2840 - REPORT ON PLANNING APPLICATION - FRANK KILCOMMINS - ERECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSE AND SEPTIC TANK AT CARROWMORE (PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER 39885)(REQUESTED BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT):

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

"This application was made in July 1981 in respect of a site which is very small, having a frontage of 100 ft. but a depth of only 83 ft. It is just outside Newbridge on the Regional Route No. 363 to Athlone.

A further information was sought relating to the submission of a map of all the family lands in view of the small site size submitted. It was also pointed out that the building line requirement along the road was 70 ft. and it would not be possible to locate a house on the site to such a specification.

The reply to the Request for Further Information was lodged in November, and further details of how the applicant proposed to submit a 70 ft. building line were to be lodged. These have not been received and the decision date has been extended to 11th March, 1985.

Even if the building line requirement were to be reduced to 40 ft., which is the minimum standard for minor County Roads, it would not be possible to locate a septic tank percolation area on this site in accordance with our standard requirements, and so as to avoid a public health hazard to householders. We await evidence that the applicant can extend the site or acquire the neighbouring landowners permission to locate the percolation area on adjoining lands."

Deputy Michael Kitt stated that he would ask the applicant to submit the information sought by the Planning Authority before the end of March 1985.

2841 - APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PERMISSION FOR DWELLINGHOUSE AND SEPTIC TANK AT AILLE - PRIONNSIAS O FATHARTA - PLANNING REFERENCE NO. 48981:

Councillor Pol O'Foighil referred to the Minutes of the Special meeting of 28th January, 1985, when the County Manager circulated a letter from the 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 quoted from a document and stated that he had been advised that the County Manager was duly bound to give permission once a Section 4 Resolution was passed by the Council. He had been advised that the County Manager should have advised the Council before the Section 4 Resolution was passed. He was now proposing that the County Manager comply with the resolution passed. Councillor O'Foighil stated that if the Manager felt that he could not comply with the resolution as passed, he would be seeking independent legal advice.

The County Manager stated that the Council's Solicitor was advising him as the County Manager exercising a function of the Council and his advice was objective. He asked that Councillor O'Foighil give a copy of the document from which he had read to the Council's Legal Adviser for his observations. The County Manager also stated that Mr. O'Foighil could discuss the matter with the Council's Legal Adviser if necessary. Councillor O'Foighil agreed to give a copy of the document to the Legal Adviser and asked that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next special Monthly Meeting.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED APPROVED + (ON FIRMED)
John M. Shanahan CHAIRMAN 25/3/85

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

18u Feabhra, 1985.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 25u la Feabhra, 1985, ar 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 28th January, 1985.
 - (b) Monthly Meeting 28th January, 1985.
 - (c) Joint Meeting with Galway Borough Council 31st January, 1985.
 - (d) Special Meeting 5th February, 1985.
2. County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission.
3. Letter dated 28th January, 1985, from the Department of the Environment regarding the granting of County Borough status to Galway. (Copy enclosed).
4. Fix date of meeting to continue consideration of Estimates.
5. Overdraft Accommodation - quarter ending 30th June, 1985.
6. Sale of houses to the following tenants:
 - (a) Patrick Carter, Laghtgannon, Roscahill, Co. Galway.
 - (b) Margaret Scully, Bookeen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
 - (c) Mary Burke, Clamper Park, Athenry, Co. Galway.
(Notices dated 13th February, 1985.)
7. Sale of sites at Moycullen to the following:
 - (a) Margaret O'Sullivan
 - (b) Cormac & Colette MacDonnachadha
 - (c) Michael Kirrane
 - (d) Barbara and Martin Kelly, c/o Coen House, Salthill, Galway.
 - (e) Patrick Fahy, c/o James J. Kearns & Son, Solicitors, Portumna.
(Notices dated 8th and 15th February, 1985.)
8. New Planning Regulations. (Memorandum circulated)
9. Drainage of Dunkellin River. (Copy of letter dated 15th January, 1985, from Office of Public Works circulated.)
10. Draft Meat Inspection By-Laws. (Copy attached).
11. International Youth Year 1985.
12. Fix dates of Committee Meetings for Review of Town Development Plans.

13. Policy and Planning Framework for Roads. (Summary enclosed).
14. Causeway at Inishnee.
15. Waste Disposal Plan for the County of Galway. (Copy to follow.)
16. Animal Shelter at Ballybane.
17. Malicious Injury Decrees. (List herewith)
18. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

COUNCILLOR 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.

COUNCILLOR PADDY RUANE - I will propose:

3. That Galway County Council remove the old wall beside Hession's house, Claregalway to give a view to motorists coming out of Montaugh Village.
4. That traffic lights be erected at Claregalway junction near Church also to pin down motorists to observe the 30 mile speed limit at Claregalway.
5. 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:

6. 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:

7. 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:

8. That Galway County Council declare public the road into the Fahy Estate at Claremount, Oughterard.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

9. That the County Council release money intended as contribution towards Rawfee (Caherlistrane) Group Water Scheme.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

10. That this Council make provisions to prevent flooding on the County Road at Shankill, Corrandulla, opposite Paddy and Brendan Newell's dwellinghouse.
11. A resolution at the next meeting requesting that 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.
12. 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:

13. 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.
14. 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.
15. That the ceiling for the H.F.A. loans be raised to £12,000.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:

16. Ba mhaith liom staid sgeim uisge Rosmuc a fhiosru.
17. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go dtoigfi an sean-lorrai as barr na gCrumpan.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

18. Galway County Council surface and tar 36 feet of road at Crowe Street, Gort, and take over and maintain same.

(b) Other Motions received:

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

19. That By-Laws for the operation of Abattoirs be included on the Agenda of the February County Council Meeting for the Council's approval so as to allow for the re-opening of Abattoirs which are now closed due to the Council's failure to adopt such by-laws.
20. That Clarinbridge and Craughwell be included in the 1985 Small Sanitary Services Programme.
21. That the provision of lights at Nogra, Kinvara, be included in the 1985 Estimates and that the lights removed from Clarinbridge be used in Nogra.

COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON - I will propose:

22. That Galway County Council do a survey of all unoccupied houses in the County and set out to purchase and reconstruct some to be made available for persons on the Council Housing list.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MOARIN - Molaim:

23. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go mbeadh ceangal uisge ag gach duine san Aird Thoir a bhfuil uisge aca anois leis an sgeim grupa ata ann anois.

DEPUTY FINTAN COOGAN - I will propose:

24. That the narrow road at the Headford Road side of the Headford-Galway road past the Corrandulla Barracks be widened.
25. That a water hydrant be provided for 14 houses at Ardrahan.
26. That the County Council build a footpath from the new by-pass to the school at Ardrahan.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

27. That Galway County Council would provide footpaths from Menlough Church to Paddy Craughwell's house.
28. That Galway County Council calls on the Minister of State, Mr. Ted Nealon, T.D., to intervene with the Arts Council to rescind their decision to axe the grant to Comhaltas Ceoltoeirí Éireann which funds their National Entertainment Scheme.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

29. That this Council fully support the efforts of the local committee in their efforts to have the scheme for the Knockferry/Kilbeg Corrib Bridge sanctioned and put to the Department.

FEBRUARY 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.
Thomas Murphy, Esker, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe	Damage to Motorbike	County at Large	£300.00	£217.00
Coffey Construction Ltd., Athenry, Co. Galway.	Damage to Door and Lights of Garbally Reservoir.	County at Large	£2,200.00	£248.29
Martin McCahill, Coragh, Killeshandra, Co. Cavan.	Damage to Car	County at Large	£650.00	£327.57
Thomas Salmon, Main Street, BALLINASLOE, Co. Galway.	Damage to store door, fan light, dome roof lights, hand truck and motor car.	County at Large	£500.00	£727.20
Thomas Finnerty, Ballacurra, Kilchreest, Loughrea.	Damage to Car	County at Large	£1,500.00	£575.35
Rooney Auctioneers (Galway) Ltd.	Damage to sign by fire	County at Large	£350.00	£276.60
Comharchumann Forbartha na nOilean, Tír an Fhia, Lettermore.	Damage to shed - breaking, damaging and destroying the Steel Door thereof.	County at Large.	£200.00	£310.00.
Lackagh Rock Ltd., Angliham, Menlo, Galway.	Damage to a Compressor with Engine attached.	County at Large.	£300.00.	£185.00.
Alphonsus Duffey, Killimor, Ballinasloe.	Damage to two doors - one with plate glass panels.	County at Large	£460.00	£334.93
Hunters Galway Limited, Earls Island, Galway.	Damage to door	Borough of Galway	£650.00	£119.50

FEBRUARY 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.
Fursey Whyte, Ballymana, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway..	Damage to Digger and Earth Moving Equipment.	County at Large.	£500.00.	£662.28.
Montgolfier Holdings Limited, 4, Montpelier Terrace, Sea Road.	Damage to Railings and Wall Caping.	County at Large.	£489.04.	£458.77.
Gabrielle Scott, 139, Rahylin Glebe, Ballybane.	Damage to Central Heating System and Electric Kettle.	County at Large.	£500.00.	£104.76.
Michael Lawrence, c/o Claffey & Daly, Solicitors, 35, William Street, Galway.	Damage to Escort Van 703 LZI.	County at LARGE.	£1,500.00.	£1,471.71
Margaret Fogarty, 21, Brookdale, Headford Road, Galway.	Damage to Motor Car - Paunas Ford Reg. No. PM 9045 U	County at Large	£1,500.00.	£354.83.
City Car Sales, Bohermore, Galway.	Damage to Toyota Corolla K 30 Car Reg. No. 8449 ZM	County at Large.	£557.58.	£453.98
Roches Stores (Limerick) Limited, Eyre Street, Galway.	Plate Glass Window in Shop broken.	County at Large.	£350.00.	£259.00.
Burke Meats (Kinvara) Ltd. Main Street, Kinvara, Co. Galway.	Damage to roof of premises, two cash registers and a quantity of perishable green grocery items were broken and damaged.	County at Large.	£3,000.00.	£2,109.25.
Martin Prendergast, Turco, Bullaun, Loughrea, Co. Galway.	Damage to windows, doors and contents of house.	County at Large	£750.00	£366.45

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
John Fitzgerald, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to Car	County at Large	£500.00	£360.78
William O'Connor, Bishop Street, Tuam, Co. Galway.	Damage to window and electrical fittings	County at large	£130.00	£132.50
William O'Connor, Bishop Street, Tuam, Co. Galway.	Damage to door and electrical fittings	County at Large	£257.70	£180.20
Telecom Eireann	Damage to Kiosk	County at Large	£350.00	£397.93
Joyce & Sons, Headford, Co. Galway.	Damage to Business Premises	County at Large	£2,000.00	£447.76
Blackrock House Ltd., 35, Upr. Abbey Street, Dublin.	Damage to Steel Door and Camera Equipment	Borough at Large	£200.00	£329.50
Bord Telecom Eireann	Damage to telephone kiosk at new Mervue.	County at large	£1,200	£1,356.76
Minister for Posts & Telegraphs	Damage to telephone kiosk at New Mervue.	County at large.	£1,200	£1,360.98
Bord Telecom Eireann.	Damage to telephone apparatus at Roscahill.	County at large.	£1,200	£1,346.23
Blackrock House Ltd., Film House, 35, Upper Abbey Street, Dublin, 1.	Damage to window, shop counter, shutters to shop at Town Hall Cinema, Galway.	County at large.	£178.00	£91.00

COMHAIRLE CHONTAENA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/8/140613th. February, 1985.

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 Carter, Laghtgannon, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

Location:- Laghtgannon, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Patrick Carter of: Laghtgannon, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,217.

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.

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/1425

13th. February, 1985.

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:- Laurence Martin, Curhoor, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Bookeen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Margaret Scully of: Bookeen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,494.

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.

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/1531

13th. February, 1985.

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:- Stephen Burke, Clamper Park, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Location:- Clamper Park, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mary Burke of: Clamper Park, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £11,297.

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.

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

8th February, 1985

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: Proposed Sale of Land at Moycullen

A Chara,

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot Acres</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
Margaret O'Sullivan	11	.107	£945
Cormac & Collette MacDonnadhá	13	.074	£945
Michael Kirrane	15	.039	£640

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

E. GLEASON
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

15th February, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: Proposed Sale of Land at Moycullen

A Chara,

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>Persons to land is proposed to be sold:</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot Acres</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
Barbara and Martin Kelly	5	0.085	£945.00

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

Mise le meas,

E. GLEASON,
COUNTY SECRETARY

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHÉ
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

15th February, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed Sale of land at Portumna, Co. Galway

A Chara,

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Mr. William Martyn, Portumna.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:

Mr. Patrick Fahy, c/o James J. Kearns & Son,
(Solicitors) Portumna

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Area of Plot</u>
4	.089 acre approx.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Price</u>
4	£4,000

Covenant or condition in connection with disposal:

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

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

Mise le meas,

E. GLEASON

County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John 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 F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, 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. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, and P. Kearns, Assistant County Managers; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

2842 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Minutes of the following meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Meeting 28th January, 1985.
- (b) Monthly Meeting 28th January, 1985.
- (c) Joint Meeting with Galway Borough Council 31st January, 1985.
- (d) Special Meeting 5th February, 1985.

2843 - LETTER DATED 28TH JANUARY, 1985, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT REGARDING THE GRANTING OF COUNTY BOROUGH STATUS TO GALWAY:

The Council agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that this matter which appeared at number 3 on the Agenda be discussed at that stage of the Meeting. The County Manager read the report dated 1st February, 1985, which had been circulated to the Chairman and each Member of the Council and also to the Mayor and each Member of the Galway Borough Council.

The County Manager indicated that he had submitted a copy of his report to each Member of the Borough Council. The Borough Council were concerned about the costs involved and had suggested that the Government should be called upon to assist financially after County Borough status was conferred on Galway. In reply to Councillor Holland, the County Manager stated that the law in relation to the allocation of rate support grant did not state specifically that the Government had to have regard to valuations but he believed that in the division of Government funds, valuations were taken into account.

Councillor Micheal O h-Uiginn stated that the Corporation had considered the Manager's report which bore out the point that the upgrading of Galway was not a simple exercise. The financial base of both authorities were being changed and the Corporation understood the dangers and fears expressed by the County Council. There was a case to be made to Central Government in relation to the financial implications involved.

Councillor O'Morain stated that it was unfair to ask the County Council to shed any land in the absence of guarantees that the Council would not be worse off financially.

Councillor Michael D. Higgins stated that there was need to examine the financial base of the two local authorities after the two events of County Borough status and a borough extension had been granted to Galway.

The financial base would have to be considered carefully but other planning criteria should also be borne in mind. Planning concepts should be taken into account and an integrated solution which would include the financial arrangements should be sought. In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that the Government had decided to grant County Borough status to Galway and that a very important submission had to be made to the Minister for the Environment on how the decision should be put into effect. Deputy Coogan stated that he supported the views expressed by Councillor O' h-Uiginn and Senator Higgins. The natural hinterland attractions to the City would have to be taken into account.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that the Council should investigate the possibility of separating the Motor Tax system as between the County and new City. If services were being separated, they should be separated in full. The County Council should examine the possibility of decentralising and establishing a County Town outside of Galway City.

In reply to Councillor J. Callanan, the County Manager gave details of how the demand on Ballinasloe U.D.C. would be affected as a result of the granting of County Borough status to Galway. The Ballinasloe U.D.C. were aware of the problems involved and were making their own submission regarding the matter.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that any decision taken should not be to the detriment of Galway County Council and that the social implications for the people should be examined to ensure that they would not be at any disadvantage as a result of County Borough status for Galway. In reply to Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager indicated that costs would increase dramatically if each local authority were to take on the provision of all its services individually. There were certain services which should be shared and there was the likelihood that there would be agreement between the two authorities regarding the sharing of services. The County Manager indicated that the Council should make a submission to the Minister for the Environment and he suggested a number of points which should be taken up with the Minister. Following further discussion, the Council passed the following resolution:

1. "That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment -
 - (a) To provide for measures to cushion the effect of the granting of County Borough status to Galway and to provide for the financial implications arising so as to ensure that the County Councils situation is not worsened financially.
 - (b) To make adequate provision in relation to the Western Health Board demand and the drainage demand of the Office of Public Works including arrangements for the outstanding amounts being claimed by those Bodies from Galway County Council.
 - (c) To afford Galway County Council an opportunity of considering every matter on which solutions are proposed.
2. That every effort be made to continue the sharing of certain services by Galway County Council and the new Galway County Borough where possible, e.g., Fire Service and Library Service."

2844 - COUNTY AND COUNTY BOROUGH ELECTORAL AREA BOUNDARIES COMMISSION:

The County Secretary gave details of the outcome of a Joint Meeting of the Members of Galway County Council and the Members of Galway Borough Council held on Friday, 22nd February, 1985, for the purpose of conferring as to a consensus on the ideal boundary extension that might be granted to Galway City. He indicated that a discussion had taken place on the various issues but that the meeting was unable to come to an agreed consensus on the boundary extension that might be granted to Galway City. It was decided at the meeting that in any consideration of a boundary extension on the western side, the area as shaded on the map referred to in the County Manager's report which had been circulated to each Member be included in such an extension. It was also felt at the meeting that in any consideration of a boundary extension,

the townlands of Menlough and Ballindooley should be included in such extension. The meeting could not agree on a consensus that the townlands of Ballybane Beg, Glenanail, Parkmore, and Ballybrit, be added to the area shaded on the map in view of the financial implications for the County Council. Details of the population, area, valuation, and financial consequences for the Council of the loss of these areas had been outlined to the Joint Meeting and discussed.

The Joint Meeting had decided eventually that the following two proposals be put to the County Council at its meeting on the 25th February, 1985, for formal decision:

- 1) That the boundary extension be as outlined in the County Manager's map circulated with the report of 22nd February, 1985, and that in addition to the area shaded on the map the townlands of Menlough and Ballindooley be included in the extension.
- 2) That the boundary extension be as outlined in the map attached to the County Manager's report of the 22nd February, 1985, and that the townlands of Menlough and Ballindooley be added to the extension. That both authorities having discussed the question of including the townlands of Ballybane Beg, Glenanail, Parkmore and Ballybrit, in a boundary extension recorded disagreement on the inclusion of the said townlands because of the financial issues involved for the County Council if these townlands were included.

In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager indicated that no Corporation houses were excluded from the shaded area as outlined on the map which had been circulated to each Member.

Senator Killilea stated that in addition to the question of the Borough Extension, there was need to look at the Electoral Areas within the County to ensure that hinterland of towns were taken into account in determining boundaries.

Councillor Micheal O h-Uiginn stated that the Joint Meeting unable to reach a consensus in relation to the industrial areas on the eastern side of the city. He stated that the city had to be looked on as an entity of itself and that the industrial areas should be included. The Corporation had accepted that compensation should be payable in respect of these areas. He proposed that the industrial areas be included in a boundary extension. Senator Michael D. Higgins seconded Councillor O h-Uiginn's proposal. The County Manager indicated that the reason he had not included the industrial areas in the map outlining a suggested extension was because of the financial implications involved for the County Council.

The Chairman indicated that if the Council wished to rescind its decision taken at its meeting of 5th February, 1985, that Standing Order No. 52 would have to be suspended. He outlined the procedure for the suspension of Standing Orders as set out in Article 78 of the Council's Standing Orders.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan and seconded by Deputy F. Coogan:

"That Standing Order No. 52 of the Standing Orders of Galway County Council be suspended for the purpose of considering matters relating to the Council's submission to the County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission."

A vote was taken on Councillor Brennan's proposal which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Cllrs. Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Coogan, Councillor Haverty, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O h-Uiginn, O'Morain, Ryan and Welby.

(19)

AGAINST: Senator Killilea, Councillors Mannion, and Molloy.

(3)

The Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Councillor Brennan carried by 19 votes for, to 3 votes against.

It was proposed by Councillor Holland and seconded by Deputy Coogan:

"That this Council hereby rescinds its decision as set out in Minute No. 2818 on page 3 of the Minutes of proceedings at the special Meeting of Galway County Council held on Tuesday, 5th February, 1985, stating -

That the Council submit to the Commission that the Council is agreeable to transfer to the Borough of Galway (which is intended to constitute as a County Borough) for representation purposes, and subject to adequate compensation the townlands in Appendix 1 of Report dated 25th January, 1985, (Ballybanemore, Rahylin Glebe, Rahoan Rural, Clybawn, Shangort, Knocknacarra Rural, Pollnaroona West, Acres, Ballymoneen East, Ballymoneen West, Ballyburke, and Mincloon), and that the Council gives a commitment to enter into negotiations with the new County Borough in regard to further extensions when legislation will have provided for same and for compensation."

A vote was taken on Councillor Holland's proposal which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Bartley, Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Clrs. Byrne, Callanan, Deputies Coogan, Councillor Haverty, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O h-Uiginn, O'Morain, Ryan, and Welby.

(20)

AGAINST: Councillors Mannion and Molloy.

(2)

The Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Councillor Holland carried by 20 votes for to 2 votes against.

The following resolution was proposed by Councillor Micheal O h-Uiginn and seconded by Senator Michael D. Higgins:

"That this Council agree to transfer the following townlands to the Borough of Galway (which it is intended to constitute as a County Borough) as an extension of the Borough Boundary -

- 1) The townlands as outlined in the schedule attached to the County Manager's report dated 22nd February, 1985.
- 2) The townlands of Menlough and Ballindooley.
- 3) The townlands of Ballybanebeg, Glenanail, Parkmore and Ballybrit.

That this decision is taken on the full understanding that adequate provisions are made for the payment of compensation."

The following amendment to Councillor O h-Uiginn's proposal was proposed by Councillor O'Morain and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy:

"That this Council reject all Borough Boundary changes of Galway until the question of compensation is clarified to the Council's satisfaction."

A vote was taken on Councillor O'Morain's amendment which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Callanan, Haverty, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Mannion, Molloy, and O'Morain.

(8)

AGAINST: Councillors Bartley, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Senator Higgins, Councillors Holland, McCormack, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'h-Uiginn, Ryan, and Welby.

(13)

The Chairman declared Councillor O'Morain's amendment lost by 8 votes for to 13 votes against.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor J. Burke:

"That the Council agree to transfer the following townlands to the Borough of Galway (which it is intended to constitute as a County Borough) as an extension of the Borough Boundary -

- 1) The townlands as outlined in the schedule attached to the County Manager's report dated 22nd February, 1985.
- 2) The townlands of Menlough and Ballindooley."

The following further amendment was proposed by Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair:

"That the resolution proposed by Councillor M. O h-Uiginn be amended by the addition of the following townlands -

Ballygarraun, Polkeen, Brockagh, Ballintemple, Breanloughan."

Councillor Joyce seconded Councillor Burke's amendment. The Chairman decided that a vote would be taken on Councillor Molloy's amendment and the result was as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillor Holland, Senator Killilea, Councillors Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Higgins, O'Morain, and Welby.

(9)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Coogan, Councillors Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, O'Foighil, Ryan.

(12)

The Chairman declared the amendment proposed by Councillor Molloy lost by 9 votes for, 12 votes against.

The Chairman then decided to put the resolution proposed by Councillor O h-Uiginn to the meeting. A vote was taken on the resolution proposed by Councillor O h-Uiginn and voting was as follows:

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Councillor Haverty, Senator M.D. Higgins, Councillor Holland, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Molloy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, M. O h-Uiginn, and Welby.

(14)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, Callanan, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Clrs. Mannion, O'Morain, and Ryan.

(7)

The Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Councillor O h-Uiginn carried by 14 votes for, to 7 votes against.

It was agreed that the Council's decision would be conveyed to the County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission immediately.

2845 - STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING:

It was agreed that the adjourned statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on Friday, 1st March, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway.

2846 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Senator M. Killilea, 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 February, 1985, under Section 83 of the Local Governemtn Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (a) Patrick Carter, Laghtgannon, Rascahill, Co. Galway.
- (b) Margaret Scully, Bookeen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
- (c) Mary Burke, Clamper Park, Athenry, Co. Galway."

2847 - SALE OF SITES AT MOYCULLEN: + *Resolution*

On the proposition of Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Senator Mark Killilea, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of sites at Moycullen, to the following in accordance with the terms of notices dated 8th and 15th February, 1985, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (a) Margaret O'Sullivan
- (b) Cormac & Colette MacDonnachadha
- (c) Michael Kirrane
- (d) Barbara and Martin Kelly
- (e) Patrick Fahy."

2848 - RAWFEE/CAHERLISTRANE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR KILLILEA:

The County Secretary stated that at the Council Meeting of 28th May, 1984, the Council approved of a special contribution of £6,440 for increased pipe sizes for Rawfee Group Water Scheme. The Council had asked that the special contribution be withheld until the village of Caherlea was given a water supply from the Rawfee Group. As far as the Council was aware, agreement on this had not been reached by the two Groups. The County Engineer had indicated that the Caherlea South Scheme had a source of adequate capacity to cater for the Caherlea area provided some modification was made to the Caherlea South Group Scheme. Senator Killilea proposed that the money intended as a contribution to the Rawfee Scheme be released. The County Manager indicated that the matter would be examined and if there were any problems that Senator Killilea would be informed of same.

2849 - ROSCAHILL G.W.S./DEVELOPMENT OF BOGS AT ARDDERROO - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

The Council agreed with the following resolution which was proposed by Clr. T. Welby:

"That the Minister for Agriculture 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."

The Council decided that a date would be fixed for a meeting to deal with the remaining business on the Agenda for the meeting of the 25th February, 1985, at its adjourned meeting on the 1st March, 1985.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John M. Mooney CHAIRMAN

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 1st March, 1985, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. GLEESON,
County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1985 .
(Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already circulated).
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.
3. Fix date for meeting to discuss items adjourned at Monthly Meeting of 25th February, 1985.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; T. McGowan, Senior Staff Officer; T. Coughlan, Staff Officer; and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2850 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Joe Campbell, Kiltormer Post Office, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. John Newell and Family, Barranny, Corrandulla.
Mrs. M. Owens, Ballinfoile, Galway.

Mrs. Maureen Polan, Caoran, Carna.

2851 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES, 1985:

Councillor Micheal O'Morain complimented the Manager and the staff in the preparation of the Book of Estimates. He referred to the diminishing base of Rates and stated that it was unfair on small businesses to be asked to pay increases in Rates as well as Water and Service Charges. He would propose that the 10% increase in Rates and Water Charges be rejected by the Council and that if any increase was to be considered, it should be 0.8% of an increase in line with the increase in Rates related Grants. He referred to the lack of financial support from Central Funds and to the legislation which had been introduced whereby the Government were no longer obliged to pay the full amount in respect of Rates as levied by Local Authorities. Councillor O'Morain referred to the inadequacy of funds in relation to the provision of houses and referred to a recent case of a family whose house had been burned. The Council, he stated, were only in a position to provide a caravan with no seating in it and such an arrangement was not providing adequate housing. He referred to the fact that the Council were prosecuting for the non-payment of charges and stated that it was not the Council's fault that charges were imposed in the first instance. Councillor O'Morain asked if the arrangements regarding the Director of the R.D.O. had been resolved satisfactorily.

In relation to the contribution to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation, Councillor O'Morain proposed that no monies be paid by the Council until such time as a Manager was appointed. Councillor O'Morain also asked that the Council consider the provision of waste disposal bins in tourist areas. He also asked that the provision for fire fighting in the Estimates be re-examined, and if the Council had made provision for a payment to the Land Commission in respect of compensation for the Rinville Estate.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager stated that he was not aware if the proposed meeting between the Ministers for Finance, Environment, and Health and Social Welfare had taken place wherein it was proposed to discuss the question of the Western Health Board demand on Galway County Council.

The County Manager also stated that he could not say if the meeting had not taken place. The Chairman of the Council stated that it was his understanding that the meeting had taken place but that the findings had not yet been issued.

Councillor O'Morain asked if the question of the anomalies in respect of Road Grant allocations and in respect of the Supplementary Welfare Demand could be referred to the Ombudsman on behalf of Councillors acting either individually or as a Body. Councillor O'Morain proposed that no monies be paid to the Western Health Board in 1985. He stated that if the Council refused to pay the Health Board demand, considerable improvements could be made in other areas and charges could be decreased to improve relation between the Council and the public.

Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair stated that he would propose that the Book of Estimates be rejected as the Council were not getting their fair share in grants. He seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal that no money be paid to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation until such time as a Manager was appointed. Councillor O'Conchubhair also proposed that some provision be made in the Estimates to assist youth.

Councillor J. Callanan stated that the increase in the Rates should be 0.8% which was the same as that granted by the Government. He stated that Group Water Supply Schemes should not be charged the same rates for water as other similar consumers as Group Schemes had to pay for E.S.B. and maintenance charges. He asked that the Council consider providing additional public lighting particularly in front of churches where lighting was required because of evening masses. He asked that the Council consider meeting the maintenance charges if communities provided the lights themselves. He enquired regarding improvements to the graveyards at Killure and Kilrickle, and asked regarding the up-to-date position on Kilconnell Water Supply Scheme. He proposed that no increase be made on water charges and that the Rates be increased by 0.8%, and asked that the Manager examine the consequences of such a proposal.

Councillor Bartley stated that charges should not be made in respect of refuse collection where people along collection routes were not availing of the service. He asked that provision be made in the 1985 Estimates for improvements to Omev Burial Ground.

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that he did not agree that the Estimates as presented should be rejected in total. He considered the increase proposed of 10% to be too high and asked what the shortfall would be if there was no increase in Water Charges and if a 6% increase was made in the Rates. He stated that he was concerned about the County Manager's statement in relation to the repayment of Housing Loans.

Deputy M. Kitt stated that he supported the view that no further monies should be paid to the Regional Tourism Organisation until that organisation was re-structured. He also suggested that savings be made in the provision for maintenance of Courthouses. He was not in agreement with an increase of 10% in Water Charges and Rates.

Councillor M. O h-Uiginn stated that the allocations to Local Authorities had been insufficient over the last 4 or 5 years. As a result of cutbacks, the business community were being asked to pay on the double for certain charges. Business people were being asked to pay Rates which included a rate for Water Charges and other services and were also required to pay Water Charges. As a result, many small businesses were finding it difficult to survive.

Councillor Toddie Byrne referred to charges such as the demands of the Western Health Board and the Office of Public Works, and the maintenance of Courthouses over which he said the Council had no say whatsoever. He referred to the system of financing loan charges on Capital Projects and of the manner in which the subsidy was paid and stated that there was an urgent need to review the system. He agreed that Rates on small businesses had reached the limit and that an increase of 10% should not be adopted but he referred to the problem of where the necessary savings could be made.

Councillor T. Welby referred to the shortfall in respect of roads and stated that improvements being carried out at Woodstock should have been completed. He enquired regarding the up-to-date position on the provision of an Animal Shelter. Councillor Welby stated that the Council should be pressing to be allowed to retain monies received in Motor Tax. He also agreed that an increase of 10% in the Rates should not be allowed particularly in respect of small businesses who he stated should not have to pay Water Charges if they were paying Rates. He stated that there was little room to manoeuvre in the adoption of the Estimates and that the Council should request a deputation to the Minister for the Environment to discuss the financial difficulties involved.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that he had provided for an increase of 0.8% on the drainage demand from the Office of Public Works. An increase of over 50% had been sought.

Councillor Pol O'Foighil stated that he would propose that 25% of the provision for Amenity Grants be made available for improvements at the Petersburgh Estate. Councillor O'Foighil enquired regarding the up-to-date position on Galway Airport. He welcomed the fact that Rosmuc Water Supply Scheme would be going ahead and that provision had been made for the loan charges in the Estimates. Councillor O'Foighil asked regarding the up-to-date position on the Rinville Estate where he stated that the Council had made a wise decision to purchase it. He asked if any provision had been made for Muicneach Bridge.

Councillor M. Fahy asked that the Council give financial assistance to the provision of a Sewerage Treatment Plant at Peterswell. He also asked that the Council review the position of the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme. He enquired about the water supply scheme at Craughwell where he stated that a bad supply was available at present. Councillor Fahy asked that the Council meet Chambers of Commerce and Residents' Associations in relation to the charges for services.

Councillor P. Ruane asked that the Public Lighting in Claregalway be reviewed. He also asked that the position regarding the water supply in Claregalway be examined. He stated that no water charges should be made on Group Water Supply Schemes and that people not availing of refuse collection should not be asked to pay for the service.

Councillor M. Ryan stated that he did not agree that the proposals in the Estimates should be rejected totally. He referred to the number of houses built by Galway County Council in the last year and the number of water supply schemes provided. He asked regarding the up-to-date position on Moylough sewerage scheme and also asked that the quality of public lighting in certain areas be improved. Councillor Ryan also asked that the system of charging farmers for water charges should be re-examined. He also asked that some improvements be carried out to Boyounagh Burial Ground and stated that the necessary land was available.

Councillor J. Joyce referred to the great demand for additional public lighting and referred to the difficulties of providing money for same.

Councillor Joyce stated that the village of Aughrim was looking forward to the year 1991 which was the 300th Anniversary of the Battle of Aughrim and asked that the Council would assist the local community in commemorating the event properly.

On the question of S.D.A. Loans, Councillor Joyce hoped that the Council would not be too stringent on people encountering difficulties in making repayments. Councillor Joyce also asked that the Council consider making a contribution towards the Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Clonbur and that Mayo County Council be asked to do likewise. He hoped that the Council would continue to support the Druid Theatre and asked that the Council consider making a Grant under the Amenity Grants to Kiltormer G.A.A. Supporters Club where a charge for planning permission had been made. He asked that a grant be made to the Club which would take account of the amount paid in planning charges in addition to any extra grant that might be payable. He enquired regarding the provision for Malicious Injuries.

Councillor M. Kilgannon referred to the unsatisfactory arrangements regarding the payment of Government Subsidies to the Council. He also stated that a report should be submitted by ACOT to the Council annually. He stated that there were serious discrepancies in relation to the administration of Higher Education Grants whereby children of parents on P.A.Y.E. were not qualifying for grants because gross income was taken into account. He stated that such children were at a disadvantage as against children whose parents were not in the P.A.Y.E. system. Councillor Kilgannon also stated that a support grant should be made to County Councils out of Social Welfare funds to enable Councils to improve employment.

Senator Killilea proposed that the Council should not pay any monies in respect of maintenance of Courthouses as such expenditure was a matter for the Department of Justice. Consideration should be given to increase the disabled persons grant. Councillor Killilea also asked if any changes had taken place in relation to the rate of V.A.T. on County Council Contracts. He also referred to the decision by the Government to introduce fees for planning applications and stated that such fees presented financial problems for planning applicants who were endeavouring to provide homes for themselves. He was not in favour of a 10% increase.

The County Manager replied to the various matters raised by the Councillors. He stated that the Council had very few options in considering the Estimates before them. The Council had experienced financial restrictions over a number of years and there were no surpluses or credit balances available. Any increases in income would have to come from increases in Rates or Charges.

In reply to the query raised by a number of Councillors who queried if people paying Rates and also paying Charges were paying on the double, the County Manager indicated that the amount which was levied in Rates was arrived at after taking account of the amounts to be raised in Charges. The figures to be raised in respect of Charges were included in the Estimates which were adopted by the Council and he made an Order fixing the scale of charges after the Estimates had been adopted. The County Manager referred to the difficulty of reducing Rates or Charges as any reduction in income would result in a reduction of expenditure also. It was a matter for the Council to decide on what expenditure should be reduced.

In reply to the query of Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that the time had come when the Council should be asking Council tenants to carry out small maintenance items themselves. He would be reviewing this question further in due course.

The County Manager indicated that no details of any enactment in relation to Malicious Injuries had been announced so the Council had to provide for Malicious Injuries as in former years. In reply to Councillor Glynn, the County Manager indicated that there was a substantial difference between the rate in the pound being paid by the Government by way of Rates Support Grant and he had set out details in his report. The Council were unable to raise the deficit by means of charges and the effect was that it was limited in its options. If the Council did not agree with the 10% increase in Water Charges, they would have to indicate what services should be curtailed. The County Manager indicated that in relation to the administration of S.D.A. Loans, the Council were advancing money on an increasing scale. The scheme was intended to be self financing and no provision was made to finance any shortfalls arising. The Council were incurring a considerable risk annually and if payments were not made promptly, certain difficulties could arise. He had made arrangements for a very close monitoring of repayments in the current year. In relation to Rate Collectors, the County Manager indicated that a proposal had been submitted to the Government in March 1984 with a view to resolving the problem in relation to Rate Collectors. It was proposed that in certain cases, the offices of Rate Collectors be abolished and that new offices of Revenue Collectors who would collect new charges and investigate certain queries would be established. The Unions involved had not agreed to the proposals and the matter had not yet been resolved.

The County Manager indicated that the demand of the Office of Public Works was completely out of line with the increases in Government Grants being made available to the Council. The Finance Officer had taken up the matter with the Office of Public Works and with the Department of the Environment.

He was proposing that the amount of the Demand be confined to 0.8% in line with the Grant increase allowed by the Government.

In reply to Councillor Finnegan, the County Manager indicated that the amount of Block Grant to the Council was out of line with that of other Counties. There had been an improvement of £20 per mile in the current year and he hoped that the increase in Block Grant would improve at a faster rate in the future. In relation to cottage repairs, the County Manager indicated that he had not been able to increase the provision in 1985 but that if increases in rents were introduced during the year, the matter could be re-examined.

In reply to Councillors, the County Manager stated that there was need for greater subsidy in relation to loan charges for Sanitary Services Schemes. Unless the situation was improved, the Council would be unable to avail of its Capital Allocation for such schemes. He recommended that the Council send a resolution calling on the Minister for the Environment to increase the rate of subsidy and pointing out the serious situation facing the Council if it was unable to take up its full Capital Allocation. In reply to the queries raised by Councillors regarding the initiation of legal proceedings for the recovery of Water Charges, the County Manager indicated that people would have to pay for the charges. The people who were involved in the legal proceedings had got many warnings over a considerable length of time. In reply to Councillor M. O h-Uiginn regarding the contribution to the R.D.O., the County Manager indicated that the Arts Officer had developed a scheme whereby considerable employment would be generated if the Council made a contribution of £2,000 to the Regional Development Organisation. He asked that the Council agree to instruct the R.D.O. to go ahead and the question of the payment of the £2,000 could be reviewed later in the year.

In reply to Councillor M. Ryan, the County Manager indicated that some modifications in Water Charges had been made in respect of farmers last year. The Council had expended all its allocation on Local Improvement Schemes in 1984.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that the necessary action had been taken in relation to the post of Director of the R.D.O. The County Manager indicated that the views of the Council in relation to the Regional Tourism Organisation would be taken into account and conveyed to that organisation. The Council would agree to hold up any payments until a Manager was appointed. The County Manager indicated that he would examine the proposal of Councillor O'Morain in relation to the provision of waste bins.

The County Manager indicated that the legal matters in relation to the purchase of the Rinville Estate had been concluded. It was his intention to seek an allocation under the Special Employment Scheme to have certain works carried out. The Council were awaiting details of the scheme and he would call a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Council and Galway Corporation when such details were available.

The County Manager stated that he would check the position in relation to the role of the Ombudsman and that he hoped to have information for the next meeting. He indicated that the Council were awaiting details of the role of the Ombudsman in relation to Local Authorities and that he would bring same to the Council when available.

The County Manager informed the Members of the Council that the summons in connection with the outstanding amount being claimed by the Health Board had been served on the County Council. He had instructed the Council's Law Agent to engage Counsel and to prepare the Council's defence. He hoped that the Counsel's Advice would be available in the near future and he would inform the Council of the advice given. It was vital that the Council be consistent with other years in the payment of the demand, when the Council paid an amount in line with its ability to pay such demand. He could not advise the Council that no payment be made in the current year. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that unless the Council responded quickly, there could be a very early High Court Decision on the matter. The Council may have to take counter action and he would outline the up-to-date position at the next meeting.

The County Manager indicated that the Council would benefit from the Budget changes in relation to V.A.T. but that the V.A.T. rate on Contracts was being increased from 5% to 10%.

In reply to Councillor O'Conchubhair, the County Manager indicated that as a gesture to International Youth Year, the Council had agreed to hand over Petersburgh House to the V.E.C. The Council were also proposing that a contribution be made to the Community Games and certain developments in Rinville could be carried out as Youth Employment Projects.

In reply to Councillor J. Callanan, the County Manager indicated that it was Council practice that Group Water Supply Schemes be charged at 50% of the rate of charges for the first 5 years. The County Manager indicated that he would examine the position in relation to public lighting and consider the suggestion that the Council maintain lights where they were provided by local communities. The implications of the suggestion would have to be examined in detail to assess the financial impact arising.

The County manager indicated that there was a very large demand for improvement of burial grounds. He had proposed last year that the Council should match contributions of local communities pound for pound in an effort to alleviate the situation. He would be agreeable to consider a similar arrangement in the current year. The amount available for improvement was limited and the alternative to his suggestion was to charge very high rates for grave spaces which he stated was not acceptable. In reply to Councillor Bartley, the County Manager stated that there were certain committed costs in relation to the provision of a collection service and that an arrangement whereby people along the routes of collection services did not pay for the service could not be administered satisfactorily.

In reply to Deputy M. Kitt, the County Manager indicated that a provision of £20,000 had been made for Tourism in the Estimates. The Council had also provided £400 towards the cost of a brochure which was being provided in conjunction with a number of other Councils.

The County Manager stated that the Council was statutory bound to maintain Courthouses and that the only figure on which the Council had an option was £10,000 which had been estimated for repairs.

In reply to Councillor Byrne, the County Manager indicated that it was proposed to commence work on the Animal Home in the current year. The provision of an Animal Home was necessary and the Council were joining with the Corporation in funding same. When the Home was provided, it was his intention to invite the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to assist in the management of the Home. In reply to Councillor P. O'Foighil, the County Manager gave the up-to-date position in relation to Galway Airport. The developments in relation to the Airport were being monitored by the County Development Team and he had made certain submissions regarding the Articles of Association of the Company to the Solicitors involved. The matter would be brought back to the Council in the future.

The County Manager indicated that he was not aware that work had started on Petersburgh House. There were certain statutory procedures in relation to the leasing of the property which would have to be gone into and the Council were making a large contribution in making the land available to the V.E.C. for the proposed development. The County Manager indicated that the R.D.O. might be the means to co-ordinate the work involved subject to the agreement of the V.E.C. and he would examine the matter in that light.

The County Manager indicated that he was not prepared to enter into discussions in relation to the payment of charges as such charges were statutory demands.

In reply to Councillor M. Ryan, the County Manager indicated that Tenders were being examined for the Moylough Sewerage Scheme and that provision had been made for the loan charges in the 1985 Estimates.

In reply to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager indicated that he had already made suggestions that the Battle of Aughrim should be suitably commemorated and that the question of promoting tourism should be considered in conjunction with any commemoration proposals.

He suggested that an Interpretive Centre should be provided and ^{7.} that the development of tourism through such a Centre should be pursued. If the Council agreed, he would bring the interested Parties including Bord Failte together to pursue the matter.

In reply to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager indicated that he would look at the situation in relation to Kiltormer Community Centre in considering the distribution of Amenity Grants in 1985.

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager indicated that scheme of Higher Education Grants was determined by the Department of the Environment. Any suggested changes could be the subject of a Notice of Motion which could be forwarded to that Department.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager indicated that planning fees were statutory charges. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that there was no provision in the Estimates regarding Gaeltacht Grants other than in respect of additional subsidy on Sanitary Services Schemes such as the Rosmuc Scheme.

At this stage of the meeting, the Council agreed that a special meeting would be held on Thursday, 7th March, 1985, to consider the remaining items on the Agenda of the 25th February, 1985.

The Council agreed to adjourn the statutory Estimates Meeting to Friday, 8th March, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. The Council also agreed to fix a date for a Roads Meeting at the Meeting of 8th March, 1985.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

25/3/85 DATE

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

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A special meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1985,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

to consider the Agenda postponed at the meeting of the Council held on Monday, 25th February, 1985. The agenda for the meeting, dated, will be avail-

Returning Officer.

If appointed, I agree to act as *Presiding Officer/Poll Clerk as the above Polling Station if there is a contested election. I have not or will not be employed by or on behalf of, or be actively associated in furthering the candidature of any candidate at the election.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

* Delete whichever is inappropriate.

NOTE: Under the Regulations governing local elections a person may not be employed at an election if he is employed by or on behalf of a candidate at the election or is actively associated in furthering the candidature of a candidate at the election.

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In reply to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager indicated that he would look at the situation in relation to Kiltormer Community Centre in considering the distribution of Amenity Grants in 1985.

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In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager indicated that planning fees were statutory charges. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that there was no provision in the Estimates regarding Gaeltacht Grants other than in respect of additional subsidy on Sanitary Services Schemes such as the Rosmuc Scheme.

At this stage of the meeting, the Council agreed that a special meeting would be held on Thursday, 7th March, 1985, to consider the remaining items on the Agenda of the 25th February, 1985.

The Council agreed to adjourn the statutory Estimates Meeting to Friday, 8th March, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. The Council also agreed to fix a date for a Roads Meeting at the Meeting of 8th March, 1985.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A special meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1985,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

to consider the Agenda postponed at the meeting of the Council held on Monday, 25th February, 1985. Copies of the Agenda, already circulated, will be available at the meeting to be held on the 7th instant. You are requested to attend.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Clrs. P. McCormack, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2852 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. James Conneely, New Cottages, Clifden.
Micheal O Ceallaigh, Maumim, Leitirmoir.
The Burke Family, Labane, Ardrahan.

2853 - WALL BESIDE HESSION'S HOUSE, CLAREGALWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RUANE:

The Council were informed that the question of removing an old wall beside Hessions's house at Claregalway was being investigated in conjunction with the overall traffic problems in Claregalway with a view to providing an overall solution. Councillor Ruane said that there was a very bad view for motorists coming out of Montaugh Village and asked that the County Engineer examine the situation. The County Engineer indicated that property that might prove expensive would have to be acquired.

2854 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS - CLAREGALWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RUANE:

The Council were informed that the need for traffic lights at the location involved did not comply with the Warrants laid down by the Department of the Environment for the erection of isolated traffic signals. The question of a pedestrian crossing was being examined and the enforcement of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit was a matter for the Gardai.

2855 - CARNMORE/MONIVEA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RUANE:

The Council were informed that the road in question was a Regional Road. No monies had been made available for the this type of work on Regional Roads in the current year.

2856 - COUNTY ROADS IN BALLINDERREEN, ARAN, TYRONE, CASTLECOLGAN, MULROOK. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY.

The Council were informed that attention was being given to the roads in question. There had been two Group Water Schemes undertaken in the past few years in the area mentioned. A third scheme was begun a few weeks ago. Road restoration was completed in respect of the finished schemes. This type of work tended to leave the roads in poor condition and surface dressing would be required in due course. Councillor Fahy stated that the roads were receiving less attention in the last two years because staff who had retired had not been replaced. He asked that the Council consider replacing the men who had retired in the area.

2857 - FLOODING AT SHANKILL, CORRANDULLA. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

The Council were informed that the flooding problem was a result of the building of two houses which interfered with the established drainage of

the area including road drainage. Efforts by the house owner to resolve the problem had been obstructed by a neighbouring landowner. Unless agreement had been reached, the Council would have to proceed against the owners of the houses to restore the original drainage system. Councillor Welby stated that he did not accept the Engineer's Report and said that it was the responsibility of the Council to resolve the matter. The County Engineer indicated that there was no flooding problem before the houses were built. Following discussion, it was agreed that the County Engineer would examine the position further and report back to the Council on the matter.

2858 - BARNA PIER - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

The Council were informed that a meeting was held on the 7th February, 1985, between representatives of Roinn na Gaeltachta, the Office of Public Works and Galway County Council to resolve outstanding problems regarding this matter. It was now expected that the Office of Public Works would start work in the near future. In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer indicated that he would check the position regarding public lighting and that he would write to Councillor Welby regarding the matter.

2859 - SCEIM UISCE ROSMUC - MOLADH AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai go raibh Docantai Conartha don sceim seo aontaithe le Roinn an Comhshaoil agus go raibh na Docantai Tairiscinti a ullimhu ag an Innealltoir Comhairleoireach.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Engineer indicated that it was hoped that the scheme would be advertised for Tender in March/April 1985. Councillor O'Morain asked that every effort be made to have the scheme advertised in March 1985.

2860 - SEAN LORRAI I mBARR NA GCRUMPAN, CAISEAL. - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai go raibh socru a dheanamh chun an sean lorrain a thogaint as comh luath agus is feidir. Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Morain go raibh an sean lorrain imithe. Councillor O'Morain stated that the area was now being used to dump chips and asked that the chips be dumped back as far as possible.

2861 - ROAD AT CROWE STREET, GORT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The Council were informed that this area was not a public road and that no action was recommended. Councillor Fahy stated that there were many people using this road and that he was prepared to allocate some of his Notice of Motion money towards it. The County Manager stated that the matter would be looked at again in view of Councillor Fahy's offer.

2862 - UNOCCUPIED HOUSES IN COUNTY GALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M.J. KILGANNON:

Councillor Kilgannon asked that the Council initiate a survey of all unoccupied houses in the County with a view to the Council purchasing and re-constructing some of them to make them available for persons on the Council's Housing List. He referred to the provisions of Circular N.17/84 of the 3rd December, 1984, from the Department of the Environment regarding the purchase of private houses, copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The County Manager indicated that the main trust of the provisions of the Circular was towards the purchase of new houses. Second-hand houses could be purchased only where they were seen to be good value and where particular needs had been identified. He had given an instruction that a survey be carried out in the County with a view to examining the possibility of purchasing houses in certain areas in accordance with the terms of the Circular. If any Councillor wished to bring any particular houses to the attention of the Council, these would be examined also.

2863 - CLARINBRIDGE AND CRAUGHWELL WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES - NOTICE OF MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The Council was informed that proposals under the Small Schemes Programme for 1985 was sent to the Department in December 1984 to a total of £453,500. The Council's allocation in 1984 was £156,000.

It was planned to complete a Preliminary Report for Craughwell Sewerage Scheme in 1986. However, it was proposed to finance this scheme as a major Capital Scheme. A sewerage scheme for Clarinbridge was not being considered in the Council's present programme.

Craughwell was included in the Loughrea Regional Water Supply Scheme area. The Water Supplies Order was confirmed and Contract documents were being prepared for Stage 1. An exploratory borehole was included in proposals for Revenue Expenditure in 1985 as a temporary stand-by source pending the Regional Scheme's supply to Craughwell.

Clarinbridge had connections to the Oranmore supply for a limited amount of water pending the laying of a larger Main. A temporary source used in 1984 would also be available in an emergency. An increased supply from Oranmore was being examined and could be considered in relation to other priorities depending on available funds.

In reply to Deputy Fahey, the County Engineer stated that a full Treatment Works would have to be provided in a sewerage scheme for Clarinbridge. The cost of pumping effluent from Clarinbridge to Oranmore would be very costly and would result in increased effluent at Oranmore, thus increasing the pressure for provision of a full Treatment Plant. Deputy Fahey stated that the Council should address itself to the provision of sewerage schemes in the villages concerned. The County Manager outlined the difficulties in relation to finance.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager stated that the Council could request the Department of the Environment to increase the present limit of £50,000 for Small Schemes.

2864 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT NOGRA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The Council were informed that the estimate for the provision of three public lights at Nogra, Kinvara, was £575. There were no allocations for public lighting in the current year's Estimates. Deputy Fahey stated that it was agreed that Nogra would get lights some years ago and he asked that the provision of lights be considered in the current year.

2865 - SCEIM UISCE SAN ARD THOIR - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Duirt an Runai go raibh cead ag an sceim uisce sa Coillin Bearna príomh píopa uisce a leagan in Aird Thoir agus ceangal a thabhairt do gach teach a bhfuil iarratas curtha isteach acu.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the existing Group Scheme had come to within 50 feet of the pumphouse and he asked that permission be given to the Group to allow a connection which would result in considerable savings to the Group. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the matter would be re-examined and that Councillor O'Morain would be informed of the outcome.

It was agreed to write to each Councillor in whose name Notices of Motion appeared on the Agenda and who were not present at the meeting and to inform them of the position in relation to each Notice of Motion submitted. The Notices of Motion involved were numbers 1, 2, 6, 8, 13, 14, 15, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.

It was agreed that Notice of Motion number 29 in the name of Cllr. Padraic McCormack in relation to the Knockferry/Kilbeg Corrib Bridge would be adjourned to the March Meeting of the Council.

2866 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1985:

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, 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 30th June, 1985."

2867 - NEW PLANNING REGULATIONS:

The Council noted the following new regulations which had been made under the Planning Acts:

- (1) The Local Government (Planning and Development) (Fees) Regulations, 1984, which replaces the Local Government (Planning and Development) (Fees and Amendment) Regulations, 1983, and the Local Government (Planning and Development) (Exemption from Fees) Regulations 1984, and,
- (2) The Local Government (Planning and Development) (Exempted Development and Amendment) Regulations 1984, which amends the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations 1977.

A summary of the provisions of the Regulations has been circulated to each Member on the 21st January, 1985.

2868 - DRAINAGE OF DUNKELLIN RIVER:

The County Secretary referred to letter dated 15th January, 1985, from the Office of Public Works regarding the Dunkellin River, copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The letter indicated that the present position regarding the proposed drainage of the Dunkellin River was that surveys had been completed and the design of the Drainage Scheme for the Dunkellin Catchment which was no. 10 on the priority was well advanced. However, the design could not be finalised until the results of two on-going specialist studies consisting of an investigation of the likely affect of the drainage proposals on ground water in the area and on the Oyster beds at Clarinbridge were available. The Government had directed that a review of Arterial Drainage policy be undertaken to ensure that satisfactory returns from investment would be achieved. The Government had decided that all Arterial Drainage planning should be halted pending the outcome of the review. The review had been carried out by the Office of Public Works and was currently under consideration in the Department of Finance prior to submission to the Government. The letter also indicated that the Dunkellin Catchment Drainage Scheme would have to be submitted to a cost benefit analysis to assess its merits as a Capital investment. If a decision was made to proceed, it would be necessary to document a formal scheme to meet the stringent statutory requirements of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1945. The letter indicated that it was not possible to forecast at this stage when a drainage scheme for the Dunkellin River might reach works stage.

Councillor Callanan stated that no progress was being made in relation to this matter and proposed that a Committee of the Council be set up which would investigate the possibility of preparing a scheme on the lines of what he termed a Joint Local Improvement Scheme whereby the Government, the E.E.C., and local farmers would contribute to the cost of the project. Councillor Michael Fahy seconded Councillor Callanan's proposal, and a number of Cllrs. supported the proposal.

The County Manager stated that this scheme would not come under Local Improvement Schemes. Any funds for Local Improvement Schemes were made available by the Government and it was highly unlikely that the Government would make funds available given the terms of the letter of the Office of Public Works. The Council had no access to E.E.C. funds and he wished to emphasise that the Council could not carry out the scheme under any circumstances in case the impression be given that the Council could do so. Following further discussion, it was agreed that a Committee of the Council consisting of the Members of the Ballinasloe and Loughrea Electoral Areas be set up to investigate the possibility of making proposals to the Government in relation to the drainage of the Dunkellin River.

2869 - DRAFT MEAT INSPECTION BYE-LAWS:

The Council considered the Draft Meat Inspection Bye-Laws, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. Deputy Frank Fahey had also submitted a Notice of Motion which appeared at no. 19 on the Agenda.

The County Manager indicated that the Draft Bye-Laws were being put before the Council before submitting them to the Department for approval. If the Bye-Laws as drafted were adopted by the Council in the future, no meat could be sold within the County Health District of Galway for human consumption unless it was previously inspected, passed and stamped by a Veterinary Inspector appointed by the Council. The difficulties and practicalities of implementing the Bye-Laws were being examined at present.

Councillor McCormack stated that certain difficulties had arisen because Bye-Laws had been adopted in the Galway Borough Area and because of the fact that no Bye-Laws existed in the County Health District, he stated that Bye-Laws should be introduced as a matter of urgency and asked that the formal adoption of the Bye-Laws be placed on the March Agenda.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the adoption of Bye-Laws as set out in the Draft could present difficulties in relation to certain areas and he asked if Bye-Laws could be implemented in respect of particular areas only. He was not in favour of Bye-Laws which would affect small butchers and proposed that Bye-Laws should be implemented to apply to Commercial Abattoirs only who were selling meat in other parts of the country outside of Galway County Health Area. Councillors Callanan and Haverty referred to the difficulties of implementing Bye-Laws if they applied to every butcher in the County.

Councillor Welby stated that there appeared to be more intensive checking in relation to meat coming into Galway City in recent times. He was in favour of the introduction of Bye-Laws in the interests of the health of people.

Councillor M. O h-Uiginn asked that the possibility of getting the Corporation Vet to examine meat on an agency basis for a couple of commercial abattoirs outside of the City area be investigated.

The County Manager gave details of the number of part-time Vets and Slaughterhouses in the County and indicated that the adoption of Bye-Laws would place an onerous demand on the Vets. He would look at the suggestion that some inspections be carried out on a voluntary basis.

Deputy P. Fahey proposed that the possibility of getting the Galway Corporation Vet to stamp meat for any commercial abattoir be investigated so that such abattoirs could carry on their business. Deputy Fahey's proposal was seconded by Councillor M. Fahy.

The County Manager agreed to examine the position further in the light of the discussion and it was agreed to adjourn further consideration of the matter to the March Meeting of the Council.

2870 - INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR 1985:

The Council noted that the year 1985 has been designated by the United Nations as International Youth Year. A summary of a report prepared by a National Youth Policy Committee was circulated to each Member. The County Manager indicated that the Peterburgh House and the Council's contribution of £2,000 to the Regional Development Organisation, were

examples of the Council's participation in International Youth Year. The County Manager also gave details of a National Tree Week from the 16th - 27th March, 1985. He stated that one of the Programmes of International Youth Year 1985 was the Global Tree Project in which young people throughout the world were asked to plant and care for trees in order to learn the need for stewardship in the environment. He had received a letter dated 28th February, 1985, from An Foras Forbartha regarding the matter. The Council agreed that the Chairman should participate in a token tree planting ceremony during the week involved. In reply to Councillor Haverty, the County Manager indicated that he would consider proposals on their merits in relation to planting of trees on grass margins throughout the County.

In reply to Councillor M. Fahy, who asked regarding the Scout Camp in Portumna, the County Manager indicated that the Council had agreed to provide water supply, toilet and refuse facilities. The County Manager indicated that the Council should participate in National Tree Week and should facilitate where possibly any local groups in tree planting.

2871 - REVIEW OF ATHENRY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

It was noted that the Athenry Draft Development Plan would be available in the near future and it was agreed that the Committee consisting of the Members of the Loughrea Area would meet on Friday, 22nd March, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. in the County Buildings, Galway, to review the Athenry Plan.

2872 - POLICY AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR ROADS:

It was agreed that consideration of the document entitled "Policy and Planning Framework for Roads" prepared by the Department of the Environment in January 1985 would be adjourned to the Roads Meeting of the Council.

2873 - CAUSEWAY AT INISHNEE:

The County Secretary read a report from the County Engineer regarding the provision of a Causeway at Inishnee. The report indicated that the cost of providing even a single span bridge would be of the order of £500,000. A causeway could be provided for a cost of the order of £150,000 to £200,000, and if Roinn na Gaeltachta were to contribute, the scheme was attainable. The estimate was a preliminary one. There were some people with seaweed rights in the general area of the bridge and there were also fishermen who brought their currachs from the west side to the east side to fish for shrimp in Cloonisle Bay. The report indicated that there was nothing technically against the provision of a Causeway and a great financial saving in its favour. The report further recommended that a Causeway be provided and that the necessary legal processes be put in train.

The Council agreed in principle to the provision of a Causeway and that the question of a contribution be taken up with Roinn na Gaeltachta. The Council also agreed that the legal questions involved be examined and that local Clrs. should endeavour to use their good offices to overcome any local difficulties which might arise.

2874 - WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF GALWAY:

The Council adjourned consideration of this item to the next meeting.

2875 - ANIMAL SHELTER AT BALLYBANE:

The County Secretary stated that for a number of years ^{the Council} had been urged to provide an Animal Shelter for stray dogs and cats. The I.S.P.C.A., I.F.A., and County Committee of Agriculture had requested this facility. It was now proposed to go ahead with the construction of a shelter at Ballybane on a site owned by Galway Corporation. The estimated cost of the Shelter was £67,000 which would be borne equally by the County Council and the Corporation. The Department of the Environment contributed 50% of the expenditure on approved projects. A sum of £8,000 had been provided in this year's Estimates for the project together with a sum of £10,000 which was provided last year. These sums together with similar amounts from the Corporation plus the Government Grant should be sufficient to complete the project. A resolution of the Council was required agreeing to enter into an agreement with the Corporation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, for the joint project.

The County Manager gave details of the location of the site and stated that it was his intention to approach the I.S.P.C.A. to assist in the management of the project when completed. Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Haverty and resolved:

"That being of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the power, function or duty of providing an Animal Shelter to cater for the needs of Galway Corporation and Galway County Council should be exercised or performed by Galway County Council, Galway County Council hereby agree to enter into an Agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, with Galway Corporation in relation to the provision of an Animal Shelter at Ballybane on a site owned by Galway Corporation in accordance with plans and specifications to be agreed by both Local Authorities, the construction and maintenance costs of the Animal Shelter to be borne equally by the Corporation and Galway County Council after having given due credit for all State Grants and contributions or assistance from any other source, and that the Seal of the Council be fixed to the said Agreement."

"That in consideration of the Agreement herein recited and in pursuance of Section 59 of the Local Government Act of 1955 and of every other power them enabling, the Corporation and the Council agree as follows:

- (1) The Corporation is the Registered Owner of the lands outlined in Red on the Map attached hereto situated at Ballybane in the County of Galway.
- (2) The Corporation have agreed to dedicate the said lands outlined in Red for the purpose of providing an Animal Shelter for the purposes of both the Corporation and the County Council, the lands to be owned by the Corporation and the County Council as tenants in common.
- (3) The Corporation and the County Council have agreed that an Animal Shelter will be constructed and maintained on this site in accordance with Plans and specifications to be agreed by the Corporation and the County Council.
- (4) The Construction and Maintenance costs of the Animal Shelter will be borne equally by the Corporation and the County Council after having given due credit for all State Grants or contributions or assistance from any other source.
- (5) The Site shown outlined in Red on the Map attached hereto is situated in the administrative area of the County Council, and it is hereby agreed that the construction and the maintenance of the Animal Shelter will be carried out by Galway County Council, unless some other arrangements is agreed by both parties."

The Council agreed that the Agreement being entered into was subject to finance being available for the project.

2876 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

The Council noted the schedules of Malicious Damage Decrees, copies of which had been circulated to each Member.

2877 - INISHMORE WATER SUPPLY:

The County Manager read a letter from the Department of the Environment dated 14th January, 1985. The letter indicated that the Minister was concerned over the level of water shortages in Inishmore. Should the Council wish to increase the proposed storage capacity at Cregacareen from 250,000 gallons to 500,000 gallons. The necessary Capital would be provided once all aspects of planning had been completed. Such Capital would rank for loan and subsidy. The Council noted the position.

2878 - DRAINAGE OF THE RIVER NANNY, COUNTY GALWAY:

The County Manager gave details of a letter dated 11th January, 1985, from the Office of Public Works which was in response to the Council's request that a representative of the Office of Public Works attend a meeting to discuss the proposed drainage of the River Nanny. The letter indicated that a Review of Arterial Drainage Policy was being undertaken to ensure that satisfactory returns from investment would be achieved. The Government had decided that all Arterial Drainage planning should be halted pending the outcome of the Review. In the circumstances, the O.P.W. were precluded from undertaking any further preparatory works on drainage proposals for the River Nanny, and accordingly, attendance by them at a meeting at this stage would not serve any useful purpose. The Council agreed, on the request of Senator Killilea, that a copy of the letter be circulated to all the Councillors in the Tuam Area.

2879 - MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The County Manager indicated that the Department of the Environment had been requested to approve of the Council's proposal to carry out the work involved as a Capital Scheme on the 31st January, 1985. The Council had been in touch

with the Department on a number of occasions since, but approval had not yet been received. The estimated time scale involved in the implementation of the Works Programme was -

- a) Completion of drawings, specification, and Bill of Quantities - 3 months.
- b) Allow 6 weeks for submission of Tender.
- c) Tender closing date to start up on site - estimate 5 months.

On the basis of the foregoing, it was anticipated that work on site could commence towards the end of 1985. The Contract period for the scheme would be about 2 years - the time for completion of the sections of pipelines required could be less than 18 months.

2880 - REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1985:

The County Manager indicated that the Annual Conference of the Regional Studies Association would be held on Friday, 29th March, 1985, in the Berkeley Court Hotel, Lansdowne Road, Dublin, 4. It was agreed to defer further consideration of this matter until the Estimates Meeting on the 8th March, 1985.

2881 - WORK WORTH DOING - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME:

The County manager gave details of the scheme to the Council. He indicated that it was important that applications would be made for consideration of projects under the scheme as soon as possible. In anticipation of the scheme, he had prepared the following schemes for submission:

- Rinville Amenity Park Stage 1
- Rinville Amenity Park Stage 2
- Amenity Improvement at Ballyconneely Village
- Amenity park and swimming area at Rosmuc
- Clear stones from Spiddal beach and develop amenity area.
- Improvements at Furbo and Silver Strand beaches.
- Develop bathing facilities at Greenfields, Headford (Lough Corrib)
- Continuation of restoration work on Ancient Walls and amenities at Old Burial Grounds at Old Abbey & St. Marys, Athenry.
- Continuation of improvements to amenities at Merlin Park Wood.
- Development of Park at river bank in Milltown.
- Continue Mountbellew lake development. Complete retaining walls, floor channel at Sluice; provide steps to river bank.
- Landscaping of Caltra Village.
- Continue improvement scheme at Ballyturin, landscaping and fencing.
- Portumna Lakeshore Park Development
- Portumna Park Entrance Development
- Improvement at Laurencetown
- Construction of amenity area, swimming area, dam and sluice at Woodford Bay.

The County Manager indicated that he proposed to submit the foregoing schemes immediately and any other schemes which were proposed could also be submitted. The County Manager, in reply to queries from Councillors, gave details of the schemes to the Council. A number of Councillors stated that there were other schemes that should be included for consideration under the scheme. The Council agreed that individual Members could submit projects which they wished to have considered for inclusion under the Scheme.

2882 - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY: CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR 1985

The County Manager indicated that the Council's Capital Allocation in respect of Housing Finance Agency Loans for 1985 was £720,000. It was indicated that the allocation compared favourably with last year and that it was expected that it would be sufficient to meet the Council's needs.

2883 - RESOLUTIONS FROM OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

The Council noted the following resolutions which had been received from other Local Authorities:

(a) LIMERICK CORPORATION:

1. "Limerick City Council is gravely concerned at the implication of paragraph 7.32 of the Government's plan Building on Reality which states as follows:

Over 50 per cent of the exchequer current account funding of Local Authorities generate locally together with other block grants and their overall expenditure. The allocations decided on by Government will provide for only modest increases in this grant over the period of the plan. The level of the grant will be kept under review in the light of the ongoing review of local authority finances including the provision for a farm tax. Local Authorities will be expected to meet any financial difficulties which may arise by a combination of better management of available resources and the further generation of local sources of revenue."

2. "That Limerick City Council calls on the Government to give greater protection in the preservation of our salmon stocks and to allow the Irish Navy to operate on its own in combatting illegal sea salmon fishing."

(b) CASTLEBAR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

"That Castlebar Urban District Council call on the Minister for Justice to prohibit all persons under 18 from using amusement machines."

(c) DUNGARVAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

"That we, the Members of Dungarvan Urban District Council, request that application be made by the Fire Authorities to the Insurance Companies for adequate contributions to help defray the recently imposed Fire Service Charges by these authorities."

(d) KINSALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

1. "That this Council deplores the termination of Irish Shipping Ltd., and urges the provision of a merchant navy for the country."
2. "This Council demands, that the Department of the Environment implements Part S of the Draft Building Regulations (I.E. Accessibility to all public buildings for the Physically Handicapped) and request the support of all other Local Authorities."

(e) MACROOM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

"That this Council calls on the Minister for Justice to ensure that the perpetrators of vicious crime on the elderly be brought to justice and severely dealt with."

(f) LIMERICK CORPORATION:

"As Members of the European Community, we, the elected Members of Limerick City Council, call upon the elected members of the other Irish Local Authorities to pass the following resolution placed before Limerick City Council on the 10th of December, 1984.

We call upon the E.E.C. to give a firm commitment to release on a continuing basis sufficient grain to alleviate famine in African Countries."

(g) WEXFORD CORPORATION:

"In view of the totally inadequate staffing of our Garda forces to combat the tremendous increase in crime and vandalism, I move that this Borough Council calls on the Taoiseach Garret Fitzgerald for the withdrawal of our forces from the artificial border of this island who at present are only facilitating the British Government."

(h) WATERFORD CORPORATION:

"That this council calls on the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Government Financial Provisions Act, 1978, to enable G.A.A., Soccer Clubs and other sporting organisations to have playing pitches and dressing rooms free of rates and to provide that the rates so foregone be restored to the relevant rating authority by way of rate grant."

The Councillor supported the following resolution which has been submitted from Westport Urban District Council:

"That Westport Urban District Council call on Mr. Ted Nealon, Minister of State, to ensure that the Arts Council continue to fund 'Seisiun' in the interests of Irish Tourism, and other interests."

The following correspondence had been circulated to each Member:

1. Letter from an Runai Priobhaideach, Oifig Aire na Gaeltachta, Baile Atha Cliath, 2, dated 4u Eanair, 1985, regarding meeting with the Minister about Gaeltacht matters.
2. Letter from Mr. Richard Burke, Member of the Commission, Brussels, dated 4th January, 1985, regarding Ballyforan Briquette Factory.
3. Letter from R.T.E. dated 16th January, 1985, regarding Irish in Broadcasts.
4. Letter from the Chief Superintendent, Galway, regarding traffic lights at Oranmore. (Dated 3rd January, 1985.)
5. Letter from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for Energy, Dublin 2, dated 21st December, 1984, regarding the E.S.B.'s proposed reorganisation of their District System.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED!

John M. Nealon CHAIRMAN

25/3/85 DATE

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 8th March, 1985, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. GLEESON,
County Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1985.
(Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already circulated.)
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.
3. Fix date for special Roadworks Meeting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, 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, 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; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officer; G. Conway, Staff Officer; and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2884 - WESTERN HEALTH BOARD - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE DEMAND:

The County Manager informed the Members that a summons had been served on the Council by the Health Board Solicitors in relation to the outstanding demand being claimed by the Board. The County Manager stated that in his Estimates Statement, he had asked the Council to consider carefully the question of the Supplementary Welfare Demand. He had consulted Senior Counsel and acquainted him of the Council's approach to the demand over the years. The Counsel's advice he had received was that the Council had proceeded correctly and that a counter action by the Council was now necessary. The required legal documents were being drafted by the Senior Counsel. The County Manager further indicated that every means should be explored including the possibility of Government intervention with a view to reaching settlement.

2885 - ROADS:

Following a discussion in which a number of Councillors expressed the view that Roads matters should be discussed before the Estimates were considered further, the Chairman indicated that he would allow any Councillor to talk on Roads matters in the context of the Estimates.

The County Engineer read his report dated 31st January, 1985, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member as an Appendix to the Estimates of Expenses 1985.

The County Engineer indicated that the Compulsory Purchase Order in relation to the Oranmore By-Pass had been confirmed since the time of writing his report and it was hoped to start work in May 1985. He expected work to continue until the end of 1986. He indicated that he doubted at this stage if the Council would be able to spend all of the £1.7 million allocation in the current year. In reply to queries from Councillors, he indicated that the employment content on the project would not be very high, there would be a high machinery content and labour would be involved in fencing. The County Engineer explained the difference between grant commitment and grant allocation.

Councillor O'Conchubhair referred to the problems in relation to roads in the Connemara Area. He referred to the fact that £1.7 million had been allocated for a By-Pass in Oranmore while the situation in Connemara was deteriorating.

He referred to roads to islands which he said were disintegrating and stated that a substantial amount of money should be made available for expenditure on these roads. He stated that there was no allocation for bog roads and that he was disappointed that the Minister for the Gaeltacht did not make any allocation to the Council in the current year. He also stated that there was a need to extend the Block Grant to include Roads to facilitate Fisheries.

Councillor J. Burke asked if there was any way in which the Department could be asked to discontinue allocations for Hard Shoulders while there were serious problems in other areas. He asked why it was necessary to make a large allocation to Portumna Bridge in the current year.

Councillor O'Morain referred to the difficult financial situation of the Council in a number of areas and to the manner in which commitments and allocations in respect of Road Grants were made to the Council. He stated that the Council could find itself without any money at all in a future year. He referred to the fact that the areas for grant allocation selected by the Department and said that there was more money allocated for hard shoulders than for the Connemara Area. He referred to two roads, the Oughterard to Maam Cross road and areas south of Maam Cross which were in a very bad condition. He asked if there was a specific allocation for road gritting during the bad weather in January. He also referred to the unsatisfactory allocation in respect of Block Grant and to the variations in the rate per mile as against other Counties.

Councillor Glynn enquired regarding the allocation of £58,000 for a Weighbridge at Glenascaul, and asked if this money could be re-allocated to Road Maintenance. He asked regarding the allocation of £133,000 in respect of Maam Bridge. Councillor O'Foighil asked if money could be transferred for expenditure on the County Road to Lettermore.

Councillor J. Callanan welcomed the allocation for the Derrymullen Road. He also asked regarding the possibility of a Special Maintenance allocation in respect of the Ahascragh to Ballyforan road. He asked regarding the possibility of providing traffic lights at Creagh.

Councillor Kilgannon referred to the Estimates prepared in respect of Notice of Motion work and stated that they appeared to be very high. He referred in particular to an estimate for a job at Skehanagh. Councillor Kilgannon also referred to the poor condition of road signs in a number of areas. He asked if the new Social Employment Scheme could be used to augment work on the Roads Programme in an effort to provide maximum employment.

Senator Killilea referred to the inadequacy of maintenance work on certain roads. He also questioned the position regarding the provision of a Weighbridge at Glenascaul and asked if it could be excluded from the Estimates. The County Manager indicated that the provision of the Weighbridge was being funded by way of State Grant.

Senator Killilea referred to the road from Tuam to Ballyforan Bridge near Mountbellew and stated that the Council should erect a sign prohibiting heavy traffic from using that road.

Councillor Bartley referred to the inadequacy of the allocations for the Connemara area. He asked that something be done to the roads in Ballyconneely. He referred also to the fact that a truck was being used in Clifden for maintenance purposes and stated that the use of a smaller vehicle would be much cheaper. Councillor Joyce referred to the inadequacy of maintenance on some roads and stated that water tables should receive more attention. He also referred to the condition of road signs in East Galway. He asked if some work could be done on the hard shoulders near Aghrim Village and referred to a portion of road at Lowville where he stated that a clay bank had been left there after roadworks. He asked that the bank be removed. He also asked if the Council would give an extra piece of land for carparking near the Burial Ground adjacent to St. Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert. Councillor Haverty asked if the old Eyrecourt road could be upgraded and asked if it could be closed to heavy traffic in the short term. He stated that he was disappointed that there was no allocation in respect of the Hearnbrook Road. He also referred to the high Estimates in respect of Notice of Motion work.

Councillor McCormack asked if there was any possibility of 25% of the Block Grant could be transferred to County Roads. Councillor Frank Fahey asked if it was intended to construct the Oranmore By-Pass by Contract. He also asked regarding the short-term solution for linking back to the Oranmore Village. Deputy Fahey also proposed that the £575 needed to provide lights at Nogra be taken out of other monies in the Gort Engineering area.

Councillor Joe Burke enquired regarding the Level Crossing on the National Primary Road at Smiths/Blaneys Garage, Tuam. He also asked if any comparison could be made regarding the Roads Allocation to other Counties.

Deputy Fintan Coogan asked if road classes could be redefined in order to avail of the E.E.C. Grants.

Councillor Welby stated that he was disappointed that no Grant had been allocated in respect of the road at Killeen Woods. He referred to a bad bend on the road where he stated the section of a field was below road level and no barriers existed. He asked that the matter be examined. He referred to a landowner in the area whose field had been torn up but had been left unseeded and asked that the Council level off the field and re-seed it. He also proposed that the Estimates for Notice of Motion monies be examined.

Deputy M. Kitt stated that he was disappointed that sufficient monies were not available for County Roads. He referred in particular to the Mountbellew to Ballyforan, and the Ballyforan to Kilglass road which he stated should be improved because of the Bord na Mona development. He stated that the Council should seek a special allocation in respect of these roads for 1986.

Councillor Ruane stated that there was need for further works to improve the view at Claregalway Church. He also asked that public lighting be provided there. He also asked that something be done to the hardshoulders where children were going to school in the area and that some improvements be carried out to the road to the Airport at Carnmore from Galway City. Councillor Byrne asked that some monies be allocated to a portion of road at Clarinbridge near the Water Tower which he stated was very dangerous particularly in winter time. He supported Deputy Fahey's proposal that the monies required for public lighting at Nogra be provided out of the monies available to the Engineering Area.

Councillor M. Ryan supported Deputy Michael Kitt regarding the bog roads referred to by Deputy Kitt. He stated that a portion of road was prepared for surface dressing but had deteriorated because of delays in carrying out the surface dressing. Councillor Ryan referred to the Moylough/Kilkerrin Regional Water Scheme and to the system of charges being implemented in respect of it. He stated that farmers were paying excessive charges and asked that the County Manager examine the system.

In reply to the queries raised by Councillor O'Conchubhair, the County Engineer indicated that it was hoped to surface dress 6 miles of roads towards Spiddal. The road to the islands was a County Road and he was hopeful to surface dress a mile of it in the current year and to do all the necessary work over a number of years.

He indicated that he would be examining the new Engineering Area in the light of the changes in the City boundary extension and would be reporting back to the Council in due course.

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Engineer indicated that the Council would claim all the grants it was entitled to claim in 1985. He referred to the difficulties in relation to the manner in which grant allocations were made. The County Engineer stated that expenditure on hardshoulders was money well spent in that sight distances were improved. He indicated that it was proposed to carry out substantial repair on the steel work on Portumna Bridge.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Engineer indicated that the cost of road gritting during the recent bad weather was quite severe and had to be paid for out the Maintenance money available. The Council may

look for monies to cover the cost of the gritting.

In reply to Councillor O'Foighil, the County Engineer indicated that it was not possible to transfer monies from the allocation for Regional Roads to County Roads.

In reply to Councillor Callanan regarding the roads near Ballyforan, the County Engineer indicated that the roads involved were bog road and that considerable amounts of money would be necessary to carry out massive improvements. The Council were endeavouring to maintain the roads in so far as was possible and he indicated that if the roads were closed, the development in Ballyforan would be affected. The County Engineer indicated that a traffic count would be arranged in relation to the need for the provision of traffic lights at Creagh and Ballinasloe.

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Engineer indicated that the cost of mobilising a gang any job less than £5,000 was very high. The condition of road signs was a reflection of the shortage of money. It was not possible to avail of the new Social Employment Scheme to carry out roadworks. In reply to Councillor Joyce, the County Engineer indicated that the work force had gone down due to shortage of money and it was not possible to carry out all the drainage work on roads which were desirable. He would examine the position regarding the clay bank and the request for additional carparking at Clonfert.

In reply to Councillor Haverty, the County Engineer indicated that he would examine the up-to-date position regarding the Hearnbrook road.

In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Engineer indicated that part of the Block Grant is allocated to County Roads. In reply to Deputy Fahey, the County Engineer indicated that the construction of the Oranmore By-Pass would be done by direct labour. He indicated that £200,000 would be spent on the N.64 on the link back to Oranmore Village. He hoped that a C.P.O. would be made in relation to the Merlin Park area in the near future. As regards the lights at Nogra, the County Engineer indicated that if the Councillors agreed with the suggestion of Deputy Fahey that the cost be met out of monies in the Engineer's Area, the lights could be provided.

In reply to councillor Burke, the County Engineer indicated that he would examine the position regarding the Level Crossing at Blaney's Garage, Tuam.

In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer indicated that there was no allocation in respect of the Woodstock road in 1985. He would examine the position regarding the dangers referred to by Councillor Welby. He would also examine the possibility of carrying out some works on Carey's field out of Maintenance. In reply to Councillor Ruane, the County Engineer indicated that he would carry out some works depending on finance in the areas mentioned by Councillor Ruane. The County Engineer indicated that he would examine the position regarding the road referred to by Councillor Michael Ryan.

In reply to Councillor Fahy, the County Engineer indicated that he could not guarantee that there would be no lay-offs in 1985 but he was hopeful that lay-offs would not arise.

2886 - WESTERN HEALTH BOARD DEMAND:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor E. Haverty, and passed:

"Bearing in mind the costs involved in a legal action between the two bodies and the serious situation of this Council's finances, that this Council call on the Government to enter into meaningful negotiations with this Council and the Western Health Board to resolve the present impasse relating to the Council's debt to the Health Board, a debt which has resulted from inadequate financing of this Council over a period of years and from the inequitable manner in which the Demand has been calculated."

2887 - ESTIMATES 1985:

Councillor J. Brennan proposed that the 1985 Estimates be amended to provide for a 7% increase in the rate over the 1984 figure, that no increase be made in Water Charges over the 1984 figure and that the Estimates be reduced by the provision for Notice of Motion monies in the sum of £77,500. Clr. McCormack seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal. Following a discussion in which the Finance Officer gave details of further possible savings of £34,317, a vote was taken on Councillor Brennan's proposal which resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. McCormack, Mannion, and O'Foighil. (7)

AGAINST: Councillors Callanan, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Holland, Joyce, Kilgannon, Deputy Kitt, Councillors O'Conchubhair, Ryan, and Welby. (11)

The Chairman declared Councillor Brennan's proposal lost.

Following further discussion, Councillor Brennan proposed that the Estimates 1985 be amended to provide for an increase of 7% in the 1984 rate, that no increase be made in Water Charges over the 1984 rate, that the savings in the sum of £34,317 as suggested by the Finance Officer be implemented and that the Estimate in respect of County Roads be reduced to achieve the 7% increase in the rate. Councillor Kilgannon seconded Clr. Brennan's proposal. A vote was taken on Councillor Brennan's proposal and the result was as follows:

FOR: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Byrne, Deputy Coogan, Clrs. Holland, Kilgannon, Mannion, O'Foighil, and Ryan. (9)

AGAINST: Councillors Bartley, Callanan, Deputy Frank Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Councillors O'Conchubhair, and Welby. (10)

The Chairman declared Councillor Brennan's proposal lost.

Following a further discussion on various aspects of the Estimates and possible savings and transfers, it was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, and resolved:

"That the Estimates be amended as follows:

- 1) Reduction in the Income provision for Water Charges, Programme 3.0.1. (Page 19) of £63,900 to £639,100.
- 2) Reduction in the Income provision for Bounty in lieu of Rates, Programme 8.9.3. (Page 36) of £8,000 to £168,040.
- 3) Reduction in the Income provision for recoupment of Fisheries Rate, Programme 8.9.4. (Page 36) of £1,850 to £41,005.
- 4) Reduction in the Expenditure provision for Drainage (Joint Boards) Programme 7.1.4. (Page 30) of £3,320 to £44,680.
- 5) Reduction in the Expenditure provision for ACOT, Programme 7.1.1 (Page 30) of £6,920 to £242,080.
- 6) Reduction in the Expenditure provision for Park, etc., Programme 6.3.1. (Page 26) of £45,106 to £32,894, and reduction in the Income provision, Parks and Open Spaces, Programme 6.0.8. of £35,000 to NIL i.e., a net reduction of £10,106 in respect of purchase of Amenity Land at Rinville.

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- 7) Reduction in the Expenditure provision for Local Elections, Programme 8.4.2 (Page 34) of £15,000 to £60,000.
- 8) Reduction in the Expenditure provision for Provision/Equipment of Dumps, Programme 5.1.2. (Page 23) of £25,000 to £45,250 in respect of Acquisition of land for Dump at Loughrea.
- 9) Reduction in the Expenditure provision for Courthouses, Programme 8.5.1. (Page 34) of £10,000 to £47,300 in respect of repairs.
- 10) Reduction in Expenditure provision for General Promotional Work, Programme 4.3.4. (Page 20) of £8,000 to £59,080 in respect of provision of Cats and Dogs Home.
- 11) Reduction in Expenditure provision in County Road Upkeep, Programme 2.1.5.(a) (Page 13) of £72,240 to £1,675,945.
- 12) Reduction in the proposed Rate increase of 10% over 1984 to 5% resulting in County Rate of £20.62 in £1 and the consequent amendments to (a), the Domestic Rate Grant Adjustment figure in Programme 8 and (b) Tables A and B1.

2888 - ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1985, the Estimate of Expenses as amended, set out in Tables A, B1, C and D, and hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimates as amended, the rates set out in Column 11 of Table B1, Column 11 of Table C and Column 7 of Table D to be the rates in the pound to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1 and in Tables C and D."

The prescribed certificate was then signed.

2889 - DEMANDS ON URBAN AUTHORITIES:

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

"That the statutory demands on the Galway Borough Council and the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1985, be sealed and signed."

The Demands were then sealed and signed.

2890 - REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1985:

It was agreed that the following Councillors would attend the Annual Conference 1985 of the Regional Studies Association to be held on Friday, 29th March, 1985, in Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4 -

Councillors Bartley, O'Conchubhair, Haverty, O'Foighil, Mannion, and Byrne.

2891 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mrs. Ann Farrell, Kylemore, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, on the recent death of her father.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John M. Mannion CHAIRMAN
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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA/

A Chara,

A Committee meeting of the Council comprising of Members from the Loughrea Electoral Area will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 22nd March, 1985, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

E. GLEESON,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of the Draft Development Plan for the scheduled town of Athenry. (Copy already circulated)

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA HELD ON 22ND MARCH, 1985, IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF ATHENRY

PRESENT: Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, E. Haverty, and T. Murphy.

Councillor T. Murphy acted as Chairman.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager;
E. Gleeson, County Secretary;
B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning);
F. O'Gallachoir, Planning Assistant;
and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

2892 - DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR ATHENRY:

Mr. Brian Callagy gave an outline of the Draft Development Plan for Athenry. Mr. Callagy went through the development policy as set out in Part 111 of the Plan.

Mr. F. O'Gallachoir went through the various sections of the Plan and outlined the provisions in each case. In relation to the land use provision, he indicated that there was ample land zoned for the expected population growth in the short to medium terms and to allow for market preferences.

Councillor T. Murphy stated that it was important that local interests could make submissions in relation to the draft plan and he asked that a meeting be arranged between the Officials of the Councils and the Local Bodies with a view to discussing the Plan.

Deputy Frank Fahey referred to a strip of ground which was adjacent to the Ancient Walls and in the vicinity of the G.A.A. Grounds and the Cattle Mart. This area was outlined on map no. 5 attached to the Draft Plan. Deputy Fahey asked that consideration be given to developing the area as a carpark and he felt that the local G.A.A. Club and the management of the Cattle Mart would co-operate in any scheme proposed. It was also important that the area would be developed to improve the view of the Ancient Walls. It was pointed out that the land involved was not Council property and would have to be acquired. It was agreed that the matter could be examined.

Mr. F. O'Gallachoir drew attention to the list of buildings of historic/archaeological/artistic interest as set out in Table 3.1 of the Draft Plan on page 28. The affect of listing the buildings involved was that it brought certain works in relation to such buildings out of the category of exempted development.

Councillor T. Murphy stated that preservation work was necessary on St. Mary's Collegiate Church and that the Church Authorities would be willing to hand it over for improvement. It was suggested that improvement works on this building might be appropriate under the AnCO Youth Projects or Social Employment Schemes and that local interests should examine the possibility of carrying out the work under such schemes.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that Athenry was an ideal place in which people could live. He asked if there was any way in which the Council could look at the transport situation with a view to improving it and encouraging people to settle in Athenry. The possibility of asking C.I.E. to provide rail and bus services to facilitate the development of Athenry should be examined.

Having gone through the Draft Plan in detail, the Committee approved the document and agreed that the Draft Plan be discussed with local interests.

This concluded the meeting.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John M. McManis

CHAIRMAN

22/4/85

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

19th March, 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, 25th March, 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 Permission to Michael Geoghegan of Kilgarriff North, Lavally, Tuam, for the erection of petrol filling station with underground storage at Kilgarriff. - Planning Reference Number 49286."

Michael P. Kitt. Michael Ryan. Patrick Finnegan.

2. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to retain a dwellinghouse at Derryloughaun East to P. Hopkins. - Planning Reference No. 49355."

Thomas Welby. Michael S. O'Morain. Frank Fahey.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Patrick Varley of Pollacorrage, Tuam, for retention of dwellinghouse, garage and shed and change of access at Pollacorrage, Tuam. - Planning Reference Number 49489."

Mark Killilea. Patrick Finnegan. Thomas Welby.

4. D'reir Alt 4 den Acht Bainistíochta (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrtar ar Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cuir faoi ndeara don Bhainisteoir Chontae cead pleanala a thabhairt do Pádraic Breathnach (Coill Rua) teach agus dabhach searachas a thogail sa Choill Rua. - Uimhir Pleanala 49471."

P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. N. O'Conchubhair.

5. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Coughlan of Fairfield, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, for permission for erection of shop at Fairfield, Ahascragh. - Planning Reference Number 49497."

Michael P. Kitt. James Joyce. Paul Connaughton. Joe Callanan.

6. "D'reir Acht 4 den Acht an Bhainistíocht Condae, 1955 (Leasaithe), eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead Pleanála go Proinnsias O Fatharta le teach nua agus coras sear-achas a thógail ag an seoladh seo leanan: Aille, Indreabhan. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanála 49605."

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

7. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County manager to grant Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse and store for Mr. Vincent Burke at Pollagh. Planning Reference Number 49587."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. John Molloy.

8. "That in accordance with Section 4 fo the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission for retention of squash court to Mr. Malachy Donnellan of Turloughmore, Co. Galway, for Coolarne Squash Club at Carheenlea, Turloughmore. - Planning Reference Number 49617."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.

9. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Paddy Cunningham, c/o Paul O'Grady, E.B.S. House, Tuam, for two dwellinghouses at Keelkill, Headford. - Planning Reference Number 49588."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.

10. "That in accordance with Section 4 fo the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Na Creagan, Indreabhan, for Beartla O Coisdealbha. - Planning Ref. No. 49531."

Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Michael S. O'Morain. John Molloy.

11. "D'reir Acht 4 den Acht an Bhainistíocht Contae 1955 (Leasaithe), eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead Pleanála go Mairtin O Domhnaill le ceithre theach a thógail ag an seoladh seo leanan: Lic Liath, Bearna. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanála 49666."

P. O'Foighil. Fintan Coogan. Mark Killilea.

12. "Report on Planning Application for a Filling Station and dwellinghouse for Jody Connolly, Craughwell."

P.P. Ref. nos 49485(a) & 49486.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1985.

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. Coogan, J. Donnellan, P. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, 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, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, T. Welby, and F. Glynn.

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2893 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Mary Lawlor, Galway Road, Tuam.
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Fahey, Alloon, Ballymacward, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Kennedy & Family, Carnaun, Athenry.
James & Michael Collins, Carnmore, Oranmore.
Mrs. Eva Curley, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
The Curley Family, Cross Street, Galway.
Relatives of the late Gertie O'Grady, former Senior Staff Officer, Galway County Council.
Councillor T. Welby on the death of his uncle.

2894 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49286 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL GEOGHEGAN:

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

"Consideration of this matter was deferred from the County Council meeting of 25th February, 1985.

A report on the proposal has been obtained from the Chief Fire Officer, and the County Engineer has re-examined the site.

The Chief Fire Officer has report that if the proposed filling station was laid out in accordance with the provisions of the Dangerous Substances (Retail and Private Petroleum Stores) Regulations 1979 and it would pose a minimal fire hazard.

The County Engineer's report is as follows:

I again looked at the above site on 27/2/'85 and I am still convinced that a traffic hazard would arise due to the proximity of the entrance/exit to a complex road junction. The sight distance is particularly restricted on the approach from the Clonberne direction and no matter what hedges the applicant trims on his own site, he cannot improve this. The Tuam/Clonberne carriageway is only 15' wide and the carriageway on the Moylough road is only 14' wide.

Refusal of permission is recommended for the reasons given in the report circulated to each Member of the Council for the February Meeting."

Deputy Michael Kitt proposed that planning permission be granted. He stated that the Council had already given Permission for the erection of a house on the site and the applicant was prepared to redeem the Mortgage in respect of the Council Housing Loan. Councillor Michael Ryan seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal. In reply to Councillor J. Brennan, the County Engineer indicated that the proposed development did not meet the requirements of the Development Plan. The Fire Officer was dealing solely with the Dangerous Substances Regulations. These regulations did not cover the manoeuvring of large tankers if the proposed development went ahead. The County Engineer indicated that there was a serious risk of accident and the implications for the house would be very serious if a tanker went on fire. Councillor J. Brennan proposed that Planning Permission be refused. Cllr. Brennan's proposal was not seconded. The Chairman then declared the resolution carried.

2895 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49355 - APPLICANT: P. HOPKINS.

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

"The background to this case was circulated at the last monthly meeting. Details of a humus toilet have been submitted since then. This provides for the "natural" treatment of toilet waste by electrolytic and composting methods. The larger of the two types of toilet described is designed for not more than four persons, and a liquid overflow is advised where "excessive liquid may be introduced". The system makes no reference to the treatment of other domestic waste from washing processes although these quantities may be much larger and objectionable. This particular site is totally inadequate in size and in its rocky nature to provide suitable soakage for the latter material or for overflow from the humus tank without a probable risk of nuisance to this and adjoining properties.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would constitute a public health hazard because the size is totally inadequate in size and unsuitable in nature because of its poor soil characteristics to adequately treat any liquid effluent emanating from the dwellinghouse.

There are several objectors to this proposal."

Councillor Welby proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. He stated that humus toilets had been accepted in other areas. Councillor Welby also quoted the case of a planning permission which he stated had been granted for the provision of a septic tank within 25 feet of Lough Corrib. Councillor O'Morain seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. He stated that the proposal was an attempt to create an alternative to the provision of a septic tank. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the Deputy County Manager indicated that there were four objectors to the application. The County Engineer indicated that the applicant had not given any details of proposals to deal with domestic waste from sinks or baths where a sizeable amount of liquid which could cause health hazards would have to be disposed of. In reply to Councillor J. Brennan, the County Engineer indicated that Planning Permission had not been granted by the Council for the erection of the house involved. Councillor J. Brennan proposed that Planning Permission be refused in this case. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal.

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

FOR: Councillor Bartley, Senator U. Burke, Councillor Callanan, Deputies Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Cllrs. McCormack, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane and Welby.

AGAINST: Councillors Brennan, J. Burke, Glynn, Holland, Mannion, and Ryan.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

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2896 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49489 - APPLICANT: PATRICK VARLEY:

This resolution had been adjourned from the Special meeting of 25th February, 1985. The County Engineer stated that he had met the applicant and Senator Killilea at the site involved. The applicant had supplied the necessary documentation as agreed with the County Engineer on site. The County Engineer indicated that it was proposed to grant Planning Permission in this case in accordance with the revised documentation received.

2897 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49471 - APPLICANT: PADRAIC BREATHNACH:

The County Engineer stated that further information had been requested in relation to this planning application and that the Section 4 Resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2898 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49497 - JOHN COUGHLAN:

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

Consideration of this matter was deferred from the County Council meeting of 25th February, 1985.

The County Engineer re-examined the site on 27th February, 1985, and his report is as follows:-

I re-examined the above site on 27/2/'85. The proposal is located at a sharp bend linking two fast straight sections of road. There is also a substantial flow of traffic along the road in both directions. In my opinion, it would be creating a very serious traffic hazard to permit a shop at this location due to the restricted sight distances and the turning movements which would result from the existence of a shop.

Refusal of permission is recommended in this case for the reasons set out in the County Engineer's report and in the report circulated to each Member of the Council for the February Meeting."

Deputy Michael Kitt proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. Councillor Michael Ryan seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal. The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2899 - RUN D'REIR ACHT 4 DEN ACHT AN BHAINISTIOCHT CONDAE, 1955 (Leasaithe) - UIMHIR PLEANALA 49605 - PRIONNSIAS O FATHARTA:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Aille on the sea side of the road almost opposite the old Selerna School.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. no. 48981: An application by the same applicant on a larger site was considered under Section 4 resolution by the Council at the December Meeting. The resolution was carried

by the Council. However, the County Manager decided not to implement the Section 4 resolution and the application was refused on the grounds that the development would be a health hazard.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant has proposed that solid wastes should be treated using a biological humus toilet. However, no provision has been made for the disposal of liquid wastes from the proposed development.

As previously reported, the site forms a lowlying waterlogged pocket of land covered in rushes with a stream running through the rear of the site.

The applicant proposes to discharge untreated liquid waste onto the already waterlogged ground. This waste is highly pollutant in nature and would lead to the establishment of a serious health risk.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

The site proposed to be developed, being lowlying, waterlogged and boggy is unsuitable for the effective disposal of liquid domestic wastes and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard."

Councillor O'Foighil stated that this matter had been the subject of a Section 4 resolution at a recent meeting when the applicant had proposed using a septic tank. The County Manager had sought legal advice on the matter and had refused to comply with the Section 4 Resolution. The applicant had now made a new application and was proposing to use a humus tank. It was proposed to allow 2 acres of land to cater for the liquid effluent from the house and Councillor O'Foighil stated that he felt that such arrangements were adequate. He stated that a humus tank was acceptable in other Counties and quoted planning cases in Donegal and Wicklow where planning permission had been granted for the use of humus tanks. He stated that a grease and soap interceptor ^{could be installed} thereby avoiding any pollution problems. Councillor O'Foighil proposed that planning permission be granted in respect of the application now before the Council. He also stated that he would be referring to the legal position where the County Manager had not acted on a Section 4 which had been passed by the Council when the Minutes of the Special meeting of the 25th February, 1985, were being considered at the Monthly Meeting of the Council later in the day. Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded Councillor O'Foighil's proposal. He referred to the difficulties in relation to septic tanks in Connemara and asked that the Council would be afforded the opportunity of discussing such problems with the I.I.R.S. as soon as possible. Councillor O'Morain supported Councillor O'Foighil's proposal.

The County Engineer indicated that the size of the site was irrelevant. He had walked the site about a fortnight ago and it was waterlogged. There was now way in which the applicant could dispose of the amount of domestic liquid waste from the house. The waste was highly pollutant in nature and would lead to the establishment of a serious health risk.

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, that Planning Permission be refused in this case.

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

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

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

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The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

In reply to queries from Councillors J. Burke and M. O'Morain, the County Engineer stated that the Council would be afforded an opportunity of discussing the problems regarding septic tanks in the Connemara Area with the I.I.R.S. as soon as a report was available. He would seek an Interim Report from the I.I.R.S.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Engineer agreed that he would circulate details of the areas being examined to the Councillors and that he would submit any other areas suggested by Councillors for consideration by the I.I.R.S.

2900 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49587 - APPLICANT: VINCENT BURKE.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Woodstock on the Galway/Moycullen Road approximately 4 miles from the City.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 47552.

Outline Permission for a house refused on this site by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala - applicant: Mr. Peter Allen.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the National Secondary route N.59 at a section where realignment and improvement works are being carried out but are not yet completed. There has been considerable pressure for development along this section of the route and the Planning Authority's policy in this regard is clearly set out in the current County Development Plan and also in the new draft Plan, i.e., housing development will only be permitted which comes within the category of essential housing need. This applicant has a Galway City address, is a prospective buyer of the site and states that his application is not in any of the essential housing need categories.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would interfere with the free flow of traffic along a national secondary road where the maximum speed limit applies and would therefore endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard."

The Councillors in whose name the Section 4 resolution appeared on the Agenda indicated that they wished to withdraw the Section 4 resolution. The Council agreed that the Section 4 Resolution be withdrawn.

2901 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49617 - APPLICANT: MALACHY DONNELLAN

The County Engineer stated that Further Information had been requested in relation to this planning application and that the Section 4 resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2902 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49588 - APPLICANT: MR. PADDY CUNNINGHAM.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

Applicant is seeking Permission for two dwellinghouses on a site adjacent to Lough Corrib and to a scheme of dwellinghouses for which permission was originally granted by the Minister on appeal, 17th December, 1973 - planning ref. no. 14490.

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

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

In 1980, Mr. Cunningham applied for Outline Planning Permission for two dwellinghouses on this site (planning permission No. 37218) which was granted under a Section 4 motion. This permission was subsequently appealed by An Taisce and the appeal refused by An Bord Pleanala on 9th March, 1982.

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

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

Deputy J. Donnellan proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. Councillor M. Ryan seconded Deputy Donnellan's proposal. The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2903 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49531 - APPLICANT: BEARTLA O COISDEALEHA.

The County Engineer stated that Further Information had been requested in relation to this planning application and that the Section 4 resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2904 - RUN D'REIR ACHT 4 DEN ACHT AN BHAINISTIOCHT CONDAE, 1955 (LEASAITHE) - UIMHIR PLEANALA 49666 - MAIRTIN O DOMHNAILL.

The County Engineer stated that Further Information had been requested in relation to this planning application and that the Section 4 resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2905 - REPORT ON PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A FILLING STATION AND DWELLINGHOUSE FOR JOSEPH CONNOLLY, CRAUGHWELL. - PLANNING APPLICATION 49485(a) and 49486 (REQUESTED BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY):

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"Deputy Fahey was informed by letter dated 12th March, 1985, that a decision would have to be made on these applications by 20th March, 1985, unless the applicant had consented, in writing, to an extension of the decision period with respect to the applications by that date.

The applicant's consent to an extension of time was not received and decisions to refuse permission in each case issued on 20th March, 1985.

The reason for refusal in each case was as follows:

1. The proposed development is situated on a National Primary Route adjacent to a rail level crossing, in an area where the maximum speed limit applies and if permitted, would constitute a traffic hazard and be contrary to the County Development Plan."

Deputy Frank Fahey indicated that due to a misunderstanding by the applicant, he had not requested an extension of time. The applicant would be submitting a Planning Application again.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

John M. Donnellan CHAIRMAN

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19u Marta, 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, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 25u la Marta, 1985, ar 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) Estimates Meeting on 18th February, 1985.
 - (b) Special Meeting on 22nd February, 1985.
 - (c) Special Meeting on 25th February, 1985.
 - (d) Monthly meeting on 25th February, 1985.
 - (e) Adjourned Estimates Meeting on 1st March, 1985.
 - (f) Special meeting on 7th March, 1985.
 - (g) Adjourned Estimates Meeting on 8th March, 1985.
2. Capital Allocation of Housing Loans (Details enclosed)
3. Raising of loan of £4 million for making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.
4. Sale of houses to the following tenants:

Margaret Scully, Bookeen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea.
Patrick Carter, Laghtgannon, Roscahill.
Mary Burke, Clamper Park, Athenry.
(Notices dated 13th February, 1985, already circulated.)
5. Sale of site to Patrick Connolly, Bohernagreena, Tuam.
(Notice dated 14th March, 1985, already circulated.)
6. Report on Rate Collection 1984. - Copy enclosed.
7. Draft Meat Inspection By-Laws. - Copy enclosed.
8. Policy and Planning Framework for Roads. (Summary enclosed)
9. County and County Borough Boundaries Commission - Recommendations.
(Copy of Extracts re Galway enclosed)
10. Local Government (Reorganisation) Bill, 1985.
11. Appointment of nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
12. Waste Disposal Plan for the County of Galway. (Copy already circulated)
13. Joint Library Conference - Cork - 16th-20th April, 1985.

14. Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting - Sligo- 24th April, 1985.
15. Local Authority Members' Association - Conference 22-24 February, 1985.
(Documentation enclosed)
16. Ad hoc Adult Education Boards.
(Letter of 4th March, 1985, from County Galway V.E.C. attached)
17. Housing (Private Rented Dwellings) (Standards) Regulations, 1984.
(Copy enclosed)
18. Seeds and Fertilisers Scheme, 1985.
19. Malicious Injury Decrees. (List herewith).
20. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

1. COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

That this Council fully support the efforts of the local committee in their efforts to have the scheme for the Knockferry/Kilbeg Corrib Bridge sanctioned and put to the Department.

(b) Other Motions received:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHAEL O'MORAIN - Molaim:

2. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go mbeadh bailiuchan bruscair ag Gleann Treig agus Cloch Breac.
3. Ba mhaith liom a fhail amach ce'n staid a bhfuil teach Seain Mac Donncha, Coillin, Carna.

DEPUTY FINTAN COOGAN - I will propose:

4. That low bridge warning signs be erected on the Ardrahan-Craughwell road and at Craughwell, and a second on Loughrea-Ardrahan road at the junction leading to Craughwell.
5. That the County Council carry out repairs to the footpath and instal a drain to carry excess rainwater and thus preserve the road surface and footpath at the top of the Moy Road at Kinvara.

COUNCILLOR PATRICK RUANE - I will propose:

6. That the £200,000 grant for the Claregalway/Oranmore road be spent at the Claregalway end at Lydican as this is the worst portion of the sand road.
7. That public lighting be erected at Claregalway Village around the Church area.
8. That Galway County Council treat as urgent the financing of the 10 inch pipe as far as Loughtgeorge to serve 200 houses in Lakeview, Cloonabiggeen, Crusheen, Cahernashelleny, Kiltroque, Lydican and Knockdoe. This scheme is badly needed in these areas where there is no running water.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

9. That this Council recommend to the Department of the Environment that traffic route lighting be extended to the Community Centre at Oranmore.
10. That the derelict building at the Fairgreen, Loughrea, be removed or renovated.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

11. Proposed Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge over Lough Corrib -
In order to enable the Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge Project to proceed and avail of grant aid for employment creation under the new Social Employment Scheme. I propose that Galway County Council, as a matter of urgency, commission a site investigation and preliminary report on the Project.
12. That a no dumping sign be erected without delay at Carramore-Knock on Turlough Road. I have already requested this sign in writing.
13. That a resolution be passed by this Council and forwarded to the Minister for Agriculture requesting him to have a proper A.I. Service in West Galway and that all areas be serviced.

MARCH MEETING

DECREES

DAMAGE

MALICIOUS

Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Bord Telecom Eireann, Merrion Hse., Merrion Road, Dublin 4.	damage to telephone kiosk	County at Large	£300	£390.18
Bord Telecom Eireann, Merrion House, Merrion Road, Dublin 4.	damage to telephone kiosk	County at Large	£300	£390.18
Michael & Malachy Guilfoyle, Clonbur.	damage to rowing boat	County at Large	£1,000	£435.00
Thomas Dolan, 31 Newcastle Rd., Galway.	damage to trailer	County at Large	1,000	£326.34
Ryder Plant Hire (Galway) Ltd. Joseph Walker, 6 Sandyvale Lawn, Headford Road, GALWAY.	damage to Excavator Damage to car	County at Large	£895.46	£879.22
Fursey Whyte, Ballymana, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to excavator	County at Large	£583.73	£264.41
		County at Large	£1,500	£886.99

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

14th. March, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

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

Location:- Bohernagreena, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Area:- .331 acres.

To whom land is to be transferred: Patrick Connolly,
Bohernagreena, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal: £1

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

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John 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 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, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer.

2906 - **MINUTES:**

On the proposal of Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, the Minutes of the following Meetings of the Council were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Estimates Meeting on 18th February, 1985.
- (b) Special Meeting on 22nd February, 1985.
- (c) Special Meeting on 25th February, 1985.
- (d) Monthly Meeting on 25th February, 1985.
- (e) Adjourned Estimates Meeting on 1st March, 1985.
- (f) Special Meeting on 7th March, 1985.
- (g) Adjourned Estimates Meeting on 8th March, 1985.

Councillor P. O'Foighil referred to Minute No. 2841 of the Special meeting of Monday, 25th February, 1985. He stated that at that meeting, he had asked that the question of Legal Opinion in relation to Section 4 resolutions should be placed on the Agenda for the Monthly meeting of the Council in March 1985. He said that he had stated at the Special Meeting in February that he would be asking the Council to set up a sub-committee to engage Counsel for an Opinion on the question of Section 4 Resolutions similar to the case referred to in Minute No. 2841. He stated that the Law Agent was there to advise the County Manager and he objected to the fact that in the case referred to a copy of the Legal Opinion had only been circulated to the Members before the meeting. He was now proposing that Council approve of the setting up of a sub-committee of two or three Members to engage Counsel and seek independent legal advice and that the cost of such advice should be borne by the Council. The Deputy County Manager quoted from a letter dated 4th March, 1985, from the Council's Law Agent, stating that -

In making a decision on a planning application, the Manager must consider the provisions of the Planning Acts relating to such a decision. In accordance with the Planning Acts, a decision must only be based on the proper planning and development of the area. In the O'Fatharta's case, the Manager had before him a report by the County Engineer which clearly stated that for the reasons therein, a septic tank on this site could not work. Consequently, in consideration of the proper planning and development of the area, the County Manager decided to review the planning permission on the strength of the technical information at his disposal. This technical information was also at the disposal of the Members when they passed the Section 4 Resolution. It was the Manager's obligation to consider such technical information and it was the Law Agent's view that having considered it, that the County Manager rightly refused to grant planning permission. The Law Agent's

letter indicated that the circumstances of this case appeared to be very similar to a former Section 4 Resolution which was not implemented and in respect of which considerable Senior Counsel's Opinion was sought. The Law Agent indicated that he was confident that the Manager had acted properly in the present case on the facts and information before him.

The Deputy County Manager further stated that if Members wanted to get further Legal Opinions, it was a matter for the Members themselves to do so in a private capacity. If the Council wanted Legal Opinion, the proper channel was to go through the Council's Law Agent. The Law Agent was an Official of the Council and reported to the County Manager. The County Manager reported to the Council.

Councillor Killilea stated that the Law Agent was available to both the County Manager and the Members of the Council. He felt that the Law Agent was now being brought as a shield in Section 4 Planning cases and stated that the Council should be asking the County Manager not to bring in the Law Agent in such cases. The Deputy County Manager stated that in cases such as the O'Fatharta case, the County Manager had to satisfy himself that he was acting legally. A Section 4 Resolution was not a decision of itself and the County Manager had to satisfy himself in making planning decisions that such decisions were legal. The Deputy County Manager indicated that in relation to the Section 4 Resolutions which were similar cases legally to the O'Fatharta case and which had been passed at the special meeting held earlier on that day, he proposed to consider each of them in accordance with the Legal Opinion received and to deal with them accordingly. He wished to inform the Council of his position in relation to such cases.

Councillor O'Foighil stated that the Members as Councillors should have the right to engage Legal Advice if necessary. He asked if Councillors had any redress if they did not agree with the County Manager on a legal issue. The Deputy County Manager indicated that Senior Counsel advice could be got through the Law Agent and that legal advice had already been got on a similar case to the O'Fatharta case. Councillor Kilgannon stated that if a Section 4 Resolution was legitimately proposed and passed, it should be acted on by the County Manager. He was supported by Deputy Donnellan. In reply to Councillor O' Morain who suggested that the Chairman and Whips of the Parties discuss the matter with a view to getting outside legal advice, the Chairman indicated that when the matter was reviewed previously, it emerged that Members would have to get such advice at their own expense.

2907 - WATER SUPPLY - BEL AIR DRIVE, TUAM:

Senator Killilea referred to Summonses which had been issued to the residents of Bel Air Drive, Tuam, as a result of non payment of Water Charges. He asked that the County Manager withdraw the Summonses involved. The residents had a very poor water supply. They had collected the money and submitted a deposit receipt in the name of the County Manager and the residents, and they were prepared to release the money when the Council provided a pipe to augment the supply. He understood that money had been allocated for the provision of the pipe involved in the current year and he asked that the Council write to the residents and inform them accordingly. He indicated that if the residents received a letter that the pipe was being provided, arrangements would be made to hand over the money collected. The Deputy County Manager stated that the Water Charges were due to the Council and legal proceedings had been instituted as a result of non-payment in a number of cases. He indicated that the Water Charges were statutory ones and would have to be paid. He agreed to examine the up-to-date position regarding the provision of the water pipe referred to by Senator Killilea. A number of Councillors supported the statement made by Senator Killilea. Councillor Finnegan stated that the owner of the field through which the water pipe was to be laid was going to plough it in the near future and he asked that the matter be dealt with urgently.

2908 - MID-GALWAY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Deputy Kitt referred to the fact that the Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme would be losing a substantial amount of Members if a large portion of the scheme was to be constructed by the County Council as a Capital Scheme. He asked that the Council call on the Minister to give additional aid to the Group Scheme or alternatively, that the Council carry out only 4½ miles of the pipeline. At the suggestion of the Chairman, Deputy Kitt agreed that he would submit a Notice of Motion regarding the matter to the next meeting of the Council.

2909 - CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR HOUSING LOANS 1985:

The Council noted that the Capital Allocation for Housing Loans 1985, was £4,270,000. The Council also noted a report dated 15th March, 1985, from the Assistant County Manager which had been circulated to each Member giving details of the Capital Allocation. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. O'Morain, seconded by Senator Killilea and agreed that a Special Housing Meeting of the Council would be held on the 15th April, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. to discuss all matters in relation to Housing including Capital Allocations and the Council's Housing Construction Programme.

2910 - RAISING OF A LOAN OF £4 MILLION FOR MAKING ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

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

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

2911 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan, and 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 February, 1985, 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:

Margaret Scully, Bookeen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea.
Patrick Carter, Laghtgannon, Roscahill.
Mary Burke, Clamper Park, Athenry. "

2912 - SALE OF SITE AT BOHERNAGREENA, TUAM:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at Bohernagreena, Tuam, to Mr. Patrick Connolly, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 14th March, 1985, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

2913 - REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION 1984:

The Council noted a report dated 15th March, 1985, setting out details of Rate Collection for the year 1984, copy of which had been circulated to each Member. In reply to Senator U. Burke, the Deputy County Manager indicated that the post held by Mr. Frank Kilgarriff had not been replaced. Arrangements had been made regarding the compilation of the Register of Electors in respect of that area, and the Deputy County Manager gave details of same. In reply to Councillor J. Burke, the Deputy County Manager gave details of the cost of salaries and expenses of Rate Collectors for 1984. He indicated that the Council had originally 30 Rate Collectors but that the number employed at present was 19. The Council were not replacing Rate Collectors as they retired.

2914 - DRAFT MEAT INSPECTION BY-LAWS:

This matter had been adjourned from the previous meeting of the Council.

In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, the Deputy County Manager indicated that subsequent to the Council Meeting of the 7th March, a proposal had been put to the Department of Agriculture that the Council would arrange to have meat inspected and stamped under the Public Health (Veterinary Inspection) Order 1929

instead of adopting By-Laws for the whole County. The Department of Agriculture had advised that meat stamped other than under By-Laws might be rejected in other areas. The Department had suggested that it might be possible to adopt by-laws which would apply only where the number of killings exceeded a certain figure. He suggested that this figure might be 20 and that it was recommended that the following additional clause be included in the by-laws as an addition to by-law no. 2:

"(b) Any meat, which has been slaughtered in the County Health District of Galway in Slaughterhouses, where less than 20 animals (or such other number as may be decided by the Council) per week are slaughtered."

Deputy Fahey proposed that if exceptions could be made, that the by-laws should be adopted in respect of Abattoirs killing over 500 animals a week and that if owners of Slaughterhouses with a lesser number wished to be included that such should be arranged. Councillor McCormack referred to the serious situation which applied in respect of one firm because of the fact that the Council had not adopted by-laws. He would be in favour of the County Manager's suggestion regarding the figure of 20 animals per week. Councillor Michael Ryan proposed that the by-laws be introduced in respect of all Slaughterhouses. Senator Killilea proposed that the by-laws be adopted to provide for all Slaughterhouses in which over 100 animals per week were killed with the proviso that owners of Slaughterhouses killing a lesser amount be given the option of having their meat stamped under the by-laws if they so requested.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the by-laws were for the benefit of the customer buying meat. There were two types of Slaughterhouse involved, those involved in the sale of meat for wholesale purposes and the smaller butchers who were selling meat directly to the customer. He stated that the provision in the by-laws regarding the fine of £5 was totally inadequate and he asked that this matter be reviewed. Councillor Welby stated that by-laws were for the safety of the consumer and if meat inspection by-laws were being implemented, they should apply to all slaughtering of animals for human consumption. The Council should not be selective. He suggested that the matter be postponed to the next meeting of the Council and that the Council's Vet be invited to attend. Following further discussion in which details of the number of Slaughterhouses and the implications for the implementation of by-laws were outlined to the Council, the Council agreed that by-law no. 2 be amended by the addition of the following:

(b) Any meat, which has been slaughtered in the County Health District of Galway in Slaughterhouses, where less than 50 animals (or such other number as may be decided by the Council) per week are slaughtered.

Councillors O'Morain and Bartley indicated that they wished to have it recorded that they were dissenting from the Council's decision.

2915 - POLICY AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR ROADS:

This matter was adjourned to the April Meeting of the Council.

2916 - COUNTY AND COUNTY BOROUGH BOUNDARIES COMMISSION:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION BILL, 1985:

The Council considered extracts from the Report of the County and County Borough Electoral Area Boundaries Commission which had been circulated to each Member setting out details of the recommendations as they applied to Galway. The Council also considered the Local Government Re-Organisation Bill, 1985, a copy of which, together with summaries, had been circulated to each Member. Senator Killilea stated that he was not satisfied with the Report of the Boundaries Commission as the Commission did not take account of the inclusion of hinterlands of towns in the Review of Electoral Areas. Areas which had nothing in common had been included in the revised Electoral Areas. Cllr. O'Foighil stated that he was disappointed that the Commission did not accept the Council's submission in relation to the Connemara Area. The following resolution was proposed by Councillor Glynn and seconded by Senator Killilea:

"That this Council totally disagrees with the constituency boundaries as proposed by the County and County Borough Electoral Boundaries Commission for the County area of Galway, that we are totally disappointed that the Commission did not accept the recommendation of Galway County Council in relation to the Connemara Area and that the Commission totally disregarded the brief given by the Minister for the Environment in relation to market towns and their natural hinterlands in the creation of new Electoral Areas."

That this Council call on the Minister for the Environment to amend the situation."

Following further discussion regarding aspects of the Boundary Commission's recommendations and the Local Government Re-Organisation Bill, 1985, the Chairman decided that a vote would be taken for or against the acceptance of the Boundaries Commission Report. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:

FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT: Councillors Brennan, McCormack, Mannion, and Ryan.

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AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT: Councillors Bartley, J. Burke, Deputies Coogan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Glynn, Haverty, Holland, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Councillors Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(18)

The Chairman then declared the result of the vote.

Following further discussion, the Council agreed with the resolution proposed by Councillor Glynn.

2917 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Haverty, that Councillor G. Bartley be appointed a nominee of Galway County Council on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., for 1985/1986. It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McCormack that Councillor Pol O'Foighil be appointed a nominee of Galway County Council and the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., for 1985/1986. The Chairman decided that a vote would be taken and the result was as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR BARTLEY: Councillors Bartley, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Glynn, Haverty, Senator Killilea, Cllrs. Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

(12)

FOR COUNCILLOR O'FOIGHIL: Councillor Brennan, Deputy Coogan, Cllrs. Holland, Kilgannon, McCormack, Mannion, O'Foighil, and Ryan.

(8)

The Chairman declared Councillor Bartley to be the nominee of Galway County Council on the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., for 1985/1986.

2918 - DOCTOR FOR ARAN ISLANDS:

Councillor Welby proposed that the Council call on the Minister for Defence to second an Army Doctor to service the Aran Islands. Councillor O'Foighil seconded Councillor Welby's proposal and also stated that the matter should be taken up with the Western Health Board to ensure that every avenue is being explored to get a doctor to serve the Islands. Councillor Welby's proposal was supported by Deputy Coogan and Councillor O'Morain.

2919 - JOINT LIBRARY CONFERENCE - CORK - 16TH-20TH APRIL, 1985:

The Council agreed that Councillors E. Haverty and M. Ryan be appointed as delegates to the Joint Library Conference to be held in Cork from the 16th-20th April, 1985, as recommended by the County Libraries Committee at its meeting of 8th March, 1985.

2920 - SPECIAL MEETING:

The Council agreed that a Special meeting of the Council would be held on Wednesday, 3rd April, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. to consider the remaining items on the Agenda.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

_____ CHAIRMAN

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A Chara,

A special meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

WEDNESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1985,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

to consider the Agenda postponed at the meeting of the Council held on Monday, 25th March, 1985. Copies of the Agenda, already circulated, will be available at the meeting to be held on the 3rd instant.

You are requested to attend.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Cllrs. P. McCormack, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

An apology was received from Senator M.D. Higgins.

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; P. Carroll, Acting Staff Officer; and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2921 - POLICY AND PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR ROADS:

The County Engineer presented a summary of the Policy and Planning Framework for Roads, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The County Engineer indicated that the document set out the Government's policy on the development of the road network into the 1990s and outlined a programme of major improvement projects to be undertaken in the period 1985-1987 and thereafter.

The Plan was a review of the 1979 Road Plan where expenditure for projections had fallen short by 17% up to 1984. It was a statement of Road Development Policy which was divided into two parts:

- (1) Definite improvement projects which are to be undertaken between 1985 and 1987.
- (2) An indicative list of projects which are under consideration for the period after 1987 and into the 1990's.

The objectives of the plan were similar to those of the 1979 Road Plan, i.e.

- (1) Provision of adequate inter-urban system.
- (2) Elimination of traffic bottlenecks by by-passes of towns on national routes.
- (3) Reduction of urban congestion through building new bridges, relief roads and ring roads.
- (4) The preservation of existing roads.
- (5) Improvement of Road Safety.

One of the major departures from the 1979 Plan was the dropping of National Secondary Routes from the major improvement programme and the concentration on National Primary Routes. The programme would account for about two-thirds of State investment on improvement works over the next three years.

The importance of National Routes as the communication life line of the country was stressed in the Plan. The Plan stated "where Local Authorities fail to take effective measures to control frontage development the Minister of the Environment will consider reducing their overall level of annual road grants having regard to the reduced benefits accruing from national route investment in their areas."

The County Engineer gave details of increased employment envisaged in the Plan and that private sector involvement was also envisaged. He indicated that

the priority list of major improvement works would be determined on a cost benefit basis devised by An Foras Forbartha and the use of the Contract method for appropriate improvement projects was to be encouraged. The projects listed in the Plan relating to Galway were:

- (1) N.6 Oranmore By-Pass 8 Km. 1985 - 88
New road which will by-pass Oranmore, by the construction of a new link from the Limerick Road (N.18) to the Claregalway Road (N.64) and will link the Claregalway Road to the existing N.6 near Merlin Park.
- (2) N.6 Corrib Bridge and Approaches 1.5 Km. 1986.
New four lane road from Newcastle road to the Headford road at Terryland, including a new Bridge over the River Corrib.
- (3) N.6 Ballinasloe By-Pass
This project will start after 1987 and be the subject of cost benefit analysis in determining priority.
- (4) N.6 Loughrea By-Pass
This project will start after 1987 and be the subject of cost benefit analysis in determining priority.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the document introduced new levels of inadequacy in relation to roads in rural Galway. There was no policy being developed in relation to the preservation of existing County Roads. He did not agree that all road projects should be subject to cost benefit analysis. He proposed

"That Galway County Council protest in the strongest possible terms at the Government's decision to spend more money on the National Primary Roads which accounted for only 5% of the road network, than on the roads other than National Primary which accounted for 95% of the road network, and that the major amount of finance was going into the National Primary Roads."

Councillor Joyce seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal. In reply to Cllr. Joyce, the County Engineer stated that the Policy set out in the document was to spend monies where the need in relation to National Primary Routes were greatest, and that most of the projects were funded through E.E.C. aid. He indicated that the road to Killimor would not qualify for a major grant but it did not mean that certain works would not be carried out in the future.

Councillor J. Callanan stated that the final plans of the Ballinasloe By-Pass should be prepared and an indication be given of where the By-Pass was being provided. He felt that the project might be in danger of loosing out if it was to be the subject of a cost benefit analysis.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the document was inadequate in that there was no policy stated in relation to County Roads. Councillor J. Brennan proposed:

"That this Council view with dismay the Government's proposal to drop National Secondary Routes from the major roads improvement programme and call for an assurance that adequate finances will be made available for the upkeep and improvement of County Roads."

Councillor Kilgannon seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal.

Senator Killilea asked if there was any way in which the Council could request the Minister to allocate £1 million out of the Allocation for Major National Primary Improvements to be spent on County Roads. Following further discussion, it was agreed that the two resolutions which had been proposed and seconded would be submitted to the Minister for the Environment. Councillor O'Morain stated that the Minister should be asked to explain to the Council his position in relation to the inadequate funding for roads other than National Primary Routes.

2922 - WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF GALWAY:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy F. Fahey, that consideration of this matter be adjourned to the April Meeting of the Council.

2923 - SHEEP DIPPING MEETING AT SLIGO - 24TH APRIL, 1985:

It was agreed that four Members would attend the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting to be held in Sligo on the 24th April, 1985. It was agreed that the following Councillors would attend -

Councillors T. Welby, P. McCormack, J. Callanan, P. Ruane.

2924 - LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION/CONFERENCE - 22ND-24TH FEBRUARY, 1985:

The Council noted a report from the Conference a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

2925 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS:

The Council agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the Special Housing Meeting to be held on the 15th April, 1985. Senator Killilea asked that the question of allocating 15% of the allocation of Road Grants for Major Roads to County Roads be submitted by Galway County Council for discussion at the Annual Conference. Councillor Ruane seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

2926 - AD HOC ADULT EDUCATION BOARDS:

The Council considered a letter dated 4th March, 1985, from the County Galway Vocational Education Committee regarding the appointment of representatives to two Ad Hoc Adult Education Boards which were being established, one for East Galway and one for West Galway. It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Senator Killilea and agreed:

That Councillor J. Joyce be the Council's representative on the Ad Hoc Adult Education Board for East Galway.

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Councillor Brennan, that Councillor Pol O'Poighil be the Council's representative on the Ad Hoc Adult Education Board for West Galway.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, that Cllr. Nioclás O'Conchubhair be the Council's representative on the Ad Hoc Adult Education Board of West Galway.

On a show of hands, the Chairman declared -

"Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair to be the Council's representative on the Ad Hoc Adult Education Board for West Galway by 11 votes for to 5 votes against."

2927 - HOUSING (PRIVATE RENTED DWELLINGS) (STANDARDS) REGULATIONS, 1984:

It was agreed that this matter be adjourned to the Special Housing meeting of the Council to be held on the 15th April, 1985.

2928 - SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SCHEME, 1985:

The draft scheme as circulated to Members was approved on the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor Ruane. A number of Councillors referred to the inadequacy of the scheme.

2929 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The Council noted the list of Malicious Injury Decrees a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

2930 - CONTROL ON NUMBERS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY OFFICERS:

The Deputy County Manager gave details of a Circular letter dated 29th January, 1985, from the Department of the Environment indicating that Local Authorities were required to achieve an overall 5% reduction in the numbers of Officers during the period 1st January, 1985, to 31st December, 1987, by leaving open the necessary proportion of vacancies arising during that period. The reductions required to achieve this target in the total number of Officers employed in all the Local Authorities under the Manager were 2% each for 1985 and 1986, and 1% for 1987. The Council noted the position.

2931 - DRAINAGE OF DUNKELLIN RIVER:

It was agreed that a Committee meeting consisting of the Council Members of the Ballinasloe and Loughrea Areas would be held on Tuesday, 16th April, 1985, at 4.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, to discuss the drainage of the Dunkellin River.

2932 - SEWERAGE PROBLEM AT PETERSWELL:

The Deputy County Manager indicated that this matter had been raised at the Estimates Meeting and it was agreed that a report would be brought back to the Council on the matter. The Deputy Manager read a report which indicated that there was no possibility of the Council becoming involved in providing a Sewerage Scheme for the 4 houses involved in Peterswell. There would be difficulties in individuals providing septic tank facilities within the curtilage of their own property but it should be possible to provide sewerage disposal facilities using adjoining lands either collectively or individually. Any proposal made would be the subject of a planning application and would be examined in the normal way. The Deputy County Manager also indicated that there was a Group Sewerage Grant available from the Department of the Environment similar to the Group Water Supply Grant with a limit of £250 per house or 2/3 of the cost whichever was less. There was also a House Improvement Grant available from the Housing Finance Section of the Department of the Environment for the provision of Sewerage facilities with a maximum grant of £200. Councillor Michael Fahy stated that there was a serious problem in Peterswell. The people were willing to contribute to the provision of improvements and he asked that the Council also make a contribution to the provision of septic tanks by way of a special allocation to the work involved. Deputy Frank Fahey also referred to the serious problem involved and asked that the matter be considered as a small scheme. Councillor O'Morain referred to previous discussions regarding the provision of Group Sewerage Schemes and stated that the Council should review its existing policy in relation to such schemes. The Deputy Manager stated again that there was no possibility of providing a sewerage scheme in the area in the foreseeable future.

2933 - KNOCKFERRY/KILBEG CORRIB BRIDGE - NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAMES OF COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK AND THOMAS WELBY:

Councillor McCormack stated that he was asking the Council to support the efforts of the Local Committee for the provision of the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project. Kilbeg to Knockferry had always been a traditional crossing point and now that the Borough of Galway was being extended, there was no means of linking the East and the West of the County except through the Borough. The Committee had engaged Consultants and produced an estimate for the bridge and a number of associations on both sides of the Corrib had given their unanimous approval to the project. The provision of a new bridge would open up a whole new area for tourism. He would support the proposal of Councillor Welby that the Council provide monies and carry out the necessary feasibility study for the project.

Councillor Welby stated that he was proposing that the Council commission a site investigation and preliminary report for the project as set out in his Notice of Motion. He stated that the project could be provided in two stages with the Causeway being provided first and the bridge at a later stage. He referred to E.E.C. Directives where he stated that up to 50% Grants could be available for such projects. Senator Killilea stated that the project should be submitted for consideration under the new Social Employment Scheme and that the Causeway should be provided under that scheme. He proposed that the County Engineer prepare a scheme for submission to the Minister for Labour. Councillor O'Morain stated that he supported the whole concept of the provision of a bridge and that he supported Senator Killilea's proposal whereby work should commence in the laying of the Causeway. He also stated that the matter should be brought before the Council again in the Autumn of the year when the incoming Council could review the up-to-date position. Following further discussion in which a number of Councillors supported the Notices of Motion submitted, the Deputy County Manager referred to the Policy and Planning Framework for Roads which had been considered earlier by the Council and which had set out the major projects to be constructed in the period 1985 - 1987, together with an indication of further major works after that period. The provision of this bridge was not included in that document. The proposed bridge would

not be on a National Primary Route and as the estimated cost was of the order of £3 million, he did not think that approval would be given to the construction of the bridge in the foreseeable future. There was no question of the Council embarking on any investigations or feasibility reports without the approval of the Department and a commitment that the necessary finance would be forthcoming. Any expenditure on preparatory work would have to be funded by way of Government Grants and there was no question of Revenue Funds being made available for such work. He referred also to the requirements of the policy document on Road projects whereby such projects would be subjected to cost benefit analysis before being approved. He indicated that the project would not be appropriate under the Social Employment Schemes. Councillor J. Brennan proposed that the Council passed a resolution asking the Minister for the Environment to approve in principle of the provision of the Knockferry/Kilbeg Corrib Bridge, that approval be given to the preparation of the necessary Preliminary Report and to the work involved in the first stage of the development of the bridge including the provision of the Causeway.

In reply to Senator Killilea and Councillor Welby, the Deputy County Manager indicated that there were no funds available to the Council to commission the site investigation and a Preliminary Report. Ministerial approval would be necessary to carry out such work which would have to be funded by way of Government Grant.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the Deputy County Manager indicated that the Council did not have access to any E.E.C. funds directly. Following further discussion, the Council agreed with the proposal of Councillor Brennan. It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Brennan:

"That the Minister for the Environment be requested to receive a deputation consisting of Members of the Council and Members of the Knockferry/Kilbeg Corrib Bridge Committee with a view to outlining the case for the bridge to the Minister."

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

2934 - BAILIUCHAN BRUSCAIR AG GLEANN TREIG AGUS CLOCH BREAC - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN:

The Council were informed that the extension of the refuse collection service into this area which was generally rural and sparsely populated would require the application of additional resources which were not available. Councillor O'Morain asked that the matter be re-examined with a view to providing a collection service in the area at least once a month.

2935 - TEACH SEAIN MAC DONNCHA, COILLIN, CARNA. - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN:

The Council were informed that the site involved had been transferred to the Council recently and that a Tender for the construction of a four-bedroomed house on the site had been negotiated. It was understood that work had started. Councillor O'Morain asked that details of the date on which the site had been transferred to the Council, the date on which the Notice of Motion had been submitted by him, and the date on which the Tender had been negotiated be given to him by way of letter.

2936 - BRIDGE WARNING SIGNS ON THE ARDRAHAN/CRAUGHWELL ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY FINTAN COOGAN:

It was agreed to write to Deputy Coogan and inform him of the position.

2937 - REPAIRS TO FOOTPATH AT KINVARA - MOTION BY DEPUTY FINTAN COOGAN:

It was agreed to write to Deputy Coogan and inform him of the position.

2938 - CLAREGALWAY/ORANMORE ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PATRICK RUANE:

The Council were informed that this year's allocation of £200,000 for the N.64 was primarily intended for the section between the level crossing at Oranmore and the junction with the M.6 Galway/Dublin road. This section would have

to be completed in time to link up with the Oranmore By-Pass as land acquisition for the above would take some months, it was unlikely that the full grant could be spent in 1985, therefore, it was intended to ask the Department of the Environment to allow part of this grant to be spent at Lydican subject to the successful conclusion of on-going land negotiations on that section. Councillor Ruane stated that the portion of road involved was the worst part of the road and asked that the Council expedite the improvement.

2939 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CLAREGALWAY VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RUANE:

The Council were informed that an approved traffic route lighting scheme had been designed for the village of Claregalway. The proposed scheme would provide new lighting points in the vicinity of the Church and adjoining junction of the N.17 and N.64. No money had been provided for this work in 1985 and the matter would be included for consideration in 1986.

2940 - MID-GALWAY ZONE FOUR REGIONAL SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RUANE:

The Council were informed that a letter had been sent to the Department of the Environment requesting sanction to the preparation of Contract documents for the Mid-Galway Zone Four Regional Scheme and that such sanction was awaited.

2941 - TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING - ORANMORE - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The Council were informed that extra lighting was desirable in this area but that it was no usual to extend traffic route lighting beyond the speed limit zone as would be required in this case. However, a major influence on whether or not this extension should be carried out would be the decision on whether to provide full traffic lighting on the future new Roundabout which adjoined the Community Centre and which was part of the Oranmore By-Pass. If it was decided to light the new Roundabout, then it would be logical to link up with the traffic route lighting scheme in Oranmore. If the Roundabout was not lit, then the provision of lighting on an approach to the Roundabout may not be desirable for traffic safety reasons. In addition, the type of lantern to be used on the proposed extension would also depend on whether or not the Roundabout was lit. To date, no decision had been made on whether to light the Dublin Road Roundabout or not. Further studies would have to be carried out to finalise the entire lighting of the Galway Eastern Approach Road.

2942 - DERELICT BUILDING AT FAIRGREEN, LOUGHREA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY:

The Council were informed that the building in question was an old weighbridge situated in the Fairgreen, Loughrea. There was no objection to having it demolished but there may be legal indications involved, and the matter was being examined in that light.

2943 - NO DUMPING SIGN AT CARRAMORE/KNOCK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

It was agreed to write to Councillor Welby informing him of the position.

2944 - A.I. SERVICE IN WEST GALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WELBY:

It was agreed to write to Councillor Welby and inform him of the position.

2945 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Ferrons, Dubhithir, Carna.
Mrs. Maura Lennon, Kellysgrove, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Margaret Ruane & Family, Garbally, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
The Keane Family, Cloakcroak, Ardahan.

2946 - RESOLUTIONS:

The following documentation was circulated to each Member:

- 1) Letter dated 19th March, 1985, from Sligo County Council re provision and upkeep of Courthouse accommodation.
- 2) Letter dated 19u Marta, 1985, from the Land Commission re application by Roscahill Group Water Scheme for Lease of Turbary.
- 3) Letter dated 19th March, 1985, from Longford County Council re Road Grants from National Primary and National Secondary Roads.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John M. Blawie CHAIRMAN

22/4/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

9u Aibreain, 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, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 15u la Aibreain, 1985, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Western Health Board - Supplementary Welfare Allowances Demand.
2. Nomination of delegates for Annual Conference of General Council of County Councils - Bray, Co. Wicklow - 9th - 11th May, 1985.

HOUSING ITEMS:

3. Local Authority Housing Programme 1985, and Initial Capital Allocation for Housing Construction 1985. - Details herewith.
4. Progress Report with regard to House Construction - Bar Chart herewith and list of applicants approved for Rural Housing since 13/5/'83.
5. Housing Loans - Capital Allocation for S.D.A. Scheme for 1985, further copies of Department's letter and Assistant County Manager's Report, already circulated, herewith.
6. Housing Finance Agency Loan Scheme.
7. Housing (Private Rented Dwellings) (Standards) Regulations, 1984, already circulated.
8. Other business.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor John 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, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors 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. Kearns and J. Howlett, Assistant County Managers; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; J. Crotty, Deputy Senior Engineer; M. Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer; T. McGowan, Senior Staff Officer; Mrs. C. McCormack, Senior Staff Officer; Misses J. Forde and M. Mulley, Staff Officers.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2947 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Vincent and Teresa O'Meara, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Paraic O Se, Rossamhil, Baile na h-Abhann, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mrs. Mattie Carr, Cregboy, Claregalway.
Mr. Willie Flaherty, Gleann Mor, Ceathru Rua.
Mr. Gay Fleming, Baile an tSagairt, An Spideal.

2948 - WESTERN HEALTH BOARD - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCES DEMAND:

The County Manager outlined the up-to-date position in relation to the Supplementary Welfare Demand of the Western Health Board. He informed the Council that the Health Board had initiated legal proceedings in respect of the amount claimed by them and he expected that the proceedings were likely to continue in the near future. He had sought the advice of Senior Counsel who had indicated that the Council's defence should be in the form of a counter action and he was seeking the Council's support to the taking of whatever legal action was necessary to defend the Council's position in relation to the demand.

It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain and seconded by Councillor M. Ryan and agreed unanimously:

"That the Council institute whatever counter proceedings are necessary against such persons or Bodies as Counsel might direct by way of counter claim to the action commenced against Galway County Council by the Western Health Board for monies claimed under the provisions of the Social Welfare (Consolidation) Act, 1981, as amended and extended and that the Council support the County Manager in any action he considers necessary in connection with such counter proceedings."

2949 - NOMINATION OF DELEGATES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS - BRAY, CO. WICKLOW. - 9TH-11TH MAY, 1985.

It was agreed that this matter would be adjourned to the Monthly meeting of the Council to be held on the 22nd April, 1985.

2950 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING PROGRAMME 1985 AND INITIAL CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR HOUSE CONSTRUCTION 1985

Mr. Howlett Assistant County Manager referred to the report which had been circulated to each member. This gave details of the Council's commitments in respect of house construction at 1st January, 1985 which are to be financed by the initial capital allocation of £2.3m. It also showed the Council's new works programme envisaged for 1985.

Members expressed their satisfaction with the Council's housing programme and were in general pleased with the progress being made in housing in the county. Many stressed the desirability of providing rural houses both from a social and economic view point. In this regard a number felt there is need for bigger houses and the provision of more durable windows. Mr. Howlett said that 4 bedroomed houses are provided where there is an existing need for same, at present approximately 40% of the rurals being provided comprise 4 bedrooms. He also said the design of rurals is that approved by the Department of the Environment.

Councillors who spoke of the need for playing facilities at the Parkmore Housing Estate Tuam were informed by Mr. Howlett that open space development is taking place here in conjunction with the various phases of houses.

Members spoke of the housing needs of single parents and said that suitable accommodation should be provided for them. Mr. Howlett said that applications from single parents are considered on merit for housing accommodation.

Some members spoke of the need for serviced sites for travellers with particular reference to Tuam where the Abbey Trinity Car Park is being used at present as a halting place by travellers.

Councillors O'Foighil and O'Morain asked that a special effort be made this year to acquire land for housing schemes in the Gaeltacht area so that housing applicants without their own sites could be accommodated there. A site at Aille Inverin was suggested. Mr. Howlett said efforts in the past to acquire housing sites had failed.

Councillor Ryan asked that possible housing sites now available at Moylough be investigated and Councillor Brennan asked that the following villages be considered for housing schemes:- Aughrim, Cappataggle, New Inn and Fohenagh.

2951 - HOUSING LOANS

Mr. Howlett referred to the memorandum on the capital allocation for S.D. Loans in 1985 which had already been circulated to members. Referring to the new £5,000 grant payable to tenants and tenant purchasers of 3 years standing, members were critical of the duplication with inspections by the Department and the Council which results in delays with the grant payments. Councillor Brennan said tenants are experiencing bridging difficulties with the present administration of the scheme and he wondered if some system could be devised to alleviate these problems. Other members agreed. Sen. U. Burke also said that where tenants are availing of Council loans and the £5,000 grant to provide their own houses the Council should not be restricted in issuing grant approval to floor area for the tenants' needs.

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2952 - HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY LOAN SCHEME AND HOUSING (PRIVATE RENTED DWELLINGS) (STANDARDS) REGULATIONS 1984

Mr. Howlett referred to these items, particulars of which had already been circulated to members.

2953 - OTHER BUSINESS - SCREEBE GENERATING STATION, CO. GALWAY

It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion (Chairman):-

"That the Council call on the Taoiseach to meet a deputation of Councillors from the area involved to discuss the threatened closure of Screebe Generating Station, Co. Galway."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

John M. Mannion, CHAIRMAN

27/5/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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9th April, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE LOUGHREA AND
BALLINASLOE ELECTORAL AREAS/

A Chara:

A Committee Meeting of the Council consisting of the Members of the Loughrea and Ballinasloe Electoral Areas will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway,

on Tuesday, 16th April, 1985,

commencing at 4.00 p.m.

The purpose of the Committee meeting is to investigate the possibility of making proposals to the Government in relation to the drainage of the Dunkellin River.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOUGHREA AND BALLINASLOE ELECTORAL AREAS HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL, 1985, TO DISCUSS THE DRAINAGE OF THE DUNKELLIN RIVER

Councillor Joe Callanan acted as Chairman.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, M. Fahy, J. Burke, E. Haverty, Deputy F. Fahey.

2954 - DUNKELLIN RIVER:

Councillor Callanan outlined the purpose of the meeting and stated that the possibility of getting funds to drain the Dunkellin River by way of E.E.C., Government and local funds should be explored.

The County Secretary read the letter from the Office of Public Works dated 15th Eanáir, 1985, which outlined the up-to-date position regarding the Dunkellin River. A copy of this letter had been circulated to each Member of the Council and had been considered at a previous meeting. It was indicated that the Council did not have the authority or the funds to produce any plans in connection with the drainage of the Dunkellin River, a copy of this letter had been circulated to each Member of the Council and had been considered at a previous meeting.

The County Engineer indicated that there would be a lot of engineering work involved and the Office of Public Works were the statutory authority in this regard and had the necessary expertise available to it.

The Members of the Committee agreed that it was necessary that pressure should be put on the Government to advance the scheme in priority.

It was agreed that details of the other 9 schemes which appeared to be higher in priority than the Dunkellin River be sought from the Office of Public Works. It was also agreed that the possibility of meeting the Office of Public Works be explored.

It was agreed that the Minister for Finance should be requested to receive a deputation consisting of the Members of the Committee and the Chairman and Secretary of the Local I.F.A.

It was agreed that the County Secretary would circulate the replies to the Council's requests as outlined above as they were received from the Office of Public Works and the Minister for Finance.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John M. Mannion CHAIRMAN

27/5/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

15th April, 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, 22nd April, 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

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 Mr. William Lawless of Circular Road, Galway, for erection of serviced dwellinghouse at Gortatleva, Bushypark, Galway. - Planning Reference Number 49796."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

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 Mrs. Mona Shannon, 126, Corrib Park, Galway, for the erection of a serviced chalet at Allaphreaghaun, Spiddle. - Planning Reference Number 49794."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas 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 Permission to James Goaley, of Balroebeck, Corrandulla, for the erection of septic tank at Mullaghdrum. - Planning Reference Number 49723."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Michael Cullinane of Kiltrogue, Claregalway, for 5 dwellinghouses at Kiltrogue, Claregalway, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference Number 49726."

John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. John Donnellan.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Thomas Hynes, Attydermot, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, for the construction of a house and septic tank on his lands at Attydermot, Aughrim. - Planning Reference Number 49298."

Ulick Burke. Michael Kitt. John Donnellan.

6. D'reir Acht 4 den Acht An Bhainistiocht Condae, 1955, (Leasaithe), eilíonn Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe ar an mBainisteoir Contae go dtabharfadh se cead Pleanála go Donal agus Mairín Mac Giolla Bride le teach agus dabhach searachais a thógáil ag Lochan Beag, Indreabhan. - Uimhir Tagartha Pleanála 49660.

P. O'Foighil. Fintan Coogan. P. McCormack.

7. "D'reir Ait 4 den Acht Bainistiochta (Leasaithe), 1955, iarrtar ar Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe cuir faoi ndeara don Bhainisteoir Chontae cead pleanála a thabhairt do Padraic Breathnach (Coill Rua) teach agus dabhach searachais a thógáil sa Choill Rua. - Uimhir Pleanála 49471."

P. McCormack. P. O'Foighil. N. O'Conchubhair.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputies F. Coogan, J. 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'h-Uiginn, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns and J. Howlett, Assistant County Managers; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; F. Monahan and R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. Coughlan, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2955 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Ryan, a vote of sympathy was adopted with the widow of the late Walter Geraghty, Ballymageraghty, Moylough, a former employee of Galway County Council. A resolution of sympathy was also adopted with Mrs. Carr, Cregboy, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

2956 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49796 - APPLICANT: WILLIAM LAWLESS:

The County Engineer stated that further information has been requested in relation to this planning application and that the Section 4 Resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2957 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49794 - APPLICANT: MRS. MONA SHANNON

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

LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on a minor road which leads from the Galway/Spiddal Road approximately 1/2 mile from Furbo Strand.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 48114: Permission granted for a house but refused for chalet on this site - applicant: Mrs. Mona Shannon.

Ref. No. 48672: Permission refused for a chalet on curtilage of the above permitted house - applicant: Mrs. Shannon.

Ref. No. 49126: Permission refused for a chalet on curtilage of above permitted house - applicant: Mrs. Shannon.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This site is just over half an acre in area and has a permitted house and septic tank thereon. It is proposed to locate a

detached chalet to the rear of the house and connect to the septic tank which serves the house. The chalet is shown almost directly abutting a boreen which is non public but which leads to a house and lands.

Because of the configuration of the site, and the existence of two road frontages and an adjacent house and septic tank, it is difficult to locate even one septic tank satisfactorily but the Planning Authority decided on balance to permit the principal house and septic tank. A further loading on this septic tank would be unsatisfactory and also contrary to the County Councils stated policy of requiring a separate septic tank for each dwelling unit.

There is the further requirement relating to the density of housing units in this area, i.e., 1/2 acre per dwelling unit. The proposal would be double this density, and therefore, in conflict with it. No family housing need has been claimed for the chalet.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would constitute over development of this site which is inadequate in size to accommodate the separate septic tank and percolation area which would be required for this chalet and it is inadequate in size also so as to comply with the density provisions for the area which are 1/2 acre sites per dwelling unit outside existing villages."

Councillor Welby stated that Senator Killilea was unavoidably absent. He proposed that Permission be granted in this case. His information was that the chalet would be used to accommodate an elderly relative of the family. Councillor Finnegan seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. Councillor O'Foighil stated that he was supporting the resolution that Planning Permission be granted. In reply to Councillor Joe Brennan, the County Engineer indicated that an extension of the existing dwelling would be considered favourably if such an application was made. The chalet as proposed would mean that a second housing unit would be put on the site and no claim regarding facilitating members of the family had been made up to now. It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, that Planning Permission not be granted in this case.

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

FOR: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Callanan, Deputies F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, E. Haverty, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.. (21)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke. (1)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2958 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49723 - APPLICANT: JAMES GOALEY.

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

"This is a similar proposal to Planning Ref. No. 49088 in respect of which a report was prepared for the December 1984 Meeting of the Council. The Section 4 motion was withdrawn and the application was refused.

There has been no change in circumstances since the December Meeting and the report and recommendation still stand.

The owner of the water supply source on the lands adjacent to the site of this application has lodged an objection to the proposed development."

The County Engineer also read the report which had been submitted to the December meeting of the Council which was as follows:

"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 Council's 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 name of the owner of the water supply who had lodged an objection was given to Councillor Welby. In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer indicated that the Council were not aware of the existence of the well when Outline Planning Permission was granted in respect of this site previously. The County Engineer read the following report from the Chief Medical Officer:

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."

Following further discussion, Councillor Welby requested that an application form be given to him so that the applicant could apply for an extension of time for the consideration of his planning application.

2959 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49726 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL CULLINANE

The County Engineer stated that further information had been requested in relation to his planning application and that the Section 4 resolution would be brought back before the Council when a reply was received.

2960 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49298 - APPLICANT: THOMAS HYNES

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the N.6 Galway/Dublin road approximately 1/2 mile on the Loughrea side of Aughrim.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been 4 no applications for advertising signs relating to applicant's family business. The permissions were granted for temporary periods of time.

Ref. No. 43811: Outline Permission refused for a house for the present applicant.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is a field of approximately 6 acres located on a stretch of the N.6 which has not yet been realigned to full national route standards. The applicant, who works with Telecom Eireann and lives in the family home-cum-licensed premises in the village, requires a new house because he is newly married.

Although the maps initially sent in with the application only showed the present site and the licensed premises, further consultations revealed that there were other family lands in the village which are quite suitable for housing purposes and would be adequate for other family housing needs in the future.

As the present County Development Plan stipulates that only family housing needs which cannot otherwise be located on a minor road may be permitted on this National Route, the proposal would be in conflict with the present plan, and indeed with the new draft plan also.

REFUSAL is therefore 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 development along this route to the housing needs of farm holders which cannot otherwise be located on minor roads. As

alternative locations on family lands with minor road frontage are available in this case, the proposal would be in conflict with the provisions of the Plan."

Senator Ulick Burke proposed that planning permission be granted in this case. He stated that there were some inaccuracies in the County Engineer's report. He questioned the relevance of the statements regarding advertising signs and said that the applicant was not married yet. He indicated that the application was in respect of a second family dwelling. The site in question was on a straight stretch of road and there was the equivalent of a 15 ft. lay-by along the frontage of the field. He indicated that the applicant had no access to other family lands in the village as the land involved belonged to other members of the family. Deputy Michael Kitt seconded Senator Burke's proposal. He indicated that he had signed the Section 4 resolution after consultation on the basis that the application was in respect of a second family dwelling. The other family lands were not available to the applicant.

The County Engineer indicated that the road involved was of substandard design and that he was seeking funds to bring the road up to standard. A major realignment was needed in the area involved. The definition of a second family dwelling was where a farmer was giving part of the family land to a relative. The occupation of the applicant was shown in this case to indicate that he was not a farmer working the land.

Councillor J. Brennan said that there was conflict of evidence between the County Engineer's report and the statement of Senator Burke. He asked if the applicant would be requested to verify that the land in question was the only land available to him.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that the requirements in relation to a loan and the requirements in relation to planning were totally different. The County Manager stated that it was understood that the family had suitable alternative land and that it was not necessary for the applicant to build on the site proposed. If the applicant could show to the Council's satisfaction that there was no alternative land available to him, the matter could be considered further. The County Manager indicated that an extension of time had already been granted in this case and that a further extension could not be granted.

Following further discussion and there being no amendment to the resolution as proposed, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

2961 - RUN D'REIR ALT 4 DEN ACHT AN BHAINISTIOCHT CONDAE, (LEASAITHE), 1955 - UIMHIR TAGARTHA PLEANALA 49660 - DONAL AGUS MAIRIN MAC GIOLLA BRIDE:

The Council were informed that Planning had been granted in this case.

2962 - RUN D'REIR ALT 4 DEN ACHT AN BHAINISTIOCHT CONDAE (LEASAITHE), 1955 - UIMHIR TAGARTHA PLEANALA 49471 - PADRAIC BREATHNACH:

The Council were informed that Planning Permission had been granted in this case.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John M. Hannon CHAIRMAN

24/5/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

15u Aibreain, 1985.

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 Aibreain, 1985, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Special Committee Meeting of Members of Loughrea Electoral Area on 22nd March, 1985.
 - (b) Special Meeting on 25th March, 1985.
 - (c) Monthly Meeting on 25th March, 1985.
 - (d) Special Meeting on 3rd April, 1985.
2. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - list herewith.
3. Raising of loan of £12,450 for special contribution towards:

(a) Mulrook Group Water Supply Scheme	£3,080
(b) Tyrone/Kilcolgan Group Water Supply Scheme	£9,370
4. Revision of salaries Grades 1V to V11 and analagous grades - Arbitration Award No. 103.
5. Sale of houses to the following tenants as per notices dated 11th April:
 - (a) Brendan Dolan, 10, Crowe Street, Gort.
 - (b) Mary Walsh, Boleycurheen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea.
 - (c) John Lydon, Glenlusk, Maum.
 - (d) John and Ann Coen, Cappanaughton, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.
6. Issue of Polling Cards for Local Elections.
7. Meat Inspection By-Laws (copy enclosed).
8. I.F.H.P. International Congress - Budapest - 7th-11th October, 1985. (Details enclosed).
9. Sanitary Services Capital Allocations 1985 -
 - (a) Major Schemes.
 - (b) Small Schemes.
 - (c) Fix date for Special Sanitary Services Meeting.
10. Waste Disposal Plan - already circulated.
11. Ombudsman Act, 1980. - Details enclosed.
12. New procedure for appointment of Council Committees and other Bodies - Local Government (Re-Organisation) Act, 1985.

13. Nomination of delegates for Annual Conference of General Council of County Councils - Bray, Co. Wicklow. - 9th-11th May, 1985.
14. Malicious Injury Decrees - list herewith.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL J. KILGANNON: I will propose:

1. That Galway County Council ask the Department of Agriculture to introduce a Vaccination Scheme for calves to prevent Bovine T.B. The present system of eradication has failed to solve the problem.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN: - Molaim:

2. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go dtóigfeadh an Comhairle Contae an suíomh cair ag Teach an Phiarsaigh faoi uinearacht agus e a thabhairt ar lamha de Choiste Pobail Rosmuc.

DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT AND COUNCILLOR J. CALLANAN: - We will propose:

3. That Galway County Council call on the Minister for the Environment to allow the Mid-Galway Phase 1 Group Water Scheme to proceed with total pipeline of 65 miles or alternatively, that sanction be given by the Department for 4.3 miles only of main trunk pipeline.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

4. That this Council take full note of the grave necessity to relieve sewerage problems in Williamstown and work out a method of dealing with this situation as a matter of urgency.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERY: - I will propose:

5. That the Council erect a sign at Crossroads on the main Dublin Road indicating the Council road leading to Ballymana. Sign to be erected at Connolly's house on the opposite side of main road so it could be visible if a car with headlights was approaching.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: - I will ask:

6. Concerning the Town Hall Cinema - the date the present tenancy began, the date the present tenant last paid the rent, and the total amount of rent due on 31st December, 1984; the date he last paid the rates and the total amount of money due on the 31st December, 1984, to the County Council for Rates on the Town Hall Cinema paid by them to the Corporation; the date the County Council Solicitor instituted proceedings for the recovery of the rent and Rates due; the date the case was heard by the Court and the verdict; the date the Courts verdict was enforced and the result of the enforcement; the total amount of interest charged by the County Council on this debt on the 31st December, 1984, and the rates of interest charged.

7. That all meat on sale to the public in County Galway be inspected and stamped by qualified personnel in the interest of public health, and any proposal sent to the Department of Agriculture regarding this matter, that a copy be sent to the County Medical Officer, Galway.

8. That this County Council cover over the dump at the Pier Road, Oughterard, with top soil, and clean up all the surrounding area, as it is a health hazard in its present condition.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

9. That Galway County Council request the Arts Council allocate additional finance to Chomhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann this year.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

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

Area	From	To	Metres
Clifden	A. King's House at Errislanon	towards gate last near house near sea in Townland of Drimmeen	50
Clifden	Jnc. with Co. Rd. 7C in Townland Derrygimlagh	to gate near Joseph King's House in Townland of Derrygimlagh	182
Loughrea	M. R. 380 Townland Killeen	towards Mrs. K. Leahy's House	146
Portumna	From 35 metres down C. R. 568 Cloonacusha	towards terminal point of C. R. 594 Cloonacusha	76
Portumna	C. R. 529 in Townland of Gortavoher	towards J. Hardiman's House in Townland of Gortavoher	70
Portumna	C. R. 532 Drimeyre	M. Kilkeny's in Townland of Drimeyre	84
Portumna	C. R. 563 in Townland of Derrew	towards C. Kelly's House in Townland of Derrew	87
Loughrea	C. R. 483 in Townland of Corbaun from chainage 220 metres north of B. Walshes	towards Kilcooley Cemetery	275
Loughrea	C. R. 482 in Townland of Garryboghala	to gate near M. Killieas House, Garryboghala and branch to gate at Aidan Killieas House	305
Ballinasloe	Cloonbrock Main Gate Cloonbrock	towards Castle Grid at Cloonbrock House	350
Portumna	C. R. 574 Townland Gurteenpeader	towards M. Nevin's House, Gurteenpeader	130
Ballinasloe	C. R. 472 Ballyglass	towards Denis Kenny's House, Ballyglass	160
Ballinasloe	C. R. 521 Kilclooney	towards Junction C. R. 521 Kilclooney	195
Milltown	C. R. 245 in Townland of Slieve	J. Shaughnessy's in Townland of Slieve	50
Milltown	C. R. 156 in Townland of Beaghmore	towards E. Fahy's House in Townland of Beaghmore	400
Portumna	Jnc. C. R. 548 Easterfield	John Kelly's House, Easterfield	77
Loughrea	60 metres from Jnc. C. R. 537 Grallagh	towards E. Dillon's House, Grallagh	150
Gort	200 metres from C. R. 346 Tawnagh East	towards I. Leahy's House	120
Milltown	Co. Road 266 in Townland of Glassaghroe	r. 364 in Townland of Glassaghroe	128
Milltown	Co. Road 239 in Townland of Carrowkeel	Mr. Gilmore's House in Townland of Carrowkeel	79
Tuam	Mr. Ed. Mullin's House, Townland of Dangan Oughter	towards C. R. 202 in Townland of Dangan Oughter	130
Portumna	C. R. 528 in Townland of Foxhall Little	Shiels, Foxhall Little	204
Portumna	C. R. 532 in Townland of Lurganmore	F. Coen's House in Townland of Lurganmore	134
Portumna	C. R. 578 in Townland of Rosmore	J. Abberton's, Rosmore	186
Portumna	N. S. 330 Rathmore Demeane	towards Barrett's and Fahy's House, Rathmore Demeane	100
Clifden	Jnc. with C. R. 28 in Townland of Tullymore	northwards towards sea in Townland of Tullymore	843
Athenry	End of public road at Gloves, Athenry	towards W. Scally's House	97
Oughterard	C. R. 79 in Townland of Shannawagh	P. Joyce's House in Townland of Shannawagh	178
Clifden	Jnc. with C. R. 13 in Townland of Kill	towards Kill Burial Ground	626
Tuam	C. R. 131 in Townland of Cahermorris	towards Mrs. Bridget Fahy's House, Cahermorris	150
Gort	C. R. 303 in Townland of Caherdine	James Kelly's House in Townland of Caherdine	270
Milltown	C. R. 328 in Townland of Gortnagoyne	towards Lyons House in Townland of Gortnagoyne	110
Loughrea	C. R. 406 Caheronaun Part	195 metres westwards from its junction with the Danesfort Road	195
Athenry	End of public road No. 142 in townland of Roscam	McCarthy's House in Townland of Roscam	42

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APRIL MEETING

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Thomas Duffy, 29, Sandyview Drive, Riverside, Galway.	Damage to Car	County at Large	£250.00	£125.43
Bord Telecom	Damage to Telephones	County at Large	£350.00	£268.57
Helena Rhatigan, Parkmore, Tuam, Co. Galway.	Damage to Concrete Blocks and Concrete Mixer	County at Large	£1,000.00	£747.41
Frank Quinn, Ballymarham, Ardahan, Co. Galway.	Damage to Irish Draught Mare	County at Large	£750.00	£699.05
John Donoghue, Old Galway Rd., Loughrea.	Damage to caravan	County at Large	£300.00	£281.40
St. Mary's College	Damage to windows and goal posts	Borough of Galway	£541	£683.25
Paul N Hennigan Ltd.	Damage to steel frame and glass	Borough of Galway	£772.50	£1,313.86
Thomas McDonagh & Sons Ltd.	Damage to one truck	Borough of Galway	£2,200.00	£2,009.00
Thomas Hughes, 2 Bay View Rise, Ballybane, Galway	Car stolen and damaged	County at Large	£896.45	£837.71
Bord Telecom Eireann	Damage to telephone apparatus.	County at large	£350	£280.17
Bord Telecom Eireann	Damage to telephone apparatus.	County at large	£300	£202.64
Bord Telecom Eireann	Damage to telephone apparatus.	County at large	£310.76	£379.95
Jack Dolan Limited.	Damage to gates.	County at large	£278.25	£240.75
Fursey Whyte, Ballymanagh, Ballinasloe.	Damage to bulldozer and tractor.	County at large	£500	£797.68

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APRIL MEETING

Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Matthew Clarke, 16, Rahoon Road, Galway.	Damage to Windows, Door and lock on dwellinghouse at 16, Rahoon Road.	Borough of Galway.	£1,154.54.	£272.45
Una Phelan c/o Leonard Silke & Co., 43, William Street, GALWAY	Damage to car.	Borough of Galway	£127.60.	£261.10.
John O'Connor c/o Leonard Silke & Co., 43, William Street, GALWAY.	Damage to Car Reg. No. 515ZF.	Borough of Galway.	£133.10.	£352.10.
Jesuit Fathers, Sea Road, Galway.	Damage to Biology Laboratory Equipment and Asbestos.	Borough of Galway.	£500.00.	£373.87.
Jesuit Fathers, Sea Roac, Galway.	Damage to automatic bell clock, window and door.	Borough of Galway.	£ 35.00.	£55.60.
St. Ignatius College.	Two windows destroyed.	Borough of Galway.	£ 30.00	£133.16.
St. Ignatius College.	Damage to Window.	Borough of Galway.	£ 40.00	£ 89.70.
T Naughton & Sons, Ltd., Galway	Windows destroyed.	Borough of Galway	£650.00	£195.76

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/8/1460

11th. April, 1985.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Irish Land Commission.

Location:- Maum West, Maum, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John Lydon of: Glenlusk, Maum, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £16,724.

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.

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/1/1442

11th. April, 1985.

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 Coen, Cappanaughton, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cappanaughton, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Persons to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

John & Ann Coen of: Cappanaughton, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £11,462.

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.

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/6/1547

11th. April, 1985.

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 Walsh, Boleycurheen Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Boleycurheen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mary Walsh of: Boleycurheen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £11,567.

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.

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

11th. April, 1985.

Ref. No. 63/5/1420

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

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

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

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Brendan Dolan of: 10 Crowe Street, Gort, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £9,548.

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.

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputies F. Coogan, J. 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'h-Uiginn, M. O' Morain, P. Ruane, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns and J. Howlett, Assistant County Managers; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; F. Monahan and R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. Coughlan, Staff Officer.

2963 - MINUTES:

On the proposal of Councillor M. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Committee Meeting of Members of Loughrea Electoral Area on 22nd March, 1985.
- (b) Special meeting on 25th March, 1985.
- (c) Monthly Meeting on 25th March, 1985.
- (d) Special Meeting on 3rd April, 1985.

2964 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor P. O'Foighil, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve Declaration of the Roads set out in the schedule to item no. 2 on the Agenda and that the said roads are hereby declared to be public roads."

Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair asked that an estimate of the cost of a road at Cuan na Lunga be sent to him.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Engineer indicated that damage was caused to a road in Ard West by a Group Water Supply Scheme in the area.

2965 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £12,450 FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO GROUP SCHEMES:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £12,450 to make special contributions towards -

- (a) Mulrook Group Water Supply Scheme (£3,080)
- (b) Tyrone/Kilcolgan Group Water Supply Scheme (£9,370)

the loan to be raised from such source and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, the County Manager indicated that the estimated cost of road restoration was made out separately in respect of each Group Water

Supply Scheme. The cost of restoration formed part of the cost of the overall scheme and qualified for grant support.

2966 - REVISION OF SALARIES GRADES IV TO VII AND ANALAGOUS GRADES - ARBITRATION AWARD NO. 103:

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

"That the Council approve of the County Manager's proposal to increase the salaries of Grade IV to VII and analagous grades in accordance with the Arbitration Report No. 103 as set out in the Circular letter E.L. 4/85 of the 4th April, 1985, from the Department of the Environment."

2967 - SALE OF HOUSES TO TENANTS:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, and 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 11th April, 1985, 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) Brendan Dolan, 10, Crowe Street, Gort.
- (b) Mary Walsh, Boleycurheen, Kilnadeema, Loughrea.
- (c) John Lydon, Glenlusk, Maum.
- (d) John and Ann Coen, Cappanaughton, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe."

2968 - ISSUE OF POLLING CARDS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS:

The County Secretary indicated that the Local Election Regulations, 1965, provided that a Local Authority may by resolution decide that polling cards should be sent to electors at an Election. It was necessary that the Council decide whether Polling Cards would be issued in respect of the forthcoming Local Elections to be held on the 20th June, 1985. The total Electorate in the revised County Area after the City as extended was deducted was 91,194. The cost of issuing Polling Cards to these Electors after taking account of postal voters was £22,000.

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that polling cards be issued.

It was proposed by Deputy F. Coogan, seconded by Deputy F. Fahey, that polling cards be not issued.

The County Secretary replied to various queries in relation to the issue of postal votes and in relation to arrangements for the forthcoming Local Election. Following discussion, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Council would be held on the 29th April, 1985, to discuss sanitary service matters and it was agreed that the question of the issue of polling cards be adjourned to that meeting.

2969 - MEAT INSPECTION BY-LAWS:

The County Secretary informed the Council that the approval of the Minister for Agriculture had been received to the Draft By-Laws as agreed by the Council at its meeting of 25th March, 1985. He indicated that he had met the Council's part-time Veterinary Surgeon to discuss the implementation of the By-Laws as proposed.

The Veterinary Inspectors had indicated that they were agreeable in principle to the implementation of By-Laws. They had referred to certain difficulties in relation to the implementation of the By-Laws when all meat being slaughtered in the County would not be subject to the provisions of the By-Laws as drafted. The Vets had also indicated that they would regard the implementation of By-Laws as a change in their existing work practices and had indicated that the Veterinary Union would be taking up the matter regarding increased remuneration for the additional work involved. The Vets pointed out that Galway County

Council was one of the first County Councils with part-time Veterinary Inspectors to consider the implementation of By-Laws. It seemed that in other Counties where the By-Laws had been implemented, there were full-time Veterinary Inspectors to carry out the work involved.

The position, therefore, in relation to the implementation of By-Laws for Galway County Council was that if the Draft By-Laws were adopted, they could not be implemented until agreement had been reached with the Veterinary Inspectors.

If Meat Inspection By-Laws were to be adopted, it was clear that additional costs would be involved.

It was the intention that charges for meat inspection would be made on the Slaughterhouse owners concerned. If the Members adopted the draft By-Laws, there was a legal requirement that public notice be given of their decision and after the expiration of one month from the date of the public notice, the By-Laws would be submitted to the Minister for Agriculture for confirmation. The Minister would obviously have to be informed of any difficulties arising for the Council in the implementation of the By-Laws.

There was a notice of motion appearing at no. 7 on the Agenda for the meeting in the name of Councillor T. Welby proposing that all meat on sale to the public in County Galway be inspected and stamped by qualified personnel. The Council had already decided at its last monthly meeting that any meat which had been slaughtered in Slaughterhouses where less than 50 animals per week were slaughtered would not come under the terms of the By-Laws. The motion of Councillor Welby would, therefore, have to be considered in accordance with the terms of Article 52 of the Council's Standing Orders which set out the procedure for dealing with the resolution which had been passed within the preceding 6 months.

It was proposed by Councillor McCormack, seconded by Deputy Frank Fahey,

"That the Council adopt the Meat Inspection By-Laws in accordance with the draft which had been circulated to the Members with the Agenda."

Councillor Welby proposed the following Notice of Motion which appeared in his name at no. 7 on the Agenda:

"That all meat on sale to the public in County Galway be inspected and stamped by qualified personnel in the interest of public health, and any proposal sent to the Department of Agriculture regarding this matter, that a copy be sent to the County Medical Officer, Galway."

Deputy F. Coogan seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. The Chairman indicated that it was necessary to suspend Standing Orders if Councillor Welby's proposal was to be considered. On the proposal of Councillor Welby, seconded by Deputy Coogan, the Council agreed unanimously that Standing Order No. 52 of the Council's Standing Orders be suspended for the purposes of discussing the adoption of Meat Inspection By-Laws.

Councillor Ulick Burke proposed that the Draft Meat Inspection By-Laws be amended to exclude Family Butchers. Senator Burke's proposal was seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager indicated that the Draft By-Laws as agreed by the Council at their last meeting provided that any meat that had been slaughtered in Slaughterhouses where less than 50 animals per week were slaughtered would be excluded from the provisions of the By-Laws. It appeared that such an arrangement might become unworkable. It also appeared that the time was at hand when all meat would be subject to the provision of By-Laws. The County Manager indicated that the question of additional remuneration for the Veterinary Inspectors was one which would have national implications. He was not in a position to discuss the difficulty involved in implementing By-Laws to cover all meat offered for sale within the County. The County Manager indicated also that if additional costs were involved in the implementation of By-Laws, such costs would be passed on to the owners of the Slaughterhouses. He was not in a position to indicate the costs involved at this stage. Deputy Fahey stated that the Council should consider adopting the By-Laws in accordance with the Draft and that the Manager examine

the question of implementation of By-Laws to cover all meat as soon as possible. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor T. Welby, seconded by Deputy F. Coogan:

(i) "That all meat on sale to the public in County Galway be inspected and stamped by qualified personnel in the interest of public health, and as respect any proposal sent to the Department of Agriculture regarding this matter that a copy be sent to the County Medical Officer, Galway.

(ii) That the Draft Meat Inspection By-Laws be amended by the deletion of Articles 2.(b).

(iii) That the By-Laws as amended at (ii) be hereby adopted."

The Chairman decided to put the amended proposal of Councillor Welby to the Meeting and voting was as follows:

FOR: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputies F. Coogan, F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Foighil, M.G. O'Higgins, M. O'Morain, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

(22)

AGAINST: Senator U. Burke and Councillor M. Ryan.

(2)

The Chairman declared Councillor Welby's proposal carried.

The Chairman also declared the proposals in the name of Councillor McCormack and Senator Ulick Burke defeated.

2970 - I.F.H.P. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS AT BUDAPEST - 7TH-11TH OCTOBER, 1985:

Details of the I.F.H.P. International Congress had been circulated to each Member. It was agreed that further consideration of this matter would be deferred until after the date of the Local Elections to be held on the 20th June, 1985.

2971 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS 1985:

The Council agreed to adjourn further consideration of this matter to the Special meeting of the 29th April, 1985.

2972 - WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF GALWAY:

Mr. R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer, outlined the details of the Waste Management Plan for the County of Galway, copy of which had been circulated to each Member. A number of Councillors complimented Mr. Killeen on the preparation of the Plan.

Councillor Joyce referred to the fact that large portions of the rural area were not covered by refuse collection and that there were problems in relation to dumping throughout the County where bags of refuse were dumped into woods and drains. He suggested that the Council look at the possibility of small dumps being organised by local co-operative groups. He was concerned that the dump at New Inn was closing and that Ballinasloe was becoming the major dump in that area of the County.

Councillor O'Morain referred to the problems in bays along the coast where there were dangers to amenities and fish life because of dumping and pollution. He referred to the difficulties in relation to effluent and waste disposal at Rossaveal. He referred also to the disposing of effluent into Beirtreach Bui Bay, near Roundstone. He also asked if any progress had been made in relation to the provision of bins as suggested by him at the Estimates meeting. Cllr. Kilgannon stated that efforts should be made to acquire small sites for dumps in rural areas.

Senator Ulick Burke asked that the Council consider the provision of skips for use in public places. Councillor O'Morain seconded Senator Burke's proposal. Senator Burke also asked that the success of private Contractors in waste disposal be monitored. Senator Burke asked that a new dumping sign be erected at a disused quarry near Derrybrien Village. Senator Burke also asked that the site of Tynagh Mine be re-examined.

Deputy Fintan Coogan asked that in relation to fortnightly collections, a review of routes be carried out to ensure that routes on a fortnightly collection would not have any collections on Mondays in view of the difficulties in relation to Bank Holidays. Councillor Welby asked that the dump in Oughterard be attended to and that it be covered with top soil. Councillor F. Glynn asked that the Council consider acquiring some waste land at Milltown. He also asked that local Overseers be requested to clean up refuse that was left on roadsides. There was also need to introduce some controls regarding the dumping of slurry.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that there was need to provide a new dump in South Connemara. He thanked the Council for removing old abandoned cars and asked that the Council continue to remove all abandoned cars. Councillor Michael Fahy asked that a no dumping sign be provided at Killeeneenmore, Craughweil to prohibit dumping near a graveyard in the area which was of historical interest.

Councillor Molloy enquired regarding planning conditions imposed on Galway Corporation in relation to the height of the dump at Carrowbrowne. Councillor Haverty asked that old cars dumped on the roads in the Portumna Area be removed. Councillor Michael Ryan stated that there was need to view the question of dumping on the Kilkerrin/Moylough road and asked that some action be taken. He also referred to abandoned cars in the Coolrue area and asked that the cars be removed.

Mr. R. Killeen replied to the queries raised. He indicated that the refuse collection service was not intended to serve farms in the rural area and any extensions to the service would require additional resources. He referred to the difficulties in relation to the control of roadside dumping and indicated that small dumps would be expensive to maintain. He was not in favour of the provision of skips as the Council would have no control over what was being dumped into skips. He indicated that a large number of abandoned cars had been moved and that the schedules of collection would be reviewed in the light of the extension of the Borough Boundary for Galway. The Waste Management Plan included a proposal for the provision of a new Dump in Oughterard.

2973 - OMBUDSMAN ACT, 1980:

The Council noted the provisions of the Ombudsman Act, 1980, a summary of which had been circulated to each Member. The Council noted that on the 6th December, 1984, the Government made an Order bringing local authorities and other Bodies within the Ombudsman's remit with effect from the 1st April, 1985.

2974 - NEW PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RE-ORGANISATION) ACT, 1985:

The Council noted the new procedure for the appointment of Council Committees and other Bodies as set out in Section 27 of the Local Government (Re-Organisation) Act, 1985. Following a discussion, it was agreed to adjourn further consideration of this matter to the special meeting of the 29th April, 1985.

2975 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR DIRECTORSHIP OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION FOR 1985/86 AND TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ORGANISATION TO BE HELD IN MAY 1985:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O'Morain that Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair be the Council's nominee until after the Local Elections to be held in June 1985 and that the matter could be reviewed after that time.

2976 - NOMINATION OF DELEGATES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS - BRAY, CO. WICKLOW. - 9TH-11TH MAY, 1985:

The Members agreed that a total of 6 Members would attend the Annual Conference of the General Council of County Councils. The Council agreed that the following Members would attend:

Councillors J. Molloy, P. McCormack, P. Ruane, J. Mannion (Chairman), Michael Fahy, and E. Haverty.

2977 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The Council noted the schedules of Malicious Injury Decrees copies of which had been circulated to each Member.

2978 - RINVILLE LEISURE PARK COMMITTEE:

The Council agreed that a meeting of the Committee should be held on Tuesday, 30th April, 1985, at 3.30 p.m.

2979 - TUAM CATHEDRAL:

The County Manager indicated that he had received a letter from the Dean of Tuam requesting that the Council consider the making of a contribution to work of renovation and preservation on Tuam Cathedral. The Cathedral was an important Architectural building and the Council could consider making a contribution under Amenity Grants or under the Planning Acts. The County Manager stated that he was prepared to recommend that the Council agree in principle to a contribution of £10,000, half to be levied in 1986, and the second half to be levied in 1987. Councillor J. Burke proposed that the Council agree in principle to making a contribution of £20,000 at the rate of £5,000 per annum over 4 years commencing in 1986. Councillor Frank Glynn seconded Councillor Burke's proposal. Following discussion, the Council agreed with Councillor Burke's proposal.

2980 - AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The Council agreed that this matter be placed on the Agenda for the special meeting of the 29th April, 1985.

Councillor Finnegan stated that he was disappointed that a discussion was not held on the question of the Section 4 Resolutions which had been passed at the last meeting of the Council and were subsequently refused by the Deputy County Manager. The Chairman indicated that the matter would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

2981 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - 24TH PAY ROUND - CRAFTSMAN, FIREMAN, AND GENERAL OPERATIVES:

On the proposal of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor E. Haverty, the Council agreed with the County Manager's proposal to revise -

- (a) The remuneration of Craftsmen, and part-time fire services personnel in accordance with the terms of the 24th Pay Round as set out in Circular letter EL 3/85 of 16th April, 1985, from the Department of the Environment.
- (b) The remuneration of General Workers and related grades in accordance with the terms of the 24th Pay Round as set out in Circular Letter EL 5/85 of 19th April, 1985, from the Department of the Environment.

2982 - OUGHTERARD DUMP:

The County Manager indicated that it was recommended that the Council make a Compulsory Purchase Order for land adjoining the existing Dump at Oughterard. He wished to suggest as follows:

- 1 - That a Committee be formed of the Councillors for the Electoral Area and the proposal be discussed with them.
- 2 - The Council Members and representatives of the local community could be invited to inspect the Gort Dump.
- 3 - That C.P.O. proceedings be deferred until we ascertain if we can get goodwill for the proposals.

Councillor Welby suggested that the question of forming a committee be deferred until after the Local Elections but asked that the Council clean up the Dump in the meantime. The Committee consisting of the Members of the Connemara Area could be formed after the Local Elections.

2983 - REPORT ON INJURIES IN SPORT:

The Council noted the report on Injuries in Sport, a summary of which had been circulated to each Member. It was agreed that the matter would be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

2984 - KILKERRIN SEWERAGE SCHEME:

In reply to Councillor Finnegan, the County Manager indicated that there was no connection between the payment of Rates and the Sewerage Scheme at Kilkerrin. He stated that he would arrange to have Councillor Finnegan informed of the up-to-date position regarding the Sewerage Scheme.

It was agreed that the Notices of Motion on the Agenda be adjourned to the Special Meeting of the Council on the 29th April, 1985.

2985 - MAY MEETING OF COUNCIL:

The Chairman indicated that he proposed that the May Meeting of the Council would be held in Clifden.

2986 - GALWAY BRANCH CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FEDERATION:

Councillor Welby submitted the following resolution:

"We call that every possible pressure is brought to bear on the present Government to have the 5% increase in VAT removed, as a matter of urgency. The failure to have the decision reversed will result in further increase in unemployment in the industry which is already at an unacceptable level. Housing sales particularly for first time buyers have dropped dramatically to an unprecedented low level. The proposed grant increase does not cover the VAT increase or the increase in building costs.

We call on County Council to ensure that all County Council Contracts be awarded where possible to registered builders preferably from within the region.

We also call for an investigation into the high level of current interest rates, particularly when inflation is in single figures.

We call for unanimous support from all parties within the Council Chamber."

Galway Branch Construction Industry Federation

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the Special Meeting on 29th April, 1985.

2987 - RESOLUTIONS:

The following documentation was circulated at the meeting:

1. Letter dated 29th March, 1985, from Office of the Minister for Social Welfare re Western Health Board Demand.
2. Letter dated 16th April, 1985, from the County Councils' General Council re Local Authority accommodation for Travellers.
3. Letter dated 16th April, 1985, from the Western Health Board, re General Medical Services - Aran Islands.
4. Letter dated 15th April, 1985, from the Office of the Minister for Defence, re Army Doctor for the Aran Islands.
5. Letter dated 10th April, 1985, from the Office of the Minister for the Environment re Local Government (Re-Organisation) Bill, 1985.
6. Letter dated 16th April, 1985, from the Office of the Department of the Environment, re recommendations made by the County and County Borough of County Galway.

7. Resolution from Dublin Corporation dated 4th April, 1985:

"That this City Council agrees to protest against the degrading practice of strip searching of women prisoners in Armagh Jail and asks all other local authorities to adopt this motion."

8. Letter dated 22nd March, 1985, from Department of the Taoiseach regarding Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann.

9. Resolution from Monaghan County Council dated 26th March, 1985:

"That Monaghan County Council fully supports the efforts of Monaghan County Committee of Agriculture which calls on the Department of Agriculture to re-introduce the Western Drainage Scheme in such a form to cater for all the applications that have accumulated since October, 1981."

10. Resolution from Ballyshannon Town Commissioners dated 9th April, 1985:

"That the Ballyshannon Town Commissioners propose that an Anti Drug identification badge be struck for the whole country by the Government to identify those, particularly among the young, who are willing to cooperate throughout the whole Nation to stem the rising tide of addiction."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John M. Meardon CHAIRMAN

24/5/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

23rd April, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A special meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings,
Galway, on

MONDAY, 29TH APRIL, 1985,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

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E. GLEESON,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

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1. Issue of Polling Cards for forthcoming Local Elections.
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(a) Major Schemes. (b) Small Schemes.
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Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, dealing with planning permissions.
6. Report on Injuries in Sport. (Summary already circulated.)

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

2.

(a) Adjourned from previous meeting:

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL J. KILGANNON: I will propose:

1. That Galway County Council ask the Department of Agriculture to introduce a Vaccination Scheme for calves to prevent Bovine T.B. The present system of eradication has failed to solve the problem.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN: - Molaim:

2. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go dtoigfeadh an Comhairle Contae an suiomh cair ag Teach an Phiarsaidh faoi uinearacht agus e a thabhairt ar lamha de Choiste Pobail Rosmuc.

DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT AND COUNCILLOR J. CALLANAN: - We will propose:

3. That Galway County Council call on the Minister for the Environment to allow the Mid-Galway Phase 1 Group Water Scheme to proceed with total pipeline of 65 miles or alternatively, that sanction be given by the Department for 4.3 miles only of main trunk pipeline.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

4. That this Council take full note of the grave necessity to relieve sewerage problems in Williamstown and work out a method of dealing with this situation as a matter of urgency.

COUNCILLOR EDWARD HAVERTY - I will propose:

5. That the Council erect a sign at Crossroads on the main Dublin Road indicating the Council road leading to Ballymana. Sign to be erected at Connolly's house on the opposite side of main road so it could be visible if a car with headlights was approaching.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will ask:

6. Concerning the Town Hall Cinema - the date the present tenancy began, the date the present tenant last paid the rent, and the total amount of rent due on 31st December, 1984; the date he last paid the rates and the total amount of money due on the 31st December, 1984, to the County Council for Rates on the Town Hall Cinema paid by them to the Corporation; the date the County Council Solicitor instituted proceedings for the recovery of the rent and Rates due; the date the case was heard by the Court and the verdict; the date the Courts verdict was enforced and the result of the enforcement; the total amount of interest charged by the County Council on this debt on the 31st December, 1984, and the rates of interest charged.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

7. That Galway County Council request the Arts Council allocate additional finance to Chomhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann this year.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

8. We call that every possible pressure is brought to bear on the present Government to have the 5% increase in VAT removed, as a matter of urgency. The failure to have the decision reversed will result in further increase in unemployment in the industry which is already at an unacceptable level.

Houseing sales particularly for first time buyers have dropped dramatically to an unprecedented low level. The proposed grant increase does not cover the VAT increase or the increase in building costs.

We call on County Council to ensure that all County Council Contracts to be awarded where possible to registered builders preferably from within the region.

We also call for an investigation into the high level of current interest rates, particularly when inflation is in single figures.

We call for unanimous support from all parties within the Council Chamber.

GALWAY BRANCH CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FEDERATION

(b) Other Motions relevant to Sanitary Services received since last meeting:

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will request:

9. Galway County Council request the Department of the Environment allocate an extra £5,000 as a special contribution for the Ballyglass/Fiddane Group Water Scheme.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

10. That the Council reconsider the decision to locate a Burial Ground at Rinville, Oranmore.
11. When work will commence on the Augmentation of Kinvara Water Scheme.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask:

12. What is the position of the Claregalway No. 2 proposed Group Water Scheme. It is proposed to serve the Townlands of Cloonbiggen, Lakeview, and Lydican, and also the Townlands of Kiniska and Cahernashelly, will be facilitated with a supply.
13. What is the position with the Lisheenkyle Group Water Scheme.

COUNCIL MEETING - 22ND APRIL, 1985.

ITEM NO. 12

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RE-ORGANISATION) ACT, 1985.

New Procedure for appointment of Council Committees and other Bodies

Section 27 of the Local Government (Re-Organisation) Act, 1985, provides that the procedures set out in the 5th schedule to the Act will apply when appointments are being made by Local Authorities to Committees of Agriculture and to the other Committees and Bodies listed in Sub-Section 2 (details attached). In particular, it should be noted that the procedures apply to all Committees and Joint Committees of a Local Authority. The special procedures applying to Committees of Agriculture are set out below.

The procedures outlined in the 5th Schedule to the Act apply by virtue of Section 27 (1) to all persons appointed by a Local Authority to any of the listed Bodies including persons who are not Members of the Local Authority subject in the case of such persons to the two exceptions as provided for in Sub-Section 4.(a) whereby the new procedures will not apply to appointments of persons who are not Members of the Local Authority as in the case of such appointments to Vocational Education Committees or to School Attendance Committees.

Sub-Section 4.(b) provides that when any special qualification, knowledge or experience is required by Law for appointment, then that requirement will continue to apply notwithstanding anything contained in this Section.

Where a Member of a Local Authority is appointed to a Body by virtue of his particular office, (e.g., Mayor or Chairman), then the new procedure will not apply to such appointments - see Sub-Section 4.(c). This will arise in the case of some R.D.O.'s where under the relevant Constitution, a Mayor or Chairman is appointed as a right.

Part 11 of the 5th Schedule sets out the procedures which apply in relation to appointments. Where only one appointment is to be made, it is made by majority vote. Where more than one appointment is to be made, any "group" of Members may nominate a person and that person is then appointed without a vote. The number of persons necessary to form a "group" is obtained by dividing the number of Members present at the meeting at the time when the business of making the appointments is reached by the number of appointments to be made. If the number so appointed is not a whole number, then the next highest whole number applies. A person can only be a Member of one "group". When any "group" or "groups" have made their appointments, the appointments then remaining are next made

successfully by those Members who did not form part of any of the "groups". These appointments are made by majority vote.

By virtue of Part 1 of the 5th Schedule, the following provisions apply in the case of Committees of Agriculture:

- (a) Persons nominated by the Voluntary Rural Organisations prescribed by the Minister for Agriculture are first appointed.
- (b) Such additional appointments, if any, as are necessary to ensure that a resident from each County Electoral Area is appointed to the Committee are then made by majority vote.
- (c) The remaining appointments are made in accordance with the provisions of Part 11 of the Schedule.

22nd April, 1985.

Appointments by local authorities to certain committees and other bodies.

27.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a local authority in appointing, whether by nomination or election, members of the local authority or persons who are not members of the local authority (where such is authorised by or under any enactment relating to such appointments) to be members of any body mentioned in subsection (2) of this section or a committee of agriculture shall make such appointments—

- (a) in the case of appointments to membership of a committee of agriculture, in accordance with the rules set out in Part I of the Fifth Schedule to this Act, and
- (b) in the case of appointments to membership of any body so mentioned, in accordance with the rules set out in Part II of the said Fifth Schedule.

(2) The bodies (other than a committee of agriculture) referred to in subsection (1) of this section are—

- (a) a committee or board of a local authority,
- (b) a joint committee or joint board of a local authority and one or more other local authorities,
- (c) a vocational education committee,
- (d) a harbour authority,
- (e) a school attendance committee,
- (f) a regional development organisation,
- (g) a regional tourism organisation,
- (h) the County Councils' General Council,
- (i) the Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland, and
- (j) such other bodies as may for the time being be specified in regulations made for the purposes of this section by the Minister (either generally or with reference to any particular local authority or class or description of local authority).

(3) Subsection (4) of section 7 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, shall have effect as if the words "and, with respect to each such electoral area, two members of the council who were elected for that area shall be appointed to the committee" were deleted.

(4) (a) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply as regards the appointment to membership of a vocational education committee or a school attendance committee of persons who are not members of a local authority.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as operating to render unnecessary for appointment to any office, post or position the possession of any special knowledge, experience or other qualification the possession of which is required by law for appointment to the office, post or position.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the entry to or tenure of membership of any body, or any other office, held *ex officio*.

(5) A reference to a committee, board, joint committee or joint board in paragraphs (a) or (b) of subsection (2) of this section shall be construed as including a reference to a committee, board, joint committee or joint board appointed by or under statute to perform the functions of a local authority.

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PART I

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Rules for the Making of Appointments to Committees of Agriculture

1. The persons to whose appointments Rule 2 (2) of the Rules of 1931 applies shall be appointed before any other persons are appointed to membership of the committee concerned.

2. Where the requirements of Rule 1 of this Schedule have been complied with, such appointments (if any) as are then necessary to comply with the requirements of Rule 4 of the Rules of 1931 shall next be made and every such appointment shall be so made by majority vote.

3. Where the requirements of Rules 1 and 2 of this Schedule have been complied with, the appointments then falling to be made to comply with the requirements of the Rules of 1931 shall next be made and every such appointment shall be so made in accordance with the Rules set out in Part II of this Schedule.

PART II

Rules for the making of Appointments to Committees and other Bodies mentioned in, or specified in an order under, section 27 (2).

4. Where one, and only one, person falls to be appointed by a local authority to a committee of agriculture, or to a committee or other body mentioned in, or specified in an order under, section 27 (2) of this Act, he shall be appointed by a majority of the votes of the members of the local authority present at the meeting of the authority at the time when the business of making the appointment is reached.

5. Where two or more persons fall to be appointed by a local authority to a committee of agriculture or to a committee or other body mentioned in, or specified in an order under, section 27 (2) of this Act, they shall be appointed in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) any group of members of the local authority comprising the number of members necessary for the purposes of these Rules may nominate a person to be a member of the committee or other body and the person shall be so appointed on that nomination without any voting; and

(b) the members of the committee or other body then remaining to be appointed shall be appointed successively by a majority of the votes of the members of the local authority who are not members of any group referred to in paragraph (a).

6. (a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this Rule, the number of members of a local authority necessary to form a group for the purposes of these Rules shall be obtained by dividing the total number of such members present at the meeting of the authority when the business of making the relevant appointments to which this Schedule relates is reached by the number of the appointments to be so made, or, where the number so obtained is not a whole number, the whole number next above the number so obtained.

(b) No member of a local authority shall be a member of more than one group for the purposes of these Rules.

7. In this Schedule "the Rules of 1931" means the Rules contained in the Second Schedule to the Agriculture Act, 1931.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

9th May, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A special meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on

FRIDAY, 17TH MAY, 1985,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

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E. GLEESON,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

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We call for unanimous support from all parties within the Council Chamber.

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 17TH MAY, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John M. Mannion.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Stewart, Executive Engineer; and T. Coughlan, Staff Officer.

2988 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy Daly, Oghilbeg, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
Maire Bean Ui Chualain, Dubhithir, Carna.

2989 - ISSUE OF POLLING CARDS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS - JUNE 1985:

The Council were informed that the cost of issuing Polling Cards for the forthcoming Local Elections would be of the order of £22,000. It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, that Polling Cards be issued in respect of the forthcoming Local Elections. A number of Councillors supported the proposal in view of the changes in relation to the Borough of Galway and some of the County Electoral Areas.

Councillor McCormack proposed the following amendment -

"That Polling Cards be not issued and that the money saved be transferred into County Road Maintenance."

Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor McCormack's amendment.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against Councillor McCormack's amendment resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Burke, J. Brennan, T. Byrne, P. McCormack, J. Mannion, P. O'Foighil, and M. Ryan.

(7)

AGAINST: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Murphy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Higgins, P. Ruane, and T. Welby.

(17)

The Chairman declared Councillor McCormack's amendment defeated and also declared Councillor O'Morain's proposal carried.

2990 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRAMME:

The Council considered the Sanitary Services Programme for Major Schemes and Small Schemes, details of which had been circulated to each Member. The Members of the Council complimented the Council staff on the preparation of the Reports.

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Councillor J. Joyce stated that there was need for a Regional Water Supply Scheme in the Portumna/Ballinasloe Area. He also stated that there was need to provide a Sewerage Scheme in the town of Laurencetown.

Councillor Toddie Byrne stated that there was need to augment the Kinvara Water Scheme and asked if a borehole in the area could be connected up to the supply in the current year. He also asked regarding the up-to-date position regarding an approved water supply for Craughwell.

Councillor P. Finnegan referred to the sewerage problems in Williamstown and Kilkerrin and asked that some thing be done about the problems in those areas.

Deputy Frank Fahey asked about the up-to-date position on the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme and enquired if a firm date could be given on when the Council's proposals would be submitted to the Department of the Environment. Deputy Fahey also referred to the cost of Road Restoration in the case of Group Water Supply Schemes. He referred in particular to the Anbally Group Water Supply Scheme where the estimated cost of road re-instatement was placing a heavy burden on the group. The group were now considering laying the mains inside the boundary walls along the roadside. He asked that the matter be re-examined. He referred also to other group schemes where pipes were being laid in the grass margin and where an estimate of £1,800 had been given to the group for road restoration.

A number of Councillors sought an up-to-date report on the Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme.

Senator Killilea enquired regarding the water system in Headford Town and asked if a water supply to the village of Ross would be made by an extension of the town main or by group scheme development.

A number of Councillors referred to the inadequacy of the water supply scheme in Tuam town. Councillor Michael Ryan enquired regarding the Glenamaddy/Dunmore Regional Water Supply Scheme and the up-to-date position regarding the supply of water into the town of Glenamaddy.

Councillor Micheal O'Morain enquired regarding the Rosmuc Regional Water Supply Scheme. He also asked if there was any possibility of providing a Sewerage Scheme for Leenane.

Deputy Michael Kitt asked regarding the water supply in Ahascragh and the Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme. Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair enquired regarding the Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme. Councillor J. Molloy enquired regarding the Reservoir at Inishmore.

Councillor Joe Callanan enquired regarding the water supply for Kilconnell Village. He also referred to the question of water charges being levied on Group Water Supply Schemes. Councillor Bartley asked regarding the up-to-date position on the provision of a water supply to Letterfrack.

Councillor Michael Fahy referred to the problems in the Craughwell Water Supply Scheme. He proposed the following Notice of Motion which appeared in his name on the Agenda:

"Galway County Council request the Department of the Environment allocate an extra £8,000 as a special contribution for the Ballyglass/Fiddane Group Water Scheme."

Mr. J. Howlett indicated that the Department of the Environment would have to approve of the special contribution and he recommended that the matter be taken up with the Department's Inspector.

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, indicated that the County Manager had met a deputation from the Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme on the 10th May, 1985. Prior to that meeting, consultations had been held with the Department of the Environment who were agreeable in principle that all the large sized mains be laid by the Council. It was understood that the level of grant would be increased in respect of Group Schemes after the 1st July, 1985. The Group had not reached agreement regarding individual contributions and another meeting was being arranged with the Department of the Environment when it was hoped that the matter would be resolved.

In reply to Councillor Joyce, Mr. Howlett indicated that sewerage schemes could not be provided in villages under the Small Schemes Programme as the estimated cost for sewerage schemes for some villages was as high as a half million pounds. He indicated that Tenders were being prepared in relation to the Craughwell Scheme.

In reply to Councillor Finnegan, Mr. Howlett indicated that the Kilbannon source was not adequate to augment the Tuam Supply. In reply to Councillor Burke, Mr. Howlett indicated that the Preliminary Report for the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme had been submitted to the Department of the Environment since January 1985. In reply to Deputy Fahey, Mr. F. Monahan indicated that discussions had taken place regarding the provision of a Treatment Plant for the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme. The first part of the necessary survey had been done by An Foras Forbartha and the next part of the survey would be carried out in June. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, Mr. Howlett indicated that in relation to the cost of road opening for Group Water Supply Schemes, the Council had devised a scheme whereby the cost was recouped from grants payable to the Group Schemes. Cases where problems arose could be looked at individually. Estimates were prepared on a systematic basis and the Council would be agreeable to examine proposals for the laying of mains through fields. In such cases, Wayleaves would be necessary in the event of the take over of schemes by the Council in the future.

In reply to Councillor M. Ryan, Mr. Howlett indicated that the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Scheme, Stage 111, was with the Department of the Environment. Mr. Howlett outlined details of the concessions given to Group Water Supply Schemes in respect of Water Charges. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, Mr. Howlett indicated that the Rosmuc Water Supply Scheme would be advertised for Tender in June. A Preliminary Survey regarding the provision of a Sewerage Scheme at Leenane had been carried out.

Mr. Howlett indicated that the Department had approved of additional capacity of the Reservoir on Inishmore.

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It was agreed that the question of Water Charges for Group Schemes be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

Micheal Kott CHAIRMAN

22 July 1985 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
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21st May, 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

Courthouse, Clifden,

on Monday, 27th May, 1985,

commencing at 3.00 p.m. at 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:

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Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Michael Fahy.

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Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Micheal S. O'Morain. John Molloy.

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P. O'Foighil. Fintan Coogan. Mark Killilea.

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Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

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Oifig an Ruani,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMHE.

21u Bealtaine, 1985.

CHUIG GAGH BALL DE 'N CHOMHAIRLE/

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na

TEACH NA CUIRTE, AN CLOCHAN,

DE LUAIN, AN 27u BEALTAINE, 1985

AR A 3.30 A CHLOG SA TRATHNONA

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 - (b) Committee Meeting of Members of Ballinasloe and Loughrea Electoral Areas on 16th April, 1985.
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 - (d) Monthly Meeting on 22nd April, 1985

(Copies enclosed)
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4. Adoption of County Development Plan.
5. Legal position regarding Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 dealing with Planning Permissions.
6. Abstract of Accounts 1983. (Details enclosed.)
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11. Charges for Water to Group Schemes.
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13. Rinvilla Park - Formal Agreement with Galway Corporation.
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(b) Other Motions received:

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COUNCILLOR PATRICK RUANE (continued)

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John Deeley, 26, Shop Street, Galway.	Damage to Shop Window at Shop Street.	County at Large.	£210.00.	£137.06.
Padraig McDonnell, Bonavalley, Athlone.	Damage to Car Reg. No. 6526 ZM	County at Large	£457.12.	£395.03.
John Casey, Drummin, Gort, Co. Galway	Damage to Spruce Trees, Post and Wire Fence, and 8 acres of rough grazing.	County at Large	£2,150.00	£2,607.21
Hynes Limited, St. Augustine St., Galway.	Motor Car Stolen.	County at Large	£2,200	£1,762.90
Hazel Beazley, 35 Monivea Park, Ballybane, Galway.	Damage to Suzuki Motor Cycle No. ZK 44	County at Large	£1,000	£1,006.71
Patrick Loughnane, Secretary, Cullagh, Gun Club, Ballinasloe.	Damage to headlights, electrical wire and gate.	County at Large	£160	£98.46
Jody Judge, 12 Easton Park, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.	Damage to windows, doors, light fittings and walls.	County at Large	£2,000	£649.20
Sean Faherty, Moycullen, Co. Galway	Damage to windscreen, headlamp, rear lenses, amber lenses, clear lenses, bulbs.	County at Large	£975.10	£909.00
Paul Coggins, Altore, Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon.	Damage to Front and Back Windscreen of J.C.B. - 3C Machine.	County at Large	£400.00	£200.20
Bord Telecom Eireann, Spiddal.	Damage to telephone kiosk No. 83137	County at Large	£309.79	£278.98
Patricia Gillespie, 12a St. Mary's Avenue, Taylor's Hill, Galway.	Damage to rear glass of car reg. no. 8978 IM.	County at Large	£300.00	£75.88

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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Michael Furey, 3 St Grellans Terrace, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to television set, china cabinet, delph ware, household ornaments and curtains.	County at Large	£330	£297.73
John Fleming, The Demesne, Eyrecourt.	Damage to a marble plaque and headstone.	County at Large	£354	£740.20
Sean O'Regan, Moore Street, Loughrea.	Damage to motor vehicle registration No. 4292 IM	County at Large	£250	£206.71
Christopher Torrens, Merlin Park, Galway.	Damage to glass dish, glass windows and side panel of caravan.	Borough of Galway	£975	£1,274.65
Patricia Shiel, 23 Lower Canal Road, Galway.	Damage to car No. 62 OIM	County at Large	£750	£554.87
Sister Baptist Egan, Board of Management, Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa, Mervue, Galway.	Damage to windows and door	County at Large	£1,000	£1,059.90
John McWalter, 323 Castle Park, Ballybane, Galway.	Car stolen and completely destroyed	County at Large	£1,650	£1,275.60
Patrick O'Reilly, Derrynamanagh, New Inn, Galway.	Polythene cover damaged by cutting.	County at Large	£3,500	£1,411.62
Helena Rhatigan, Tuam, Co. Galway.	Damage to 60 copper pipes	County at Large	£1,500.00	£907.50

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Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Martin Haynes	Damage to property - Windows, Ceilings, Floors.	Borough of Galway	£815.00	£781.76
Christopher Townley	Broken Windscreen	Borough of Galway	£100	£197.76
Vera Cahill, 21 St. Joseph's Pk., Tuam.	Damage to ceiling boards, window sashes and electric wiring	County at Large	£539	£496.31
Paul McConville, 105 Newry Rd., Rathfriland, Co. Down	Damage to motor vehicle	County at Large	£1,000	£377.01
Crown Control Ltd, Renmore, Co. Galway	Damage to motor vehicle	County at Large	£2,000	£2,547.50
Thomas Hughes, 2 Bay View Rise, Ballybane, Galway	Damage to motor vehicle	County at Large	£896.45	£837.71
John Madden & Sons Ltd., Kilmaine Rd., Ballinrobe, Co. Mayo.	Damage to Mobile Site Office	County at Large	£2,050	£1,845
Anthony Ryan Ltd., Galway	Glass window broken and goods damaged	County at Large	£600	£429.46
Roches Stores (Limerick) Ltd.	Plate Glass window broken.	County at Large	£473	£535.50
Martin Roe, 89, Dalysfort Road, Galway.	Damage to Ford Fiesta Car.	County at Large.	£400	£302.77.
Claregalway Inns Ltd.	Damage to two Cash Registers.	County at Large	£2,000.00.	£2,025.71
Nessa G Emerson, 22 Threadneedle Road, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to rear car windscreen window of Opel Corsa Car No. 583 YIM.	County at Large	£134.40	£57.48
Christy Donnellan, 22, Fairhill, Claddagh, Galway	Damage to Datsun Vanette - 846 VIM & windows broken in house	County at Large	£497.84	£432.57

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Padraic and Agnes Burns, Killimor,	Destruction by fire of hayshed and its contents	County at Large	£20,000	£7,600.85
Mohammad Hanif, c/o Carrolls super-market, Renmore, Galway	Damage to canopy at front of shop	County at Large	£300	£272.23
Frank Kyne, Aillebrack, Ballyconneely.	Damage to caravan	County at Large	£400	£370.13
Jesus and Mary Secondary School, Salerno, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to property	County at Large	£764	£276.21
Sean Dempsey, Caherovan House, Athenry,	Damage to caravan - smashed and burned.	County at Large	£400	£373.87

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT COURTHOUSE, CLIFDEN, ON MONDAY, 27TH MAY, 1985, AT 3.00 P.M.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John 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 F. Coogan, J. Donnellan, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M.J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McCormack, J. Molloy, T. Murphy, 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; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; F. Gallagher, Assistant Planner; J. Noone, Executive Engineer (Clifden).

The Opening Prayer was recited.

The Chairman welcomed the Members and the Officials to Clifden.

2991 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mrs. John Hession, Claregalway (Shop), Co. Galway.

2992 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49177 - APPLICANT: WILLIAM KELLY:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Gortatlewa, Bushypark on the Galway/Moycullen Road approximately ½ mile on the Moycullen side of Bushypark Church.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 22905 - Outline Permission refused to Mrs. Kathleen Kelly by Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located outside the speed limits on the Galway/Moycullen Road where the policy is to restrict development to the family housing needs of farm holders families. This applicant is applying on behalf of his parents who reside in Dublin. His mother was born in Galway City and was reared by her uncle on this farm of land. She was given this ½ acre site to build a retirement house thereon. The previous refusal was made in the light of the full claim being made and there has been no change in the circumstances since then.

The claim being made is not regarded as being within the permissible categories of housing need allowed on this road and refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard because the site is located on a national secondary road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and where visibility to the southeast is restricted and the

traffic movements to which the development would give rise would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road.

Consultation relating to this application: No consultation.

Further information as requested in this case."

Councillor T. Welby proposed that planning permission be granted in this case. Councillor J. Molloy seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. There being no amendment to the proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2993 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49531 - APPLICANT: BEARTLA O COISDEALBHA.

The Council were informed that a decision to grant Permission had been issued in this case.

2994 - RUN D'REIR ACHT 4 DEN ACHT AN BHAINISTIOCHT CONDAE, 1955 (LEASAITHE) - UIMHIR TAGARTHA PLEANALA 49666 - MAIRTIN O'DOMHNAILL:

The Council were informed that a decision to grant Permission had been issued in this case.

2995 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50086 - APPLICANT: JOHN COLLINS:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately ½ mile on the Galway side of Oranmore Village on the N.6 Route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

- Ref. No. 41671: Outline Permission granted by Planning Authority, but refused by An Bord Pleanala for Agricultural Store. Applicant: Mr. Tom Collins.
- Ref. No. 41672: Outline Permission granted by Planning Authority, but refused by An Bord Pleanala for house. Applicant: Mr. Tom Collins.
- Ref. No. 43734: Permission granted by Planning Authority for Agricultural Store. Applicant: Mr. Tom Collins.
- Ref. No. 43735: Permission granted by Planning Authority for house. Applicant: Mr. Tom Collins.
- Ref. No. 49245: Outline Permission refused for house. Applicant: Mr. John Collins.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This site is a subdivision of an area of land of approximately 8 acres on which this applicant's brother was granted permission for an agricultural store and a dwellinghouse. The store is presently being used for the retail of horticultural products and enforcement proceedings have been instituted relating to the unauthorized use. This applicant has stated that he has no house of his own and lives in rented accommodation. He is a part owner of the horticultural business being transacted on the site.

Developments along this route are confined to the housing needs of farm holders families and the present proposal being related to an unauthorized business being transacted on this land is not within the category allowed and should properly be refused as being contrary to planning policy.

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 development along this route to the housing needs of farm holders families. The need claimed is not deemed to be in this category of housing need."

The County Engineer also drew the attention of the Members to the provision of the policy and planning framework for roads which indicated that failure by County Councils to restrict development on National Primary Routes would result in diminution of Road Grants.

Senator Mark Killilea proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. He stated that no new entrance was being created. Councillor J. Molloy seconded Senator Killilea's proposal. Councillor J. Burke stated that he would be concerned if National Primary Road Grants were put in jeopardy. Councillor Toddie Byrne stated that the location was on a most dangerous section of road and he could not support the granting of planning permission in that case. The County Manager stated that Permission had been granted for an Agricultural Store and a dwellinghouse on the basis that both were needed for agricultural purposes.

The County Engineer indicated that the store was presently being used for the retail of horticultural products and an Enforcement Notice which had been served had not been complied with. There was a serious risk to life involved because of the traffic hazards which existed. The road involved would be the main road for a long time to come and the argument that that section of road would be realigned in the future was not a valid one.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke that Planning Permission not be granted in this case.

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

FOR: Councillors G. Bartley, J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Cllrs. M. Fahy, Finnegan, Haverty, Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Mannion, Molloy, Murphy, O'Conchubhair, O'Foighil, O'Higgins, O'Morain, Ruane, and Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy F. Coogan, Cllrs. F. Glynn, B. Holland, M.J. Kilgannon.

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The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

2996 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50031 - APPLICANT: ENDA KEANE.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located approximately ½ mile from Cleggan Village on the Clifden side and on the southern side of the Clifden/Cleggan Road.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 30286: Permission granted to applicant for a dwellinghouse, Type XC3 of the Department