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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M.S. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Cllrs. T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; W. Cahill, Acting S.E.E. (Planning); E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

164. MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor Raftery, the Minutes of the following Meetings of the Council were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special meeting on 26th August, 1985.
- (b) Monthly meeting on 26th August, 1985.

Arising from the Minutes, Councillor M. Fahy referred to the Oranmore By-Pass and said that there was a deputation from Oranmore at the meeting who were very worried about the new By-Pass and the risks for pedestrians and cyclists, and he asked the Secretary to read out letter dated 3rd September, 1985, from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment which indicated that the Minister did not propose to receive a deputation. Mr. Gleeson then read the letter in question.

A discussion followed during which the following points were made by Members:

- That when the Transportation Study was being considered, the impression was given that Overpasses would be provided but the design of the road now seems to have been changed.
- That children were being put at risk and that a full discussion was needed now between Council Officials and Members and the Department of the Environment.
- That in other areas such as Tallaght and Palmerstown, overhead bridges were provided.
- That the absence of overbridges would create a serious risk both to pedestrians and cyclists.
- That traffic from two busy National Primary Routes was meeting at the roundabouts and provision would have to be made for pedestrians.
- That the people of Oranmore had many difficulties regarding the provision of services for the area and they were gravely concerned about the lack of safety in the new road proposals.

A representative from the deputation, Mr. Joe Coleman, then addressed the meeting and explained the fears of the residents and parents in particular. He said that the parents could not see how young children would be able to negotiate the crossing and there was risk of fatal accident, and he requested the Council's support for Overpasses.

The County Manager stated that in the design of the By-Pass, the Council operated within the standards and guidelines which apply nationally. Any departures from these would create precedence and would involve substantial financial considerations. Replying to questions about the cost of Overhead bridges, Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, stated that a very rough estimate for the cost of a bridge would be £150,000 and that two bridges may be required for each roundabout. He said that work on the By-Pass need not be held up and that bridges could be provided afterwards if approval is forthcoming.

After further discussion, it was unanimously agreed that a further request be sent to the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation and that Government Oireachtas Members for the area assist in arranging it.

165. BEIRTREACH TEORANTA:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor O'Morain raised the matter of the proposed liquidation of Beirtreach Teoranta. He proposed that the Council request Aire na Gaeltachta and the Taoiseach to instruct Udaras na Gaeltachta to advise the Liquidator, appointed for Beirtreach Teo., to negotiate with local interests and workers prior to finalising any auction of the assets of the Company. He also proposed that the Council request the County Development Team to get involved with a view to assisting and supporting the workers.

Councillor Welby seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposals which were agreed unanimously.

166. RAISING OF LOAN OF £4,270 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR CARTYMORE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council approve of the raising of a loan of £4,270 for the payment of a special contribution for Cartymore Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Office of Public Works or from such other source and at such interest rate and repayment period as may be approved by the Minister"

167. AMALGAMATION OF CORONERS DISTRICTS OF EAST AND WEST GALWAY:

The County Manager referred to report dated 17th September, 1985, which had been circulated regarding the proposed amalgamation of the offices of Coroner for East and West Galway. He said the office of Coroner for West Galway was vacant at present and the Department of Justice had requested the Council to submit a scheme for the amalgamation of the offices of Coroner for East and West Galway. The Coroner for East Galway had consented to the amalgamation.

Deputy Fahey proposed the amalgamation of the two offices but said that he was not satisfied with the proposed salary. However, a number of Councillors said that there were Death Certificates outstanding in the West Galway area for a considerable time and that they would not agree to any amalgamation until these were cleared. The view was also expressed that the West Galway Area was very large and that the two areas could be too much for one Coroner.

The County Manager pointed out that the proposal to amalgamate the areas had come from the Department of Justice and that Dr. Joyce was acting temporarily in the West Galway area at present.

It was agreed that the proposal to amalgamate the two areas be deferred and that in the meantime, the County Manager get information about the outstanding Death Certificates, etc.

168. SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT OUGHTERARD TO WESTERN HEALTH BOARD:

The County Manager stated that as requested at the last Monthly meeting, a second independent valuation had been got for this site. This second valuation for the additional 15 perches was £1,000 as against the Council's valuation of £1,020. The new valuation for the total site was £2,500 as against the Council's valuation of £2,700.

Councillor Welby stated that he was not satisfied with those valuations and that building sites in Oughterard were being sold at way above those figures. He had decided to get a valuation done himself which he handed to the Chairman.

Deputy Molloy stated that the Council did not give a proper brief to the Valuer as to how to value the site. The County Manager stated that the Council was careful not to do this as any competent Valuer should be capable of assessing all the facts himself.

Councillor Welby asked that both Valuations be read out but as this would take some time, it was agreed that they be circulated and the matter deferred to the next meeting.

169. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION:

The County Manager referred to his report dated 9th September, 1985, which had been circulated to each Member. He said that there were two main issues involved for the Council - the first was the extension of the Galway Borough Boundary which had already taken effect for Election purposes for the June 1985 Local Elections. The Minister for the Environment proposed to make an Order shortly giving full effect to the Boundary extension with effect from the 1st January, 1986. The boundary extension involved the question of compensation and work was in hands on compiling data for this but the earliest optimistic date by which figures would be available would be the end of September. The Act provided for an equitable financial adjustment and the Minister proposed to provide in the Implementation Order for an interim adjustment in advance of the final settlement. Where agreement on compensation if not reached, there was provision in the legislation for it to be settled by the Minister.

He said that the second issue was the granting of County Borough status to Galway Corporation. This had wide implications for the Council in that the Council would no longer be serving a County Demand on the Corporation which at the present time amounts to almost £1,500,000. The two changes coming together create a serious problem for the Council. The time for the preparation and adoption of the 1986 Estimates has to be fixed by Ministerial Order and may be before the end of 1985 or early 1986. Whether the 1986 Estimates have to be prepared either late in 1985 or early 1986, an extremely short period of time is available for working out compensation figures, carrying out negotiations on an agreement, or a Ministerial determination in the absence of an agreement. The County Manager said that the two changes need not take effect simultaneously and he was taking the liberty of suggesting that the County Borough status might be deferred to the 1st January, 1987, to provide both local authorities and the Minister with sufficient time to finalise the compensation question in a satisfactory and equitable manner for both local authorities. The draft Order for the granting of County Borough Status was not yet available but he understood from official sources that no additional State funds would be made available to the Galway local authorities to cushion the affects of either of the changes.

A discussion followed during which the following points were made by Members:

- That an alarming situation exists as regards the Council's finances where the Council does not know what finance will be available for 1986, and that nothing should change until the financial position is known.
- That no extra burden should be placed on Ballinasloe U.D.C. as a result of the proposed changes.
- That the granting of County Borough Status was a Government decision and that the Government will have to assist in the implementation of that decision.
- That the postponement of the County Borough Status would tend to relieve the Government of providing finance to cushion the affect of the change over.
- That both changes should take place together as alot of work had been done and alot of meetings held and it was a unique situation that both local authorities came to an agreement, and that the Government must ensure that the County Council does not suffer financially from the County Borough proposal.

- That the Council had no say in the granting of County Borough Status and will have to be compensated.

- That a deputation would have to be sought with the Minister to explain the Council's position.

Replying to some questions, the County Manager stated that it was hoped that whatever formula was arrived at, that it would not place any extra burden on Ballinasloe U.D.C., but the question which then arose was - would the County Council have to carry this extra burden or would the Corporation help to share it. The County Manager mentioned a number of services which could continue to be shared between the County Council and Corporation but outside of those, there were a number of miscellaneous items such as salaries and pensions which hitherto were levied on a County at large basis, and a solution for the funding of these would have to be found.

After further discussion, it was decided that the County Council and Corporation should seek a joint deputation to the Minister. It was decided to hold a special meeting on Friday, 27th September, to consider the matter and further discussion on the subject was adjourned to that meeting.

170. BORD FAILTE BUILDING DESIGN PROJECT:

At a Council Meeting on the 26th August, 1985, the County Manager explained to the Members about a Building Design Project which Bord Failte wished to undertake, including a pilot project in the Connemara Area. At that meeting, the Members requested that somebody from Bord Failte might attend to explain the project and the Chairman then introduced Mr. Sean Browne, Regions Manager, and Mr. Keith Sargent, Planning Advisor, Bord Failte, to the Members.

Mr. Browne explained to the meeting the value of overseas tourism to the County and the number of jobs it supports. Research with tourists had shown that unspoilt scenery was important to the industry. He realised that outside of tourism, life had to go on and houses had to be built but he saw no reason why both could not go on together. He said that Bord Failte had made submissions in relation to many development plans throughout the country and the present project was taking that a little stage further. He said it was like extending the Tidy Towns attitude and goodwill into the countryside. Mr. Sargent said that what Bord Failte was trying to do was to produce design guidelines which would facilitate sensitive building in the Irish landscape. He said that Connemara was one of the country's prime tourist scenic areas. He said that the work would be undertaken by Mr. Philip Geoghegan of the Housing Research Unit, University College, Dublin, and he was confident as regards the quality of work produced by Mr. Geoghegan. Some work had already been done during the summer. He said the project would result in general house design guidelines which would have national application, a special report highlighting the County Galway findings and specifying design recommendations for the high amenity landscapes encountered in the course of the Study, and thirdly, the publication of leaflets embodying the key design guidelines which would be available to the public. It was a question of advising people buying sites and building houses of the advantages of following certain guidelines.

The Chairman stated that at the previous meeting, the Council had agreed in principle to the project but were anxious to hear more details about it from Bord Failte and maybe ask some questions. Councillor O'Morain expressed concern that the proposals might result in extra costs from the point of view of house design and site location. Councillor Welby hoped that the end result would not result in further restrictions on the building of houses in Connemara. Councillor Joyce welcomed the project and said that it had a lot of merit but that it should not be forced on people. Councillor O'Conchubhair mentioned that many houses in the Gaeltacht are of standard design which helps to reduce the cost and perhaps, Bord Failte or Roinn na Gaeltachta could give some assistance in this respect with new designs. Deputy Molloy stated that many people building houses in scenic areas are of low means and the implementation of Bord Failte's intentions might result in extra costs. He said that most people were conscious of the importance of tourism and there was a good attitude and awareness towards good planning and design. Other Councillors welcomed the project and there was general agreement that it should go ahead.

171. FIXING OF DATE FOR OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING:

As the fourth Monday in October was a public holiday, it was agreed that the October Monthly Meeting would be held on Friday, 25th October.

172. MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with item 8 on the Agenda were noted.

173. BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER

174. E.S.B. RESTRUCTURING:

Mr. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager, read letter dated 15th August, 1985, from the E.S.B. in reply to the Council's request that E.S.B. Chief Executive, Mr. Moriarty, would attend a Council meeting. He said that Mr. Moriarty was agreeable to attend the Council's October meeting on the 28th October. However, as the October meeting was now being held on Friday, 25th October, it was agreed to ask Mr. Moriarty if he could attend on that date after voting time.

175. WESTERN HEALTH BOARD DEMAND:

Mr. Gleeson read letter dated Mean Fomhair, 1985, from the Private Secretary to the Taoiseach regarding the Council's request to the Taoiseach to meet a deputation regarding the financing of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Demand and arrears. The letter stated that as the matter was the subject of urgent consultations between Departments, no useful purpose would be served in meeting a deputation at the present time.

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Joyce, it was agreed that the Minister for Finance be requested to meet a deputation on the matter.

176. LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION:

Councillor Callanan proposed that Councillor Joyce be the Council's delegate to the Local Authority Members Association. This was seconded by Councillor Welby and agreed. Deputy Fahey proposed that Councillor Joyce be paid expenses for attending meetings of the Association. Mr. Gleeson stated that the Council did not appear to have authority to pay such expenses. Cllr. Callanan proposed that clarification be sought from the Minister for the Environment in regard to the payment of expenses and this was agreed.

177. PARKING OF CARAVANS AT FAIRGREEN, BALLINASLOE:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Mullins raised the question of illegal parking of caravans adjacent to the public library in Ballinasloe. He said that people using the Library were being harassed and he requested that some action be taken. The Chairman supported Councillor Mullins on the matter.

178. COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

In accordance with the new procedure regarding replies to Notices of Motion, written replies to all the Motions on the Agenda were given to Councillors at the meeting.

Councillor Welby raised motion no. 55 on the Agenda requesting "No Dumping" and "No Camping" signs on lay-bys west of Martin Lynch's house, Bunscaffiff, Maam Cross. Mr. Gleeson read the following report on the motion:

"This is a lay-bye created by County Council a number of years ago in a scenic location. There was no evidence of any dumping after a recent inspection. As a general policy, the Council are not in favour of a proliferation of these kind of signs. It is not considered necessary to provide "No Camping" signs either as the Council are not aware of any problem in this area."

Councillor Welby stated that there was evidence of dumping in the lake in this area and that water is taken from the lake for domestic purposes. He asked that the matter be further examined.

Councillor M. Fahy raised motion no. 47 regarding the demolition of a farm shed at Greenhouse Cross, Craughwell, and Mr. Gleeson read the following report on it:

"The shed in question is situated at the junction of main road 420 and county road 308 at Manin Cross, Craughwell. It has a ground floor area of approximately 1,400 square feet with loft overhead. Certainly, this shed restricts sight distance at Manin Cross - the cross is, of course, signposted. Mr. Michael Ryan, the owner is prepared to allow the County Council remove his shed provided -

- (a) A new shed of the same size is erected for him elsewhere;
- (b) A new wall is erected around his yard.

This work would be quite costly - estimate £10,000 - £12,000. Funds are not available for this desirable improvement."

Councillor Fahy said he could not understand how the cost of the works could amount to £12,000 and that it should be possible to agree a more realistic price. He asked that the proposal be considered for the 1986 Estimates.

Deputy Fahey raised Motion No. 33 regarding the augmentation of Kinvara Regional Water Supply Scheme. Mr. Gleeson read the following report on it:

"It is hoped that Contract Documents for the Kinvara Regional Water Scheme will be finalised by February 1986. When the Contract Documents are prepared, the sanction of the Department of the Environment is required. It is not possible to give any indication of how long Department approval would take. The approval of the scheme also depends on Capital allocations being made available. When the Contract Documents are approved, the next step is the invitation of Tenders. The approval of the Department of the Environment is also required to the acceptance of the successful Tender.

The estimated time scale for the construction of the project after Department approval to Tenders is received is about 18 months."

Deputy Fahey asked that the time scale be re-examined to see if the February 1986 date for the completion of Contract Documents could be brought forward and the scheme submitted to the Department for consideration in conjunction with the 1986 Capital Allocation. He asked that his Motion be included in the next Agenda.

Councillor Mannion asked that Councillors be allowed to raise their Notices of Motion at the Special Meeting on 27th September if time permitted.

179. NATIONAL HOUSING AND TOWN PLANNING CONFERENCE - BLACKPOOL:

Councillor Mannion proposed that two additional delegates, Councillors McCormack and McHugh, be nominated for the Blackpool Conference and this was agreed. Mr. Gleeson said that he would make enquiries about the two extra bookings.

180. SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Michael Glynn, Cloughnacava, Gort.
- Mrs. Patrick Keane, Crannagh, Gort.
- Mrs. Joan Hunter, Clybaun Heights, Knocknacarra, Galway.
- Mr. Jimmy Burke, Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam.
- Mr. Michael Cronin, Athleague, Co. Roscommon.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED.  
 [Signature] CHAIRMAN.  
 25th October 1985 Date

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24th September, 1985.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

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

Friday, 27th September, 1985,

commencing at 3.30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH  
 Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Local Government Re-Organisation - memo attached.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; John F. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; and E. Lusby, Finance Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

181. SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Peter Shaughnessy, Lackagh, Turloughmore.  
Mr. Sean Holian, Lisheen, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.  
Mrs. Frank Clarke, Mullagh, Ballinasloe.

182. LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION - COUNTY BOROUGH STATUS FOR GALWAY:

The Council considered the memorandum dated 26th September, 1985, which had been prepared by the County Manager and addressed to each Member of the County Council and each Member of Galway Borough Council. The memorandum was intended to clarify for Councillors the issues involved to show how the immediate impact could be lessened and to pinpoint the matters for which provision would have to be made in the Minister's Order making statutory provisions for the upgrading of the Borough Council. It was indicated that Galway Corporation contributed 27.97% of Net County at large charges and that this figure would increase to at least 31% after the Galway Boundary was extended. The County Demand on the City in the current year was £1,553,931.40. Details of the items making up the Demand were outlined in the memorandum and in the schedules attached to it. The items making up the Demand could be classified under the following headings:-

- A - Shared Services (i.e., services which the County Council could continue to give over the entire County by agreement with the City)
- B - Statutory Demands (i.e., payments which the Minister could split as between the city and the county, each in future paying its own share)
- C - Services to be taken over by the Corporation
- D - Major Urban Roads (these were roads in the Corporation area maintained by the Corporation but funded by the County Council and treated as a County at Large charge.)
- E - Other County at Large charges (these were items in respect of which the extra burden falling on the County Council must be relieved.)
- F - The detailed make-up of the figures in the foregoing Items A to E were attached as schedules to the Memorandum.

Shared Services:

A list of items were set out of Schedule A of the memorandum showing services which might be continued by the County Council under agreement with the Corpor-

ation as provided for the in the Local Government Act, 1955. If such an agreement were entered into, a total of £580,127.80 would remain available to the County Council from the Corporation on the existing basis of apportionment. The principles items in the schedule were the Fire and Library services. These services had the greatest financial implications. It was important that they were not duplicated or that cost increases would undermine the effectiveness of the overall service in the County.

Statutory Demands and Payments:

This schedule set out the statutory demands and payments which could be charged directly by the demanding body on the Corporation. The total amount of £446,451.15 was chargeable in respect of these items on the Corporation in 1985 based on existing formula.

Services which could be carried out by the Corporation:

Schedule C of the memorandum set out details of the services which could be carried out directly by the Corporation. The total cost involved based on the 1985 Estimates was £84,519.

Urban Roads:

Details of the arrangements regarding the administration of major urban roads in the City area were outlined in Schedule D of the memorandum.

Other County at Large Charges:

Details of other County at Large charges were set out in Schedule E of the memorandum. They represented items to which the Corporation had contributed as part of their annual County Demand. These items were the most urgent for clarification as if no relief was available to the County Council, there was an immediate cost increase of £423,613 per annum on the Council increasing according as costs increase. Some methods for compensating the County Council would have to be devised as otherwise the up-grading of the City had the affect of transferring resources of this amount from the County to the City.

Ballinasloe U.D.C.:

It was indicated that there were also implications for Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

The County Manager outlined the details of his memorandum and indicated that solutions would have to be found immediately in view of the fact that work on the annual Estimates for 1986 would be commencing in the near future. There was no precedent for the establishment of a new County Borough since the foundation of the State. It was important, therefore, that the implications involved be understood fully. The various items had been categorised in his memorandum. If agreement could be reached between the two authorities in relation to shared services, the question of compensation in respect of these items could be deferred. The Law could provide in relation to splitting of statutory demands. Thus in relation to shared services and statutory demands, there was the possibility of resolving the financial issues facing the Council. There was, however, the question of the other County-at-Large charges to which the Corporation were contributing £423,613.45 and the Law must provide that the County Council would not bear this loss after the granting of County Borough status to Galway. That figure would be further increased to £440,000 if Ballinasloe U.D.C. were to be cushioned against the financial implications involved.

The County Manager recommended that the Council should -

- 1 - Seek agreement with Galway Corporation for the sharing of services as set out in Schedule A of his memorandum.
- 2 - Request the Minister for the Environment to make provision by Ministerial Order for the splitting of statutory demands and payments set out in Schedule B so that the portion levied on the Corporation could be charged directly.
- 3 - See that some formula would be devised for the making good of the loss arising for the County Council on the County at Large charges to which the Corporation contribu £423,613.45 in 1985.

The County Manager indicated that Galway Corporation had considered these matters at its meeting of 23rd September, 1985, and had resolved to request the Minister for the Environment to meet a joint deputation from Galway County Council and Galway Corporation to discuss the issues involved. He understood that it was the intention of the Corporation to request the Minister to meet any shortfalls arising as a result of the granting of County Borough status.

Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair stated that the sharing of services where possible should continue in view of the increased cost of having two separate services in some cases. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that the resources were not available to establish two separate Fire Brigade services. It was important that scarce resources were not duplicated. Both authorities were benefiting from the existing arrangements where there was a core of full-time men available in the Fire Service. If two separate services were to be established, it would be necessary to have two Chief Fire Officers, two separate headquarters and two separate staffs. The County was best serviced by maintaining the existing arrangements and he would like to see one Chief Fire Officer in charge of all the Fire Services in the County.

In reply to a number of Councillors, the County Manager indicated that there were two separate financial exercises to be carried out, one in relation to the extension of the Borough Boundary and one in relation to the granting of County Borough status which was the matter under discussion at this meeting. Work was in progress in relation to the financial implications of the extension of the Borough boundary and he hoped to have figures available at an early date.

In reply to Councillor M. Loughnane, the County Manager indicated that charges in relation to pensions and gratuities would apply for a very long time after both authorities went their separate ways. In reply to Councillor Loughnane, the County Manager indicated that the figures on Schedule E of his memorandum would change annually as costs increased. It was important that the problem be averted to now and it was essential that there be an enabling legal power to remedy the situation as regards shortfalls for the County Council. The County Manager indicated in reply to Councillor Loughnane that if the Council were to levy the shortfall of £423,613.45 on the Rates, an increase of £7 in the pound would be involved.

Deputy Treacy stated that money collected from Motor Tax in the County should be available to create a cash flow. He also stated that Council offices in the rural areas should be used for Motor Tax collection purposes. The County Manager indicated that the cost of Motor Taxation was borne by the State and that no cost was involved for the County Council. The County Council were receiving more in Road Grants from the State than was collected in Motor Taxation in the County. Deputy Treacy stated that the County Council might bear the total cost of Sheep Dipping in the County.

1. Following further discussion in which the County Manager answered queries from the Members, it was proposed by Councillor M. Loughnane, seconded by Councillor J. Burke -

"That Galway County Council request Galway Corporation to share services as set out in Schedule A of the County Manager's memorandum under Agreements as provided for in the Local Government Act, 1955."

The County Manager indicated that any formal agreements made between the Council would have to be done by way of formal resolution by both authorities.

2. The Council agreed that the Minister for the Environment should be requested to provide legislation whereby the appropriate share of the statutory demands and payments as set out in Schedule B of the memorandum would be charged directly by the Demanding Body on the Corporation.
3. The Members agreed to seek a joint deputation with the Minister for the Environment from Galway Corporation and Galway County Council to discuss any financial shortfalls arising from the granting of County Borough status to Galway. The Council noted that Galway Corporation had selected three Councillors and three Oireachtas Members who were also Members of the Council to be its representatives. It was agreed that Councillors Micheal O'Morain, John Mannion, and Joe Callanan, be the County Council's representatives and that anyone of these members could nominate a substitute if unavailable to go on the Deputation himself. It was also agreed that all Oireachtas Members in the County be Members of the Deputation.

183. STOCKPILING OF BEET ON ROADSIDES:

Councillor P. McHugh proposed the following resolution:

"That Galway County Council reverse its decision prohibiting farmers from stock piling their beet at the road widening opposite Donaghpatrick graveyard."

The County Manager stated that the County Council had no power to authorise the stockpiling of beet on roadsides. Farmers who stockpiled beet on roadsides were breaking the Law and were exposing themselves to serious risks and liabilities in the event of accidents. The County Council could not relieve anyone of those liabilities and had taken the precaution of warning farmers of the risks involved. Councillor McHugh stated that the location involved was a lay-by.

184. GRUP SCEIM I MAGHROS/LEITIRARD:

Rinne an Comhairleoir O'Morain tagairt don run a bhi aige maidir leis an abhar seo. Rinne se achaini go ndeanfar tuairisg ar an chostas a bheadh ann don Chomhairle Chontae cabhru leis an grupa seo, a chur os comhair an cead cruinniu eile den Chomhairle Chontae.

185. CASUAL TRADING:

Councillor Michael Fahy referred to trading which was being carried out in the Merlin Park area on the Oranmore Road. He stated that there was a traffic hazard involved and he asked that something be done about it. The County Secretary outlined the position in regard to Casual Trading. Following a discussion, it was agreed to examine the matter further.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED,

Micheal Kelliher Chairman,

25th October 1985 Date.



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TO EACH MEMBER OF FIRE BRIGADES ADVISORY COMMITTEE/  
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A Chara:

A meeting of Fire Brigades Advisory Committee will be held in the Council Chamber,  
County Buildings, Galway, on Tuesday, 1st October, 1985, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

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T. KAVANAGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

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1. Consideration of 5 year Capital Programme.
2. Report on operation of Fire Service in Galway after implementation of County Borough status for Galway Corporation.
3. Any other business.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRE BRIGADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON THE 1st OCTOBER, 1985, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS,

PRESENT:- MEMBERS.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
Clr. Martin Lynch, Clr. Peter Raftery. Clr. John Molloy,

GALWAY CORPORATION.

Mr. Paddy Naughton, Clr. Martin Connolly.

BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Mr. Brian Parker, Mr. Steve Connell.

TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.  
Mr. F. Biggins.

LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS.  
Mr. Matt Loughnane.

OFFICIALS PRESENT:- Mr. S. Keating, County Manager, Mr. E. Gleeson,  
County Secretary and Mr. J. Shaughnessy, Chief  
Fire Officer.

The Meeting agreed that Clr. John Molloy would be Chairman.

OPERATION OF FIRE SERVICE IN GALWAY AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY BOROUGH  
STATUS OF GALWAY CORPORATION.

The County Manager indicated that Galway Corporation would become a Fire  
Brigade Authority after it had been upgraded to a County Borough. The  
question arose as to whether both authorities would agree to a single  
fire service for the whole of Galway or whether each authority should have  
separate fire services. The Manager indicated that there were implications  
from both a financial and a service point of view if both authorities were  
to have a separate fire brigade service. He had proposed to the County  
Council and the Corporation that they enter into an agreement whereby  
there would be one fire service which would be shared by both authorities  
on an agency agreement. The present arrangement whereby there was a  
full time staff available to both authorities in the Galway Area was  
satisfactory. The cost of providing two full time services would be very  
expensive. If there was a division of the fire service there would be a  
division of responsibility. Two Chief Fire Officers would be required  
together with two sets of support staff and also two Headquarter premises.  
In the light of all of this he was recommending that both authorities  
share the fire service and he was seeking the views of the Fire Brigade  
Advisory Committee on this matter. The Chief Fire Officer gave details  
of the duplications that would arise in the event of two fire services  
being established. He gave details of the substantial additional costs  
involved in setting up two services. There would be need for additional  
staff and clerical back up. There would be duplication of training  
facilities and the new brigade which would be established would be in-  
experienced. It would take a considerable number of years to build up  
the expertise to the present service. Following further discussion  
in which queries raised by individual members of the Committee were  
answered, it was proposed by Clr. Loughnane and seconded by Clr. Connolly  
that the Committee support the retention of a unitary fire service for  
Galway. The Committee also agreed to support the recommendation that  
both authorities enter into agreement to share the Fire Service.

FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 1986-1990.

The Committee considered the Five Year Capital Programme for Galway Fire  
Service for the period 1986 to 1990. It was noted that a Programme  
requiring a total capital allocation of £2.3 Million was required in respect  
of the provision and improvement of buildings and the provision of equipment  
so that the targets in the programme could be achieved. The County  
Manager indicated that the implementation of the programme was dependent on

- (1) the availability of capital monies to finance the various projects  
outlined, and

(2) the capacity of the County Council's own resources to meet the nett repayments on the borrowing required. The County Manager gave details of the financial restrictions on the County Council's revenue resources over the last number of years. It was proposed by Clr. Connolly and seconded by Clr. Loughnane that the five year capital programme as outlined be adopted.

Clr. Martin Lynch referred to the fact that the water supply was being turned off in Athenry at night and referred to the problems that might arise in the event of a serious fire. A number of the Councillors present asked that any vacancies in the Fire Brigade throughout the County be filled as soon as possible. It was indicated that interviews had been held for recruitment of Firemen to the Galway Brigade recently.

Members of the Committee referred to the fact that there was need to review the marking of hydrants along watermain's to facilitate fire fighting. It was agreed that the matter would be taken up with the County Engineer and the Borough Engineer.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Committee would be held in about twelve months time to review progress on matters discussed. It was agreed that a meeting could be held at any time if it was found necessary that any matter relevant required consideration by the Committee.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed,  
Michael Kitt Chairman  
25th October 1985 Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

COISTE GAELTACHTA

CRUINNIU AR AN 26u MI MEAN FOMHAIR INS NA FOIRGNITHE CHONTAE I nGAILLIMH

I LATHAIR:

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comhairleoir M O'Morain

BAILL EILE I LATHAIR:

Na Comhairleoiri Peadar O'Tuathail,  
Nicholas O'Conchubhair.  
M J Kilgannon Uas., Sean O'Neachtain Uas.,  
agus Roiri O'Connaille Uas.

OIFIGICH AN CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE:

Sean MacMathuna S.E.E., Oliver Higgins E.E.  
Tomas O Caomhanaigh, Runai Sealadach,  
Colm Du Bhailais S.O. Siobhan Ni Ghiollarna  
S.O. agus A. Fleming, Runai don Choiste

I. Cathaoirleach

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair lenar chuidigh an t-Uasal M. J. Kilgannon toghadh an chomhairleoir O'Morain mar Chathaoirleach i gcoir na bliana seo chughainn.

2. Chuir an Gathaoirleach failte roimh gach baill agus socraoidh go mbeidh cruinniu eile ar an 7u de Samhain 1985. Beidh chead ag gach baill run a chur ar an chlar ma chuirean se sceal chuig an Runai roimh an 31u de Deire Fomhair 1985.

Cuireadh críoch leis an cruinniu leis sin.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

Michael Kitt Chairman,  
25th October 1985 Date.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
CONSISTING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONNEMARA ELECTORAL AREA, HELD ON THE 5TH  
SEPTEMBER 1985, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY TO DISCUSS  
THE PROPOSED DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF CLIFDEN.

PRESENT: Councillors, N. O'Conchubhair, J. Mannion, P. O'Tuathail and  
T. Welby.  
Chairman for the Meeting, Councillor T. Welby.

ALSO PRESENT: Messrs. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager,  
P. Flood, County Engineer,  
B. Callagy, S.E. (Planning)  
A. Comar, Draughtsman Technician  
T. Keenan, Water Environment Dept. I.I.R.S.  
D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

142 - SPECIAL STUDY OF THE OPERATION OF SEPTIC TANK TREATMENT SYSTEMS.

The County Engineer introduced Mr. Tom Keenan of the Water Environment Dept. I.I.R.S. and stated that Mr. Keenan had been asked to attend the Meeting to comply with the wishes of the Members who had requested that a representative from the I.I.R.S. would attend a Meeting to discuss the study before a final Report was submitted.

Mr. Keenan informed the Meeting that the study involved a physical examination of a number of septic tanks and also a chemical and bacteriological assessment of the effluent from these septic tanks. The sites examined, to date, were chosen at random, and were all located west of the Corrib. He stated that he was awaiting documentation from the Geological Survey Office as to the location of significant aquifers in the County before submitting a final Report to the Council.

Mr. Keenan stated that the survey to date, had revealed that the situation in relation to septic tanks was not good, it appeared to him that the installation and maintenance of septic tanks was not given high priority, and that 87% of the septic tanks which he had looked at could be seen clearly to be faulty from the point of view of structure location and drainage arrangements. It seemed that people generally did not pay much attention to the matter of septic tanks installation. Many people he had visited did not know exactly where their septic tanks were located, and there were some cases in which the septic tank could not be found; in other cases it was found that a pipe had been laid over ground, from the dwellinghouse, and was discharging onto the surface ground.

Referring to septic tank effluent in general, Mr. Keenan stated that such effluent is highly pollutant and contains E Coli in high concentration, and should never be discharged directly to water without treatment; in the absence of adequate percolation for the treatment of such effluent, serious health problems could occur if the effluent found its way into ground water or into a stream which was used for drinking water. He pointed out that in Connemara, where soil was bad, the liquid could go untreated, into drinking water.

Mr. Keenan stated that his report to the Council would suggest a number of viable solutions to the problem of septic tanks located in areas where satisfactory soil percolation was not available, but he pointed out that these solutions would be site specific and the solution in any particular case would depend on the circumstances and conditions applying in that case. He also suggested that the Council should have a greater input generally into the matter of the checking of the correct installation and maintenance of septic tanks in its area.

The possible solutions to be suggested in the report would be as follows:-

1. The importation of soil to create a percolation area.
2. The construction of a suitable percolation area by the laying down of a suitable quantity of peat.
3. Where these two possible solutions were not suitable the installation of another type of treatment system e.g. a biological system which would purify liquid effluent and enable it to be discharged more easily, perhaps even to a stream.

A general discussion then followed in the course of which a number of points were raised and were dealt with by Mr. Keenan as follows:

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Septic Tank Construction.

Mr. Keenan stated that the septic tank as recommended by the I.I.R.S. is a two part system, i.e. it must have a septic tank and a percolation area and he explained the process involved in the operation of a septic tank whereby solids are separated in the septic tank and the liquid is discharged to the percolation area for ground filtration.

The Percolation Area:

When asked if an area which had been excavated and filled with gravel would be acceptable as a percolation area, Mr. Keenan pointed out that while this might provide a certain amount of treatment for a certain time, unless the liquid could flow away, the area would eventually fill up and create a nuisance. On the question of the use of layers of different grades of stone, as a percolation area, he stated that the usefulness of stones was very limited, and that soil bacteria was necessary in order to properly treat the septic tank effluent. He stated that imported soil or peat could be laid on solid rock ground in order to successfully treat septic tank effluent provided that the septic tank and percolation area were used correctly i.e. the septic tank must be regularly desludged and the correct rate of application of effluent to the percolation area must be maintained; he estimated that 15 to 18 cubic metres of suitable soil would provide a suitable percolation area for a normal house. With regard to the use of peat in the percolation area, he stated that data had only become available from America in May of this year regarding the use of peat, and that the type of peat produced by Bord na Mona and sold in most hardware shops was the type of peat which has been successfully used in America to treat septic tank effluent. He estimated that costs of peat for a suitable percolation area for a normal dwellinghouse, would be approximately £300 and he stated that he would enquire from Bord na Mona as to whether or not residues from turf stored locally would be a suitable substitute for the peat which they produce for sale. On the question of whether or not deep bog was suitable for a percolation area, Mr. Keenan stated that if the peat in the bog was loose enough to let the water go through and if the water table does not come within 18 inches of the surface, it might be suitable, but he pointed out that bogs in Connemara are invariably wet.

Holding Tanks:

Mr. Keenan stated that holding tanks are not a practical alternative, as the average household would produce an effluent of approximately 250 gallons per day and the question also arose as to how the contents of such tanks could be safely disposed of.

Alternatives to A Septic Tank Disposal System:

Mr. Keenan stated that he was aware of two types of appliances currently available in Ireland which involved the incineration of solids and required a high power input which made them very expensive to operate.

Pollution From Septic Tanks Built For A Number Of Years:

Mr. Keenan stated that the effluent from all septic tanks was the same and unless properly treated, would cause pollution and it requires a will on the part of the Co. Council and individual householders to prevent pollution.

Discharge Directly To The Sea In Exceptional Cases:

Mr. Keenan stated that he could not recommend direct discharge to the Sea in any circumstances.

Water Borne Diseases:

Referring to the risk from water borne diseases, Mr. Keenan stated that diseases may be present in sewerage discharges and if such diseases find their way out waters, the disease will be passed onto others. He stated that it is very important that people and especially Public Representatives should be aware of the problem of Water Borne Diseases.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that at a previous Meeting, Councillors had suggested that they might nominate some sites to be included in the survey

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and he asked if any of the Members present wished to do so.

Councillor O Conchubhair asked that a site at Coisfharraige, property of Prionsias O'Fatharta, in respect of which a Section 4 Resolution passed by the Council, had not been implemented, should be looked at, and that a site at Knock, Lettermullen, property of Mr. McDonagh, should also be looked at.

Councillor Welby suggested that one site in north Connemara and one site in the south Connemara be included in the survey.

The discussion then concluded and Councillor Welby thanked Mr. Keenan, for attending the meeting, and stated that the information provided by him had been very helpful to the Council.

143 - Proposed Draft Development Plan For The Town Of Clifden.

Councillor Welby asked if there had been any discussion with the local people in Clifden regarding the proposed Draft and the Acting Assistant County Manager replied that the document was being brought before the Committee of the Council first and if the Committee so wished it could then be brought to the local people.

Mr. Callagy then went through the various sections of the proposed Draft Plan and outlined the provisions in each case. Referring to Chapter 2.14 relating to the listing of certain buildings and sites for preservation, Mr. Callagy stated that the effect of such listing was that a planning permission would be required for any development affecting the building or site in question, even though such development might in normal circumstances be exempted development and that a planning permission would be required for the demolition of such buildings.

Replying to a question by Councillor Welby, Mr. Callagy stated that Bord Failte was at present carrying out a study of house design in Connemara for their students and that there was an archaeological study being carried out by U.C.G.

Councillor Welby stated in reference to paragraph 2.15.2 of the proposed Draft Plan entitled Residential Land Use, that the planning boundary for the town of Clifden was very restricted and no provision was made in the proposed zoning for people who might wish to build on their own land and he stated that there were, for example, areas along the Sky Rd. where people might like to be accommodated. Mr. Callagy pointed out that the zoning relates to serviced and servicable lands and does not mean that individual houses would not be permitted elsewhere. Councillor Welby stated that it had been suggested to him by local people, that the Plan should provide for Housing Development within a radius of approximately 1 mile of the town.

Councillor Mannion stated that he did not agree with the statement made at (a) in Chapter 2.17.8 entitled Roads and Parking Provision. He stated that the town street network is not adequate for moving and parked vehicles during the tourist season and that provision should be made for the parking of buses.

Mr. Callagy stated that the provision of a car park would be very expensive and suggested that the Church car park might be used for the parking of buses.

Councillor Mannion stated that in the context of a rural town, the distance from the Church car park to the centre of the town was too far and he suggested that a site opposite the Bank of Ireland could be used for the parking of buses and might be made available to the Council at a reasonable price. He also suggested that a hard stand should be provided for street traders in the town.

Referring to the policy statement at (b) in paragraph 3.1.3 of Part 3 of the Draft Councillor Mannion stated that he could not agree with the statement which could be interpreted to preclude any industrial or commercial activity not geared to tourism.

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Mr. Callagy stated it would be undesirable to permit any development which might detract from the town as a major tourist centre but indicated that he would re-examine the matter with a view to re-phrasing this particular statement.

Referring to sub paragraph (b) of paragraph 3.3.1. entitled "Extensive Objectives" Councillor Welby stated that trees have been savagely cut along roadsides and look very unsightly and he suggested that perhaps Forestry Experts should be consulted by the Council when they propose to carry out certain works. He also asked what the Council is doing about derelict sites in all towns in the County.

The Acting Assistant County Manager referred to existing legislation relating to derelict sites and dealing with dangerous buildings.

The question of a presentation of the Draft Plan to the local people in Clifden was discussed, and it was agreed that a copy of the proposed Draft Plan should be sent to the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Clifden and to the Secretary of the Local Community Council.

The Meeting then ended.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED.

Michael Kelly Chairman.

25th October 1985 Date.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
COMPRISED OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON THE 24TH SEPTEMBER 1985, TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED DRAFT  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF GORT.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, M. Loughnane, M. Fahy and  
Deputy F. Fahey.  
Councillor J. Lambert acted as Chairman for the Meeting.

Officials: Messrs. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager,  
B. Callagy, S.E. (Planning)  
A. Comar, Draughtsman Technician  
D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

186 - PROPOSED DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF GORT.

The Acting Assistant County Manager informed the members that the Committee had been appointed by the Council to consider the proposed Draft Development Plans for the scheduled Towns in the area which they represented before such plans were brought before a meeting of the full Council and placed on deposit for public inspection in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Mr. Callagy informed the members that the Draft consisted of four parts as follows:-

- Part 1 - The introduction.
- Part 2 - The Survey and Analysis.
- Part 3 - The Development Policies.
- Part 4 - Guidelines for development control.

He stated that Part 3 is the statutory part of the Development Plan and that Part 4 contains information for the guidance of people making planning applications.

He then went through the various sections of the Draft and outlined the provisions in each case. Referring to paragraph 3.3.2 entitled Specific Works Objectives, he pointed out that the reference in that paragraph to Map No. 5 should read Map No. 6.

Mr. Callagy also stated with reference to the lists of items and sites of artistic historic and archaeological interest that An Foras Forbartha had carried out a survey of such sites and had given a rating to the various items involved, e.g. National Importance, Regional Importance or Local Importance.

Councillor Loughnane referred to an area of land on the Loughrea Road on which planning permission had been granted for Housing Development and he stated that this land was in a bad state and that the matter should be taken up with the owners of the land.

Mr. Callagy stated that servicing had been provided on the lands for Housing Development, but that the development had not been completed.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that the road to the railway station should be widened as this road was used by the Mart and also as an access to Coens yard and there was a lot of traffic congestion on it.

Councillor Loughnane referred to Item No. 8 on Table 3.2 - Graveyard on the Loughrea road at Lavally and he stated that it is the old workhouse Graveyard and asked if it belonged to the County Council.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the ownership of this Graveyard would be checked.

Deputy Frank Fahey referred to the Burial Ground adjacent to the Library in Gort and stated that there were a number of high trees situated in the Graveyard overshadowing the Library building and that these could possibly fall on the building. He stated that these trees should be examined to determine if they are sound.

Councillor M. Fahy referred to Item No. 5 on Table 3.2 - Former Fever Hospital

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at Lavally, and he stated that this was a private dwelling, and queried why it was listed in the Development Plan.

Mr. Callagy stated with reference to the items listed in Table 3.2 that the listing does not impose any undue restriction on the owners of the property and that the effect of the listing was that it would be necessary for the owners to obtain planning permission for any development which might affect the items listed. In reply to a question by Councillor M. Fahy, he stated that there is no provision for special Grants for works in connection with such buildings or sites.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that items worthy of preservation, should be listed in the Development Plan.

Deputy Fahey stated that the owners of such buildings and sites should be informed of the listing before the plan is adopted, and before it is put on display for the statutory three month period.

The Acting Assistant County Manager stated that the persons concerned could be informed that the Council was considering listing these items for preservation in the Development Plan.

A number of Councillors made the point that the people of Gort should be consulted in relation to the proposed Draft Development Plan, and it was decided that three copies of the proposed Draft Development Plan should be sent to the Secretary of the Gort Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Teresa Maloney, Ennis Road, Gort.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that he would like the Committee to have another meeting to discuss any submissions made by the local people.

The Acting Assistant County Manager pointed out that there was a limited time available to the Council in which to comply with the necessary statutory procedures and to adopt the Plans for the Scheduled Towns and that the proposed Draft Plan would come before the Council again before it was placed on deposit for public inspection, and again for final adoption after it had been on deposit for the statutory three month period.

Deputy Fahey referring to the zoning provisions in the Draft Plan stated that there was very little land zoned for residential purposes, and large areas were zoned agricultural within the Town boundary. He stated that this appeared to be restricting residential development very much, and that provision should be made for residential development on a one-off basis within the Town.

Mr. Callagy stated that such development would be permissible within the agricultural zoning, subject to the normal considerations of proper planning and development.

Deputy Fahey stated that lands on the Kinincha side of the town adjacent to the river should be included in the plan as suitable for Amenity Development. He stated that there is an existing walk along the river bank down by the sewerage works and he suggested that it might be a suitable project for inclusion in the Social Employment Scheme to construct a walk by the river, as far as the Kinincha road.

187 - OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM THE DISCUSSION.

Deputy Fahey stated that there was a double yellow line all along the left-hand-side of the road as you enter the town of Gort coming from Galway, and that this was not necessary. He suggested that the parking restriction might be removed from those parts of the road which were sufficiently wide to allow traffic to pass unimpeded.

He also referred to two road signs which had been erected by the Council, one being a sign for Corofin, which he stated was unnecessarily large, and an eyesore; he stated that he had raised this matter before at County Council meetings and no progress had been made in the matter and that he now wished to have the sign removed without delay. He also referred to a sign erected

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in front of the window of the Punchbowl Licensed premises which had been the subject of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Ml. Fahy at a previous County Council meeting and he stated that the matter should be examined again with a view to removing this sign and perhaps relocating it between the Licensed premises and the Bank.

Councillor Lambert referred to the signs at the entrance to Gort which read "An Gort". He stated that the correct Irish name for the town of Gort is "Gort Inse Guaire" and he asked that this matter be looked into with a view to having the signs changed.

188 - PROPOSED DRAFT PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF ATHENRY.

The Acting Assistant County Manager informed the members that at the meeting of the Committee which was held to consider the proposed Draft Plan for the Town of Athenry, the members were anxious that the people of the town would have an opportunity to examine the proposed Draft and to comment thereon, and he asked the members to suggest how this might be done.

Councillor Lynch suggested that copies of the proposed Draft should be sent to the Secretary of the Athenry Projects Society, Mr. Bill Aherne, Ballydavid Athenry and to the Secretary of the Athenry Community Council, Mr. Seamus Cullinan, Raheen, Athenry, and this was agreed.

189 - MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF LOUGHREA.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Committee would be held on Thursday, 10th October 1985, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Meeting then ended.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

Mel Kitt Chairman.

25th October 1985 Date.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPRISED OF THE MEMBERS FOR THE LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA, HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON THE 10th October 1985 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF LOUGHREA.

PRESENT MEMBERS.

Councillors - M. Lynch, M. Loughnane, J. Lambert, M. Fahy, and Deputy F. Fahey.

Officials: T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary,  
B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning)  
J. Kineen, Senior Executive (Road Transportation)  
A. Comar, Draughtsman Technician  
D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

Councillor M. Loughnane acted as Chairman for the Meeting.

Mr. Callagy explained the format of the Proposed Draft Plan and went through the documents outlining the contents of each section thereof.

Councillor Loughnane referring to paragraph 2.18.2 entitled "Industry" stated that paragraph (a) of this section is factually incorrect as both of the factory premises were now occupied. It was agreed that this paragraph would be deleted from the Draft. He also asked, with reference to section 2.18.5, paragraph (b) if the construction of the new sewerage treatment works and trunk sewer, for Loughrea, would be completed by 1989, as a serious situation had arisen in the summer of 1984, when raw sewage from the sewage works had entered the Dunkellin River which was the source of water supply for a number of houses in the area.

The Acting County Secretary stated in reply, that on the assumption that the Council was able to get sufficient capital for the works in question, the date given was the earliest date by which the work could be completed.

Councillor Lambert stated that the road into Loughrea from Gort is a disgrace and that there was a large kerb protruding out into the road which was a hazard to traffic on the road.

Councillor Loughnane stated that this had resulted from the building of a number of houses at a sharp left-hand bend on the road - the front boundary walls of the house sites had been recessed leaving the remainder of what had been the existing kerbing protruding outwards.

Mr. Callagy, in reply, referred the members to Table 3.6 of the Draft entitled Specific Works Objectives and stated that paragraph(c)IV of the Table contained an objective for the carrying out of road improvement works in this area.

Councillor Loughnane, referring to paragraph C of Section 2.18.6 stated that the West Bridge is regarded by the people of Loughrea, as the centre of the Town and that this area and the Courthouse area would be very suitable for the provision of car parking. He also stated that the Fairgreen might be a suitable location for a new Library at Loughrea as the existing premises was not very suitable especially for old people.

Mr. Callagy stated in reply to a query by Councillor Loughnane that the area of lands zoned for residential development is determined by reference to the projected population growth.

Councillor Ml. Fahy referred to a deputation which had met the County Manager last year regarding the Council's Housing Development on the Athenry Road, which was obstructing the view of the existing houses in the area, and suggested that the Council should make known its plans for housing development in advance so that the local people could make observations on the proposals.

Councillor Loughnane referring to Section 3.2.3 paragraph (a) regarding the proposal to develop a lakeside promenade stated that problems might arise in the Barrack St. area because a number of houses in that area have gardens stretching to the lakeshore and these people might not be willing to surrender part of their gardens in order to provide a public access.

Mr. Callagy, referring to Table 3.1 containing list of items of artistic archaeological or historic interest, the preservation of which is to be

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secured stated that the effect of the listing is that any works affecting these items would require planning permission even works which might otherwise be exempted development; he stated that owners of the properties listed would be notified of the listing when the Draft Plan was put on deposit for public inspection. He stated, with reference to the items listed in Table 3.2 that exempted development would not be precluded in the case of these items and that therefore the owners would not be notified.

Councillor Loughnane stated that items nos. 1, 2 and 8 in Table 3.1 were the property of the County Council.

Councillor Loughnane, referring to the Map. No. 6 relating to land zoning stated that lands which include the site of a former dump which had been sold to Galway County Council by the Loughrea Town Commissioners for housing purposes were zoned agricultural on the zoning map and that the zoning should be changed to residential zoning. He also stated that he would not recommend the relocation of the Stoney Brennan Head as proposed in paragraph d (II) of Table 3.6 as there was a local tradition of holding an annual dance at the present location.

Mr. Callagy then referred to the proposed Draft Plan for the Loughrea Town Environs which had been circulated to each member of the Committee, and he stated that the area involved in this plan was outside the town boundary of Loughrea: it had been possible to include this area in the existing Development Plan for the town of Loughrea, because that plan had been adopted at the same time as the previous County Development Plan, but since the County Development Plan and the plans for the scheduled towns were being adopted at different times, it was now necessary to have the plan for the Environs of Loughrea adopted as a variation of the County Development Plan. Mr. Callagy then went through the plan for the environs of Loughrea, outlining the provisions thereof.

Mr. Kineen, at the request of the Committee, presented the detailed plans for the Loughrea bypass road and explained the proposals contained therein.

The Committee decided that the Loughrea Town Commissioners should have the opportunity to consider the proposed Draft Plan also, and it was agreed that copies of the document would be sent to the Town Commissioners.

The Meeting then ended.

*SUBMITTED, APPROVED, & CONFIRMED.*

*M. K. Kelly* Chairman

*25th October 1985* Date

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT A MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPRISED OF THE MEMBERS FOR THE TUAM ELECTORAL AREA HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON 14th OCTOBER 1985.

PRESENT MEMBERS:

Councillors - F. Glynn, J. Burke, M. Ryan, P. Raftery, P. Finnegan, T. Walsh and Senator T. Hussey.

Officials - Messrs. J. Howlett, Assistant Co. Manager.  
E. Gleeson, County Secretary.  
B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning)  
A. Comar, Draughtsman Technician  
D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

Councillor M. Ryan acted as Chairman for the Meeting.

190 - Mr. Callagy explained the format of the Draft Plan and then went through each section outlining its provision

Councillor Burke stated with reference to Section 2.14.4 entitled Sanitary Services that paragraph (a) was not correct, because a decision had been made by the Council on the long term source of water supply for the town of Tuam. He suggested that this paragraph should be changed in order to state that the Corrib is now the long term source of water supply for the town of Tuam and this was agreed.

Mr. Callagy, replying to a query with regard to Section 3.1.10 of the Draft Plan entitled Nuclear Policy, stated that this was inserted in the Plan at the suggestion of the Tuam Town Commissioners.

Councillor Burke stated that the Tuam Town Commissioners would appreciate it if this was retained in the plan, and the Committee agreed to this.

Senator Hussey referred to the transport of toxic materials by rail to a factory in County Mayo, and asked what would happen in the event of an accidental spillage of toxic material.

The Assistant Co. Manager stated that the material in question is not transported through Co. Galway, although part of the route is close to the County boundary. He stated that the Council has an arrangement with the Mayo Co. Council Fire Service which has specialised equipment and expertise which could be called upon by the Council in the event of an accidental spillage of dangerous substances.

Councillor Glynn referring to objective No. 3.2.2 in the Draft Plan entitled Access to Lands, stated that Blaneys garage was now on the market for sale and could be acquired by the Council in order to preserve an access to part of the lands shown on map No. 3.

Mr. Callagy referred to the Table in the Draft Plan containing lists of items of archaeological historic or artistic interest and stated that in the case of the list of items for preservation, any development affecting these items would require planning permission and the provisions of the planning regulations with regard to exempted development would not apply; the normal statutory provisions with regard to exempted development would apply to the items listed with regard to Table 3.3. He stated that the owners of the properties listed for preservation would be notified when the Draft Plan would be put on deposit for public inspection.

Councillor Glynn stated that there were a lot more items of historic or archaeological importance which should be put on the list for protection and he referred to an old granary located on the road to the Tuam Sugar Factory which he stated was referred to in Mr. D.J. Murphy's book which is available in the County Library.

Mr. Callagy referred to the archaeological survey carried out throughout the County by University College Galway in co-operation with the Board of Works and stated that the lists of items arising out of this survey had been included in the Draft Plan.

Councillor Burke stated that there is an historical Society in Tuam which might make observations on this aspect of the Draft Plan.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the inclusion or otherwise of such items in the Draft Plan is a matter on which expert opinion is needed.

Councillor Burke stated that item No. 3 on Map No. 5 i.e. Teampall Jarlath is located on his property and that the site of the Old Church is incorrectly shown on the Ordnance survey Map.

Councillor Glynn stated that many of the old shop facades were worthy of preservation and that the Council should not allow these to be replaced with plastic or other modern type facades. He suggested that the local County Council staff in the town should keep such items under observations so that they could not be changed or destroyed without the prior knowledge and consent of the County Council. He also proposed that the memorial on the site of the old workhouse on the Dublin Road should be added to the list of items on Table 3.1 and this was agreed by the Committee.

Councillor J. Burke suggested that Plunkett House which was shown on Map. No. 4a in the Draft Plan and was owned by a Mr. Sean Keane should be examined by the Council with a view to its listing for preservation in the Plan.

Councillor Burke stated that there is very limited facility for commercial development in the town of Tuam at present, and there is need to zone additional lands for such purposes. He proposed that both sides of the Galway Road, as far as Holmes's Hill should be zoned suitable for industrial and warehousing development and he asked for a vote of the members present on the proposal.

The Chairman asked for a show of hands to indicate the feelings of the Committee on the proposal and it was agreed unanimously.

Mr. Callagy stated that the Council would look into this matter and would also discuss the industrial needs of Tuam with the I.D.A.

Councillor Glynn stated that there was an area of approximately 20 acres of rough land on the Ballygaddy Rd. in the townland of Kilclooghans which would be very suitable for industrial or commercial development.

Councillor Burke agreed that the lands would be suitable as there is a road network in the area serving the Tuam Sugar Factory.

Councillor Walsh enquired if Housing Development was prohibited on the lands zoned agricultural on the Draft Plan.

Mr. Callagy stated in reply that the purpose of Agricultural zoning is to prevent housing estate development in the areas where no services exist, and are not proposed to be provided. He stated that individual houses for local landowners and their family would be permitted in the areas zoned agriculture.

Councillor Ryan referred to an area on the Clonberne road where a number of houses had been built in recent times; the front boundary walls of these housing sites had been recessed leaving portions of the old wall protruding out onto the road at intervals and this was very dangerous. Councillor Glynn agreed with Councillor Ryan and stated that this is happening a lot as people build new houses.

Councillor Walsh asked if the people concerned would be permitted to plant grass in the recessed areas, or to erect markers to distinguish these areas from the public road.

Mr. Callagy stated that the points raised in this respect would be considered.

Councillor Burke referring to Item (d) I of Table 3.5 entitled Specific Works Objectives stated that the Council is the owner of lands in this area which might be used in the provision of a relief road at Foster Place. He also asked if anything was happening in the matter of the improvement of the junction at the Weir Rd. Councillor Burke also stated that the town of Tuam has a huge itinerant problem and that the need for the provision of a hard stand should be referred to in the Draft Plan.

The Co. Secretary stated that the first meeting of the Committee on the travelling

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people would be held during the following week and that the provision of a hard stand would be one of the matters under discussion at the meeting.

Councillor Burke asked that a playground be developed as a matter of urgency at Parkmore, and suggested that this should be included as an objective of the Draft Plan. He also stated that Mr. Jim McGrath had prepared a Plan for walks in the town, and that this should be made part of the Draft Development Plan. Referring to planning requirements in the matter of site coverage, he suggested that the site coverage requirement should be considerably relaxed, in the centre of the town and that they should not be the same for the centre of the town, as they would be for outlying areas.

Mr. Callagy stated that the Council must provide for adequate breaks between buildings to ensure the safety of occupants and to prevent the risk of the spread of fire.

Councillor Burke stated that the Industrial Estates in Tuam are a disgrace and that there should be a provision for the Draft Plan to the effect that Industrial Estates would be maintained at a proper standard and that provision should also be included relating to the maintenance of green areas in the town.

Councillor Glynn suggested that provision be made in the Draft Plan to encourage the developers of any Industrial or Commercial project, having a value of £100,000 or more to include some work of art such as a sculpture in the proposed development.

Councillor Burke also supported this suggestion.

Mr. Callagy stated that this matter had been raised in the course of the discussions on the County Development Plan and that the Manager had indicated to the members that there was no statutory provision whereby the Council could require this of any developer.

Councillor Glynn stated that the policy should, nevertheless, be included in the Draft Plan indicating that the Council would wish to encourage this.

Councillor Ryan asked why no plans were prepared for other Towns in the Tuam Electoral Area such as Dunmore and Glenamaddy, and he stated that the people of Dunmore in particular were anxious to have lands designated for local Authority housing in the town.

Mr. Callagy stated, in reply, that the towns in respect of which Plans had been prepared were listed in a schedule to the 1963 Planning Act and the Council had a statutory obligation to prepare Plans for such towns. He stated that the rate of development in the smaller towns was not so great as to require a formal Development Plan and he suggested that the question of the designation of lands for Local Authority housing would be a matter for discussion at a Housing Committee Meeting.

The County Secretary informed the members that all the proposed Draft Plans for the scheduled Towns would be brought before the special meeting of the Council scheduled for the 8th November 1985 and he also advised members that Strike Notice had been served on the Council for Tuesday 15th October 1985 by the Local Government, and Public Services Union and that in view of this, it was unlikely that the members would be able to transact any business in the Council's Offices on that day.

The Meeting than ended.

SUBMITTED, Approved & Confirmed  
Michael Kiff Chairman  
25th October 1985 Date



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS, HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THE 17th OCTOBER, 1985.

**CHAIRMAN:** Deputy F. Fahey took the chair, having been unanimously elected chairman of this Committee.

Present in accordance with list of signatures, were the following:

**MEMBERS:** Sen. John M. Mannion, Dep. Michael Kitt, Dep. Frank Fahey, Cllr. Angela Lupton, Cllr. Michael Finnerty, Ballinasloe Urban District Council, Cllr. Patrick Finnegan, Cllr. Jarlath McDonagh, Cllr. Tiarman Walsh, Cllr. Michael Fahy, Cllr. Peadar O'Tuathail, Cllr. Peter Raftery, Cllr. Michael Mullins, Mrs. Sheila Ganly, Mr. G. Cora McNamara, Sr. Brigid Keane, Mrs. Bridie McKenna, Mr. Pdraig Conneely.

**OFFICIALS:** Messrs. J. Howlett and P. Kearns, Assistant County Managers, Mr. Michael Tierney, S.E.E., Mr. A. Carroll, A/S.E.E., and C. McCormack, who acted as Secretary to the Committee.

Being the first meeting of the Committee, Dep. Fahey, asked each member present to introduce him/herself.

Mr. Howlett, then outlined the proposals of the County Council for the Settlement of travellers, as conveyed in his Report, which had been circulated to each member prior to the meeting.

Dep. Kitt, referring to the announcements of that day, whereby, changes are proposed for County Managers to initiate and under take works in connection with the settlement of travellers, wondered if the Committee would have future functions. He also spoke, of the car park problems in Tuam, where there are a number of travellers located, and asked if this could be cleared up. Mr. Howlett said, the Bye-laws should soon apply there but he would get the situation examined in the meantime.

The Chairman considered at this stage, that members should outline their ideas with regard to the whole question of travellers. He considered that the Committee should try and change public opinion. He expressed his concern with the existing situation in some of the Council's housing estates, where travellers have been housed with particular reference to Loughrea. To achieve better results, and in the interest of both settled and travelling families, he said that some caretaking arrangements by the Council were necessary, to prevent anti-social behaviour continuing. Cllr. Finnegan considered also, that similar arrangements are necessary in Tuam. Similar problems which exist in the Hymany housing Estate, Ballinasloe, were referred to by Cllr. Mr. Michael Finnerty, Mrs. Ganly and Mrs. McKenna. Dep. Fahey said there is money available for workers with travellers but this is confined to Social Workers. It was agreed that the Council write to the Department of the Environment seeking finance to fund caretaking arrangements on the same basis as that which exists for Social Workers. Cllr. Lupton, however, considered that caretakers may not be acceptable in estates. She said that the other residents

should help to assimilate the travellers and also that the church should get involved. In reply to a question on caretaking in Hillside, Galway, Mr. Kearns said there are two caretakers employed here, and no state subsidy is received for this service.

Mrs. McNamara said that the Committee should have Traveller Representatives. Sr. Brigid agreed, and said from her experience of working with them over the years, it was important to listen to their views also. Cllr. Finnegan felt Traveller Representatives would be more appropriate on area Committees. Mr. Kearns said there would be no need for such committees with regard to housing. Cllr. Mullins also felt it would be important to have travellers on the Committee. Mr. Kearns, however, had reservations on this. Sen. Mannion's suggestion, that representatives of the travellers be invited to give their views to the Committee, was agreed to.

Members felt there is a need for a number of serviced sites in the county, and considered, if these are properly run and serviced, they should work successfully. Sr. Brigid advised that such sites be kept small in size. Cllr. M. Fahy said, that caravan parking should be prohibited immediately on the National Primary Roads, in the interest of safety. Dep. Fahey referred to a Report which was presented to the County Council last year, which proposed sites at various locations in the county. He asked that this Report be presented at the next meeting of the Committee.

It was agreed that the next meeting be held in Hillside on the 22nd November, 1985 at 3.00 p.m.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Kitt CHAIRMAN

20/12/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
(Galway County Council)

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

17th October, 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 Friday, 25th October, 1985 commencing at 3.00 p.m., to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

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RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. 'In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. T. M. Mannion, Calls, Roundstone, Co. Galway, (L. Mansfield), for a dwellinghouse - Planning Ref. No. 47545  
Thomas Welby. Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Robert Molloy.
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 Retention of an Advertising Sign at Roscam to Frank Reidy, Furniture Centre, Merlin Park, Galway at Roscam - Planning Reference No. 50931.  
Mark Killilea John M. Mannion. Michael Fahy.
3. 'That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Mr. Gerard McPhillips of High Street, Tuam, Co. Galway for Erection of a Serviced Extension to Licenced Premises incorporating Restaurant and Entertainment Complex at Townparks 2nd Division Tuam - Planning reference No. 50895.  
Mark Killilea Patrick Finnegan Thomas Welby.
4. 'That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to P. K. Joyce of Galway Road, Clifden for dwellinghouse at Ardbear, Planning Ref. No. 50900.  
T. Welby Mark Killilea John Mannion.

5. 'That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to Grant Permission to John Halvey for the change of location of dwelling house at Mountross, Headford - Planning Ref. No. 50951.  
Mark Killilea Thomas Welby Michael Ryan.
6. 'In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Seamus Mitchell of Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway for Dwelling House, Septic Tank and Workshop - Planning Ref. No. 50971.  
Noel Treacy James Joyce Ulick Burke.
7. 'That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Full Planning Permission to Pascal Fitzgerald of Poppyhill, Killoran for the erection of a dwelling house at Attydermott, Aughrim, Ballinasloe. Planning Ref. No. 49955  
Joe Callanan James Joyce Micheal Kitt Noel Treacy.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

18th October, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

The following resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 as set out below have been received and will be considered at the Special Meeting of the Council on Friday, 25th October, 1985 at 3.00 p.m.

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON 25/10/85.

8. '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 Tom McGrath of Shrile Road, Headford for erection of two houses at Ballrickard, Headford - Planning Ref. No. 51048.

Mark Killilea

John Molloy

Michael Fahy.

9. 'In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to decide to grant planning permission to T. Broderick c/o John F. Mannion, B.E., The Square, Clifden for two dwelling houses at Ardbear - Planning Ref. No. 50981.

John M. Mannion

Michael Ryan

Thomas Welby.

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

IN THE CHAIR:

Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Clr. J. Joyce, Sen. M. Killilea, Clrs. J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. MacDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Clrs. M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

Officials:

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

- 191 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47545 - APPLICANT: T.M. MANNION.

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

- 192 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50931 - APPLICANT: FRANK REIDY.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is at Roscam on the Galway/Oranmore road at its junction with the road leading to Doughiska and Ballybrit.

HISTORY:

Mr. Reidy applied for Permission to erect a finger post sign on this site (planning reference no. 37180) on 13th October, 1980, for which Permission was granted for a five year period on 19th January, 1981.

He did not erect the sign for which Permission was granted but erected a much larger sign which was contrary to the conditions of the Permission issued to him.

A Warning Notice was issued to Mr. Reidy by the Planning Authority and legal proceedings were taken against him for which he was convicted in the district court on 6th March, 1985. Despite the fact that he claimed the sign had been in position since 1972.

He applied to the Planning Authority for Permission to retain this larger sign (planning reference no. 50177) on 8th May, 1985, and was refused Permission on 17th June, 1985.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended to again refuse Permission for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located at a junction on a National Primary Route and would be a source of distraction to drivers using the route and thereby interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.

2. The proposed development would be in conflict with the policy of the Planning Authority which seeks to restrict advertising signs along National traffic routes particularly at hazardous locations on bends and junctions. This is set out in Chapter 25, Section 3.2 (ii) of the County Development Plan."

Deputy R. Molloy stated that there was need for a site map in each Section 4 Planning case being considered by the Council. Following a discussion, it was proposed by Deputy Molloy, and seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane that site maps be provided with each report on Section 4 Planning cases. The County Manager stated that site maps would be meaningless to Members who could not identify the locations involved. He agreed to examine the request of the Members and to bring a report on the matter to the next Council Meeting.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy and seconded by Councillor J. Mannion. As there were no amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

193 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50895 - APPLICANT: GERARD McPHILLIPS.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed development is located at the rear of the "Man of Aran" licensed premises in High St., Tuam and fronts onto Chapel Lane.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 49637: Application was first made by Mr. E. Gleeson for a dwellinghouse on part of the proposed site. The applicant was refused on the grounds of traffic safety, substandard development and prejudice to street widening and the provision of footpaths.

Planning Ref. No. 50143: This application was identical to application No. 49637 except that it was granted by S.4 resolution of the Co. Council.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

The current application encompasses a larger site to that of the previous applications, but many of the planning considerations apply. The application envisages a two storey development with a restaurant, kitchen and toilets on the ground floor and public bar on the first floor. The proposed development would affectively use up all the open storage space of the existing licensed premises and involve almost total site coverage and excessive plot ratio. As there is no offstreet car parking provision, traffic congestion would be generated on the narrow one-way Chapel Lane.

The Chief Fire Officer is of the opinion that the means of escape as shown on the proposal are not sufficient for the use of persons who could be accommodated on the first floor area and are not in accordance with the Greater London Council code of practice requirements. It should be noted that the granting of Planning Permission by Section 4 does not exempt the developer from compliance with the fire regulations. It should also be noted that because of this excessive site coverage and the constraints imposed on the design by building against the site boundaries there would be no natural lighting or ventilation for the toilets or kitchen and no external storage space for waste materials or containers which ought properly be put in the open away from food stores.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:-

i) The proposed development involving the change of use of a site from that of area storage, to its proposed use as a licensed premises would owing to the inadequate size of the site, give rise to the development of excessive density plot ratio and un due site coverage. Such development would, if permitted, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

ii) The proposed development involving the extension of a licensed premises on a site where the provision of off-street car parking is not possible and on a street already substandard in width would be liable to cause serious traffic congestion contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

iii) The proposed development would endanger the safety of persons using the premises because the means of escape from the first floor area are inadequate and substandard."

Senator Killilea proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. He stated that Planning Permission had already been granted for other purposes on the site. The site was situated on a one-way street and the development proposed would improve the situation in the area. The proposal would provide an exit from the rear of the premises, it would allow people to stand aside on the one-way street and it consisted of development which would clean up the area.

The County Engineer stated that the Planning Permission which had been granted was for a house and that Permission had been granted in that case as a result of a Section 4 Resolution which had been passed by the Council. The proposals now under consideration included the provision of a public bar on the first floor. The development would cover the whole site and no proper means of escape was provided for.

Senator Killilea proposed that a condition be included in the schedule of conditions that the size of the development be reduced to accommodate fire requirements. The County Engineer indicated that it was not possible to include such a condition and that a new planning application would have to be submitted which would indicate the proposals in relation to means of escape.

Councillor J. Burke stated that it would be unjust to the users of a premises if planning permission were granted which did not make proper provision for means of escape.

The County Manager indicated that the case was a serious one and merited careful consideration by the Council. An extension of time had been granted and a decision on the application would have to issue on that day.

Councillor F. Glynn Sinn Fein, stated that while improvements were necessary in the area, he was not in favour of allowing development which was in contravention of fire safety regulations. He stated that the Council could find itself in a difficult position in the future if planning permission was granted and if the Fire Officer subsequently went to Court and objected to the licensing of the premises on inadequacy of fire safety provisions.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that he was concerned that the proposed development would endanger the safety of persons using the premises because the means of escape were inadequate and substandard. He stated that the applicant had the opportunity of making a new application and could come in and discuss new proposals with the Council's staff.

Senator Killilea referred to the cost factors involved in submitting a new planning application. He stated that a 3 foot wide space was being created by the proposed development, that the proposed exit was not intended for use as an entrance and that the development proposed would make for improvements in the existing situation. He suggested that a condition could be imposed whereby the footpath space would be increased.

The County Manager stated that there would be serious problems in relation to the re-design of the building and that the Council's requirements could not be achieved by putting in conditions requiring alterations to the building. The entire nature of the development would be altered and could not be dealt with effectively by imposing conditions.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea, and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan. An amendment to Senator Killilea's proposal that Planning Permission not be granted was proposed by Councillor J. Burke and seconded by Councillor Glynn Sinn Fein.

A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Lynch, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, F. Glynn Sinn Fein, J. Lambert, P. McCormack, J. MacDonagh, Deputy R. Molloy, M. Mullins, and P. O'Tuathail.

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Deputy Frank Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, and M. O'Morain, abstained from voting.

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

At this stage, the County Manager indicated that having listened to the discussion and having taken into account the points made by the Members, he has sought the advice of the Council's Law Agent who was also present at the meeting. The Law Agent had advised him that he should not decide to grant Permission in this case.

Mr. T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, indicated that the question of Legal Opinion did not arise until the resolution had been dealt with by the Members of the Council. It was important that the Councillors consider all the issues involved and in this case, they had the County Manager's report setting out three specific reasons for refusal, namely, inadequate size of site, serious traffic congestion, and inadequate means of escape. The Fire Officer had indicated that the building as proposed could not comply with his requirements and Mr. O'Donoghue indicated that he was satisfied that the fire requirements were proper matters to have considered in dealing with the planning application. Nothing had emerged in the course of the discussion to alter the County Manager's view that Planning Permission should be refused. The County Manager could not overlook the serious deficiencies in relation to means of escape and public health. The situation could arise whereby the Council could, having granted Planning Permission be prosecuting under Fire Services requirements and public health. It was his opinion that there were clear grounds for refusal of this application and he was advising the County Manager not to grant Planning Permission because of the requirement of Section 26 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, where the County Manager and the Council were bound to have regard to the proper planning and development of the area.

In reply to queries from Councillors, Mr. O'Donoghue indicated that in proposing a Section 4, the elected Members take on the responsibility of the Manager and must consider all the advice before them. The passing of a Section 4 resolution did not grant Planning Permission. The effect of a Section 4 resolution was to direct the Manager to do something and the legalities of complying with the Section 4 resolution then had to be considered. Therefore, the legal advice should be given after the Section 4 resolution had been duly passed.

194 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50900 - P.K. JOYCE.

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

" LOCATION:

The site is located to the West of the Clifden - Ballyconneely Road, on the outskirts of Clifden, approximately 150 yards before the junction leading to Ardbear Cemetery.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 26451: Permission granted to a Miss Eily Joyce, for the erection of a dwellinghouse on a site which comprises the road frontage of the site under consideration and approximately 50 yards deep. This Planning Permission has expired.

Planning Ref. No. 49208: A similar application to that now under consideration was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of injury to visual amenity. It was suggested to the applicant by letter that he might consider an alternative location on the site.

Planning Ref. No. 50370: An application by Miss Eily Joyce for planning permission for a dwellinghouse, similar to application No. 26451, is awaiting a reply to Further Information.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located within the area of the Draft Clifden Town Plan. The dwellinghouse would be located on top of an exposed hillside in an area designated as being of High Amenity Value. It would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape when viewed from the Ballyconneely direction and would dominate the skyline when viewed from Clifden. It is a strategic objective of the Draft Plan to restrict development in the High Amenity Areas, to cases of substantiated housing need for the farmholders family and to restrict development which would impair the amenity and scenic landscape of the area.

The obtrusive location mentioned above is also located in the field of view of a view of Special Amenity Value as set out in the Draft Plan and it is another Strategic objective of the Draft Plan to restrict development which would impair such views.

The Planning Authority have suggested to the applicant that he locate the dwellinghouse on a level plateau situated to the south of the location proposed and the Planning Authority would have no objection to this location. It should be noted that Mr. Joyce claims to be the owner of the site. Miss Eily Joyce also claims to be the owner of the roadside portion of the site. It is not the Planning Authority's function to adjudicate on land ownership, but if Miss Joyce's claim were true, then the proposed development would constitute undesirable development of backlands.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development would be located in an exposed location on top of a hillside in an area of high scenic amenity, and would, if permitted, be an obtrusive and incongruous feature on the landscape which would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and would, if permitted seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development would be located in the field of view of a view of Special Amenity Value as set out in the Clifden Draft Town Plan. It is a strategic objective of the Clifden Development Town Plan to limit development which would obstruct or impair such views and the proposed development, would if permitted, by reason of its obtrusive location, contravene the strategic objectives of the Draft Plan and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor T. Welby proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. Cllr. J. Mannion seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. Councillor Welby stated that the site was situated in a hollow between two hills and that the development could be blended in well with existing amenities. It was the only ground available to the Joyce Family. The County Engineer indicated that the main objection to the proposal was that the development was proposed in an obtrusive location and that the Council should endeavour to conserve whatever existing amenities were in the area.

As there were no amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

195 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50951 - APPLICANT: JOHN HALVEY.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located 3 miles south west of Headford in close proximity to an unspoilt stretch of shoreline on Lough Corrib in the townland of Mountross.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 36113: Application was first made in June, 1980 by a Mr. S. De Bhalraithe for a dwellinghouse on the proposed site. A request for further information was not replied to.

Planning Ref. No. 47498: In February, 1984 an application was lodged by Mr. Halvey for two dwellinghouses on a 35 acre holding. After considerable discussion with members of the Council it was agreed to permit the two dwellinghouses subject to their being located at very precise locations 200 metres from the shore where extensive screening existed.

Planning Ref. No. 50636: In July, 1985 Mr. Halvey lodged an application on part of the site outlined in Planning Permission 47498 and with the dwellinghouse located some 80 metres from the shore. This was contrary to the agreement previously reached and the applicant was refused on the grounds of visual amenity.

Current Application:

The current application is identical to 50636. While the principle of permitting development was conceded in Planning Permission 47498 subject to strict conditions the present application would effectively negate the amenity considerations involved. In the original application the houses were voluntarily shown a considerable distance from the lakeshore and the Councillors representing the applicant, who had in fact, served notice of a Section 4 Resolution, indicated that he would be agreeable to siting the houses wherever we would stipulate. A very comprehensive examination of the farm was carried out before a recommendation was made to grant Permission and the present proposal seeks to set aside all the original guarantees and indications of good faith. The new location is now close to the lakeshore in an area which is hitherto undeveloped and visually vulnerable and which is zoned as an area of "Outstanding Scenic Amenity" in the County Development Plan.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be located in too close a proximity to the unspoilt shoreline of Lough Corrib and would be unduly obtrusive in its location and initiate the erosion of the visual amenity of the area.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict residential development in the vicinity of the lakeshore to particular categories of essential housing need in the interests of visual amenity.

The proposed development would be in conflict with a Planning Permission for a house already granted on this site subject to a stipulated location remote from the lakeshore which would be relatively unobtrusive."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Councillor M. Ryan. As there were no amendments to the proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

196 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50971 - APPLICANT: SEAMUS MITCHELL

The County Manager stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application and that the resolution would be brought back before the Council after the information was received.

197 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 49955 - APPLICANT: PASCAL FITZGERALD

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located near Aughrim Village on the N.6 Galway/Dublin Route. There has been no previous application on the lands.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant and his family return from England some time ago and bought just over 7 acres of land at this location. He is presently living with his brothers family a few miles away at Cappataggle. No details of the remainder of the family lands have been given despite being asked for in the request for further information, but it is understood that the family will not make any site available to him.

It is hardly realistic to regard 7 acres as a viable farm and consequently the "New Farm House" claim being made would not be regarded as being one of the allowable categories of housing on this route. There is the added limitation to even the permissible houses in that they must be located on minor road frontage where such is available. In this case we have not been given the map of all of the family land to clarify this point.

The proposed development would, therefore, conflict with the long standing and recently confirmed policy of the Council to restrict development along the National Routes outside 30 m.p.h. speed limits so as to preserve their safety and traffic capacity.

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 conflict with Table 25.A of the County Development Plan which restricts all development along this route other than the housing needs of farmholders families who have no land frontage on minor roads. In this case the farm holding is not regarded as viable and there is no evidence as to the remainder of the family lands."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Callanan, seconded by Deputy Noel Treacy. As there were no amendments to Councillor Callanan's proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

198 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51048 - APPLICANT: TOM McGAUGH.

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

LOCATION:

The proposed site is located approximately 1 kilometre south of Headford on the Galway/Headford National Secondary Route.

HISTORY:

- Ref. No. 24105: Application was first made for a dwellinghouse in early 1977 by Mr. P. Dermody. The application was subsequently withdrawn.
- Ref. No. 26875: An application was lodged for 11 houses on the proposed site and adjoining lands by Mr. Dermody in early 1978. The development was refused on septic tank and traffic hazard grounds.
- Ref. No. 50265: An application for two dwellinghouses on the proposed site was lodged by Mr. Mc Gaugh in May 1985. No housing need was claimed and the application was refused on traffic hazard grounds.

CURRENT PROPOSAL:

The current proposal is for two dwellinghouses on a one acre site. No housing need has been claimed and no mitigating circumstances appear to apply. The proposed development would contribute to the ribbonisation of housing development south of Headford outside the speed limits and would be contrary to the National Routes policy as stated in the County Development Plan and would be liable to constitute a traffic hazard.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would, owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict residential development along this route to substantiated cases of essential housing need. This is set out in Chapter 25, Table 25.B of the County Development Plan."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor John Molloy. As there were no amendments to the proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50981 - APPLICANT: T. BRODERICK.

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

LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Ardbear to the west of the County Council Cottages on a non-public road which leads from the Cottages to the Craft shop on the Clifden-Ballyconneely road. The site is located to the south of the non-public roadway and overlooks the Salt Lake.

HISTORY:

Ref. No. 35064: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority to the same applicant on the same site, and by An Bord Pleanala on appeal for the erection of 4 dwellinghouses. The grounds for refusal were injury to visual amenity, traffic hazard and public health grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an area of very high scenic amenity overlooking the Salt Lake and regardless of the actual siting or levels of the houses the development would give rise to the intrusion of development into the currently undeveloped area between the road and the Salt Lake.

The site slopes steeply away from the roadway towards the Salt Lake. The applicant proposes to locate the septic tanks within 300ft. of the lakeshore, which is contrary to public health requirements, and because of the steeply sloping nature of the site, it is likely that pollution of the lake would result. In this respect it should be noted that there is a fish farm in operation on the Salt Lake for which Planning Permission was granted.

The roadway fronting the site is approximately 8 -10 ft. wide and partly overgrown. The access roadways to the dwellinghouses would of necessity, be very steep and the junctions would be hazardous both to site traffic and to traffic along the roadway. Although this roadway is lightly trafficked at present, cognisance must be taken of its future development and use.

The applicant has not made any claim for special housing need.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the development for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would be seriously injurious to the scenic amenities of the area because, regardless of the actual siting or levels of the houses, it would give rise to the intrusion of development into the currently undeveloped area between the adjoining road and the Salt Lake and could not be satisfactorily assimilated into these surroundings.
2. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because of the steeply sloping nature of the site and the undue proximity to the High Water mark of the Salt Lake.
3. The proposed development would contribute to a traffic hazard because of the steepness of the gradient between the public road and the site access road."

Special Meeting on 25th October, 1985.

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The County Engineer indicated that Salt Lake was an enclosed lake and a development could cause localised build up of sewage matter that might not be washed out to sea for quite a long time. The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan. It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Clrs. P. O'Tuathail that Planning Permission not be granted. A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Clrs. J. Lambert, P. McCormack, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby. (13)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, F. Glynn Sinn Fein, P. O'Tuathail. (3)

Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. MacDonagh, Deputy Robert Molloy, Councillor M. O'Morain, abstained from voting.

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

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

M. Kitt CHAIRMAN

20/12/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMHE.

17u Deire Fomhair, 1985.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHONHAIREL/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimhe, De h-Aoine an 25u la Deire Fomhair, 1985, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'Gliasian  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Consider Minutes of the following Meetings:-
  - (a) Special Meeting on 12th September, 1985.
  - (b) Special Meeting on 19th September, 1985.
  - (c) Special Meeting on 23rd September, 1985.
  - (d) Monthly Meeting on 23rd September, 1985.
  - (e) Special Meeting on 27th September, 1985.
- COMMITTEE MEETINGS:-
  - (f) Arts Committee Meeting on 17th September, 1985.
  - (g) Committee Meeting of Members of the Loughrea Area on 24th September, 1985.
  - (h) Coiste Gaeltachta ar 26u Mean Fomhair, 1985.
  - (i) Fire Brigade Advisory Committee on 1st October, 1985.
  - (j) Committee Meeting of Loughrea Electoral Area on 10th Oct., 1985.
  - (k) Committee Meeting of Tuam Electoral Area on 14th Oct., 1985.
  - (l) Committee Meeting of Connemara Electoral Area 5th September, 1985.
2. Raising of loan:-
  - (a) Local Authority House Construction £4 Million.
  - (b) Special Contribution to the Claddaghduff Group Water Supply Scheme - £11,500.
3. Sale of Plot of land at Oughterard to Western Health Board.
4. Sale of plot of land at Clonbur to Mary Walsh and Catherine Gibbons under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966 - Notice dated 8th October, 1985.
5. Amendment of Standing Order No. 27 as follows:-

'The Agenda Paper shall not contain more than three notices of motion from any one Councillor, excluding adjourned motions; each section of a multiple motion to be considered as constituting a separate motion.'

(Proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, Clrs J. Mannion, T. Welby and J. Burke,)
6. Borough Boundary Extension - negotiations as to compensation.
7. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads.

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- 8. Galway Eastern Approach Road - Oranmore By-Pass Pedestrian facilities at Junctions.
- 9. Confirming Regulations regarding the Reception and Examination of Tenders.
- 10. Institute of Public Administration - One day Seminar for newly elected Members in Strokestown (Roscommon) Saturday, 23rd November, 1985.
- 11. Mid-West Regional Development Organisation Conference- Limerick - Anti Social Behaviour - A Growing concern - Thursday & Friday, 7th and 8th Nov., 1985.
- 12. Conference on the Sea - Cork - Ireland - The Atlantic - Exploitation of its Resources - Thursday & Friday, 14th and 15th Nov., 1985.
- 13. Conference on Town Twinning - Newcastle, Northern Ireland - Thursday - Saturday 5th, 6th and 7th December, 1985.
- 14. Letter dated 8u Deire Fomhair, 1985 from the Department of Justice regarding Galway Courthouse - Copy enclosed.
- 15. Malicious Injury Decrees - List herewith.
- 16. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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Galway County

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting on 23rd September, 1985.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY I will propose

- 30. For a planning and construction time scale for the proposed augmentation of Kinvara Regional Water Scheme.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim

- 31. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go mbeadh uisge ar fail o Loch an Oir don ghrup sgeim nua i Maghros-Leitirard.

(b) Other Motions Received

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will propose:

- 32. That a road sign be erected at the Level Crossing at Kiltartan on the Galway/Limerick main road indicating Kiltartan and Kiltartan Church.
- 33. That the Council provide footpaths and railings at Labane National School to make it safe for the children attending the school.

DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT - I will propose:

- 34. That Galway County Council pay, on a meter basis for water supply from Roscommon County Council to the Caltraduff/Muckloon/Derreen Group Water Scheme.
- 35. That repairs be carried out to Graigue Rd., Caltra and flooding relieved on this road especially at Graigue Pump.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH - I will propose:

- 36. That Galway County Council remedy the flooding problem at Michael Rourke's Creggs.
- 37. That Galway County Council provide extra footpaths in Creggs.
- 38. That Galway County Council ensure that Creggs is provided with some extra street lights.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

- 39. That Galway County Council establish a refuse dump on Inishboffin and arrange for regular refuse collection service.
- 40. That a full report be given on the proposal to provide a new bridge at Inishnee, Roundstone, Co. Galway.
- 41. That a report be given on the need for improved public sewage system at Roundstone, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

- 42. That this Council take steps to prevent water flowing into premises of M. O'Tuairisc, Ostoir, Loughan Beag, Inverin.
- 43. That this Council erect a no camping sign on Tullybeg Carpark, Renvyle.
- 44. That the road between Patrick Ryan's house and Ardane Cross on the Cornamona/Cong Route be improved as soon as possible as same is in a very bad condition.

COUNCILLOR BRENNAN - I will propose:

- 45. That this Council calls on the Government to implement effectively Article 40 of the Constitution.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

46. Galway County Council erect signs at Shanaglish Village 'Go Slow' at both entrances to the Village.
47. That Galway County Council will adopt Beagh Road leading to Michael Duffy's house at Beagh, Gort subject to Councillors' Notices of Motion.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molain

48. Na boithre seo a dheasu:-
  - (a) Bothar chuig roilig Chill Bhriocain.
  - (b) Bothar chuig an Aill Bhuidhe agus an Cheibh ag ceann an bhothair.

49. Tuairisg ar bhothar "Errisbeg" Cloch na Ron.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

50. That the junction at the Ballycasey Road at McHughes house leading to the Kilcoona Road be widened or the bushes cut or the wall lowered or indeed a wire fence replacing it erected which would enable oncoming traffic a clearer view.

51. That an amount of money be made available at the next Estimates Meeting to have improvements made at the Cloonboo junction and causes traffic problems in the mornings and evenings.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

52. That the County Council discontinue its efforts to purchase the extra two acres for housing at Cloughbrack, Eyrecourt, as there are more than enough houses in this area already.
53. That the County Council prepare an estimate for easing the bend at Salmon's Cross, Prospect, Eyrecourt, so as to have it included in the Roads Scheme for 1986.
54. That the County Council prepare an estimate for easing the dangerous bends near Liam Brodericks house in Esker, Banagher, so as to have this work included in the Road Scheme for 1986.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH - I will propose:

55. That speed limits be provided at Corofin Village.
56. That speed ramps and warning signs be erected at housing estate at Gortnamona, Headford.
57. That provision be made in the 1986 Estimates for the improvement of the road from Cloughanower to Keekill prior to resurfacing after laying of watermains by -
  - (a) increasing width by 1.2 metres approx. i.e. 600 mm on either side.
  - (b) resurfacing entire road.

SENATOR ULICK BURKE - I will propose

58. That the Portumna Number One Group Water Scheme be taken in charge by the County Council as a matter of urgency as all requirements have been completed by the group to the satisfaction of the Council.

NICHOLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molain

59. Bothar Canach Meain, Crimnagh agus Ross i bparaiste, Leitirmoir a dheisiu.
60. Go gcuireadh an Comhairle Condae airgead sna Meastachain '86 le haghaidh an príom bothar o Bealandaingan go Leitirmealluin.
61. What is the position regarding the Gleannach Murrin Regional Water Supply Scheme.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH MCDONAGH - I will propose

That Galway County Council install a much needed Pedestrian Crossing at Claregalway Church. This is a matter of urgency.

That Galway County Council stall public lighting outside Caherlistrane Community Centre.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose

64. That this Council acquire for Tuam a new mechanical Road cleaner, I understand the cost is approx. £5,000. One man will be capable of doing the whole Town thoroughly when three men were previously required.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

65. That bad turns on the Coolarne/Mónard Road be removed particularly the turn at the junction of the Monard Coolarne Road.
66. That as a matter of urgency the County Council remove 2 bad turns on the Roscam/Rosshill Road.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose

67. That the Council carry out necessary works to prevent flooding on the Loughrea/Athenry Road at Killiland opposite the entrance road to Dongarne Village.
68. Earth banks located on roadside between Ballymore Cross and Cemetery at Craughwell be removed and replaced with hard surfaces.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

69. That an alternative site for the location of a Burial Ground at Oranmore be sought as an alternative to the proposed site at Rinville.
70. That arrangements be made for a material change in the Barna Village Development Plan from communal to residential so as to allow Michael Davaron construct a dwelling house on his lands.

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

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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Sean Hoare, Mervue, Galway.	Damage to Plate Glass Window and front sign.	County at Large	£400.00	£374.23
John J Broderick, Kilricklg, Loughree, Co. Galway.	Damage to nine yards of wall	County at Large	£330.75	£302.00
John Reilly, 16 McDermot Ave., Mervue, Galway.	Car stolen and recovered damaged.	County at Large	£378.63	£306.23
Ruanes Car & Tractor Sales Ltd., Athenry.	Damage to plate glass window	County at Large	£2,500	£153.00
Sambos Take Away, Henry Steet, Galway.	Damage to plate glass window and plate glass window door window.	County at Large	£400.00	£123.00
Thomas Travers, Cornacarton Bog, Barnaderg, Tuam.	Damage to one hundred and fifty bags of turf.	County at Large	£200.00	£158.31
Patrick Barry, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.	Car registration no. 6515 Z - written off	County at Large	£1,000	£284
Moyra Manifold, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.	Damage to a Pottery Kiln	County at Large	£2,500	£1,277.71
Sheila McAleese, 84 Foster Ave. Mountmerrion, Dublin	Damage to windows and gate	County at Large	£5,000	£1,014.96
Daphne Mackle, 17 Nutley Park, Donnybrook, Dublin 4.	Damage to Renault, Reg. No. OZG 187	County at Large	£500	£264.65
Donal Joyce, Gentian Hill, Knocknacarra, Galway	Damage to a window in a bus	County at Large	£240	£211.42

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Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
C.D.S. Teoranta, Cloughbrack, Cornamona, (Claremorris), Co. Galway	Windows, doors and locks were broken and damaged.	County at Large	£500.00	£286.17

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

8th. October, 1985.

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:
Mountbellew	C.R. 257 in Townland of Abbert, Demesne.	D. O'Neill's house in Townland of Abbert, Demesne	204
Mountbellew	C.R. 416 in Townland of Windfield Lr.	J. Hansberry's house, Windfield Lower.	95
Athenry	Public Road 185 in Townland of Gortard, (Clarenbridge).	Marsh's & Cleere's house, Gortard.	102
Athenry	National Route N.18 in Townland of Tonroe.	Gate to Clarinbridge Crystal Factory, Tonroe.	182
Milltown	N.17 in Townland of Carrownurlair	T. Reidys house in Townland of Carrownurlair	72
Milltown	C.R. 161 in Townland of Ardour.	T. Keane's house in Townland of Ardour.	136
Galway	C.R. 147 in Townland of Claregalway.	S. O'Connell's house in Townland of Claregalway.	97
Tuam	Dooleys shop in Townland of Bunatober.	Goaley's house in Townland of Bunatober.	240
Oughterard	End of existing C.R. 61 in Townland of Cur.	For a distance of 105 metres towards Lydons house in the Townland of Tiernakill.	105
Galway	C.R. 109 in Townland of Truskey West.	Past W. Conneely's house, Truskey West to C.R. 109 in Truskey East.	353
Clifden	Jnc. with N.S. N.59	Road to J.D. McMurray's factory at Moyard.	214
Gort	Co. Road 329 at Fordes house southwest	For a distance of 195 metres at Lough Curra South Townland, Kinvara.	195
Portumna	C.R. 574 in Townland of Gurteenpeadar.	M. Nevin's house in Townland of Gurteenpeadar.	130
Athenry	West of Jennings' Shop in Townland of Craughwell.	Rear of Kilmartin's house in Townland of Craughwell (village road).	96
Galway	Co. Road 102 in Townland of Knockshanbally.	Patrick Hynes house in Townland of Knockshanbally.	117
Gort	From a point 320 metres from C.R. 346 Tawnagh East.	Lally's house.	80
Mountbellew	Co. Road 196 in Townland of Cloonkeen.	Towards Co. Rd. 416 in Townland of Danganbeg.	155
Gort	600 m. from C.R. 302 Lavally.	M. Heaney's house, Lavally.	351
Ballinasloe	195 metres from C.R. 521 in Townland of Kilclooney.	Towards Junction C.R. 521 Kilclooney.	70
Portumna	Chainage 565 in Townland of Boleybeg.	Towards O'Hara's house in Townland of Boleybeg.	217
Loughrea	220 metres from C.R. 483 in Townland of Corbaun.	Towards Kilcooly Cemetery.	20
Milltown	C.R. 245 in Townland of Slieve.	J. Shaughnessy's house in Townland of Slieve.	35
Ballinasloe	C.R. 472 in Townland of Liscune Lower.	Towards C.R. 472 in Townland of Liscune Lower.	140

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: The Earl of Iveagh.

Location:- Clonbur, Co. Galway.

Area: 14 perches.

To Whom land is to be transferred: Mary Walsh and Catherine Gibbons  
No. 6 Market Square, Clonbur,  
Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal: £30.50.

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,  
County Secretary.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. MacDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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

200 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Meeting on 12th September, 1985.
- (b) Special Meeting on 19th September, 1985.
- (c) Special Meeting on 23rd September, 1985.
- (d) Monthly Meeting on 23rd September, 1985.
- (e) Special Meeting on 27th September, 1985.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings of the Council were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (f) Arts Committee Meeting on 17th September, 1985.
- (g) Committee Meeting of Members of the Loughrea Area on 24th September, 1985.
- (h) Coiste Gaeltachta ar 26u Mean Fomhair, 1985.
- (i) Fire Brigade Advisory Committee on 1st October, 1985.
- (j) Committee Meeting of Loughrea Electoral Area on 10th October, 1985.
- (k) Committee Meeting of Tuam Electoral Area on 14th October, 1985.
- (l) Committee Meeting of Connemara Electoral Area on 5th September, 1985.

201 - HOUSING SCHEME AT LOUGHREA:

Deputy Noel Treacy referred to the next phase of the proposed provision of houses in Loughrea and to the fact that two-storey houses were being provided in an area of high visual amenity. He proposed that the signing of the Contract Documents be deferred until the Council had an opportunity to reconsider the position. Councillor Loughnane supported Deputy Treacy and said that the plan for the proposed housing was in contravention of the Town Development Plan for Loughrea. Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, indicated that the housing development proposed was not in contravention of the Loughrea Town Development Plan. The Council had already received a deputation from residents in the area and some changes had been effected. The Council were ready to sign the Contract for the present phase and any changes would involve approval of the Department of the Environment. Any delays might involve the Council in considerable additional expense and there was no good reason on technical grounds why any changes should be made in the Plans. The County Manager indicated that the land had been

zoned for housing and that considerable changes had been made already in the Plans. It was not proposed to make any further changes.

Following further discussion, it was agreed on the suggestion of the Chairman that the Members of the Loughrea Area meet Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, on Monday, 4th November, 1985, at 2.30 p.m. so that the proposals of the Council could be outlined.

202 - ARTS GRANTS, 1985:

Recommendations for the distribution of the Council's Arts Grant allocation of £13,000 were circulated to each Member. The full list of grants recommended were as set out below, and were agreed by the Arts Committee on 17th September, 1985. The Council agreed with the Committee's recommendation regarding a grant of £2,000 towards a Youth Employment Programme.

Druid Theatre .....	5,000
Dance for the West .....	700
The Poetry Co-Op .....	400
The Salmon .....	400
Gort Arts Group .....	100
Galway Arts Festival .....	500
Clifden Arts Festival .....	1,000
Tuam Arts Centre .....	800
Galway Theatre Workshop .....	200
Kalichi Dance Theatre .....	200
Kinvara Arts Festival.....	100
Reg. Arts Community programme .....	2,000
Regional Arts Committee Programme .....	1,600
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On the proposition of Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, the above recommendations were approved.

203 - RAISING OF LOAN TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES:

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor T. Welby, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4 million from the Office of Public Works for Local Authority House Construction, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

204 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £11,500 SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR CLADDAGHDUFF GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor T. Welby, seconded by Deputy R. Molloy, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council approve of the raising of a loan of £11,500 for the payment of a special contribution for Claddaghduff Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Office of Public Works or from such other source and at such interest rate and repayment period as may be approved by the Minister."

205 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT OUGHTERARD TO THE WESTERN HEALTH BOARD:

As agreed at the previous meeting of the Council, copies of the valuations prepared by the two Valuers engaged by the Council, and a copy of the valuation submitted by Councillor T. Welby had been circulated to each Member. The County Manager indicated that both of the Valuers engaged by the Council had been asked to comment on the valuations submitted in the light of the

valuation submitted by Councillor Welby. Both Valuers had indicated that they were standing over the original valuations made by them. The County Manager indicated that the time had come to make a final decision in relation to this matter and he indicated that the Members of the Council could, by resolution, vary the terms of the sale if they so wished. He indicated that the sale of the original portion of land had been finalised and that the Council were now concerned with an additional portion of land consisting of 15 perches. The total land proposed for sale to the Health Board was 40 perches. Councillor Welby proposed that the additional portion of land be sold on the basis of the valuation of £10,000 for the entire site.

Following discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Welby, seconded by Deputy R. Molloy:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land measuring 15 perches at Lemonfield, Oughterard, to the Western Health Board, Merlin Park, Galway, for the sum of £3,750."

Councillor Welby asked that the proceeds of the sale be used to carry out improvements to the carpark in Oughterard.

206 - SALE OF SITE AT CLONBUR:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land at Clonbur to Mary Walsh and Catherine Gibbons, No. 6 Market Square, Clonbur, Co. Galway, in accordance with terms of Notice dated 8th October, 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."

207 - AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDER NO. 27 OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDING ORDERS:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, and agreed unanimously:

That pursuant to the provisions of Article 81 of the Standing Orders of Galway County Council, Standing Order no. 27 be amended to read as follows:

'The Agenda Paper shall not contain more than three notices of motion from any one Councillor, excluding adjourned motions; each section of a multiple motion to be considered as constituting a separate motion.'

208 - BOROUGH BOUNDARY EXTENSION - NEGOTIATIONS AS TO COMPENSATION:

The County Manager indicated that extension of the borough boundary of Galway would become effective for all purposes with effect from the 1st January, 1986. Issues in relation to compensation had to be resolved and it was necessary that a number of Councillors be appointed to go into the details involved and to enter into negotiations regarding compensation with Galway Corporation. It was necessary to form a group who would be prepared to work hard on the issues and ideally the number in the group should not exceed six. Councillor Loughnane stated that the issues involved concerned every Councillor and all Councillors should have a right to observe the proceedings involved in negotiations. Senator Killilea stated that the six Councillors from the Galway Area should be on the proposed negotiating committee. The view was also expressed that one representative should be on the committee from each Electoral Area. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the committee to deal with negotiations regarding compensation as a result of the Borough Boundary Extension should consist of three Members made up of three Members from Fianna Fail, two Members from Fine Gael, and one Independent Member. It was agreed that the names of the Members who would be nominated to the committee would be submitted to the County Secretary within one week.

209 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve Declaration of the Roads set out in the schedule to item no. 7 on the Agenda and that the said roads are hereby declared to be public roads."

Senator Killilea stated that roads which were in order for declaration as public roads should be advertised as they were submitted by Councillors. He also referred to the Estimates prepared in respect of works to be carried out on these roads. The County Engineer indicated that these small jobs were totally uneconomical and there were substantial costs involved in mobilising work forces to carry them out. The County Engineer indicated that advertisements were issued when there was a collection of roads ready for declaration as public roads. The County Engineer indicated that he would examine any individual cases which Councillors wished to submit to him. It was agreed that the possibility of publishing details of roads for taking over, on a quarterly basis, be examined. Deputy Fahey asked that a report be made available on the improvement of the bend on the Maree road for the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair asked that a report be made available on the Tully road for the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor Welby asked that a report be made available on the road at Camus Eighter for the next meeting of the Council.

210 - GALWAY EASTERN APPROACH ROAD/ORANMORE BY-PASS - PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AT JUNCTIONS:

The Council considered the County Engineer's report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member on the 18th October, 1985. Councillor M. Fahy stated that the report was unacceptable. The surveys were not correct as there were far more people than indicated crossing the road involved. The Council had requested the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation to discuss the matter and he proposed that a telegram be sent to the Minister for the Environment renewing the Council's request that he receive a deputation. Deputy Molloy seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal that the Minister receive the deputation. He said that the obligation to come up with the necessary funds rested with the Department of the Environment. Deputy Frank Fahey also supported the call for the deputation and proposed that the Government Oireachtas Members be written to requesting them to make arrangements with the Minister for the reception of the deputation. Deputy Fahey read a reply which he had received from the Minister for the Environment regarding the matter.

211 - CONFIRMING REGULATIONS REGARDING THE RECEPTION AND EXAMINATION OF TENDERS:

The Council were informed that it had been agreed at the Annual Meeting that Tenders would in future be opened in the presence of any one Member of the Council. It was necessary to make formal regulations which would have to be approved by the Minister for the Environment to give effect to the Council's decision. The matter was being brought before the Members to formally adopt regulations.

It was proposed by Deputy N. Treacy that a committee consisting of five Members be appointed to be present for the opening of Tenders. The difficulties of getting five Members together was outlined and it was proposed by Deputy Treacy that any two Members of the five Member committee should be present at the opening of Tenders. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the matter be considered at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

212 - INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS IN STROKESTOWN (ROSCOMMON) SATURDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1985:

It was agreed that any newly elected Member could attend this one day Seminar. It was also agreed that any Member wishing to attend should submit his name to Mr. T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer, as soon as possible.

213 - MID-WEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION CONFERENCE - LIMERICK - ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUS - A GROWING CONCERN - THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 7TH AND 8TH NOV., 1985:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, that five Members be sent to this Conference. It was agreed that the following Members would attend:

Councillors Peter Raftery, J. Callanan, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. MacDonagh.

214 - CONFERENCE ON THE SEA - CORK - IRELAND - THE ATLANTIC - EXPLOITATION OF ITS RESOURCES - THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 14TH AND 15TH NOVEMBER, 1985.

It was agreed that the following five Members attend:

Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. O'Morain, M. Fahy, J. Mannion, M. Lynch.

215 - CONFERENCE ON TOWN TWINNING - NEWCASTLE, NORTHERN IRELAND. - THURSDAY-SATURDAY, 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH DECEMBER, 1985.

It was agreed that the following five Members would attend:

Councillors Nioclás O'Conchubhair, M. Loughnane, J. Molloy, Michael Ryan, and Michael Mullins.

Councillor Michael Mullins asked that he be allowed to nominate a substitute if he was unable to attend, and this was agreed.

216 - LETTER DATED 8u DEIRE FOMHAIR, 1985, FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REGARDING GALWAY COURTHOUSE:

The Council considered a letter dated 8u Deire Fomhair, 1985, from the Department of Justice, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Council were informed that this matter was being brought to them for their consideration as they had decided at their Estimates Meeting that there would be no provision made in the 1985 Estimates for improvement works to Courthouses. The letter of the Department of Justice set out a number of improvement works stated to be necessary, and indicating that the Office of Public Works had been authorised to carry out the works on foot of a Ministerial direction under Section 6.1 (a) of the Courthouses (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935. The letter further stated that the Commissioners of Public Works were entitled to recover the cost and expenses incurred by them in carrying out the works in question and that they would be making arrangements accordingly in due course. It was agreed, on the suggestion of the County Manager, that the Minister for the Environment be advised of the position, that the Office of Public Works be requested to submit an estimate for the works proposed, and that the Minister for Justice be asked for a grant to meet the cost of the works involved.

217 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated to each Member were noted - item no. 15 on Agenda.

218 - SPECIAL MEETING ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 1985, TO DEAL WITH PLANNING MATTERS:

The County Manager indicated that the first Special Meeting to be held on the second Friday of each month would be held on the 8th November, 1985. All Section 4 resolutions submitted in time would be dealt with at that meeting. It was proposed that the Draft Development Plans for the scheduled towns would also be put on the Agenda for the meeting of the 8th November.

219 - AREA ROADS MEETING:

The County Manager indicated that Members had requested that Area Roads Meetings would be held before the end of the year. It was proposed to hold two such meetings -

one meeting consisting of the Members of the Connemara and Galway Areas; and one meeting consisting of the Members of the Tuam, Ballinasloe, and Loughrea Areas.

It was agreed that the area meeting for the Members of Galway and Connemara would be held on the Monday, 4th November, 1985, at 2.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Buildings. It was agreed that the meeting for the Tuam, Ballinasloe, and Loughrea Areas would be held on Friday, 29th November, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, County Buildings. The County Engineer indicated any Area Engineer dealing with the Electoral Areas involved would be present at the appropriate meeting.

220 - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE DEMAND:

The County Manager read a letter dated 23rd October, 1985, from the Department of the Environment. The letter indicated that the Government had decided that from the 1st January, 1986, the full cost of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Scheme would be borne by the Exchequer with corresponding reductions in Rate Support Grants for local authorities. A period of up to 5 years would be allowed for repayment of arrears. Any necessary instructions in so far as Local Authorities were concerned and details of the 1986 Rate Support Grant levels would be issued in due course.

The County Manager referred to the anomalies in the case of Galway County Council and stated that the Council would want to know if such anomalies were being dealt with adequately including the question of arrears. He indicated that he proposed to write further to the Department of the Environment requesting an assurance that anomalies would be adequately dealt with under the new arrangements. He also indicated that he proposed to await the outcome of the Government's reply before taking further action on the Council's cases before the Supreme Court. He stated that by reason of the fact that there was a Court Decree, the question of interest on outstanding arrears claimed also arose and he would be seeking clarification on this matter also.

221 - CORONERS DISTRICTS:

The County Manager indicated that the Council had been in contact with the Department of Justice regarding matters raised in connection with Coroners Districts at a previous meeting of the Council. The Department had indicated that they had been in touch with Dr. Joyce and that towards the end of September, Dr. Joyce had issued 35 Death Certificates which had been outstanding and where it was not necessary to hold Inquests. There were about 25 or 30 cases where Inquests were necessary and arrangements were being made to have Inquests held in these cases. The Department indicated that Dr. Joyce was most co-operative in trying to get the arrears cleared.

As regards the amalgamation of the two districts, the Department indicated that it was policy to amalgamate Coroners Districts where possible. It was not necessary for Coroners to examine bodies and much of this work was done by the Gardai. The Department of Justice stated that the work could be done more efficiently with a smaller number of Coroners and the saving in salary was not the only reason for amalgamation. On the question of salary, there was an established formula for fixing Coroners salaries and this would apply to any Coroner. The Department had indicated to Dr. Joyce that the question of salaries for the amalgamated districts was appropriate to be dealt with under Section 10 of the Coroners Act, 1962. Deputy Frank Fahey and Councillor Michael Fahy stated that the Council should go ahead with the amalgamation of districts and the appointment of Dr. Joyce. Deputy R. Molloy stated that the Council should ask Dr. Joyce to outline arrangements that he would make to be available to deal with the large area after the amalgamation of the two districts. It was agreed that this matter would be taken up with Dr. Joyce and that further consideration of the matter would be deferred until his reply was received.

222 - DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS:

The Chairman requested that a report on this matter be brought to the November Meeting of the Council and this was agreed.

223 - STORAGE OF BEET ON ROADSIDES:

The County Manager, in reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, stated that the Council would not give approval under any circumstances to the storage of beet on the sides of public roads. He stated that persons who stored beet on public roads were putting themselves at serious risks in the event of accidents and the Council could be joined in any relevant claims if they gave approval to the storage of beet in this way. There would be less danger involved if beet were stored on lay-bys but if such lay-bys were still public roads, the Council could not give its approval to storage of beet on such lay-bys. The question of obstructions caused by the storage of beet on public roads was primarily a matter for the Gardai.

224 - ATTENDANCE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE E.S.B.:

The Council agreed to receive the Chief Executive of the E.S.B. at their meeting of the 25th November, 1985, at 5.00 p.m. to discuss the implications of the Millar/Barry Report.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

225 - PROPOSED AUGMENTATION OF THE KINVARA REGIONAL WATER SCHEME - DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"It is hoped that Contract Documents for the Kinvara Regional Water Scheme will be finalised by February 1986. When the Contract Documents are prepared, the sanction of the Department of the Environment is required. It is not possible to give any indication of how long Department approval would take. The approval of the Scheme also depends on Capital Allocations being made available. When the Contract Documents are approved, the next step is the invitation of Tenders. The approval of the Department of the Environment is also required to the acceptance of the successful Tender. The estimated time scale for the construction of the project after Department approval to Tenders is received is about 18 months. The County Engineer has considered your request to have the scheme expedited. It is not possible to have the planning or construction completed any sooner than as set out previously."

226 - GRUP SCEIM NUA I MAGHROS-LEITIRARD - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'MORAIN:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Morain:

"An achmainn don Treatment Plant a bhi fograithe i gcoir tairiscint ar an 8u la Marta, 1971, i sea 160,000 g.p.d. agus togadh e ina dhiaidh sin (1974). Usaidtear 125,000 g.p.d. fe lathair agus ta se seo roimh a forbairtear an Grup Sceim Coillin, Carna, a bhi críochnaithe tamail beag o shoin.

Ta an Comhairle Chontae ag iarraidh tuairisc o Messrs. Patrick J. Tobin & Co., Consulting Engineers, ag taispeaint achmainn Loch an Oir agus ar na n-oibreacha ata riachtanach chun an achmainn a mheadu go 240,000 g.p.d."

227 - ROAD SIGN AT KILTARTAN LEVEL CROSSING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"Bord Failte and the Kiltartan Society may be interested in providing the necessary sign or signs - and if so the County Council will have them erected."

228 - FOOTPATHS AND RAILINGS AT LABANE NATIONAL SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"Labane National School fronts on to the old road leading from Labane Village to the new By-Pass road. There are two gates on the boundary of the school site. Traffic on this section of road is minimal and footpaths and protective railings are not considered necessary for childrens safety."

At the request of the school authority a narrow stile was constructed to provide an entrance/exit on the side of the school grounds fronting the By-Pass road. The stile is approximately 12" wide and an adult would have to turn sideways to use it and children must use it in single file. It leads on to a grass margin 5' wide which leads on to the hard shoulder. I do not consider railings and footpaths are needed here either."

229 - PAYMENT ON A METER BASIS FOR WATER SUPPLY FROM ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL TO THE CALTRADUFF/MUCKLOON/DERRREEN GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael P. Kitt:

"It is proposed to pay for this water supply on metered basis and charge the users on the normal water rates basis. This is the normal practice when Galway County Council buy water from other authorities to supply Group Schemes."

230 - REPAIRS TO GRAIGUE ROAD, CALTRA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was issued to Deputy Michael P. Kitt:

"The matter is being investigated and a report will be forwarded to you as soon as it comes to hand."

231 - PROVISION OF FOOTPATH ON THE ROAD LEADING TO ARD AOIBHINN HOUSING ESTATE, MONIVEA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael P. Kitt:

"The Ard Aoibhinn Housing Estate is an R.H.O. Development. The road between the village of Monivea and the Estate is a narrow rural "stop end" or cul-de-sac road used by local farmers as well as the Estate. As a result, the road like most such roads is fouled by cattle. We have previously been asked to widen the road and have been unable to do so (a) due to lack of funds; (b) because a wider road might make the road if anything less safe for pedestrians. The representative of the Residents Association has been told that we will examine the possibility (a) of providing a footpath or (b) removing banks, grass, etc. I consider it improbable that any work will be done which involves land acquisition but option (b) above may be practicable and will be considered in 1986."

232 - FLOODING PROBLEM AT MICHAEL ROURKE'S, CREGGS. - MOTION BY CLR. TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was issued to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"There is an old underground surface water drainage system in this village. There are no maps available of the system. At present, the Council are trying to locate the system with a view to alleviating this flooding which is caused by blockage of the drainage system."

233 - PROVISION OF EXTRA FOOTPATHS IN CREGGS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was issued to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"There are no funds available at present from County Road and Main Road Maintenance to provide extra footpaths."



- 234 - PROVISION OF SOME EXTRA STREET LIGHTS AT CREGGS WALSH: - MOTION BY CLR. T.

The following written reply was issued to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"There are no funds available at present from County Road and Main Road Maintenance to provide extra street lights."

- 235 - PROVISION OF A REFUSE DUMP AND REGULAR REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE ON INISHBOFFIN - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"A search for a suitable site for a refuse dump on Inishboffin is in progress at present."

- 236 - REPORT ON PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A NEW BRIDGE AT INISHNEE, ROUNDSTONE. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"This bridge is not in charge of Galway County Council. The estimated cost of providing a new bridge is approximately £600,000. The only source of finance for this is the Council's County Road Funds which are already severely curtailed.

As an alternative to a new bridge, the Council at its meeting of the 7th March, 1985, agreed in principle to the provision of a Causeway which is estimated to cost in the order of £250,000. The legalities of the proposal have not been fully sorted out. When the legal problems have been resolved, the monies would still have to be provided out of County Road Maintenance. The Council sought assistance for this project from Roinn na Gaeltachta but none was available."

- 237 - REPORT ON NEED FOR IMPROVED PUBLIC SEWERAGE SCHEME AT ROUNDSTONE - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The existing public sewerage at Roundstone has three separate outfall locations to the sea, without any treatment. There is also a private outfall from the Hotel and an outfall following treatment from the I.D.A. area.

The collection of the public sewage and the provision of treatment is a matter of priorities in relation to 30 other villages in the County which have no public sewerage.

Even though the population of the village is low, it is an important tourist resort. The County Engineer has been requested to prepare an up-to-date report on the feasibility of providing a sewerage scheme in the area."

- 238 - WATER FLOWING INTO PREMISES OF M. O'TIAIRISC, OSTOIR, LOUGHAN BEAG, INVERIN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"These premises were always below road level. The road was further raised by 6 inches during the "Wet Mix" operations this year. "Safety Drainage Kerbs" will be installed here to convey surface water from the road to a nearby culvert. This work will be completed before the end of November, 1985."

- 239 - NO CAMPING SIGN ON TULLYBEG CARPARK, RENVYLE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"This sign will be erected in the near future."

- 240 - IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD BETWEEN PATRICK RYAN'S HOUSE AND ARDANE CROSS ON THE CORNAMONA/CONG ROUTE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"This road is 1.5 miles long. 0.5 miles is in need of complete reconstruction. The remainder is pot holed. Finance is not available for the major works required here. Emergency repairs will be carried out as soon as possible."

- 241 - THAT THE GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVELY ARTICLE 40 OF THE CONSTITUTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BRENNAN:

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

- 242 - 'GO SLOW' SIGNS AT SHANAGLISH VILLAGE AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The village of Shaglish consists of a Church, a public house and five houses. It is situated on County Road 368/372. Local traffic only uses these roads.

'Go Slow' is not an authorised sign. If these signs are to be erected, three not two will be required.

I estimate that it would cost £250 to erect three such signs. However, we are approaching the Gardai to discuss 30 m.p.h. Speed Limit Signs."

- 243 - ADOPTION OF BEAGH ROAD LEADING TO MICHAEL DUFFY'S HOUSE AT BEAGH, GORT, SUBJECT TO COUNCILLORS' NOTICE OF MOTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"I wish to confirm that I have reconsidered this proposal and the road may now be adopted up the first cattle grid provided sufficient moneys are made available."

- 244 - DEASU BOTHAR CHUIG ROILLIG CHILL BHRIOCAIN - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Morain:

"Nil airgead ar fail chun an obair seo a dheanamh i mbliana. Cuirfear san aireamh e sna Meastuchain 1986."

- 245 - BOTHAR CHUIG AN AILL BUIDHE AGUS AN CHEIBH AG CEANN AN BHOThAIR A DHEISU - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Morain:

"Nil airgead ar fail chun an obair seo a dheanamh i mbliana. Cuirfear san aireamh sna Meastachain 1986."

- 246 - TUAIRISG AR BHOThAR "ERRISBEG" CLOCH NA RON - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Morain:

"Dhein an Comhairle Chonndae damaiste don bothar seo i rith oibreacha ar sceim uisce Cloch na Ron. Cuirfear oibreacha ath-clariu ar an mbothar seo idir laimhe i gceann cupla seachtaine."

- 247 - IMPROVEMENT OF THE JUNCTION AT THE BALLYCASEY ROAD AT MCHUGHES HOUSE LEADING TO THE KILCOONA ROAD - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"No funds are available at present for the improvements suggested. The matter will be reconsidered in the 1986 Estimates."

- 248 - IMPROVEMENTS TO CLOONBOO JUNCTION ON THE GALWAY/HEADFORD ROAD - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"Representations have been made to the Department of the Environment for a grant to complete this work. It is hoped that this grant will be made available for 1986."

- 249 - PURCHASE OF EXTRA TWO ACRES FOR HOUSING AT CLOUGHBRACK, EYRECOURT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The Council has acquired additional land for housing purposes in the current year at Cloughbrack, Eyrecourt. The Contract for the sale has been signed and sealed by both parties.

The land is situated adjacent to the existing housing development there and will be required to meet future housing needs in the area.

The practice of extending land banks, as in this case, has been operated by the Council at various other locations in the County over the years."

- 250 - ESTIMATE FOR EASING THE BEND AT SALMON'S CROSS, PROSPECT, EYRECOURT, SO AS TO HAVE IT INCLUDED IN THE ROADS SCHEME FOR 1986 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The estimated cost of easing the above bend is £6,300 exclusive of land negotiations."

- 251 - ESTIMATE FOR EASING THE DANGEROUS BENDS NEAR LIAM BRODERICK'S HOUSE IN ESKER, BANAGHER, SO AS TO HAVE THIS WORK INCLUDED IN THE ROAD SCHEME FOR 1986 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"Please contact Mr. J. Tansey, E.E., Portumna, regarding the locations of the bends in question and a detailed reply on your query will follow."

- 252 - SPEED LIMITS AT COROFIN VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The Council have no objections to Speed Limit being installed subject to the approval of the Garda Síochána."

- 253 - SPEED RAMPS AND WARNING SIGNS AT HOUSING ESTATE AT GORTNAMONA, HEADFORD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Neither speed ramps nor warning signs are in my opinion warranted in this small housing estate. In the case of speed ramps, there are legal problems. No speed ramps are as yet being used by Galway County Council."

- 254 - IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD FROM CLOUGHANOWER TO KEEKILL PRIOR TO RESURFACING AFTER LAYING OF WATERMANS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The improvements in question will be considered when the 1986 Estimates are being prepared."

- 255 - PORTUMNA NO. 1 GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR ULICK BURKE:

The following written reply was issued to Senator Ulick Burke:

"The Council has agreed in principle to the take over of the scheme. As such take-over will involve legal transfer of the group's property to the Council, it is necessary that a legal transfer document be completed. The Council's Law Agent is being requested to draft such a document."

- 256 - BOTHAR EANACH MEAIN, CRIMNAGH AGUS ROSS I bPAROISTE LEITIRMOIR A DHEISIU - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Nioclás O'Conchubhair:

"Nil airgead ar fail chun an obair seo a dheanamh i mbliana. Cuirfear san aireamh e sna Meastuachain 1986."

- 257 - BOTHAR O BEALANDAINGAN GO LEITIRMEALLUN - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Nioclás O'Conchubhair:

"Cuirfear an obair seo san aireamh sna Meastuachain 1986, ach, ar luach £50,000 an mhíle, is cosuil nach ndéanfar níos mó ná míle amháin."

- 258 - POSITION REGARDING THE GLEANNACH MURRIN REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair:

"The total future estimated daily water requirements for the entire region to be supplied from Glenicmurrin Lough as indicated in the 1972 Preliminary Report was 617,391 gallons per day.

A report dated March 1984, regarding the yield of the lake recommended that the abstraction rate be revised and that provision be made for the abstraction of 2,770,000 gallons per day. This proposal was approved by the Department of the Environment, and Messrs. P.J. Tobin and Company have been appointed to prepare the revised abstraction order."

- 259 - PROVISION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CLAREGALWAY CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The village of Claregalway is on the very busy Galway/Tuam National Primary Route N.17. From observations the speed of vehicles through the village is extremely fast and crossing of the road very hazardous. It is most unlikely that the pedestrian volumes would in itself justify a signalised crossing but in view of the high speed and high volume of traffic, it is felt that a pedestrian crossing would be of great benefit by (a) providing a safe crossing point and (b) slowing down through traffic by their presence alone.

It is, therefore, recommended that provision be made in the 1986 Estimates to install a Pelican type Pedestrian Crossing near the Church at the estimated cost of £8,500."

- 260 - INSTALL PUBLIC LIGHTING OUTSIDE CAHERLISTRANT COMMUNITY CENTRE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"No funds have been allocated in the 1985 Estimates for additional public lighting."

261 - NEW MECHANICAL ROAD CLEANER FOR TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"This matter is presently being investigated. From limited information available to date, it appears that the cheapest worthwhile machine would cost approximately £8,000. However, this may not be the answer to the problem due to cars parked in streets and manual work will always be required. We are continuing our investigations into the matter."

262 - BAD TURNS ON THE COOLARNE/MONARD ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"Regrettably, there is no money in County Roads Maintenance to carry out the work requested."

263 - REMOVE TWO BAD TURNS ON THE ROSCAM/ROSHILL ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"Regrettably, there is no money left in County Road Maintenance Account from which this work could be carried out."

264 - FLOODING ON THE LOUGHREA/ATHENRY ROAD AT KILLILAND OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE ROAD TO DONGARNE VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"A report will be available for the next meeting."

265 - REMOVAL OF EARTH BANKS ON ROADSIDE BETWEEN BALLYMORE CROSS AND CEMETERY AT CRAUGHWELL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"No funds at present available for this work. However, the matter will be considered when the 1986 Estimates are being prepared."

266 - ALTERNATIVE SITE FOR THE LOCATION OF A BURIAL GROUND AT ORANMORE - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The proposed burial ground site was purchased from the Land Commission and is suitable for use as a burial ground, subject to drainage work being carried out to lower the water table at the lower end of the site. Objections from nearby householders have been received and these can be met by utilizing that portion of the site for parking or planting of a screen of trees.

Investigations have shown that it would be very difficult to locate a suitable alternative site in the area. In addition, this site would be unlikely to be of use for any other purpose if it were not developed as a burial ground.

Every effort will be made to finalise the matter before the end of the year so that an allocation for development can be made in 1986."

267 - MATERIAL CHANGE IN THE BARNA VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PLAN - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The lands in question are zoned Communal in the Development Plan for Barna Village to provide for the future expansion of Barna Primary School in order to provide for the future needs of the expected population in the village. The lands in question are regarded as highly suitable for this purpose, the terrain being regular in nature and the lands having a frontage onto a minor road away from the heavy traffic on the main road. If permission were granted as applied for by Mr. Davoran, the area of the lands available for extension to the school would be reduced by 25%, leaving an uneconomically shaped site, which would constitute a serious underprovision for the future primary school needs for Barna.

It is vitally important that the area in question should be maintained as zoned in the Plan to facilitate the future development of Barna. Any extension of the Primary School needs of the area should be occupied beside the existing complex. It would be very uneconomical to have to acquire land for that purpose at a new location. It is considered that the permitting of a house as suggested by the applicant would irrevocably prejudice the proper planning and development of these lands which are zoned for communal purposes.

An application for planning permission for a house on the lands in question by Mr. Davoran is currently before the Council, (planning ref. no. 50937) and a decision must be made on that application not later than 30th October, 1985, unless the decision period is extended."

268 - CLOOSH AND GEEHA GROUP WATER SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The cloosh and Geeha areas are supplied from the Dooras Group Scheme which is supplied from Kinvara Water Supply Scheme. No further supply can be made from Kinvara until the Kinvara Augmentation Scheme is constructed."

269 - RESOLUTIONS:

The following documentation was circulated with the Agenda for the meeting:

- 1) Copy of letter dated 24th September, 1985, from the Department of the Environment in relation to the devolution of the administration of group schemes - water and sewerage grants, and housing grants to the local authorities.
- 2) Copy of letter dated 30th September, 1985, from Office of the Taoiseach in relation to a request to the Taoiseach and Aire na Gaeltachta "to instruct Udaras na Gaeltachta to advise the Liquidator, appointed for Beirtreach Teo., to negotiate with local interests and workers prior to finalising any auction of the assets of the Company".
- 3) Copy of letter dated 30th September, 1985, from the Office of the Minister for the Environment in relation to renewing the Council's request for a deputation meeting with the Minister in regard to the provision of overpasses on the Oranmore By-Pass.
- 4) Copy of letter dated 1st October, 1985, from Kildare County Council regarding the retention of the full Bord na Mona workforce.
- 5) Copy of letter dated 9th October, 1985, from Tuam Town Commissioners in relation to request to the Government, the E.E.C. and all financial institutions to come to the aid of the Farming Community in this disastrous year, also all in need in the Urban areas; and also that the E.S.B. increase the free units available to elderly people and that the Minister for Health and Social Welfare give a directive to the Health Boards to relax their guidelines in relation to the free fuel scheme in this disastrous year.

6) Copy of letter dated 16th October, 1985, from Clare County Council in relation to a request to the Government to allow local authorities and other development agencies to apply directly to the European Commission in Brussels for aid under the Regional Development Fund and to receive payments directly."

270 - SYMPATHY:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael P. Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan that a vote of sympathy be adopted with Mrs. John Keeley, Mountbellew, on the death of her husband, former Community Welfare Officer.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

- Mr. Paul Gill, Cahermore, Kinvara.
- Mr. Thomas Tannian, Killina, Kinvara.
- Mr. Brendan Sheridan, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Michael Dwyer, Kilmalow, Aughrim, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Peter Burke, Clonberne Cross, Ballinasloe.
- The Furey Family, Meadow Grove, Ballybane, Galway.
- Mrs. Mary Richardson, 1, Eyre Square, Galway.
- Messrs. Micheal & Tommy Higgins, Kilgerril, Aughrim, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Kitt CHAIRMAN

20/12/85 DATE

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNTY ARTS COMMITTEE

A Chara:

A meeting of the County Arts Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, County Building, Prospect Hill, Galway, on TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1985 at 4 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

[Signature]  
COUNTY SECRETARY

A G E N D A

1. Arts Policy (Draft enclosed)
2. Any other business

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS COMMITTEE HELD IN CO. BUILDINGS  
ON 29TH OCTOBER, 1985

PRESENT: Chairman - Sen. Mark Killilea  
Clr. P. J. Finnegan; Mtn. Lynch; J. Mannion  
          Ml. Fahy; J. Joyce; Ml. O'Morain.  
Mr. T. Kavanagh, Admin. Officer.  
Miss Helen Bygrove, Arts Officer  
Miss Maura Moloney, A.S.O.

Minutes of the meeting of 17th September, 1985 were approved.

The members were informed that the Corporation had declined their invitation to form a joint Arts Committee. The Chairman and members expressed disappointment at the Corporation decision. Arising out of this decision it was considered that any assistance from the County Council to Arts groups in the city would have to be re-examined in the future. It was decided to write to unsuccessful applicants for arts grants for 1985 explaining the limitations on the funding. As the Corporation were not agreeable to a Joint Committee the Chairman recommended that the committee appoint a Vice Chairman. On the proposition of Clr. Joyce, seconded by Clr. O'Morain, Clr. M. Fahy was elected Vice Chairman.

It was also decided to write to the Arts Council informing them of the Arts Committees decision to recommend to the County Council that additional funding be provided for the Arts in the 1986 Estimates, in the sum of 3p. in the £1, i.e., £18,000.

The Chairman suggested that a Public Relations exercise would be advantageous and Miss Bygrove undertook to contact Ml. Gorman and suggest an interview on "Appraisal". It was also decided that space should be allocated in the bi-monthly Arts Brochure to an article by a member of the Committee -- the Chairman to submit the first article for the DEC/JAN issue, by mid November.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman thanked Miss Bygrove for her submission on an Arts Policy. The document was discussed in part -- the remainder to be discussed at a later date.

Clr. Finnegan and Miss Bygrove reported on their meeting with Mr. Sharkey in connection with the Writer in Residence in Libraries. Mr. Sharkey said there were a number of obstacles which precluded him from agreeing. The Committee expressed great disappointment at this decision and felt that a Special Libraries Committee meeting should be held at an early date to pursue the matter further -- suggested date 10th Dec. 1985. Miss Bygrove is to submit documentation to each Clr. in relation to the importance of having a Writer in Residence. The cost would not be defrayed by the Library but would be included in the 1986 Arts allocation. The Literature Officer of the Arts Council could be asked to attend the meeting.

ALTERNATIVELY, if the Library Committee meeting is not held it was suggested that Mr. T. Sharkey might attend an Arts Committee meeting, together with Mr. Keating, County Manager, on Tuesday, 10th Dec. 1985 at 4 p.m.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Michael Kitt CHAIRMAN 20/12/85 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF A COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY  
COUNCIL CONSISTING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA HELD  
ON THE 4th NOVEMBER, 1985 AT THE FIRE STATION LOUGHREA TO DISCUSS THE  
DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE ARISEN IN CONNECTION WITH A CONTRACT FOR HOUSES  
AT ST. LAURENCE'S FIELD, LOUGHREA - PHASE 3.

PRESENT:- Deputy Michael Kitt (Chairman), Deputy N. Treacy and F. Fahey, Senator Ulick Burke, Clrs. J. Lambert, M. Lynch, M. Fahy and M. Loughnane.

ALSO PRESENT:- Messrs. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, B. Callagy, S.E., (Planning).

HOUSES AT ST. LAURENCE'S FIELD, LOUGHREA - PHASE 3.

At Council Meeting held on the 25th October, 1985 it had been decided that matters raised by Clr. Loughnane in regard to planning and objections by local residents to Council houses proposed to be started would be further considered at a meeting of Members from the Loughrea Electoral Area.

Mr. Howlett outlined the history of the acquisition of the site, of its designation for housing in the 1979 Plan and in the current Draft Plan together with the objections which had been made and the standards adopted by the Council in regard to the separation of buildings. He emphasised that the scheme was in complete conformity with the Development Plan and that the separation of buildings from other development was considerably in excess of the approved standard. He said that the scheme was ready to proceed and that there would be a very considerable financial penalty if it was delayed.

During the course of discussion, Clr. Loughnane referred again to arrows marked on the Draft Development Plan indicating the preservation of views but Mr. Howlett said that this was not relevant to the scheme. Deputy Fahey said that when the residents met the County Manager last June they got the distinct impression that this phase of the scheme would be altered. Mr. Howlett said that at that time tenders were being received for that phase of the scheme and the Council had made significant changes in later stages of the scheme where the houses were approaching nearer the residents.

Following further discussion Members agreed that phase 3 of the scheme should proceed, but they requested that there should be further consultations in regard to later stages of the scheme and in regard to proposed scheme for building near the site of old dump on the Galway Road.

Mr. Howlett agreed to such consultations without commitment to make any further changes.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CONNEMARA AND  
GALWAY ELECTORAL AREAS/

A Chara,

A Committee Meeting consisting of the Members of the Council from the Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway on Monday, 4th November, 1985, at 2.00 p.m. The purpose of the Committee Meeting is to discuss matters relating to roads in the areas concerned.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

CONNEMARA AND GALWAY ELECTORAL AREAS

ROADS MEETING 4/11/85

Present: Senator M. Killilea, Councillors P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, R. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, T. Welby.

Officials: Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, Mr. E. Gleeson, County Secretary, Mr. S. McMahon, S.E.E., Mr. R. Faherty, S.E.E., Mr. J. Gibbons, E.E., Mr. T. D'Arcy, E.E., Mr. D. Higgins, E.E., Mr. F. Dunleavy, E.E., Mr. J. Noone, E.E., Mr. J. Diskin, E.E., Mr. A. Fleming, S.S.O., Miss M. Crowe, A/S.O.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Clr. O'Morain and agreed that Clr. Welby would take the chair.

The Chairman asked that County Engineer open the meeting by introducing the proposed new engineering areas. The County Engineer referred to a map which was displayed and explained that after the 1st January, 1986, the city boundary would be extended as shown and the Galway Engineering Area would cease to exist. The West Riding would then consist of three new areas - Clifden, Costello and Oughterard. The Costello area will be responsible for the 3 Aran Islands. The other engineering areas will remain unchanged except for the incursion of the Tuam Area into Milltown, to include the Environs of the town and also the Tuam and Athenry Areas will be extended to include parts of the Galway Area East of the Corrib that are not included in the new City area.

The County Engineer indicated that a green site is under consideration for the building of a permanent area office and store and that a temporary office would be provided in the short term. The extension of the Tuam Area is proposed to take account of water supplies and other services in the Environs of the town.

Senator Killilea welcomed the decision in general. However, he pointed out that the changes still left anomalies viz-a-viz Engineering Areas and Electoral Areas. The County Engineer stated that there were a number of drawbacks relating to the proposed new areas but that on balance he thought the layout would facilitate the efficient deployment of Manpower. However, the new proposals were not sacrosanct and any anomalies that come to light after they are implemented could be considered in a future revision.

Clr. N. O'Conchubhair also welcomed the proposals which should help development of Connemara. He acknowledged the improvements carried out on the coast road in the last three years but pointed out that County Roads leading to villages had been badly neglected and also referred to the fact that the Roinn na Gaeltachta Grants had been discontinued. He asked County Engineer regarding the staffing of new Costello area and he was informed that there would be an Executive Engineer and an Area Clerk. However, the Council are finding it difficult to find staff with a fluent knowledge of Irish.

In reply to a question of the Council's future proposals for carrying out improvement to roads in Connemara the County Engineer stated that the Council hoped to be provided with sufficient funds in 1986 to complete the Coast Road programme from Costello to Spiddal and possibly into Carraroe. With regard to strategic County Roads it was hoped to do another mile or two in 1986 on Islands roads. He informed the meeting that the Council could at best hope to provide a minimum standard of road surface for the spinal roads only, as all Department funds are exclusively provided for these roads and the rest of the roads are being funded from an ever decreasing fund provided by Rates.

Clr. O'Morain said he was disappointed that no work had been done on road from Maam Cross to Recess and on the regional roads west of Costello.

Clr. Welby questioned the effectiveness of using wet mix on bog roads. County Engineer replied that the wet mix operation gave maximum mileage with minimum expenditure. However, it only has a life span of five to ten years.

Clr. Mannion referred to the bad state of the road from Clifden/Leenane and the fact that road improves substantially on the Mayo side of the County boundary.

Clr. J. Molloy stated that he was not in favour of the Galway Engineering Area being disbanded and what would happen to the staff. The County Engineer replied that the Galway Area would be replaced by the Costelloe Area (roughly same area) and that the staff would be redeployed. The number of engineering areas would still remain at 11. He agreed that areas covered were very large and that there were a variety of services such as sanitary services which did not have adequate staffing levels. However, within the resources available he considered 11 areas to be the optimum number.

Clr. Welby asked that County Engineer re-examine Mountbellew and Ballinasloe Areas.

Senator Killilea referred to the high estimates given for N.O.M. roads and said he did not accept the explanation that mobilization costs for smaller jobs explained the situation. He referred to two estimates one for £2,200 in the Tuam Area and another at Cloonboo for a 30 yds. stretch estimated at £1,020.

Deputy Molloy asked how 1986 Road Grants would be determined and he was informed that although there is continuous informal consultation with Department that the final decision was made by them. Deputy Molloy then proposed that Department Inspector be asked to attend Council Meeting (13/12/'85) before estimates are determined and this was agreed.

Deputy Molloy referred to roads on Inishere and Inishmean which are not in charge. In years gone by they were repaired by Gaeltacht Grants but these have been discontinued. He questioned why roads were maintained on Inishboffin and not on the above Islands as he believed the roads on Inishboffin were never formally taken in charge.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Clr. O'Morain and agreed that the committee would record its agreement to the Co. Engineer's proposals on the New Engineering Areas.

Clr. P. O'Tuathail said that large tracts of road would disintegrate unless they are brought up to standard quickly. Some roads that were surface dressed a year ago are now pot holing and need patching. It was explained that this was due to the inadequate base.

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A discussion/whether the filling of potholes with sand was preferable to not attending to them. It was generally felt that this method of treatment was only of very short term benefit. It was suggested that limestone dust and chips might suffice if tar and chips were not available.

The question of the discontinuance of the Gaeltacht grant was raised by a number of Councillors and Mr. S. McMahon, S.E.E. informed the meeting that representations were made to Department of the Gaeltacht in 1978 regarding the allocation of funds for work on County Roads. However, no money was provided.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy that the County Engineer should make a case to the Department of the Environment for a once off grant of £500,000 to £750,000 for County Road Reconstruction of roads on bog foundations west of the Corrib where the worst problem existed.

Clr. McHugh and Senator Killilea thought that the request to the Minister should include other Electoral Areas other than Connemara. In reply Deputy Molloy stated that the Council's strength would be in a united approach for a once off grant for the reconstruction of the worst roads in the County which had the greatest concentration west of the Corrib where they were built on bog foundations. If this grant were forthcoming it would release funds so that the rest of the County would have increased funds for spending on County roads.

It was then agreed that a deputation would be made to Minister for Department of the Environment consisting of Councillors from the Committee.

Deputy Molloy asked why hardshoulders were provided recently on Dublin Road between Merlin Park and Dromore when Galway Eastern Approach Road would eventually replace this stretch of road as the Primary Route. He also asked that a 5 Year Programme be prepared for reconstruction of Regional Road from Canal Stage into Roadstone.

Clr. McHugh asked why a person was asked to replace a wall at his own expense after the Council had carried out road widening using the man's former frontage. He also asked that Curraghbiggeen road be included in 1986 Estimates.

Clr. McDonagh queried delays in receiving estimates for Notice of Motion Roads.

Clr. Killilea expressed satisfaction with hedge cutting programme in Corrandulla area but asked in future Area Engineer should contact local Councillor when machinery in an area so that all relevant stretches of road could be tackled before machinery moved on.

Clr. Welby referred to need for hedge cutting in Collinamuck area.

The question of providing School Sign at Roundstone village was also raised.

Clr. P. McCormack asked that Hard Shoulders be provided at 2 Mile Ditch and Castlegar.

Clr. J. Molloy asked that Hardshoulders be provided at Cregboy.

Clr. Killilea raised the question of White Lining and Sign Posting at Cloonmore Bridge. He was informed by Mr. J. Gibbons, E.E. that there was a solid white line and statutory bad bend sign at this location. A double size sign is also to be provided. However, the meeting was informed that the Council is reluctant to use non statutory signs and markings as suggested by Clr. Killilea.

Clr. O'Conchubhair raised the question of the Coolaliga road that is isolated at high tide and he was informed by Mr. S. McMahon, S.E.E. that it would cost approximately £25,000 to raise section of road involved.

The need for a sign at Pier into Sruhan and white line/stop sign at Rosaveel Pier was also raised.

Deputy Molloy asked that Clifden to Roundstone road be given priority as it is a very important road in the area. Mr. S. McMahon agreed that the road was an important one and required major repairs.

It was agreed that the possibility of repairing roads on Inishmean and Inishere under the Social Employment Schemes be examined in light of the fact that Udaras are at present operating such a scheme.

The request for reports by Councillors O'Conchubhair and Welby regarding the Tully and Camus roads were referred to and Mr. S. McMahon, S.E.E. replied that only limited works could be carried out on the Tully road in 1985 and that money will have to be provided in the 1986 Estimates to carry out the repairs required. With regard to the Camus road Mr. McMahon informed the meeting that Councillors N.O.M. money was being spent on this road and the work will be completed shortly.

Clr. Welby then thanked the County Engineer, the staff and members.

The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

20/12/85 DATE

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I 7u Deire Fomháir 1985

Chuig gach ball den Choiste Gaeltachta

A Chara

Iarratar ort bheith i lathair ag cruinniú den Choiste Gaeltachta a tionolfai ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh ar an 7u de Samhain 1985 ag tosnu ar a 3.30 a chlog sa tráthnóna.

Isteach le so ta cuntas den cruinniú ar an 26u Mi Mean Fomháir seo chaite.

  
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

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CRUINNIU AR AN 7u LA DE MHI SAMHAIN INS NA FOIRGNITHE CHONTAE I nGAILLIMH

I LATHAIR:

CATHAOIRLEACH: Nicholas O'Conchubhair

BAILL EILE I LATHAIR:

Ruairi O Conghaile, Colm O hIarnan,  
Padraic Og O Congaile, Sean O Loinsigh,  
Sean O Neachtain, Michael S. Mac Giolla Gannain  
Eamon O Cuiv, Peadar O Tuathail

OIFIGIGH AN CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE:

Siobhan Ni Ghiollarnath, S.O. Tomas O Caomhanaigh  
Runai Sealadach, Colm Du Bhailais S.O.  
A. Fleming, Runai don Choiste,  
Sean MacMathuna S.E.E.

Cathaoirleach:

Chuir Micheal O'Morain sceal chuig an cruinniú nach mbeadh se in ann teacht chuig an choiste. Glacadh Nicholas O'Conchubhair mar chathaoirleach don cruinniú.

Socraíodh go freagrofai ceisteanna san Agenda i ndiaidh a cheile.

1. Seirbhis Doitean a chur ar fail laithreach ar Inis Mor - Colm O hIarnan, Uas.

Duirt an Runai den choiste go bhfuil inneall doitean ceannaithe ag an Chomhairle Contae. Ta se socraithe an inneall doitean a chuir ar an oilean chomh luath agus a bheidh na h-uarlaisi ar fad againn agus go mbeidh an Chomhairle Chontae ag chur traenail ar fail nuair a bheidh an doitean ar an oilean.

Duirt an t-Uasal O hIarnan go raibh bainisteoir an Chomhair Cumann imithe agus d'fhiarr se gach eolais a chuir chuige fein.

2. Talamh an Chomhairle Chontae i gCill Ronan. Balla no scunsa de chuinneal eigin a thogail idir an chuid den talamh a cheannaigh an Chomhairle Chontae agus an chuid ata fos ag Ard Easbog Thuama. - Colm O hIarnan.

Duirt an Runai nach raibh fhios cheart aige ar an suíomh a bhi i gceist agus duirt an t-Uasal O hIarnan gurb e an suíomh ata idir an seipeil agus an scoil ata i gceist. Teastaíonn uaig an sceal a thabhairt do i litir chomh luath agus is feidir.

3. Soilse poibli a chur ar na Boithre i gCill Ronan - Colm O hIarnan

Duirt an Runai nach bhfuil a ghothain airgid ag an Chomhairle Chontae chun soilse breise a chur ar fail faoi lathair. Níor chuir an Chomhairle Chontae aon soilse breise ar fail le blianta seachas soilse ar Boithre Naisiunta.

4. Boithre poibli a dheanamh do Boithre an Oilean - Padraic Og O Congaile, Uas.

Duirt an Runai go gcuirfeadh se tuairisc innealtoireacht ar Boithre Inis Mean ar fail. Ta coip den tuairisc leis seo. Níl se socraithe fos an bhfuil an airgead le fail chun na boithre a dheanamh mar boithre poibli.



5. Tigin a thogail do Iascairi, dhaoine nach bhfuil aon teach acu, do daoine ata le posadh - Padraic Og O Congaile, Uas.

Duirt an Runai go gcuireann an Comhairle Chontae tithe ar fail do theaghlaigh a dteastaionn tithe uathu de reir tosaoichta ata leagtha amach de reir Acht Na dTithe agus ba cheart do dhaoine a dteastaionn teach uathu sceal a chuir chuig Runai an Chomhairle Chontae.

6. Feabhas an sceim uisce le dha tank storail a thogail iomlan do 500 mile gln. - Padraic Og O Congaile, Uas.

Duirt an Runai go bhfuil an Comhairle Chontae ag lorg suiomh faoi lathair chun tank storail a thogail.

7. Deisiuchan Bothar Sheannaghurrair, An Spideal. - Sean O Neachtain, Uas.

Duirt an Runai gur bothar Chontae e seo agus go bhfuil ganntanais airgead ann chun boithre mar seo a dheisiu ach chun obair prainneach a dheanamh.

8. Cuiteamh do dhaoine a chaill talamh de bharr sceithe tareis chur i bhfeidhm Sceim Reigiunach Uisce don Spideal - Sean O Neachtain, Uas.

Duirt an Runai go bhfuil iarrataisi faighte ag an Comhairle Chontae o dhaoine eagsula chun chuiteamh a fhail, go bhfuil na h-iarrataisi seo a scrudu faoi lathair agus go gcuirfai sceala chuig na h-iarrathoiri chomh luath agus is feidir.

I ndiaidh seo bhi agallamh ginearailte faoi faidhbeanna eagsula an Gaeltacht agus socraiodh na habhair seo leanas a chur ar clar le h-aghaidh an cead cruinniu eile.

- (a) Foirm iarratas pleanala a chuir ar fail i nGaeilge a theaspaineodh an t-eolas go leir a bheidh ag teastail le h-aghaidh ceadunas pleanala a fhail ar suiomh ata suite i gceantar t-ainneamhachta ata luaite sa phlean.

- (b) Treor a thabhairt do dhaoine comhartha a chuir i nGaeilge ar fud an Gaeltacht.

- (c) An bhfeadfai obair a dheanamh ar na reilig faoin Sceim "Social Employment Scheme".

Cuireadh crioch leis an cruinniu leis sin.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

M. J. O'Connell CHAIRMAN

20/12/85 DATE

## REPORT ON ROADS ON INIS MEAIN

Inismean has a population of about 300 people, of which 100 are less than 18 years of age. The present traffic count is as follows.

1 Jeep 4 Motor Cars 6 Tractors and Trailers 20 Motor Cycles

The roads system is as shown on the attached 6" scale map.

ROAD NO. 1 Length 2 500 metres.

This is the main road on the Island and it serves fifty four (54) houses, the Church, the Public House and the Health Centre, and is connected to the new pier at Cora Point. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard for adoption is £ 27,500.

ROAD NO. 2 Length 1 265 metres.

This road serves seven (7) houses, the Post Office, the Community Centre, the School and the factory. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard is £ 24,000.

ROAD NO. 3 Length 1 195 metres.

This road serves two (2) houses, and the Air Strip. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard is £ 25,200.

### OTHER ROADS TO INHABITED HOUSES

Length 2 300 metres.

These roads are shown coloured green on the attached map and serve a total of twenty three (23) houses. The estimated cost of bringing them up to standard is £ 43,500.

### OTHER ROADS

There is quite an amount of other roads on the Island which provide access to lands and the sea-shore but these are not being considered at this time, as they do not serve any inhabited house.

### GENERAL

The total length of roads considered in this report is 7 210 metres and the total cost of works required to bring them up to a standard for adoption as public roads is £ 120,200 at 1984 prices. Added to this an annual maintenance cost of £470 per kilometer would have to be provided for in the annual estimates.

County Engineer.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

31st October, 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 Friday, 8th November, 1985, commencing at 3.30 p.m., to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

E. GLIASAIN,  
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A G E N D A

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

1. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant planning permission to Eamon O Conghaile, Lettermuckoo, Camus, Co. na Gaillimhe, for a dwellinghouse. - Planning Reference Number 48500."  
  
Robert Molloy. Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy.
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 Eamon O'Conchubhair, Lacklea, Barna, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 51033"  
  
Robert Molloy. Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy.
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 Michael Ryan for a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Gortrevagh. - Planning Ref. No. 50935."  
  
Thomas Welby. M. O'Morain. Robert Molloy. Nioclas O'Conchubhair.
4. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant planning permission to Padraig Curran, Park, Spiddal, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 50279."  
  
Robert Molloy. Michael Fahy. Thomas Welby.

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 Peter Keane for the erection of a dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 50460."  
  
Michael Ryan. John M. Mannion. Mark Killilea.
6. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant planning permission to Anthony Mortimer, 10, Larchfield Avenue, Renmore, Galway, for a dwellinghouse. - Planning Reference Number 50484."  
  
Robert Molloy. Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy.
7. "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 Anthony Mortimer for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Clooniff, Moycullen. - Planning Ref. No. 50484."  
  
P. McCormack. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.
8. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Michael Duggan, of Cregboy, for a house at Cregboy. - Planning Ref. No. 51000"  
  
Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Joe Callanan.
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 John Duggan of Cregboy, Planning Permission for one house at Cregboy. - Planning Ref. No. 51001."  
  
Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Joe Callanan.
10. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant planning permission to Christy Barrett, (Uggool), Moycullen, Co. Galway, for 3 dwellinghouses. - Planning Reference number 51123."  
  
Robert Molloy. Michael Fahy. Thomas Welby.
11. "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 for Housing Development at Killywoogaun to Leo Mansfield, Clifden. - Planning Ref. No. 51159."  
  
Robert Molloy. John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby.
12. Consideration of Draft Plans for the Scheduled Towns of -
  - (a) Athenry
  - (b) Clifden
  - (c) Gort
  - (d) Loughrea
  - (e) Tuamand draft variations of the County Development Plan for the environs of
  - (f) Tuam
  - (g) Loughrea
13. Attendance of Chief Executive Officer of E.S.B. re restructuring of E.S.B.

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IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Sen. M. Killilea, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

271 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48500 - APPLICANT: EAMON O CONGHAOILE.

The County Manager stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application and that the resolution would be brought back before the Council after the information was received.

272 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51033 - APPLICANT: EAMON O'CONCHUBHAIR.

The County Manager stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application and that the resolution would be brought back before the Council after the information was received.

273 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50935 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL RYAN.

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

" LOCATION:

The site is located on the Galway/Oughterard road on the Oughterard side of the junction leading to Oughterard Golf Course. This is a National Secondary Route, N.59.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 50012: A similar application was received from Annie Moloney. An F.I. request issued in respect of housing need. This request was answered by Mr. Michael Ryan, who stated that unfortunately Annie Maloney had died. He intimated that Annie Maloney resided in the cottage beside the site, but he now lived there, temporarily. The application was refused because of (a) traffic hazard on the National Secondary Route and (b) the application did not fall within the category of housing need permissible on the National Secondary Route.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is situated on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and, in fact, there have been a number of traffic accidents in this vicinity.

The applicant has stated his application is for a replacement of a substandard dwelling. However, in reply to a request for Further Information, he has stated that he does not own the adjacent substandard dwelling, nor has he any proposals to purchase it.

Therefore, the application does not fall into the category of permissible housing need on this National Secondary Route.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would be likely to interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said route, thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development is located on a National Secondary Route where it is the stated policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. As the applicant is not the landowner, no such need exists and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Noel Treacy. Councillor Welby indicated that the applicant was working in the nearby Golf Club and was living in the dilapidated house. He intended to build a new house on the proposed site. He had entered into a Contract for the purchase of the site and he had no control over the existing house which was in run down state of repair. Councillor Joe Brennan stated that the Council should stand by its objectives as set out in the County Development Plan. As there were no amendments to Councillor O'Morain's proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried unanimously.

274 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50279 - APPLICANT: PADRAIG CURRAN.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the seaside of the Galway/Spiddal road at Park Spiddal,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on the Galway side of the Sacred Heart Nursing Home.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Reference No. 43384  
Outline Permission refused for dwellinghouse to Micheal O Guirraoin.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is on the seaside of the Cois Ferraige road which is subject to Class 2 control in the County Development Plan and at a particular location where there are views of special amenity value indicated in the plan. On both of those grounds, the Planning Policy is to restrict development to the housing needs of farmholder's families.

The applicant has stated that his father, with whom he lives in a nearby house has no land, and that he is getting this site from Michael Curran. He does not say whether he is related to the landowner.

Mr. Michael Curran has received a number of Planning Permissions on his land holding, which is fragmented, but for the most part situated on the north side of the Galway/Spiddal road. At least one of the permissions has not yet been availed of, and has nearly another 3 years to run. This site could be availed of or another suitable site chosen from the land holding north of the road without any damage ensuing to the visual amenity of the area.

A house, located as proposed, would be in the forefront of highly scenic views of Galway Bay and the Aran Islands and despite being a few feet lower than the road level, it could not be assimilated into its surroundings, and would cause damage to the visual amenity. It would be preferable not to build on the small part of the holding south of the road other than where there is no alternative siting for a member of the Curran family. Such a situation has not been shown to exist.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area because it would be located on the seaside of the public road in the forefront of panoramic views of Galway Bay, the coast of Clare and the Aran Islands, and it would be a discordant feature in the field of view, the preservation of which is an objective of the County Development Plan."

The County Engineer indicated that the development would injure seriously the magnificent view in the area as it would be located on the sea side of the public road.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Robert Molloy, seconded by Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, and seconded by Councillor J. Burke that planning permission not be granted in this case.

A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor M. Fahy, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, and T. Welby. (15)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Lambert. (3)

Councillors F. Glynn Sinn Fein, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. MacDonagh, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh abstained from voting.

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

275 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50460 - APPLICANT: PETER KEANE.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Clifden/Leenane road overlooking Streamstown Bay. This is a National Secondary Route.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies. Apparently the applicant is purchasing the site from a friend and therefore the application does not fall into the category essential housing need which may be permitted on this route, Reference Table 25(B) P 267 of the County Development Plan.

The site is also located in an area of outstanding scenic amenity. The site rises steeply upwards away from the roadway and the proposed house location would be elevated and obtrusive.

There is an exposed quarry face approximately 30ft. high located on the site adjacent to the roadway. The remainder of the site is bogland. Therefore the site, consisting of bogland overlying bed rock is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 1. The proposed development is located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the proposed development, if permitted, would, by reason of the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development, interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the National Secondary Route, thus constituting a traffic hazard, which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development is located on a National Secondary Route where it is the stated policy of the Planning Authority, as set out in the County Development Plan, to limit development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. No such need exists, and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
3. The proposed development would be located in an exposed and unrelieved location in an area of outstanding scenic amenity, and would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
4. The site proposed to be developed, consisting of bogland overlying bedrock is unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to give rise to a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor J. Mannion asked if a Health Inspector's Report had been received. He stated that the applicant was getting a site from a friend, that there were two houses near the proposed site and that the house was 150 ft. from the Quarry. The County Engineer indicated that a Health Inspector's report had not been obtained in this case as it was considered unnecessary because it was obvious that the site was unsuitable for a septic tank. The County Engineer indicated that the proposed location of the septic tank was 100 ft. from the stream near the southern boundary of the site, and that the stream would become polluted as the site was generally rock overlain by peat.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that the Council should accept the Engineer's report that the septic tank would not work. It was unfair to the people who would live in the house to allow such a situation.

Councillor Brennan stated that it would be wrong to pass a Section 4 resolution if the stream were to be polluted.

The County Manager indicated that the case before the Council was a serious one because of the absence of proper percolation area and the existence of a nearby stream which was in danger of being polluted. He informed the Council that he might have difficulties in relation to it.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor John Mannion and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan. It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke and seconded by Councillor J. Brennan that Planning Permission not be granted.

A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Sen. M. Killilea, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, T. Walsh, and T. Welby. (22)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan and J. Burke. (2)

Councillor F. Glynn Sinn Fein and Deputy M. P. Kitt, abstained from voting. The Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

276 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACTS 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50484 - APPLICANT: ANTHONY MORTIMER.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located at Clooniff, Moycullen on a minor county road that runs along the eastern shoreline of Ballyquirke Lake. There has been no previous application on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in the area designated as Galway City Environs in the County Development Plan where the minimum site size is required to be half acre, other than for the essential housing need categories. The area of the site submitted is 0.343 acres. The applicant was asked if he could increase the site size in order to comply with the density requirement, but he was unable to do so as he is bounded on two sides by an existing house site, and on the third side by an accommodation breen to backlands. The owner of the adjacent site is an objector to this development.

There is no objection to the proposal on the grounds of visual amenity or public health, but the density provisions of the development plan ought to be complied with other than in exceptional circumstances.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would constitute an excessive density of housing and septic tank development in this rural area in the environs of Galway City, where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to require minimum site sizes of half acre, as expressed in Chapter 24.7 of the County Development Plan. The site size submitted is less than half acre and cannot be extended."

The County Engineer indicated that it was proposed to refuse Permission in this case because the area of the site did not have the minimum requirement of half an acre. The owner of the adjacent site had objected to the development. The resolutions as set out on the Agenda were proposed by Deputy R. Molloy and seconded by Senator Mark Killilea. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried unanimously.

277 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51000 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL DUGGAN.

The County Manager stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application and that the resolution would be brought back before the Council after the information was received.

278 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51001 - APPLICANT: JOHN DUGGAN.

The County Manager stated that further information had been requested in relation to this application and that the resolution would be brought back before the Council after the information was received.

279 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51123 - APPLICANT: CHRISTY BARRETT.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located approximately 1 mile south of Moycullen, 300 yards from the Galway/Moycullen Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 43964 - Outline Permission for 3 houses refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala - applicant Mr. Christy Barrett.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is part of a large area of lands which was formerly owned by Mr. Thomas Geoghegan who sold a considerable portion of his road frontage as building sites. The present applicant has already obtained permissions on the public roadway and is now continuing a trend of developing the backlands. Two Section 4 permissions were granted on an adjoining site last year which was also owned by Mr. Barrett.

Chapter 24 of the County Development Plan requires minimum site sizes 1/2 acre and minimum road frontages of 75ft. The sites in question having no road frontage would not comply with the relevant terms of the County Development Plan and being backlands development adjoining existing houses, the development would also be contrary to 24.5 (iii) which states that "unco-ordinated development of backlands will not be acceptable where such development would reduce the residential amenity of adjoining development"

If this area of Uggool is to be developed in depth, it should be in the context of an action area plan drawn up by the County Council so that existing property owners in the area will have their amenities protected by adequate layout and orientation of houses, acceptable foul drainage provisions, and safe roads design. In the absence of such a plan development proposed on an an hoc basis should be refused.

There is a further point to be noted about the site. It overlaps significantly the rear curtilage of a site which was permitted on appeal and on which a house has been built. The permission now sought may adversely affect the planning permission of the other house and cause difficulties in the event of a sale.

Refusal is recommended as follows:-

The proposed development, part of which is to be located on the rear curtilage of a permitted site, would constitute an excessive density of housing development in an unserviced rural area and would diminish existing residential amenity because of its location to the rear of existing houses and the disruption of the existing pattern of housing development which fronts onto public roads."

The County Engineer indicated that what was proposed in this case was a scheme of housing development which did not comply with the standards normally required for such development. The development should be carried out in the context of an overall Development Plan for the area.

Deputy Robert Molloy recommended that Planning Permission be granted on the site for one house and that the location of that house be established after consultation with the applicant. This was agreed and the Section 4 was not, therefore, proceeded with.

280 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING PERMISSION NUMBER 51159 - APPLICANT: LEO MANSFIELD.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located off a lay-by on the main approach road to Clifden, approximately 1 1/2 miles from Clifden.

HISTORY:

Essentially there have been 4 no. previous applications on these lands, although there have been some minor variations of site boundaries and detail and all have been submitted by the present applicant.

Planning Ref. No. 37481: Permission refused by the Planning Authority for 5 no. houses on public health and visual amenity grounds.

Planning Ref. No. 38027: Permission refused for 5 no. houses by the Planning Authority and on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on public health and visual amenity grounds.

Planning Ref. No. 39582: Permission refused for 5 no. houses by the Planning Authority on public health and visual amenity grounds. The application was appealed but no grounds of appeal were submitted and no decision has issued.

Planning Ref. No. 44597: Permission refused by the Planning Authority for 3 no. houses and refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on Public health and visual

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site slopes steeply upwards from the lay-by, which is still a public road. The site surface consists of waterlogged bogland. Therefore, because of the nature of the terrain and the topography of the site, the proposals would be likely to cause partially treated effluent to discharge onto the public roadway. This has been confirmed by the Chief Medical Officer.

Because of the steeply sloping nature of the site, the proposed houses would be located in an elevated location on part of an open steep hillside and would be visually obtrusive.

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

- 1. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because the site is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent due to its boggy nature and steeply sloping terrain.
2. The proposed development would detract from the visual amenity of the area, being located outside the development area in a rural elevated location on part of an open steep hillside area and as such would be visually obtrusive and would militate against the preservation of the area's rural environment."

Deputy R. Molloy stated that he did not accept the reasons for refusal as being valid. He disagreed with the description of the site topography as contained in the Report and stated that the soil had a sand and gravel base and referred to the disused gravel pit as shown in the site map to substantiate his argument. He stated that all the houses in the area were on elevated sites, including a scheme of Council houses. He stated that a Public Health Officer had deemed the site suitable and that information to this effect was present on the Planning files. There was not, in his opinion, any valid reason for refusal of Planning Permission in this case.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that he did not agree with Deputy Molloy and referred to the fact that Bord Pleanala had already refused permission for 5 houses on Appeal and 3 houses on Appeal on public health grounds and visual amenity grounds. He stated that the Council should reject the application.

In reply to Councillor O'Tuathail, the County Engineer indicated that a final report by the IIRS on their Survey of Septic Tank Treatment Systems was not yet available.

Deputy Molloy referred to a report of a Health Inspector of the 10th August, 1981, and asked that the report be made available to the Meeting. The County Manager pointed out that he had no report from a Health Inspector dated the 8th August, 1981, but that he had a copy of a letter dated the 10th August, 1981, from Mr. P. Tunney, Health Inspector, to Mr. Leo Mansfield. The letter indicated that there was no objection to the development on public health grounds. The county Manager indicated that there was a report dated the 15th September, 1981, from the County Medical Officer on file indicating that the site was unsuitable for septic tank effluent and that this report contradicted the contents of the Health Inspector's letter.

Councillor Welby stated that he was satisfied that the land could be made suitable for septic tank treatment and that a lot of land in the area which had been built on had been elevated.

In reply to a query from Clr. Brennan, the County Manager indicated that it was highly irregular for a Health Inspector to write directly to an applicant. It was his duty to deal directly with the County Medical Officer.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor John M. Mannion. It was proposed by Clr. J. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, that Planning Permission not be granted.

A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Fnnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby. (22)

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

Councillor Glynn Sinn Fein abstained from voting.

281 - DISCUSSIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that it was the intention that an opportunity be given at a special meeting to discuss planning applications. He mentioned some planning applications and asked that an opportunity be given to discuss them. The County Manager indicated that he had arranged to have the planning staff available in so far as it was possible on the day of the special planning meeting in order to discuss individual planning applications with them. If planning applications were to be discussed at the special meeting, notice would have to be given of the intention to raise them at the meeting.

282 - CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWNS OF ATHENRY, CLIFDEN, GORT, LOUGHREA, TUAM, AND DRAFT VARIATIONS OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE ENVIRONS OF TUAM AND LOUGHREA.

The Council considered the Draft Development Plans for the following scheduled towns of -

- (a) Athenry
(b) Clifden
(c) Gort
(d) Loughrea
(e) Tuam

and the draft variations for the towns of Loughrea and Tuam.

The County Manager indicated that Committees consisting of the Members for the Electoral Areas in which the towns were situated had already considered their respective plans, and he referred to the following report which set out replies to the various matters raised by Members.

Table with 3 columns: Athenry, Clifden, Matters Raised by Members, Replies. Contains details of planning matters and responses for Athenry and Clifden.

2. Provision should be made for the parking of buses in the town centre.

3. Policy statement (b) in paragraph 3.1.3 of Part 3 of the Draft could be interpreted as precluding any industrial development or commercial development not related to tourism.

4. Provision should be made for a hard stand for street traders.

Gort

1. High trees in graveyard adjacent to the public library building.

2. Development of Amenity walks by the riverside at Kinincha.

Loughrea

1. Statement in paragraph (a) Section 2.182 regarding existing factories is factually incorrect.

2. Lands acquired by County Council for housing purposes should be included in residential zoning.

3. Stoney Brennan Head should not be relocated.

2. An objective will be included to examine the proposal to provide bus parking bays in Town Centre.

It is proposed to alter the phrase 'industrial development inconsistent with the Tourist role' by changing the word 'inconsistent' to 'seriously injurious'.

The suggestion to provide a hardstand for street traders will be included in the Plan before putting it on public display.

Safety of trees at Library will be examined as suggested by Deputy Fahey.

Development of Amenity Walks at Kinincha has been included as an objective in the Plan.

Minor correction of paragraph 2.18.2 will be made to draft plan for public display.

The residential zoning of the Council lands on the site of the former Loughrea dump will be included in the Plan for public display.

The suggestion to remove the Stoney Brennan head to the Fair Green Park has been omitted. It is suggested, however, that it be located across the road from its present site, possibly with heads and wall-plaque from wall of shed beside Abbey, subject to agreement of owner.

Additional Objectives included in the proposed Draft Plan

- (i) Pedestrianisation of 'Kings Entry' 3.3.3.
- (ii) Lowering of walls which obstruct view of Lake at Cuscarrick (3.3.4).
- (iii) Further development of Garrybreeda roadside park.
- (iv) Derelict Site improvement programme (3.3.4).
- (v) To investigate feasibility of removal of walled boat harbour at Western end of Barrack Street.
- (vi) The reduction of the number of maps and the simplification of the objectives terminology in part 3.

Tuam

1. Paragraph (a) of Section 2.14.4 to be changed indicating that the Corrib is the long term source of water supply for Tuam.

2. Suggestion that Blaney's garage which was on the market for sale be purchased to provide access for ring road at Galway Road.

3. Listing of Memorial and Old workhouse site, Plunkett House and old Granary at Ballygaddy Road as worthy of preservation.

4. Suggestion that an area of 20 acres approximately at Kilcloghans would be suitable for industrial/commercial zoning.

5. The need for the provision of a hard stand for itinerants should be stated in the draft plan.

6. Improvement of the junction at Weir Road should be an objective of the Draft Plan.

7. Plan should include proposals for walks in Tuam for which a scheme has been prepared.

8. Suggestion that site coverage requirements in the Draft Plan should be relaxed in the town centre.

9. Provision in the draft plan to encourage developers to include a work of art in any commercial development having a value of £100,000 or more.

10. Additional lands on both sides of the Galway Road should be zoned suitable for industrial and warehousing development.

Clr. Burke pointed out that 2.14.4 was now superceded as the Corrib was now chosen as the Long Term Water Supply source for Tuam Plan has been amended accordingly.

This may be premature at the moment having regard to Council's finances.

Arising from suggestions by Clrs. Burke and Glynn the following are being added to Table 3.2.:

- Memorial on Old Workhouse Site.
- Plunkett House
- Old Granary Ballygaddy Road.

Clr. Glynn's proposal for commercial zoning of lands at Kilcloghans is being designation for further detailed study for this purpose.

Clr. Burke's suggestion to include an objective of providing an itinerant hard-stand has been included. (Section 3.3.2).

The improvement of Weir Road junction is already an objective of the plan and a priority of the Council - Clr. Burke queried this matter.

The Nanny Riverside Walk Scheme is not yet completed but it is an objective of the Plan 3.3.4.

Clr. Burke's suggestion of increased site coverage for commercial development in Town Centre is not recommended for adoption for Fire Safety and Health reasons.

Clr. Glynn's suggestion to include provision of sculpture as part of a planning permission is deemed to be ultra vires the Planning Act.

Lands at Farranamartin, Galway Road, have been rezoned commercial.

Additional Objectives included  
in the Proposed Draft Plan

Community Facilities

- relating to Town Burial Ground Maintenance.
- replacement public toilet at Shambles Car Park.

Open Space and Amenity

- guidelines for future development of Palace Grounds.
- maintenance of public open space.
- all weather hardstand area for winter sports and circus sites.
- Tree Preservation Order at St. Mary's Cathedral.
- to examine playing field needs at St. Enda's Road Area.

Roads

- to provide traffic route lighting at Farranamartin.

Land Use

- layout plan for commercially zoned lands at Farranamartin.
- derelict site improvement.
- to examine with C.I.E. future use of C.I.E. lands at Station.
- streetscape plan for Chapel Lane.

Sanitary Services

- to examine operation of septic tanks at Ballygaddy Road.

Advertising Displays

- to remove footpath and roadside displays without notice.

The number of maps in the plans have been reduced from 14 to 8. In Part 3 the objectives have been collected together in series and the terminology for objectives has been simplified.

It was now proposed to put all the Draft Plans on display for the statutory period of 3 months.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager indicated that a toilet could be provided in Athenry without specific mention of its location.

Councillor Glynn Sinn Fein requested that the condition of the graves in the Old Abbey be taken up with the Office of Public Works.

It was agreed on the proposal of Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Thomas Welby, that the reference to the objectives in the Town Plans for the removal of advertising signs from the public footpath be removed.

In reply to Senator Mark Killilea, it was indicated that the extent of the zoning of lands on the Galway Road was as indicated in the Draft Plan for Tuam which had been circulated.

In reply to Councillor Finnegan, the Council were informed that the industrial zoning of the lands <sup>in Tuam</sup> would exclude their use for housing development. In reply to a request from Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed that the zoning in the Tuam plan would be amended to provide for housing development in the area immediately adjoining existing housing on the Galway Road.

In reply to Senator Killilea who stated that the Council had already agreed that the boundary of Oranmore Village for planning purposes would be extended to include additional lands on the Galway road, the Council were informed that the matter would be examined.

In reply to queries from Councillor F. Glynn Sinn Fein and Councillor J. Burke, the County Manager indicated that a condition regarding the incorporation of a work of art in commercial or industrial development of a specialised nature could not be inserted in the Tuam Draft Plan but that an objective could be included to encourage the provision of such works but that this would not have any statutory effect.

Councillor Loughnane stated that there were a number of far reaching provisions in the Loughrea Plan and that the Draft Plan should not be put on display until the Loughrea Town Commissioners and the Chamber of Commerce had an opportunity to consider it. This was agreed. It was agreed that the <sup>other</sup> Draft Plans as amended at the meeting would be published in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements.

283 - ATTENDANCE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF E.S.B.:

The Chairman indicated that it was hoped that the Chief Executive of the E.S.B. would attend the meeting at 5.00 p.m. He had been informed that the Chief Executive, Mr. Moriarity had left Dublin but had not yet arrived in Galway. He understood that Messrs. Fahy and Osborne of the local E.S.B. Offices in Galway were available to attend the meeting and were awaiting the arrival of Mr. Moriarity. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that he understood that the appointment of a new Regional Manager for the Limerick Area had been made and he proposed that the Council condemn that decision which had been made before the Members had an opportunity to discuss the restructuring of the E.S.B. with the Chief Executive. Councillor O'Morain stated that the Council wished to have discussions with Mr. Moriarty himself and he proposed that a Telex be sent to him requesting to fulfil his engagement to attend the meeting of Galway County Council. He also proposed that the Chief Executive be requested to withdraw the appointment of the Regional Manager pending discussions with the Members of the Council. Councillor J. Burke seconded Cllr. O'Morain's proposal.

284 - FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN ENNIS:

Deputy Frank Fahey proposed that five Members of the Council be sent to a forthcoming Conference in Ennis. The County Secretary indicated that he had no details of a forthcoming Conference in Ennis and Deputy Fahey stated that he would submit the details. Deputy Fahey proposed that Councillors J. Molloy, T. Welby and Michael Fahy attend the Conference. Councillor J. Mannion proposed that Councillors Michael Ryan and John Mannion attend also.

285 - SPECIAL MEETING - SANITARY SERVICES:

The Members of the Council agreed that the second part of the Special Meeting to be held on the 13th December, 1985, would deal with Sanitary Services matters. It was agreed that the December Monthly Meeting would be held on 23rd December, 1985.

286 - NEGOTIATIONS RE COUNTY BOROUGH STATUS FOR GALWAY:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor T. Welby, that 10 Members be appointed on the negotiation team to negotiate compensation with the Members of the Galway Corporation.

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor T. Welby that Deputy Michael Kitt, Deputy Robert Molloy, Senator Mark Killilea, Councillors Thomas Welby, Micheal O'Morain, Joe Callanan, and Deputy Frank Fahey, be appointed on the negotiating team.

It was indicated that Councillor J. Mannion, Michael Ryan, and J. Burke had also been nominated as a result of discussions at the last Council Meeting.

It was agreed that the first meeting regarding negotiations be held on the 18th November, 1985, at 3.30 p.m.

287 - RINVILLE PARK:

Senator Killilea referred to an article in a local newspaper giving details of proposed developments in relation to Rinville Park. He stated that details of the proposed development should be made available to the Members of the



Council before being published. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the plans in relation to the development of the Park had been approved and that a committee consisting of Members of the County Council and the Corporation had been appointed by both authorities. The Committee had approved of all the proposed development and he referred specifically to the Social Employment Scheme which was in progress.

288 - ISSUE OF DEPARTMENT OF CIRCULARS TO MEMBERS:

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, the County Manager indicated that it was normal practice that circulars issued by the Department of the Environment of relevance to Members were placed on the Agenda for the Meeting occurring next after the date on which they were received.

The County Manager indicated that circulars could be issued to Members after being received and could be considered subsequently at the next meeting.

289 - EXPENSES OF MEMBER ATTENDING MEETINGS OF L.A.M.A.:

In reply to Councillor J. Joyce, the County Manager indicated that the position regarding the payment of travelling expenses to Members who attended Conferences or meetings was that travelling expenses would be payable if the business of meeting dealt with matters which was connected with the duties of Local Authorities.

290 - PROVISION OF SITE MAPS WHICH REPORT ON SECTION 4 RESOLUTIONS:

The Council agreed following a discussion that site maps should be provided with the reports on Section 4 resolutions.

291 - PLANNING APPLICATION FOR ABBATOIR IN GORT: - APPLICANT: HUGH O'DONNELL:

Deputy Frank Fahey referred to a planning application from a Mr. Hugh O'Donnell of Beagh, Gort, for planning permission to erect an Abbatoir in Beagh, Gort. He stated that Mr. O'Donnell was a butcher who was building an Abbatoir beside his family home. Mr. L. Kavanagh outlined the problems in relation to the disposal of effluent and waste. Deputy Fahey asked that the proposals be discussed with the applicant.

292 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mr. Christy O'Connor, Junior, Coole Park, Gort.
- Mrs. Ann Larkin & Family, Mannionard, Ardahan.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN

20/12/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

15th. November, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS.

Dear Member:

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers which will be held at the Community Hall, Hillside, Galway on Friday, 22nd. November, '85 at 3.00 p.m.

Yours sincerely,

T. Kavanagh,  
Acting County Secretary.

AGENDA

1. Meeting with Travellers' representatives
2. Further consideration of report on Travellers, copy enclosed.
3. Any other business.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS, HELD IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, HILLSIDE, GALWAY, ON THE 22nd NOVEMBER, 1985.

CHAIRMAN: Deputy F. Fahey.

Present in accordance with list of signatures, were the following:

MEMBERS: Sen. John M. Mannion, Deps. Robert Molloy, Michael Kitt, Cllrs. Michael Ryan, Joe Lambert, Peter Raftery, Angela Lupton, Patrick Finnegan, Jarlath McDonagh, Tiarnan Walsh, Michael Fahy, Michael Finnerty, Ballinasloe U.D.C., Miss. Mary Byrne, Mrs. Bridie McKenna, Mrs. Cora McNamara, Sr. Brigid Keane and Mr. Pdraig F. Conneely.

OFFICIALS: Messrs. P. Kearns and J. Howlett, Assistant County Managers, Mr. A. Carroll A/S.E.E., Mr. J. McGovern S.S.O., Mrs. Kay O'Neill, Miss. Vera White, Miss. Jacinta Kangley and Miss. B. Cowley Social Workers, and C. McCommack, who acted as secretary to the Committee.

Also present were: Mrs. Joyce Sholdice and Mrs. Mary Moriarty of the Monitoring Committee on Travellers and a deputation comprising traveller representatives from Galway, Tuam, Loughrea and Gort.

Having been proposed by Mr. P. Conneely and seconded by Cllr. Finnerty, Cllr. Angela Lupton was unanimously elected Vice Chairperson of the Joint Committee. Dep. Fahey told the meeting that the reasons for bringing in a deputation of traveller representatives were:

- (a) to help in catering for those on the roadside and.
- (b) to breakdown prejudices.

He outlined for the travellers the problems which exist in housing estates, and for which housed travellers are often blamed. He said there is need for extra assistance by way of caretaking arrangements, to help with these problems.

Mr. John McDonagh said he doesn't consider that there is need for caretakers and he doesn't accept that traveller families are any worse behaved than settled families. He said that travellers should not be isolated in a development such as Hillside. Mrs. Mary Moriarty said travellers, too, have problems but not all the anti-social behaviour in housing estates, is caused by them. She, too, considers that the Hillside type development is not the answer. More traveller representation, she said, is necessary when policy making and she urged that this Joint Committee include such representation. Dep. Fahey said this would be considered.

Mrs. Sholdice, however, considered that Hillside was a good development at the start. She felt though, that families should have been moved faster into estates. Speaking of the problems in estates, she said that residents were very often prejudiced even before travellers took up occupation of their houses. Consequently, travellers got little chance of integration.

Mrs. McNamara said, that all houses for travellers should be fully serviced. Referring to the Gilmartin Road houses in Tuam, she spoke of the difficulties families are experiencing there because of lack of facilities. Mrs. Teresea Sweeney spoke of her situation there, without necessary facilities. With reference to serviced sites, Mrs. Moriarty said, it is essential they are suitably located i.e. near church, shops, schools etc..., have a green area for children and be round in design if possible. She considers that the views of travellers should be sought before sites are constructed. Mr. John McDonagh asked about the halting site proposed for the Tuam Road, Galway. Mr. Kearns said the proposal for this site had been turned down by the Corporation members.

At this point of the meeting, the deputation left.

The discussion (~~afterwards~~) continued, with the Social Workers on the problems in housing estates. The Social Workers said they can't police the travellers and they felt, that community development is needed. Cllr. Lupton said, that Resident Associations should involve travellers. In this regard, Dep. Fahey said members of the committee could meet with the residents in various areas.

Mr. Howlett told the meeting, that the Council had written to the Department seeking funds to finance caretaking arrangements. Dep. Fahey said, that perhaps a meeting with the Minister would be necessary to outline needs in this area. Dep. Molloy said, he believes there is extra money now, available which would cover this type of expense. Mr. Howlett said, details of this will be sought for the next meeting.

The County Council's proposals for the settlement of travellers outlined, in Mr. Howlett's report of the 14th October, 1985, were again brought before the meeting and members adopted these as policy.

The Report on Serviced Sites was discussed, and as outlined in this report, members agreed that such sites were needed at six locations in the county. Dep. Fahey, said guarantees would need be given to locals before these sites would be successful. Staffing would be very important and he said the positive aspects, will have to be sold to locals. Dep. Molloy considered, that small sites only, will be acceptable and given the numbers to be accommodated at the various locations, he considers a number of such sites will be needed at some of the locations mentioned in the Report. He proposed that five per site be sufficient. This was seconded by Sr. Brigid. Dep. Fahey asked that officials now identify suitable locations for sites at the various areas mentioned. On the question of traders, the Committee felt they should not be included in proposals for serviced sites.

Date for the next meeting was provisionally fixed for the 17th. January, 1986.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:  
Michael Kitt CHAIRMAN

20/12/85 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

19u Samhain, 1985.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/  
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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 25u Samhain, 1985, ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
  - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to arrange for the immediate re-surfacing of Baile na h-Abhann road, Co. Galway, from Tully Crossroads to the pier."  
  
Robert Molloy. Micheal S. O'Morain. Thomas Welby. Nioclás O'Conchubhair.
  - (b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to close and wire in lay-by adjacent to Mr. Patrick Connolly's house and Kiltiernan National School, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway."  
  
Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Joe Lambert. Noel Treacy.
  - (c) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Thomas Lydon of Cluggam, Maam, Co. Galway, for erection of Abbatoir at Cluggam. - Planning Reference number 48095."  
  
Thomas Welby. Robert Molloy. Mark Killilea.
  - (d) "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. Sean Quinn, Kilcloghans, Tuam, for a dwellinghouse. - Planning Reference No. 50844."  
  
Patrick Finnegan. Tom Hussey. Paddy McHugh.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
  - (a) Special Meeting on 25th October, 1985.
  - (b) Monthly Meeting on 25th October, 1985.
  - (c) Special Meeting on 8th November, 1985.

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Committee Meetings:-

- (d) Joint Committee Meeting on Travellers on 17th October, 1985.
  - (e) County Arts Committee Meeting on 29th October, 1985.
  - (f) Committee Meeting of Members of Loughrea on 4th November, 1985.
  - (g) Committee Meeting of Members of Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas on 4th November, 1985.
  - (h) Coiste Gaeltachta ar 7u la Samhain, 1985.
3. Overdraft accommodation for quarter ending 31st March, 1986.
  4. Raising of loans to finance the following projects:-
    - (a) Mountbellew Water Supply Improvement Scheme.
    - (b) Rosmuc Regional Water Supply Scheme.
    - (c) Moylough Sewerage Scheme.
    - (d) Gort Sewerage Scheme.
    - (e) Athenry Sewerage Scheme - Supplementary loan.
  5. Sale of plot of land at Carrownurlaur, Milltown, to Michael Oates, under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966. - Notice dated 15th November, 1985, already circulated.
  6. Galway Eastern Approach Road - Oranmore By Pass.  
- Pedestrian facilities at junctions.
    - (a) Letter from Private Secretary to Minister for the Environment dated 4th November, 1985. (Copy enclosed)
    - (b) County Engineer's report circulated on 18th October, 1985. (Copy enclosed)
  7. Report on Housing sites in Connemara Area.
  8. Circular letter Fin. 26/85 dated 1st November, 1985, from Department of the Environment regarding prescribed periods for Local Authority Estimates, 1986, and Foreign Travel. (Copy enclosed)
  9. County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985. (Copy already circulated)
  10. (a) Regulations regarding Tenders.  
(b) Appointment of Committee to be present at opening of Tenders. (Procedure outlined in Section 27 of Local Government (Re-Organisation) Act, 1985, applies.)
  11. Disabled Persons Grants.
  12. Amalgamation of Coroners Districts of East and West Galway.
  13. Revision of Polling Scheme.
  14. Tonabrocky Quarry.
  15. Fix date for Roads Meeting (in Committee).
  16. Meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee of the 5 Connaught Counties and Donegal at Council Chamber, Castlebar, at 2.00 p.m. on 5th December, 1985.
  17. Conference on Urban Revitalization - Jerusalem - 2nd-6th March, 1986.
  18. Weir Road, Tuam.
  19. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
  20. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting on 25th October, 1985.

DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT - I will propose:

21. That repairs be carried out to Graigue Road, Caltra, and flooding relieved on this road especially at Graigue Pump.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

22. That this Council calls on the Government to implement effectively Article 40 of the Constitution.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

23. That the County Council prepare an estimate for easing the dangerous bends near Liam Broderick's house in Esker, Banagher, so as to have this work included in the Road Scheme for 1986.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose:

24. That the Council carry out necessary works to prevent flooding on the Loughrea/Athenry Road at Killiland opposite the entrance road to Dongarne Village.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

25. That the Cloosh and Geeha Group Water Schemes be connected together to help to bring about a more equal water supply to the area.

(b) Other Motions received

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

26. That a full report be given on the condition of the road leading to Sallerna Beach near Cleggan, Co. Galway, and the steps to be taken to carry out improvement works on the road.

27. That a report be given for the reason for the delay in carrying out repairs to the electrical wiring system in the County Council cottage occupied at Kilbricken, Rosmuc, Co. Galway.

28. That alternative arrangements for refuse collection be arranged in those areas which are normally serviced on Mondays and are left without service for long periods when Bank Holidays fall on a Monday.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:

29. That Galway County Council raise the Disabled Persons Grant from £2,400 to £4,000.

30. That a mechanical cleaner be acquired by Galway County Council, it can be put on loan in different areas particularly in the urban areas when required.

COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose:

31. That Galway County Council give a full report regarding the effluent from Carraroe Sewerage Scheme in Rossaveal Bay and that the C.M.O. be requested to prepare a report.

32. That Galway County Council repair the road at Lochan Beg, Indreabhan, and that an estimate be prepared - road leading to Jimmy Chearras House. (Name of road - Bothar an Lochain).

33. That an estimate be prepared for Bothar Cuan na Luinge, Bealadangan and same be included in 1986 Estimates.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

34. That the Trustees of Laurencetown Community Playing Field be granted a remission of Rates on the newly erected dressing rooms in the field.
35. That the sum of £2,500 be made available in next year's Estimates (1986) to cover the cost of laying a 9" drainage pipe and 5 no. gully grids at Oghilmore, Laurencetown.

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will propose:

36. That this Council provide a new cemetery at Peterswell Parish.
37. When the proposed new sewerage scheme for Gort Town will commence.
38. That Galway County Council not go ahead with the plans for a graveyard at Rinville, Oranmore, as this is a very wet and unsuitable site.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose:

39. That the footpath from Finn's Garage to the Cemetery Cross, Athenry, be concreted.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

40. To ask the County Manager what progress has been made on the site investigation for the proposed bridge at Knockferry.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

41. That Galway County Council present present proposal for the improvement of the Galway/Limerick National Primary Road at The Cut, Clarenbridge, with a view to having finance allocated in 1986 for the improvement of this very dangerous section of road which carries a large amount of pedestrian traffic and if the proposals will include an improvement of the junction with the Athenry Road at this location.

42. That the Council prepare a scheme for the provision of traffic route lighting at Claregalway and submit it for Department approval as soon as possible.

43. That the Council meet in joint session with Galway Corporation to discuss provisions for pedestrian traffic on the seven proposed roundabouts on the Eastern Approach Road and that Engineering staff give a comprehensive report on the provisions being provided including a detailed costing of alternative methods of crossing such as pedestrian overpasses.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

44. Galway County Council provide extra monies in their Estimates for 1986 for the improvements and maintenance of County Roads.

45. Galway County Council widen entrance and improve visibility at Peterswell crossroads.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

46. That provisions be made in the 1986 Estimates for public lighting to be provided between the Church and the Community Centre at Cornamona, as the people of the area use this stretch of road and footpath extensively.

47. That this Council provide a once weekly refuse service on the Kylemore/Letterfrack route.

48. That this Council erect without delay large school signs adjacent to Oughterard Secondary School as requested by management.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim:

49. Go gcuireadh an Comhairle Contae tearra ar an gcosan agus thart ar an ionad pobail ag an gCaiseal.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN

- Molain:

- 50. Go gcuirfi soilsiu ar fail ag an ionad pobail sa gCaiseal.
- 51. Go gcuirfi solas amhain ar fail ag ceann an bhothair chuig an ionad pobail i gCarna.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

- 52. That Galway County Council supply public lighting at Corofin Church - if funds are not currently available for same, I would propose that the scheme be included in the 1986 Estimates.
- 53. That Galway County Council supply public lighting at Turloughmore Health Centre - if funds are not currently available, I would propose that the scheme be included in the 1986 Estimates.
- 54. That the County Council undertake urgently needed repairs to Cregg Cemetery under Social Employment Scheme.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH - I will propose:

- 55. That a full report be given on the inadequacy of public lighting in the town of Headford, outlining the steps to be taken to improve same.
- 56. That a full report be given on the sewage treatment plant at Headford, outlining the steps to be taken to improve its handling capacity so that pollution being caused at present due to the inadequacy of plant can be eliminated.
- 57. That provision be made in the 1986 Estimates for the improvement of the Tuam to Headford road particularly the elimination of the dangerous bends at Cahernaheena between Garvey's, Rosslodge and McCole's, Corner Chapel.

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NOVEMBER MEETING	MALICIOUS	DAMAGE	DECREES		
Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree Including costs.	
Teresa Lucey, Killvoultra, Macroom, Co. Galway.	Damage to motor car reg. no. 471 AZB	County Borough	£100	£135.80	
Billy Lawless,	Damage to B.M.W. 728 reg. no. 3030 ZM	County Borough	£1,000	£585.26	
Peter Joyce, 40 Lower Shantalla Road, Galway.	Damage to metal grills, door, windows, etc.	County Borough	£1,350.40	£541.30	
Malachy Naughton, Mannsflynn, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.	Damage to Toyota Corolla Car	County At Large	£200.00	£120.00	
Western Motors Ltd., Dublin Road, Galway.	Damage to Audi 100 Motor Car	County at Large	£616.00	£450.50.	

C O M H A I R L E C H O N T A E N A G A I L L I M H E

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

15th. November, 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:- Michael Oates (deceased), Carrownurlaur, Milltown, Co. Galway.

Location:- Carrownurlaur, Milltown, Co. Galway.

Area:- .13 acres

To Whom land is to be transferred:- Michael Oates, Carrownurlaur, Milltown, 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,  
County Secretary.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J.F. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning) S. McMahon and F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

293 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Councillor P. Finnegan proposed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Mr. Sean Fallon, Shop Street, Tuam.

Senator Mark Killilea proposed a vote of sympathy with the Hussey Family, Belclare, Tuam, on the death of Mr. Henry Hussey.

Councillor J. McDonagh proposed a vote of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Mr. Sean Lawless, Menlo, Galway, Sports Writer with the Galway Observer.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Martin Forde & Family, Kilchreest, Loughrea.  
Mrs. Delia Callinan, Green House, Craughwell.  
Mrs. Patrick Lally, Ballylee, Peterswell.  
Mr. Michael Lawless, Menlo, Galway.

The Chairman and all the Members associated themselves with the votes of sympathy. The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, also associated himself with the votes of sympathy.

Councillor M. Mullins proposed a vote of congratulations with the Taoiseach and Members of the Government on the conclusion of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. Councillor John Mannion seconded Councillor Mullins' proposal.

294 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - RE-SURFACING OF BAILE NA h-ABHANN ROAD, COUNTY GALWAY:

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

"Due to lack of finance, the re-surfacing of this road cannot be undertaken this year. Emergency repair works (filling of potholes) were carried out during the week ending the 1st November, 1985.

The road is 1½ miles long and the estimated cost of re-surfacing same is £36,000. This work can be done when the County Council provides the necessary finance."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy who stated that continuous representations had been made regarding the condition of the road concerned. He regretted having to resort to submitting a Section 4 Resolution requiring that the work be carried out but all other attempts had failed, and he found it necessary to take this extreme action to force some result. The road was in a very bad condition and the estimate of £36,000 for the cost of re-surfacing bore out this fact. He stated that a man had fallen off a Dumper recently on the road and had received a broken leg.

Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal. He referred to the very bad condition of all the County Roads and stated that Councillors were experiencing total frustration in their efforts to have repairs carried out. He referred to a number of resolutions which he had submitted recently to be considered as Section 4 Resolutions. These resolutions had been returned to him as not being acceptable as Section 4 Resolutions. He handed in the documentation which referred to a number of items and asked that each case be investigated. Councillor Welby supported the resolution and stated that it was submitted to highlight the inadequacy of funds available for road improvements.

Councillor J. Mannion stated that while he appreciated the difficulties in relation to the carrying out of road improvement works, he was not in favour of using a Section 4 resolution in cases such as this. He proposed that the resolution not be adopted. Councillor Michael Ryan seconded Councillor Mannion's proposal and stated that the procedure in relation to cases such as this should be to ask the County Engineer to do whatever works were possible within the monies available.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, the County Engineer stated that the passing of the resolution did not provide the money to have the work carried out. The question of allocation of monies would be considered at the Estimates Meeting. He indicated that strengthening work was necessary on the road involved before surface dressing could be carried out. Following further discussion, it was agreed that the resolution would be adjourned to the Roadworks Meeting of the Council.

295 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - RE CLOSING OFF OF LAY-BY NEAR KILTIERNAN NATIONAL SCHOOL:

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

"The lay-by in question is on the Galway/Limerick Road (N18) at Kiltiernan West - approximately three miles South of Kilcolgan Village. This large lay-by, which is provided with picnic tables and litter bins is adjacent to but is not in front of Mr. Connolly's house. It is one of the finest picnic amenity areas adjoining a National Primary Road, not alone in County Galway but in the whole country. In recent weeks, the nearby National Primary Road has been provided with hard shoulders.

Travellers rarely use this lay-by and to my knowledge, they have not parked here for about eight years. This area is kept tidy by the Council and litter bins and grass are attended to. A fence in this location would in my opinion be very unsightly and the area behind the fence would also become unsightly if not maintained as an amenity area.

The cost of erecting a post and wire fence is estimated at £7,500. This expenditure could not be deemed maintenance of the National Primary Road, and therefore, not a proper charge on the maintenance Grant. (The legal costs of abandoning the road have not been included in the estimate). There would also be an ongoing maintenance charge as the Council own the land inside the fence. There is no money available from other funds to do the work in 1985.

I do not recommend closing off this very fine amenity area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy, and seconded by Deputy R. Molloy. Councillor Michael Fahy stated that the lay-by should be closed and wired in to ensure the protection of the children in the nearby school. Parking of cars occurred in the lay-by day and night and there were certain undesirable activities occurring there. The Connolly Family who lived nearby were also concerned about the situation. Councillor Fahy queried the estimate of £7,500 and stated that the area involved was not very great. He also stated that there were other lay-bys available in the area.

Councillor Michael Ryan stated that he was not in favour of closing the lay-by. It was Council policy over the years to provide lay-bys which were provided as amenities on roads for people travelling long distances. The County Engineer stated that he could not understand how the safety of the children could be affected. The lay-by concerned was a fine amenity and should not be closed down. He outlined the details of the fencing that would be necessary and indicated that the cost would have to be found from Revenue monies as such work would not qualify under any category of Road Grant. It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion that the resolution not be passed by the Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed on the request of Councillor Fahy that the resolution be adjourned to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime, the County Engineer meet the Councillors who had signed the Section 4 Resolution on the site to discuss the matter further. Councillor Loughnane stated that all the Members from the Electoral Area concerned should attend the meeting.

296 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 48095 - APPLICANT: THOMAS LYDON.

The County Manager indicated that Permission was about to be granted in this case.

297 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50844 - APPLICANT: SEAN QUINN.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Tuam/Milltown stretch of the National Primary Route N.17, approximately 1/2 mile north of the Tuam Town speed limits.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 32043: Outline Permission granted to Sean Quinn for warehousing complex.

Planning Ref. No. 49717: Permission granted to Sean Quinn for hayshed.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is approximately 250 yards north of the applicant's existing house on lands in respect of which Outline Permission for warehousing was granted following a submission on behalf of Mr. Quinn to the effect that he had no accommodation for his vehicles which were used in the fuel distribution business, that the land was on his farm holding and adjoined his dwelling and that it was not suitable for residential use.

He has not carried out any development on the site to date other than raising the ground level by dumping spoil thereon. He proposes to use a common access for the house and the warehousing. On a visit to the Planning Office, he stated that he had sold the house he is currently living in as it was too large and too costly to keep in view of the downturn in his business in recent times.

The new house would be more compact and would provide ample on-site space for his truck and merchandise. It was pointed out to him that the Development Plan totally restricted development along this road other than housing necessary for farmholders families, and that he had two unavailed-of permissions, one of which was granted last year by Section 4 resolution. He also had a previous grant of permission on this road, which he sold, Ref. No. 32465. He denied having land on the Kilcloghan's County Road even though a land map relating to an earlier application indicated that he had.

Since there is no demonstrable housing need, which cannot be accommodated on his two existing permissions, his proposal would conflict with the policy of restricting development along the National Routes in the interests of traffic safety.

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 Chapter 25, Table 25A of the County Development Plan, which restricts development along this route to local family housing needs. Such a need does not arise in this instance."

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, and seconded by Senator T. Hussey that the resolution as set out on the Agenda be passed. Councillor Finnegan proposed that Planning Permission be granted as Outline Permission had already been granted for warehousing. Councillor J. Brennan stated that it was unreasonable for the applicant to look for a third Permission as two planning permissions already existed on the site involved. He proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. There was no seconder for Councillor Brennan's proposal and there being no further amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

298 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Meeting on 25th October, 1985.
- (b) Monthly Meeting on 25th October, 1985.
- (c) Special Meeting on 8th November, 1985.

On the proposition of Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, the Minutes of the following Committee meetings of the Council were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (d) Joint Committee Meeting on Travellers on 17th October, 1985.
- (e) County Arts Committee Meeting on 29th October, 1985.
- (f) Committee Meeting of Members of Loughrea on 4th November, 1985.
- (g) Committee Meeting of Members of Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas on 4th November, 1985.
- (h) Coiste Gaeltachta ar 7u la Samhain, 1985.

299 - CLAR CAIPITEAL DON BHRIOGAID TOITEAIN:

D'iarr an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail go mbeadh Clar Caipiteal don Bhriogaid Toiteain ar an Clar don chead cruinniu miosuill eile.

300 - ATTENDANCE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF E.S.B.:

The Council agreed to meet Mr. P.J. Moriarty, Chief Executive of the E.S.B. at their special meeting of 13th December, 1985, at 4.00 p.m. The Council agreed that the meeting of the 13th December would start at 2.30 p.m.

301 - REPLIES TO COUNCILLOR QUERIES:

Councillor P. McHugh referred to delays encountered by him in receiving replies to queries raised. He referred to queries which he had raised in August 1985 regarding the provision of a "No Dumping" sign at Claran and also to queries raised at the Committee meeting of 4th November, 1985. Councillor Finnegan and Councillor Matt Loughnane also referred to the delays in receiving replies to correspondence. The County Manager indicated that queries received from Councillors had often to be referred to Area Engineers for their report and a certain amount of time could elapse before the report was received. He undertook to examine the cases mentioned by the Councillors.

302 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT OUGHTERARD:

Councillor T. Welby referred to Minute No. 205 of the Council Meeting of 25th October, 1985, and proposed that the proceeds of the sale of the site at Oughterard be used to carry out improvements to the carpark. This was agreed.

303 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1986:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor Michael Mullins, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of Overdraft to the extent of £3 million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 31st March, 1986."

304 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,120,000 FOR MOUNTBELLEW WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor P. Raftery, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £1,120,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Mountbellew Water Supply Improvement Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

305 - RAISING OF A LOAN OF £3,046,960 FOR THE ROSMUCK REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain, seconded by Deputy R. Molloy, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £3,046,960 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Rosmuck Regional Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

306 - RAISING OF A LOAN OF £938,190 FOR THE MOYLOUGH SEWERAGE SCHEME:

It was proposed Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Senator T. Hussey, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £938,190 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Moylough Sewerage Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

307 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,083,000 FOR THE GORT SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £1,083,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Gort Sewerage Improvement Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

308 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £215,000 FOR THE ATHENRY SEWERAGE SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Deputy Frank Fahey and resolved:



"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £215,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Athenry Sewerage Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

309 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT CARROWNURLAUR, MILLTOWN:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Brennan, seconded by Senator Tom Hussey, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land measuring approximately 0.13 acres at Carrownurlaur, Milltown, to Mr. Michael Oates, Carrownurlaur, Milltown, in accordance with Notice dated 15th November, 1985, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

310 - GALWAY EASTERN APPROACH ROAD - ORANMORE BY-PASS - PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AT JUNCTIONS:

The Council considered a letter from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment dated 4th November, 1985, and the County Engineer's report, copies of which had been circulated to each Member.

The following reply which had been issued to Deputy Frank Fahey in reply to a Notice of Motion in his name was read:

"Broadly speaking the County Engineer's report on the Dublin Road Roundabout applies equally to all other Roundabouts in the County Area. This report which refers to item no. 6 on the Agenda has been previously circulated to all Members of the Council."

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that he was not satisfied with the figures set out in the County Engineer's report. The Council had approved of transportation proposals which were different from what was being implemented. He requested that detailed costings be prepared on the cost of providing 3 foot pedestrian overbridges on the same lines as was provided on the Tallaght By-Pass. Deputy Fahey stated that he did not accept that the crossings proposed at the Roundabouts would be safe for children and that the cost of provision of Overbridges relative to the overall cost of the project would be quite small. Councillor M. Fahy, Councillor M. Loughnane, and Deputy R. Molloy supported Deputy Frank Fahey. In reply to queries raised, the County Engineer indicated that two surveys had been carried out, one in June 1985 and one in October, 1985. The County Engineer further indicated that he could not recommend any additional facilities to what had been provided based on current standards. He would go along with the wishes of the members and prepare any report requested by them. Following further discussion, it was agreed that the County Engineer prepare an estimated cost of the provision of pedestrian overpasses on the four locations involved for the next meeting of the Council.

311 - REPORT ON HOUSING SITES IN CONNEMARA AREA:

The Council considered a report dated 20th November, 1985, from the Assistant County Manager, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, replied to queries raised by Members of the Council. He indicated that the Council were endeavouring to carry out repairs to the most urgent cases of demountable houses within the resources available.

Deputy Robert Molloy stated that the document did not represent the true housing needs in the areas involved. The Council were insisting that applicants provide their own suitable rural site and for this reason, some applicants who were unable to come up with suitable sites did not apply for housing. The Council should acquire lands throughout the area, and when such land was acquired, it should be made known generally that sites were available. He referred to a number of families who were living in the caravans in the Connemara Area. Mr. Howlett indicated that the Council were not aware of any major problems in relation to housing needs in the area. People interested in getting Council houses should apply so that their applications could be considered.

It was agreed on the proposal of Deputy R. Molloy, that an advertisement be placed in the public press inviting people to apply for housing in the area concerned so that the demand could be properly assessed.

312 - LOCAL AUTHORITY ESTIMATES 1986 AND FOREIGN TRAVEL:

The Council noted the terms of Circular letter Fin. 26/85 dated 1st November, 1985, from the Department of the Environment regarding prescribed periods for Local Authority Estimates 1986, and Foreign Travel, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

313 - COUNTY MANAGEMENT (RESERVED FUNCTIONS) ORDER, 1985:

The Council considered the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The County Manager indicated that the Order transferred the power to make charges for services provided in respect of domestic premises from the Manager to the Elected Members with effect from the 1st January, 1986. He indicated that it was desirable that the Council make an early decision in relation to the charges for services in 1986 to facilitate the preparation of the Estimates. It was agreed at the request of the Members that a statement would be prepared setting out details of the position in relation to charges and that the matter would be further considered at the December Meeting of the Council.

In reply to queries raised by Councillors, the County Manager indicated that the Council through the Rate Collectors list premises for re-valuation where appropriate, annually. These lists were submitted to the Commissioner of Valuations and there was a statutory procedure to be followed which incorporated provision for Appeal.

314 - REGULATIONS REGARDING TENDERS:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Mullins that the regulations regarding the reception and examination of Tenders, a draft of which had been circulated to each Member, be made by Galway County Council in exercise of the power on that behalf contained in Section 15 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955.

The Council agreed on the proposal of Councillor Micheal O'Morain, seconded by Deputy R. Molloy to adjourn the appointment of the Committee to be present at the opening of Tenders to the December Meeting of the Council.

315 - DISABLED PERSONS GRANTS:

The Council considered the report dated 10th November, 1985, from the Assistant County Manager, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. A notice of Motion in the name of Councillor J. Burke which appeared at item no. 29 on the Agenda proposing that Galway County Council raise the Disabled Persons Grant from £2,400 to £4,000 was also considered. Deputy Michael Kitt seconded Cllr. Burke's proposal.

Councillor J. Joyce stated that the Grants for Disabled Persons should be two-tiered. There should be a grant for the seriously disabled person, for example, any person confined to a wheelchair or born with serious disabilities. There were other types of disabilities which were not as serious and he stated that discussions should be held with the County Medical Officer to try and establish criteria for the two types of grants he was proposing. Councillor Joyce was supported by Councillor J. Callanan. Senator Ulick Burke stated that the limits on floor areas for Grant purposes should be amended to exclude provisions catering for the physically disabled person, such as an extra bathroom or a downstairs bedroom.

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, indicated that if the Council wished to increase the limit of grant, the provision in the Estimates would also have to be increased. He understood that the recoupment limit for physically Disabled Persons Grant had been increased as part of the recent Housing Improvement Grants package to £2,500. If the Council wished to increase the grants, an increased provision would have to be provided in the Estimates to avoid a backlog in the payment of grants. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor P. McCormack, and agreed that the maximum grant limit for physically disabled persons grant be raised to £5,000.

316 - PROPOSED AMALGAMATION OF THE OFFICES OF CORONER FOR EAST AND WEST GALWAY:

This matter had been discussed at previous meetings of the Council. The Office of Coroner for West Galway was vacant at present and the Department of Justice had requested the Council to submit a scheme for the amalgamation of the vacant office with the office of Coroner for East Galway. When the matter came up at a previous meeting, it came to light that numerous Death Certificates had not been issued in the West Galway Area. Some were outstanding for a number of years. The question was also raised about the advisability of having one Coroner looking after such a very large area. The Council had asked to get information on these matters. The Council were informed that the Department of Justice had been contacted who had advised that any queries about Death Certificates, etc., should be forwarded to the Coroner and Members had been advised to do this. The Department had confirmed that Dr. Joyce who was acting in the position had issued a number of Death Certificates since he took over the extra area and was arranging to hold Inquests in order that further Certificates could be issued. It was Department of Justice policy to amalgamate Coroner's Districts where possible.

Discussions had also been held with Dr. Joyce who was in favour of amalgamation. He confirmed that he issued alot of Death Certificates since he was appointed temporarily for the West Galway area. He said that he would have no idea as to what number of cases were outstanding and these could only be dealt with after they were brought to his notice. He had received a list of 12 cases from the Carna Area and he had no papers at all on these and would have to make enquiries as to whether Inquests were held. He was willing to do whatever had to be done to clear the Arrears although it could take some time. As regards the size of the two areas, he said that he did not see any difficulties regarding this. It was not now the Coroner's function to examine bodies as this was done by a Pathologist. He was always available on the phone and the practice had been to hold Inquests in Galway, Loughrea, and Ballinasloe, but they could be held in other places if necessary. The matter was now being brought back to the Council for further consideration.

Councillor O'Morain indicated that he would not agree to any amalgamation of Coroners Districts until the outstanding arrears had been satisfactorily dealt with. He gave instances of case which were unresolved after a number of years. Deputy R. Molloy proposed that the Council write to the Health Board so that details of any outstanding cases known to them could be outlined. It was agreed to defer further consideration of the matter.

317 - REVISION OF POLLING SCHEME:

The Council considered a report from the County Secretary, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, together with a copy of the memorandum for guidance in the preparation of Polling Schemes. The Council agreed to adjourn further consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Council.

318 - TONABROCKY QUARRY:

The Members agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the next meeting of the Council.

319 - FIX DATE FOR ROADS MEETING IN COMMITTEE:

This matter was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

320 - SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE OF FIVE CONNAUGHT COUNTIES AND DONEGAL:

The Council agreed that the following Members would attend a Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee of the five Connaught Counties and Donegal to be held in the Council Chamber, Castlebar, at 2.00 p.m. on Thursday, 5th December, 1985:

- Councillor Thomas Welby
- Senator Thomas Hussey
- Councillor Joe Callanan
- Councillor Padraic McCormack
- Councillor Tiarnan Walsh

321 - CONFERENCE ON URBAN REVITALIZATION IN JERUSALEM ON 2ND-6TH MARCH, 1986:

The County Secretary gave details of this Conference. The Council agreed on a show of hands to defer further consideration of the matter to the December Meeting of the Council.

322 - WEIR ROAD, TUAM:

Councillor P. McHugh stated that the condition of the Weir Road, Tuam, had deteriorated and he gave details of particularly bad areas on the road. He stated that the road was in bad condition overall and proposed that emergency repairs be carried out immediately. The County Manager indicated that maintenance monies were almost non-existent at this time of the year. The matter would be referred to the County Engineer to see what emergency work could be carried out.

323 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated to each Member were noted - Item No. 19 on Agenda.

324 - PARTNERS IN EDUCATION:

The Council noted the Green Paper on education entitled Partners in Education, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. It was agreed that the Council protest at the suggestion in the document that control of the Library service be taken from Local Authorities. The Council agreed to refer the matter to the General Council of County Councils and to write to the Oireachtas Members in the County expressing the Council's opposition to such a proposal.

325 - AMENITY GRANTS ALLOCATIONS 1985:

The County considered the Amenity Grant Allocations 1985, details of which had been circulated to each Member.

It was proposed by Councillor P. McCormack, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, and agreed that the following Amenity Grants be paid:

Applicant Body	Amount £
Caltra Sportsfield Committee	500
Monivea Community Centre Committee	700
Menlough Development Association	300
Newcastle/Tiaquin Community Council	600
Kilcoona Development Association	500
West Rail (Tuam) Ltd.	800
Milltown Sportsfield Development Association	800
Derrymullen Handball Club	700
Williamstown Community Sportsfield Committee	500
Headford Sports Complex Co.	200
Bearna Residents Group	200
Comharchumann Bearna Teo.	400
Clonbur Community Centre Committee	400
Gort Community Council	800
Ardrahan Community Field Committee	500
Portumna Tidy Towns Committee	100
Coiste Ionad Pobail Chill Chiarain	750
Cashel Community Council	500
Coiste Tacaiochta Mhamean	250
Portumna Development Company Ltd.	300
Loughrea Tennis Club	200
	10,000
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Deputy Michael Kitt asked if an amenity grant could be paid to Newcastle Community Council where a sizeable planning levy had been imposed in connection with a planning application. It was agreed that this matter would be further examined.

326 - COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

In reply to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, the Chairman indicated that he would allow Members to raise matters in relation to replies received on Notices of Motion at the December Meeting of the Council.

327 - REPAIRS TO GRAIGUE ROAD, CALTRA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael Kitt:

"Flooding has now been relieved at the Graigue Pump. There is a Group Water Scheme in progress on part of this road and the road will be restored when Group Scheme works are complete."

328 - DANGEROUS BENDS NEAR LIAM BRODERICK'S HOUSE IN ESKER, BANAGHER. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"This land is located near Banagher on Regional Road 356. There are two landowners involved and the level of compensation which would be required by each landowner is the provision of a concrete post and chainlink fence along the road boundary of the field from which we would be acquiring the land for the easing of the bend. The work would involve the removal of an existing stone wall, the extension of a culvert and the relocation of a P & T pole. The estimate for this work is £4,500 - this figure includes for widening the carriageway at this point and for surface dressing the new carriageway area."

329 - PREVENTION OF FLOODING ON THE LOUGHREA/ATHENRY ROAD AT KILLILAND - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The estimated cost is £3,300 and the work will be carried out as soon as the County Council provide the necessary funds. The work is desirable."

330 - CLOOSH AND GEEHA GROUP WATER SCHEMES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The Cloosh and Geeha areas are supplied from the Dooras Group Scheme which is supplied from Kinvara Water Supply Scheme. No further supply can be made from Kinvara until the Kinvara Augmentation Scheme is constructed."

331 - IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON THE ROAD LEADING TO SALLERNA BEACH NEAR CLEGGAN, - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"This road is not in the charge of Galway County Council. It is in a poor state or repair. It would cost approximately £7,000 to bring to an acceptable standard for adoption as a public road. This road serves four houses and also provides access to a beach."

332 - REPAIRS TO THE ELECTRICAL WIRING SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY COUNCIL COTTAGE OCCUPIED AT KILBRICKEN, ROSMUC, CO. GALWAY. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The present problem in the above dwelling is as a result of a faulty adaptor appliance which is the property of the tenant."

333 - ARRANGEMENTS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION IN THOSE AREAS WHICH ARE NORMALLY SERVICED ON MONDAYS AND ARE LEFT WITHOUT SERVICE FOR LONG PERIODS WHEN BANK HOLIDAYS FALL ON A MONDAY - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"Alternative arrangements are organised to collect refuse on the Saturday previous to Bank Holiday Mondays. When the time comes, in 1986, to review refuse collection schedules, areas which are presently serviced on a fortnightly basis will be rescheduled for service to avoid Mondays."

334 - THAT A MECHANICAL CLEANER BE ACQUIRED BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"These machines cost in the region of £40,000 and have high maintenance costs. Bodies like Aer Rianta and other County Councils have found the maintenance costs prohibitive and now hire in all their requirements. These machines can be hired as required from local Contractors."

335 - REPORT REGARDING EFFLUENT FROM CARRAROE SEWERAGE SCHEME INTO ROSSAVEAL BAY - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The following written reply was given to An Comhairleoir Nioclas O'Conchubhair:

"Carraroe Sewerage has a two mile length of trunk sewer which discharges un-screened and untreated sewage to Cashla Bay at Sruffaun Pier (construction commenced September, 1961).

The provision of a settlement tank can be considered subject to agreement on priorities for funds in relation to other similar seaside villages including Roundstone and Kinvarra, etc., and other inland villages which have no sewerage scheme.

The construction cost of a settlement tank for Carraroe is in the order of £50,000 to £75,000 subject to design, population and ground conditions, etc."

336 - REPAIR TO ROAD AT LOCHAN BEG, INDREABHAN. - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The following written reply was given to An Comhairleoir Nioclas O'Conchubhair:

"This road is a County Road for a distance of 1 mile. It connects to a bog road at Clogher na Laura which Udaras na Gaeltachta propose to develop.

The estimated cost of reconstructing the County Road is £27,500. Consideration will be given to this road in the 1986 Estimates in the light of available finance."

337 - ESTIMATE BE PREPARED FOR BOTHAR CUAN NA LUINGE, BEADADANGAN, AND SAME BE INCLUDED IN THE 1986 ESTIMATES - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The following written reply was given to An Comhairleoir Nioclas O'Conchubhair:

"This road is approximately 0.8 miles in length. Some sections of the road are in need of complete reconstruction.

During periods of high tide, the road becomes submerged in water over a distance of approximately 200 yards. Over this particular section, the road would have to be raised by an average depth of 2 feet so as to relieve the problem.

Estimate of cost for reconstruction, patching and raising of road: £20,000. This will be considered for inclusion in the 1986 Road Works Scheme in the light of available finances."

338 - RATES REMISSION ON THE NEWLY ERECTED DRESSINGROOMS AT LAURENCETOWN COMMUNITY PLAYING FIELD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The hereditaments listed hereunder are entitled to relief from County Rates in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978:-

Domestic Hereditament  
Mixed Hereditament  
Farm Building  
Secondary School  
Community Hall

Dressing rooms cannot be classified under any of the above headings."

- 339 - THAT THE SUM OF £2,500 BE MADE AVAILABLE IN NEXT YEAR'S ESTIMATES (1986) TO COVER THE COST OF LAYING A 9" DRAINAGE PIPE AND 5 NO. GULLEY GRIDS AT OGHILMORE, LAURENCETOWN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The referred to above is necessary to relieve light flooding along the section of County Road 582. There are a number of new bungalows constructed along this road and it is desirable to remove this water problem. However, this problem will have to be considered in the overall list of priorities at estimate time, and also in relation to the funds available in 1986."

- 340 - PROVISION OF A NEW CEMETERY AT PETERSWELL PARISH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"The Council has written to the C.M.O. and asked him to investigate the need for a new cemetery at Peterswell. On receipt of his report the need for the cemetery will be evaluated and placed appropriately on the Priority List."

- 341 - PROPOSED NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR GORT TOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"Tenders were received on 23rd August, 1985. The Tenders were examined and are now with the Department of the Environment for acceptance."

- 342 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NOT GO AHEAD WITH THE PLANS FOR A GRAVEYARD AT RINVILLE, ORANMORE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"The Council's plan to develop this burial ground will include a drainage layout which will reduce the water table in the ground and render the ground suitable for burial purposes in accordance with the Health Board regulations. Investigations have shown it would be very difficult to locate a suitable alternative site in the area."

- 343 - THAT THE FOOTPATH FROM FINN'S GARAGE TO THE CEMETERY CROSS, ATHENRY, BE CONCRETED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"No funds are available for this work."

- 344 - PROGRESS ON THE SITE INVESTIGATION FOR THE PROPOSED BRIDGE AT KNOCKFERRY. - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"As agreed at the Council Meeting on the 5th June, 1985, the possibility of carrying out this scheme under the Social Employment Scheme has been taken up with the Minister for Labour. The National Manpower Service have indicated that the project is not suitable for funding from the Social Employment Scheme."

- 345 - IMPROVEMENT OF THE GALWAY/LIMERICK NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD AT THE CUT, CLARINBRIDGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"As it is the stated policy in the "Development Plan for the 1980's" to provide by-passes of towns on the National Routes a decision has to be made in relation to the village of Clarinbridge which is on the N.18 whether or not to provide such a by-pass. In the event of a by-pass being provided, the section of road referred to in the above motion would lie within any proposed by-pass route. It is unlikely that any grant would be made available for an intermediate improvement scheme pending a decision on a future by-pass, particularly as any improvement on this "cut" section would be very expensive."

- 346 - PREPARATION OF A SCHEME FOR THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING AT CLAREGALWAY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"A detailed design and estimate for the above Traffic Route Lighting scheme was submitted to the Department of the Environment on the 7th October, 1985, for their approval. We have not received sanction to date."

- 347 - PROVISIONS FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ON THE SEVEN PROPOSED ROUNDABOUTS ON THE EASTERN APPROACH ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"Broadly speaking, the County Engineer's report on the Dublin Road Roundabout applies equally to all other Roundabouts in the County Area. This report which refers to item no. 6 on the Agenda has been previously circulated to all members of the Council."

- 348 - PROVISION OF EXTRA MONIES IN THE 1986 ESTIMATES FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The question of providing extra monies in the Council's Estimates for 1986 for improvement and maintenance of County Roads is a matter for the elected members to be decided at Estimates time. However, it should be noted that with a limited supply of money available if extra provision is made in any one area the corresponding under provision will have to be made in other areas."

- 349 - WIDEN ENTRANCE AND IMPROVE VISABILITY AT PETERSWELL CROSSROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Peterswell Crossroads is on National Secondary Road 400, adjacent to Peterswell Village. The intersection is of roads 400, 333 and 349. All roads are provided with white lines and stop lines. Road 400 has warning signs (No. 109) on it and there are Yield Signs (No. 201) on the minor roads. There is a history of accidents at this cross."

it is considered that sight distances at this crossroads are up to average. it has been arranged to have some briars and grass, which have recently grown on the bends here, removed within the next ten days.

There are no funds available for major improvements."

- 350 - PROVISIONS BE MADE IN THE 1986 ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING TO BE PROVIDED BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE AT CORNAMONA - MOTION BY CLR. THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The question of providing money for additional public lighting in the 1986 Estimates is a matter for the elected members. However, the Council has felt over the last number of years that it is not in a position to extend its commitment in this area as it will inevitably result in cuts in other services."

- 351 - PROVISION OF A ONCE WEEKLY REFUSE SERVICE ON THE KYLEMORE, LETTERFRACK ROUTE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Fortnightly collections in rural areas are to be reviewed in early 1986 to minimise interruptions arising from public holidays. The frequency of service cannot be increased without the application of additional resources."

- 352 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT WITHOUT DELAY LARGE SCHOOL SIGNS ADJACENT TO OUGHTERARD SECONDARY SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"At present there are statutory school signs on all approach roads to the schools in Oughterard (Sign No. 125). All the school signs and the school itself are inside a 30 m.p.h. zone. A large warning sign, 'Caution Children Crossing' would be desirable at location 'X' as shown on attached sketch map. However, this sign will have to be erected at a higher level than is normal, in the interests of safety. This sign will be erected as soon as possible."

- 353 - TEARRA AR AN gCOSAN AGUS THART AR AN IONAD POBAIL AG AN gCAISEAL O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN: - MOLADH

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Morain:

"Ta dha suiomh i gceist. Sa cead cas, ta suiomh suite i bpairc oscailte congaireach don ionad pobail nua ata suite ag gabhal an da bhothair go Caiseal agus go Lehenagh. Tuigim gur leis an gComhairle Chondae an suiomh seo, agus measaim go gcosnadh se ceithre mile punt chun tearra a chur air."

Ta an suiomh eile os comhair an seipeal agus is leis an Eaglais an suiomh seo. Glanadh e le deanai agus cuireadh dromchla nua air. Measaim go gcosnadh se cuig cead punt chun tearra a chuir air. Deantar e seo uaireanta on airgead 'N.O.M.'"

- 354 - SOILSIU A CHUR AR FAIL AG AN IONAD POBAIL SA gCAISEAL O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN: - MOLADH

Seo freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir O'Morain:

"Nil airgead ar fail sa meastuchain i mbliana chun breis soilsiu a chur ar fail."

- 355 - SOLAS AMHAIN A CHUR AR FAIL AG CEANN AN BHOHAIR CHUIG AN IONAD POBAIL I gCARNA O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN: - MOLADH

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Chomhairleoir O'Morain:

"Nil airgead ar fail sa meastuchain i mbliana chun breis soilsiu a chur ar fail."

- 356 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT COROFIN CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"There are no funds provided for additional public lighting in the 1985 Estimates. The question of providing additional funds in 1986 is a matter for the Elected Members. However, it should be pointed out that with a limited supply of money available if extra provision is made in any one area, the corresponding under provision will have to be made in other areas."

- 357 - SUPPLY PUBLIC LIGHTING AT TURLOUGHMORE HEALTH CENTRE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"There are no funds provided for additional public lighting in the 1985 Estimates. The question of providing additional funds in 1986 is a matter for the Elected Members. However, it should be noted that with a limited supply of money available if extra provision will have to be made in other areas."

- 358 - REPAIRS TO CREGG CEMETERY UNDER SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME - MOTION BY CLR. JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The Council has reservations about carrying out repairs to its burial grounds under the Social Employment Scheme because of the prohibition re carrying out of works that are part of its normal function that its work force are presently engaged in. However, it might be argued that due to the severe shortage of funds available that the Council are unlikely to be in a position to carry out such works in the foreseeable future. With this in mind, an application for this burial ground and a number of others are being forwarded to National Manpower for consideration."

- 359 - PUBLIC LIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Part of Headford streets are on a National Secondary Route and the County Council will press the Department for funds to carry out Traffic Route Lighting over this portion. The remainder which has to be provided out of the Council's own funds depends on the availability of local funds."

- 360 - SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"A Preliminary Report on Headford Sewage Treatment is being prepared by Council Engineers. The present target date for completion is July, 1986. A structural survey of the existing sewerage pipelines is included under Small Schemes 1986."

- 361 - IMPROVEMENT OF TUAM TO HEADFORD ROAD PARTICULARLY THE ELIMINATION OF THE DANGEROUS BENDS AT CAHERNAHEENA BETWEEN GARVEY'S, ROSSLIDGE AND MCCOLE'S, CORNER CHAPEL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"This work on R.333 would be very desirable and is urgently needed. However, a substantial Regional Road Grant would be necessary."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Abdul Kutt CHAIRMAN

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22nd November 1985


TO EACH MEMBER OF THE LOUGHREA, BALLINASLOE AND TUAM  
ELECTORAL AREAS

A Chara,

A Committee Meeting consisting of the Members of the Council from the Loughrea, Ballinasloe and Tuam Electoral Areas will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway on Friday 29th November, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. The purpose of the Committee Meeting is to discuss matters relating to roads in the areas concerned and the proposed re-organisation of the Engineering areas will also be discussed.

You are requested to attend.

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County Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT COMMITTEE MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
CONSISTING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TUAM, LOUGHREA AND BALLINASLOE ELECTORAL  
AREAS HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR:

Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Sen. U. Burke,  
J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, T. Hussey,  
J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, P. Raftery, M. Ryan,  
Deputy N. Treacy, T. Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs. P.H. Flood, County Engineer, E. Gleeson, County  
Secretary, K. Hays, S.E.E.(S.R.), R. Faherty, S.E.E.(N.R.)  
J. Mitchell, E.E. Gort, J. Gibbons, E.E. Tuam,  
T. D'Arcy, E.E. Milltown, W. Malone, E.E. Loughrea,  
J. Diskin, E.E. Mountbellew, Michael O'Brien, E.E.  
Ballinasloe, R. Hickey, E.E. Portumna and  
A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officer.

The Chairman Mr. M. Kitt, T.D. opened the meeting and asked the County Engineer to outline his proposals for the proposed new engineering areas. The County Engineer outlined his proposals by reference to a map and pointed out that the main changes involved the formation of a new area based in Costello and adjustment of the Dughterard and Clifden areas, after which the Galway area would cease to exist. The Tuam area will be increased so that it impinged on the new city boundary and it would also be extended into the Milltown area to encompass the environs of Tuam town based roughly on the limits of the sanitary services. In a reply to a question by the Chairman Mr. Flood informed the meeting that where there was an overlap of a problem between two adjoining areas the matter should be referred to the Senior Executive Engineer.

Senator T. Hussey asked how the road maintenance allocations would be affected by the changes and what input the Area Engineers had into the proposals. He was informed that the allocations were generally made in accordance with the mileage in the areas and that the desire to maintain employment was also taken into account. Discussions regarding the proposed changes were at Senior Executive Engineer level.

Clr. Joe Burke produced a map showing a greater extension of the Tuam area into the Milltown area. He stated that this was the natural hinterland and that because of its proximity to Tuam town its maintenance would be more effective than from Milltown. The County Engineer said that he was reluctant to recommend a greater extension than that proposed by him. Senator Hussey stated that he would not be in favour of any extension greater than that proposed.

Clr. Glynn stated that the 9 miles of Surface Dressing carried out in Milltown area was not sufficient and only amounted to patching. He would not like the new boundary to result in a cut in allocation for the Milltown area.

Clr. Finnegan said he was in favour of the extension as proposed and he questioned the different numbers employed in different areas.

Clr. Joe Burke said that he stood by his proposal and referred to the fact that roads within a short distance of Tuam had reverted to sand tracks.

The County Engineer in reply to questions said that the areas could be reviewed in 12 months time to see if any further amendments were necessary in the light of experience. He agreed with the suggestion that a minor adjustment should be made to his proposals to include the whole of the Weir Road and that this change would be made.

Clr. Ryan said he considered that the extension as proposed was sufficient and he referred to areas with very large mileage of road such as Mountbellew. He asked that due regard should be taken of this when monies were allocated.

Clr. Joyce welcomed the hardshoulders at Aughrim and said that work on Derrymullen road at the bridge was not satisfactorily completed. He also referred to the delay in completing section of inner relief road at the top of Dunlo Street and the state of the cemetery at Clontuskert.

The County Engineer in reply said he was pleased that the Council were in a position to continue the programme of hardshoulders on the National Primary roads and this was due to monies transferred from the Surface Dressing Grant and also an additional £200,000 allocated by the Department of the Environment due to the fact that the Council had substantially completed its original programme. He hoped that a grant would be made available in '86 to complete the Derrymullen job. The delays on the Relief Road were mainly due to land acquisition problems.

Clr. Glynn asked that N.O.M. monies be spent on surface dressing Co. Roads and stated that the roads in the Milltown areas particularly were disintegrating.

Clr. Kitt referred to the bog road in Mountbellew and the fact that £40,000 was spent this year on emergency repairs and that the road would require continuous maintenance. He stated that beet lorries etc. were causing much of the problem.

Clr. Glynn stated that he had sympathy with the beet lorry owners as there was no viable alternative route as Ballyfea road was not traversable for these lorries. The County Engineer in reply to queries said the Department of the Environment were not interested in Co. Roads as they have a low priority from from a national point of view.

Clr. U. Burke said he did not agree with Department's priorities and asked when the realignment would be carried out at Hearnbrook. The County Engineer then outlined the history of the case and said that a three mile stretch of road was being redesigned at present with a view to making a C.P.O. However, he again stressed that progress was dependant on grant aid and that the Department's main priorities were National Primary Routes.

Clr. Callanan said he accepted the revised areas as proposed and said that the two Engineers should be retained in the Ballinasloe area. He also referred to a number of problems including the provision of hardshoulders Aughrim-Cappatagle, the continuance of hedge cutting programme into the new year, the completion of improvements to Derrymullen road and Bullaun road, the improvement of Ballyforan/Ahascragh/Ballinasloe roads, completion of Inner Relief road, Traffic Route Lighting at Creagh, Killaun Cemetery access, three bad turns on Ballymacward road, Kilconnell and Cappatagle road at Noones.

Clr. Raftery referred to Cross roads at Loftus corner Ballygar and the high cost of L.I.S. Schemes.

Clr. Loughnane referred to various problems in his area including the removal of the old Weighbridge at the Fairgreen, Loughrea, completion of works on Athlone and Gort roads, repair of footpaths in Loughrea after Bord Telecom cable laying, the reason for the ceasing of work on hardshoulders at Caherkelly, Labane, widening of footpath at Mill Bridge, Athenry, behind parapet of bridge, the high estimates received for work, such as £3,300 to relieve flooding at Kill Island, need for information on L.I.S. schemes, lack of information on proposal to By-pass Loughrea, time scale for Coola to Hearnbrook improvements.

Clr. Treacy referred to poor state of roads in Woodford area, the need to complete Bullaun improvements works and to improve roads in the Colmanstown and Menlough areas. He also suggested the use of Social Employment Schemes to provide accesses to cemeteries.

Clr. Walsh referred to poor condition of roads particularly roads into Glenamaddy, Ballymoe Cross roads and need for improvement to road near Ardeevin school in the interest of safety for the children.

Clr. Burke asked for improvements to be carried out to level crossings on main Arterial Road in Tuam and at Browns Grove School.

Clr. Joyce referred to the following problems in his area, bad bend at Gabriel Rohan's house, need for additional public lighting, N.O.M. allocations to be increased for projects other than taking over of new roads.

The question of acquiring Smyths Garage in Tuam for future road works was also referred to and the need to realign the N.6 from Aughrim Hill to Oatfield.

It was agreed that the committee would recommend the proposed changes to the Engineering areas.

The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

20/12/85 DATE

Minutes of proceedings of Higher Education Grants Committee held at County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 2 December, 1985.

In the Chair: Deputy Michael Kitt

Members Present:

Tomas O Baoill	Maire Ni Tiarnai	Patrick Clancy
Matt Loughnane	Tom Connolly	Sean O Neachtain
Pierce O'Malley	Jimmy McClearn	James Joyce
Seamus Walsh	Michael Ryan	Michael Mullins
Seamus Donohue	Sean Fahy	Peter Raftery
Caoimhin O Maicin	Tomas O Muineachain	

Official Present: Tony Murphy, Senior Staff Officer

The Chairman said that the purpose of the meeting was:

1. To discuss the 1985 Scheme
2. To make recommendations to the Department of Education for consideration when the 1986 Scheme was being drafted.

He then asked Mr Murphy to report to the meeting on the 1985 Scheme and to outline any difficulties which had arisen. Mr Murphy reported on the situation regarding applications received and he said that a number had not yet been finalised and of these some would not be availing of grants and others would be aware that they are ineligible for an award and accordingly would not have followed up the application. He said that the students who had been awarded grants had been paid the first instalment of that grant in the previous week and in the case of continuing students the cheques for those were being sent out at present. He explained that the reason for the delay in payment of the grants was caused because:

1. It took the Department of Education 6 weeks to confirm whether or not the lists of students sent to them were eligible for the award of a grant from attainments point of view.
2. The Council could not pay out any grant until confirmation had been received from the colleges that the students applying for the grants had actually registered in the various colleges. Confirmation of those registrations had only come in in the last few weeks.

Mr Connolly asked if there was any way in which this Committee could help in speeding up the system. He said that pressure should be put on the Department of Education to make more staff available to get this work done.

Cllr. Loughnane agreed and said that a six week delay was totally unacceptable.

Mr Murphy said that he had contacted the Department of Education on a number of occasions with a view to getting results out quickly, but was informed that staff were not available.

Mrs Tierney asked for an explanation as to how the grants were awarded from a means point of view. She said she was of the opinion that the scheme was unfair to P.A.Y.E. workers. Mr Murphy said that each application was assessed from a means point of view in accordance with the schedules which are part of the Scheme.

Following further discussion Mr Murphy explained that self-employed persons were asked to submit accounts and also a letter from the Revenue Commissioners in order that their income would be assessed. In relation to farmers he explained that they were asked to submit accounts and also a letter from the Revenue Commissioners. In cases where farmers were not obliged to submit

accounts to the Revenue Commissioners the Council was asking them to submit an account showing their income and expenditure in the year in question.

Proposals for the 1986 Higher Education Grant Scheme

The Chairman asked the members for proposals which would be sent to the Department of Education for consideration by the Department when compiling the 1986 Scheme. He added that he proposed that where a person was refused a higher education grant in respect of one of their children that a tax-free allowance equal to the amount of the college fee be given to that person.

Cllr. Loughnane proposed that where persons had a saving scheme over a number of years in order to provide funds to send their children to a third level institution that the Revenue Commissioners give a special allowance in that case also.

Cllr. Ryan said that the system of assessment was unsatisfactory and he proposed that net income be used instead of gross.

An t-Uasal O Neachtain said that the rule whereby a student living less than 15 miles from college was awarded a lower rate of grant was unfair in some cases where no public transport was available to that student. He proposed that the non-adjacent rate be paid to students in cases where no public transport was available to them and they had to leave home and rent accommodation in order to attend their third level course.

Cllr. O Baoill proposed that where an applicant's parents' income was over the limit allowed in the Scheme, allowance should be made in the case where there was more than one child attending a third level institution.

In reply to Mr Connolly, Mr Murphy said that proposals which have been forwarded to the Department in previous years had not been incorporated in the Scheme.

The Chairman said that an official from the Department of Education should be asked to attend a meeting of this Committee and he asked Mr Murphy to arrange this.

Mr Connolly proposed that in the event of the Department refusing to send an official to a meeting of the Committee that a delegation be selected to go and meet Department officials.

Cllr. Mullins seconded this proposal.

It was agreed that all of the proposals for amendments to the Scheme be sent to the Department of Education for consideration when drawing up the 1986 Scheme.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Kitt CHAIRMAN

27<sup>th</sup> January 1986. DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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

6th December, 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 Friday, 13th December, 1985,

commencing at 2.30 p.m.

to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

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

(a) "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 Mrs. Kathleen Cassidy, c/o J.C. Thunder Assoc., Barna, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse. - Planning Reference Number 50770."

Robert Molloy. Thomas Welby. Nioclas O'Conchubhair.

(b) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Seamus Mitchell of Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, for dwellinghouse, septic tank and workshop. - Planning Ref. No. 50971."

Noel Treacy. James Joyce. Ulick Burke.

(c) "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 Paddy Walsh c/o Leo Mansfield, The Square, Clifden, Co. Galway, for the erection of showroom and workshop at Kylemore, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference Number 51028."

Robert Molloy. Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Micheal S. O'Morain.

(d) "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 Walsh of Kylemore for the erection of showroom and workshop at Kylemore. - Planning Reference Number 51028."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. John M. Mannion.

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(e) "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 Molloy of Ballinacfad for erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Derrynavglass. - Planning Reference Number 50218."

Thomas Welby. Micheal S. O'Morain. John M. Mannion.

(f) "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 O'Grady of Claretuam, Tuam, for demountable dwelling/Mobile Home at Claretuam. - Planning Ref. Number 51357."

Mark Killilea. Robert Molloy. Michael Kitt.

2. Planning application of Raymond Connelly, planning ref. No. 51107 - Councillor Thomas Welby.

3. Election of representative of the Council on the Governing Body of University College Galway, for period commencing 1st February, 1986.

4. Attendance of Chief Executive of E.S.B. at 4.00 p.m.

5. Sanitary Services Capital Programme - Copy of reports attached.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, ON FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 1985, at 2.30 P.M.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Clrs J. Brennan, J. Burke, Sen. U. Burke, Clr. J. Callanan, Dep. F. Fahey, Clrs M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn Sinn Fein, Sen. T. Hussey, Clr. J. Joyce, Sen. M. Killilea, Dep. M. Kitt, Clrs. J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, Dep. N. Treacy, Clrs. T. Walsh, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; J.F. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; R. Killeen, S.E.E. (Environment); T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer and T. Coughlan, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

362 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Mr. Joe Sweeney, The Square, Ballygar.  
Mr. Vincent Brandon, Drinane, Ballygar.  
Mr. John Joe Crehan, Tansey Village, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs Mary Costello, Skehana, Menlough, Ballinasloe.  
Messrs Ned and Paddy Cannon, Carrowrevagh, Kiltulla, Athenry.

363 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION No. 50770 - APPLICANT: MRS KATHLEEN CASSIDY.

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

LOCATION OF SITE

The site is located on a minor road west of Barna Village 1/4 mile from its junction with the Galway/Spiddal Road.

PLANNING HISTORY

Ref. No. 45691: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and Bord Pleanala for a house on a smaller site. Applicant, Mrs. K. Cassidy. There were three reasons for refusal, among them being the unsuitability of the site for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

There was a local objector to the proposed development.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located within the area zoned for residential development in the Barna Plan but, in advance of a public sewerage scheme, all developments will have to provide for satisfactory septic tank drainage systems. In this case the applicant has increased the site size by including a field to the rear of the previous site. The site is fairly typical of the area with a mixture of rock outcrop and lowlying waterlogged pockets. There are some minor drains on the site.

Two trial holes were excavated at the proposed location of the drainage area and they were inspected by Western Health Board Officials who found them almost full of water and consequently regarded the site as unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because the site proposed to be developed is unsuitable for the satisfactory treatment of septic tank effluent, because of the rocky and marshy nature of the ground and the proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The resolution as set out in the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Michael O' Morain, seconded by Councillor T. Welby.

Clr. Joe Burke proposed that planning permission not be granted. As there was no seconder for Councillor Burke's proposal and as there were no other proposals the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

364 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 50971 - APPLICANT: SEAMUS MITCHELL.

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

LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on the Loughrea/Portumna National Secondary route just outside the Killimor speed limits on the Portumna side.

HISTORY:

There have been no previous applications on the site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development would be on a site bounded on two sides by major roads. The Southern boundary is the Loughrea/Portumna National Secondary Route, and the Northern boundary is the Regional Route to Eyrecourt. The applicant wishes to take his access directly onto the National Route. He attended the Planning office and voiced a preference for this access on the grounds of a better presentation of his business, and the extra cost and difficulty of constructing an access on to the Regional road.

Some months previously, he had consulted the County Development Office, and the Planning office about a premises within the village, but he was told it would not be suitable because of its close proximity to other houses.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Department have no objection to the development per se but recommend refusal on the basis that access will be taken from the National Secondary Route rather than the Regional Route.

REASON:

The proposed development, which would involve the creation of a new access, onto a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would owing to the conflicting traffic movements, it would generate be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority, which is to restrict development along this route to particular categories of essential housing need.

Deputy Noel Treacy proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. He referred to the gradient on the road involved and to the bend on the Eyrecourt Road. He stated that it would be more dangerous to put an access on the Eyrecourt Road than on the road proposed by the applicant. He also stated that the speed limits should be moved out further than the location of the site along the national secondary road. Cllr. Michael Ryan seconded Deputy Treacy's proposal. He stated that the person involved had been an applicant for a Council house for a long time and was now proposing to provide his own dwelling house. As there were no amendments proposed, the Chairman declared the Resolution as set out on the Agenda carried unanimously.

365 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 51028 - PADDY WALSH.

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

LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Kylemore on the Eastern shores of Kylemore Lough and across the road from an existing garage.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity on the shores of Kylemore Lough. The proposed development is commercial in nature and it is the general policy of the Planning Authority to limit development in these areas to cases of substantiated housing need.

The Kylemore Lough area is an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the proposed development would lead to an intrusion of development into this unspoilt area.

The proposed development is also located on a National Secondary Route, where the maximum speed limit applies. It is the policy of the Planning Authority as set out in the County Development Plan to restrict commercial development to developments with special fully substantiated claims for location on these routes.

The applicant has not elaborated on the scope of the proposed development, other than, to stating that it was a showroom and workshop.

The Planning Authority did not request the applicant to clarify his application because the Planning Authority are of the opinion that no commercial development would warrant consideration on the National Secondary Route in this area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity adjacent to Kylemore Lough and would, if permitted, lead to an intrusion of development into this area of unspoilt natural beauty which would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where it is the general policy of the Planning Authority as set out in the County Development Plan, to limit development to particular cases of substantiated housing need and the proposed commercial development would, if permitted, be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
3. The proposed development is located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said Route thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Councillor T. Welby proposed the resolutions as set out on the Agenda. He stated that the applicant was proposing to erect a small workshop where he intended to service washing machines. Councillor M. O'Morain seconded Councillor Welby's proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor P. O'Tuathail that planning permission not be granted.

A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. resulted as follows:

For: Sen. U. Burke, Dep. F. Fahey, Cllrs M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Sen. T. Hussey, Cllr. J. Joyce, Sen. M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Cllrs M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby. (18)

Against: Cllrs J. Brennan and P. O'Tuathail. (2)

Cllr. Glynn sinn Fein abstained from voting. The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 18 votes for to 2 votes against.

366 RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO: 50218 - APPLICANT - MICHAEL MOLLOY.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

LOCATION:

The site is located on the southern side of the Galway - Clifden Road approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from canal stage bridge on the Clifden side of the bridge on a series of bends.

HISTORY:

There have been 2 number previous applications by the applicant on lands across the road from this development. Planning Ref. No. 47334 was refused by the Planning Authority on grounds of traffic hazard, visual amenity and the land being unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent.

Planning Ref. No. 47848: A decision to grant permission was issued by Section 4 Motion, but was refused by An Bord Pleanala on grounds of visual amenity and traffic hazard.

The applicant stated that he had purchased those lands. He now states that he has exchanged ownership of those lands for the lands of the present application.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a series of bad bends on a National Secondary Route. The applicant does not fall within the permissible category of housing need outlined for this route in the County Development Plan. The development is located in the field of view of a view of Special Amenity Value. The development is located in an exposed location in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity. The land is not suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent - rock and bogland.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development is located on a National Secondary Route where it is the stated policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. No such need exists and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development, would be located on a bend on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said route, thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
3. The proposed development would be located in an exposed location in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and would, if permitted, detract from the scenic amenities of the area which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
4. The proposed development would be located in the field of view of a View of Special Amenity Value as set out in the County Development Plan, and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the View and the public enjoyment of the View. It is an objective of the County Development Plan to strictly control development which would seriously detract from such Views and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to an objective of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
5. The site proposed to be developed, consists of water-logged bogland and outcropping rock, is unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would constitute a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Clr. T. Welby stated that the applicant had originally purchased five acres of land across the road from the site which was the subject of this application. Planning Permission had been granted for a hotel on the original site but the permission had expired. The Applicant had now exchanged ownership of those lands for the lands which were the subject of the present application. The applicant was living in a chalet and was in need of a house. Clr. Welby proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. Councillor Mannion seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. He stated that the applicant had bought the original site in good faith and the permission in respect of the hotel had expired a month ago. The County Engineer indicated in reply to Clr O'Morain that he could not recommend planning permission on either the original site or on the site now proposed by the applicant. As there were no amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried unanimously.

367 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 51357 - APPLICANT: PATRICK O'GRADY.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each member.

LOCATION:

The site proposed is located on the Galway/Tuam National Primary Route approximately ¼ mile on the Tuam side of the Headford turn-off.

HISTORY:

The Housing Section have previously requested a recommendation from the Planning Department vis a vis the suitability of the site for a demountable dwelling. The recommendation in that instance was negative on the grounds of traffic hazard and breach of the County Development Plan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:

The proposed site is located on a particularly dangerous section of the Galway/Tuam National Primary Route namely on a long continuous curve with full superelevation, and its access with the N. 17 Route is at an oblique angle and at a steep gradient. The applicant has lived in an unauthorised caravan for some years and the current proposal seeks to replace this type of accommodation with a demountable dwelling.

Refusal is recommended on the grounds of traffic hazard as follows:-

1. The proposed development located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would, owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan which require that residential development along this route be restricted to particular categories of essential housing need, which need has not been substantiated in this case.

Senator M. Killilea proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. He stated that the applicant was in possession of the site for a very long time. The road serving the site had been used by the public to gain access to a sheep dipping bath and the road had been maintained by the Council. Councillor J. Burke stated that the applicant should be requested to extend the time in this case. The applicant should be asked to consider taking a house in Tuam.

Councillor Burke proposed that planning permission not be granted.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Engineer indicated that the road referred to by Senator Killilea was not a Council road. Very agricultural exit on to a national primary road was not a potential development access. The County Engineer indicated that he could not recommend that planning permission be granted in this case.

Councillor Michael Ryan stated that he knew the site involved and the circumstances of the applicant and seconded the resolution as set out on the Agenda. As there was no seconder to Councillor J. Burke's amendment, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

368 - REPORT ON PLANNING APPLICATION OF RAYMOND CONNEELY. PLANNING REF. NO. 51107.

The County Engineer read the following report which had been requested by Councillor Welby in relation to the above application.

This is an application for Permission for retention of a dwellinghouse at Tooreen, Moyard, which is currently before the Planning Authority - the period during which a decision must be made on the application has been extended to 31st January, 1986. Prior Notice was given to Cllr. Welby and Deputy Molloy indicating that it was proposed to refuse Permission on the following grounds:-

"The proposed development would be an obtrusive and incongruous feature in an area of outstanding scenic importance and would for that reason be injurious to its visual amenities and contrary to the proper planning and development of the area. It would also obtrude on outstanding panoramic views of Garrabaun Lough and Ballynakill Harbour".

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

- 29999: Outline Permission for a house refused by the Council on 21/12/78 on grounds of scenic amenity - Applicant - Mr. C. Conneely.
- 33100: Outline Permission for a house - Decision to grant Outline Permission following a Section 4 direction from the members was issued on 7/12/79 but Outline Permission was refused by An Bord Pleanala on appeal on 24th March, 1980.  
Applicant - Mr. C. Conneely.
- 37722: Outline Permission for dwellinghouse refused by Council 28/1/81 and by An Bord Pleanala on 13/5/81 - Applicant Charles Conneely.
- 39649: Permission for retention and completion of dwellinghouse - decision to grant directed by Section 4 and issued 12/8/81 but refused by An Bord Pleanala on 25th November, 1981.  
Applicant - Charles Conneely.
- 47559: Permission for retention of dwellinghouse - decision to grant permission directed by Section 4 was issued on 27/4/84 but Permission was refused by An Bord Pleanala on 27th May, 1985.

It was noted in September, 1980, that a dwellinghouse had been partially constructed on the site in this case although no Permission existed for the development and an Enforcement Notice under Section 31 of the 1963 Planning Act was served on Mr. Charles Conneely requiring that the development be removed and the lands reinstated - the Notice was dated 26/9/80. Despite the service of the Enforcement Notice the dwellinghouse has been completed and is apparently, now occupied.

Cllr. T. Welby stated that the applicant did not expect that his application would be refused by An Bord Pleanala. He asked that efforts be made to discuss the application with the applicant to see if permission to retain the dwelling house could be granted. He stated that the house was located in the lowest part of the land. He also stated that a water tank had been erected in the area. He proposed that the Councillors from the Connemara area meet with the County Manager and the County Engineer on this site to discuss the matter.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the case before the Council was a very serious one. There had been five refusals of planning permission in respect of the site and three Section 4 resolutions. The applicant had ignored all the planning decisions and gone ahead with the erection of the dwellinghouse without planning permission.

The Deputy County Manager stated that an Enforcement Notice had been served on Mr. Conneely and the Council would have to seek a court order against him if the development was not removed.

In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, the Deputy County Manager indicated that the Council would be requiring the total removal of the dwellinghouse. Following further discussion it was agreed that a site meeting would be arranged as proposed by Cllr. Welby in January, 1986.

369 - REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION FOR A DWELLINGHOUSE AT FREEPORT BY MICHAEL DAVORN - PLANNING REGISTER NO. 50937.

The County Engineer read the following report which had been requested by Deputy Frank Fahey on the above application.

This application is currently before the Council, and the period during which a decision must be made on it has been extended with the applicant's consent to the 1st April, 1986.

Mr. Davorn was previously refused planning permission on the 23rd July, 1985, Planning Register Number 50319 for the following reason:

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located on lands zoned for communal use in the Development Plan for Barna, and the construction of houses on these lands would conflict with the uses permissible there and would prejudice the orderly development of community services in the Barna area.

The following is an extract from a reply to a Notice of Motion by Deputy Fahey in this matter.

"The lands in question are zoned Communal in the Development Plan for Barna Village to provide for the future expansion of Barna Primary School in order to provide for the future needs of the expected population in the village. The lands in question are regarded as highly suitable for this purpose, the terrain being regular in nature and the lands having a frontage onto a minor road away from the heavy traffic on the main road. If permission were granted as applied for by Mr. Davorn, the area of the lands available for extension to the school would be reduced by 25% leaving an uneconomically shaped site, which would constitute a serious underprovision for the future primary school needs for Barna.

It is vitally important that the area in question should be maintained as zoned in the Plan to facilitate the future development of Barna. Any extension of the Primary School needs of the area should be occupied beside the existing complex. It would be very uneconomical to have to acquire land for that purpose at a new location. It is considered that the permitting of a house as suggested by the applicant would irrevocably prejudice the proper planning and development of these lands which are zoned for communal purposes."

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that while he accepted that land should be zoned for future extension of Barna School it was unfair to the landowner involved who had only two or three acres of land and who wanted to facilitate members of his family. The School Authorities did not want to buy the land involved at present and he requested that the applicant be allowed to retain half an acre site for the provision of a house. Deputy Fahey was supported by Senator Killilea.

The County Engineer indicated that the zoning of the land was based on the long term needs in the area. Following further discussion it was agreed that the Deputy County Manager would discuss the case with Deputy Fahey.

370 - REPORT ON PLANNING PERMISSION FOR A DWELLING HOUSE AT CREGGANNAMORE, ORANMORE BY MR. KEVIN LALLY - PLANNING REGISTER NO. 51148.

The County Engineer read the following report which had been requested by Deputy Frank Fahey on the above application.

A decision to Refuse Planning Permission in this case issued to Mr. Lally on the 6th December, 1985 and Mr. Lally can avail of his right to appeal to An Bord Pleanala against this decision during the period of 1 month commencing on the date of which he received the Council's Decision.

The Reasons for the decision to refuse were 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 Chapter 25, Table 25.A of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the family housing needs of local landowners who have no alternative sitings, on minor roads. Alternative sites are available on minor public roads, in this case.

Mr. Lally was previously refused planning permission on the 10th September, 1985, for the same reasons.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that this application was one which was included in the agreement in relation to Section 4 resolutions on national primary roads. There was a ruin of a house on the site already and any exit onto a side road would be along distance away. A new application was being submitted in the hope that planning permission would be granted.

371 - REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PERMISSION FOR THE ERECTION OF THREE DWELLINGHOUSES AT GLENBRACK, GORT BY MR. SEAN DUFFY - PLANNING REGISTER NO. 50858. AND AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL FOR THE ERECTION OF A DWELLINGHOUSE AT GLENBRACK, GORT BY MR. CYRIL DANIELS - PLANNING REGISTER NO. 51156.

The County Engineer submitted the following report which had been requested by Deputy Frank Fahey on the above applications.

1. Mr. Duffy's application relates to a site at Glenbrack adjoining the Galway/Limerick National Primary Route. Further information to determine if there is any housing need in this case was requested on the 12th September, 1985 and has not yet been furnished.
2. Mr. Daniel's application relates to part of the site of Mr. Duffy's application and further information was sought from Mr. Daniels by letter dated 19th November, 1985 - the information sought was
  - (a) a site map to correspond with the site of the Outline Permission on foot of which the approval is being sought.
  - (b) clarification of his interest in the site.
  - (c) clarification as to his proposals for complying with a condition of the Outline Permission requiring that the access road to the site be widened.

There is a local objection in the case of both of these applications - a different objector in each case.

Previous Applications

- 22061 - Permission for 1 house on the entire site of 50858 granted by the Minister for Local Government on appeal on 11th March, 1977.
- 33432 - Outline Permission for 2 houses granted to Mr. Sean Duffy on the 19th March, 1980. Mr. Duffy claimed in his application that one of the proposed houses was for his son and that the other was to be sold to the son of a local landowner whose farm adjoined the site.
- 46881 - Permission granted to Miss Moira Rock on the 3rd January, 1984, in respect of the site for which Mr. Daniel is now seeking Planning Approval.

Deputy Frank Fahey asked that as permission had been granted in respect of this site already that planning permission for three houses be granted when the further information was received.

372 - ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNCIL ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE GALWAY, FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST FEBRUARY, 1986.

The County Secretary indicated that one nomination paper had been received signed by Deputy R. Molloy and Deputy M. Kitt, nominating Clr. M. O'Morain to represent the Galway County Council on the Governing Body of University College Galway for the period of office commencing 1st February, 1986.

It was proposed by Clr. T. Welby, seconded by Clr. N. O'Conchubhair and agreed that Clr. M. O'Morain of Carna, Co. Galway be elected as the representative to represent the Galway County Council on the Governing Body of University College, Galway for the period of office commencing 1st February, 1986.

373 - DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

It was agreed that the monthly meeting for December 1985 would be held on Friday, 20th December, 1985, at 2.00 p.m.

374 - ATTENDANCE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF E.S.B.

The Chief Executive of the E.S.B., Mr. P. J. Moriarty and the Galway Area Manager, Mr. Peter Osborne, attended the Meeting at this stage. The Chairman welcomed the Officials of the E.S.B. and said that the re-organisation of the E.S.B. had been the subject of debate at a number of Council meetings. Members had expressed concern at the re-organisation and of the impact it would have on the Galway Area.

Mr. Moriarty stated that he was privileged to address the members of the Council and he outlined the background to the re-organisation proposals of the E.S.B. The E.S.B. had he stated concluded its era of high growth and there was need for rationalisation particularly in relation to its administrative arrangements. As part of its re-organisation it was proposed to re-define the role of the Head Office organisation and to amalgamate the 12 existing districts into six new regions. It was proposed to slim the Head Office organisation and a target for the reduction of costs by 20 to 25 million pounds over the next four or five years was being set by the E.S.B. The proposed changes had been accepted by all the trade unions concerned. He indicated that all the 12 districts of the E.S.B. with the exception of the Dublin area were losing business and it was necessary to amalgamate and reduce costs. The re-organisation would not result in any diminution of services at any level.

In relation to Galway, he stated that the changes being made were in relation to administrative work. There was a total of 75 white collar employees and 121 craftsmen and general workers employed in Galway. When the re-organisation proposals were implemented there would be a reduction of 7 managerial employees and 30 clerical employees and these changes would be implemented on a phase basis over 4 or 5 years from now. The E.S.B. have given guarantees that no redundancies would occur and no staff would be transferred against their will. All the craftsmen and general workers would not be affected in any way. The reporting centres were not going to change and all customer services would remain unchanged. It was intended that Galway would become a centre for training of apprentices. The aim of the organisation was to give better customer services all around.

A number of Councillors then addressed the Council and the following points were made in relation to the re-organisation of the E.S.B., as it affects Galway. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the re-organisation was a serious setback for Galway. He stated that other cities such as Limerick had a number of semi-state organisations with offices located there. The only semi state organisation which Galway City had was the E.S.B. and now the administrative headquarters for Galway was being changed. He asked if the savings involved in the transfer of the administrative staff were significant and proposed to Mr. Moriarty that the Galway region be restored as a Regional Centre. He stated that he was disappointed to note that the District Manager has been appointed to Sligo on the day on which it had been originally intended that Mr. Moriarty would attend the Council Meeting.

Clr. O'Morain supported Deputy Fahey and stated that the administrative offices should be maintained in Galway. He also asked regarding the up to date position of the Screebe Station.

A number of Councillors referred to the consequences of a loss of staff in the City and expressed a view that Galway as the capital of the west of Ireland should have its own Regional office of the E.S.B. Clr. P. McCormack referred to the fact that many of the administrative staff had children going to schools and universities and referred to the disruption which would be

caused for the staff. Clr. J. Joyce stated that there should not be an anti West of Ireland bias in relation to the re-organisation of the E.S.B. The level of service in the West should be maintained.

Clr. M. Ryan referred to breakdowns in certain areas. He stated that E.S.B. poles and cables were there for 30 years in some cases and could result in breakdowns in the event of storms. He referred in particular to the rural areas around Glenamaddy.

In reply to the queries raised, Mr. Moriarty stated that the re-organisation of the E.S.B. was countrywide. He stated that the E.S.B. had proven to be an efficiently run organisation and this was borne out by a Committee of Enquiry and by the Oireachtas Committee on state sponsored bodies. He said that the E.S.B. was committed to the West of Ireland and had started the development of salmon farming in the area. Mr. Moriarty stated that the Screebe Station had been shut down in the current year because there was no turf available. The staff at the station had been kept on in the hope that turf would be available next year and he stated that next year's harvest of turf would be burned at the Screebe Station. There were no plans to shut down the Screebe before next year's harvest.

Mr. Moriarty indicated that as he had stated earlier a major portion of the work force in Galway would be totally unaffected by the re-organisation. The intention was to make the administration more effective and there would be no reduction in the quality of consumer service. All the businesses which had been carried on locally heretofore would still be carried on locally and consumer contact would be provided locally. The local supervisors had full authority to operate as necessary in local matters. He stated that the remit of the E.S.B. was to provide electricity at the cheapest possible cost and it had no remit to provide jobs or social services.

Mr. Moriarty thanked the Council members for their contributions and the Chairman thanked Mr. Moriarty for his attendance.

#### 375 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME

It was agreed that the matter would be adjourned to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 10th January, 1986.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Michael Kitt  
CHAIRMAN

27th January 1986.  
DATE

#### COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u 1a Nollag, 1985.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/  
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A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, an 20u 1a Nollag, 1985,

ar a 2.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
Runai.

#### A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
  - (a) "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to close and wire lay-by adjacent to Mr. Patrick Connolly's house and Kiltiernan National School, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway."
 

Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Joe Lambert. Noel Treacy.
  - (b) "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. Hugh O'Donnell, Beagh, Gort, Co. Galway, for the erection of Slaughter House and septic tank at Beagh, Gort, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 50869."
 

Michael Fahy. Joe Lambert. Frank Fahey. Mark Killilea.  
Noel Treacy, T.D., M.C.C.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Monthly Meeting on 25th November, 1985.

Committee Meetings:

- (b) Joint Committee Meeting on Travellers on 22nd November, 1985.  
 (c) Committee Meeting of Members of Loughrea, Ballinasloe and Tuam Electoral Areas on 29th November, 1985.  
 (d) Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting on 2nd December, 1985.
3. Material Contravention of County Development Plan - Planning Application Ref. No. 50238 - John Lynch - Housing Development at Clybaun.
  4. Disposal of land at Ballyquirke West, Moycullen, to Mr. Thomas McDonagh, Ballyquirke, Moycullen. - Notice dated 10th December already issued.
  5. Financial Statement 1985 - Estimated Outturn of Income and Expenditure.
  6. County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985.
  7. Tonabrocky Quarry.
  8. Appointment of Committee to be present at Opening of Tenders (procedure outlined in Section 27 of the Local Government (Re-Organisation) Act, 1985, applies.)
  9. Galway Eastern Approach Road - Oranmore By-Pass - Pedestrian facilities at junctions.
  10. Revision of Polling Scheme.
  11. Fire Brigade Capital Programme.
  12. Code of Practice on Security of Employment for Employees.
  13. Conference on Urban Revitalization - Jerusalem - 2nd-6th March, 1986. (Details already issued.)
  14. United Towns Organisation Third International Conference on "The Town and Peace" - Sheffield, England. - 16th-17th-18th January, 1986. (Details enclosed.)
  15. Official Opening of Galway City Western Environs Water Scheme.
  16. Malicious Damage Decrees - List herewith.
  17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting on 25th November, 1985.

18. COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:  
That this Council calls on the Government to implement effectively Article 40 of the Constitution.
- (b) Other Motions received.
- DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:  
19. That provision be made in the 1986 Estimates to carry out major improvements to the road leading from Clifden to Roundstone and that a programme be laid out for the upgrading of this road over a five year planned period.
20. That a statement be given setting out the amount collected under the various service charges applied in 1983, 1984, and 1985, and the total cost of collection in each of those years.
21. That Galway County Council declare the principle roads on Inis Oirr and Inis Meain, Aran Islands, county Galway, to be public and taken in charge.
- COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:  
22. That the County Council take steps to stop the water flowing in from the road to Mrs. Mary Egan's house, Kilcahill, Claregalway.
23. That the County Council restore the road opposite Corrandulla Church which is in a bad state of repair since the completion of the water scheme.
24. That the County Council remove a bad bend on the road near Murray's house at Ardgaheen, Claregalway.
25. COUNCILLORS TOM WELBY AND MICHEAL O'MORAIN AND DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY -  
We will propose:  
That Galway County Council undertake a five year programme for major improvement work on the road leading from Canal Stage in the Galway/Clifden Road to Roundstone commencing in 1986.
- COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY - I will propose:  
26. That in Tullycross Village Direction Signs be erected indicating the direction for each road leading out of the Village.
27. That this Council install Solid Fuel Cookers in the 8 County Council houses which were Stage 1 of the present scheme at Carramanagh, Oughterard - List of tenants enclosed.
- COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will propose:  
28. I will ask at what stage is the proposed new Sewerage Scheme for Oranmore.
- SENATOR ULICK BURKE - I will propose:  
29. That Galway County Council approve the design for the Rae Group Water Scheme at Woodford, Co. Galway which was forwarded to the County Council on the 1st October, 1985.
- AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL - Molaim.  
30. Molaim go ndeanfadh Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe droichead Fhoirnis/Leitirmeallain salhailte don phobail.
31. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Contae slacht ar na Reilig i gceantar na n'Oilean - mar ta an taobh eile don chathair.



32. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae tearra an an bhothair siar go teach Bn Ui Coisteabhla i bhFurmoyle.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose:

33. That money be allocated in the 1986 Estimates to upgrade the toilets at the Shambles, Tuam.
34. That Galway County Council provide for the provision of playing facilities in Parkmore in the 1986 Estimates.
35. What amount of Money was paid to the Architect who drew up the plans for the New Library in Tuam.

DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT - I will propose:

36. That public lighting in the vicinity of the Carpark at Mountbellew Church be improved, and a light be provided on the pole outside the Primary School.
37. That a road leading off the Brackloonbeg/Brackloon Road, Bullaun be widened and repaired.
38. That flooding be relieved on the Bovinion Road, Mountbellew near Crehans house.

CLR. PADDY McHUGH - I will propose:

39. That Galway County Council allocates the necessary finance in the 1986 Estimates to carry out the relevant studies in relation to the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project, i.e. commission a Preliminary Report and Site Investigation on the project - this finance to supplement the IR£25,000 already collected by the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Committee from communities in Connemara and East Galway as their contribution towards the cost involved.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

40. That Galway County Council hereby directs that Articles 6 and 11 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) (Fees) Regulations 1984 be applied to the Planning Charges paid on Application No. 46539, Co. Galway.
41. That Galway County Council make an immediate payment of its portion of the statutory grants due to the Trustees of the Mid-Galway Water Supply Scheme Phase 1.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose.

42. That Galway County Council erect a footpath at Labane National School, Ardahan, leading onto the National Primary Road.
43. That Galway County Council include in their Estimates - improvement works for Cregclare Four Crossroads, Ardahan to improve visibility on Craughwell side of Crossroads.
44. That Galway County Council erect a light leading to the new Community Centre at Gort.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose.

45. That Galway County Council grant full registered title of the plots at Gortstuckanagh, Gort to the tenants of St. Colmans Terrace who have been tenants of the plots for 35 years and that there should be no charge for the sale of the plots.
46. That a new Council Housing Scheme be planned and constructed at Clarenbridge as a matter of urgency.
47. That Galway County Council and the Western Health Board set up a joint

task force of housing personnel with a view to submitting applications to the Department of the Environment for all old people in the County whose houses are in need of repair and reconstruction.

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D E C E M B E R

Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Western Health Board	Damage to Maintenance Workshop & Truck	C.A.L.	£577.49	£586.09
G.I.P. Ltd., Sandy Road, Galway	Setting on fire a 40 ft. wooden/metal container	C.A.L.	£300.00	£124.25
Vincent O'Hara, Newline, Ballycrissane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to motor cycle reg. no. 3107 FI	County at Large	£950	£654.48
Helena Rhatigan, Parkmore, Tuam.	Damage to building materials and scaffolding, ceilings and partition slabs.	County at Large	£1,500	£1,303.01
Helena Rhatigan, Parkmore, Tuam.	Damage to building materials and other items and chattels.	County at Large	£2,000	£1,538.86
Helena Rhatigan, Parkmore, Tuam.	Damage to building materials, ceilings and partition slabs.	County at Large	£600	£481
Helena Rhatigan, Parkmore, Tuam.	Damage to building materials and two Stanley no. 8 ranges.	County at Large	£500	£431.26
Catherine Killilea, 7 Roselyn Gardens, Lisbeg Lawn, Renmore, Galway.	Damage to building materials and two Stanley no. 8 ranges.	County at Large	£250	£222.42
Dominican Convent	Motor Car Reg. No. 1946 ZI damaged beyond repair.	County at Large	£250	£222.42
	Damage to applicant's windows	County Borough	£100	£128.54

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Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Feelys Pharmacy Ltd., Dublin Road TUAM.	Damage to plate glass window, stationery press, shelving and cash box.	County at Large	£419.85	£357.58
Western Health Board Merlin Park Galway.	Damage to ten panes of glass in windows	County at Large	£130.15	£ 57.60
Elanor Price, St. John's Church of Ireland, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to hymn books and copying stones from surrounding wall.	County at Large	£500.00	£188.05
Elanor Price, Representative Church of Ireland, Church Hill, Ballinasloe.	Damage to door of oil pit, lock on door, 20 gallons of oil, copying stones, hymn books and kneelers.	County at Large	£300.00	£107.06
Elanor Price, Representative of Church of Ireland, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	damage to pane window, lock broken of door to oil pit, large door at back of organ and collection box.	County at Large	£2,000.00	£262.54

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10th December, 1985.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Re: Proposed Terms of Disposal of land at Ballyquirke West,  
Moycullen, in connection with Moycullen Burial Ground.

A Chara,

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

LAND: - Plot of land, area 2.718 acres, situated in the townland of Ballyquirke West, Moycullen.

LANDS ACQUIRED FROM: The Irish Land Commission.

TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE TRANSFERRED: Mr. Thomas McDonagh, Ballyquirke, Moycullen.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: Galway County Council to Mr. Thomas McDonagh - 2.718 acres and £8,000.00.  
Mr. Thomas McDonagh to Galway County Council - 1.443 acres of land adjoining Moycullen Burial Ground.

Mise, le meas,

E. Gleeson  
County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1985.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. MacDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Asst. County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); J. O'Shaughnessy, Chief Fire Officer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; G. Conway, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

376 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Orla O'Donnell, Carraroe P.O.  
The Laffey Family, Gleann Treig, Cornamona.  
Mr. Peter O'Halloran & Family, Moyard, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Fred Mahon, Gorteenboy, Ballyturn, Gort.  
Mr. Thomas O'Connor, St. Michael's Place, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Martin Mannion, Tonroe, Oranmore.  
Mrs. Hanley & Family, Carrigan, Craughwell.

377 - WRITER IN RESIDENCE:

Senator Mark Killilea, on behalf of the Arts Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to the County Manager for his assistance in supporting the Writer in Residence. A number of Councillors associated themselves with the vote of thanks.

378 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - LAY-BY ADJACENT TO MR. PATRICK CONNOLLY'S HOUSE AND KILTIERNAN NATIONAL SCHOOL, KILCOLGAN:

The Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Michael Fahy, that this matter would be adjourned to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council.

379 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50869 - APPLICANT: HUGH O'DONNELL:

The Council were informed that Planning Permission had been granted in this case.

380 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy N. Treacy, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 25th November, 1985, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Deputy N. Treacy, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings of the Council were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (b) Joint Committee Meeting on Travellers on 22nd November, 1985.
- (c) Committee Meeting of Members of Loughrea, Ballinasloe and Tuam Electoral Areas on 29th November, 1985.
- (d) Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting on 2nd December, 1985.

381 - RATES REMISSION ON DRESSINGROOMS:

Councillor J. Joyce referred to Minute No. 338 of the Council Meeting on the 25th November, 1985, when in reply to a Notice of Motion in his name, it was stated that dressingrooms could not be classified as hereditaments listed as being entitled to relief from County Rates. It was proposed by Councillor Joyce and seconded by Councillor J. Callanan that the Council refer the matter to the Minister for the Environment with a view to having the legislation amended whereby dressingrooms such as the rooms set out in the Notice of Motion referred to by Councillor Joyce would qualify for remission of rates. A number of Councillors supported Councillor Joyce's proposal.

382 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS:

In reply to queries from a number of Councillors, the County Secretary indicated that it was necessary in order to establish the accuracy of declarations of income from certain farmers to have the form which had been devised by the Council completed. In cases that had been queried, it was also indicated that the form devised by the Council was similar in format to the standard method of preparing farm accounts. The County Secretary indicated also that while regard had been taken of the figures which had been agreed with the Revenue Commissioners for Income Tax purposes, such figures may not be acceptable in every case.

383 - REVISED ENGINEERING AREAS:

In reply to queries raised by Councillors, the County Engineer gave details of the changes proposed in the surrounding areas of the Town of Tuam. He indicated that the revised proposals could be looked at again after 12 months in operation and any minor changes necessary could be carried out in the course of the next year.

384 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PLANNING APPLICATION REF. NO. 50238 - JOHN LYNCH - HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT CLYBAUN:

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

"Material Contravention of the County Development Plan:

The site is located in the Galway City Western Environs Planning Area on Clybaun Road, Knocknacarra, approx. 700 metres north of its junction with the Galway/Spiddal Road.

There is already a permitted housing development on this site, but no development has been carried out and this application seeks to revise the layout and increase the number of houses.

The site is zoned for Commercial development in the present plan for the Western Environs. It is part of a more extensive area of Commercial zoning which adjoins a proposed distributor route and recreational open space. A number of submissions were made on the proposed plan for the area earlier this year when the draft County Development Plan was on display. It was decided to defer any alterations in the Knocknacarra area pending the revision of the Galway Borough Plan in 1986, as this area would then be part of the City administration and would be examined in that overall context.

It is considered that the loss of this small portion of the Commercial area can be accommodated by a similar addition on nearby "backlands", and that it will not be detrimental to the overall plan to allow housing development on this site.

Consultations have been held with the applicant relating to details of his development, which were not satisfactory. These refer, in particular, to the proposed drainage of the site and amended drawings and details were submitted by the applicant."

The Council noted that the necessary statutory procedures had been complied with in this case. No objections to the proposal had been received.

It was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor T. Welby and agreed:

"That Galway County Council, having considered the report of the Senior Executive Engineer (Planning) in the matter requires that a decision to grant Permission be made in the case of the planning application, Register Number 50238, submitted by Mr. John Lynch, Ballagh, Bushypark, Co. Galway, for a housing development comprising of 26 houses at Clybaun."

385 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT BALLYQUIRKE WEST, MOYCULLEN:

It was proposed by Councillor T. Welby, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land measuring approximately 2.446 acres of land at Ballyquirke West, Moycullen, to Mr. Thomas McDonagh, Ballyquirke, Moycullen, in accordance with notice dated 10th December, 1985, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

386 - FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1985 - ESTIMATED OUTTURN OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

The Council considered the report on the Estimated Outturn for 1985 dated 18th December, 1985, from the Finance Officer, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor F. Glynn Sinn Fein and seconded by Councillor Michael Mullins, and resolved:

"That the Council approve of Overexpenditure in excess of the 1985 Estimate as listed in the Finance Officer's report of 18th December, 1985. These overexpenditures to be met by way of savings in other expenditure headings and increased income as set out in the report."

387 - COUNTY MANAGEMENT (RESERVED FUNCTIONS) ORDER, 1985:

This matter had been adjourned from the meeting of 25th November, 1985. The following details of charges for Water and Refuse were circulated to each Member of the Council:

Water Charges

Details	1983 £	1984 £	1985 £
Arrears forward	52,830	223,235	436,770
Accrued for Year	589,015	819,950	794,245
Waived/Struck Off	54,380	136,845	200,000(E)
Net for Collection (incl. arrears)	587,465	906,340	1,031,015
Amount Collected	364,230(62%)	469,570(52%)	560,000(E)(54%)
Arrears at year end	223,235	436,770	471,015
Total cost of collection	43,375	54,666	46,458

A summary of the elements of the 1985 current year charges is set out below for your information showing the amounts raised on the various categories.

Category	No. of Connections	Amounts Charged		
		Domestic £	Non-Domestic £	Total £
Domestic	14,053	615,300	-	615,300
Mixed	171	8,475	3,390	11,865
Non-Domestic	4,790	-	167,080	167,080
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,014</b>	<b>623,775</b>	<b>170,470</b>	<b>794,245</b>

#### Refuse Charges

Details	1983 £	1984 £	1985 £
Arrears forward	-	272,023	493,840
Accrued for year	330,137	330,735	325,385
Waived/Struck Off	16,820	22,530	23,000(£)
<b>Net for Collection (incl. arrears)</b>	<b>313,317</b>	<b>580,228</b>	<b>796,225</b>
Amount Collected	41,294(13%)	86,388(14%)	137,878(17%)
<b>Arrears at year end</b>	<b>272,023</b>	<b>493,840</b>	<b>658,347</b>
<b>Total cost of collection</b>	<b>15,055</b>	<b>24,770</b>	<b>17,957</b>

A summary of the elements of the 1985 current year charges is set out below for your information showing the amounts raised on the various categories.

Category	No. of Connections	Amounts Charged		
		Domestic £	Non-Domestic £	Total £
Domestic	7,000	189,808	-	189,808
Mixed	-	-	-	-
Non-Domestic	5,000	-	135,577	135,577
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>189,808</b>	<b>135,577</b>	<b>325,385</b>

Mr. J. Howlett answered individual queries in relation to the charges. He drew attention to the County Manager's report of 9th December, 1985, which had set out the financial implications of the Sanitary Services Capital Programme and indicated that this matter would be coming up for discussion again at the Special Sanitary Services Meeting in January 1986, and at the Estimates Meeting.

#### 388 - TONABROCKY QUARRY:

The Council considered the County Engineer's report dated 19th November, 1985, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The County Engineer presented the report to the Council and referred to the deterioration in the quality of chips being produced, the cost of production, and the restrictions on the further development of the Quarry economically.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that he had proposed at the last meeting of the Council that chips from the Tonabrocky Quarry be used on all the County Roads in the County. With regard to the quality of chips, Senator Killilea stated that over the last 18 months to 2 years, clay and top soil which was being cleared off the top of the quarry was now mixing up with the quarry stone proper and this action was affecting the quality of the final chips being produced. The actual quality of the clear rock was the same as always and this was borne out by the fact that the changing of machinery parts was being carried out at the same intervals as had been the case over the years. He also stated that it was easier to drive at night on roads which had been surfaced with materials from Tonabrocky Quarry as against materials from other sources. Senator Killilea stated that the County Council had bought an extra half acre of land for expansion but that planning permission had been granted for a new house near the site involved. He also referred to an Outline Planning Permission which had been granted in another area adjacent to the quarry. He asked why these planning permissions had been granted as they appeared to restrict expansion at the Quarry.

Councillor T. Welby supported Senator M. Killilea. The County Engineer, in reply to Councillor Welby clarified details of costs of chips per tonne and per cubic yard. Councillor Welby referred to a large office block which had been erected by Western Watermains in the area and to a number of planning permissions which had been granted near the Quarry. He asked how planning permission had been granted beside the half acre site which had been purchased by the Council. He stated that the provision of an automatic hopper at the Quarry would reduce the cost of the production of chips by 50%.

Councillor M. Mullins proposed that a small sub-committee of the Council be appointed to visit the Quarry with the Council Engineers and to assess the situation before a final decision was taken. Councillor P. McCormack stated that the impression had been given to the workers when the Quarry was last closed down for the Winter months, that it would not be re-opened. He was opposed to the closure of the Quarry and asked what the position would be regarding employees whose base for reporting for work had been the Quarry in the event of closure.

The County Manager indicated that the County Engineer's report raised two very serious questions for himself and the County Engineer who had personal responsibilities for both the quality of materials and the costs of production. He had decided to bring the County Engineer's report to the Council in the first instance and a meeting had been held with the Union representing the workers involved. A further meeting with the Union would be held in the future. He would have the points made by the Councillors considered. The County Manager indicated also that if the use of materials from the Quarry were to be continued, he would have to make the Department of the Environment aware of the position, if Road Grants were to be used in the financing of work where chips from the Quarry were being used.

Councillor F. Glynn stated that he had received representations from smaller quarry owners that materials could be supplied locally at cheaper prices in certain instances. He referred to the quality of the chips from Tonabrocky and to the legal implications involved. He asked that the Council consider the closing of the Quarry with the option of re-opening it if necessary in the future.

In reply to further queries from the Councillors, the County Manager indicated that no final decision had yet been made regarding the closure of the quarry. The points made by the Members would be considered further and a report would be brought back to the January Meeting of the Council. It was agreed that a Committee consisting of the Members of the Galway Electoral Area meet at the Quarry with the Council's Engineers on Tuesday, 7th January, 1986, at 10.00 a.m.

389 - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO BE PRESENT AT OPENING OF TENDERS:

It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain, and seconded by Deputy Noel Treacy, that 7 Members be appointed on the Committee to be present at the Opening of Tenders. It was agreed that any two Members from the Committee would be sufficient to be present at the Opening of Tenders and that two Members be informed of the Opening of Tenders as they arose on a rotation basis.

It was proposed by Councillor Micheal O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Noel Treacy and agreed that -

Deputy Michael Kitt  
Councillor T. Welby  
Deputy Noel Treacy  
Councillor John Molloy  
Councillor Micheal O'Morain

be appointed on the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, and agreed that -

Councillor J. MacDonagh  
Councillor P. McCormack

be appointed to the Committee.

390 - GALWAY EASTERN APPROACH ROAD - ORANMORE BY-PASS - PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AT JUNCTIONS:

The Council agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council.

391 - REVISION OF POLLING SCHEME:

The Council considered the documentation which had been circulated by the County Secretary. It was agreed that a draft scheme should be prepared for consideration by the Members and that Members should make individual submissions of any alterations which they wished to have considered in the making of the new Polling Scheme. Deputy Noel Treacy asked that details of existing Polling Stations be submitted to each Member.

392 - FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

The Council agreed on a show of hands to defer consideration of this item to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council.

393 - CODE OF PRACTICE AND SECURITY OF EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYEES:

The Council noted the Code of Practice and Security of Employment for Employee grades in Local Authorities, a summary of which had been circulated to each Member. It was agreed that the Code of Practice be adopted subject to the availability of finance.

394 - CONFERENCE ON URBAN REVITALIZATION - JERUSALEM - 2ND-6TH MARCH, 1986:

It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain, and seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, that the Council send three Delegates and one Official to this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor P. O'Tuathail that no delegates be sent to the Conference. A vote taken after 4.00 p.m. on the resolution proposed by Councillor O'Morain resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, Finnegan, Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillor T. Welby. (18)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, F. Glynn Sinn Fein, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, and T. Walsh. (5)

Councillor J. MacDonagh abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared Councillor O'Morain's proposal carried.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, and agreed that Deputy Michael Kitt and Councillor Michael Fahy attend the Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor P. McCormack and agreed that Councillor John Mannion attend the Conference.

395 - UNITED TOWNS ORGANISATION THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "THE TOWN AND PEACE" - SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND. - 16TH-17TH-18TH JANUARY, 1986:

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that five Members attend this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Tuathail, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, that no delegates be sent to the Conference.

A vote taken after 4.00 p.m. on the resolution proposed by Councillor O'Morain resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Sen. M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby. (19)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, F. Glynn Sinn Fein, and P. O'Tuathail. (3)

Councillors J. MacDonagh and M. Mullins abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution proposed by Councillor O'Morain carried. It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, and agreed, that Councillor J. Molloy, Senator Mark Killilea, and Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair, attend this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Martin Lynch, and agreed, that Councillors Michael Ryan and Padraic McCormack attend the Conference.

396 - THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF GALWAY CITY WESTERN ENVIRONS WATER SCHEME:

The County Manager indicated that the Water Scheme for the Galway City Western Environs had just been finalised. It was a major Contract for which the final all-in cost was expected to be £5.6 million. The Contractor was Western Watermains Limited and had indicated that the Company was willing to host a reception in connection with an Official Opening ceremony.

It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain, seconded by Senator Mark Killilea, that the Council have an Official Opening of the water scheme, that all the Councillors be invited to attend and that the Chairman of the Council perform the Official Opening. This was agreed.

It was also agreed that the Minister for the Environment be invited to attend. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor P. McCormack that the Mayor of Galway also be invited to attend. The County Manager suggested that a date in late February or early March be aimed for.

397 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated to each Member were noted - Item No. 16 on Agenda.

398 - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE ALLOWANCE SCHEME:

The County Manager indicated that he had written to the Department of the Environment on the 4th November, 1985, seeking clarification as to the precise details of the working of the new arrangements for the financing of the cost of this service from the 1st January, 1986. No reply had yet been received to the County Manager's letter.

399 - QUERIES SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The County Manager indicated that the queries submitted by Councillor O' Conchubhair had been referred to the Area Engineers. It was expected that reports would be available for the January Meeting of the Council.

400 - 1985 TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION:

The Council noted the results of the Competition and the distribution of the prize fund, details of which had been circulated to each Member.

401 - REQUEST THAT INSPECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING:

The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Department of the Environment on the 29th November, 1985, in reply to its request that an Inspector of the Department attend a Council Meeting. The letter of the Department indicated that it would be inappropriate for a Departmental Inspector to participate in a meeting of the Council.

402 - PROPOSAL OF A BRIDGE AT KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY:

Councillor P. McHugh proposed the Notice of Motion which appeared in his name at no. 39 on the Agenda. The following report was given to Councillor McHugh:

"Site investigation and Preliminary Report costs for a project of this magnitude would be of the order of £500,000. The necessary finances for such work are not available to the Council.

As agreed at the Council Meeting of the 5th June, 1985, the possibility of carrying out the scheme under the Social Employment Scheme has been taken up with the Minister for Labour. The National Manpower Service have indicated that the project is not suitable for funding from the Social Employment Scheme."

In reply to queries from Councillor McHugh, the County Manager indicated that the cost of site investigation and preliminary report would not be in respect of fees only but would also include costs of boring and other site investigation.

Senator Killilea stated that the provision of a bridge at Kilbeg/Knockferry had been the subject of debate for over 25 years. He stated that there was evidence as a result of wells which were bored in the area, that there was rock foundation at the site of the proposed bridge. He stated that work on the provision of a Causeway should proceed and he was disappointed to note that the project was not suitable for funding from the Social Employment Scheme. He stated that the Committee had been given to understand from the National Manpower Service that the project could be carried out under the Social Employment scheme. He seconded Councillor McHugh's proposal and said that the Council should match the contribution of the Committee pound for pound in the carrying out of the necessary studies. Councillor McCormack supported Councillor McHugh's motion and referred to the very high estimated costs which had been quoted. He stated that efforts should be made to press ahead with the provision of a Causeway.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that efforts should be made to raise the necessary money to carry out the studies involved so that the case could be made to the Minister for the Environment for the funding of the project.

The County Manager indicated that he had stated on a number of occasions that it was necessary to carry out a competent planning exercise of the project before any work could be done in the provision of a Causeway. The County Manager gave details of a letter dated 7th May, 1985, from the Minister for the Environment indicating that in response to representations for special State assistance, the proposal was assessed by his Department. The assessment indicated that having regard to the cost of the project, the benefits would be limited and of local interest, and would not significantly affect the development of Galway County or the larger western region, and as such, could not be considered for Exchequer assistance. As regards the possibility of grant assistance from the E.E.C. towards the proposal, the position was that before a project could be considered for aid, it must be in receipt of public funds, and for that reason, the Department of Finance in consultation with the Department of the Environment may only submit projects for aid which receive assistance under the Government Capital Programme.

The County Manager also gave details of a letter <sup>from the Council</sup> dated 13th June, 1985, to the Department of Labour seeking assistance under the Social Employment Scheme for the construction of Causeways. The County Manager further indicated that the National Manpower Service had indicated by letter dated 18th November, 1985, that the project was not suitable for funding from the Social Employment Scheme.

The County Manager indicated that there was no money available to the Council for this scheme. The site investigation and preliminary report could cost £500,000, and it was clear from the Minister's letter that this money would not be made available. He had suggested to the Committee that they might spend their £25,000 in preparing a cost benefit analysis for the project. He would still be prepared to assist the Committee in investigating such a course of action. The preparation of a cost benefit analysis study would be mainly a task for an Economist. Deputy Robert Molloy stated that he supported the provision of the project and indicated that the Council's task was to convince the Government of the desirability of the project. The cost benefit analysis would have to be carried out to outline the case for the bridge.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager indicated that the initial report prepared by the Council's Consultant was not a Preliminary Report and only gave a broad outline of the project.

Councillor MacDonagh asked regarding the possibility of allocating Councillors' Notice of Motion money to help in the carrying out the necessary studies and indicated that he would be prepared to allocate £1,000 out of his allocation. Following further discussion, the Chairman declared the following resolution as amended, carried:

"That Galway County Council allocates the necessary finance in the 1986 Estimates to carry out the relevant studies in relation to the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project, i.e., commission a Preliminary Report and Site Investigation on the project - this finance to supplement the IR£25,000 already collected by the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Committee from communities in Connemara and East Galway as their contribution towards the cost involved, and that Galway County Council allocate at least IR£25,000."

It was agreed that the matter would be further considered at the forthcoming Estimates Meeting.

403 - SECTION 31 OF THE BROADCASTING ACT:

The Council considered a letter dated 8th November, 1985, from the Repeal Section 31 Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Clr. O'Tuathail:

"That this Council calls for the repeal of Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act and urges the Minister for Communications not to renew the current Order made under this Section when it expires in January 1986, because it prohibits free speech, denies the public a basic civil liberty - the right to know, and undermines confidence in the Public Broadcasting Service."

The following amendment to Councillor Glynn's proposal was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey and seconded by Councillor J. Joyce:

"That Section 31 of the Broadcasting Act not apply to Elected Public Representatives."

Following a discussion, the Chairman declared Deputy Fahey's amendment carried on a show of hands and declared Councillor Glynn Sinn Fein's proposal defeated.

404 - PROVISION OF EXTRA FOOTPATHS AND PUBLIC LIGHTS AT CREGGS:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh referred to Notices of Motion which he had submitted at the October Meeting of the Council regarding the provision of extra footpaths and public lighting at Creggs. He had received replies that no funds were available. He asked that the matter be considered as the costs involved would not be very great.

405 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR WILLIAMSTOWN:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh referred a Notice of Motion which he had submitted to the September Meeting of the Council regarding the provision of a sewerage scheme in Williamstown. He referred to the very bad sanitary conditions in Williamstown where there was poor soakage and where sewage was seeping across the road and into back gardens. He also referred to the problems at the National School. He asked that the Council treat the provision of a sewerage scheme in Williamstown as a priority. It was noted that the Preliminary Report was due for completion in March 1986. Councillor Walsh was supported by Councillor Finnegan.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

406 - MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD LEADING FROM CLIFDEN TO ROUNDSTONE. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy R. Molloy:

"The length of road involved is 17 miles. Major improvements such as "Wet Mix" would cost £75,000 per mile. Total cost for 17 miles = £1.275 million. This would require a special Regional Road Grant from the Department of the Environment."

407 - STATEMENT OF AMOUNT COLLECTED AND COST OF COLLECTION OF VARIOUS SERVICE CHARGES IN 1983, 1984, AND 1985. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The details as set out in Minute No. 387 were issued to Deputy Molloy.

408 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARE THE PRINCIPLE ROADS ON INIS OIRR AND INIS MEAIN, ARAN ISLANDS, TO BE PUBLIC AND TAKEN IN CHARGE. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy R. Molloy:

Inisheer has a population of 280 people. This increases to approximately 500 during the Summer. There are 108 habitable houses on the island. The present traffic count is as follows:-

1 Jeep, 3 Motor Cars, 25 Motor Cycles, 12 Tractors and Trailers.  
The road system is as shown on the attached 6" map.

Road No. 1: Length 1,372 metres - this is the main road on the island linking Foruma Village and the Pier. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard for adoption is £37,500.

Road No. 2: Length 1,020 metres - this road serves the Church, Post Office, Secondary School and Community Centre. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard is £23,000.

Road No. 3: Length 4,300 metres - this road serves the remaining inhabited houses. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard for adoption is £107,250.

Other Roads: There are a number of other roads on the island which provide access to lands and the sea shore. These are not being considered at this time as they do not serve any inhabited houses.

General: The total length of roads considered in this report is 6,692 metres and the total cost of works required to bring them up to a standard for adoption as public roads is £167,750 at 1985 prices. Added to this an annual maintenance cost of £500 per kilometre would have to be provided for in the annual estimates.

(Note - Road No. 1 is scheduled for reconstruction and tarring under a Social Employment Scheme to be carried out by the local Comharchumann this year).

Inis Meain has a population of about 300 people. The present traffic count is as follows:  
1 Jeep; 4 Motor Cars; 6 Tractors and Trailers; 20 Motor Cycles.  
The roads system is as shown on the attached 6" scale map.

Road No. 1: Length 2,500 metres.  
This is the main road on the Island and it serves fifty four (54) houses, the Church, the Public House and the Health Centre, and is connected to the new pier at Cora Point. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard for adoption is £30,000.

Road No. 2: Length 1,265 metres.  
This road serves seven (7) houses, the Post Office, the Community Centre, the School and the factory. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard is £26,000.

Road No. 3: Length 1,195 metres.  
This road serves two (2) houses, and the Air Strip. The estimated cost of bringing it up to standard is £27,000.

Other Roads to inhabited houses Length 2,300 metres.  
These roads are shown coloured green on the attached map and serve a total of twenty three (23) houses. The estimated cost of bringing them up to standard is £45,000.

Other Roads: There is quite an amount of other roads on the Island which provide access to lands and the sea-shore but these are not being considered at this time, as they do not serve any inhabited house.

General: The total length of roads considered in this report is 7,210 metres and the total cost of works required to bring them up to a standard for adoption as public roads is £125,000 at 1985 prices. Added to this, an annual maintenance cost of £500 per kilometer would have to be provided for in the annual Estimates."

409 - WATER FLOWING FROM THE ROAD TO MRS. MARY EGAN'S HOUSE, KILCAHILL, CLAREGALWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"This is a recently built house and site works have interfered with water flows. However, in recent days the drive-way to the house and the lay-by outside new fence have been black-topped (by house owner). As a result water will no longer flow in gate and problem should be resolved."

410 - ROAD RESTORATION OPPOSITE CORRANDULLA CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"Following the Group Water Supply, substantial funds were expended on restoring the roads in question. To bring this section of road up to standard would require the road edge to be regraded and surface dressed from Mr. Michael Fahy's Residence to the Post Office at an estimated cost of £500.

However, as this job is of a relatively low priority, there are no funds available from the Council's limited resources to do this work."



- 411 - REMOVE A BAD BEND ON THE ROAD NEAR MURRAY'S HOUSE AT ARDGAIENEEN, CLAREGALWAY.  
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

This is a bad bend on a lightly trafficked relatively unimportant County Road. There are no funds available for this work. County Road 134."

- 412 - FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENT WORK ON THE ROAD LEADING FROM CANAL STAGE IN THE GALWAY/CLIFDEN ROAD TO ROUNDSTONE - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS TOM WELBY AND MICHEAL O'MORAIN AND DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Councillors Tom Welby and Micheal O'Morain, and Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The length of road involved is 9 miles. Major improvements such as "Wet Mix" would cost £75,000 per mile at 1985 prices. Total cost for 9 miles = £675,000. This would require a special Regional Road Grant from the Department of the Environment.

Representations will be made to the Department of the Environment for such a grant."

- 413 - THAT DIRECTION SIGNS BE ERECTED INDICATING THE DIRECTION FOR EACH ROAD LEADING OUT OF THE VILLAGE OF TULLYCROSS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tom Welby:

"These signs will be ordered and erected as soon as possible."

- 414 - THAT THE COUNCIL INSTALL SOLID FUEL COOKERS IN THE 8 COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSES AT CARRAMANAGH, OUGHTERARD. (STAGE 1). - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tom Welby:

"The position is that when the 8 houses at Carramanagh, Oughterard, were being provided in 1978, it was Council policy to provide back boilers and open fires in town houses. There is no finance available now to provide solid fuel cookers in these houses.

The question of raising a loan for the provision of ranges in Council houses such as these was taken up with the Department of the Environment who indicated that sanction to the raising of a loan for such purposes would not be forthcoming."

- 415 - SEWERAGE SCHEME AT ORANMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"A tidal survey has been carried out by An Foras Forbartha and we await receipt of the Tidal Survey Report for consideration before we can proceed with the Preliminary Report for the scheme. Following Department approval of the Preliminary Report we will apply for a Licence under the Foreshore Act.

The Tidal Survey Report is due for completion by the end of December, 1985."

- 416 - APPROVAL OF DESIGN FOR THE RAE GROUP WATER SCHEME AT WOODFORD - MOTION BY SENATOR ULICK BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Senator Ulick Burke:

"A recommendation to approve the design for the Rae Group Scheme has issued."

- 417 - DROICHEAD FHORNIS I LEITIRMEALLAIN - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O' TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Cosnófaidh se £40,000 chun droichead seo a dheisiu. Cuirfear Fogra Droichid suas ar an droichead seo go luath a cuireadh teorainn 5 tonna ar Vehicles ag dul trasna."

- 418 - SLACHT AR NA REILIG I gCEANTAR NA N'OILEAN - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Cuirfear an obair seo idir laimhe comh luath is feidir i 1986."

- 419 - TEARRA AR AN BHOTHAIR SIAR GO TEACH BN. UI COISTEABHLA I bhFURMOYLE - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Ta an bothar seo 0.8 mile ar fhad. Cosnófaidh se £30,000 chun e a dheisiu. Do dhean an Roinn Foraoiseacht a lan damaiste don bothar laistigh de cupla mi. Beimid ag ple ceist cuiteamh leis an Roinn chun an bothar a dheisiu."

- 420 - THAT MONEY BE ALLOCATED IN THE 1986 TO UPGRADE THE TOILETS AT THE SHAMBLES, TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"Materials have been already purchased and work will be put in hand early in 1986."

- 421 - PROVISION OF PLAYING FACILITIES IN PARKMORE IN THE 1986 ESTIMATES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"Provision has been made for the development of a 7 acre play area in Parkmore - this development is being phased in conjunction with the phased construction of the houses on the estate. It is understood that a meeting on site is being arranged to discuss the matter."

- 422 - WHAT AMOUNT OF MONEY WAS PAID TO THE ARCHITECT WHO DREW UP THE PLANS FOR THE NEW LIBRARY IN TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"I wish to inform you that the total Fees paid to date to the Architect concerned is £3,293."

- 423 - THAT PUBLIC LIGHTING IN THE VICINITY OF THE CARPARK AT MOUNTBELLEW CHURCH BE IMPROVED - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael P. Kitt:

"No money allocated in 1985 for Public Lighting other than Traffic Route Lighting."

- 424 - FLOODING ON THE BOVINION ROAD, MOUNTBELLEW. - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael P. Kitt:

"To solve the flooding problem it will be necessary to raise the level of the road for approximately 20 yards and to open a soakpit in the grass margin along the side of the road. This work will be carried out in the next three weeks."

- 425 - KILBEG-KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE PROJECT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Site investigation and Preliminary report costs for a project of this magnitude would be of the order of £500,000. The necessary finances for such work are not available to the Council.

As agreed at the Council Meeting of the 5th June, 1985, the possibility of carrying out the scheme under the Social Employment Scheme has been taken up with the Minister for Labour. The National Manpower Service have indicated that the project is not suitable for funding from the Social Employment Scheme."

- 426 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY DIRECTS THAT ARTICLES 6 AND 11 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)(FEES) REGULATIONS, 1984, BE APPLIED TO THE PLANNING CHARGES PAID ON APPLICATION NO. 46539 - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"I wish to inform you that it has been agreed that a special amenity grant be paid to the Newcastle Community Centre, Athenry, Co. Galway, corresponding with the Planning fee paid by them."

- 427 - PAYMENT OF PORTION OF THE STATUTORY GRANTS DUE TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MID-GALWAY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME, PHASE 1. - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"I wish to inform you that the first instalment of the special contribution, in the sum of £62,000 was paid to the Trustees Bank on 16th December, 1985."

- 428 - PROVISION OF FOOTPATH AT LABANE NATIONAL SCHOOL, ARDRAHAN, LEADING ONTO THE NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahey:

"This work is not considered necessary as there is no danger to users at present."

- 429 - IMPROVEMENT WORKS FOR CREGCLARE FOUR CROSSROADS, ARDRAHAN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahey:

"The Cregaclare Crossroads is at the intersection of Regional Road 420 and County Roads 326 and 399. This crossroads is fully signposted with 'Stop' signs on the minor branches. In recent weeks, all trees and bushes in the vicinity of this junction were cut. Some flooding occurred here in very we weather, this was dealt with by the provision of pipeline. This crossroads is now as safe as it is possible to make it without a major improvement scheme costing at least £2,500."

- 430 - ERECTION OF A LIGHT LEADING TO THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT GORT BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHEY: - MOTION

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahey:

"There are no funds available for public lighting, other than Traffic Route Lighting."

- 431 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT FULL REGISTERED TITLE OF THE PLOTS AT GORT-STUCKANAGH, GORT, TO THE TENANTS OF ST. COLMAN'S TERRACE WHO HAVE BEEN TENANTS OF THE PLOTS FOR 35 YEARS AND THERE SHOULD BE NO CHARGE FOR THE SALE OF THE PLOTS - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The County Council has no objection in principle, to the Tenants of St. Colman's Terrace becoming full registered owners of the plots in Gortstuckanagh."

There is, however, a problem in relation to the title of that piece of land which we are endeavouring to have cleared up."

- 432 - THAT A NEW COUNCIL HOUSING SCHEME BE PLANNED AND CONSTRUCTED AT CLARENBRIDGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The need for a further scheme of houses has not been established in Clarenbridge at present. However, the matter will be kept under review in the light of demand for houses in the area."

- 433 - HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The new scheme of House Improvement Grants is being administered by the Department and the County Council has no function in the matter."

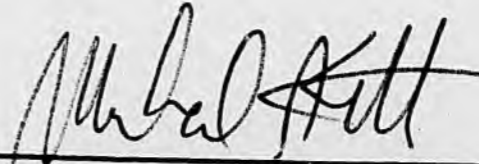
- 434 - RESOLUTIONS:

The following documentation was circulated to each Member:

- 1) Copy of letter dated 29th November, 1985, from the Department of the Environment re participation of Departmental Inspector at Meeting of the Council.
- 2) Copy of letter dated 8th November, 1985, from the Repeal Section 31 Committee.
- 3) Copy of letter dated 25th November, 1985, from Office of the Minister for the Environment re deputation to discuss the possibility of seeking a once-off grant for the improvement of certain County Roads.
- 4) Copy of letter dated 22nd November, 1985, from Monaghan Urban District Council re Old Age Pensioners Christmas Bonus.
- 5) Copy of letter dated 28th November, 1985, from Sligo County Council re Food Mountain.
- 6) Copy of letter dated 2nd December, 1985, re pension system for Members of Dail Eireann.
- 7) Copy of letter dated 27th November, 1985, regarding request for helicopter service for inhabitants of the Aran Islands
- 8) Copy of letter dated 27th November, 1985, from Department of Education regarding recoupment at the end of each month the expenditure incurred to that date by the Council on Higher Education Grants.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

  
CHAIRMAN

27th January 1986.  
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

3rd January, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 10th January, 1986, commencing at 3.30 p.m., to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Michael Bane, Rusheen, Tuam, Co. Galway, for house, fuel store and septic tank. - Planning Reference Number 50599."  
  
Robert Molloy. Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Micheal S. O'Morain.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Michael Duggan of Cregboy, for a house at Cregboy. - Planning Ref. No. 51000."  
  
Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Joe Callanan.
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 John Duggan of Cregboy, Planning Permission for one house at Cregboy. - Planning Ref. No. 51001."  
  
Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Joe Callanan.
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 Colman Conroy for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Cluggam, Maam. - Planning Ref. No. 51058."  
  
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. John M. Mannion.
5. "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 to James Dillon, c/o M. Dillon, Bohoona, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Bohoona East. - Planning Ref. No. 51306."  
  
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea. Robert Molloy.

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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 grant Planning Permission to James Faherty for erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Tullyvrick. - Planning Ref. No. 51044."  
  
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. John Molloy.
7. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Michael Needham for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Derrynavglann. - Planning Ref. No. 51191."  
  
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey. Robert Molloy.
8. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Joseph Conneely of Mannin, Ballyconneely, for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Callow, Roundstone. - Planning Ref. No. 46823."  
  
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Robert Molloy.
9. "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 to Raymond Conneely for the retention of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Moyard. - Planning Ref. No. 47559."  
  
Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Robert Molloy.

Other Matters:

10. Sanitary Services Progress Report.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

7th January, 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

The following resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, as set out below has been received and will be considered at the Special Meeting of the Council on Friday, 10th January, 1986, at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON 10TH JANUARY, 1986.  
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9.A "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Mr. Patrick Bruton, 9, Coscorríg, Loughrea, Co. Galway, for erection of dwellinghouse at Cahercrea East. - Planning Ref. No. 51190."

Matt Loughnane. Frank Fahey. Michael Fahy. Tom Hussey.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, M.S. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer, J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Coughlan, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

435 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50599 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL BANE:

The Council were informed that Planning Permission had been granted in this case.

436 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51000 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL DUGGAN.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor John Molloy that consideration of this resolution be adjourned to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 27th January, 1986.

437 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51001 - APPLICANT: JOHN DUGGAN.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor John Molloy that consideration of this resolution be adjourned to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 27th January, 1986.

438 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51058 - APPLICANT: COLMAN CONROY.

The Council were informed that Planning Permission had been granted in this case.

439 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51306 - APPLICANT: JAMES DILLON.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located 65 yards from the sea on a narrow road which joins the Spiddal to Carraroe road approximately 700 yards from the centre of Spiddal.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 14052: Outline Planning Permission refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by the Minister for Local Government.

Planning Ref. No. 15894: Section 4 motion passed to grant Outline Planning Permission but refused on appeal by the Minister for Local Government.

- Planning Ref. No. 18768: Planning Permission refused by the Planning Authority on appeal by the Minister for Local Government.
- Planning Ref. No. 21163: Planning Permission refused by the Planning authority and by the Minister for Local Government on appeal.
- Planning Ref. No. 31145: Permission granted after Section 4 resolution for a bungalow.
- Planning Ref. No. 48809: Permission refused by the Planning authority and on appeal by An Bord Pleanala for a dormer type bungalow.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposal under consideration is exactly as previously refused under Planning Ref. No. 48809.

The location is only 65 yards from the seashore. However, the applicant has already permission for a bungalow granted by Section 4 motion under Planning REF. No. 31145. What he is now proposing is essentially a two storey dwelling in close proximity to the seashore. This would give rise to a very undesirable precedent in the general area which is otherwise undeveloped except for another dwellinghouse granted under Section 4 motion. There is a local objection in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The site of the proposed development is located with an open landscape of high amenity value between a main tourist route and the sea. The erection of a dwellinghouse as proposed would constitute an unduly obtrusive feature within the landscape thereby giving rise to a serious injury to visual amenity"

Councillor T. Welby proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. He stated that James Dillon was a native of Spiddal and that the site involved was the only piece of ground he could buy in the Spiddal area. Councillor Welby stated that the proposed house was a bungalow with dormer type windows. There were a number of two-storey houses along the particular road involved and he felt that planning permission should be granted. Councillor Welby's proposal was seconded by Councillor John Molloy. In reply to Councillor J. Brennan, the County Engineer indicated that planning permission granted under reference number 31145 was for a bungalow. The present proposal was in effect the provision of a two-storey house, the pitch of the roof of the proposed house was 1½ times as high as the original bungalow proposed. In reply to Councillor Brennan, the County Engineer also indicated that the planning permission for the bungalow which had been granted by Section 4 resolution would expire in June 1986.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor Michael Mullins that Planning Permission not be granted in this case.

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Engineer gave details of the height of the proposed house. He stated that there was general prohibition on development in the area between the road and the sea, and the erection of the house proposed would constitute an unduly obtrusive feature causing serious injury to the visual amenity in the area. He understood that other people were able to acquire sites in acceptable locations in the Spiddal area.

A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Senator Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Deputy Kitt, Cirs. McCormack, MacDonagh, Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy Treacy, and Cllr. Welby. (16)

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

Councillors Glynn Sinn Fein, Lynch and Walsh abstained from voting.

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

- 440 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51044 - APPLICANT: JAMES FAHERTY.

The Council were informed that Planning Permission had been granted in this case.

- 441 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51191 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL NEEDHAM:

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

"SITE LOCATION

The site is located on a side road off the main Galway-Clifden road which is approximately ½ mile west of the Canal Stage Bridge.

HISTORY

Planning REF. NO. 11194: Permission refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by the Minister for Local Government on 8/1/73 for the construction of a hotel on the grounds of injury to visual amenity.

Planning Ref. NO. 17261: A similar application for a hotel was again refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by the Minister for Local Government on 23/12/74 on similar grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed development would be located in an exposed and elevated location in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity. It would also be located in the field of view of a View of Special Amenity Prospect as set out in the County Development Plan.

The applicant has claimed that the development is a New Farmhouse on land he has purchased approximately 6 months ago from Mr. John Commons, a local landowner. He has not indicated the extent of any lands owned by the family prior to this purchase, but it is understood that his family lands adjoin these lands and it is likely that an alternative site may exist which would be less visually damaging and at the same time suitable for a new farmhouse.

The proposed location is the most elevated location on the lands which have been purchased.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. The proposed development would be located in an elevated site close to the base of Ben Lettery in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity of extremely open character, and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the scenic amenities of this area of outstanding natural beauty because of its prominence on the landscape.

2. The proposed development would be located in a prominent position in the field of view, of a view of Outstanding Scenic Amenity as set out in the County Development Plan, and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the said view which would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor T. Welby proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. He stated that the applicant had no other land available to him and that planting could be carried out on the site to blend into the surrounding area. Cllr Welby's proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Morain. Councillor O'Morain stated that the site was 1½ miles from the base of Ben Lettery and that the scenic amenities in the area would not be seriously affected. Councillor J. Brennan stated that there had been two cases of Refusal in respect of development on this site. He stated that no consultation had taken place between the Planning Authority and the applicant and the possibility of the applicant having an alternative site had not been investigated. He proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. There was no seconder for Councillor Brennan's amendment, and as there were no further amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

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

The Council were informed that Planning Permission had been granted in this case.

443 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51107 - APPLICANT: RAYMOND CONNEELY.

Councillor T. Welby stated that he had requested at the December Planning Meeting that the Councillors from the Connemara Area meet at the site of this development. He proposed that the Resolution on the Agenda be adjourned to the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 27th January, 1986. Councillor Welby's proposal was seconded by Councillor John Mannion. The Deputy County Manager indicated that it was not normal practice to hold site meetings in relation to planning applications which were the subject of Section 4 resolutions. The site had been inspected on a number of occasions and the County Engineer had carried out a recent personal inspection of the site. The views of the Officials of the Council were not changed in relation to this serious matter. Following further discussion, it was agreed that a site meeting would be held at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 22nd January, 1986, and that the five Councillors from the Connemara Area would attend. It was also agreed that further consideration of the resolution as set out on the Agenda would be adjourned to the Monthly Meeting on the 29th January, 1986.

444 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51190 - APPLICANT: PATRICK BRUTON.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately 1½ miles from Loughrea on the Loughrea to Gort National Secondary Route N.66.

There have been no previous applications on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is on a National Secondary route where it is the policy of the Planning Authority, as stated in Chapter 25, Table 25B of the County Development Plan, to restrict development to the family housing needs of farmholders. The applicant did not indicate such a housing need in his submission but a request for further information was made to clarify whether such a need existed. He replied to the effect that he was a Company Representative living in Loughrea Town in the family home but was soon to be married and found this site to be the most affordable one in reasonable proximity to his own and his wife-to-be's workplace. This would not be regarded as a permissible category of housing need to comply with the development plans requirements.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan as expressed in Table 25B which restricts development along this route to the housing needs of local farmholders. Such a need does not arise in this case."

Councillor M. Loughnane proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. He stated that the applicant was living in the area and that his future wife had a business in Loughrea. The location involved was the nearest to the town where the applicant could get a site. The site was located on the Loughrea to Kilchreest road which was not a very busy one. The site was not located in an amenity area and was just outside the town boundary. Deputy N. Treacy seconded Councillor Loughnane's proposal. He stated that the development proposed would not cause any hazard and was located as close as possible to the applicant's work. In reply to Councillor Joe Brennan, the County Engineer indicated that the Section 4 had been received on the 3rd January, 1986, but that the planning application had been received in October 1985.

As there were no amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

Councillor P. McCormack enquired if the agreement among the Parties in relation to Section 4 Resolutions on planning applications on National Primary Routes still applied. He stated that his Party had been resisting pressure to sign such Section 4 Resolutions and he wished to have the position clarified. It was agreed that the Whips of the Party should clarify the position.

Councillor J. Brennan stated that some of the site maps issued with the Reports on Section 4 Resolutions meant nothing to him and he proposed that the practice of issuing site maps be discontinued. The Chairman indicated that Councillor Brennan should submit a Notice of Motion if he wished that matter to be discussed further.

445 - TUAM SUGAR FACTORY:

The Chairman, Deputy Michael Kitt, proposed the following resolution:

"That Galway County Council call on the Taoiseach to intervene with C.S.E.T. to reverse the decision to lay off workers at Tuam Sugar Factory for two months and that the ultimatum to the workers in the Tuam Engineering Works be withdrawn and that we call for a full investigation into the functions and role of C.S.E.T."

Deputy Kitt stated that it was most unfair that the Tuam Factory had been singled out for a two month lay-off of workers. There was no reason for such a lay-off. The workers in Tuam had co-operated with management to cut costs. Councillor P. Finnegan seconded Deputy Kitt's motion. He stated that the action taken was the most severe attack to date on the Tuam Factory. He condemned the lay-offs and the proposals to cut the wages of the Engineering workers. The Tuam Factory would be a great loss to the West of Ireland. Senator T. Hussey supported the resolution and called on the Government to give immediate attention to the matter. This was, he stated, the time of year when interest in the growing of beet by farmers should be promoted and when the confidence of farmers should be restored. Councillor Frank Glynn stated that the packaging of sugar should be returned to Tuam rather than involving double carriage in transporting it to Thurles or Carlow and then returning it to Tuam. A number of Councillors added their support to the resolution. On the proposal of Councillor Loughnane, it was agreed to send details of the resolution to the Chief Executive of Comhlucht Siucra Eireann.

446 - SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING TO DEAL WITH PLANNING MATTERS:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Cllr. P. Finnegan that all special meetings to be held on the second Friday of each month in the future would commence at 3.00 p.m.

447 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT:

The County considered the Sanitary Services Progress Report, copy of which had been circulated to each Member. Mr. Howlett drew attention to the County Manager's report of the 9th December, 1985, setting out the financial implications of the Sanitary Services Capital Programme, copy of which had also been circulated. Mr. Howlett indicated that the issues set out in the Report of the 9th December would come up again for consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

Mr. Howlett outlined details of the priorities on schemes as set out in the Progress Report in response to queries from Councillors. He indicated that every endeavour was made to adhere to the priority list but that special circumstances could arise whereby some schemes could make more rapid progress than other schemes. Problems in relation to land acquisition and Wayleaves could delay some schemes and other schemes where no such problems arose, could be brought to the construction stage more rapidly.

Councillor Matt Loughnane referred to the fact that Contract Documents were being prepared by Consultants for the Loughrea Sewerage Scheme since 1973. He stated that every effort should be made to expedite the planning of this scheme and referred to problems which had arisen in recent years in relation to the existing scheme.

Councillor James Joyce referred to the urgent need for a Sewerage Scheme for Laurencetown. He stated that the Council had a site available for the provision of housing but that no further development could be carried out until a sewerage scheme had been provided. He referred to the fact that it had been agreed in 1984 that the Council's own Engineers would prepare Preliminary Reports for schemes at Headford and Craughwell and stated that the Sanitary Services Engineering Section should be allocated an increase in Engineering staff.

It was agreed that further consideration of the Sanitary Services Progress Report would be adjourned to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council.

448 - UNITED TOWNS ORGANISATION THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "THE TOWN AND PEACE" - SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND. - 16TH-17TH-18TH JANUARY, 1986:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Deputy Michael P. Kitt, and agreed that Councillor T. Welby be substituted for Senator Mark Killilea as a delegate to attend this Conference and that any additional cost arising out of the substitution be approved.

449 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane, that a Special Committee consisting of the Members of the Loughrea and Galway Electoral Areas meet to discuss the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme.

450 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposal of Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Chairman, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, the Council passed a vote of sympathy to Councillor Michael Ryan on the recent death of his mother.

On the proposal of Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Chairman, the Council passed votes of sympathy with the Joyce Family, Castle Park, Ballybane, on the recent death of Mr. John Joyce, an Official of the Galway County Council.

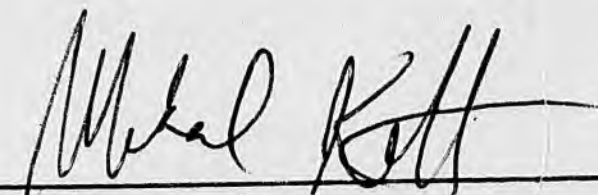
On the proposal of Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Chairman, the Council passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Joe Kinneen, Senior Executive Engineer, on the recent death of his father.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Miss Anne Walsh, "Eiscir", Clarinbridge, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. & Mrs. Sean McInerney, Kiltulla, Athenry.  
 The Hynes Family, Collinamuck, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. T.J. Rinny, Marrion House, Ballygar.  
 Mr. Patrick Grady, Kellogues, Creggs, Co. Galway.  
 Mrs. Ellen Lawless, Keellogues, Creggs, Co. Galway.  
 Mrs. C. Heneghan, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.  
 The Vesey Family, Parkroe, Kinvara, Co. Galway.  
 Mrs. Connors & Family, Greenhouse, Craughwell, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. Thomas Callanan & Family, Castletaylor, Ardahan, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. John Allen & Family, Aggard, Craughwell, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. Michael Mullins, Drummin, Ballyturn, Gort, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. John Finn, Ballycalon, Peterswell, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. Sean Flannery, Annaghbride, Newtowndaly, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
 Mr. Brendan Flannery, Peterswell, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
 Mrs. Martin Mitchell, Erville, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

  
 CHAIRMAN

27th January 1986  
 DATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS COMMITTEE HELD IN CO. BUILDINGS  
ON 8TH JANUARY, 1986

PRESENT: Chairman - Sen. Mark Killilea  
Clrs. P. Finnegan, Ml. Fahy, J. Joyce,  
Mtn. Lynch, J. Mannion, Ml. O'Morain  
Mr. T. Kavanagh, Admin. Officer  
Miss Helen Bygrove, Arts Officer  
Miss Maura Moloney, A.S.O.

Minutes of meeting of 29th Oct. 1985 were approved.

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. He apologised for being unable to submit an article for the Arts Brochure for the Dec./Jan. issue, due to pressure of work. He also wished to record the Committee's thanks to the County Manager and staff for arranging with the County Librarian to have a Writer in Residence in the libraries.

Miss Bygrove informed the Committee that the Arts Council had appointed Miss Marion Fitzgibbon as the new Regional Arts Director and she would like to meet the members of the Committee. The Chairman, seconded by Clr. Joyce, said the committee would be happy to meet Miss Fitzgibbon.

Miss Bygrove also informed the Committee she had been informed by the Arts Council that the Government, this year, were only giving a repeat of last year's grant allocation, and while they were very enthusiastic about our proposal to have a Writer in Residence, they could not give a guarantee of funding. The Chairman expressed the Committee's disappointment at this development and it was pointed out that the employment of a Writer in Residence was proposed on a "quid pro quo" basis. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Miss Fitzgibbon making a detailed application and asking for a positive financial response from the Arts Council. This was proposed by Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. O'Morain.

On the question of Public Relations, Mr. Gorman, Connacht Tribune agreed to publish an article and arrangements were made for the Chairman to meet the Producer, Mr. S. Hosey, for an interview on "Appraisal".

Miss Bygrove agreed to submit projections to the Committee of grant applications for 1986.

Arising out of discussions on the Draft Policy Document (No. 7 Page 8) Clr., Joyce arranged that Miss Bygrove attend a VEC meeting on 20th Jan. 1986.

Also discussed was a proposal (No. 8 Page 9) in the Policy Document to compile a directory on the availability of accommodation for the Arts. It was proposed by Clr. J. Mannion seconded by Clr. M. Lynch that a proposal be formulated under the Social Employment Scheme for submission to National Manpower.

Sen. Killilea then left the meeting and Clr. Fahy took the chair.

During the discussion regarding accommodation for the Arts throughout the County, Miss Bygrove stated that accommodation was very scarce. The Committee decided to ask the County Council to look at the plans for the new Tuam Library to see if they could be adapted to facilitate the Arts. Clr. Finnegan proposed and Clr. Fahy seconded.

The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Thomas Welby CHAIRMAN

24 2 86 DATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS, HELD IN THE  
CO. BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THE 17TH JANUARY, 1986.

CHAIRMAN: Deputy F. Fahey.

Present in accordance with list of signatures, were the following:

MEMBERS:- Sen. John Mannion, Deps. Michael Kitt, Robert Molloy, Cllrs. Michael Ryan, Tiarnan Walsh, Angela Lupton, Peadar O'Tuathail, Michael Finnerty, Michael Mullins, Patrick Finnegan, Michael Fahy, Peter Raftery, Paddy McHugh, Jarleth McDonagh, Tom Welby., Ms. Mary Byrne, Sr. Brigid Keane, Mr. Pdraig Conneely, Mrs. Sheila Ganley, Mrs. Bridie McKenna, Mrs. Cora McNamara, Mr. Sean Kelly, T.C. Loughrea.

OFFICIALS:- Messrs. J. Howlett, Asst. Co. Manager, J. McGovern, S.S.O. Galway Corporation, T. Coughlan, S.O. Mrs. K. O'Neill and Miss V. Whyte, Social Workers and C. McCormack who acted as Secretary to the Committee.

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November, '85 was proposed by Cllr. Mannion and seconded by M. Byrne. In reply to a question on traders from Sen. Mannion, and arising out of the minutes, Mr. Howlett said the question of designating trading areas for this category of travellers was a matter for the Co. Council.

Traveller representation on the Committee was discussed. Members in general felt it would be desirable to have some form of Traveller representation but all felt that the selection of travellers would need very careful consideration. It was finally decided that a consultative committee, which would meet the Joint Committee at intervals would be the most successful arrangement. The Social Workers will nominate the travellers for this and the nomination of Mrs. Joyce Sheldice also was proposed for this consultative committee by Mrs. C. McNamara and seconded by Mrs. McKenna.

The first report of the committee to monitor the implementation of Government Policy on Travelling People was considered in relation to accommodation, i.e. housing of travellers and the provision of serviced sites. In relation to housing, Mr. Howlett said the Council's Policy on this was adopted at the previous meeting. The housing of travellers forms part of the Councils general housing programme. In reply to questions on the ratio of travellers being housed to the settled community, Mr. Howlett said the Council keeps an open mind on this as it varies from place to place and on the numbers seeking accommodation.

The problems existing in housing estates where travellers are housed were again discussed. Dep. Fahey asked for suggestions as to how these might be overcome. Cllr. Lupton considers that it is

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necessary to work through the Residents Associations which can involve themselves in the betterment of their areas, including areas which comprise local authority houses. On the question of caretaking, Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that no funds are available from the Department for this service. Members felt strongly that the Department should fund caretaking facilities and Dep. Fahey asked that the Minister be asked to meet with representatives of the Committee on this question.

Mrs. McKenna and Mrs. Ganley consider that the problems in estates are a result of the high concentration of local authority houses in particular areas of towns in the County. They spoke especially of Ballinasloe and Loughrea and both consider that the Council housing estates in these towns have already too many travelling families. They asked why local authority housing cannot take place at different locations in these towns. Mr. Howlett said the Councils are restricted as regards land prices and the availability of services. He also said an alternative housing development will take place in Loughrea and proposals for alternative accommodation in Ballinasloe for travellers had been strongly opposed. Sr. Brigid said that with the education they receive to-day the travellers will behave quite differently in the future. She is hopeful that the problems of to-day will be very short-term.

Dep. Fahey proposed that committee members from each electoral area be asked to meet residents associations regarding problems in housing estates. Mr. S. Kelly seconded this proposal and arrangements for same will be made.

Referring to newly weds Miss M. Byrne said it is a pity they have to go on the road prior to being housed. Dep. Fahey asked that an estimate of the numbers of newly weds who will be seeking housing over the next year be identified.

Mr. Howlett said these have already been included in our projections of need. Referring to transients Cllr. Lupton said she disagreed with the Monitoring Committee Report which said they should be included on housing lists. She asked that this issue be taken up with the Minister. Cllr. Finnegan agreed with her suggestion.

The provision of serviced sites was further considered. Mr. Howlett said such sites would need very careful consideration. He referred to the report of the Monitoring Committee on this and especially to their recommendations on pages 43 and 44. He said the Committee's decision of five per site would pose problems with regard to caretaking. With regard to sites in general he said Galway Corporation and Ballinasloe Urban District Council have their own proposals. For the County, Tuam is the main area of this need, especially in view of the large number of travellers in the car-park. He said, a site outside town is being investigated. However, in view of the numbers to be accommodated, four sites would be necessary. Mrs. McNamara said it may be feasible to obtain a site on the Galway Road. In general, Mr. Howlett said it would be useless designating sites unless they would be occupied. Dep. Fahey said caretaking should not be a problem on small sites if caretakers can be got. He also said if sites can be identified they will be investigated.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:...../

*Thomas Welby* CHAIRMAN

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

21u 1a Eanair, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/  
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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 27u 1a Eanair, 1986, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Michael Duggan of Cregboy for one house at Cregboy. - Planning Reference Number 51000."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Joe Callanan.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant John Duggan of Cregboy, Planning Permission for one house at Cregboy. - Planning Reference Number 51001."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Joe Callanan.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Raymond Conneely for the retention of dwelling house and septic tank at Moyard. - Planning Ref. No. 51107."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Robert Molloy.

4. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Joe Hernon for the erection of two houses and septic tanks at Forramoyle West. - Planning Ref. No. 50635."

P. McCormack. John M. Mannion. T. Welby.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Goroman, Recess, to Walter Nolla, c/o P. Geoghegan, Old Bridge Farm, Oughterard, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 51458."

John M. Mannion. P. McCormack. T. Welby.

6. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to proceed with the construction of a Council house for Patrick Walsh at Tullybeg, Renvyle, on site provided by the applicant.

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey. Robert Molloy.

7. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to proceed with the construction of a Council house for Martin J. Flaherty, Lettergesh, Renvyle, on a site provided by the applicant."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey. Robert Molloy.

8. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to proceed to carry out repairs to County Council house tenanted by Catherine Connelly, Athyrourty. - Ref. No. 63/2/1402."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey. Robert Molloy.

9. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to proceed to carry out repairs to County Council house tenanted by Mrs. Sarah Flaherty, Glassilaun, Renvyle. - Ref. No. 63/2/1208."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey. Robert Molloy.

10. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to restore at least to its original height, and erect appropriate wire fencing on top of the wall which forms the boundary between the Council's housing estates at Fahy Gardens and St. Laurence's Fields and the field owned by Mrs. Bridget Loughnane, Galway Road, Loughrea.

Matt Loughnane. Joe Lambert. Martin Lynch. Robert Molloy. Frank Fahey.

OTHER BUSINESS:

11. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting of 13th December, 1985.  
(b) Monthly Meeting of 20th December, 1985.  
(c) Special Meeting of 10th January, 1986.

12. Raising of Supplementary Loan of £6,150 for the completion of public convenience at Portumna.

13. (a) Lease of plot of land at Headford to E.S.B. under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966. - Notice dated 2nd January, 1986, already circulated.

- (b) Disposal of plot of land with factory thereon at Poolboy, Ballinasloe to Warrior Shoes Limited. - Notice dated 13th January, 1986, already circulated.

- (c) Disposal of plot of land at Gorteenacra, Kingsland, Athenry, with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, to Mary Murphy. - Notice dated 13th December, 1985, already circulated.

14. Circular letter Fin. 30/85 dated 19th December, 1985, from the Department of the Environment regarding Rate Support Grants 1986. (Copy enclosed)

15. Fix date for Statutory Estimates Meeting 1986.
16. Local Government (Re-Organisation) Act, 1985. - Compensation negotiations.
17. Tonabrucky Quarry.
18. Galway Eastern Approach Road - Oranmore By-Pass - Pedestrian facilities at junctions.
19. Fire Brigade Capital Programme. (Already circulated)
20. Sanitary Services Progress Report. (Already circulated)
21. Draft Development Plan for Scheduled Town of Loughrea.
22. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads. (Schedule attached)
23. Provision of lights at Bunowen Pier.
24. Nomination of Member to Special Sub-Committee of the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee.
25. Meeting of the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee in Portlaoise on 28th January, 1986, at 11.00 a.m.
26. Malicious Injuries Decrees. (List herewith)
27. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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