

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

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(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting on 20th December, 1985.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

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

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

29. That a road leading off the Brackloonbeg/Brackloon Road, Bullaun, be widened and repaired.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

30. 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.

(b) Other Motions received

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

31. That a new range be provided in the demountable dwelling occupied at Ballyconneely, Connemara, Co. Galway. (Name and address supplied.)
32. That Galway County Council avail of the Youth Employment Scheme to carry out improvement works at Bushypark Cemetery.
33. That Galway County Council would enter into negotiations for the acquisition of the land between the beach and the road at Cregduff, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway, for the preservation as a public amenity area.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

34. That a restriction be put on the weight of lorries using the link road between the Headford Road at Ballinfoyle to Castlegar Village. This road joins Ballinfoyle to the Castlegar/Ballindoooley road, and heavy lorries are affecting the houses along this road.
35. That the Council complete in 1986 the hard shoulder on the Galway/Tuam Road from Castlegar Church to the graveyard at Two-Mile-Ditch.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

36. That this Council fix gullet opposite Joyce's and Sullivan's houses on Lisoughter Road, Recess. Concrete pipes were delivered for this job by the County Council some time ago.
37. That the County Council repair the damaged wall on the sea side on the Westport Road, Leenane, between the Convent and the Church.
38. That the County Council repair the gullet opposite Edward Joyce's house at Lissoughter, Recess, as same is causing severe flooding in Mr. Joyce's yard.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

39. That warning signs be erected at a dangerous junction at Loughgeorge, Claregalway, that the Garda Authorities be requested to consider the provision of 40 mile speed limit and that the traffic route lighting scheme approved by the Council for Claregalway should also include at least five lights at Loughgeorge.
40. That Galway County Council establish a joint task force with the Western Health Board with the objective of carrying out the reconstruction of all Old People's homes throughout the County where the owners qualify for Essential Repairs Grants or Housing repairs for the Elderly Grants; that a Register of such people be compiled by the Council's Housing Staff and the Community Care Section of the Western Health Board and that arrangements be made to submit applications to the Department of the Environment for house improvement grants which would be supplemented by existing housing repair finance from the County Council and the Western Health Board.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY (Continued) - I will propose:

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41. That an immediate decision be taken to improve the bridge at Clarenbridge in order to make the National Primary Road through the village adequate and that consideration of a proposed by-pass be abandoned.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

42. Part of the road has slipped and pot-holes are like the "Waves of Tory" - could the County Council go out and re-fix it immediately. (Farm Road, Moycullen.)
43. When is it proposed to install the lights at Claregalway which have been approved for some time.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH - I will propose:

44. That the Galway County Council utilise the Social Employment Scheme to do much needed improvements work to (1) the cemetery in Athenry, (2) the old church yard in The Square, (3) the Abbey in Bridge Street. That is a general clean up, if possible.
45. What is the position with the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme and when will work start on this scheme?

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

46. That the County Council upgrade the water and sewerage facilities in Eyrecourt as the existing services are overloaded.
47. That the County Council make sufficient Engineering Staff available to carry out the Preliminary Report on the Laurencetown Sewerage Scheme as promised for 1986.
48. That the County Council get an estimate from the E.S.B. for the provision of one public light outside Kiltormer Health Centre and another outside Laurencetown Health Centre and if no money is provided in the 1986 Estimates for public lights, that the Western Health Board be asked to sponsor both because they are publicly liable for the people who use the Health Centre.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

49. That Galway County Council make provision in the 1986 Estimates in the interests of public safety, for the erection of public lighting and the installation of a 40 mile per hour speed limit encompassing the area at Lachtgeorge from Kiniska road to the Roscommon junction. This is a priority area because there have been twelve fatal accidents on this sharp stretch of road in recent years. The Council must act now.
50. That all non-profit making G.A.A. Community facilities be exempt from public rate charges.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH - I will propose:

51. That Galway County Council provide two street lights on the Castlerea Road out of Ballymoe.
52. That Galway County Council continue the footpath in Ballymoe as far as Martin Ward's shop at least.
53. That Galway County Council provide a refuse collection service for Gortaleam N.S. (This school is in Dunmore Parish.)

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

54. That footpaths be repaired in Menlough Village and be extended to Paddy Craughwell's house.
55. That flooding be relieved on the Menloughbeg Road, Menlough.
56. That repairs and hedgecutting be carried out on the Killuremore Road, Killure, Ahascragh.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

- 57. That Galway County Council include in their Estimates for 1986 - funds to test water source for Peterswell Parish re Group Water Scheme.
- 58. Galway County Council repair and surface road at Glenascaul, Oranmore.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

- 59. That two Council houses, details supplied, at Convent Road, Woodford, Loughrea, get an immediate water connection to the Woodford Town Water Supply, and further that this water supply be also made available to the residents fo Bolag and Cloncoo, a total of ten houses in all.
- 60. That boundary walls be immediately erected around house, numbers 47 and 53 inclusive, and 71 to 76 inclusive at Fahy Gardens, Loughrea, and further that a pedestrian link/access way be provided at St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea, immediately in order to facilitate practical pedestrian movement between this estate and the main Town.
- 61. That the Council take immediate action to improve, repair and renew all the urgent road problems in the Woodford, Looscaune, Gurteeney, Coose, Douras, Rostullis, Loughatorick, Rossmore, Shragh, Clonmoylan and Power's Cross areas.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

- 62. An bothar chuig Oilean Ross, Cheathru Rua, a dheisiu agus an droichead a dheisiu freisin.
- 63. An bothar chuig an Baile Ross, Leitircaladh, Leitirmoir, a dheisiu.
- 64. An droch casadh idir Droichead Bealandaingin agus Teach Osta Sean O Tuathail a leanu agus ba mhaith liom meastuachain ar seo.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH - I will propose:

- 65. That Galway County Council provide the necessary markings and signposts on the Silver Strand roadway to prohibit parking on same so as to eliminate the difficulties experienced by farmers and others.
- 66. That Galway County Council carry out repairs to the Cahernahoon road and immediately carry out emergency repairs to disintegrated roadway adjacent to Creaven's and Murphy's houses.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK, SENATOR MARK KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS PADDY McHUGH AND JARLATH McDONAGH: - We will propose:

- 67. In pursuance of the Motion which was passed at the December 1985 Meeting of Galway County Council, we now propose "that the Council formally include an allocation of at least IR£25,000 in the 1986 Estimates to carry out the relevant studies, i.e., commission a site investigation and preliminary report on the Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge Project.
- 68. We, also, propose that in view of the contribution of IR£25,000 from the Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge Committee that County Council Officials consult with the Bridge Committee concerning all matters relating to the conduct of the studies and the investment of the monies involved."

**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.

Areas	From	To	Metres
Oughterard	Co. Road 68 in Townland of Banraghbaun South	Dr. Noel Browne's House in Townland of Banraghbaun South	50
Clifden	Regional Road 336 in Townland of Munterowen	End of New Bridge in Townland of Munterowen	100
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JANUARY MEETING

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

Name and Address	Particulars	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
St. Columba's Credit Union Ltd. 6 Plunkett Avenue, Mervue.	Damage to front plate glass window	County at Large	£250	£262.00
Commissioners of Public Works, The Claddagh, Galway	Damage to a window, grill, filing cabinet and safe.	County Borough	£202.41	£324.15
Joe Earls, 129, Wellpark Grove, Galway.	Damage to Car	County at Large.	£500.00.	£385.45.
Gerard Burke, Fohenagh, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to Motor Car.	County at Large.	£800.00.	£789.64
Mr. Michael McInerney, 6, New Avenue, Salthill, GALWAY.	Damage to Car.	County at Large.	£2,200.00	£1,255.80.
Michael Woolley, Corcullen, Moycullen, Co. Galway.	Damage to door-jamb, window pains, fireplace, walls and caprets at 100, Castlelawn Heights, Headford Road, Galway	County at Large.	£1,780.00	£1,672.21.
P.M.P.A. INSURANCE CO. LTD., Wolfe Tone House, DUBLIN.	Damage to Filing Cabinet and Safe at Loughrea.	County at Large.	-	£392.00.
McNeela Homes Ltd.,	Damage to contents at 23, Whitestrand Avenue, Salthill.	Borough of Galway.	£1,157.00	£928.80.

January Meeting

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
John Bownes, Kilmacknella, Irishtown, Claremorris, Co. Galway.	Car Reg. No. 823 CZH damaged.	County at Large	£2,000	£1,197.02
Marian Fahy, 7, St. James Road, Mervue, GALWAY.	Damage to property and Contents at No. 7, St. James Road.	County at Large.	£2,000	£2,078.21.
Alexander Moon Limited, Eglinton Street, GALWAY.	Plate Glass Window broken.	County at Large.	£700.00.	£178.25.
Michael Conroy, 7, Beechwood Park, Ballybane, GALWAY.	Damage to Car.	County at Large.	£400.00.	£400.00.
McGaugh Plant Hire Ltd.	Hymac 580 C Excavator damaged.	County at Large	£900	£683.57
Philip Keane, Derrymullen, Ballinasloe CO. GALWAY.	Damage to Car	County at Large.	£619.27.	£570.78.
Danholme Ltd., 34, Shop Street, GALWAY.	Damage to Plate Glass Window.	County at Large.	£700.00.	£335.30
John Barrett,	Damage to Plate Glass Window.	County at Large.	£925.00.	£181.40.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Christopher Clarke, Claddagh, Lavally, Tuam. Tynagh Community Clubhouse, c/o Eamon Ryan, Secretary, Tynagh Community Association, Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.	Damage to Motor Car.	County at Large.	£1,000.00.	£572.24.
Timothy & Carmel O'Halloran, Ronealli House, 24, Whitestrand Ave., Salthill, Galway.	Damage to Oil Tank and Contents.	County at Large.	£1,000.00.	£380.88.
Helena Rhattigan, Parkmore, Tuam, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to Patio Door at rear of Premises.	County at Large.	£215.00	£186.89.
	Damage to building supplies.	County at Large	£3,000.00.	£2,350.65

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

2nd. January, 1986.

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 lease a plot of land as set out hereunder:-

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

Location:- Headford, Co. Galway.

Area:- 6' X 6'

To Whom land is to be Transferred:- Electricity Supply Board
for the provision of a
sub-station. The lease will
be for 100 years and subject
to a nominal rent of 5p per
annum.

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.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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13th January, 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

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

LAND: Plot of land, area - 0.220 hectares approximately with factory thereon situated in the townland of Poolboy, Ballinasloe.

LANDS ACQUIRED FROM: Thomas Kelly, Church Hill, Ballinasloe.

TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE TRANSFERRED: Warrior Shoes Limited,
Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: £60,000 plus a sum in lieu of rent for the period commencing 1st August, 1985, and ending on the date of signing of the Contract of Sale calculated at the rate of £575 per month.

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

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

13th. December, 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:- Mary Murphy, Gorteenacra, Kingsland,
Athenry, Co. Galway.

Location:- Gorteenacra, Kingsland, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Area:- 0.14 acres

To Whom land is to be transferred:- Mary Murphy, Gorteenacra,
Kingsland, Athenry, Co. Galway

Consideration in respect of Disposal:- £1

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

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Clrs. J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. MacDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M.S. 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; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); S. McMahon, and F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineers; J. O'Shaughnessy, Chief Fire Officer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Coughlan, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

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

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that he wished to have this resolution withdrawn. The resolution on the Agenda was not, therefore, put to the meeting.

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

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that he wished to have this resolution withdrawn. The resolution on the Agenda was not, therefore, put to the meeting.

- 453 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51107 - APPLICANT: RAYMOND CONNEELY.

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

"LOCATION

The site is located off the National Secondary Route from Clifden to Leenane in the townland of Tooreen on the county road which leads back to Cleggan.

HISTORY

- Planning Ref. NO. 29999: Outline Planning Permission refused to Mr. C. Conneely for dwellinghouse on the grounds of injury to visual amenity.
- Planning Ref. No. 33100: A decision to grant Outline Planning Permission directed by Section 4 motion was issued to Mr. C. Conneely for a dwellinghouse but refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on the grounds of injury to visual amenity, being in the foreground of a panoramic view of Ballynakill Harbour.

It then came to the notice of the Planning Authority that Mr. Conneely was commencing development. The Planning Authority wrote to Mr. Conneely on the 29/8/80 warning him that development was unauthorised and advised him to cease all works.

On the 26/9/80 an Enforcement Notice was served on the applicant to remove the unauthorised structure and to reinstate the lands.

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2.

Planning Ref. No. 37722: Application for retention of dwellinghouse received from Mr. Charles Conneely on the 19/12/80. A decision to grant permission was directed by a Section 4 motion, but Permission was refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on the 25/11/81.

Planning Ref. NO. 47559: Application for retention of dwellinghouse received by the Planning Authority on 4/10/85. A decision to grant permission was issued following a direction by way of a Section 4 motion but Permission was refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on 27/5/85.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The site is extremely elevated and exposed in open scenic landscape overlooking Ballynakill Harbour and the development, for which retention has been applied for is an extremely intrusive feature in an otherwise unspoilt landscape.

The Enforcement Notice has not been complied with and in fact the developer has continued to add to the development so that now the dwellinghouse is completed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The retention of the development would be seriously injurious to the scenic amenities of this unspoilt area because it would be highly intrusive in the foreground of an outstanding panoramic view of Ballynakill Harbour."

It was indicated that a site meeting between Councillors Welby and Mannion, and the Planning Officers had taken place on the 22nd January, 1986, as requested by the Council at the Council Meeting of 10th January, 1986. Clr. T. Welby proposed that Permission be granted for the retention of the dwellinghouse and septic tank in this case. He indicated that he had advised the applicant to fence the site and carry out the planting of trees. He indicated that the applicant had submitted a tree planting programme. Clr. Welby's proposal was seconded by Councillor J. Mannion. Councillor O'Morain supported the resolution and indicated that the site involved was about a half mile from Ballynakill Harbour.

Councillor J. Lambert referred to the fact that the applicant did not have regard to planning requirements. He proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. Councillor Lambert's amendment was seconded by Councillor J. Burke. Subsequently, Councillor Lambert withdrew his amendment, and it was proposed by Councillor 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 as set out on the Agenda, resulted as follows:

FOR: Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. MacDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Clr. T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, F. Glynn.

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Councillors M. Mullins and T. Walsh abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 23 votes for to 3 votes against.

454 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 50635 - APPLICANT: JOE HERNON.

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

LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Forramoyle West, Barna, 1 mile north of the Barna Spiddal Road and approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile outside the Development Plan boundary for Barna Village.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 48712: Outline Permission for four houses refused by the Planning Authority - Applicant Mr. Joe Hernon.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This site which is just over 1 acre in area is located on open bogland North of Barna and isolated from any existing housing development. Even a visual inspection reveals very wet ground conditions but further information was sought so as to establish whether a housing need was involved and trial holes were also excavated.

The applicant stated that he did not have a housing need. The Western Health Board Officials inspected the trial holes found that they were full of water, that the soil had poor percolation qualities, that a stream on the western boundary would be liable to be contaminated and they recommended that the application be refused.

Refusal is recommended as follows:-

The proposed development would constitute a public health hazard because the site, being low-lying and waterlogged, is unsuitable to the effective treatment of septic tank effluent."

Councillor P. McCormack proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. He indicated that he had visited the site concerned on two occasions and he was satisfied that the overall site could be drained. He stated that the trial holes which were dug, were full of water because of the bad weather conditions at the time of the year involved. He stated that the total area of the site was three acres. The County Engineer indicated that the site which was the subject of the planning application was just over 1 acre in area. Councillor T. Welby seconded Councillor McCormack's proposal. The County Manager indicated that if this Section 4 was passed, he would have difficulty in complying with its terms. He had received certificates to the effect that there was no prospect of the septic tank working properly and he had heard nothing contrary to this in the course of the debate. He would be seeking legal advice on the case and informed the Council that he may not be implementing it. In reply to Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager indicated that he received certificates to the effect that the septic tank would not work properly from the County Medical Officer and the County Engineer.

Councillor Joe Burke proposed that planning permission not be granted in this case. He stated that there was no housing need and that the technical advice of the County Medical Officer and the County Engineer had indicated that there was no prospect of the percolation area working properly. Councillor J. Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal.

The County Manager indicated that the application was in respect of two houses and that it was likely that at least one of the sites would be offered for sale. There had been legal advice to the Council in a previous case that a person buying a site had a right to expect that a planning application relating to the site had been properly processed. Legal difficulties could, therefore, arise in the event of the sale of any of the sites in the future.

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

FOR: Senator U. Burke, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. MacDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, F. Glynn, J. Joyce, P. O'Tuathail.

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Councillors J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, P. Raftery and Deputy N. Treacy, abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 15 votes for to 5 votes against.

455 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51458 - APPLICANT: WALTER NOLLE.

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

LOCATION:

The site is inaccessible by roadway but is located almost directly across the lake from Joyce's Marble Shop in Recess, and to the rear i.e. south of the wooded area.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 48254: Permission was refused by the Planning Authority on grounds of injury to visual amenity and backlands development and on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on grounds of visual amenity.

Planning Ref. No. 51092: Permission was refused by the Planning Authority as previously.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This application purports to be an application for a new farmhouse. The total area of the applicants holding is approx. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres. The applicant is apparently a native of West Germany and is still residing there.

The site is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity as set out in the County Development Plan and it is not considered that this application comes within the category of essential housing need as set out in the County Development Plan.

Also the proposed site has no established means of access, although the applicant appears to have commenced construction of an access roadway.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development would be located in an exposed and elevated location in an area of outstanding scenic amenity and would be an intrusive feature in the natural landscape and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the scenic and visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development, without any established means of access, would constitute undesirable development of backlands which should properly be kept free from non essential developments, and, if permitted, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The County Engineer indicated that problems could arise in relation to the septic tank as there was a stream going through the nearby wooded area. Fisheries interests in the area could also be affected. Councillor J. Mannion proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda. He stated that the applicant had bought the site with a view to coming back to live in the area and engaging in horticulture in the future. The holding involved was an old one and had its own Folio number. Councillor T. Welby seconded Councillor Mannion's proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke that Planning Permission not be granted in this case.

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

FOR: Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. MacDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

(17)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, F. Glynn, and P. O'Tuathail.

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Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, and Deputy N. Treacy, abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 17 votes for to 4 votes against.

456 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ERECT A COUNCIL HOUSE FOR MR. PATRICK WALSH, TULLYBEG, RENVYLE. (Ref. No. 65/1/4713)

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

" The above mentioned Section 4 Resolution requires the County Manager to construct a house for Mr. Patrick Walsh at Tullybeg, Renvyle on a site provided by the applicant. The following report sets out the position in relation to this case. The site on which the applicant wishes to be re-housed could not under any circumstances be recommended for the construction of a house. It is on the seaward side of the road over to Renvyle House Hotel and it is totally unsuitable from a planning point of view as it is located in an area of high amenity value. The Planning Section suggested that a land registry map be obtained of the applicant's father's holding so that an alternative site could be selected. When the land registry map was received in June 1985 it appeared likely that an alternative site could be selected on the applicant's father's land but the wife stated recently that she would not live there. The applicant was also informed that he would be considered for re-housing in Roundstone where a scheme was nearing completion. He was also offered re-housing on a Council site at Moyard but these offers were declined.

Mr. Walsh has also been offered re-housing on the site mentioned in connection with the Section 4 Resolution dealing with Mr. M. J. Flaherty of Lettergesh. This site is located at Tullycross and is deemed suitable for the erection of houses for both the Flaherty and Walsh families. Mr. Walsh has stated that he is not willing to accept a house on this site despite the fact that it is conveniently located to his home.

The Section 4 Resolution before the Council requires the County Manager to provide a house for Mr. Walsh at Tullybeg, Renvyle. As stated above this site is not suitable for the construction of a house for the reasons given.

It is a condition of the Regulations from the Department of the Environment on the procedures to be followed and the standards to be applied in providing local authority dwellings that no site should be acquired without prior planning appraisal by the authority's planning officer and certification by him that the development is consistent with the planning and development objectives for the area.

The site offered by Mr. Walsh cannot be certified as suitable by the Planning Officer from a planning point of view. If therefore this Section 4 resolution is passed the County Manager cannot implement the direction contained therein. The case will have to be referred to the Department of the Environment as there is serious doubt as to whether approval would be forthcoming to the necessary capital allocation to provide a house on the site or to the usual housing subsidy which is normally available in respect of all houses built by the Council.

The owner of the site at Tullycross has agreed to sell the site to the Council and no undue delay is envisaged in completion of the necessary legalities for the transfer of the site to the Council. When the site is transferred to the Council it would be possible to make arrangements to construct a house for the Walsh family and this course of action presents the best possible solution to the re-housing of the Walsh family.

It is recommended, therefore, that the Council finalise the acquisition of the site involved and inform Mr. Walsh that the Council are prepared to construct a house for his family on that site."

Councillor T. Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. Deputy Frank Fahey seconded Councillor Welby's proposal. Councillor Welby stated that the applicant had the use of 6 acres of land at the site which he was offering and he wished to be housed near the land involved.

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, indicated that the owner of the site at Tullycross had agreed to sell, and following recent discussions with the Law Agent, no undue delay was envisaged in the completion of the sale. In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, Mr. Howlett indicated that the County Engineer had carried out a personal inspection of the site and had confirmed that the site was unsuitable from a planning point of view. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that there was a high hedge and wall along the roadway adjacent to the site at present and that the view in the area could only be seen from the gate or to the visual amenity of the area. The applicant was unable to provide an alternative site on his father's land as the suggested land had been given to another brother. He offered to bring a video of the location to the next meeting of the Council. Deputy Fahey also stated that there could be difficulties in relation to acquiring proper title to the site at Tullycross.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that he was not in favour of Section 4 resolutions of this kind. He stated that the rehousing of applicants should be carried out through the normal procedures and that elected representatives could make representations regarding individual cases. He stated that he was opposed to the Section 4 resolutions on the Agenda dealing with the housing of applicants and repairs to Council houses.

It was indicated to the meeting that the site could not be certified as suitable by the Planning Officer. There was serious doubt, therefore, as to whether the necessary Capital and Housing Subsidy would be forthcoming if a house were built on the site.

It was agreed, following further discussion, that the resolution be adjourned to the special Council Meeting to be held on the 14th February, 1986.

457 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 REQUIRING THE MANAGER TO ERECT A COUNCIL HOUSE FOR MR. M.J. FLAHERTY, LETTERGESH. (Ref. No. 66/1/1293)

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

"The above-mentioned Section 4 Resolution requires the County Manager to construct a house for Mr. Martin J. Flaherty on a site provided by the applicant at Lettergesh, Renvyle. The following report sets out the position in relation to the applicant.

A number of sites have been examined for suitability for the erection of a house for the Flaherty family.

The first site inspected was located at Lettergesh and is the site mentioned in the Resolution. This site is too small, cannot provide adequate building line, cannot accommodate septic tank and is less than 300 ft from the sea. Overriding all of that it is the fact that the site is totally unsuitable from a planning point of view as it is located on the seaward side of the road in an area of high amenity value.

The second site inspected was on the other side of the road practically opposite the first mentioned site. This second site already contains a house occupied by one of the applicant's parents and is too small to accommodate a further house.

The third site inspected is in the townland of Glassilaun and is totally unsuitable due to rock outcropping on the site. It is doubtful if a septic tank could function on this site as it would have a sheer rock face, 10 ft high approximately, left at the rear of the house. Development of the site would be very costly and there are also planning reasons for objecting to the site.

The applicant was asked to suggest an alternative site and it was hoped that this could be obtained from the applicant's uncle but no suitable site was put forward.

The Council offered three options to the applicant in an effort to re-house him.

1. In 1980 the applicant indicated that he would very much like to be re-considered for re-housing in Clifden. Mr. Flaherty was being considered in 1982 for tenancy of one of the new houses then nearing completion in Clifden but the applicant subsequently indicated that he was no longer interested in Clifden and wished to be housed in the Renvyle area.
2. The Council offered to house the applicant on a site at Attyrouty, Letterfrack which they had acquired from Mr. C. Corcoran but he declined this offer.
3. The Council have recently proposed to provide a site at Tullycross which is suitable for the erection of houses and which would accommodate a house for the Flaherty family and the Walsh family which is the subject of a Section 4 resolution which is also being considered at this Meeting. Mr. Flaherty has indicated that he would take a house on this site.

The owner of this site at Tullycross has agreed to sell it to the Council and he was asked to furnish title. The Council have carried out investigations through the Land Registry and the folio of the lands has now been received. The matter has been referred to the Council's Law Agent in order that the site may be transferred to the Council and no undue delay is envisaged in completion of the necessary legalities. When the

site is transferred to the Council it will be possible to commence the procedure for constructing a house for the Flaherty family and in view of the fact that the family have indicated that they would accept a site at this location this course of action presents the best possible solution to the re-housing of the Flaherty family.

The Section 4 resolution before the Council requires the County Manager to provide a house for Mr. Flaherty at Lettergesh on the site provided by the applicant. The site concerned is the first site described above and it is not suitable for the construction of a house for the reasons stated. It is a condition of the Regulations from the Department of the Environment dated April, 1982 on the procedures to be followed and the standards to be applied in providing local authority dwellings that "no site should be acquired without prior planning appraisal by the authority's planning officer and certification by him that the development is consistent with the planning and development objectives for the area."

It is clear that the site which is the subject of the Section 4 Resolution cannot be certified as suitable by the planning officer from a planning point of view. If therefore this Section 4 resolution is passed the County Manager cannot implement the direction contained therein. The case will have to be referred to the Department of the Environment as there is serious doubt as to whether approval would be forthcoming to the necessary capital allocation to provide a house on the site or to the usual house subsidy which is normally available in respect of all houses built by the Council.

In the light of all the above, it is considered that the housing needs of the Flaherty Family can be met by the provision of a house on the site at Tullycross which the Council are acquiring. The Flaherty family have indicated their acceptance to the site and it is recommended that the Council proceed to finalise the acquisition of the site involved and to initiate the proceedings for the construction of a house for the Flaherty family thereon."

Following a discussion on similar lines to the case of the previous Section 4 Resolution on the Agenda, it was agreed to adjourn further consideration of this Section 4 resolution to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 14th February, 1986.

458 - RESOLUTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO THE FOLLOWING COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSES TENANTED BY -

- (1) CATHERINE CONNEELY, ATHYROURTY, REF. NO. 63/2/1402.
(Number 8 on the Agenda)
- (2) SARAH FLAHERTY, GLASSILAUN, RENVYLE, REF. NO. 63/2/1208.
(Number 9 on the Agenda)

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

"The repairs necessary to the house tenanted by Catherine Conneely are as follows:-

New front door and frame required, one complete new window required, two no. sashes, exterior painting required and leaking water tank.

The repairs necessary to the house tenanted by Sarah Flaherty are as follows:-
Two no. door frames required, two no. window sashes required, 10 ft. of Soffit and fascia requires replacing, roof ridge tiles requires repointing and exterior needs painting.

The Council have been experiencing difficulties over the past number of years in carrying out all the required repairs to Council houses because of the lack of sufficient funds to carry out such repairs. The details of requirements and available funds over the last three years have been as follows:

YEAR	REQUIRED	PROVIDED IN THE ESTIMATES
1983	£269,000	£180,000
1984	£318,000	£230,000
1985	£350,000	£230,000
TOTAL	£937,000	£640,000 - Shortfall £297,000

The above figures do not allow for decrease in money values and the figures shown as being required represent only the minimum finances necessary to carry out the more essential repairs.

There has been a continual shortfall in the monies available for the maintenance of houses because of the overall restrictions on the Council's finance. There is no scope for increases in the foreseeable future. In his Estimates reports, the County Manager has drawn continual attention to the inadequate funds and to the resultant deterioration of Council housing. It was suggested that if an increase in rent was implemented in 1985, such monies that might accrue could be put towards the maintenance of houses but no increase in rent has materialised.

The problem in relation to housing repairs is particularly acute in relation to demountable houses. Towards the end of last year, repair work was concentrated on the most urgent of the demountable houses within the limited finance available. It was not possible because of the financial restraints to have all the required repairs carried out either on the demountable houses or on all of the standard houses.

As the Members are aware, the Estimates for 1986 have not yet been adopted. When the Estimates for Housing Maintenance is adopted, it is proposed to review the list of housing repairs which are on hands and to issue instructions that the available monies be spent in so far as is possible on the more urgent cases. It is unlikely that sufficient funds can be made available in 1986 to meet the cost of all of the repairs necessary including the list of arrears of work and the normal repair problems which are likely to arise in 1986. It is clear from the above that the Council will be unable to carry out all of the repairs required in 1986, and that available monies must be used to deal with more urgent cases. The use of a Section 4 Resolution to attempt to achieve repairs for specific cases without reference to the overall list of priorities would be inequitable in relation to the more urgent cases which demand earlier attention.

The provisions of Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, provides that where a resolution is passed in accordance with the Section, the Manager shall if and when so far as money for the purpose is or has been provided, do or effect in accordance with the resolution the act, matter or thing specified in the resolution. In the case of these Section 4s, the position is that as of now, no money has been provided for Housing Maintenance in 1986. In order that the direction in this resolution be complied with, monies should be specifically provided and this can only be done at the Estimates Meeting.

It is recommended, therefore, that these two cases be included in the list of outstanding repairs for Council houses and that they be considered in accordance with their priorities when the allocation for housing repairs has been established after the adoption of the 1986 estimates."

Councillor T. Welby stated that he had made a number of requests to have these repairs carried out and he had submitted the Section 4 Resolutions to highlight the difficulties regarding repairs. The County Manager stated that he had been continuously drawing attention to the inadequacy of funds for repairs at successive Estimates Meetings.

Councillor Micheal O'Morain proposed that details of condition of present housing stock be produced. The County Manager indicated that the necessary finances to carry out all the repairs was not available. Councillor O'Morain referred specifically to the condition of houses in Rosmuc Village.

Following further discussion, the Council agreed that the two cases which were the subject of the Section 4 resolutions be considered in accordance with their priority within the available finances for 1986.

459 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING 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.

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

"This wall was built about 10 years ago to enclose a scheme at Fahy Gardens. It is about 150 yards long and some of the coping has been damaged by vandals.

There is no possibility of getting capital monies to improve the wall. The wall was not any higher apart from the height of the coping and the problem seems to relate to dumping over the wall.

Experience has shown that the height of the wall and even the erection of wire will not stop this practice.

Accordingly the improvements suggested are not recommended and the repair of the wall will have a low priority by comparison with the use of repair funds to carry out urgent repairs to houses. Details of the shortfalls of expenditure in these cases has already been outlined in an earlier report."

Councillor M. Loughnane stated that he was not satisfied with the report and asked that a meeting be held on the site so that the problems could be outlined. He indicated that blocks had been knocked off the wall around the housing estate and that dumping was taking place onto the land. He gave details of injuries caused to animals as a result of the dumping.

Mr. Howlett indicated that the site had been examined and that the position was as outlined in the report. Improvements to boundary walls had a very low priority as against essential repairs to Council houses.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, would visit the site and examine the case further in consultation with Councillor Loughnane.

460 - MINUTES:

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

- (a) Special Meeting of 13th December, 1985.
- (b) Monthly Meeting of 20th December, 1985.
- (c) Special Meeting of 10th January, 1986.

461 - CONFERENCE ON URBAN REVITALISATION - JERUSALEM:

In reply to Councillor F. Glynn who stated that the Council should reverse its decision regarding the sending of delegates, the Chairman indicated that this matter had been discussed in full at the previous meeting and that the Council had decided on a vote to send delegates.

462 - PROPOSAL FOR A BRIDGE AT KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY:

Councillor McHugh referred to the discussion at the previous meeting of the Council and to the Notice of Motion which appeared at number 67 on the Agenda.

It was agreed that the proposers of the Motion would meet with the County Manager and appropriate Officials to discuss the matter.

463 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £6,150 FOR COMPLETION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AT PORTUMNA:

It was proposed by Deputy Noel Treacy and seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane, and resolved:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £6,150 from the Commissioners of Public Works to finance the completion of Public Convenience at Portumna, the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister."

464 - LEASE OF PLOT OF LAND AT HEADFORD TO E.S.B.:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Callanan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the lease of a plot of land at Headford to the E.S.B. in accordance with the terms of notice dated 2nd January, 1986, 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."

465 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND WITH FACTORY THEREON AT POOLBOY, BALLINASLOE:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Callanan, seconded by Councillor James Joyce, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of plot of land measuring approximately 0.220 hectares approximately, with factory thereon situated in the townland of Poolboy, Ballinasloe, to Warrior Shoes Limited, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 13th January, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

466 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT GORTEENACRA, KINGSLAND, ATHENRY:

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Lynch, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land measuring approximately 0.14 acres at Gorteenacra, Kingsland, Athenry, to Mary Murphy, Gorteenacra, Kingsland, Athenry, in accordance with notice dated 13th December, 1985, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which been circulated to each Member of the Council."

467 - RATE SUPPORT GRANTS 1986:

The Council noted the terms of Circular letter Fin. 30/85 dated 19th December, 1985, from the Department of the Environment regarding the Rate Support Grants 1986, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The County Manager indicated that the Rates Support Grants for 1986 had been adjusted to take account of the changes in Supplementary Welfare Allowances whereby local authorities would no longer have to meet demands in respect of such allowances. The distribution of the Rate Support Grants also eliminated the anomalies which existed in the case of Counties such as Galway.

The County Manager informed the Members that negotiations had commenced with the Health Board regarding the arrears outstanding in respect of 1985 and previous years. He hoped to conclude an arrangement shortly for the payment of arrears over a period not exceeding five years. One of the difficulties confronting the Council was the fact that there was a Court Order for the immediate payment of the arrears with interest.

468 - STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING 1986:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, and agreed, that the Statutory Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council for 1986 would be held on Friday, 28th February, 1986.

469 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RE-ORGANISATION) ACT, 1985 - COMPENSATION NEGOTIATIONS:

The County Manager gave the up-to-date position in relation to the negotiations and indicated that a further meeting of the Negotiating Teams was being held on Friday, 31st January, 1986. Areas of difference were emerging and the County Manager suggested that in view of the time constraints involved, the Council authorised its Negotiating Team to register disagreement if the outcome of the forthcoming negotiations were not successful.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Loughnane, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke, and agreed that the Council authorise its Negotiating Team to register disagreement at the meeting on the 31st January, 1986, in the event of agreement not being possible.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that there was need to inform the public regarding the re-organisation taking place and regarding the activities of the Council. He stated that consideration should be given to the preparation of an Annual Report starting with the activities of the current year.

470 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY:

The Council considered a report dated 21st January, 1986, from the County Engineer, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The report dealt with queries raised by Members at the Council Meeting on the 20th December, 1985.

The County Manager indicated that there were three main problems in relation to Tonabrocky Quarry. The supply of material was diminishing, the cost of production was becoming prohibitive and the quality of the chips being produced was deteriorating. Taking all these considerations into account, he was proposing to advertise publicly for the supply of chips and to defer the re-opening of the quarry indefinitely. If a suitable opportunity arose whereby material from the Quarry could be used for filling, etc., consideration could be given to supplying it from the Quarry. He was also proposing to the Council to keep its options open in relation to the establishment of a new Quarry in the future.

In reply to Councillor T. Welby, who asked if the Quarry had made a profit in the last six months, the County Engineer indicated that it might appear initially that a profit had been made but there was a large stock of chips left in the Quarry, and whereas high prices for quarry materials might show a profit in quarry operations, such a profit would be shown at the expense of the road and other projects who would be paying high charges for the materials being produced. Details of prices for materials ex quarry were outlined to the Members.

Councillor P. McHugh stated that he was in agreement that Tenders be invited for the supply of chips but that no decision should be taken regarding the closure of the quarry until the details of the Tenders were considered.

Councillor Welby stated that difficulties were being encountered by Area Offices as an instruction had been issued that the issue of material from the Quarry would be confined to one day per week. He also referred to the difficulties that might arise for the employment of drivers who were engaged in stockpiling if the Quarry was closed.

Councillor Michael Ryan stated that Members should be concerned about the cost and quality of chips being produced. If materials could be produced cheaper, he would be in favour of such a course of action. Councillor Ryan also stated that he has evidence regarding the supply of materials and the fact that materials for jobs were brought in from other areas. The County Manager stated that if Councillor Ryan submitted the details to him, he would have the matter investigated. The County Manager again referred to the problems involved in the supply, cost and quality of the chips being produced and stated that unless the County Engineer could certify that the materials being produced in the Quarry were up to standard, he would not approve of their use under any circumstances. Following further discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor P. McCormack, seconded by Councillor T. Welby that Tenders be invited for the supply of materials and that the matter be reviewed when the Tenders were received and examined.

471 - AIRSTRIP AT INISHERE:

The County Manager indicated that Udaras na Gaeltachta wished to acquire land in Inishere for the provision of an Air Strip on the island. The land involved was held in common and there were difficulties in relation to perfecting title. Udaras did not have compulsory powers of acquisition of land which would enable them to perfect title. All the people with interest in the land appeared to be in agreement with the sale of the land for the project.

Udaras had approached the Council and asked if it would make an agreed C.P.O. which would enable the Council to acquire the land in the first instance, perfect title and then transfer it to Udaras.

The County Manager indicated that he was prepared to agree to this arrangement on the basis that the C.P.O. would be an agreed one, Udaras would carry out the necessary preliminary work of investigating ownership, etc., Udaras would agree to pay all the Council's administrative and legal costs involved and that Udaras would agree to buy the land from the Council immediately it had acquired it.

Udaras na Gaeltachta had confirmed their agreement to the Council's conditions and it was understood that a certain amount of preliminary work had been carried out.

It was proposed by Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, and agreed that the Council proceed in accordance with the arrangements outlined by the County Manager.

472 - ROAD MEETING IN COMMITTEE:

The County Manager indicated that the Roadworks Programme could not be prepared until details of Road Grants and the amount of money available in the Estimates for Roadworks were established. It was agreed that this item would be deferred to either the February Monthly meeting of the Council or the Estimates Meeting of the Council to be held on the 28th February, 1986.

473 - DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA:

The Council were informed that it was proposed to place the Draft Development Plan for the scheduled town of Loughrea on display. The Plan would remain on display for three months and observations and representations regarding the provisions of the Plan could be made within that period to the Council.

Councillor M. Loughnane referred to the proposed By-Pass for the Town of Loughrea which was embodied in the Plan. He stated that the proposed line of the By-Pass would cause serious inconvenience to a number of land owners along its route and referred to individual problems which would arise. He stated that in one instance, the By-Pass would be constructed within a few feet of the front door of a dwellinghouse. There would be serious disruption to landowners and some holdings would be fragmented because of the construction of the By-Pass. He referred to the problems which would arise at the junction with the Bullaun road and to the fact that the By-Pass would cut off from the town the proposed development at the Rugby Club grounds and the grounds of the Athletic Club. He also stated that land being acquired for future expansion of the By-Pass would be left unused and would attract the camping of travellers in the area. He stated that there were five Petrol Stations in Loughrea who would be affected by the proposed By-Pass and that job losses would occur if business was taken away from the Town.

Senator Ulick Burke proposed that any further planning of the proposed By-Pass be stopped forthwith. He referred to the objections of the local land owners involved and to the list of landowners which he had handed in setting out objections to the proposed By-Pass. He referred to the difficulties which would be encountered by the provision of a By-Pass and called for greater consultation locally with all of the interests concerned. He stated that any money available for the construction of a By-Pass should be transferred for use on improvement works on the Killimor/Hearnbrook road. Deputy Noel Treacy seconded Senator Ulick Burke's proposal.

Deputy Noel Treacy also referred to the effects which the By-Pass would have on the residents of the Loughrea area and on the farmers along its route. He proposed that the Council call on the County Engineer to prepare a detailed analysis of the options available to divert the heavy traffic through the present road network in the town. Councillor M. Loughnane seconded Deputy Treacy's proposal.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that he did not support the provision of a full By-Pass for the Town of Loughrea. He proposed that the money that might be available would be used to provide a pedestrian bridge on the Oranmore By-Pass. Councillor Martin Lynch referred to the disruptions which would be caused by the By-Pass to the landowners concerned and asked that the Council give consideration to an alternative route. The Chairman and other Members of the Council associated themselves with the statements made by the previous speakers.

Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, indicated that finances for National Primary Projects such as the Loughrea By-Pass were provided ultimately from E.E.C. funds. The previous Council had approved of the route of the By-Pass for Loughrea but no allocation had as yet been received for its construction. It was listed in the Government's policy and planning framework for roads as a project which would commence after 1987, and would be subject to cost benefit analysis. No detailed survey had as yet been carried out and a number of studies would have to be done before the project was proceeded with. He indicated that the letter submitted by the landowners would be considered as an objection in the consideration of the Draft Development Plan for Loughrea.

Mr. J. Howlett indicated that the Draft Development Plan would be going on display and any objections received within three months would be considered by the Council. The submissions made by various Councillors at the meeting would also be taken into account. The Council agreed to place the Draft Development Plan on display.

474 - ALL IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING IN PORTLAOISE - 28TH JANUARY, 1986:

It was agreed that the following Members would attend the meeting of the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee to be held in Portlaoise on 28th January, 1986:

Councillors J. Callanan, J. Molloy, T. Welby, and J. Mannion.

The Council agreed that the remaining items on the Agenda would be adjourned to the Special Meeting to be held on 14th February, 1986.

475 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Mr. Joe Mitchell, Executive Engineer, Gort Area, who died recently. Deputy Frank Fahey seconded the Chairman's proposal. All the Members associated themselves with the vote of sympathy and paid tribute to the late Mr. Mitchell. The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated himself with the vote of sympathy.

Councillor Michael Ryan thanked the Council for their expression of sympathy on the recent death of his mother. He also proposed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Mr. William Coppinger of Moylough Parish. Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Patrick Ruane, Poul nabrone, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Fred Keeley & Family, Peterswell, Loughrea.
Mrs. Mike Fahey, Nogra, Kinvara.
Mr. Tom Tannian & Family, Killina, Gort.
Mrs. Mary Molloy, Gortnagoyne, Dunmore.
Mr. Thomas Mannion, Market Street, Clifden.
Mr. Connolly, High Park, New Inn, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Maura Bean Uí Conghaile, Derroe, Ballinahown, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

476 - WIDENING OF BRACKLOONBEG/BRACKLOON ROAD, BULLAUN: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The road in question is not a public road and it is estimated that it will cost £4,684 for surfacing, widening and fencing and £2,316 for blacktopping. Total £7,000 to have the road brought up to the required standard for taking in charge."

477 - NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY CENTRE, ATHENRY: - 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."

- 478 - DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING OCCUPIED AT BUNOWENBEG, BALLYCONNELY, CONNEMARA. -
MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was sent to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"An inspection has been carried out on the range in the above demountable dwelling. Instructions have been given to install a new range in the immediate future."

- 479 - YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SCHEME - IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT BUSHYPARK CEMETERY - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was sent to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The question of including Bushypark Cemetery under the Social Employment Scheme will be examined and if the work required is within the scope of the scheme, every effort will be made to have it included in the Social Employment Scheme."

- 480 - ACQUISITION OF LAND BETWEEN THE BEACH AND THE ROAD AT CREGGADUFF, BALLYCONNELY, FOR PRESERVATION AS A PUBLIC AMENITY AREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was sent to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"I wish to inform you that subject to the agreement of the other parties concerned, the Council would be willing to negotiate without commitment for the land involved."

- 481 - RESTRICTION ON WEIGHT OF LORRIES USING THE LINK ROAD BETWEEN THE HEADFORD ROAD AT BALLINFOYLE TO CASTLEGAR VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"The Council cannot legally put weight restrictions on any public road provided the weight and loads on the lorries comply with the relevant Road Traffic Act."

- 482 - HARD SHOULDER ON THE GALWAY/TUAM ROAD FROM CASTLEGAR CHURCH TO THE GRAVEYARD AT TWO MILE DITCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"Most of this area will be in the Galway County Borough from 1st January, 1986. Any areas left will be looked at if a grant is provided in 1986."

- 483 - FIX GULLET OPPOSITE JOYCE'S AND SULLIVAN'S HOUSES ON LISOUGHTER ROAD, RECESS. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Welby:

"A Council official called to Mr. Joyce's house on the 15/1/'86 but he was not home at that time. There was no evidence of flooding at the time of inspection. A further visit will be made to Mr. Joyce as soon as possible with a view to resolving the problem."

- 484 - REPAIR OF DAMAGED WALL ON THE SEA SIDE ON THE WESTPORT ROAD, LEENANE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Welby:

"The maintenance of this wall is a matter for the landowner concerned."

- 485 - DAMAGED FOOTPATH OPPOSITE THE OUGHTERARD COMMUNITY CENTRE - MOTION BY CLR. T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Welby:

"This section of footpath has not yet been restored after work by An Bord Telecom. The restoration work will be carried out in the near future."

- 486 - WARNING SIGNS, SPEED LIMITS, AND TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING AT CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"All necessary Statutory Signs are and always have been in position at approaches to Loughgeorge junction. An over sized statutory sign has also been erected as well as road markings.

We have no objection to the provision of a 40 m.p.h. limit, however, it should be noted (1) that many cars totally ignore existing "no overtaking" signs on main road and (2) that as measurements indicate that a high percentage of cars approaching Loughgeorge junction do so at well over the legal speed limit, they are unlikely to take much notice of 40 m.p.h. signs. Extra chevron signs are being erected and such works as are practicable will be put on hand early in 1986.

Traffic Route Lighting for Loughgeorge cannot be included in the current Claregalway scheme as any scheme for Loughgeorge would be a full scheme on its own merits and would have, for safety reasons, to include the junction of the Corrandulla road at Kyne's public house. The estimated cost would be of the order of £25,000. A scheme will be submitted to the Department."

- 487 - ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT TASK FORCE WITH THE WESTERN HEALTH BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The position at present is that the County Council administer its own scheme of Essential Repairs within the budget available to it. The Western Health Board administer their own scheme of Housing Repairs for the elderly and there is liaison between both bodies in relation to these matters. The Council make suggestions to the Health Board regarding certain cases. The Health Board Scheme takes account of the medical condition of the cases aided under its scheme.

The scheme of House Improvement Grants is administered by the Department of the Environment and the Council has no function in the matter."

- 488 - IMPROVEMENT OF BRIDGE AT CLARENBRIDGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"Clarinbridge Village is within a Speed Limit Zone. There is already a problem especially for school children with fast moving traffic on the Galway side of the village. Widening of the bridge would encourage excessive speeds on the Limerick entry into the village. When a National Primary route passes through a village, conflict is inevitable between the interests of pedestrians and those of motorists. The only solution is the diversion of the traffic around the village."

- 489 - INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AT CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was sent to Senator Mark Killilea:

"The Department of the Environment informed us on the 20th December, last, of their approval in principle of the Traffic Route Lighting Scheme for Claregalway subject to discussions with their Engineering Inspectors. The reason for further discussions was the very high cost of the scheme by comparison with other schemes recently completed such as Oughterard. It was agreed that we would re-examine the scheme with a view to reducing the costs and to this effect we have submitted a revised scheme to the E.S.B. for costing. It is hoped that the revised scheme, if approved, by the Department of the Environment will be installed before next winter."

- 490 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME - IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO (1) ATHENRY CEMETERY, (2) OLD CHURCH YARD IN THE SQUARE, (3) THE ABBEY IN BRIDGE STREET - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:
"A Social Employment Scheme has been approved for Athenry and it is hoped to commence work on this scheme soon. Nos. 1 and 2 above will be included in the scheme. No. 3, The Abbey is in the ownership of the Office of Public Works and any restoration work will be carried out by them. The Office of Public Works have already done extensive restoration works on the castle."

491 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"We await the report on Tidal Surveys carried out by An Foras Forbartha. The report is now due at the end of February, 1986. Following consideration of the Tidal Survey Report, it is intended to prepare a Preliminary Report for the Sewerage Scheme. Following approval of the Preliminary Report by the Department of the Environment, we will seek a licence from the Department of Communications under the Foreshore Act, 1933. Subject to the granting of a licence, we will prepare Contract Documents and request Department of the Environment approval to seek Tenders for the work. At this time, it is not known when work will start on the Scheme."

492 - WATER AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN EYRECOURT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"There is a proposal under the Small Schemes 1986 for a Reservoir at Eyrecourt. The implementation of the proposal is subject to a Capital Allocation of the necessary funds.

in the case of sewerage facilities for villages, the cost of such schemes has risen to such an extent that it is no longer possible to have them constructed under the Small Schemes Programme. This list of Major Schemes awaiting implementation did not render it feasible at present to continue with the planning of further schemes for which there is no possibility of implementing in the foreseeable future."

493 - LAURENCETOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"There are a number of village schemes awaiting attention. The cost of such schemes has arisen to such an extent that it is no longer possible to have them constructed under the Small Schemes Programme. The list of Major Schemes awaiting implementation does not render it feasible at present to continue with the planning of further schemes for which there is no possibility of implementation in the foreseeable future."

494 - PUBLIC LIGHTS OUTSIDE KILTORMER AND LAURENCETOWN HEALTH CENTRES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"This will depend on whether money is provided in 1986 or not and then on the priority listing."

495 - ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AND THE INSTALLATION OF A 40 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT FROM KINISKA ROAD TO THE ROSCOMMON JUNCTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"We have no objection to the provision of a 40 m.p.h. limit, however, it should be noted (1) that many cars totally ignore existing "no overtaking" signs on main road and (2) that as measurements indicate that a high percentage of cars approaching Loughgeorge junction do so at well over the legal speed limit, they are unlikely to take much notice of 40 m.p.h. signs. Extra chevron signs are being erected and such works as are practicable will be put on hand early in 1986.

Traffic Route Lighting for Loughgeorge cannot be included in the current Claregalway scheme as any scheme for Loughgeorge would be a full scheme on its own merits and would have, for safety reasons, to include the junction of the Corrandulla road at Kynes Public House. The estimated cost would be of the order of £25,000. A scheme will be submitted to the Department."

496 - THAT ALL NON-PROFIT MAKING G.A.A. COMMUNITY FACILITIES BE EXEMPT FROM PUBLIC RATE CHARGES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The following hereditaments are entitled to relief from rates in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) Act, 1978: domestic hereditament, mixed hereditament, farm building, secondary schools and community halls.

The definition of community hall for the purposes of the Act excludes the premises of a club which are registered under the Registration of Clubs (Ireland) Act, 1904. A hall which is mainly used for profit or gain is also excluded. The Act provides that the fact that a hall is used or is designated for use for one or more particular sports or games is not a ground on which it may be determined to be a community hall. The Council, therefore, do not have discretionary powers to exempt G.A.A. facilities from Rates. It is a question of applying the provisions of the present law dealing with the relief of Rates.

The matter of relief from County Rates levied on Dressing Rooms attached to Community Playing Fields was dealt with at the November Meeting of the Council when it was stated that Dressing Rooms could not be classified as hereditaments entitled to relief from County Rates. The Council's proposal that the legislation be amended to provide that Dressing Rooms attached to Community Playing Fields qualify for remission of Rates has been forwarded to the Minister for the Environment."

497 - PROVISION OF STREET LIGHTS ON THE CASTLEREA ROAD OUT OF BALLYMOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"No funds have been allocated in 1985 Estimates for new Public Lighting. The only extra lighting provided was that which has been or may be provided in Traffic Route Lighting financed from Central Government Funds."

498 - FOOTPATH AT BALLYMOE TO MARTIN WARD'S SHOP - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"There is a footpath to Ward's shop in Ballymoe. Improving footpath would be of low priority. Notice of Motion money could be spent on this."

499 - PROVISION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR GORTALEAM NATIONAL SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"Gortaleam National School is located off the main Dunmore-Williamstown road, about 4 miles from Dunmore. There is no refuse collection on the Dunmore-Williamstown or Dunmore-Glenamaddy roads. It is not feasible to extend the service to include the school because of the additional costs involved."

500 - REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS IN MENLOUGH VILLAGE AND EXTEND TO PADDY CRAUGHWELL'S HOUSE - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"Most of the footpaths in Menlough Village were reconstructed in concrete two to three years ago under, I understand, Youth Employment Scheme funds. There remained about 350 yards of footpath on the road to Ballinasloe (R339) which at present consists of a gravel only finish. This stretch of 350 yards serves six houses (including Funeral Parlour) and one shop. I propose sealing this stretch of path with binder and chips in 1986."

501 - RELIEF OF FLOODING ON MENLOUGHBEG ROAD, MENLOUGH. - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The flooding in question occurs on County Road No. 602. The flooding here is caused by water flowing out from adjoining lands onto the roadway. This water makes its way through water tables onto adjoining land. However, it takes some time to clear off the road. The surrounding land is very wet and there would appear to be some springs nearby. Intensive agricultural activity

is carried out on lands off this road which cuts up the road and results in it being very dirty. I have arranged for approx. 20 yards to be raised by about 9 inches so that the water will flow away to an available outlet. This will clear the main ponding on the road."

- 502 - REPAIRS AND HEDGECUTTING ON THE KILLUREMORE ROAD, KILLURE, AHASCRAUGH. -
MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"Normal maintenance will be carried out on this road."

- 503 - TEST ON WATER SOURCE FOR PETERSWELL PARISH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The source for the Peterswell Group Water Supply namely Knockoura Lake was tested in 1985 and approved subject to suitable treatment."

- 504 - REPAIR AND SURFACE ROAD AT GLENASCAUL, ORANMORE. - MOTION BY MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The road in question is C.R. 181 to Ruane's house at Glenascaul. Surface dressing will be carried out in 1986 if funds are provided."

- 505 - THAT THE COUNCIL HOUSES AT CONVENT ROAD, WOODFORD, LOUGHREA, GET AN IMMEDIATE WATER CONNECTION TO THE WOODFORD TOWN WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"A detailed investigation is being carried out on this matter and we hope to be in a position to let you have a report for the next meeting."

- 506 - THAT BOUNDARY WALLS BE IMMEDIATELY ERECTED AROUND HOUSE NUMBERS 47 TO 53 INCL. AND 71 TO 76 INCLUSIVE AT FAHY GARDENS - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"There are no funds available for the construction of boundary walls on this estate. The provision of a pedestrian link between the two estates is not desirable as the two housing areas are separate and a link up is not recommended."

- 507 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO IMPROVE, REPAIR, AND RENEW ALL THE URGENT ROAD PROBLEMS IN THE WOODFORD, LOOSCAUNE, GURTEENEY, COOSE, DOORAS, ROSTULLIS, LOUGHATORICK, ROSSMORE, SHRAGH, CLONMOYLAN AND POWER'S CROSS AREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Roads in the above townlands are located south and east of Woodford. They are mainly County Roads with the Regional Roads 352 and 351 near Woodford and the Portumna/Woodford Road.

Strengthening has been carried out on part of the Portumna/Woodford Road 352 and if funds permit further strengthening will be carried out in 1986 after the allocations from Department of the Environment have been distributed. Normal County Road Maintenance will be carried out on the remainder."

- 508 - AN BOTHAR AGUS AN DROICHEAD CHUIG OILEAN ROSS, CHEATHRU RUA, A DHEISIU. -
MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"Meastar chostas an moladh seo mar a thaispeantar thíos -

1. Bothar - 0.7 míle ar fhaid - £16,000
2. Deisiú an Droichead - £4,000

Ní feidir an obair a dheanamh muna gcuirfear airgead speisialta ar fháil in 1986."

- 509 - AN BOTHAR CHUIG AN BAILE ROSS, LEITIRCALADH, LEITIRMOIR, A DHEISIU. - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"Ta an bothar seo 0.7 míle ar fhaid. Meastar chostas an obair i gceist ar £9,000. Ta deiseachain prainne idir laimhe faoi lathair."

- 510 - AN DROCH CASADH IDIR DROICHEAD BEALANDAINGIN AGUS TEACH OSTA SEAN O'TUATHAIL A LEANU - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"Meastar chostas an moladh seo ar £50,000. Níl airgead ar fáil chun an sort obair seo a dheanamh ar bothair chonndae."

- 511 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY MARKINGS AND SIGNPOSTS ON THE SILVER STRAND ROADWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"This matter will be taken up with the Gardai who are the authority responsible for parking regulations."

- 512 - REPAIRS TO THE CAHERNAHOON ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"No emergency repairs required. There is a problem over the stretch of approx. 20 yards. This is caused by a heavy discharge from a farmyard. This discharge lodges in a slight depression in the road and is damaging the road opposite Creaven's house. It is hoped in the near future to raise the road at this location and to improve the drainage of same."

- 513 - PROPOSED BRIDGE AT KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS PADDY MCHUGH, JARLATH McDONAGH, PADRAIC MCCORMACK AND SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Councillors Paddy McHugh, Jarlath McDonagh, Padraic McCormack and Senator Mark Killilea:

"This project involves a lake crossing $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in length in water depths of up to 30 feet. The lake bottom drops very sharply from points 80 l./yds. out from Knockferry Pier and 230 l./yds. out from Kilbeg Pier. The steep slope beyond these points would cause serious difficulty if it were attempted to place filling for a causeway there. It would be necessary to erect some form of retaining abutment to retain filling beyond these points. The extra filling and extra works involved in retaining this filling would outweigh the cost of providing a bridge between the aforementioned points. This means that the length of the proposed bridge would have to be not less than 990 feet which is 3.3 times longer than the new Corrib Bridge. The Contract price for the new Corrib Bridge £2.25 million.

The 1986 Estimate of the cost of this bridge and causeway is £4.75. This figure does not include for any works on the 11 miles of County Roads approaching this bridge.

A Preliminary Report cannot be made without making trial borings into the lake bed across the entire $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of water. This would involve bringing in floating drilling rigs and specialist Contractors to carry out this work.

The cost of carrying out a similar survey for the new Corrib Bridge in 1982 was £120,000. The width of the river at this point is 100 l./yds. or $\frac{1}{8}$ th of the width of the proposed crossing at Kilbeg/Knockferry. On this basis a figure of £500,000 would appear to be conservative.

Consulting Engineering fees for a Preliminary Report on a project costing £4.75 million could amount to £51,000 (not including expenses).

The total cost of producing a Preliminary Report, including site investigation, therefore, is of the order of £551,000."

514 - CORRESPONDENCE:

The following documentation was circulated to each Member:

- 1) Copy of letter dated 6th December, 1985, from Kerry County Council re Regional Fund Grants.
- 2) Copy of letter dated 6th January, 1986, from the Private Secretary, Office of the Minister for the Environment, re deputation to the Minister to discuss a once-off grant for County Roads in the Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas.
- 3) Copy of letter dated 15th January, 1986, from Clare County Council re Regional Development Fund.
- 4) Copy of letter dated 16 Eanáir, 1986, from the Department of the Environment re rating of dressing rooms.
- 5) Copy of letter dated 21st January, 1986, from Sligo Corporation re Social Welfare Code.
- 6) Copy of letter dated 21st January, 1986, from the Private Secretary to the Taoiseach regarding the Tuam Sugar Factory.
- 7) Copy of letter dated 21st January, 1986, from Siuicre Eireann CPT., St. Stephen's Green House, Dublin, 2, regarding Tuam Sugar Factory.
- 8) Copy of letter dated 23rd January, 1986, from Leitrim County Council re Local and Regional Government.
9. Copy of letter dated 23rd January, 1986, from Leitrim County Council re support for the family in the Budget.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

Thomas Welby CHAIRMAN

24 2 86 DATE

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

7th February, 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, 14th February, 1986, commencing at 3.00 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. "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 Mrs. Teresa Kennedy for erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Pollough. - Planning Ref. No. 51534."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey.
2. "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.
3. "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.

Other Business:

4. Interim Agreement with Galway Corporation on compensation in connection with Boundary Extension and County Borough Status. (Details enclosed)
5. Galway Eastern Approach Road - Oranmore By-Pass - Pedestrian facilities at junctions.
6. Fire Brigade Capital Programme. (Copy attached)
7. Sanitary Services Progress Report. (Copy attached)
8. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads. (Schedule attached)
9. Provision of lights at Bunowen Pier.
10. Notification of Road Grants 1986.

- 11. Nomination of Member to Special Sub-Committee of the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee.
- 12. Malicious Injuries Decress. (Details already circulated)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

10th February, 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, 14th February, 1986, at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
 Runai.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON 14TH FEBRUARY, 1986.

- 1.A "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 for two houses and septic tanks for Pat Collins at Garraun South, Oranmore, Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 51660."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.



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IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator Ulick Burke, Councillor 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, Cllrs. M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M.S. O'Morain, 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; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; J. O'Shaughnessy, Chief Fire Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); F. Monahan, S.E.E.; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. Coughlan, Acting Senior Staff Officer; Mrs. J. McHugh, Acting Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

515 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51534 - APPLICANT: MRS. TERESA KENNEDY.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Galway-Moycullen road, just past the bad bend at the end of the road improvement works at Killeen, on the Northern side of the road.

HISTORY:

At the outset it should be noted that Outline Planning Permission was granted to the applicant's husband on a site immediately to the east of the present site on 2nd November, 1983, planning ref. no. 46169.

Planning Ref. NO. 47552: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on the grounds of traffic hazard to Mr. Peter Allen. The applicant was stated to be the owner.

Planning Ref. NO. 49587: Permission refused to a Mr. Vincent Burke on the grounds of traffic safety. Applicant claimed to be a prospective buyer. A Section 4 motion was withdrawn.

Planning Ref. NO. 50007: Outline Planning Permission for two dwellinghouses on a site which comprised the present site and the site of planning ref. no. 46169 was refused on the grounds of traffic hazard and contravention of County Development Plan policy on National Routes. Mr. Owen Kennedy was stated to be the owner of the lands since 1982.

Planning Ref. No. 51046: Outline Planning Permission refused to Mrs. Teresa Kennedy on the grounds of traffic hazard and contravention of County Development Plan policy on National Routes. Applicant stated to be the registered owner.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a presently unrealigned section of national secondary route. The question of housing need was queried, in the light of the existing permission on the site to the east, in planning ref. no. 50007. The applicant's husband stated that he required the extra dwellinghouse for his eldest son. This son was stated to be 11 years old at the 5th August, 1983 and 15 years old at the 12th June, 1985.

There have already been 2 No. speculative applications on the site since the lands have come into Mr. Kennedy's ownership in 1982.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the applicant on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 25, Table 25.B of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the essential housing needs of landowner. No essential housing need has been demonstrated in this instance."

Councillor T. Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He stated that the proposed entrance would be onto a layby which would be used by three other householders. He did not think that there would be any great danger as the entrance would be onto a layby. There was also a good view along the road at the location concerned.

The County Engineer stated that the details submitted in connection with the application were not satisfactory. It was not clear how much ground would be left in the layby after the road realignment had taken place. It was not clear if vehicles could get in and out of the site on the basis of the drawings submitted. The effect of allowing Permission would be to increase traffic volumes onto the road and there was the likelihood of increased speeds of traffic when the road was realigned. The applicant was making assumptions in relation to the proposed roadworks and the details submitted were not accurate enough to see if there would be adequate space to get in or out of the site after the road improvements had been carried out.

Senator Mark Killilea seconded Councillor Welby's proposal.

Councillor J. Brennan referred to the report which had been circulated and stated that the applicant should await the road realignment if the house was required for his son. Councillor T. Welby stated that the house proposed was not intended for the 15 year old son as there were several members in the family. Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke that Planning Permission not be granted in this case. A vote taken after 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, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O' Conchubhair, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

(19)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, F. Glynn. (3)

Councillors McDonagh, Mullins and Ryan abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 19 votes for to 3 votes against.

516 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51660 - APPLICANT: PAT COLLINS.

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

" LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on the Galway side of Dranmore village on the N.6 Route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been eight Planning Applications already determined on the land trading as Collins Nurseries. A dwellinghouse and store were permitted for Agricultural Purposes originally, but Commercial Retailing of Produce is being carried out and enforcement proceedings have been instituted under the Planning Acts. A subsequent Section 4 grant was made for a house in respect of this applicant who claimed it was for his own accommodation, but he later sold the site to a third party and a further Section 4 grant was passed in favour of the proposed buyer Mr. J. Manning.

PLANNING REF. NO. 51468: Outline Permission refused one month ago for a similar proposal to the present one i.e. two dwellinghouses on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the N. 6 Galway/Dublin Road where the maximum speed limit applies, where traffic flow rates are among the highest in the West of Ireland and at a section which is unaligned winding and particularly hazardous. The proposal would therefore be in conflict with Chapter 25, Table 25 A of the County Development Plan, which confirm the restrictive policy of successive plans since 1967 relating to this route.

The Section 4 proposal is also contrary to the inter party agreement relating to such motions on the National Primary Route.

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 25.A of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the family housing needs of farmholders. Such a need does not arise in this case."

The County Engineer indicated that from the details submitted with the application, it was proposed to provide exits onto a currently illegal entrance at the location involved. In reply to queries on whether the application was in breach of the agreement among the parties on the question of Section 4 resolutions for development on National Primary Roads which were made by Deputy Frank Fahey and Councillor J. Burke, Senator Killilea stated that this case was not in breach of the agreement as the exit proposed was on to an existing internal road and not on to the National Primary Road. He also

stated that in considering the new Draft County Development Plan, he had proposed and Councillor Welby had seconded that the area involved be zoned for residential use but this had not been done. He gave details of the existing internal road and stated that in his opinion, the proposal was not in breach of the inter-party agreement on Section 4s.

The County Engineer indicated that the existing entrance was an illegal one and no details had been given regarding the internal road or where it was proposed to construct an entrance onto the National Primary Road. The development proposed was development along the National Primary Route and would increase the volume of traffic coming onto the National Primary Road in the area. There was a great risk of a serious accident occurring at the location involved because of the volumes of traffic passing through the area.

The Chairman of the Council asked that Senator Killilea withdraw the resolution as there were differences regarding the case which required clarification.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the Section 4 resolution was in breach of the inter-party agreement as it was proposed to use an existing exit which was not a recognised road. He proposed that the resolution be withdrawn. Cllr. P. McCormack seconded Deputy Fahey's proposal.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Welby, that the resolution be deferred. The County Manager replying to Senator Killilea, stated that the Minutes of the Council meetings where the Development Plan had been considered, would be checked to see if a decision regarding the rezoning of the land in question was decided on by the Council. Sen. Killilea would be informed of the position and if the Council wanted to vary the Development Plan in the future, the necessary steps could be taken to do so. Following further discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Michael Ryan that further consideration of the resolution be deferred to allow the Councillors involved and the Planning Officials to sort out the issues involved.

517 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ERECT COUNCIL HOUSES FOR THE FOLLOWING ON THE SITE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT IN EACH CASE.
1. Martin J. Flaherty, Lettergesh East, Renvyle. 2. Patrick Walsh, Tullybeg, Renvyle.

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

The above Section 4 Resolutions were adjourned at the last meeting of the Council.

The position in relation to each case was outlined in reports which were circulated to each Member. Details of the Council's efforts to provide suitable sites for each applicant were outlined in the reports.

It was indicated that the Council were acquiring a site at Tullycross which was suitable for the erection of houses which would accommodate both families. It was also indicated that Mr. Flaherty would take a house on the proposed site and that Mr. Walsh had stated that he would not take a house on the Tullycross site. The present position in relation to the acquisition of the site at Tullycross is that a Contract for Sale has been signed with the landowner concerned and no difficulties are envisaged in finalising the necessary legalities for transferring the site to the County Council.

When the site is acquired, it will be possible to proceed with the construction of two houses without any undue delay. In view of the planning difficulties outlined already in relation to the sites offered by the applicants, the provision of houses at the Tullycross site offers the best possible solution for rehousing both families in the current year.

Attention has already been drawn to the fact that the regulations which apply in the provision of local authority houses provide that sites acquired for Council housing must be certified by the Planning Officer as being consistent with the planning and development objectives for the area. The Planning Officer is not in a position to certify any of the sites offered by the applicants and there is a serious doubt as to whether Housing Capital or Subsidy would be available for the provision of houses on these sites.

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It is, therefore, recommended that the Council proceed with the provision of houses for both of the above applicants on the site at Tullycross.

Councillor T. Welby stated that the Flaherty Family would take the house on the proposed site and that as no undue delay was envisaged the Family was satisfied to accept a house on the site at Tullycross.

Councillor T. Welby stated that in relation to the Section 4 Resolution regarding the Walsh Family he would have to insist that the Council adopt the Resolution. The Walsh Family had about 7 acres of land adjacent to the site offered by them. They wished to have the house provided on this site and were not agreeable to accept a house at Tullycross.

The Resolution as set out at No. 3 on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Senator Mark Killilea. As there were no amendments the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

The Council were informed that as already indicated the County Manager could not implement the direction contained in the resolution. The case would now have to be referred to the Department of the Environment to establish whether approval would be forthcoming to the necessary capital allocation to provide a house on the site offered by the applicant and whether full housing subsidy would be payable in respect of a house at that location.

Such a course of action was necessary in view of the fact that the planning officer was not in a position to certify that development on the site was consistent with the planning and development objectives for the area.

518 - INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH GALWAY CORPORATION ON COMPENSATION IN CONNECTION WITH BOUNDARY EXTENSION AND COUNTY BOROUGH STATUS.

The Council considered the reports of the County Manager dated 30th and 31st January, 1986 copies of which had been circulated to each Member.

The County Manager informed the Council that the negotiating teams from the two authorities met on the 31st January, 1986, and agreed to recommend an interim agreement for 1986 to their respective parent authorities. The terms of the interim agreement are as follows:-

BOUNDARY EXTENSION

1 - Galway Corporation will assume responsibility for loan charges on the schemes in the added area.

2 - The average annual burden is agreed in the sum of £448,000. This figure is based on the 1984 accounts and indexed at 5% p.a. for the years 1985 and 1986 resulting in a sum of £493,920. The City agreed to pay this figure to Galway County Council in respect of the 1986 financial year - payments to be made on a monthly basis.

COUNTY BOROUGH STATUS.

Galway Corporation undertakes to pay Galway County Council a sum of £200,000 for 1986 payable quarterly.

On conclusion of the foregoing terms by both parent bodies the following steps will be taken:-

1 - Each local authority will now prepare its annual Estimates embodying the agreed figures.

2 - On the adoption of Annual Estimates the Negotiating Teams will recommence the negotiations with a view to concluding them as early as possible in the month of April.

3 - If agreement is reached the matter is then finalised but if disagreement is recorded the matter will be referred to the Minister for the Environment without delay so as to allow the Minister ample time to conclude his determination during 1986.

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It was proposed by Senator M. Killilea, seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane and agreed that the Council approve of the interim agreement for 1986 in accordance with the terms outlined above.

519 - GALWAY EASTERN APPROACH ROAD - ORANMORE BY-PASS - PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AT JUNCTIONS.

This matter had been adjourned at the previous meeting of the Council when an estimated cost of the provision of an overbridge was requested. The Council were informed that the estimated cost of one overbridge across the new Sligo link at the Oranmore Roundabout was £125,000. Deputy Frank Fahey proposed that a special meeting of Galway Corporation and Galway County Council be convened to discuss the transportation study for the Galway Area and to discuss the details of the roundabouts. The County Manager stated that there was a total of 8 roundabouts on the Galway Eastern Approach Road, two of which were in the County Council Area.

Councillor M. Fahy referred to the deputations of the residents of the Area which had been received by the Council and to the survey which the Association had carried out. The County Engineer indicated that the survey carried out by the Council gave details of the children using the road on the days on which the survey was conducted. The survey of the Residents Association showed the number of people living on the Road. The County Engineer further indicated that the figures which had been established by the survey of the children using the road did not justify the provision of overbridges and on that basis he could not recommend the provision of same. The scheme as approved by the Department was being implemented. Councillor J. Lambert stated that he agreed with the County Engineer's report and stated that the Council should proceed with the work as approved by the Department. Following further discussion, Councillor M. Fahy proposed that the Council appeal again to the Minister to accede to his request that overbridges be provided.

520 - FIRE BRIGADE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

The Council considered the 5 Year Capital Programme 1986 to 1990 for the Galway Fire Service, details of which had been circulated to each member.

Councillor N. O'Conchubhair referred to the problems in the South Connemara Area which he stated was inadequately served with fire services. He would like to see a fire engine stationed in the area and an improved fire brigade service. Councillor M. Loughnane stated that in its recruitment drive for additional fire brigade personnel people from the Civil Defence Service should be recruited into the fire service. Deputy N. Treacy stated that the Civil Defence Personnel should be availed of for fire fighting purposes particularly in areas which are inadequately served by a fire brigade. Councillor T. Welby stated that the possibility of locating a fire brigade sub-station in Oughterard should be reviewed.

The County Manager stated that the implementation of the 5 Year Capital Programme depended on the available capital monies to finance it and on the Council's ability to repay any loan charges involved. The Council would be reviewing this matter further in the course of the consideration of the Estimates for 1986. The County Manager gave details of the difficulties in relation to the provision of a fire service in the Connemara Area and stated that a fresh appraisal of the situation would be made. He indicated that personnel from Civil Defence would be welcome to compete for vacancies in the Fire Brigades but that recruitment of Civil Defence personnel to fire brigades could not be automatic.

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521 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve Declaration of the Roads set out in the schedule to Item No.8 on the Agenda and that the said roads are hereby declared to be public roads."

Councillor P. McHugh queried the road at Banraghaun South and asked if it complied with the conditions for declaration as a public road. The County Engineer gave details of the requirements for the Declaration of Public Roads and stated that this case would have been checked to ensure that it met the criteria. It was agreed on the request of Councillor McHugh that details of the road involved would be made available to him.

522 - PROVISION OF LIGHTS AT BUNOWEN PIER.

The Council were informed that this matter had been discussed at a Council Meeting some time ago when the Members had passed a resolution that lights be provided at Bunowen Pier. The members were informed that the Council was responsible only for the maintenance of piers and that any improvement would be a matter for the Department of Fisheries. The Department of Fisheries had recently indicated that the cost of two leading lights on supporting structures would be £12,000 and the cost of a suitable light at the pier head would be a further £4,000. The Department of Fisheries was prepared to offer the Council a grant of £12,000 which was 75% of the cost of the work on condition that the Council contribute the remaining 25% of the cost, acquire a small portion of land to facilitate the works and maintain the completed works. The Council agreed to accept the grant of £12,000 on the conditions of the Department of Fisheries and to provide the lights at the Pier. Deputy R. Molloy stated that the lights were urgently required and he hoped that no further delay would be encountered in the provision of the lights.

Senator M. Killilea asked that when the provision of public lighting at Claregalway was being re-assessed that the provision of lights at Loughgeorge be taken into account in the assessment.

In reply to Councillor J. McDonagh, the County Manager indicated that he would be making some proposals regarding the provision of public lights in the Estimates for 1986.

523 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT.

The Council considered the Sanitary Services Progress Report, a copy of which had been circulated to each member. It was agreed on the proposal of Deputy F. Fahey that the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme would be considered at the next Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 14th March, 1986. Senator M. Killilea asked that the question of zoning of further land for housing development on the Galway side of Oranmore be placed on the Agenda for that meeting also and this was agreed.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager indicated that no specific time scales could be given in relation to the commencement of a number of schemes, when work could start depended on the available Capital and on the available revenue monies to repay the net loan charges involved. The Council would be considering these matters further at the forthcoming Estimates Meeting.

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, replied to individual queries from Councillors regarding various schemes. In reply to Councillor P. McHugh, it was agreed that details of the pipe which had been installed from the dump to the sewerage works at Headford would be checked.

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524 - NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ALL-IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Deputy F. Fahey, seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane that Councillor J. Callanan be nominated.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan that Councillor T. Walsh be nominated.

A vote taken resulted as follows:

For Councillor Callanan: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, Deputy N. Treacy and Councillor T. Welby. (13)

For Councillor Walsh: Councillors J. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, M. Ryan and T. Walsh. (9)

Councillors J. Brennan and F. Glynn abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared Councillor J. Callanan elected as the Council's nominee on the Special Sub-Committee of the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee.

525 - ROAD GRANTS 1986.

The Council noted details of the Road Grants 1986 for Galway County Council, details of which had been circulated to each member. It was noted that this matter would be further discussed in consideration of the forthcoming Estimates.

526 - MALICIOUS INJURIES DECREES.

A list of Malicious Injuries Decrees circulated to each member were noted - Item No. 12. on Agenda.

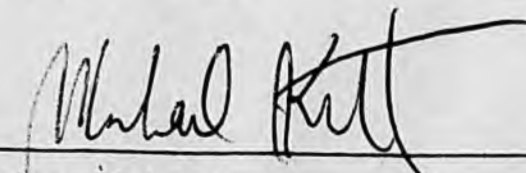
527 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of Sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. John Keane, Peterswell, Loughrea.
Mrs Sean O'Connell, 2 Lenaboy Park, Salthill, Galway.
Mrs Connor and Family, Ballybrit, Castlegar, Galway.
The Hynes Family, Callinmuck, Roscahill, Co. Galway.

The Meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:


CHAIRMAN

24/3/86
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council).

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.
18u Feabhra, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 24 u la Feabhra, 1986 ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A.

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
 - (a) Monthly Meeting held on 27th January, 1986 (already circulated).
 - (b) Meeting of County Arts Committee held on 8th January, 1986 - Copy enclosed.
 - (c) Minutes of Meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers held on the 17th January, 1986, Copy herewith.
2. Overdraft Accommodation for Quarter ending 30th June, 1986.
3. Sale of House to James and Eileen Fannon of Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 (as amended) - Notice dated 30th January, 1986 already circulated.
4. Sale of House to James Gormally at 17, Crowe Street, Gort in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 (as amended) - Notice dated 11th February, 1986 already circulated.
5. Sale of Plot of land at Townparks Tuam to Mr. Sean Quinn, 38, Dublin Road, Tuam in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966 - Notice dated 12th February, 1986 already circulated.
6. Sale of 15 Plots of Land at Moycullen in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966 - Notice dated 13th February already circulated.
7. Letter dated 21st January, 1986 from the County Councils' General Council regarding amendment to Section 26 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 1985 - Copy enclosed.
8. Local Authority Members Association Annual Conference - 4th and 5th April, 1986 in Ennis, Co. Clare. - Title: The State of Our Environment - The Role of Local Authorities (Details enclosed).
9. Malicious Injury Decrees.
10. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2.

(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting on 27th January, 1986.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN - I will propose:

11. That this Council calls on the Government to implement effectively Article 40 of the Constitution.
- DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:
 12. 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.
 13. That two Council houses, details supplied, at Convent Road, Woodford, Loughrea, get an immediate water connection to the Woodford Town Water Supply, and further that this water supply be also made available to the residents of Bolag and Cloncoo, a total of ten houses in all.
 14. That boundary walls be immediately erected around house, numbers 47 and 53 inclusive, and 71 to 76 inclusive at Fahy Gardens, Loughrea, and further that a pedestrian link/access way be provided at St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea, immediately in order to facilitate practical pedestrian movement between this estate and the main town.
 15. That the Council take immediate action to improve, repair and renew all the urgent road problems in the Woodford, Looscaune, Gurteeney, Coose, Douras, Rostullis, Loughatorick, Rossmore, Shragh, Clonmoylan and Power's Cross areas.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

16. That Galway County Council establish a joint task force with the Western Health Board with the objective of carrying out the reconstruction of all Old People's homes throughout the County where the owners qualify for Essential Repairs Grants or Housing Repairs for the Elderly Grants; that a Register of such people be compiled by the Council's Housing Staff and the Community Care Section of the Western Health Board and that arrangements be made to submit applications to the Department of the Environment for house improvement grants which would be supplemented by existing housing repair finance from the County Council and the Western Health Board.
17. That an immediate decision be taken to improve the bridge at Clarenbridge in order to make the National Primary Road through the village adequate and that consideration of a proposed by-pass be abandoned.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

18. Part of the road has slipped and pot-holes are like the "Waves of Tory" - could the County Council go out and re-fix it immediately. (Farm Road, Moycullen.)

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK, SENATOR MARK KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS PADDY McHUGH AND JARLATH McDONAGH - We will propose:

19. In pursuance of the Motion which was passed at the December 1985 Meeting of Galway County Council, we now propose "that the Council formally include an allocation of at least IR£25,000 in the 1986 Estimates to carry out the relevant studies, i.e., commission a site investigation and preliminary report on the Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge Project.

We, also, propose that in view of the contribution of IR£25,000 from the Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge Committee that County Council Officials consult with the Bridge Committee concerning all matters relating to the conduct of the studies and the investment of the monies involved.

(b) Other Motions received:

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

20. That an Essential Repairs Grant be sanctioned to enable a new roof to be provided on a house at Baile an tSleibhe, An Spideal. (Name supplied.)

21. That immediate repairs be carried out to the dwellinghouse occupied at Sruthain, Killyronan, Aran Islands, Co. Galway (Name supplied).
22. That an essential repairs grant be sanctioned immediately for the repair of the dwellinghouse occupied at Ballyconneely, Co. Galway. (Name supplied)

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK - I will propose:

23. That the County Council remove a bad bend on the Tonecallin (New Line) Road near O'Neill's house, Tonecallin, Caherlistrane.
24. What is the cause of the delay in allowing the revised Claregalway Group Water Scheme to start. When does the Council propose to lay the 10" pipe along the main road to enable this scheme to connect to it.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

25. That a report be given on the present condition of Athenry water supply system and that details be given on proposed improvements to give Athenry and its environs an adequate water supply.
26. That the road leading from the Galway/Tuam Road, at McHugh's pub, Ballindooly Cross and from Ballindooly Cross through Menlo Village be repaired; that potholes caused by heavy lorries be kept under repair and that sight distance on the dangerous bend adjacent to Forde's house, Kiloughter be improved.
27. That provision be made in the 1986 Estimates for the erection of lights outside churches in the South Galway Area.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

28. I would appreciate if the County Engineer could take immediate steps to put footpaths at Loughgeorge, Claregalway, on the road leading towards Currandulla from the Garda Barracks, westward to Henihan's house, also that two lights be erected at this junction as it is a very dangerous stretch of road.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS TOM WELBY AND JOHN MOLLOY. - We will propose:

29. That the stock pile of granite chips at Tonabrucky Quarry be distributed throughout the County on the same basis as the distribution that has taken place heretofore and that the present system in operation be changed immediately.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS JOHN MOLLOY, TOM WELBY AND PADDY MCHUGH. - We will propose:

30. That Galway County Council extend the plan for Oranmore on the west side to extend on the same parallel the extension of the development on either side of the proposed new road to the Gurrane North road to include all the lands from the present boundary to end at the Gurrane North Road.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH - I will propose:

31. That Galway County Council build a wall around the Council house occupied by Anthony Ward of Cloonthue Road, Tuam. This is to stop horses wandering on the adjoining land.
32. That Galway County Council build a perimeter wall at the new housing estate in the mart field in Tuam.
33. That Galway County Council provide a water supply for Mr. James Shaughnessy of Cloonedra, Ballymoe.

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will propose:

34. That the Loughrea Gort Main Road from St. Thomas Club house, Castledaly to Mahoney's shop at Castleboy be hard shouldered as it is in a dangerous state at present.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

35. That Galway County Council will not proceed with the By-Pass at Ardrahan and that the Development of the National Primary Road go through Ardrahan Village.
36. That Galway County Council carry out repairs on the "The Esker Bridge", Galway Road, Athenry and also County Council carry out urgent repairs in Athenry Town.

COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN - I will propose:

37. That Galway County Council erect a finger signpost to the village of Garrafrauns at the junction on the Milltown/Dunmore Road at Burke's House, Corofin.
38. That a Social Employment Scheme be started immediately in the village of Milltown with a view to completing the River Bank Development Project and scenic walk during 1986.
39. That a figure be provided in the 1986 estimates for surveying the proposed new sewerage scheme for Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

40. That Galway County Council take steps to alleviate traffic hazard and inconvenience caused by water lodging at Gortacleva, Claregalway, at turn in towards Leisure Centre.
41. That Galway County Council make provision in this year's estimates for urgently needed improvements works - including piping and covering of dangerous drains and widening of deadly dangerous corners on Moonard Road, Turloughmore.

42. Re: Entry of Lackaghbeg Road onto Galway/Roscommon Road at Lackagh.

That County Council liaise with local householder who is currently doing renovation work at this dangerous junction with a view to improving width and view at this busy entry onto Roscommon/Galway Road. The private work being done here will leave the Council's work very cheap.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

43. That the design and plans for Phase 4 and subsequent phases of the Council Housing Development at St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea include the provision of serviced sites, and further that this Plan is made available for detailed inspection by the members of Galway County Council for the Loughrea Electoral Area, the members of Loughrea Town Commissioners and the public for a period of 21 days before the final design is approved by members of Galway County Council.
44. That Galway County Council increase its payment for the purchase of sites for Council houses in rural areas to a realistic figure immediately.
45. That the carpark across from Aille Church, Loughrea be blacktopped in 1986.

COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY. - I will propose:

46. What is the position regarding traffic route lighting for Clifden Town and approach roads, has any scheme been proposed for same.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose:

47. That necessary work be carried out to prevent the persistent flooding of the Coolratty Road, south of Furey's Cross, Oranmore.
48. That the Council remove bank on the west side of Cosmona Road, Loughrea, and that it be replaced with footpath, kerbing and seating.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

49. What is the position regarding the proposed footpaths at Tully, Ballinahown.
50. That Galway County Council ask C.I.E. to restore the bus service from Screebe to Derrynea via Derroe to Galway.
51. That Galway County Council repair the road leading to Derroe Village, Rossabhil.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

- 52. That Galway County Council would widen the road from Charlie Cotton's house, Ervilla, Ahascragh, down to Ervilla Pump.
- 53. That Galway County Council would relieve the flooding between Cunniffe's house, Graigue, and Dooley's house, Newtown, Caltra, and that repairs be carried out to the same road.
- 54. That flooding would be relieved outside Hannon's house, Portnick Road, Creagh, Ballinasloe.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

- 55. What is the position with the Social Employment Scheme as regards to keeping on workers on our schemes after 1st August, 1986. I have particularly in mind the very successful scheme in operation at Rinville Park where the standard of work and the skills of the local workers would make it very advantageous that those workers would be re-employed on the scheme at the end of the present 12 month scheme.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
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Ref. No. 63/4/174

30th. January, 1986.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Irish Land Commission.

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

Persons to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

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

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £2,757.00.

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

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

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

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/5/1409

11th. February, 1986.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- James Kempsey, Patrick Niland, Patrick Glynn,
Michael Jordan, James Hynes, Gerard Keane,
Vincent O'Shaughnessy, Crowe St, Gort,
Co. Galway.

Location:- Crowe St, Gort, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

James Gormally of: 17 Crowe St, Gort, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,999.

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

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

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

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

12th February, 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

RE:- Proposed Sale of land at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam, CO. GALWAY.

A Chara,

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Tuam Town Commissioners, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. Austin Melia, Tullinadaly Road, Tuam, CO. GALWAY.

<u>PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:</u>	<u>SITE NO.</u>	<u>AREA OF PLOT.</u>
Mr. Sean Quinn, 38' Dublin Road, Tuam,	33	0.150 acres.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL:

<u>SITE NO.</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
33	£6,500

COVENANT OR CONDITION IN CONNECTION WITH DISPOSAL:

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

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

Mise, le meas,

E. Gleeson.
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

13th February, 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

RE:- Proposed Sale of Land at Moycullen

A Chara,

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD.</u>	<u>SITE NO.</u>	<u>AREA OF PLOT./ HECTARES.</u>	<u>PURCHASE PRICE.</u>
Maura & Noel O'Donnell	21	0.26 Hectares	£945.00
Margaret McCann	23	0.31 "	£945.00
Thomas & Mary Kelleher	26	0.32 "	£945.00
James & Ghislaine Brady	54	0.30 "	£945.00
John Richardson & Bernie Ni Flarthartha	56	0.30 "	£945.00
Dara Joyce & Geraldine Sullivan	64	0.32 "	£945.00
Julie Murray	67	0.45 "	£945.00
P.J. Gannon	68	0.35 "	£945.00
Colm Ward	69	0.37 "	£945.00
Peadar O'Griofa & Aine Ui Ghriofa	70	0.35 "	£945.00
Colm & Muirghin Moriarty	71	0.35 "	£945.00
Jeanne Byrne	72	0.31 "	£945.00

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

E. GLEESON.
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor T. Welby, Vice-Chairman.
Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Chairman.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillor J. Brennan, Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. J. Glynn, 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, 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; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer and L. Whlean, Asst. Principal, Department of the Environment.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

528 - CHAIRMAN

Councillor T. Welby apologised for the Chairman, Mr. Michael Kitt. T.D., who was unable to attend the early part of the Meeting. The Vice-Chairman introduced Mr. Liam Whelan, Assistant Principal of the Department of the Environment, who was on a familiarisation visit to Galway County Council and who was present at the meeting. He hoped that Mr. Whelan's visit to the County would prove successful for him.

529 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Patrick Jordan, Inchaboy, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mr. John Conneely, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary E. Crehan, Rookhill, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Martin Maloney, McDonald Street, Athenry, Co. Galway.
Mr. Peter Mitchell, Ballybane, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
Mr. P. Maloney, Church Street, Athenry, Co. Galway.

530 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor T. Welby the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on 27th January, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

531 - COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

On the proposition of Councillor M. O'Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, the Minutes of the County Arts Committee Meeting held on 8th January, 1986, were adopted.

On the proposition of Councillor N. O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers held on the 17th January, 1986, were adopted.

532 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1986.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan,

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 30th June, 1986".

533 - SALE OF HOUSE TO JAMES AND EILEEN FANNON.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house at Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, to James and Eileen Fannon, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 30th January, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each member of the Council."

534 - SALE OF HOUSE TO JAMES GORMALLY.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house at 17, Crowe Street, Gort, to James Gormally, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 11th February, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each member of the Council."

535 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT TOWNPARKS, TUAM.

It was proposed by Councillor, M. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. McDonagh and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land at Townparks, Tuam, to Mr. Sean Quinn, 38 Dublin, Dublin Road, Tuam, in accordance with Notice dated 12th February, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each member of the Council."

536 - SALE OF 15 PLOTS OF LAND AT MOYCULLEN.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Senator M. Killilea, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of sites to the following in accordance with the terms of notice dated 13th February, 1986, 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.

1. Maura & Noel O'Donnell.
2. Margaret McCann.
3. Thomas & Mary Kelleher.
4. James & Ghislaine Brady.
5. John Richardson.
6. Bernie Ni Flarthartha.
7. Dara Joyce
8. Geraldine Sullivan.
9. Julie Murray.
10. P. J. Gannon.
11. Colm Ward.
12. Peadar O'Griofa
13. Aine Ui Ghriofa.
14. Colm & Muirghin Moriarty.
15. Jeanne Byrne. "

537 - LETTER FROM COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL REGARDING HOUSING (MISCELLANEOUS) PROVISIONS) BILL 1985.

The Council agreed to defer consideration of this item until the next monthly

meeting of the Council.

538 - LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 4TH AND 5TH APRIL, 1986, IN ENNIS, CO. CLARE.

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Senator Mark Killilea and agreed that Councillors J. Molloy, J. Joyce, P. Raftery and M. Fahy attend the Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Lynch and agreed that Councillors M. Ryan and J. McDonagh attend the Conference.

539 - REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON 14TH MARCH, 1986.

The Council agreed to defer further consideration of this matter to the Estimates Meeting to be held on 28th February, 1986.

540 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated to each Member were noted - Item No. 9 on Agenda.

541 - LIBRARY SERVICES:

The Council considered a report dated 21st February, 1986, from the County Manager regarding the library services. The report drew attention to possible developments affecting the library service and gave extracts from a document dated November, 1985, entitled "Partners in Education" which had been published by the Minister for Education. Extracts from the Document indicated that consideration might be given to the transfer of responsibility for the public library service to the proposed Local Education Councils and that if it were desired to transfer the administration of the public library service to the LECs no additional costs would be involved. The report indicated that no consultation had been proposed with the General Council of County Councils or with the County Managers' Association. It was indicated that the Department's proposals would have far-reaching implications for local authorities and would seem to be taken without any regard to the role and functions of local authorities. The proposals also appeared to be at variance with the Policy Statement of the Minister for the Environment of May, 1985, dealing with the Reform of Local Government which envisaged a more complete system of local self-government and additional functions for local authorities in line with the modern needs of communities.

The County Manager's report gave details of the grants made by the Department of Education in respect of the School Library Service. It also indicated that local authorities had been concerned for a number of years at the way in which the Department of Education had handled the recoupment of higher education grants incurred by local authorities where that Department had been unable to reimburse local authorities in respect of grants paid until after the end of the financial year when the grants had been disbursed.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager gave details of the cost of the library service.

Councillor M. O'Morain proposed that the Council send a resolution to the Minister for Education deploring any suggestion that the Library Service be removed from County Councils. Councillor P. McHugh seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal and proposed that the Minister for Education be requested to outline the deficiencies in the present system.

Senator U. Burke stated that the review of the Library Service should be carried out openly. He believed that there was not an adequate library service in the educational service and any proposals to improve the service in the educational area should be considered fully. He stated that the document of the Minister should not be dismissed lightly and should be given a fair hearing. He also asked if the views of the Library Committee or the County Librarian had been received.

Senator M. Killilea stated that the present library service was an excellent

one. Every national school was being served by the service and projects such as writers in residence were being organised in Secondary Schools throughout the County. The County Manager indicated that he had published in the report all the information available to him in relation to any proposal for a review of the library service. He was putting the matter before the members of the Council to inform them of the position as he knew it. He had received no Circular or query from any Department regarding the matter. Councillor M. Ryan said that the Department of Education should have been contacted to clarify the matter and to get whatever information was available.

In reply to Senator U. Burke, the County Manager indicated that he, as County Manager, was responsible for the library service. Following further discussion Senator U. Burke proposed that Councillor O'Morain's resolution be amended proposing to the Minister for Education that a comprehensive school library service be provided and this was agreed. It was also agreed that the Minister for Education be requested to outline details of the up-to-date position in relation to any consideration being given to the review of the Library Service in the context of the Minister for Education's Document entitled "Partners in Education".

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain that the Council request the Minister for Education to examine immediately the feasibility of recouping the cost of higher education grants to the Council within the period of the payment of grants so as to relieve the Council of incurring overdraft on such payments into the following financial year. This was agreed.

542 - OFFICIAL OPENING OF GALWAY CITY WESTERN ENVIRONS WATER SCHEME.

It was agreed on the proposal of Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor O'Morain that the official opening of this Scheme be held on Friday, 25th April, 1986.

543 - IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 40 OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Councillor J. Brennan proposed the following resolution:- "That this Council calls on the Government to implement effectively Article 40 of the Constitution."

Councillor J. Brennan asked for the support of the Council for his resolution. He stated that he had seen pornographic books for sale in Dublin on a recent visit there. He referred to the danger of a gradual public acceptance of a decline in moral standards. Councillor Brennan also proposed that the Council invite the film censor and the Superintendent of the Gardai to attend a meeting of the Council to outline details of their work in the areas referred to by Councillor Brennan. Councillor T. Walsh seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal and it was agreed to proceed as proposed by Councillor Brennan.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

544 - 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 report was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"It has been agreed that a special Amenity Grant be paid corresponding with the Planning Fee. The Council were informed that the special amenity grant was in addition to the grant of £600 which had been paid in 1985."

545 - WATER SUPPLY CONVENT ROAD, WOODFORD.

The following written reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"A survey is being carried out of all County Council houses which do not have a piped water supply, and as soon as this survey is completed I will be making recommendations as to how this problem should be tackled on a priority basis."

Deputy N. Treacy stated that the present water supply to the houses was from a river which was polluted. He proposed that water be supplied to the houses

from the town of Woodford. Mr. J. Howlett stated that it was necessary to carry out a survey of all the houses and that a piece-meal scheme could not be implemented. There was a 1/2 mile of piping necessary. There was no finance available and the Council were hoping to have a comprehensive scheme carried out. The possibility of a group scheme was being examined.

546 - CONSTRUCTION OF BOUNDARY WALLS AT FAHY GARDENS, LOUGHREA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"There are no funds available for the construction of boundary walls on this estate. The provision of a pedestrian link between the two estates is not desirable as the two housing areas are separate and a link up is not recommended".

The Council were informed that the estimated cost of the provision of walls was £4,000 and that such work was of low priority given the inadequacy of funds for ordinary house repairs. It was not possible to finance the cost of the wall from capital funds.

547 - ROADS IN THE WOODFORD, LOOSCAUNE, GURTEENEY, COOSE, DOURAS, ROSTULLIS, LOUGHATORICK, ROSSMORE, SHRAGH, CLONMOYLAN AND POWER'S CROSS AREAS. - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"Roads in the above townlands are located south and east of Woodford. They are mainly County Roads with the Regional roads 352 and 351 near Woodford and the Portumna Woodford Road.

Strengthening has been carried out on part of the Portumna/Woodford Road 352 and if funds permit further strengthening will be carried out in 1986 after the allocations from Department of the Environment have been distributed.

Normal County Road Maintenance will be carried out on the remainder."

548 - Roadworks Meeting:

It was agreed that the Council would fix a date for a Roadworks Meeting at the Estimates Meeting on 28th February, 1986.

549 - IMPROVEMENT TO ROAD AT TONEMACE, ANNAGHDOWN.

Councillor P. McHugh stated that he had made enquiries regarding the completion of this work in October, 1985, and had received no reply. It was agreed that a report would be issued to Councillor McHugh informing of the up-to-date position.

550 - JOINT TASK FORCE WITH WESTERN HEALTH BOARD RE CONSTRUCTION OF OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES. - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

The following written report was given to Deputy F. Fahey:

"The position at present is that the County Council administer its own scheme of Essential Repairs within the Budget available to it. The Western Health Board administer their own scheme of Housing Repairs for the elderly and there is liaison between both bodies in relation to these matters. The Council make suggestions to the Health Board regarding certain cases. The Health Board Scheme takes account of the medical condition of the cases aided under its scheme.

The Scheme of House Improvement Grants is administered by the Department of the Environment and the Council has no function in the matter."

Deputy F. Fahey stated that he was not satisfied with the reply and referred to the inadequacies of housing for the elderly as indicated in a recent report prepared by the Health Board. He referred to the three schemes which were available. He stated that it was necessary to establish a joint task force

whereby the joint efforts of both authorities could be brought together to identify the housing needs of the old people in the County. Councillor T. Welby seconded Deputy F. Fahey proposal.

At this stage of the Meeting, Deputy Michael Kitt took the Chair.

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that he was aware of the survey but it seemed that none of the people had applied to the Council for rehousing and none of the people wanted to move from their present houses. He gave details of the essential repairs scheme and stated that when the Health Board Scheme for improvement of houses for the elderly had first been mooted, the County Council had made the case for being allocated the funds involved. There was liaison between the Health Board and the County Council regarding these schemes and the Council had made suggestions in some cases. The administration of the new improvement grants scheme was being carried out by the Department of the Environment and the Council had no function in this scheme. The Council had not got the resources or the Inspectors necessary to carry out the surveys required by Deputy F. Fahey.

Deputy F. Fahey stated that the housing conditions of all the old people should be established and that officials such as public health nurses would have certain information available already. He stated that the improvement grants scheme met 2/3 of the costs of improvements and consideration should be given to the Council meeting the balance of the cost of improvement for such houses.

The County Manager indicated that houses which qualified for essential repairs may not qualify for the house improvement grants. Neither was it possible to top up by way of Council funds the housing improvement grants so that the cost of improvements in each case would be met in full. The administration of the house improvement grants was being carried out by the Department of the Environment and in the Reform of Local Government the question of devolving all the grant schemes of house improvement should be considered. The real problem in relation to housing repairs was the lack of finance and the establishment of a task force would not solve that problem. The Council were already leasing with the Health Board in relation to housing matters. Councillor F. Glynn stated that there were a number of grant schemes involved and there were three different authorities dealing with them. It was a matter for the Government to regularise the position. Senator U. Burke proposed that the Council seek a grant from the Department of the Environment whereby grants could be made available to individual tenants for the provision of a range with provision that cost could be recouped by way of increase in rent. Councillor M. Lynch seconded Senator U. Burke's proposal.

551 - BYPASS AT CLARENBRIDGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey:

"Clarenbridge Village is within a Speed Limit Zone. There is already a problem especially for school children with fast moving traffic on the Galway side of the village. Widening of the bridge would encourage excessive speeds on the Limerick entry into the village. When a National Primary route passes through a village, conflict is inevitable between the interests of pedestrians and those of motorists. The only solution is the diversion of the traffic around the village."

Deputy F. Fahey stated that he was opposed of the provision of a by-pass for Clarenbridge and stated that ordinary road repairs were necessary in the area and that the bridge adjacent to P. Burke's public house should be widened.

552 - IMPROVEMENTS TO FARM ROAD, MOYCULLEN. - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA.

The following written reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"This road has now been repaired".

553 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE PROJECT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK, SENATOR M. KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS P. MCHUGH AND J. McDONAGH.

The County Manager indicated that he had met members of the Committee on the previous Friday. He had suggested that the Committee consider the preparation of a cost benefit analysis and the Committee had stated that they would consider

this suggestion in consultation with their members and inform him of the position in due course. Senator M. Killilea stated that it was the opinion of the Committee that there was no need for a cost benefit analysis. The Council have already passed a resolution that £25,000 be allocated by the Council to carry out the relevant studies. The Committee had made enquiries to the Department of the Environment and An Foras Forbartha and had been informed that the cost benefit analysis was not necessary until 1987. Senator M. Killilea proposed that the £25,000 be included in the 1986 Estimates. Councillor P. McHugh seconded Senator M. Killilea's proposal.

Duirte an Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail go raibid se in aghaidh an run agus go mba cheart an Comhairle Chonae deiseachan a dheiniu ar na droicheadai ata i ndroch caoi cheanna fein in Iarthair na Gaillimhe.

Senator U. Burke, Deputy N. Treacy and Councillor T. Welby also supported Senator M. Killilea's proposal. The County Manager indicated that the Department of the Environment had stated in writing that funds were not available for any work on this project. He suggested to the Committee that the only way to convince the Department that the project was a viable one was to prepare a cost benefit analysis. If the Council provided £25,000 in the Estimates for 1986, this amount would be totally insufficient to have any preliminary investigations carried out as it had already been indicated that the cost of the necessary surveys including site investigation was of the order of £550,000. The County Manger stated that he would be contacting the Department of the Environment to clarify the position in relation to a cost benefit analysis. The Council had a responsibility to go about this project in a right and proper way and it was important that the Committee and the Council understood the position clearly.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager indicated that only preliminary investigations had been carried out and that it would be difficult to produce proper Estimates until the necessary site investigations have been completed. The construction of a project of this magnitude would have to be approached in a professional way.

Councillor P. McCormack stated that if the Council allocated £25,000 then the Bridge Committee would make a further £25,000 available. He was convinced that with an available amount of £50,000, that an assessment of the project could be made. It was essential that the Council allocate £25,000 in the 1986 Estimates.

The County Manager indicated that the task of the Council was to convince the Department of the Environment of the viability of the project. The Council needed a commitment from the Department of the Environment that funds would be available and if such commitment was not forthcoming there was nothing to be done with the £50,000. If the Council were to allocate the £25,000 in 1986, such monies would have to be diverted from other areas.

554 - NEW ROOF ON A HOUSE AT BAILE AN tSLEIBHE, AN SPIDEAL - DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey:

"The allocation for Essential Repairs was £25,000 in 1985 and has been fully allocated. This application is on a waiting list and will be considered in accordance with its priority after the 1986 estimates have been adopted and the amount available for Essential Repair Grants is known. It should be noted that the number of approvals will depend on the amount of money made available. The average Essential Repair Grant is between £2,000 and £3,000 and there is a long waiting list."

555 - REPAIRS TO DWELLINGHOUSE AT SRUTHAIN, KILRONAN, ARAN ISLANDS - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy R. Molloy:

"The allocation for Essential Repairs was £25,000 in 1985 and has been fully allocated. This application is on a waiting list and will be considered in accordance with its priority after the 1986 Estimates have been adopted and the amount available for Essential Repair Grants is known. It should be noted that the number of approvals will depend on the amount of money made available. The average Essential Repair Grant is between £2,000 and £3,000 and there is a long waiting list."

556 - REPAIR TO DWELLING HOUSE AT BALLYCONNELLY, CO. GALWAY - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy R. Molloy:.

"The allocation for Essential Repairs was £25,000 in 1985 and has been fully allocated. This application is on a waiting list and will be considered in accordance with its priority after the 1986 estimates have been adopted and the amount available for Essential Repair Grants is known. It should be noted that the number of approvals will depend on the amount of money made available. The average Essential Repair Grant is between £2,000 and £3,000 and there is a long waiting list."

557 - BAD BEND ON THE TONECALLIN (NEW LINE) ROAD NEAR O'NEILL'S HOUSE, TONECALLIN, CAHERLISTRANE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. McCormack:

"This bend is typical for a minor County Road. There are no funds available for this kind of work".

558 - CLAREGALWAY GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. McCormack:

"Contract documents are being prepared by the Consultants for the extension of the trunk main along the Tuam Road through Claregalway Village under the Mid Galway Zone 4 Scheme. Completion of the Contract documents is due at the end of February 1986. On completion of construction of the Trunk main a supply will be available for Claregalway Group Scheme".

559 - ATHENRY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey:

1. The quantity of water available from the proposed sources, including the second borehole is adequate.
2. Pumping and Treatment Works capacity of 252,000 gallons per day is adequate for the Town and Environs of population 1,479 persons (1981) and for ACOT (17,000 g.p.d.).
3. High level storage (water tower) capacity of 50,000 gallons is inadequate for peak distribution needs.
4. Waste and leakage is an ongoing problem which is receiving attention.
5. The proposed Mid Galway Zone 3 Scheme from Oranmore with a Reservoir at Knocknacree will provide augmentation and adequate storage capacity."

560 - REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING FROM THE GALWAY/TUAM ROAD, AT MCHUGH'S PUB, BALLINDOOLY CROSS AND FROM BALLINDOOLY CROSS THROUGH MENLO VILLAGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey:

"Arrangements have been made for the repair of potholes on this road. There is no finance available for the removal of the dangerous bend adjacent to Forde's house."

561 - ERECTION OF LIGHTS OUTSIDE CHURCHES IN THE SOUTH GALWAY AREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey:

"The provision of money in the Estimates is a matter for the elected members to be decided at the Estimates Meeting."

562 - FOOTPATHS AT LOUGHGEORGE, CLAREGALWAY, ON THE ROAD LEADING TOWARDS CURRANDULLA FROM THE GARDA BARRACKS, AND ALSO THE ERECTION OF TWO LIGHTS AT THIS JUNCTION - MOTION BY SENATOR M. KILLILEA.

The following written reply was given to Senator M. Killilea:

"The provision of footpaths on this section of County Road will depend on

available finances after the estimates meeting. No finances have been provided for new public lighting for the past 5 years. Lights at this junction will depend on available finance in 1986."

563 - DISTRIBUTION OF GRANITE CHIPS AT TONABRUCKY QUARRY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS T. WELBY AND J. MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Senator M. Killilea, Councillors T. Welby and J. Molloy:

"Arrangements have been made for the distribution of the stock pile of chippings in question. This work will start on the 24/2/1986. Chips will be used on non national roads only."

564 - EXTENSION OF PLAN FOR ORANMORE - MOTION BY SENATOR M. KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS J. MOLLOY, T. WELBY AND P. MCHUGH.

The following written reply was given to Senator M. Killilea, Councillors J. Molloy, T. Welby and P. McHugh:

"The zoning of the land between the railway line and the Galway/Oranmore Road for residential use is not recommended for the following important reasons.

1. It would extend the boundary of Oranmore towards Galway City leading to the City and Village. This would militate against the development of the separate identity and cohesiveness of Oranmore as a village.

The previous Oranmore Plan strongly recommended the zoning of the land at Thornpark as Residential for the same reason. Its recommendation was not accepted and this subsequently caused major planning problems. This present proposal would be even more undesirable.

2. The area presently zoned for housing is ideally located away from the By Pass road. The southern section of this zone adjoins the sea, is not interrupted by a major road along the sea front and adjoins the amenity coastal areas to the West.
3. The cost of servicing this land would be uneconomical because of its remoteness from the sewage treatment and outfall point. It would be out of phase with the present drainage scheme proposals.
4. The land already zoned is more than adequate for the needs of the next 20 to 40 years. It can accommodate up to 10,000 persons if required. It would be most extravagant to service additional unnecessary land."

565 - ERECTION OF WALL AROUND THE COUNCIL HOUSE OCCUPIED BY ANTHONY WARD OF CLOONTHUE ROAD, TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Walsh:

"There are no funds available for the provision of walls around Council houses. As maintenance funds are already scarce, the erection of walls around Council houses would deplete the resources available for repairs."

566 - ERECTION OF A PERIMETER WALL AT THE NEW HOUSING ESTATE IN THE MART FIELD AT TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Walsh.

"This housing scheme is being constructed in phases and phase 1 is currently in progress. A new perimeter wall is being provided on the boundary abutting phase 1. The question of the boundary fences associated with future phases will be considered in conjunction with construction work on those phases."

567 - PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR MR. JAMES SHAUGHNESSY OF CLOONADRA, BALLYMOE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Walsh:

"There is no County Council water supply near enough to Mr. Shaughnessy's house to allow him being served."

- 568 - HARD SHOULDERING OF LOUGHREA GORT MAIN ROAD FROM ST. THOMAS CLUB HOUSE, CASTLEDALY TO MAHONEY'S SHOP AT CASTLEBOY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. LAMBERT.

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. Lambert:

"There are no funds available for the provision of hard shoulders on the Loughrea Gort Road N. 66."

- 569 - BY-PASS AT ARDRAHAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Fahy:

"The question of a By-Pass for Ardrahan is only being investigated at technical level at present to see if a suitable route can be selected. At a later stage the whole question of feasibility and the economics of the possible by-pass will have to be investigated."

- 570 - REPAIRS ON THE "THE ESKER BRIDGE", GALWAY ROAD, ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Fahy:

"The Esker Bridge is the railway bridge adjacent to Craughwell which was cut off when the new automatic level crossing and road realignment rendered it redundant. There is still a pedestrian way over this bridge.

With regard to urgent road repairs in Athenry town, please let us have details of the repairs required."

- 571 - ERECTION OF A FINGER SIGNPOST TO THE VILLAGE OF GARRAFRAUNS AT THE JUNCTION ON THE MILLTOWN/DUNMORE ROAD AT BURKE'S HOUSE, COROFIN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P.F. Glynn:

"A finger signpost will be erected at this location."

- 572 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME BE STARTED IN THE VILLAGE OF MILLTOWN RE COMPLETION OF RIVER BANK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND SCENIC WALK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P.F. Glynn:

"This is one of a number of Social Employment Schemes which have been approved by National Manpower but have not yet commenced. Interviews will be arranged shortly with National Manpower and the scheme put in hand."

- 573 - PROPOSED NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR KILKERRIN, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P.F. Glynn:

"The estimated cost of village schemes has put them beyond the scope of Small Sanitary Schemes for some time past.

In the major scheme category it is necessary to fix priorities and it is clear from recent report by the County Manager that these will have to be of a limited nature.

The programme for villages is at present being reviewed by the County Engineer and a priority list will be drawn up when this review is concluded."

- 574 - ALLEVIATION OF TRAFFIC HAZARD AND INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY WATER LODGING AT GORTACLEAVA, CLAREGALWAY, AT TURN IN TOWARDS LEISURE CENTRE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"A detailed engineering assessment of the situation will be carried out shortly and I will write to you on the matter as soon as the report comes to hand."

- 575 - PIPING AND COVERING OF DANGEROUS DRAINS AND WIDENING OF DEADLY DANGEROUS CORNERS ON MOONARD ROAD, TURLOUGHMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"Road drainage in this area is in part to a swallow hole. Much of the water also seeps into a roadside drain. It is not recommended to pipe this drain as this might prevent seepage and worsen the position by leaving the drainage totally dependant on the swallow hole which occasionally becomes blocked.

With regard to the widening of the junction at Turloughmore where County Road No. 173 from Coolarne meets N.S. route it is estimated that this improvement work would cost £5,000. There are no funds available for this type of work."

- 576 - ENTRY OF LACKAGHBEG ROAD ONTO GALWAY/ROSCOMMON ROAD AT LACKAGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"The improvements suggested while of some benefit to users of the car port would not be of benefit to the National Secondary Road (N.63). It is therefore not recommended."

- 577 - COUNCIL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT ST. LAURENCE'S FIELDS, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"The plans for Phase 4 have not yet been discussed or finalised with the Department of the Environment. A local community group has requested that the plans should not be finalised until the effective demand for developed sites has been assessed."

- 578 - INCREASE PAYMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SITES FOR COUNCIL HOUSES IN RURAL AREAS - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"As the Council is providing a house for the applicant, it is reasonable to expect that the site for the house should be provided by the applicant at a nominal price. The usual price paid by the Council for such sites is £60.00, but this figure may vary depending on the individual case, and is currently under review. It should be noted that any extra cost incurred for provision of such sites will reduce the monies available for construction of houses."

- 579 - BLACKTOPPING OF CARPARK ACROSS FROM AILLE CHURCH - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY

The following written reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"This type of work is normally only carried out when sponsored by Coucillors Notice of Motion monies."

- 580 - TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING FOR CLIFDEN TOWN AND APPROACH ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor T. Welby:

"We have asked the E.S.B. to design a Traffic Route Lighting scheme for Clifden in so far as it relates to the route of the National Secondary Road (N.59) through the town. When the design and estimate is made available to us it will then be submitted to the Department of the Environment for their approval and consequent funding by way of direct grant - hopefully in 1987."

- 581 - FLOODING OF THE COOLRATTY ROAD, SOUTH OF FUREY'S CROSS, ORANMORE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE.

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Loughnane:

"Work has commenced on the drainage of this road and will be completed this week."

582 - REMOVAL OF BANK ON THE WEST SIDE OF COSMONA ROAD, LOUGHREA, REPLACED WITH FOOTPATH, KERBING AND SEATING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE.

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Loughnane:

"There are no funds available to carry out this type of work."

583 - FOOTPATHS AT TULLY, BALLINAHOWN - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR.

The following written reply was given to An Comhairleoir N. O'Conchubhair:

"There is no finance available for these footpaths in 1986. The commitment given in 1985 was that the footpaths required would be considered in the light of available finance in 1986."

584 - REPAIR OF ROAD LEADING TO DERROR VILLAGE, ROSSABHIL - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR.

The following written reply was given to An Comhairleoir N. O'Conchubhair:

"The required repairs will be carried out within the next few weeks."

585 - WIDENING OF ROAD FROM CHARLIE COTTON'S HOUSE, ERVILLA, AHASCRAH - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. P. KITT.

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

"No monies are envisaged for this improvement work as any monies that are made available are more urgently required on this Regional Road."

586 - FLOODING BETWEEN CUNNIFFE'S HOUSE, GRAIGUE AND DOOLEY'S HOUSE, NEWTOWN, CALTRA - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. P. KITT.

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

"No adequate outfall appears to exist to cater for runoff from the road occurring after heavy rain. E.E., Mountbellew, has already attempted to divert the water to a local swallow hole which does not appear to be adequate to take the flow. A further attempt will be made to divert the water. The estimated cost of raising the road level in the area would be £800."

587 - FLOODING OUTSIDE HANNON'S HOUSE, PORTNICK ROAD, CREAGH, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. P. KITT.

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

"The Council have done nothing in this area to cause this flooding problem. However, some unauthorised development has been carried out by a house owner and Ballinasloe U.D.C. have served an Enforcement Notice under the Planning Acts to require the householder to restore the drain to its original condition. This may help to alleviate the problem."

588 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. McCORMACK.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. McCormack:

"The conditions of the Social Employment Scheme are such that no participant can be offered more than one years employment. It is regrettable that the local workers who are developing a number of skills in the Rinville Park project cannot be re-employed after they have completed one year's employment but this is a matter outside our control."

589 - CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was circulated to each member.

1. Letter dated 7th February, 1986, from Macroom Urban District Council re E.E.C. Food Mountain.

2. Letter dated 4th February, 1986, from Limerick County Council re adequate personal insurance cover for Group Water Supply Schemes.
3. Letter dated 5th February, 1986, from Castlebar Urban District Council, re the discontinuance of the Diplock Courts, and Supergrass Trials, in the North of Ireland.
4. Letter dated 5th February, 1986, from Cork Corporation re Dunnes Stores workers handling of South African products.
5. Letter from 13th February, 1986, from Clare County Council, re rejection of supergrass system in Northern Ireland.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

M. P. Kitt
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18th February, 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 28th February, 1986 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN
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A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1986. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith).
2. Making and Sealing of Demand on Urban Authority.

MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1986.

In the Chair: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor 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. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, 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, P. Kearns, Asst. County Managers; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; R. Killeen, S.E.E., T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. McGowan, S.S.O., B. Kennedy, S.S.O. Rates, T. Coughlan, Acting S.S.O., A. Fleming, S.S.O. R. Curley, Asst. Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

590 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES - YEAR 1986

The Council considered the estimate of expenses for year 31st December, 1986, together with the County Manager's report dated 18th February, 1986, copies of which had been circulated to each member with the Agenda for the Meeting.

The County Manager read his report dated 18th February, 1986.

In his report the County Manager indicated that the format of the estimate for 1986 took account of the up-grading of Galway City which had resulted in the Corporation's contribution to the County Council being calculated on a different basis to that obtained in previous years. Details of the Corporation's financial contribution under the new arrangements and on the basis of an interim agreement for 1986 were outlined to the Meeting. Details of the Rate Support Grant and of comparison with the 1985 figures were set out in the Manager's Report. The County Manager indicated that the estimate had been prepared on the basis of a 7% rate increase and that a 5% increase in water charges over the 1985 levels was also proposed. The County Manager indicated that it would be necessary for the Council during the Estimates Meeting to determine by resolution the level of charges for each domestic service. The report indicated that the total estimated revenue available to the Council for 1986 was £35,248,297. This total figure represented the amount available to the Council based on the proposed rate increase and increase in water charges as outlined above.

The report of the County Manager made comments on the various programmes in the Estimate of Expenses and drew attention to the important aspects of each programme.

The County Manager drew attention to the fact that the demand for Arterial Drainage from the Office of Public Works amounted to £936,094 representing a 42% increase over the provision in last year's estimates. He indicated that last year's demand was not provided for in full because it represented an increase of 54.6% over the provision in the previous year's estimate. The demand was reduced somewhat subsequently resulting in a situation that the Council in 1985 had an under provision amounting to £166,765. The Council's estimate this year was calculated on the basis that the Rates Support Grant was increased by 12.67% over last year's Grant. The County Manager stated that the demands of the Office of Public Works took no account of the increases allowed to the Council in respect of rates support grant. The Office of Public Works had been asked on a number of occasions to confine their expenditure to what the Council were in a position to provide for, but the Office of Public Works had not agreed to the Council's requirement. The County Manager stated that it was becoming increasingly important for Council members to concentrate their attention on the need for a solution in relation to the Office of Public Works demand and that this was one of the most important matters requiring attention in relation to the Council's financial affairs. The County Manager indicated that based on the demands made by the Office of Public Works as

against the amounts provided by the Council, the total arrears at the 31st December, 1986, would amount to £916,095.83.

591 - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE DEMAND

The County Manager indicated that supplementary welfare was not the subject of a demand in respect of 1986. A figure of £200,000 had been included in the Estimates towards the elimination of arrears. He referred to the decree which had been awarded against the County Council in respect of the arrears with liability for interest, in respect of arrears previous to 1986. The County Manager stated that he had been in consultation with the Western Health Board and it had been indicated that the Health Board were prepared to waive the liability for interest. The Council would be clearing off the arrears at the rate of £336,515 per annum and arrears would be cleared over the 4 financial years commencing the 1st January, 1987.

592 - REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1986:

Details of the Regional Studies Association Annual Conference 1986 to be held in Dun Laoighaire, Co. Dublin, on Friday, 14th March, 1986, had been circulated to each member.

It was proposed by Deputy F. Fahey, seconded by Senator T. Hussey that Councillors M. O'Morain and P. Raftery attend the Conference. This was agreed.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ryan, seconded by Councillor M. Lynch that Councillors J. Lambert and J. Mannion attend the Conference. This was agreed.

593 - ENTERPRISE CONNACHT/DONEGAL.

The following resolution was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, seconded by Councillor T. Walsh:

"That this Council request the Minister for Finance to approve the proposal that European Commission funds be allocated to Enterprise Connacht/Donegal for the purposes of a community-based regional resource study."

Councillor T. Walsh stated that Enterprise Connacht/Donegal was an umbrella organisation of Community Councils, Chambers of Commerce and Development Association in the counties of Mayo, Sligo, Roscommon, Leitrim, Donegal and North Galway. The organisation would shortly be incorporated as a limited company with community shareholding. The broad aim of the organisation was to promote and facilitate development of the region.

Its emergence was motivated in the hope that regions which prepared integrated community-based development proposals would receive funding from the European Regional Fund. The immediate objective of the Enterprise was to carry out a community-based Resource Study in the region so as to formulate a proposal for an Integrated Development Programme for submission to the E.E.C. ANCO had already agreed to co-finance the Resource Study and the European Commission was prepared to allocate the additional funding required.

Councillor Walsh stated that Galway County Council were requested to pass a motion of support for Enterprise Connacht/Donegal. The Council agreed with the resolution.

594 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1986

The County Manager replied to various queries raised by members in relation to the Estimate of Expenses 1986.

In reply to Councillor P. McCormack, the County Manager indicated that the provision of £10,000 for public lighting was not for the provision of lights at church gates. He stated that this provision was being made after an absence of any provision for public lighting for a number of years in the estimates and that consideration would be given to the provision of as many lights as possible within the allocation available from the list of requests on hand on a priority basis of the most urgent needs.

In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager indicated that a package of proposals had been put forward at national level in an effort to rationalise the position of Rate Collectors. The Minister for the Environment had set a deadline of the 31st May, 1986, for the acceptance of the package. Negotiations had been initiated at local level.

In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager indicated that if the Council wished to provide the £25,000 proposed for the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge project in 1986, such provision would have to come out of the County Road allocations for the Tuam and Oughterard areas. The County Manager also indicated that an Official of the Department of the Environment had told the members of the Bridge Committee that the preparation of a cost benefit analysis study was a pre-requisite to seeking the necessary funds for the project.

In reply to Councillor P. Finnegan, the County Manager indicated that commercial premises were not paying for water rates on the double. If there were not water charges on such premises, the rates levied would be higher.

In reply to Councillor M. O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that a contribution of £103,000 towards the cost of the supplementary welfare arrears had been received by Galway County Council. The County Manager indicated that a fresh examination was being carried out on the level of fire service in the Connemara Area.

In reply to queries from a number of Councillors, the County Manager indicated that the allocation for burial grounds had been increased over last year's figure. The provision in this case was inadequate to meet all of the demands on the Council but some extra money was being provided in an effort to deal with the more urgent cases. The County Manager also indicated that the level of charges in respect of burial grounds, particularly for the burial grounds provided in more recent times, would be reviewed during the year.

595 - ESSENTIAL REPAIRS

Councillor J. Burke welcomed the increase for essential repairs in the Estimate but stated that the provision was still inadequate. Deputy R. Molloy also stated that the provision was inadequate and referred to replies which he had received to notices of motion in recent times. He also stated that if there was an increase in rents that the money accruing should be allocated to essential repairs.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan and agreed that any additional monies that might accrue from an increase in rent in 1986 be allocated to the carrying out of essential repairs and the funding of disabled persons grants.

596 - COURTHOUSES

Councillor J. Burke suggested that the allocation for courthouses be cut back to £50,000. The County Manager indicated that the Council were responsible for the maintenance of courthouses and referred to the situation which arose last year when the Office of Public Works were authorised by the Minister for Justice to carry out certain improvements and to send the bill to the County Council. He indicated that the provision in the Estimates included for the maintenance of the courthouses and only a figure of £29,000 had been included for repairs to Galway and Oughterard Courthouses.

Councillor J. Burke stated that notice of motion money should be increased by a £1,000 per Councillor. The County Manager indicated that the County Roads Maintenance Fund was hardest hit. There were difficulties in relation to the organisation of small jobs which were suggested under notice of motion money as the cost of organisation of these jobs was uneconomic.

Senator U. Burke referred to the inadequacy of the provision of public lighting and mentioned in particular the town of Killimor. He stated that a scheme for public lighting should be submitted to the Department of the Environment as a national secondary road grant job.

597 - EXTENSION TO COUNTY BUILDINGS

Senator U. Burke welcomed the proposal that all the Council Offices be brought

together under the one roof and stated that the Council should go ahead with the extension as outlined by the County Manager in his Estimates report. The proposal to extend the offices was also welcomed by Deputy N. Treacy and by a number of other Councillors. The County Manager noted the Council's approval to the proposal to extend the offices and indicated that the planning of the project would be proceeded with after the adoption of the Estimates.

598 - MID-GALWAY WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION

In reply to Deputy N. Treacy, the County Manager indicated that there was provision for loan charges for this scheme in the Estimates for 1986.

599 - LOUGHREA DUMP

In reply to Deputy N. Treacy, the County Manager indicated that a new dump was required for the Loughrea Area but a site had not yet been acquired. The County Manager in reply to Deputy Treacy indicated that the Council would be experimenting on the extension of the litter warden scheme in the current year.

600 - CONTRIBUTION TO V.E.C.

In reply to Councillor J. Joyce, the County Manager indicated that a legal problem had arisen in relation to the V.E.C. demand and that efforts were being made to resolve it.

Councillor J. Joyce stated that he was not satisfied that sufficient monies had been allocated in the Estimates to cater for the Ballinasloe Area. He referred to the Estimates under a number of headings and asked why more money had not been provided in the Ballinasloe Area. The County Manager indicated that the preparation of the Estimates was not approached on a geographical basis but rather on the basis of greatest need. There was no conscious examination of any area as against any other area.

601 - CHARGES FOR MEAT INSPECTION.

The County Manager indicated that the Meat Inspection By-Laws were being partially implemented and that the system of charges was self financing.

It was agreed on the request of Councillor J. Brennan that details of interest payable by the County Council on the one charges would be made available for the next meeting.

Councillor M. Mullins asked that the provision of an extension at Killure Burial Ground be included in the 1986 Estimates.

Councillor M. Mullins referred to the inadequacy of the control of illegal dumping throughout the county and asked that action be taken in relation to cases that he had submitted to the Council. The County Manager indicated that the control of dumping was difficult legally and that effective action could only be taken if the persons were caught in the act of indiscriminate dumping. A number of prosecutions had been brought and there was a growing awareness regarding indiscriminate dumping.

The County Manager indicated to Councillor Mullins that Ballinasloe Swimming Pool was the property of Ballinasloe Urban District Council and the County Council were making a contribution towards the maintenance costs.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that the Tullycross Water Supply Scheme should be included in the list of works for 1986. He also asked the position regarding the Cashel Burial Ground as the existing burial ground was full. He also asked regarding the provision of suitable fire service in Inishmore in 1986.

Luath an Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail go raibh siul aige go ngeobhadh Connamara i gcion den bloc-deontas in 1986. Rinne se fiosru faoi talamh roilige i Inish Mor. Dúirt se freisin gur cheart lathair cartala a bheith i limistéar mor mar Connemara.

Councillor P. McHugh stated that the public lighting in the town of Headford should be improved and that a light should be provided at the Church in Barna.

He stated that the Notice of Motion money allocated to each Councillor was too small at £2,500 and should be increased to £5,000 per Councillor. He referred to the Group Scheme which had been carried out on the Cloughanover Road and hoped that the road would be widened before resurfacing was provided.

602 - DRAINAGE DEMANDS OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS

A number of Councillors expressed dissatisfaction at the manner in which this demand was being levied on the Council. The County Manager indicated that the Council had responsibility to meet the demands of the Office of Public Works. The hardest hit counties were counties such as Galway, Mayo and Kerry and there was a strong case for a more equitable distribution of the costs. The Council should seek to be relieved of the demands or be granted a subsidy towards the cost of the demand. There should also be a limit on the demand related to the Council's ability to pay it.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce and agreed that the Council request the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss the question of this demand.

603 - ADJOURNMENT OF ESTIMATES MEETING

The Council agreed to adjourn further consideration of the Estimates to a date to be decided on at the Special Meeting of the Council on the 7th March, 1986.

604 - ROADWORKS MEETING

It was agreed that a Special Meeting to consider Roads matters will be held on the 7th March, 1986.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

Michael Kitt
CHAIRMAN

24/3/86
DATE

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3rd March, 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 7th March, 1986 commencing at 3.30 p.m., to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,


E. O'GLAISAIN.

A G E N D A

1. Road Works Scheme 1986 - Copy to follow.
2. Fix date for adjourned Estimates Meeting.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

5u Marta, 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

The following Supplementary Agenda will be considered at the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, 7th March, 1986 at 3.30 p.m. in the County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway.

Mise, le meas,

E. GLEESON,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

- (a) Resolution under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 (adjourned from Meeting of 25th November, 1985.

"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 O'Morain. Thomas Welby. Nioclás O'Conchubhair.

(CONTINUATION OF AGENDA DATED 3rd MARCH, 1986)

NOTICES OF MOTION.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose

3. That Galway County Council undertake a five year programme for the major improvement of the road leading from Canal Stage to Roundstone and that work on the programme commence in 1986.
4. That provision be made in the 1986 Estimates for improvement of the road leading to the Cashel Graveyard at High Cashel, Connemara, Co. Galway.
5. That immediate repairs be carried out to the road leading to Sallerna Beach, Cleggan, Co. Galway.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose.

6. I will propose that Galway County Council submit detailed proposals for the improvement of the National Secondary road from Ballinderreen to Kinvara to the Department of the Environment and press for an allocation of finance for the commencements of those works in the 1986 National Road allocation to Co. Galway.

7. That proposals and estimate of costs for the improvement of dangerous bends at Ballroebuck More, Currandulla be submitted to the Department of Finance with a view to their inclusion in the 1986 Estimates in view of the highly dangerous condition of those bends on a National Secondary Route.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose

8. That improvements to the three bends at Kilmoylan adjacent to the Graveyard at Ballyglunin be carried out.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose

9. That the carpark across from Aille Church, Loughrea be blacktopped in 1986.

CLR. JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose

10. That Galway County Council immediately fill dangerous potholes on Mirah Road, Turloughmore, and also examine this road with a view to providing, especially near entry onto Ballinvoher Road, an inlet where cars can pass one another without having to reverse which is the position now. The entry point also onto the Ballinvoher Road needs to be widened in the interests of safety.

11. That the County Council carry out immediately much needed surface dressing on Grange Road - particularly on area locally known as O'Briens Road.

CLR. TOM WELBY - I will ask

12. What was the total amount of compensation awarded to Mr. Noone of Woodstock in recent court case including legal and other costs - regarding acquisition of land for road works.

CLR. PETER RAFTERY - I will propose

13. That the cross at Rockwood (Ballygar) be properly signposted.

14. That provisions be made in the 1986 Estimates for improvements to the junction at the Forge Cross, Killeroran, Ballygar.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'TUATHAIL - Molaimse

15. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chondae deisiuchan ar bothar an tSleibhe - idir an tra Bhan agus Seipeal Thir an Thia - ta droichead leath titithe ar.

16. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chondae Comharthai Scoile ag Scoil an Cnoc, Leitirmullan.

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr. T. Welby, Vice-Chairman.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors P. Finnegan, P. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, 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. Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Asst. County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. McGowan, S.S.O., T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; K. Hayes, S.E.E., S. McMahon, S.E.E., A. Fleming, S.S.O. Engineering, P. Martin, S.E.E., and R. Faherty, S.E.E.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

605-RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 REGARDING RESURFACING OF BAILE NA H-ABHANN ROAD, CO. GALWAY.

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded Councillor J. Burke.

The following report was circulated to each member:-

"This Section 4 resolution has been adjourned from the Council Meeting of the 25th November, 1985. The position outlined at that Meeting is as follows:

Emergency repair works (filling of potholes) were carried out in 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.

It will be noted from the Road Works Scheme which is being considered at today's Meeting that the total budget for special improvement works on county road reconstruction for 1986 in the Costello area is £25,205. It will be further noted that the total provision for surface dressing in the Costello area in 1986 is £30,000. Because of these requirements it has not been possible to provide for the repairs requested in respect of this road in the Draft Estimates 1986."

Deputy R. Molloy enquired if some of the road could be resurfaced in the current year. The County Engineer gave details of the monies available and indicated that efforts could be made to carry out a patching job on the road but that a complete resurfacing at the cost indicated was necessary. Deputy R. Molloy asked that further consideration be given to carrying out works on some of the road in 1986, and following further discussion it was agreed to adjourn the resolution to the Adjourned Estimates Meeting for further consideration.

606- DATE OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor P. McCormack that the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council be held on Friday, 14th March, 1986.

It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Lambert that the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council be held on Tuesday,

18th March, 1986.

A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. resulted as follows.

For Friday, 14th March, 1986. Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, F. Glynn, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, Dep. R. Molloy, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan and T. Walsh. (11).

For Tuesday, 18th March, 1986. Cllr. J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Cllrs. P. Finnegan, Sen. T. Hussey, Cllrs. J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Dep. N. Treacy and T. Welby. (13)

As a result of the Vote, the Chairman declared that the Adjourned Estimates for 1986 would be held on Tuesday, 18th March, 1986.

607 - ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1986.

The Council considered the Road Works Scheme for 1986 together with the County Engineer's Report dated 17th February, 1986, copies of which had been circulated to each member.

The County Engineer gave details of the various grant allocations and of the road improvement works and road maintenance programme for 1986.

608 - GALWAY EASTERN APPROACH ROAD - ORANMORE BY-PASS.

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, the County Engineer stated that it was expected that the phase of the Oranmore By-Pass now under construction would be completed with one carriageway surfaced dressed and it was hoped that it would be open to traffic by the end of July, 1986. The County Engineer indicated that initial negotiations had commenced regarding the acquisition of land on the link road between the Dublin Road and the roundabout on the Claregalway Road. This road was in a different category for grant purposes. Initial negotiations had commenced and no difficulty was envisaged. The target date for the completion of that section of road was the end of 1986. Deputy F. Fahey stated that the Council should request the Department of the Environment to allocate sufficient funds to provide the second carriageway as the opening of one carriageway only would not be fully satisfactory.

609 - EMPLOYMENT

The County Engineer indicated that he was hopeful that employment could be maintained for 1986. The monies in the Roads Programme of themselves would not maintain full employment but he was hopeful that monies from other areas such as agencies works, local improvement schemes and sanitary services would be available and be sufficient to maintain employment. Concentration would be on jobs of maintenance which would have a higher labour content and the removal of bends involving machine work was not recommended.

610 - TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING AT CLAREGALWAY.

Deputy F. Fahey referred to the provision of £30,000 for traffic route lighting at Claregalway. He stated that lights were also urgently required at Loughgeorge and asked if the allocation could be divided to allow £20,000 for lighting in Claregalway and £10,000 for Loughgeorge. The County Engineer indicated that the provision of one or two lights at Loughgeorge would not meet the requirements and the allocation could not be divided.

611 - ROAD AT CLOCHAR NA LARA.

Councillor N. O'Conchubhair enquired regarding the position of this road. The County Engineer indicated that the Council were carrying out works which would be funded by way of a grant of £30,000 from Udaras na Gaeltachta on the non public portion of the road. This work was being carried out on an agency basis. The first half of the road was a public road but no funds were available

to carry out any improvements. The Council would endeavour to keep that portion of the road maintained within the funds available.

In reply to Councillor O'Conchubhair, the County Engineer indicated that any monies being spent on this road would have to come out of the allocation for the Costello area. In reply to further queries from Councillor O'Conchubhair, the County Engineer indicated that Udaras na Gaeltachta had given the grant of £30,000 and there was no commitment by the Council to match the grant pound for pound as the funds available to the Council were not adequate to do this.

Following further discussions in which Cllr. O'Conchubhair asked that £10,000 of the £30,000 be spent on the first section of the road, it was agreed that the matter be taken up with Udaras na Gaeltachta to clarify the position regarding the grant.

612 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

A number of Councillors expressed the view that the Council should avail of the Social Employment Schemes to a greater extent to carry out roadworks. Some Councillors stated that this was being done in other counties. The County Engineer indicated that a number of social employment schemes were in progress. The possibility of availing of social employment schemes to carry out roadworks had been researched and it was understood that such schemes could not be used on works normally carried out by roadworkers. He undertook to examine the matter further.

Councillor O'Morain stated that the increase of £7,000 in the overall grant allocations was totally inadequate. He expressed disappointment that no Gaeltacht grants were available and referred to the need to have urgent repairs carried out on roads to piers in the Connemara Area.

Councillor M. Ryan referred to two jobs in the Milltown and Mountbellew Engineering Areas, where he stated that materials could be got locally at a cheaper cost than bringing materials from Galway. He indicated that the materials concerned were available locally and he asked the County Engineer to examine the position. The County Engineer undertook to investigate the queries raised by Councillor Ryan. He indicated that tenders are usually invited for the supply of materials to all projects.

Councillor J. Callanan proposed that the Notice of Motion money allocated to each Councillor be increased to £5,000.

Councillor J. Burke asked that yearly reports be made available on the roads programme. The County Engineer indicated that two area roads meetings had been held last year which afforded the members an opportunity to discuss projects in their areas. Councillor J. Burke stated that money allocated for courthouses should be transferred to Notice of Motion money for Councillors.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor P. O'Tuathail that the total allocation for the Road Maintenance Programme 1986 be increased from £1,874,472 to £2,000,000 i.e. an increase of £125,528 and that the demand of the Office of Public Works be reduced by a corresponding figure from £536,735 to £411,227. The Deputy County Manager indicated that such a proposal was appropriate for the Estimates Meeting as it was at that Meeting that the Council could amend the Estimates of the County Manager.

Senator T. Hussey suggested that the removal of bends could be given out to private contractors who he suggested would do the work cheaper.

Councillor M. Mullins referred to an estimate which he had received for a road to be improved from Notice of Motion money. He stated that the Estimate he had received was £6,500 and that a private contractor had indicated that the job would cost £500. The County Engineer undertook to examine the position and stated that he would like to examine the estimate of £500 referred to by Councillor Mullins.

613 - WOODFORD TOWN WATER SUPPLY.

Deputy N. Treacy stated that the water supply for the town of Woodford was totally inadequate at present. He stated that there was a porous pipe leading from the source to the town and that the water was leaking to a considerable extent. He asked that immediate action be taken to remedy the situation.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- 614 - UNDERTAKING OF A FIVE YEAR PROGRAMME FOR THE MAJOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD LEADING FROM CANAL STAGE TO ROUNDSTONE. MOTION BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy R. 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.

No such grants are available for this work in 1986."

- 615 - IMPROVEMENT TO THE ROAD LEADING TO THE CASHEL GRAVEYARD AT HIGH CASHEL, CONNEMARA. MOTION BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy R. Molloy.

"This road is not a County Road and is not in charge of Galway County Council. The road is 0.75 miles long and has a very steep incline (up to 45% in places) over which vehicles other than tractors or landrovers cannot pass. Improvements would have to include for the earthworks involved in providing an easier gradient. The estimated cost of reconstructing and improving this road is £30,000.

This scheme would be low on the Council's order of priorities."

- 616 - REPAIRS TO ROAD LEADING TO SALLERNA BEACH, CLEGGAN, CO. GALWAY. MOTION BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy R. Molloy.

"This road is not a County Road and the County Council have no responsibility in the matter."

- 617 - IMPROVEMENT OF THE NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD FROM BALLINDERREEN TO KINVARA. MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey.

"As no indication of forthcoming finance has been made known to us by the Department of the Environment in relation to this section of National Secondary Road (N.67) it is not possible to appoint staff to carry out a survey and prepare a design and estimate for this work as they are at present engaged in preparing schemes for 1986 in line with current commitments. The design of the section of road, together with the design of all other unrealigned sections of National Secondary Routes is on our list of projects to be tackled as and when there is a prospect of grants being made available."

- 618 - IMPROVEMENT OF DANGEROUS BENDS AT BALLROEBUCK MORE, CURRANDULLA - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey.

"It is unlikely that money will be provided in 1986 for this work. If staff have to be diverted to prepare proposals and estimate costs to make this submission then other work for which money is provided may have to be deferred. In any event, with 150 miles of substandard National Secondary road out of a total of 196, and grants for N.S. work being limited, it is unlikely that this work would rank as the highest priority on the National Secondary network.

If the Council want this submission prepared it can be done but as explained earlier it will interfere with more urgent design work."

- 619 - IMPROVEMENTS OF BENDS AT KILMOYLAN ADJACENT TO THE GRAVEYARD AT BALLYGLUNIN MOTION BY SENATOR M. KILLILEA.

The following written reply was sent to Senator M. Killilea:

"There are no funds available for the carrying out of this type of improvement works."

- 620 - CARPARK AT AILLE CHURCH, LOUGHREA. MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"This type of work is normally only carried out when sponsored by Councillors Notice of Motion monies."

- 621 - FILLING OF POTHoles ON MIRAH ROAD, TURLOUGHMORE. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"The potholes are being attended to at present. There is no proposal to widen the road as requested as there are no funds available."

- 622 - SURFACE DRESSING ON GRANGE ROAD. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"This road is included in Surface Dressing proposals for 1986 and will be undertaken if adequate funds are available."

- 623 - ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ROAD WORKS AT WOODSTOCK, MR. NOONE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY.

Details of the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 17th December, 1984, were given to Councillor Welby which set out the particulars of the Court Awards in this case.

- 624 - CROSS AT ROCKWOOD (BALLYGAR) BE SIGNPOSTED. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. Raftery:

"A report on this matter will be available for the next Meeting."

- 625 - IMPROVEMENTS TO JUNCTION AT THE FORGE CROSS, KILLERORAN, BALLYGAR. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. Raftery:

"The cost of carrying out this work would be prohibitive and is not feasible in the Council's present financial position. However, minor improvements are being costed with a view to improving sight distance at this location."

- 626 - DEISIUCHAN BOTHAR AN tSLEIBHE - IDIR AN TRA BHAN AGUS SEIPEAL THIR AN THIA. MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR P. O'TUATHAIL.

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Chomhairleoir P. O'Tuathail:

"Cosuil leis an chuid is mo de na boithre sa gceantar seo ta drochbhail ar an mbothar seo de bharr easpa airgead. Deirimid iarracht rud eigin a dheanamh den chuid is measa comh luath is feidir."

Deirimid deisiuchan prainne ar an droichid faoi cheann cupla sheachtain."

- 627 - COMHARTHAÍ SCOILE AG SCOIL AN CNOC, LEITIRMULLAN. - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR P. O'TUATHAIL.

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Chomhairleoir P. O'Tuathail:

"Cuirfear na comharthai seo suas comh luath is feidir."

628 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Votes of Sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs Bridget Diviney, Raheen, Gort.
- Mr. Michael Power, Peterswell, Loughrea.
- Mr. & Mrs. Cummins, Kitora, Craughwell.
- Mr. John Allen.
- Mr. & Mrs. Paddy King, Roundstone.
- Mrs. Mulvihill, Tobberoe, Glinsk, Castlerea.
- Mr. Joe Fitzgerald, Carrarea, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. D. Ryan, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Thomas Lynch, Skycur, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.

THIS CONCLUDED THE END OF THE MEETING.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Máel Kitt
CHAIRMAN

24/3/86
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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

7th March, 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, 14th March, 1986 commencing at 3.00 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. "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 for two houses and septic tanks for Pat Collins at Garraun South Oranmore, Galway - Planning Ref. No. 51660."

Mark Killilea	Thomas Welby	John Molloy
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2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant permission to Michael Duggan for erection of a house at Cregboy, Claregalway - Planning Ref. No. 51000."

Mark Killilea	John Molloy	T. Welby.
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3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. John Duggan, Cregboy, Claregalway for erection of a house at Cregboy, Claregalway - Planning Ref. No. 51001."

Mark Killilea	John Molloy	T. Welby.
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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 Paul Lyons, c/o Mullen, Bridge Road, Portumna for erection of house and septic tank at Moyveela, Oranmore - Planning Ref. No. 51560."

Mark Killilea	Noel Treacy	T. Welby.
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- 5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Brian O'Lochlainn, Bridge Street, Headford, Co. Galway for Septic Tank and Extension - at Calla, Roundstone - Planning Ref. No. 51078."

Robert Molloy. N. O'Conchubhair. John Molloy.

- 6. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to P. O'Malley, c/o Leo Mansfield, The Square, Clifden, Co. Galway for a dwelling house at Aillebrack - Planning Ref. No. 51254."

Robert Molloy N. O'Conchubhair. John Molloy.

- 7. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to R. Launay for a dwellinghouse at Ballyconneely - Planning Ref. No. 51636."

John M. Mannion. P. McCormack T. 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 grant Outline Permission to Michael Kennelly, Bunowen, Ballyconneely for the erection of Dwelling House and Septic Tank at Bunowen. - Planning Ref. No. 51614."

Thomas Welby Mark Killilea Micheal S. O'Morain.

OTHER BUSINESS.

- 9. Disposal of Plot of land at Gortrevagh, Oughterard to Mr. Brendan Fahy, Gortacarnaun, Rosscahill, Co. Galway - Notice dated 28th February, 1986 already circulated.
- 10. Disposal of Plot of land at Shangort, Knocknacarra to Mr. J. Commins, Clybawn Road, Galway - Notice dated 19th February, 1986 already circulated.
- 11. Oranmore Sewerage Scheme.
- 12. (A) County Development Plan - Plan for Oranmore Village.
(B) Notice of Motion adjourned from Meeting of 24th February, 1986 -
Senator Mark Killilea, Clrs. John Molloy, Tom Welby and Paddy McHugh
We will propose:
That Galway County Council extend the plans for Oranmore on the West side to extend on the same parallel the extension of the development on either side of the proposed new road to the Gurrane North road to include all the lands from the present boundary to end at the Gurrane North road.
- 13. Galway Eastern Approach Road .

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

28th February, 1986

TO:- EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to sell a plot of land at Gortrevagh, Oughterard, particulars of which are given hereunder.

LAND: Plot of land, area - 0.157 hectares (.387 acres) approximately, together with a right of way thereto measuring 27 metres in length by 6 metres in width, situated in the townland of Gortrevagh, and Electoral Division of Oughterard.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: The Industrial Development Authority, Landsdowne House, Dublin 4.

TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD: Mr. Brendan Fahy, Gortacarnaun, Rosscahill, Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: £6,000

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

Mise, le meas,

E. GLEESON
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19 February, 1986.

To each member of Galway County Council


A Chara,

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to dispose of a plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder:-

<u>LAND:</u>	A plot of land area 0.06 acres situated in the townland of Shangort, Knocknacarra.
<u>TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE TRANSFERRED:</u>	Mr J Commins Clybaun Road, Galway.
<u>CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL:</u>	Galway County Council to Mr J Commins 0.06 acres and a permanent right of way over other Council land. Mr J Commins to Galway County Council 0.05 acres at Shangort, Knocknacarra. No money will change hands.

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.

Mise le Meas


E Gleeson
County Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr. Michael P. Kitt

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, 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, S.E.E. (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Coughlan, Acting Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

629 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51660 - PAT COLLINS.

The Council considered the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

"LOCATION:

The site is located approximately 1/2 mile on the Galway side of Oranmore village on the N.6 Route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been eight Planning Applications already determined on the land trading as Collins Nurseries. A dwellinghouse and store were permitted for Agricultural Purposes originally, but Commercial Retailing of Produce is being carried out and enforcement proceedings have been instituted under the Planning Acts. A subsequent Section 4 grant was made for a house in respect of this applicant who claimed it was for his own accommodation, but he later sold the site to a third party and a further Section 4 grant was passed in favour of the proposed buyer Mr. J. Manning.

PLANNING REF. NO. 51468: Outline Permission refused one month ago for a similar proposal to the present one i.e. two dwellinghouses on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the No. 6 Galway/Dublin Road where the maximum speed limit applies, where traffic flow rates are among the highest in the West of Ireland and at a section which is unrealigned winding and particularly hazardous. The proposal would therefore be in conflict with Chapter 25, Table 25 A of the County Development Plan, which confirm the restrictive policy of successive plans since 1967 relating to this route.

The Section 4 proposal is also contrary to the inter party agreement relating to such motions on the National Primary Route.

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 25.A of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the family housing needs of farmholders. Such a need does not arise in this case."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator M. Killilea and seconded by Councillor T. Welby. Senator Killilea stated that the resolution was not in breach of the agreement among the parties regarding Section 4 resolutions on National Primary Roads. The proposed entrance was not a direct exit onto the National Primary Road but on to an access road. Councillor P. McCormack stated that it was his interpretation of the agreement that the resolution regarding the development proposed was in breach of the all party agreement.

The County Engineer stated that the development proposed was at an exceptionally dangerous section of road and if allowed to go ahead was likely to cause a fatal accident. The original motion granted was for agricultural use only and such permission did not give permission for residential development. The County Engineer indicated that the application was in respect of development along the National Primary Route and constituted development by stealth.

Senator Killilea stated that there would be no further development in the area if permission were given for the two houses involved.

Following further discussion in which details of the agreement on the parties was discussed, it was agreed to adjourn further consideration of the resolution to the March monthly meeting of the Council.

630 - RESOLUTIONS UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS NUMBERS 51000 and 51001 - MICHAEL DUGGAN AND JOHN DUGGAN.

The resolutions as set out on the Agenda were proposed by Senator M. Killilea and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south west of Claregalway Village on the Galway/Tuam National Primary Route N.6.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Whereas there have been no previous applications on this site planning permission has been granted for seven houses to the Duggan Family between 1969 and 1979. One of the permissions - Ref. No. 29885 for 3 houses has not been availed of and will terminate on the 31st January, next.

It is located on a farm accommodation road adjoining the present site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and is outside the development boundary of Claregalway Village. Planning policy is clearly set out in Chapter 25, Table 25.A of the County Development Plan and is similar to policy along this route since the adoption

of the first County Development Plan, i.e. development to be restricted to the housing needs of local farm holders.

The applicant and his brother bought their late brother's farm of 23 acres from his widow and want to sell off two sites to defray the cost of purchase. The proposal is not, therefore, in the allowable categories of development for this route and ought not be permitted.

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 be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority as expressed in Chapter 25 of the County Development Plan, which restricts development along this route to the family housing need of farm holders. Such a need has not been demonstrated in this case."

Senator M. Killilea stated that there was a proposal to extend the speed limits in the area as far as the proposed sites. The Deputy County Manager indicated that the proposal regarding the extension of the speed limits was to change the existing speed limit of 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. and that a 40 m.p.h. speed limit would apply in the area of the site. The County Engineer indicated that at no stage would the proposed houses be within the 30 mile speed limit zone which was a requirement of the Development Plan.

As there were no amendments to the resolutions, the Chairman declared the resolutions as set on the Agenda carried.

631 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51560 - PAUL LYONS.

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

632 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51078 - BRIAN O'LOCHLAINN.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is situated in the Td of Callow on the Ballyconneely to Roundstone Road at the Southern end of Maumeen Lough.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The cottage on the site is a holiday home currently offered for sale. The proposed percolation area would be located only 15 ft. from the shore of Lough Maumeen. The Chief Medical Officer has recommended refusal.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposal to locate a septic tank within 60 ft. of the lakeshore and a percolation area within 15 ft. of the lakeshore would be liable to cause partially treated effluent to infiltrate into Maumeen Lough thus constituting a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Deputy R. Molloy stated that the house in question was in existence for a long time and the applicant wanted to provide modern toilet facilities. He stated that the house was being used only a holiday home and that the effluent from it would be minimal. He stated that the proposed septic tank would be 60 ft. from the road or the lake. The County Engineer stated that the percolation area between the septic tank and the lakeshore would be within 15 ft. from the lakeshore. He gave details of the County Medical Officer's report which indicated that development was likely to cause pollution and that the site was deemed unsuitable by the County Medical Officer.

Deputy Molloy asked if in the case of an existing house there was any modern way in which the applicant could be accommodated. He asked if a double septic tank would suffice. The County Engineer indicated that the proposal did not comply with the Council's requirements. There were other houses in the vicinity of the house and there could be an accumulation of effluent seeping into the lake. He indicated that he inspected the house on the previous week and it appeared to him that the house was occupied. If there were concentrated usage of the house in the summer months, it was the worse possible time for pollution. He indicated that there was an outcrop of rock in the area and that adequate percolation may not be available.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, the Council were informed that the applicant could extend the time and have further trial holes dug to see if a solution could be found. Deputy Molloy indicated that the applicant would extend the time and withdrew the Section 4 resolution.

633 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51254 - P. O'MALLEY.

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

634 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51636 - R. LAUNAY.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council.

"LOCATION:

The site is located off a bohren from the Ballyconneely/Roundstone Road, approximately 1/2 mile from Ballyconneely, at the North West tip of Lettershask Lough.

HISTORY:

- Planning Ref. No. 10361 - Outline Planning Permission granted to Mr. John Conneely for dwellinghouse. This permission has expired.
- Planning Ref. No. 50478 - Permission refused to Mr. R. Launay for similar development to that now proposed on public health grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:

A trial hole was excavated on foot of application Planning Ref. No. 50478. The lands is lowlying and the trial hole was full of water. Refusal was recommended by the Chief Medical Officer. The location of the percolation area is approximately 150 ft. from the lake shore.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The site of the proposed development is low lying and waterlogged and, as has been ascertained by trial hole test, is unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard.
2. The proposed development would, if permitted, by reason of the waterlogged nature of the site and its unsuitability for the treatment of septic tank effluent be liable to cause pollution of the adjacent lake thus constituting a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor P. McCormack, seconded by Councillor T. Welby.

The County Engineer indicated that he had personally inspected the site and the trial hole was over flowing with water. The ground in the area of the proposed septic tank and percolation area was rocky and boggy and in his opinion it would be impossible for a percolation area to work properly. It appeared that the percolation area was above the location of the house and it could not work. There would be a direct run off of effluent which would cause a health hazard.

In reply to Councillor M. Ryan, the County Engineer indicated that there was no viable alternative to a septic tank system in this case. There would be a grave risk of overflowing if a storage tank was allowed.

Councillor Brennan asked regarding the Outline Permission which had been granted under Reference No. 10361. The Deputy County Manager stated that the file was not available at the meeting. In reply to Councillor Brennan, the County Engineer indicated that it appeared that the applicant had other lands which would be further away from the lake. Councillor Brennan proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. There was no seconder for Councillor's Brennan's amendment and as there were no further amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

635 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51614 - MICHAEL KENNELLY.

The Deputy County Manager submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each member of the Council.

"LOCATION:

The site is located immediately to the West of the old Atlantic Alginates factory on the road from Ballyconneely to Aillefrack.

HISTORY:

- Planning Ref. No. 17002: Permission granted for dwellinghouse and septic tank. This permission was extended to 31st Oct. 1986. No. development has taken place.
- Planning Ref. No. 38974: An application for a 2nd dwellinghouse on the site was refused by the Planning Authority and an appeal by An Bord Pleanala on the grounds of health hazard.
- Planning Ref. No. 41289: Another application for a 2nd dwellinghouse on the site was refused by the Planning Authority on public health grounds.
- Planning Ref. No. 45150: An application for a 2nd dwellinghouse, on the Eastern half of the site with the septic tank located to the rear of the site, on other lands, was refused by the Planning Authority on public health grounds.
- Planning Ref. No. 51253: A similar proposal to 17002 was refused by the Planning Authority on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer on public health grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This present application is similar to the proposals contained in Planning Ref. No. 17002 which is still valid having been extended until 31st October, 1986 Under the Planning Acts, the applicant could commence development, and at the end of October could apply for an extension of time to complete the dwellinghouse.

The applicant has this permission since August 1974 and has not commenced development. He has not claimed any housing need. The purpose of this application would appear to be to extend the life of the permission by a further 5 years.

The site is bounded by a lake at the rear and by a stream on the Eastern side which drains into lowlying land to the south. The site has been inspected by the Chief Medical Officer who has recommended refusal of the application on the grounds of public health hazard.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development would involve the construction of a septic tank and percolation area within 100 ft. of both the adjacent lake and stream which would be contrary to public health requirements and the provisions of the County Development Plan and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard."

In reply to Councillor Welby who enquired if the applicant could erect a bungalow instead of the two storey house for which planning permission existed, the County Engineer indicated that he would have to apply for permission of a change of house plan. Councillor Welby withdrew the Section 4 resolution as set out on the Agenda.

636 - COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PLAN FOR ORANMORE VILLAGE.

Senator M. Killilea proposed the following resolution:

"That Galway County Council extend the plans for Oranmore on the West side to extend on the same parallel the extension of the development on either side of the proposed new road to the Gurrane North Road to include all the lands from the present boundary to end at the Gurrane North Road."

The Deputy County Manager indicated that the terms of the motion were not specific enough to indicate what type of zoning was intended. Senator Killilea submitted the following amendment:-

"That the industrial and residential zoning shown, respectively, North and South of the proposed Eastern Approach Road on Map No. P. 3 in the County Development Plan relating to the Village of Oranmore be extended westward as far as the Gurraun South Road."

The County Secretary read the following report:-

"The zoning of the land between the railway line and the Galway-Oranmore Road for residential use is not recommended for the following important reasons.

(1) It would extend the boundary of Oranmore towards Galway City leading to pressure for the ultimate merging of the City and Village. This would militate against the development of the separate identity and cohesiveness of Oranmore as a village.

The previous Oranmore Plan strongly recommended the zoning of the land at Thornpark as Residential for the same reason. Its recommendation was not accepted and this subsequently caused major planning problems. This present proposal would be even more undesirable.

- (2) The area presently zoned for housing is ideally located away from the By Pass Road. The southern section of this zone adjoins the sea, is not interrupted by a major road along the sea front.
- (3) The cost of servicing this land would be uneconomical because of its remoteness from the sewage treatment and outfall point. It would be out of phase with the present drainage scheme proposals.
- (4) The land already zoned is more than adequate for the needs of the next 20 to 40 years. It can accommodate up to 10,000 persons if required. It would be most extravagant to service additional unnecessary land."

The County Engineer indicated that the proposed extension would add the equivalent of a further 2,500 people to the Oranmore Area. It would require a review of the plans of the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme and pumping of sewerage would be required. There would also be serious implications for re-zoning of lands which were necessary for the construction of the Eastern Approach Road and there could be serious cost implications involved.

Senator Killilea stated that he had proposed that this extension be made in the Oranmore plan on two previous occasions and that the Council had agreed to the extension. He quoted details of development being allowed in the area. The Deputy County Manager indicated that the minutes had been checked and the proposal outlined by Senator Killilea was not contained in them.

Councillor P. McCormack stated that he would like to see a more detailed map of the proposal and to see how existing services would be affected.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Engineer indicated that there was more than adequate land zoned already in Oranmore for residential purposes. If the land involved was to be serviced the pumping of sewage could arise which would be very expensive in the long term. He indicated that the area involved was about 100 acres of land which would have to be serviced. He did not see the point of zoning further lands for industrial or residential purposes as there was enough land zoned in the area for the next 20 to 40 years.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that it was essential that the Council should have all the information necessary before a decision was made on the proposal. He was concerned that the sewerage scheme might have to be redesigned in a major way and he was not anxious to create an obstacle at this stage in the provision of a sewerage scheme for Oranmore. He was also concerned that extra pumping would be required with constant additional costs of maintenance.

Following further discussion Senator Killilea stated that he was withdrawing the Notice of Motion before the Council because of the cost and the other implications outlined by the County Engineer.

637 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME:

The Council were informed that the Report on the Phase 2 Tidal Surveys being carried out by An Foras Forbartha was due in April 1986. Following examination of the Report and consideration with the Consultants and Department of Fisheries Inspectors, it was intended to amend the present Preliminary Report for the Sewerage Scheme. Following approval of the Preliminary Report, a licence would be sought from the Department of Communications under the Foreshore Act, 1933. Subject to the granting of a licence, Contract Documents would be prepared and Departmental approval would be sought to seeking Tenders for the construction of the scheme. The Deputy County Manager stated that an approximate timetable would be as follows:

Report from An Foras Forbartha - end of April 1986. Discussions with Department of fisheries by end of May 1986. Preparation of Preliminary Report by end of August, 1986. Department sanction to Preliminary Report by end of 1986. Licence under Foreshore Act, Preparation of Contract Documents, Department sanction to Contract Documents, Invitation and acceptance of Tenders by second half of 1987. Target date for completion - 1990.

The Deputy County Manager indicated that the foregoing timetable was only an approximate one and was dependent on getting approval to the various stages, some of which were outside the control of the Council.

Deputy F. Fahey stated that there had been serious delays in the provision of a sewerage scheme for Oranmore. The Council now had got some idea of the timetable and he accepted that it may not be possible to adhere to the timetable if the necessary approvals were not forthcoming to the various stages. Nevertheless the Council had a tentative timetable to work to and any delays arising could be identified at the various stages. It was important that the next stages in the planning of the scheme be anticipated and the Council should seek funds from the Government for the provision of the scheme. Councillor P. McCormack stated that there were a number of steps to go through in getting the scheme to construction stage and that the time schedule could be upset in a number of ways.

Deputy R. Molloy referred to the length of time that the scheme was in planning and stated that public money had been wasted in the planning of the scheme. It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor M. Lynch that the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme be placed on the Agenda for the April Meeting so that the position could be kept under review. Deputy Molloy stated that a monthly report should be made available to the Council giving the up to date position. He asked for details of expenditure to date on the planning of the scheme and if monies had been wasted in designing a scheme which had to be subsequently scrapped because of inadequate information. A number of Councillors referred to the delays involved in the planning of the scheme and asked that a further report be brought to the April Meeting of the Council.

The Deputy County Manager stated that he wished to assure the members of the Council that no mistake had been made in the planning of the scheme and that no money had been wasted. The dates which he had outlined were dependent on no difficulties arising. The Council had no details at this stage of any local objections that might arise or when capital monies would be made available for the construction of the scheme. He indicated that the scheme was now number one on the priority list for major sewerage schemes and no major delays were envisaged. Mr. J. Howlett stated that details of the costs requested by Deputy Molloy would be made available at the April Meeting. He gave details of the history of the scheme and stated that the first changes had been made on the basis of a resolution of the Council and that further changes had been made as a result of objections received and on the basis of additional information. The reports prepared were based on the best available information at the time. Mr. Howlett indicated that the Council were endeavouring to liaise with the Department of Fisheries but he did not know if there would be further objections to the Council's proposal at this stage. Mr. Howlett stated that the target dates as set out in the Sanitary Services Programme Progress Report as at 31st December, 1985, were the target dates for the completion of the planning of the scheme in 1987 and the construction of the scheme by 1990. It was agreed that the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme would be placed on the Agenda for the April Meeting of the Council.

638 - GALWAY EASTERN APPROACH ROAD.

The Council were informed that no reply had been received from the Minister for the Environment to its request that monies be provided for the provision of overbridges on the Oranmore By-Pass. Councillor M. Fahy asked that a report making the case for the overbridges, be prepared. The County Engineer stated that he had already indicated that he could not recommend the construction of the overbridges. If, however, the money was provided for their provision, they could be constructed.

639 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT GORTREVAGH, OUGHTERARD.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:
"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land (.387 acres) together with a right of way thereto measuring 27 metres in length by 6 metres in width, situated in the townland of Gortrevagh,

to Mr. Brendan Fahy, Gortacarnaun, Rosscahill, Co. Galway, in accordance with Notice dated 28th February, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946, which had been circulated to each member of the Council."

640 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT SHANGORT.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy and seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land area 0.06 acres situated in the townland of Shangort, Knocknacarra, to Mr. J. Commins, in accordance with Notice dated 19th February, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each member of the Council."

641 - BILLE CEARTA DON GHAEILGE:

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir Seosamh O Braonain, d'aontaigh an Comhairle leis an run seo leanas:

"Go n-iarann an Comhairle Chontae ar an Rialtas tacaíocht agus aitheantas a thabhairt do Bille Cearta don Ghaeilge ata a chur os a gcomhair ag Connra na Gaeilge."

642 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was passed with the following:

The Murphy Family, Kiloughter, Castlegar, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Mabel Kitt CHAIRMAN

28th April 1986 DATE

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TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Tuesday, 18th March, 1986 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

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A G E N D A

- (1) Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 (adjourned from Meeting of the 7th March, 1986).
"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 O'Morain. Thomas Welby. Nioclas O'Conchubhair.
- (2) Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1986.
(Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already circulated).
- (3) Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR:

Mr. Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor 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. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; J. Howlett, Asst. County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer, K. Hayes, R. Faherty, S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineers; T. McGowan, A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; T. Coughlan, Acting Senior Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer and G. Conway, Staff Officer.

643 RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955,
RE-SURFACING OF BAILE NA h-ABHANN ROAD, CO. GALWAY FROM TULLY CROSSROADS TO THE
PIER.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that this resolution had been adjourned from the Special Roadworks Meeting. He asked if any monies could be allocated to making a start on the works necessary on this road in 1986. Deputy Molloy referred to his proposal at the Special Roadworks Meeting that the provision for County Roads Maintenance be increased to £2 million and that the necessary monies required to bring the provision to that amount be deducted from the demand of the Office of Public Works.

The County Manager indicated that there were difficulties in relation to improvement of roads over a number of years because of insufficient funds and to allocate monies for the total re-surfacing of this road would create difficulties in other areas. He would consult with the County Engineer regarding the Roads allocations before they were finalised and he would request the County Engineer to endeavour to carry out some works on the road involved in 1986. Deputy Molloy indicated that on the basis of the County Manager's reply, he would withdraw the Section 4. resolution.

644 VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane, the Council passed a vote of sympathy with the families of the late Norman Dowling and John Mitchell, who had died tragically in a drowning accident in Loughrea on the previous day. All the members associated themselves with the vote of sympathy and paid tribute to the efforts of the various bodies and people involved in the search operations.

On the proposal of Deputy N. Treacy, the Council passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Norman Morgan, Town Commissioner, Loughrea, on the death of his aunt.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Council passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. P. Martin, Senior Executive Engineer, on the death of his mother.

The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated himself with the votes of sympathy.

Votes of Sympathy were also passed with the following:

Mr. T. Lambert & Family, Cloon, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mr. Dan Corry, Lake Road, Loughrea.

Mr. Patrick Burke, Killaan, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Peter Mitchell, Ballybane, Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The Council adjourned for a short period as a mark of respect.

On resumption, Councillor N. O'Conchubhair enquired regarding the up to date position on the Clochar na Lara Road. Mr. S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer, stated that the Council were communicating with Udaras na Gaeltachta to establish if Udaras would agree to the suggestion that £10,000 of the £30,000 grant being made available, could be spent on the first section of the road. In reply to Councillor O'Conchubhair, Mr. McMahon stated that the Council did not have sufficient funds to meet the additional cost of £26,000 necessary to carry out all the improvements required on the road involved.

645 - WATER CHARGES

Councillor M. Loughnane stated that he was against any increases in the present level of water charges. A number of Councillors supported Councillor Loughnane. Councillor M. Ryan referred to the charges made on the Moylough/Kilkerrin Water Scheme and stated that a 5% increase would be a substantial one on the people involved. The County Manager indicated that the revenue which would accrue from the proposed increases in water charges and commercial rates were as follows:

Water Supplies for Domestic Purposes	-	£23,447
Water Supplies for Commercial Purposes	-	£ 7,243
and Rates	-	£113,570

making a total figure of £144,260.

646 - DEMAND OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

A number of Councillors referred to the unfairness of the manner in which this demand was made. Senator M. Killilea stated that he would propose that no provision be made for the demand for the Office of Public Works in 1986 and that the savings involved be put to the making of no increases in charges for services or in rates. He referred to the stand made by the Council in the case of the supplementary welfare demand and stated that the County Council should now take similar action regarding the Office of Public Works demand. He was supported by Councillor P. McHugh.

Deputy R. Molloy referred to the motion which he had proposed at the Special Roadworks Meeting that the allocation for County Roads Maintenance be increased from £1,874,472 to £2,000,000 and that the demand of the Office of Public Works be reduced by a corresponding figure of £125,528 i.e. a reduction in the demand from £536,735 to £411,207. Councillor J. Burke seconded Deputy Molloy's proposal. The County Manager indicated that demands for drainage maintenance had been made on County Councils since 1945. Demands became a problem when local authorities ceased to be significant rating authorities. Galway County Council had paid the demands and the increase in such demands in proportion to the increases being allocated to the Council in rate support grants. The Office of Public Works was under the control of the Minister for Finance and the Department of Finance had the power to withhold the amount of the demand from grants payable to the Council. If no provision was made in the Estimate of Expenses for the payment of the demand, the County Manager indicated that he would be obliged to report to the Minister of the Environment that the rate was inadequate. He stated that the Council were not justified legally under any circumstances in making no provision for the demand. The Council had always made a reasonable and fair minded attempt to meet the demand by reference to the increase in revenues available to it on the same basis as the Council had dealt with the supplementary welfare demand. This approach had helped the Council legally in the case of the supplementary welfare demand. There was a serious financial problem in relation to the accumulation of arrears claimed by the Office of Public Works and this matter would have to be seriously dealt with in the coming year.

647 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS

In reply to Councillor M. Loughnane, the County Manager indicated that no

substantial interest had accrued on the cost of carrying the higher education grants because of the Council's general cash flow position last year. The risk of paying substantial interest charges on the amounts involved was however always there.

648 - LOUGHREA SEWERAGE SCHEME

Councillor M. Loughnane stated that the provision of £9,000 for improvement works at Loughrea Sewerage Works should be reviewed. He hoped that the Council would proceed with the acquisition of a site for the new works without delay as the present works were inadequate.

649 - PUBLIC LIGHTING

A number of Councillors referred to the inadequacy of the provision of £10,000 in the Estimates for new public lights. Senator M. Killilea stated that he would propose that the provision for improvements of courthouses of £29,000 be deleted from the Estimates and that the provision for public lighting be increased by the resultant saving after the necessary adjustments had been made on the County at large charge. Councillor P. Finnegan stated that he would second Senator Killilea's proposal.

The County Manager indicated that no programme for the provision of public lighting had yet been determined. When the Estimate was adopted the proposals which had been submitted by the members of the Council over the years would be examined and a programme would be developed for the provision of lights within the allocation available. Councillor M. Fahy asked that the provision of lights at Clarinbridge/Loughrea Road, Gort and Ardahan be considered. Councillor T. Welby asked that two lights be considered for Cornamona. Councillor P. McCormack asked that the provision of lights be considered at Claren Church, Killannin and Roscahill. Councillor N. O'Conchubhair asked that a public light be erected adjacent to the Comprehensive School at Carraroe. Councillor T. Walsh asked that additional public lighting be provided in the village of Ballymoe and that at least one light be provided near the Funeral Parlour on the Castlerea Road.

650 - ARTS GRANTS

Senator M. Killilea welcomed the increased provision for Arts Grants from £7,000 to £18,000.

651 - MAINTENANCE OF WATER SUPPLIES.

In reply to Senator M. Killilea, who queried the provision of £981,000 for the maintenance of water supply schemes, the County Manager indicated that the Council had an enormous network of water supply schemes throughout the county. The provision in the Estimates included for the wages of caretakers, pumping costs, treatment costs and payment to Galway Corporation for water supplied.

652 - FIRE FIGHTING COSTS.

In reply to Senator M. Killilea, the County Manager indicated that the provision in the Estimates was the figure required for the maintenance of the fire service for 1986. The Fire Service was one which the Council must provide in full and there were no savings available in the provision made in the Estimates.

653 - MAINTENANCE OF COURTHOUSES.

Senator M. Killilea stated that the cost of the maintenance and improvement of courthouses should be a matter for the Department of Justice and he proposed that no provision be made for special repairs in 1986. He was supported by a number of Councillors. The County Manager indicated that the provision in the Estimates included for maintenance and improvement works. The maintenance included caretaker wages, cost of heating and lighting and emergency repairs. The provision for improvements at Galway and Oughterard Courthouses was £29,000. The County Manager indicated that there was a legal obligation on the Council to maintain courthouses and referred to the position which obtained in 1985 when the Minister for Justice had instructed the Office of Public Works to carry out certain works at Galway Courthouse and charged the cost of same to the County Council.

654 - ROAD RESTORATION COSTS FOR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager indicated that the cost of road reinstatement was grant aided as part of the normal cost of a group scheme.

655 - HOUSING RENTS

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, the County Manager indicated that the increase in housing rents reflected additional houses coming into the housing stock in 1986. No details of any proposals to increase rents were available.

The County Manager indicated that the Council had agreed at a previous meeting that any increase in rents that might accrue would be spent on essential repairs and disabled persons grants.

656 - CHARGES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION.

A number of Councillors stated that charges for refuse collection should not be made on the people not availing of the service. The County Manager indicated that the law entitled the Council to charge in such circumstances. Charges had to be made on people along the collection routes and if people opted out the continuation of the collection route would be uneconomic and the collection service could not be continued.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager indicated that the Council had the right under the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1985 to fix the charges for domestic refuse collection but that it was not envisaged that members would become involved in charges in respect of individual cases. The Council fixed the rate of charge and it was the function of the Manager to collect the charges.

657 - ROAD AT MART IN ATHENRY

Councillor M. Lynch referred to the congestion which occurred on the road adjacent to the Mart in Athenry and asked that the County Engineer consult with the Management of the Mart in an effort to improve the situation. He was supported by Councillor J. Callanan.

658 - BURIAL GROUNDS

A number of Councillors referred to the need to extend or provide new burial grounds at certain locations. Councillor J. Callanan asked that the burial ground at Killabawn, Ballinasloe, be extended in 1986. Councillor N. O'Conchubhair asked that improvement works be carried out at Lettermore and Lettermullen Burial Grounds. Councillor M. Mullins asked that consideration be given to extending Killure and Ahascragh Burial Grounds in 1986. Councillor T. Welby stated that he had submitted a list of graveyards for improvements under the Social Employment Schemes and asked that the graveyards concerned to given consideration in 1986 under the Social Employment Schemes. He also stated that an extension was urgently necessary to the Cashel Burial Ground. Councillor P. McCormack asked that the question of burial ground at Moycullen be reviewed urgently as people from the parish had to be buried recently in burial grounds outside the parish.

659 - PRINTING AND POSTAGE

Councillor J. Brennan stated that members expenses should be reduced by £10,000 and that the provision for printing and postage should be reduced by £10,000 also. He stated that the provision for foreign travel should be taken out of the Estimates and that the provision for library books be reduced by £12,000. The County Manager indicated that the Estimate for printing and postage was realistic and that increases in postage and telephone charges were proposed in 1986. He stated that there had been drastic cuts in the provision of library books two years ago and that the provision for books had been restored in 1985. It was necessary to provide books when building and staff were available in the Library Service and the provision for books was relatively small.

660 - COUNCILLORS NOTICE OF MOTION MONEY.

A number of Councillors stated that the provision for Councillors Notice of Motion money was inadequate at £2,500 per Councillor. There were a number of proposals that this provision be substantially increased. The County Manager indicated that there was a shortage of money in road maintenance and any increases would have to be found out of the Road Maintenance Programme. He proposed that after the Estimates were adopted to discuss the matter with the County Engineer and to examine whether any increases could be allowed under this heading to each Councillor.

661 - KILLIMOR/GURTYMADDEN ROAD AT HEARNSBROOK

In reply to Senator U. Burke, the County Manager indicated that no grants were available for improvements on this road in 1986. The Council would be examining the matter afresh in 1986.

Senator U. Burke referred to the litter problems which had arisen in Loughrea. He referred also to the indiscriminate dumping which has taken place adjacent to Kilteskil Graveyard and stated that there was a urgent need for the provision of a dump in Loughrea. Senator Burke stated that there was need to review the signposting to villages in the County and proposed that adequate signs be erected to indicate the village of Mullagh.

662 - ANNUAL REPORT

In reply to Senator U. Burke, the County Manager indicated that consideration would be given to the preparation of an annual report in respect of the year ending 1986.

663 - REGIONAL ROADS

Councillor N. O'Conchubhair proposed that the allocation for improvement works at Killeen be transferred to carry out works on the Regional Road to Carraroe. Councillor M. O'Morain seconded Councillor O'Conchubhair's proposal. It was agreed following discussion that this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor N. O'Conchubhair asked that the Council consult with Udaras na Gaeltachta to ensure that proper roads are provided into Fish Farms.

664 - G.A.A. PROPERTIES.

The Council agreed with the following resolution which was proposed by Councillor J. McDonagh.

"That the Galway County Council recommends that the Gaelic Athletic Association be granted community status and accordingly under the provisions of the Local Government Management Provisions Act 1978 be entitled from relief of rates on its club houses, dressing rooms and non profit making community centres".

The County Manager indicated that the resolution would be submitted to the Minister for the Environment.

665 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Councillor M. Fahy asked that road improvements be carried out to roads in the South Galway area. He referred to roads at Ardrahan, and to flooding on the Rinvilla Road near Oranmore. He also stated that improvements were necessary on the Ballinderry/Kinvara Road.

Councillor Fahey asked that surface dressing be carried out at Newtown, Kilcolgan outside the house of Miss Delia St. George.

Councillor T. Welby asked that improvements be carried out to various roads

including Lough Inagh Road, road at Kylemore and Leenane to Clonbur, and Cornamona/Clonbur Road.

Councillor Welby asked that the refuse collection service be carried out on the Kylemore/Letterfrack Area as the refuse collection truck was already passing through the area. Councillor Welby asked that the question of purchasing dust privately for gritting while such dust was available at Tonabrocky Quarry be investigated. Councillor Welby also asked that the Leenane G.A.A. be considered for a substantial amenity grant in 1986.

Councillor P. Finnegan asked that improvement works be carried out at the Fairgreen Estate at Tuam.

666 - FIRE BRIGADE CHARGES ON TENANTS OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

Councillor J. Joyce asked that the fee in respect of fire brigade call-out not be charged in respect of tenants of Council houses. The County Manager undertook to examine the position.

667 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES.

Deputy F. Fahey stated that the Social Employment Schemes should be used to employ people on water tables or road maintenance. The County Manager indicated that the Social Employment Schemes were subject to scrutiny by the unions representing Council workers and that the unions had sought a guarantee that schemes would not be implemented in respect of work which roadworkers would normally do. The consent of the union was necessary before any scheme commenced. The matter could be discussed again with the Unions involved.

668 - AMENDMENT OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES:

It was proposed by Deputy F. Fahey, seconded by Deputy N. Treacy and resolved:

"That the Estimate of Expenses for 1986 be amended to provide for no increase in the rate over the 1985 figure and for no increase in charges for services over the 1985 rates of charges and that the drainage demand of the Office of Public Works be reduced by the resultant reductions in income as a result of these amendments."

668 A - CHARGES FOR SERVICES TO DOMESTIC PREMISES.

The County Manager outlined the provisions of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1985 which gave the power to make charges for services provided in respect of domestic premises to the elected members. He advised that it was necessary for the members of the Council to pass resolutions making charges for water supplied for domestic purposes and for the making of charges for domestic refuse collection at this stage.

669 - RESOLUTION MAKING CHARGES FOR WATER SUPPLIED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES:

It was proposed by Deputy F. Fahey, seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane and resolved:

"That in accordance with Section 65A of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962 (No. 26 of 1962) as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, (No. 21 of 1983) as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1985 (S.I. No. 341 of 1985) and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charges be made for water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes for the period commencing the 1st April, 1986, up to and including the 31st March, 1987, such charges to be payable in two equal moieties, the first moiety payable on 1st May, 1986, and the second moiety payable on the 1st July, 1986.

	<u>CHARGE</u>
Any Domestic Premises where water is used for Domestic Purposes.	£50

Group Water Supply Schemes where such Schemes are in existence for 10 years or less.

Any domestic premises where water is used for domestic purposes.	£25
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Group Water Supply Schemes where such Schemes are in existence for over 10 years.

Any domestic premises where water is used for Domestic Purposes.	£40
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A Group Water Supply Scheme shall be deemed to be in existence from the date on which a connection is made with the Public Water Supply as certified by the County Secretary."

670 - RESOLUTION MAKING CHARGES FOR DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No.2) Act, 1983 as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1985 (S.I. No. 341 of 1985) and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 -1964 and having regard to the Provisions of the Scheme for Waiving of Charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charges be made in respect of Domestic Refuse Collection by Galway County Council for the period commencing the 1st April, 1986, up to and including the 31st March, 1987, such charge to be payable on the 1st April, 1986.

<u>Domestic Premises</u>	<u>CHARGE</u>
Weekly Collection	£25
Fortnightly Collection	£15"

In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that as the Council had fixed charges for domestic purposes at the same rates as applied in 1985, it was his intention to do likewise in relation to charges for non-domestic purposes.

671 - AMENDMENT OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1986:

It was proposed by Senator M. Killilea, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan and agreed:-

"That the 1986 Estimate of Expenses be amended by increasing the provision of public lighting by the nett amount available to the County Council from the reduction of the provision of £29,000 in the Estimates for improvement to courthouses."

Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer, stated that since the Estimates had been prepared, the demand of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees had been received. The amount demanded was £1,205 in excess of what was provided in the Estimates.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor T. Welby and agreed that the Estimate of Expenses for 1986 be amended by increasing the expenditure on Lough Corrib Navigation by £1,205 and that expenditure on staff training be reduced by the resultant net figure.

Mr. E. Lusby stated that it was necessary to make an additional provision for malicious injuries for additional decrees received since the Estimates had been prepared.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Councillor M. Mullins and resolved:-

"that the Estimate of Expenses for 1986 be amended by increasing the expenditure on malicious injuries by £21,815 and that the income from malicious injuries be amended by a corresponding figure."

Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer, stated that the allocation for Local Improvement Schemes had been received after the preparation of the Estimates. The allocation was £10,000 less than the amount provided in the Estimates.

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

"that the Estimate of Expenses for 1986 be amended by a reduction of £10,000 for Local Improvement Schemes and that the income from Local Improvement Schemes be reduced by a corresponding figure."

Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer, explained that the estimate of expenses as presented to Councillors contained provisions for road grants in accordance with grant commitments notified by the Department of the Environment. As had been outlined at the various Estimates Meetings and the Special Roadworks Meeting on 7th March, 1986, the amounts available for spending on road grants would have to be related to the actual cash allocations for the year from the Department of the Environment. This required contra amendments on the expenditure and income sides of the Estimates. The Council agreed that the necessary amendments be made.

672 - AMENDMENTS TO ESTIMATES 1986.

As a result of all of the foregoing proposals, it was proposed by Deputy F. Fahey, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan and resolved that:

"The Estimate of Expenses for 1986 be amended as follows:

that:-

- Programme 2 (2.1.1.) Page 10, Expenditure on National Primary Road Upkeep be reduced from £571,000 to £532,000.
 (2.1.2.) Page 10, Expenditure on National Secondary Road Upkeep be reduced from £845,000 to £745,000.
 (2.1.6.) Page 10, Expenditure on Public Lighting be increased from £164,230 to £184,592.
 (2.2.1.) Page 10, Expenditure on National Primary Road Improvement be reduced from £1,825,000 to £1,410,375.
 (2.2.2.) Page 10, Expenditure on National Secondary Road Improvement be reduced from £707,000 to £557,887.
 (2.2.4.) Page 10, Expenditure on Regional Road Improvements and Special Grants be reduced from £475,000 to £199,168.
 (2.2.5.) Page 10, Expenditure on County Road Improvement be reduced from £394,000 to £370,663.
 (2.2.7.) Page 10, Expenditure on Local Improvement Schemes be reduced from £220,000 to £210,000.
 (2.9.1.) Page 12, Income from national Primary Road Upkeep be reduced from £571,000 to £532,000.
 (2.9.1.) Page 12, Income from national Secondary Road Upkeep be reduced from £845,000 to £745,000.
 (2.9.2.) Page 12, Income from National Primary Road Improvement be reduced from £1,825,000 to £1,410,375.
 (2.9.2.) Page 12, Income from National Secondary Road Improvement be reduced from £707,000 to £557,887.
 (2.9.2.) Page 12, Income from Regional Road Improvement and Special Grants be reduced from £475,000 to £199,168.
 (2.9.2.) Page 12, Income from County Road Improvement be reduced from £394,000 to £370,663.
 (2.9.5.) Page 12, Income from Local Improvement Schemes be reduced from £220,000 to £210,000.
- Programme 3 (3.0.1.) Page 15, Income from Charges for water be reduced from £684,600 to £653,910.

- Programme 6 (6.3.3.) Page 21, Expenditure on Corrib Navigation be increased from £9,300 to £10,505.
 Programme 7 (7.1.4.) Page 24, Expenditure on O.P.W. Arterial Drainage be reduced from £536,755 to £386,300.
 Programme 8 (8.5.1.) Page 27, Expenditure on Courthouses be reduced from £99,770 to £70,770.
 (8.6.2.) Page 27, Expenditure on Malicious Injuries be increased from £128,185 to £150,000.
 (8.9.2.) Page 29, Income from Malicious Injuries be increased from £1,458,985 to £1,480,800.
 (8.9.3.) Page 29, Income from Bounty in Lieu of Rates be reduced from £171,165 to £159,970.
 (8.9.4.) Page 29, Income from Fisheries Rate Recoupment be reduced from £42,620 to £39,835.
 (8.0.0.) Page 29, Income from County Borough Compensation be reduced from £91,080 to £82,960.
- Support Services. Item 16, Page 30, Expenditure on Staff Training be reduced from £21,000 to £19,841.

"That a reduction be made in the proposed rate increase of 7% over 1985 rate to a rate equal to 1985 rate, i.e., £20.62 in £1 and that the consequent amendments to (a) Domestic Rate Grant Adjustment figure in Programme 8 and (b) Tables A and B1, be made, and that Consequential Amendments in respect of apportioned Administration to the Estimate of Expenses 1986, as presented to the Council on Expenditure, and Grant in lieu of Rates on land on Income, be made as follows:

Apportioned Administration

		<u>Increases</u>	<u>Reductions</u>
Programme	1		680.00
	2		22560.00
	3		430.00
	4	250.00	
	5	8480.00	
	6	4590.00	
	7	9030.00	
	8	161.00	

Grant in Lieu of Rates on Land

		<u>Increases</u>	<u>Reductions</u>
Programme	1	7180	
	2	21770	
	3	29400	
	4	2030	
	5	14300	
	6	7520	
	7		78170
	8		4030

673 - ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1986.

It was proposed by Deputy F. Fahey, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt for the financial year ending 31st December, 1986, the Estimate of Expenses as amended, set out in Tables A, B1, and D, and hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimates as amended the rates set out in Column 10 of Table B1, and Column 7 of Table D to be the Rates in the pound to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1 and in Table D."

The prescribed certificate was then signed.

674 - DEMAND ON URBAN AUTHORITY.

It was proposed by Deputy F. Fahey, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan and resolved:-

"That the Statutory Demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1986, be sealed and signed."

The Demand was then sealed and signed.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.
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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Mark Kiff CHAIRMAN

28th April 1986 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH

18u Marta, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHONHAIRLE.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Goirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 24u la Marta, 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 grant Outline Permission for two houses and septic tanks for Pat Collins at Garraun South, Oranmore, Galway - Planning Ref. No. 51660".

Mark Killilea

Thomas Welby

John 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 grant Permission to Sean O'Malley for the erection of a dwelling house and septic tank at Derrylaura, Oughterard - Planning Ref. No. 51064".

Thomas Welby

Mark Killilea

Frank Fahey.

Other Business.

3. MINUTES.

Council Meetings.

- (a) Special Meeting held on 14th February, 1986.
- (b) Monthly Meeting held on 24th February, 1986.
- (c) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 28th February, 1986.
- (d) Special Roads Meeting held on 7th March, 1986.

Committee Meetings.

- (e) Rinville Park Committee held on 23rd January, 1986.

4. Material Contravention of County Development Plan - Planning Application by Michael Davorn for a dwelling house at Freeport, Barna, Ref. No. 50937.
5. Sale of house to James & Teresa Parker, Flaskaghbeg, Dunmore in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 (as amended) - Section 83 Notice dated 11th March, 1986 already circulated.
6. Sale of plot of land at Moycullen to Ms. Nora McLoughlin in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966 - Section 83 Notice dated 13th March, 1986 already circulated.
7. Lease of plot of land at Tirboy, Tuam to Electricity Supply Board in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966 - Section 83 Notice dated the 24th February, 1986 already circulated.
8. Sale of plot of land at Killaloonty, Weir Road, Tuam with demountable factory thereon to Mr. S. J. McCamnick in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 - Notice dated 11th March, 1986 already circulated.
9. Report on Rate Collection 1985.
10. Abstract of Accounts 1984.
11. Amalgamation of Coroners Districts.
12. Tonabrucky Quarry.
13. Seeds and Fertilisers Scheme 1986.
14. Letter of 21st January, 1986 from the General Council of County Councils regarding Housing Bill 1985 (copy attached).
15. Annual Conference of the General Council of County Councils - Ballybunnion Co. Kerry - 5th - 7th June, 1986.
16. Annual Joint Conference - Library Association of Ireland and Library Association Northern Ireland - 21st - 25th April, 1986 - Approval of nominees of County Library Committee.
17. Council of Europe - Conference on Youth Employment - Local and Regional Authority Initiatives - Saarbrucken (Federal Republic of Germany) 2nd and 3rd June, 1986.
18. Malicious Injury Decrees (List herewith).
19. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting of 24th February, 1986.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

20. That a report be given on the present condition of Athenry Water Supply system and that details be given on proposed improvements to give Athenry and its environments an adequate water supply.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council build a wall around the Council houses occupied by Anthony Ward of Cloonthue Road, Tuam. This is to stop horses wandering on the adjoining land.
22. That Galway County Council build a perimeter wall at the new Housing Estate in the Mart field in Tuam.
23. That Galway County Council provide a water supply for Mr. James Shaughnessy of Cloonadra, Ballymoe.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

24. That two Council houses at Convent Road, Woodford, Loughrea, get an immediate water connection to the Woodford Town Water Supply, and further that this water supply be also made available to the residents of Bolag and Cloncoo, a total of ten houses in all. (Details supplied.)
25. That the design and plans for Phase 4 and subsequent phases of the Council Housing Development at St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea, include the provision of serviced sites, and further that this Plan is made available for detailed inspection by the Members of Galway County Council for the Loughrea Electoral Area, the Members of Loughrea Town Commissioners and the public for a period of 21 days before the final design is approved by Members of Galway County Council.
26. That Galway County Council increase its payment for the purchase of sites for Council houses in rural areas to a realistic figure immediately.
27. That the carpark across from Aille Church, Loughrea, be blacktopped in 1986.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

28. That Galway County Council take steps to alleviate traffic hazard and inconvenience caused by water lodging at Gortacleva, Claregalway, at turn in towards Leisure Centre.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

29. That Galway County Council ask C.I.E. to restore the bus service from Screebe to Derrynea via Derroe to Galway.

COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will propose:

30. That the cross at Rookwood (Ballygar), be properly sign-posted.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS TOM WELBY AND JOHN MOLLOY - I will propose:

31. That the stock pile of granite chips at Tonabrucky Quarry be distributed throughout the County on the same basis as the distribution that has taken place heretofore and that the present system in operation be changed immediately.

(b) Other Motions received:

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

32. That arrangements be made for major improvements to be carried out at Bothar Shanagurrane, Spiddal, County Galway.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY (Continued): - I will propose:

33. That immediate arrangements be made for the cutting of briars, etc., on all side roads between Barna and Spiddal, Co. Galway.
34. That arrangements be made immediately for repairs to the road leading to Casey's, Mynish, Carna, Co. Galway.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY: - I will propose:

35. That small Industrial projects which receive grant assistance from Galway County Development Team qualify for Rates remission as in the case of small industry grant aided by the I.D.A.
36. That hedge cutting be carried out on County Roads throughout South Galway during the current summer period.

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

37. That Galway County Council as Planning Authority establish that conditions laid down as part of Planning Permission granted to Galway Corporation for the operation of the City Dump at Carrowbrowne be strictly enforced with particular reference to the height of the dump and the discharge of effluent into a local river and drains.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

38. That in view of the County Manager's welcome reply to my query in the Council Chamber, that some money would be available this year for a limited number of lights - I wish to propose that the Turloughmore Health Centre and Corofin Church be put on the priority list for urgently needed lights. I understand the Western Health Board are also very concerned about the lights position at the above mentioned Health Centre - so I hope priority will be given here.
39. That Galway County Council forward a motion to the relevant Government Authority that G.A.A. Clubs be afforded community status, and accordingly, be automatically exempt from Rates on all dressing rooms and non-profit making buildings.
40. That Galway County Council now grant the required allocation to the Anbally Group Water Scheme so that work on that scheme can now proceed.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH - I will propose:

41. That provision be made in the 1986 Estimates for the improvement of the public lighting at Headford Town and Claran Church.
42. That provision be made in the 1986 Estimates for the provision of public lighting at Caherlistrane Community Centre.
43. That repairs be carried out on the Cloonbar Road, Kilconly.

COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will propose:

44. That the Galway County Council give an up-to-date statement on the proposed group water scheme for Lissavruggy.
45. That the village of Gurteen, Ballygar, be provided with a village pump.
46. That provisions be made in the 1986 Estimates for extra public lighting in Ballygar opposite the Health Centre - in the back way behind Colleran's house -
The Pound Road. The Cloonlyon Road.

COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN - I will propose:

47. That Galway County Council complete without further delay the graveyard at Addergoole, Dunmore, with reference to boundary walls, footpaths and carpark.
48. That Galway County Council complete without further delay the Kilclooney, Milltown, new extension, with reference to boundary walls, levelling, footpaths, etc.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL - Molaimse

49. Go ndeanfai rud eigin le cinntin go mbeadh an t-uisce as Glantrasna Tir an Thia glan le n-ol.

DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT - I will propose..

50. That Galway County Council provide a road sign at Deer Crossing at Clonbrock and on the Kinclare/Fohenagh Road.

CLR. JOE BURKE - I will ask

51. Why unlike other Councils, Galway County Council are not availing of Social Employment Schemes for very worthy projects in the Council.

CLR. PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose.

52. That work be carried out on the Tonabrocky Road at Tim Gavins house.
53. That repairs be carried out on the road to Knockadoe, Coistello, Inverin to Connolly's, Keady's and Lydons.

CLR. TIERNAN WALSH - I will propose.

54. That Galway County Council include the Villages (towns) of Creggs, Ballymoe and Glenamaddy when deciding where to put extra street lighting.

CLR. JOE LAMBERT - I will request.

55. That a sign be erected indicating Tonroe Village at Clarenbridge.
56. That the Drain leading from Michael Kelly's land at Ballincura, Kilchreest to Ballingarry be cleaned
57. That the Council provide services to the Mount Pleasant Estate, Loughrea without interference to the Archway there.

CLR. M. FAHY - I will propose:

58. That Galway County Council include in their Estimates moneys to improve Greenhouse, Four Crossroads, Craughwell.
59. That Galway County Council include finance to improve visibility at Casey's Cross, Moyvilla, Oranmore.
60. That Galway County Council include finance to improve visibility at Cregclare, Four Crossroads, Ardahan on Craughwell side.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

61. What is the present position regarding the proposed water scheme for Letterfrack - has a source of supply been decided on?
62. When will work commence on improving the Oughterard carpark, will a Youth Employment Scheme be engaged on same?
63. When will the school signs at Roundstone and the direction signs for Tullycross be erected as had been promised.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref. No. 63/4/1404

11th. March, 1986.

To: Each Member:-

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

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- James & Teresa Parker, Flaskaghbeg, Dunmore.

Location:- Flaskaghbeg, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

James Parker of: Flaskaghbeg, Dunmore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £9,983.

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

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

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

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

13th March 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

RE: Proposed Sale of Land at Moycullen.

A Chara,

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD.</u>	<u>SITE NO.</u>	<u>AREA OF PLOT/ HECTARES.</u>	<u>PURCHASE PRICE.</u>
Nora McLoughlin	24	0.032 Hectares.	£945.00

Other Covenant. or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

E. Gleeson.
COUNTY SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

24th. February, 1986.

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 lease a plot of land as set out hereunder:-

Land Acquired From:- Tuam Co-Operative Livestock Mart Ltd,
Vicar St, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Location:- Tirboy, Tuam, Co. Galway

Area:- 6' X 6'

To Whom land is to be transferred:- Electricity Supply Board
for the provision of a
sub-station. The lease
will be for 100 years and
subject to a nominal rent of
5p per annum.

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.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

11th March. 1986

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to sell a plot of land with a demountable factory thereon at Killalooity, Weir Road, Tuam, particulars of which are given hereunder.

LAND: Plot of land, area -.180 hectares approximately with a demountable factory 4,500 sq. feet in size situated in the townland of Killalooity and the Electoral Division of Tuam Rural.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED: Mr. Patrick Dempsey, High Street, Tuam, Co. Galway.

TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD: Mr. S.J. McCammick

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: £24,000

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

Mise, le meas,

E. GLEESON
COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY 24TH MARCH, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Clr. 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.S. 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; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; S. McMahon, and F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Kavangh, Administrative Officer; and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

675 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51660 - APPLICANT: PAT COLLINS.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that this resolution had been adjourned from a previous meeting. He stated that there was never a question of private access roads being included in the all-party agreement in relation to Section 4 Resolutions on National Primary Roads. He hoped that the Members who negotiated the agreement would go back and clarify the position regarding access roads. Senator Killilea stated that the applicant in this case intended to use a single entrance only onto the National Primary Road. He referred to planning application ref. no. 43735 where a condition had been imposed in relation to development on this land requiring that a single entrance only should be permitted for the total land frontage onto the National Primary Road. Senator Killilea stated that the applicant was prepared to give an assurance or bond that the temporary entrance which existed at present would be closed and it was not the intention of the applicant to use this temporary access to service the proposed development. Senator Killilea stated that the portion of road in question would not be a National Primary Road in the future when the Oranmore By-Pass road was completed. Senator Killilea acknowledged that the temporary access was illegal but that the applicant intended to close it.

Councillor J. Burke stated that in his opinion the proposal was in breach of the all-Party agreement and could open the flood gates for applications along the National Primary Routes whereby any entrance could be used to accommodate substantial development.

The County Engineer referred to the report which had been submitted to the Council at the meeting of the 14th March, 1986. He stated that there had been 8 planning applications already determined on the land trading as Collins Nurseries. A dwellinghouse and store were permitted for agricultural purposes originally, but commercial retailing of produce was being carried out and enforcement proceedings had been instituted under the Planning Acts. A subsequent Section 4 grant was made for a house in respect of this applicant who claimed that it was for his own accommodation, but he later sold the site to a third party, and a further Section 4 grant was passed in favour of the proposed buyer, Mr. J. Manning.

The site was located on the N.6 Galway/Dublin Road where the maximum speed limit applies, where traffic flow rates were among the highest in the West of Ireland and at a section which was unrealigned, winding and particularly hazardous.

Council Meeting on 24th March, 1986.

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The County Engineer submitted the following report:

"In my view the present permitted developments and the traffic generated by the use of the agricultural store for retail sales at this location create a serious traffic hazard to the point where I believe that the risk of a serious accident is extremely high given the high volumes of traffic, the speed of traffic and the general unrealigned and winding condition of the road.

To grant additional permissions at this location, whether to existing entrances or not, increases the risk to an unacceptable level and almost certainly creates a recipe for a very serious accident possibly resulting in death or serious injury.

Internal arrangements within the site are irrelevant to the case and no matter what "service roads" or other arrangements are carried out, they do not in any way reduce the risks referred to above."

The County Engineer stated that there was a lot of discussion regarding the service road. The road referred to in this case was an internal farm accommodation roadway. If a proper service road were to be built to required standards, planning permission would be required, and no planning permission for such a road had been granted in this case. The County Engineer stated that the exit which existed at the location was dangerous at present and to add further traffic onto the National Primary Road at this entrance would create an unacceptable dangerous situation which could lead to a serious accident with the possibility of somebody being killed in the future. In reply to Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair, the County Engineer indicated that the new By-Pass road may not be completed up to the year 1990.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager indicated that he would take account of all of the points made by the Council and would not be in a position to make his decision until the Council had decided on the Section 4 Resolution.

Senator Mark Killilea asked if a private Engineer had suggested to the Council that the dangers regarding traffic hazards would be reduced if the existing wall was moved back 10 feet. Senator Killilea stated that no response had been made by the Planning Officers to the suggestion and he stated that such a condition could be put into the schedule of conditions in granting the Permission involved. The County Engineer indicated that he was not aware of any suggestion that the existing wall be moved back 10 feet.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea, and seconded by Councillor T. Welby.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan that 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: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors P. McHugh, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, P. McCormack, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

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Sen. U. Burke, Deputy Frank Fahey, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh, abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 14 votes for to 5 votes against.

676 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51054 - APPLICANT: SEAN O'MALLEY.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Glann High Road, to the west of the roadway in the townland of Derrylaura at the southern end of the new plantation.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site consists of lowlying marshy ground at the edge of the Derrylaura River. A trial hole was excavated which when examined was full of water and the soil has very poor percolation qualities. There is, therefore, a serious danger of pollution of the river, which drains into Lough Corrib.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is proposed to refuse permission on the grounds:

The site is lowlying and bounded by a stream and it has been ascertained by trial hole test that the soil is unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to constitute a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Deputy Frank Fahey.

Councillor T. Welby stated that the applicant was the member of a family who owned land in the area. There was a high hill on the left of the site which was approximately 100 feet above the level of the site. The ground in the area had a gravel bottom to it, and Councillor Welby stated that he felt that by drawing in enough fill and soil that the septic tank could be accommodated.

In reply to Councillor O'Conchubhair, the County Engineer indicated that the report of the I.I.R.S. was being finalised at present and that a report would be available within a month.

Councillor J. Brennan stated that the report of the Planning Officer indicated that the development was liable to pollute a river, and that the report indicated that it was obvious that the ground was not suitable to accommodate a septic tank.

The County Manager indicated that he would have to consider the case after the Council had made its decision in view of the serious danger of polluting a river. It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, and seconded by Cllr. Joe 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, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

(17)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, and Deputy R. Molloy.

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Senator Ulick Burke, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh, abstained from voting.

The chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 17 votes for to 3 votes against.

677 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, the Minutes of the following meetings were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

Council Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting held on 14th February, 1986.
- (b) Monthly Meeting held on 24th February, 1986.
- (c) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 28th February, 1986.
- (d) Special Roads Meeting held on 7th March, 1986.

Committee Meeting:

- (e) Rinville Park Committee held on 23rd January, 1986.

678 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - PLANNING APPLICATION BY MICHAEL DAVORN FOR A DWELLINGHOUSE AT FREEPORT, BARNA, - REF. NO. 50937:

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

"The site in this case is located on lands adjacent to the National School at Barna, which lands are zoned "Communal" in the County Development Plan for Barna Village in order to provide for the future expansion of Barna Primary School. Because of this zoning, a grant of Permission for a dwellinghouse would materially contravene the Development Plan.

There appears to be a genuine housing need in this case and having considered the matter fully, the County Manager would be prepared to decide to grant Permission if the landowner concerned is prepared to enter into an agreement with the Council sterilizing the remainder of his lands within the area zoned "Communal" from the further development in order to ensure that sufficient lands remain in the zoned area for the future extension of the school. However, since the grant of Planning Permission would involve a material contravention of the County Development Plan, a resolution of the Council requiring that a decision to grant permission be made, is necessary.

The statutory public notice required in cases such as this was published in the Irish Press on 26th February, 1986, and no objections were received from the public within the statutory period of 21 days or to date.

If a resolution is passed requiring that a decision to grant Permission be made, then this will be done, otherwise a decision to refuse Permission must issue."

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor John Molloy, and agreed:

"That in accordance with Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as substituted by Section 39.(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, Galway County Council requires that a decision to grant Permission subject to such conditions, if any, as may be necessary in the interests of the proper planning and development of the area be made in the case of Planning Application Register Number 50937 by Mr. Michael Davorn, for Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse in the townland of Freeport, Barna, Co. Galway."

679 - SALE OF HOUSE TO JAMES AND TERESA PARKER:

It was proposed by Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Lambert, and agreed:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of house at Flaskaghbeg, Dunmore, Co. Galway, to James and Teresa Parker, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 11th March, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

680 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT 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 at Moycullen to Nora McLoughlin in accordance with Notice dated 13th March, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

681 - LEASE OF A PLOT OF LAND AT TIRBOY, TUAM:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Councillor Patrick Finnegan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the lease of a plot of land at Tirboy, Tuam, to the Electricity Supply Board for a sub-station, in accordance with Notice dated 24th February, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

682 - SALE OF A PLOT OF LAND WITH A DEMOUNTABLE FACTORY THEREON AT KILLALOONTY, WEIR ROAD, TUAM:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Councillor Peter Raftery, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land 0.180 hectares approximately with a demountable factory of 4,500 sq. ft. thereon to Prairie Fashion Ltd., 16, Robert Street, Lurgan, Craigavon, Co. Armagh, in accordance with Notice dated 11th March, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each member of the Council."

683 - REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION 1985:

The Council noted the Statement of County Rate Collection for 1985, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The report gave details of the total amount of Rates collected, the amount of Rates irrecoverable, and the amount carried forward in respect of 1985. Details of the figures were given to the Members in response to queries raised. In reply to queries from a number of Councillors, the Council were informed that the resolution which the Council had passed in relation to Rates on G.A.A. properties was forwarded to the Minister for the Environment.

In reply to Senator Ulick Burke, the Council were informed that premises were listed for re-valuation as necessary on an annual basis. The re-valuation was carried out by the Valuation Office and the Council had no function in the matter. There was a system of Appeal in relation to valuations.

684 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1984:

The County Secretary indicated that the Abstract of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1984, was finalised. The total expenditure in 1984 amounted to £40,455,786 of which £27,495,956 was Revenue Expenditure and £12,959,830 was Capital Expenditure. The total receipts amounted to £41,474,275, of which £28,138,329 referred to Revenue Account, and £13,335,946 to Capital Account. There was a debit of £2,124,644 on the Capital Account which represented the net balance in respect of land acquisition and forward planning costs for Capital Schemes awaiting sanction, in addition to amounts due from Local Loans Fund and schemes in progress at the 31st December, 1984. The Capital Debt balance due at the 31st December, 1984, stood at £57,836,630. The Abstract of Accounts for 1984 was subject to Audit by the Local Government Auditor.

The County Secretary indicated that the total Revenue Expenditure for 1984 was within the amount adopted by the Council at its Estimates Meeting and the question of Ministerial sanction for Excess Expenditure did not arise. Expenditure on some headings was exceeded within the overall Estimate, while savings occurred in respect of other headings. In order to meet the legal requirement for voting adequate expenditure for each specified heading, it was necessary to have the Council's approval to the formal transfers.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh, and agreed:

"That the Council approve of the following excess expenditure in respect of the financial year ended 31st December, 1984 - such excess expenditure to be met from savings in other Programmes:

	£
Prog. 1.3 Assistance to persons Improving Houses	10,914
Prog. 2.1 Road Upkeep	84,580
Prog. 2.3 Road Traffic	3,007
Prog. 3.1 Public Water Supply	168,679
Prog. 8.4 Elections	8,001 "

685 - AMALGAMATION OF CORONERS DISTRICTS OF EAST AND WEST GALWAY:

The County Secretary read the following report:

"This proposal was considered at three previous meetings of the Council. A decision was deferred due to the fact that a number of death certificates were outstanding in the West Galway Area for a considerable time. This was taken up with the Superintendent Registrar of Births and Deaths, and we have now received a report from him that all the arrears have been cleared by Dr. Joyce with the exception of those requiring Inquests. It is expected that the latter cases will be cleared in a short space of time.

The request for the amalgamation of the two districts has come from the Minister for Justice, in accordance with the provisions of the Coroners' Act, 1962. There are three offices and Coroners' Districts in County Galway, at present - North, East and West. The office of Coroner for West Galway is vacant, and the Department of Justice has requested that the Council submit a scheme for the amalgamation of the offices of Coroner for East and West Galway. Dr. Patrick F. Joyce, Gort, who is the Coroner for East Galway, has consented to the amalgamation. The Coroner for the amalgamated office will be known as the Coroner for East and West Galway. It is proposed that the salary for the amalgamated office will be the sum of the salary for the present office of Coroner for West Galway plus 50% of the salary for the office of Coroner for East Galway.

At previous meetings, it was stated that the amalgamated area would be very large. When this was pointed out to the Department of Justice, they stated that the Council may be under a mis-apprehension that the Coroner must view every body, whose death he is investigating. This is not the case, and the obligation on the Coroner to view a body is fulfilled if a member of the Garda Siochana views the body, and gives evidence to that effect at the Inquest.

The Department of Justice consider that, where possible, the number of Coroners Districts should be reduced and for this reason, the Minister is requesting the Council to submit a scheme for amalgamation."

The County Secretary also read a letter dated 14th March, 1986, from the Superintendent Registrar of the Western Health Board which indicated that Dr. Joyce had made very satisfactory progress in clearing up the outstanding cases since he took over the district of West Galway. He had now finalised all the cases that could be finalised without holding Inquests. Inquests were being arranged in the cases where they were necessary. Because it was such a long time since the events took place, he was having difficulty in contacting witnesses in some of the cases.

All the cases which had arisen during 1985 were dealt with very promptly by Dr. Joyce, and the rate of progress on arrears was very satisfactory. The Superintendent Registrar indicated that he confidently expected that Dr. Joyce would have the last few outstanding cases cleared off in a very short space of time.

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, and resolved:

"That the Council consent to the amalgamation of the Coroners Districts of East and West Galway, in accordance with Section 7 of the Coroners Act, 1962, the salary for the amalgamated office to be the sum of the salaries for the present office of Coroner for West Galway plus 50% of the salary for the office of Coroner for East Galway, same to be subject to review as provided for in the Act."

686 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY:

The County Manager indicated that Tenders had been received for the supply of chips to the Council in 1986, and were being examined by the Council's Engineers at present. He hoped to have a full report for the Council Meeting of 11th April, 1986.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager indicated that the County Engineer had prepared Specifications for the chips for which Tenders had been invited. Senator Killilea stated that he understood that less tar was necessary if granite chips was used and also stated that consideration should be given by the Council to go in deeper into the ground at Tonabrucky in order to get better quality chips.

Councillor Michael Ryan referred to a mile of road between Ballinasloe and Caltra and asked that information be made available for the next meeting on where the chips had come from and where the tar had been supplied from.

Councillor T. Welby asked regarding the dust which had been used on the gritting of roads during the winter and asked why dust had been bought while a similar material was available in the quarry. It was agreed that the Tonabrucky Quarry would be placed on the Agenda for the special meeting of the 11th April, 1986.

687 - SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SCHEME, 1986:

The draft Seeds and Fertilisers Scheme, 1986, as circulated to Members, was approved on the proposition of Councillor Micheal O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan.

688 - HOUSING BILL, 1985:

The Council considered a letter dated 21st January, 1986, from the County Council's General Council, which set out a proposed amendment to Section 26 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, 1985.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, and agreed:

"That the Council support the amendment suggested by the County Councils' General Council and that the Minister for the Environment and the County Councils' General Council be informed accordingly."

A number of Councillors referred to difficulties in relation to the provision of Hardstands for Travellers throughout the County. Councillor Joe Burke stated that there was an urgent need to resolve the situation in Tuam. A number of Councillors referred to the problems in the Abbey Trinity carpark in Tuam, and Councillor P. Finnegan asked that the Minister for the Environment be asked to approve of the Carpark By-Laws for Tuam. The County Manager indicated that proposals would be put forward in relation to Hardstands in the near future. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that if a proposal was brought forward, and if any Councillor was raising an objection to the location of a Hardstand, that Councillor should propose an alternative site. Deputy Fahey's proposal was seconded by Senator Ulick Burke.

689 - CONFERENCES:

The Council agreed to defer consideration of the following to the Special Meeting on the 11th April, 1986:

Annual Conference of the General Council of County Councils - 5th-7th June, 1986.

Council of Europe - Conference on Youth Employment - 2nd-3rd June, 1986.

I.F.H.P. Conference - 26th-30th May, 1986.

Offaly County Council - Role of Local Authorities - 29th-30th April, 1986.

690 - ANNUAL JOINT CONFERENCE - LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION (NORTHERN IRELAND) BRANCH:

The Council approved of the attendance of Councillors John Molloy and Padraic McCormack as delegates to this Conference on the nomination of the County Libraries Committee.

691 - CONNACHT SHEEP DIPPING MEETING IN MANORHAMILTON ON 11TH APRIL, 1986:

The Council agreed that the following Members would attend:

Councillors Michael Ryan, Joe Callanan, Tom Welby, John Molloy, and Tiarnan Walsh.

692 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated to each Member were noted - Item No. 18 on Agenda.

693 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1986 - SMALL WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

The County Manager indicated that the Capital Allocation for Small Schemes for 1986 was £112,000. The allocation in 1985 was £171,500, and in 1984, it was £156,000. The County Manager indicated that the following Small Schemes would be undertaken from the Allocation of £112,000 for 1986:

Sewerage Extension at Oughterard	£ 20,000
Tuam Sewerage Extension to Tirboy Housing Scheme	22,000
Headford Water Supply Augmentation from Crosswood Stage 2.	34,000
Headford Sewerage Scheme - Survey	6,000
Clifden Water Supply Treatment Plant Improvement	30,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>112,000</u>
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It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Senator Mark Killilea, that the Council approve of the schemes as outlined by the County Manager.

694 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £112,000 FOR SMALL WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES 1986:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Senator Mark Killilea, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £112,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for Small Water and Sewerage Schemes, 1984, the loan to be repaid over such period and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

695 - RAISING OF A LOAN FOR CLOGHAN/CASTLEBOY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £42,196 from the Commissioners of Public Works towards the cost of increased pipe sizes and headworks for Cloghan/Castleboy Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

Mr. J. Howlett replied to individual queries in relation to schemes.

696 - ROAD GRANTS:

The County Manager stated that it had been agreed at a previous meeting that the question of transferring monies from the Killeen road job to the road at Carraroe had been discussed. He indicated that £125,000 had been recommended for expenditure at Killeen in the current year with the objective of trying to complete this scheme which had been uncompleted for the past two years. The legal situation had now been cleared up and it was in everybody's interest to have the existing scheme proceed and the road surfaced.

It was proposed by Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair, and seconded by Cllr. M. O'Morain that the following transfers be made to the Regional Road to Carraroe (R.343):

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From Woodstock/Killeen Road	25,000
From Oughterard/Maam Cross strengthening	25,000
From strengthening of National Secondary Roads	10,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>60,000</u>
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The County Engineer indicated that there were 4 kilometres of road involved in the road to Carraroe at a cost of approximately £50,000 per kilometre. The job could be opened up but only about 1 kilometre of the road could be strengthened. The County Engineer indicated that the reasoning behind the recommended allocations was that he was trying to complete jobs which had been left unfinished at various locations. In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer indicated that he proposed to carry out works through the hill on the Galway side on the Woodstock road. The County Engineer also indicated that the Council were implementing the agreements reached with the landowners in all cases.

Following further discussion, the Council agreed with the proposal of Cllr. Nioclas O'Conchubhair.

697 - DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR FINANCE RE DEMAND OF O.P.W.:

The County Manager indicated that the County Councils of Kerry, Limerick, Mayo, Donegal, and Meath had similar problems to that of Galway in relation to the Drainage Demand from the Office of Public Works. It had been suggested that these Councils should go on a joint deputation to the Minister for Finance to discuss the problems involved.

The Council agreed to participate in the Joint Deputation. It was suggested that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Members of the Oireachtas should consist of the Members of the Deputation. Following discussions, it was agreed to defer the decision on the appointment of representatives to go on the Deputation to the Minister for Finance until the meeting of the 11th April, 1986.

It was agreed at the request of Councillor Welby to check the position regarding planning permission for forestry development which was being carried out at Cornamona under a Social Employment Scheme on church property.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

698 - ATHENRY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahey:

1. The quantity of water available from the proposed sources, including the second borehole is adequate.
2. Pumping and Treatment Works capacity of 252,000 gallons per day is adequate for the Town and Environs of population 1,479 persons (1981) and for ACOT (17,000 g.p.d.).
3. High level storage (water tower) capacity of 50,000 gallons is inadequate for peak distribution needs.
4. Waste and leakage is an ongoing problem which is receiving attention.
5. The proposed Mid-Galway Zone 3 Scheme for Oranmore with a Reservoir at Knocknacreak will provide augmentation and adequate storage capacity."

In reply to Deputy Fahey, the County Engineer indicated that waste and leak detection was being actively pursued. Deputy Fahey asked that a connection be granted to the Moanbaun Group Water Supply Scheme. Councillor Martin Lynch stated that the Council had carried out good work in the section of leaks. Deputy Fahey asked that the Notice of Motion be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council, and this was agreed.

699 - BUILDING OF WALL AROUND THE COUNCIL HOUSE OCCUPIED BY ANTHONY WARD, CLOONTHUE ROAD, TUAM. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Walsh:

"There are no funds available for the provision of walls around Council houses. As maintenance funds are already scarce, the erection of walls around Council houses would deplete the resources available for repairs."

700 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL BUILD A PERIMETER WALL AT THE NEW HOUSING ESTATE IN THE MART FIELD IN TUAM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Walsh:

"This housing scheme is being constructed in phases and Phase 1 is currently in progress. A new perimeter wall is being provided on the boundary abutting Phase 1. The question of the boundary fences associated with future phases will be considered in conjunction with construction work on those phases."

Councillor Walsh asked that a perimeter wall be provided along the adjoining land at Campbells, Glynn's, and Connellys, so that the possibility of wandering animals onto their lands could be eliminated. It was agreed that Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, would examine the position and write to Councillor Walsh.

701 - PROVISION OF A WATER SUPPLY TO MR. JAMES SHAUGHNESSY, CLOONADRA, BALLYMOE. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Walsh:

"There is no County Council water supply near enough to Mr. Shaughnessy's house to allow him being served."

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh stated that the man involved was a widower and a pensioner who had a mentally retarded son who required regular baths. He gave details of the distances involved from the nearest water supplies. He quoted from a letter from Mr. Shaughnessy's Doctor giving details of the illness of his son. Councillor Walsh asked that the position be reviewed, and it was agreed that the case would be re-examined.

- 702 - THAT TWO COUNCIL HOUSES, DETAILS SUPPLIED, AT CONVENT ROAD, WOODFORD, LOUGHREA, GET AN IMMEDIATE WATER CONNECTION TO THE WOODFORD TOWN WATER SUPPLY. - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Treacy:

"A survey is being carried out of all County Council houses which do not have a piped water supply, and as soon as this survey is completed, I will be making recommendations as to how this problem should be tackled on a priority basis."

Deputy Noel Treacy stated that the water supply to the two houses involved was coming from a river which was polluted. He stated that immediate action was necessary in this case and he hoped that a full report would be available for the next meeting of the Council.

- 703 - PHASE 4 OF THE COUNCIL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT ST. LAURENCE'S FIELDS, LOUGHREA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Treacy:

"The plans for Phase 4 have not yet been discussed or finalised with the Department of the Environment. A local community group has requested that the plans should not be finalised until the effective demand for developed sites has been assessed."

The County Manager indicated that there had been several consultations with the people involved.

- 704 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INCREASE ITS PAYMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SITES FOR COUNCIL HOUSES IN RURAL AREAS TO A REALISTIC FIGURE - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Treacy:

"As the Council is providing a house for the applicant, it is reasonable to expect that the site for the house should be provided by the applicant at a nominal price. The usual price paid by the Council for such sites is £60 but this figure may vary depending on the individual case, and is currently under review. It should be noted that any extra cost incurred for provision of such sites will reduce the monies available for construction of houses."

Deputy Treacy asked that the Council increase its compensation for rural sites to a realistic figure.

- 705 - THAT THE CARPARK ACROSS FROM AILLE CHURCH, LOUGHREA, BE BLACKTOPPED IN 1986. - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Treacy:

"This type of work is normally only carried out when sponsored by Councillors' Notice of Motion monies."

The County Engineer indicated that if monies were not provided out of Notice of Motion monies, they would have to come out of the County Road Maintenance Fund - such work was not of high priority.

- 706 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC HAZARD AND INCONVENIENCE CAUSED BY WATER LODGING AT GORTACLEVA, CLAREGALWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor McDonagh:

"A detailed engineering assessment of the situation will be carried out shortly and I will write to you on the matter as soon as the report comes to hand."

- 707 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ASK C.I.E. TO RESTORE THE BUS SERVICE FROM SCREEBE TO DERRYNEA VIA DERROE TO GALWAY - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The Council agreed that the matter would be taken up with C.I.E.

- 708 - THAT THE CROSS AT ROOKWOOD (BALLYGAR) BE PROPERLY SIGN-POSTED. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Raftery:

"I do not consider the erection of this sign to be of sufficient high priority at the present time due to shortage of finance, however, the matter will be reconsidered later in the year."

- 709 - THAT THE STOCK PILE OF GRANITE CHIPS AT TONABRUCKY QUARRY BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE DISTRIBUTION THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE HERETOFORE - MOTION BY SENATOR KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS TOM WELBY AND JOHN MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea, and Cllrs. Tom Welby and John Molloy:

"Due to the fact that the P.S.V. of the chips are below Department of the Environment specification, it is not proposed to use the Tonabrocky chips for surface dressing National Primary roads as heretofore. Tenders have been invited from outside sources for the supply and delivery of chips which will meet the Department's specification and these are presently being examined. The existing stock pile of chippings at Tonabrocky will be used on non national roads."

Councillor Welby asked that details of the tonnage delivered from the Quarry since February 1986 be available for the next meeting of the Council.

- 710 - THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT BOTHAR SHANAGURRANE, SPIDDAL. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"This road is 3.5 miles long. It is a stop end road and is lightly trafficed. Approximately 2 miles have become deformed due to weak sub-grade. The estimated cost of reconstructing and resurfacing of these two miles is £50,000. Improvement of bends would cost an additional £10,000. The road is considered to be in reasonable condition compared to many other roads in South Connemara."

- 711 - THAT IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR THE CUTTING OF BRIARS, ETC., ON ALL SIDE ROADS BETWEEN BARNA AND SPIDDAL - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Molloy:

"The cutting of briars on County Roads will depend on the adequacy of County Maintenance Funds after more essential road works have been carried out."

- 712 - THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE IMMEDIATELY FOR REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT TO THE ROAD LEADING TO CASEYS, MYNISH, CARNA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Molloy:

"Repairs were carried out on this road in November, 1985. The road is now in a reasonable state of repair."

- 713 - THAT SMALL INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS WHICH RECEIVE GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM GALWAY COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM QUALIFY FOR RATES REMISSION - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahey:

"There is no statutory provision for remission of rates on industrial buildings grant aided through the Discretionary Grants Scheme. The I.D.A. Acts specifically provide for the Council's option in the matter of remission of rates on buildings grant aided under those Acts, and certain I.D.A. grants to small industries are administered on an agency basis by the County Development Team, in which cases Remission of County Rates may be allowed."

- 714 - THAT HEDGE CUTTING BE CARRIED OUT IN COUNTY ROADS THROUGHOUT SOUTH GALWAY DURING THE CURRENT SUMMER PERIOD - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahey:

"Hedge cutting will be performed in accordance with available finances during 1986."

- 715 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AS PLANNING AUTHORITY ESTABLISH THAT CONDITIONS LAID DOWN AS PART OF PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED TO GALWAY CORPORATION FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY DUMP AT CARROWBROWNE BE STRICTLY ENFORCED - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY AND COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahey and Councillor J. Molloy:

"Galway Corporation have a three year programme of development for the Carrow-browne Waste Disposal site. They spent £26,000 in 1985 and they hope to spend £40,000 in 1986. To date, there is no problem in relation to the height of disposal. There does not seem to be a problem either in relation to leachate which is monitored on a monthly basis."

We have been in touch regularly with the Corporation in regard to implementation of the conditions in total which requires an extensive Capital Programme towards which they are working."

- 716 - THAT THE TURLOUGHMORE HEALTH CENTRE AND COROFIN CHURCH BE PUT ON THE PRIORITY LIST FOR URGENTLY NEEDED LIGHTS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor McDonagh:

"In view of the fact that there is provision made for additional public lighting in the 1986 Estimates, a priority list is being prepared and this request will be considered in the light of the results of the proposed survey which should be completed by the end of May."

- 717 - THAT G.A.A. CLUBS BE AFFORDED COMMUNITY STATUS, AND ACCORDINGLY, BE AUTOMATICALLY EXEMPT FROM RATES ON ALL DRESSING ROOMS AND NON-PROFIT MAKING BUILDINGS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

Councillor McDonagh was informed that a similar motion which was proposed by him and dealt with at the Estimates Meeting of the Council held on the 18th March, 1986, had been referred to the Minister for the Environment.

- 718 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NOW GRANT THE REQUIRED ALLOCATION TO THE ANBALLY GROUP WATER SCHEME SO THAT WORK ON THAT SCHEME CAN NOW PROCEED - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to councillor McDonagh:

"A special Council contribution was recommended for this scheme last year. However, it is understood that the group have re-applied to the Department for a revised contribution for revised proposals. Council is now awaiting the Department's recommendations."

- 719 - THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE 1986 ESTIMATES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC LIGHTING AT HEADFORD TOWN AND CLARAN CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:

"In view of the fact that there is provision made for additional public lighting in the 1986 Estimates, a Priority List is being prepared and this request will be considered in the light of the results of the proposed survey which should be completed by the end of May."

- 720 - THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE 1986 ESTIMATES FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CAHERLISTRANE COMMUNITY CENTRE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"This Centre is owned by the G.A.A. Accordingly, the provision of external lighting is a matter for the Centre Committee."

- 721 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT ON THE CLOONBAR ROAD, KILCONLY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor McHugh:

"The road is a bog rampart road and cost of reconstruction work will be very high. It is unlikely that adequate funds will be available."

- 722 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE AN UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT ON THE PROPOSED GROUP WATER SCHEME FOR LISSAVRUGGY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Peter Raftery:

Tests were carried out and the Department have been informed that the proposed source for this scheme is acceptable subject to suitable treatment for the reduction of iron and manganese."

- 723 - THAT THE VILLAGE OF GURTEEN, BALLYGAR, BE PROVIDED WITH A VILLAGE PUMP - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Peter Raftery:

"The Council has not installed public pumps for some time now. In the present case, the only practical solution would seem to be for the people affected to organise a Group Water Scheme."

- 724 - THAT PROVISIONS BE MADE IN THE 1986 ESTIMATES FOR EXTRA PUBLIC LIGHTING IN BALLYGAR - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Peter Raftery:

"In view of the fact that there is provision made for additional public lighting in the 1986 Estimates, a Priority List is being prepared and this request will be considered in the light of the results of the proposed survey which should be completed by the end of May."

- 725 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPLETE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY THE GRAVEYARD AT ADDERGOOLE, DUNMORE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor P.F. Glynn:

"The boundary walls have been constructed on three sides. An entrance and carparking area have been provided. An allocation of £3,000 approved in our Estimates for 1986 should be adequate to complete all outstanding works. However, there is a dispute with an adjoining landowner over the location of the remaining boundary and legal proceedings may be necessary to have this matter resolved."

- 726 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPLETE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY THE KILCLOONEY, MILLTOWN NEW EXTENSION. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor P.F. Glynn:

"The construction of the boundary wall for the above graveyard extension is nearing completion. An allocation of £2,000 has been approved in our 1986 Estimates for burial grounds and this should be adequate for completion of all outstanding works."

- 727 - GO NDEANFAI RUD EIGIN LE CINNTIN GO MBEADH AN T-UISCE AS GLANTRASNA, TIR AN FHIA, GLAN LE N-OL: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Is grup schein ata i gceist anseo agus nil se faoi curam an Comhairle Chonndae. Ba choir don grup na piopi uisce i Glantrasna a sciuradh amach gach mi chun an salachar a mbeadh ann a dhibhirt."

- 728 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A ROAD SIGN AT DEER CROSSING AT CLONBROCK AND ON THE KINCLARE/FOHENAGH ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"No objection from an engineering point of view. These signs will be erected if there are sufficient funds left after the ordinary road maintenance is carried out."

- 729 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

Details of the schemes prepared by Galway County Council to date were given to Councillor Burke. At present, there was a total of 83 people employed on schemes and further schemes which would employ an additional 82 people had been approved and it was hoped that work would start in the near future. A further list of schemes which would employ an additional 120 people were in planning and some of the schemes had been submitted to the National Manpower Service for approval.

- 730 - THAT WORK BE CARRIED OUT ON THE TONABRUCKY ROAD AT TIM GAVIN'S HOUSE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"The condition of the Tonabrocky road at Tim Gavin's house is reasonable and in my opinion, this road is not in need of emergency repair work."

Since the limited funds available for County Roads only allow emergency repair work to be carried out, it is not proposed to carry out any improvement works to this road in 1986."

- 731 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT ON THE ROAD TO KNOCKADOE, COSTELLO, INVERIN, TO CONNOLLYS, KEADYS, AND LYDONS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"This road is 0.8 miles long - 0.5 miles of which is a County Road. The road is in bad repair and the estimated cost of urgent repairs is £8,000. Due to lack of finance, repairs cannot be carried out in 1986."

- 732 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INCLUDE THE VILLAGES (TOWNS) OF CREGGS, BALLYMOE AND GLENAMADDY, WHEN DECIDING WHERE TO PUT EXTRA STREET LIGHTING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"In view of the fact that there is provision made for additional public lighting in the 1986 Estimates, a Priority List is being prepared and this request will be considered in the light of the results of the proposed survey which should be completed by the end of May."

- 733 - THAT A SIGN BE ERECTED INDICATING TONROE VILLAGE AT CLARINBRIDGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"Tonroe Village is located approximately 1 mile north-west of Clarinbridge Village and is about 150 yards off the National Primary Road. There is about a dozen houses scattered around the townland of Tonroe. There is also a factory (Clarinbridge Crystal) in the townland and two houses are registered with Bord Failte for B & B. There is no school, shop, pub or Church in the village, and consequently, I would not recommend providing the sign in question."

- 734 - THAT THE DRAIN LEADING FROM MICHAEL KELLY'S LAND AT BALLINCURA, KILCHREEST TO BALLINGARRY BE CLEANED - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"The reply will be available for the next meeting."

- 735 - THAT THIS COUNCIL PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE MOUNT PLEASANT ESTATE, LOUGHREA, WITHOUT INTERFERENCE TO THE ARCHWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"Mount Pleasant Estate have their own water supply, sewer services and public lighting. The Council refuse collection truck services the houses."

The estate cannot be taken in charge in its present state as there is not sufficient width at the entrance to comply with the regulations for the adoption of roads and the Arch would have to be removed in such circumstances. Also planning conditions have not been complied with."

- 736 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INCLUDE IN THEIR ESTIMATES MONEYS TO IMPROVE GREENHOUSE, FOUR CROSSROADS, CRAUGHWELL. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Fahy:

"The above proposal would involve the removal of a shed and wall the property of Mr. Mike Ryan. The shed restricts sight distance to 90' at the junction and it would be desirable to have this removed. There is no agreement made with Mr. Ryan regarding compensation. I estimate that the cost of the works plus compensation would be in the region of £18,000. There are no funds available for the work on R.347."

- 737 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INCLUDE FINANCE TO IMPROVE VISABILITY AT CASEY'S CROSS, MOYVILLA, ORANMORE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:

"The cost of adequately improving "Casey's Cross" junction - C.R. 183 and 185 is about £23,000. Adequate funds are not available. Some minor sight line improvements may be possible if funds allow."

- 738 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INCLUDE FINANCE TO IMPROVE VISABILITY AT CREGCLARE, FOUR CROSSROADS, ARDRAHAN, ON CRAUGHWELL SIDE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Fahy:

"Estimate approximately £2,500. There are no funds available for same."

- 739 - WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING THE PROPOSED WATER SCHEME FOR LETTERFRACK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Our proposal under Small Schemes 1984 for a new Reservoir at Letterfrack adjacent to the existing Reservoir did not proceed as we were refused permission by the Office of Public Works to construct the Reservoir in the National Park."

"An amended Preliminary Report is being prepared by the Consultants for a Regional Scheme to supply the Letterfrack/Tully area and Clifden Town from Lough Nahillion with a Reservoir at Baunoge near Lough Nahillion."

740 - WHEN WILL WORK COMMENCE ON IMPROVING THE OUGHTERARD CARPARK? - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Welby:

"A Social Employment Scheme for the improvement of Oughterard carpark has been sanctioned by National Manpower Services. It is hoped to get this and a number of other schemes which have been approved under way within the next month or so."

741 - WHEN WILL THE SCHOOL SIGNS AT ROUNDSTONE AND THE DIRECTION SIGNS FOR TULLY-CROSS BE ERECTED AS HAD BEEN PROMISED? - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Welby:

"The statutory school signs No. 125 have been erected at Roundstone. The direction signs for Tullycross will be erected in the near future."

742 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were passed with the following:

Councillor Frank Glynn on the death of his father-in-law.
Mr. Frank Dawson on the death of his mother.
Mr. Rory Timlin, Engineer in Galway Corporation, on the death of his father.
Councillor Joe Lambert on the death of his cousin.
John Kenna
Jack Eising on the death of his brother.
The Donnellan Family
The Gavin Family, Mountbellew, on the death of their son.
Mr. Martin Kitt on the death of his brother, Luke.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Patrick Fahy, Cahernahoon, Cumber, Tuam.
Mr. Patrick J. Keaveney, Clooncun, Glenamaddy.
Mrs. Christina O'Flynn, Main Street, Ballinasloe.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the votes of sympathy.

743 - CORRESPONDENCE:

The following documentation was circulated to each Member:

1. Letter dated 13th February, 1986, from Droichead Nua Town Commissioners re Canvassing on Polling Day.
2. Letter dated 21st February, 1986, from Monaghan Urban District Council re Income Tax.
3. Letter dated 26th February, 1986, from Move the Mountain Team re Food Surpluses.
4. Letter dated 4th March, 1986, from Ballina Urban District Council re Live-Aid Project.
5. Letter dated 14th March, 1986, from Clare County Council re Public Enquiry into the death of Patrick Nugent at Bunratty Folk Park.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

M. Kitt CHAIRMAN
24th April 1986 LATE.

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

4th April, 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, 11th April, 1986, commencing at 3.00 p.m. to consider the Agenda set out hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Tonabrocky Quarry - Report to follow.
2. Raising of loan for extension to County Buildings.
3. Augmentation of Rossaveal Water Supply.
4. Disposal of lands known as Petersburgh Estate, Clonbur, to the County Vocational Education Committee - Notice dated 27th March, 1986, already circulated.
5. Selection of deputation to Minister for Finance re Office of Public Works Demand.
6. Agreement between Galway County Council and Galway Corporation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, to enable the County Council to compulsorily acquire property to construct part of the new Galway/Oranmore Road within Galway Corporation's functional area.
7. CONFERENCES:
 - (a) Annual Conference of the General Council of County Councils - Ballyunion, Co. Kerry. 5th-7th June, 1986.
 - (b) Council of Europe - Conference on Youth Employment - Local and Regional Authority Initiatives - Saarbrücken (Federal Republic of Germany) - 2nd and 3rd June, 1986.
 - (c) I.F.H.P International Congress - Malmö, Sweden. 26th-30th May, 1986.
 - (d) Offaly County Council/I.P.A. - The Role of Local Authorities. Venue: Bridge House, Tullamore. - 29th-30th April, 1986.
8. HOUSING:
 - (a) Housing Progress Report.
 - (b) Capital Allocation for Housing Loans.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY: I will propose:

9. That a full report be given on the reason for the delay in completing repairs to the demountable dwelling occupied at Keeraun, Baile na h-Abhann, Connemara. (Name supplied).
10. That arrangements be made to carry out urgent repairs to the demountable dwelling occupied at Inverin, Connemara. (Name supplied).
11. That a report be given on the reason for the delay in carrying out essential repairs to the dwellinghouse occupied at Lettercallow, Lettermore, Co. Galway. (Name supplied.)

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: I will propose:

12. That two Council houses at Convent Road, Woodford, Loughrea, get an immediate water connection to the Woodford Town Water Supply, and further that this water supply be also made available to the residents of Bolag and Cloncoo, a total of ten houses in all. (Details supplied.)

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

13. That Galway County Council establish a joint task force with the Western Health Board with the objective of carrying out the reconstruction of all old People's homes throughout the County where the owners qualify for Essential Repairs Grants or Housing Repairs for the Elderly Grants; that a Register of such people be compiled by the Council's housing staff and the Community Care Section of the Western Health Board, and that arrangements be made to submit applications to the Department of the Environment for house improvement grants which would be supplemented by existing housing repair finance from the County Council and the Western Health Board.
14. That Public Health Nurses be requested to advise on fire hazards to specific demountable dwellings where they consider the inhabitants are at risk, in view of recent deaths due to fire.
15. That a contribution be made by the County Council to tenants in order to carry out repairs themselves as an alternative to having repairs carried out by Council staff.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1986.IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.ALSO PRESENT:Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, 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, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Asst. County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; M. Tierney, S.E.E. (Housing); S. McMahon, S.E.E.; T. Kavanagh, Admin. Officer; D. Barrett and A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; T. Coughlan, Acting Senior Staff Officer; Misses J. Forde, and M. Mullery, Staff Officers; and Mr. R. Curley, Assistant Staff officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

744 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Members of the Council passed votes of sympathy with the following:

Senator Ulick Burke on the recent death of his father.
Mr. Frank Dawson, County Development Officer, on the recent death of his mother.
The family of the late Mr. Martin Mannion, who was a former driver with the County Council.
Donal O'Colohun, Uasal, An Cheathru Rua, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. James O'Mara (T.C.,) Tullinadaly Road, Tuam.

The County Manager on his own behalf, and on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the votes of sympathy. The Council adjourned for a short period as a mark of respect.

745 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY:

On resumption, the Council considered the following report from the County Engineer dated 7th April, 1986, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member:

- "1. The quantity of chips required for the 1986 Surface Dressing of National Roads is 5,990 Tonnes.
2. In 1981, the Department of the Environment issued a Specification which indicates that the minimum laboratory determined Polished stone value (P.S.V.) for all National Roads is 60. The P.S.V. of Tonabrocky chips has now dropped to 49. Allied to this is the fact that the quarry face is now running out, and rotten and decaying rock seams are becoming more frequent and are becoming more difficult to segregate.

The cost of production of a stone with such a low P.S.V. is excessive when compared to comparable chips available locally at substantially lower cost.

I cannot certify the use of Tonabrocky chips for surfacing National Roads any longer.

3. The stock of chips in Tonabrocky at 1/1/'86 was 4,000 Tonnes. Since that date, 2,300 tonnes have been moved to locations in Connemara for surfacing of Regional Roads. The remainder will be moved as required to other parts of the County for similar purposes. When the stock is expended, consideration will also have to be given to the use of chips with a higher P.S.V. on Regional Roads.
4. It is not envisaged that there will be further production of chips at Tonabrocky due to the high cost and the low P.S.V. The cost of production at Tonabrocky is too high for County Roads and suitable chips are available on the open market at a substantially lower price.
5. Under the Public Bodies Order, 1946, the Council is obliged to fix its quarry charges at such a rate as will cover all of its costs regardless of the market value of the product. In 1984, using the prescribed formula, the quarry account showed a loss of £40,087, when the ex quarry price of chips was £10.62 per cu. yd. (£8.85 per ton.) The Council, therefore, was obliged to increase prices for 1985 by a calculated amount of 25%. However, due to the bad weather in 1985, there was considerable stocks on the quarry floor which if valued at the charges set in January 1985 would show a paper "profit" of £39,336. The real value based on market prices for these products would reduce this "profit" to approximately £15,000.
6. The stock of quarry dust at Tonabrocky is used for -
 - (1) Road gritting during frosty weather.
 - (2) Construction of L.I.S. Roads over boggy ground.
 - (3) Blinding new works; and
 - (4) Selling to the public.

In any single year, we usually use up the complete stock of this by-product for the above reasons.

Amounts purchased outside do not result in a build up of stocks in the quarry. In any event, this material can also be purchased more cheaply on the open market. Furthermore, we have standing arrangements in emergencies with private operators for gritting of roads during frosty weather.

7. During production, there are ten persons employed at Tonabrocky excluding a supervisor. The supervisor has retired and the other employees can all be absorbed into the normal road gangs.
8. The quarry will be kept in such a condition that it can be re-opened if conditions so warrant.
9. Tenders were invited by public advertisement for the supply of chips with a P.S.V. in excess of 60. In all, six tenders were received but only 3 of these complied with the requirements.

North Tipperary County Council with an ex quarry price of £7.00 per tonne were the cheapest. Their haulage prices, based on engaging a Tipperary haulier, though competitive are dearer than accepting their ex quarry price and we are engaging a local Galway haulier.

Preliminary investigations would indicate that a delivered price of £12.71 per tonne can be obtained for all areas east of the Corrib and a delivered price of £14.38 per tonne west of the Corrib. (The 1985 all in price of Tonabrocky chips delivered was £18.65 per cu. yd. which equates to £15.54 per ton.)

It is obvious that substantial savings can be made and necessary improvements in chip quality obtained by purchasing chips from North Tipperary County Council. I recommend the acceptance of their ex quarry price of £7.00 per tonne at this stage and further investigations into the haulage prices to achieve the lowest possible costs.

10. The successful haulier will only deliver the chips to recognised depots. The Council's existing lorry fleet will transport the chips as normally from the depots to the surface dressing sites. In this way, the Council's plant will be utilised as fully as possible within the new arrangements."

The County Engineer indicated that since the preparation of the report, he had received the results of a further laboratory test on the stone in the Tonabrocky Quarry which had indicated a polished stone value of 47 and which indicated that the stone in the quarry was deteriorating further. He could not, therefore, certify chips from the Tonabrocky Quarry when chips with a P.S.V. of 62 could be obtained at a lesser cost.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that he regretted that there was a proposal to close down Tonabrocky Quarry which was an asset to the Council. The closing down of the quarry would create a monopoly situation in the supply of chips to the Council. Senator Killilea stated that there was a large quantity of rock left beneath the ground at the quarry and that the best quality rock was there beneath the ground. A former County Engineer had stated that the finest granite chips in the country were produced at Tonabrocky Quarry and he could not understand why the quality of the stone had deteriorated. He stated that the decayed stone and clay which had accumulated had not been cleared off, and that if this clay had been removed at an earlier date, there would have been no need for a mobile crusher. Senator Killilea stated that blasting at the quarry did not affect adjacent houses and if the stone below the ground level, passed the tests for the required standards, he saw no reason why the Council should not borrow the necessary finance and develop the quarry.

Senator Killilea asked if the chips from Tonabrocky had up to three times the life of limestone chips, and if there was a large saving on tar spray if chips from Tonabrocky Quarry were used instead of limestone chips. Sen. Killilea stated that the quarry had made a profit in the previous year which indicated that the operation was viable. He asked what the position was in relation to the Council trucks which were involved in the delivery of chips.

Senator Killilea proposed that a further test be carried out on the quality of the stone below the ground level in Tonabrocky Quarry to ascertain its polished stone value, and that if the tests indicated that the polished stone value met the required specifications for County Roads and Regional Roads, that the quarry be developed. Councillor P. McHugh seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

Councillor P. McCormack supported Senator Killilea, and stated that the closing down of the quarry could create a monopoly situation. He questioned the closing down of the quarry when a profit of £39,336 had been made in 1985, and stated that he would support the re-development of the quarry. There was still a sizeable amount of stone left in the quarry and the quality of the stone below ground level should be examined.

Councillor P. McHugh referred to the County Engineer's report of November 1985, and stated that in relation to the quality of chips that the best quality stone was underground. He referred to the high cost of production, and stated that if a new crusher had been provided, the cost of chips would be reduced. He stated that the life of the quarry could be increased by excavating at lower levels, and that there was no guarantee of low prices in the long term if the Council purchased from outside sources. He stated that the quarry was an employment asset and he would be proposing that it not be closed.

Deputy Frank Fahey enquired regarding the difference in production costs at Tonabrocky Quarry versus the North Tipperary Quarry. He also enquired regarding transportation costs. He stated that there appeared to be a concerted effort by Officials to close the quarry. There was about 8 years supply of stone in the quarry, and while he would be prepared to accept that chips from the quarry not be used on National Primary Roads, he asked why they could not be used on other roads in the County. Councillor M. Loughnane enquired regarding the implications for employment and for the plant at the quarry, and for the trucks used in the transportation of chips.

In reply to the queries raised, the County Engineer stated that tests had proved that the Tonabrocky chips had a low polished stone value which proved they become polished and dangerous in wet weather conditions. He was concerned about the condition of the roads and wanted to get the best possible chips for use on all roads in the County. He had a personal responsibility

to advise the Council and the best advice he could give was to stop using chips from Tonabrocky Quarry and to use chips from the North Tipperary Quarry which had been stated in independent reports to be of exceptional quality. These chips could be bought more cheaply than the cost from Tonabrocky Quarry, but while cost was a factor, the County Engineer stated that he was more concerned about the quality of the chips being used.

The County Engineer indicated that a geological investigation had been carried out in other parts of the County but that the Capital investment involved would be of the order of £500,000 to establish a new quarry. Development costs at Tonabrocky Quarry would be of the order of £250,000 to produce stone of a quality which he could not certify and he stated that he was no longer in a position to certify the use of Tonabrocky chips because of the poor quality of the stone.

The County Engineer further stated that it would be an uneconomic proposition to lower the floor of the quarry and that drainage problems could arise. It was not an advisable course of action given the quality of the stone. The County Engineer gave details of the specification of the Department of the Environment for the quality of stone required for the various categories of roads. He indicated that the minimum polished stone value required for National Primary Roads was 60 and that the requirements ranged to a polished stone value of 52 for various categories of roads. The Tonabrocky stone with a polished stone value of 47, did not meet the requirements of the lowest category in the Department's specification. The County Engineer indicated that by taking one year with another, no profit was being made by the quarry, the profit shown was only the value of the stone which was lying there and which could not be used in 1985 because of bad weather conditions.

In reply to Deputy Fahey, the County Engineer stated that the cheaper costs in the Tipperary Quarry related to economies of scale. He also stated that the Tipperary Quarry was selling chips to other Counties. Transportation of chips were in large loads of up to 23 cu. yds. capacity. The County Engineer indicated that he was prepared to use limestone chips which could be acquired locally at much cheaper rates than the cost of chips from Tonabrocky Quarry on County Roads.

The County Engineer stated that the workforce in the quarry would be absorbed into the overall Council workforce and no redundancies or lay-offs would arise. The Plant at the quarry was capable of being re-opened if the need arose in the future and the Council Plant involved in the delivery of chips would still be engaged in the delivery of chips from the depots to the individual road jobs.

Deputy R. Molloy asked if an outside opinion had been obtained on the quality of the chips in Tonabrocky and on the viability of the quarry. He stated that the Council should consider getting outside professional opinion on these matters. The County Engineer indicated that he had discussed the quality of the chips at Tonabrocky with an expert from An Foras Forbartha who had indicated that the stone in the quarry with a polished stone value of 47 was totally unacceptable for use on any roads in the County.

The County Manager stated that the planning of the surface dressing programme would be put under way in the immediate future. Tenders had been received for the supply of chips for the programme in 1986 and he proposed to accept the lowest tenders in accordance with the County Engineer's recommendations for the 1986 programme. If the Council wanted further tests carried out in relation to the Tonabrocky Quarry, that could be arranged.

In reply to Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair, the County Engineer indicated that legal problems could arise in the future, if the Council continued to use chips from the Tonabrocky Quarry which were not of the required standards. Following further discussions, it was agreed that the Council would request An Foras Forbartha to investigate the quality of the stone below the ground level in Tonabrocky Quarry to ascertain the polished stone value of it. It was also agreed to request An Foras Forbartha to advise on the potential of Tonabrocky Quarry for meeting the Council's on-going requirements of chips for its Road Works Programme.

746 - SURFACE DRESSING:

The County Engineer referred to the case of surface dressing at Caltra which had been raised by Councillor Michael Ryan at a previous meeting. The County Engineer indicated that he had inspected the section of road recently and there was approximately 500 yards where stripping had occurred. This was due to the fact that in the afternoon of the day that this section was surface dressed, there was an unexpected severe thunder storm with heavy rain which caused a partial failure of the surface dressing. Had this rain not occurred, there would not have been a failure and the County Engineer stated that he wanted to refute absolutely that there was any intent on anyone's part, particularly the operators to waste money. The County Engineer outlined a list of possible reasons for various faults in surface dressing and indicated that there were many matters, all of which had to be correct on the day for a successful surface dressing operation. One of the difficulties was that by the time the Plant went from area to area, some roads were done at the end of the season and the possibility of running into bad weather was greater. In the case of Caltra, the work was carried out in October 1984.

747 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR EXTENSION TO COUNTY BUILDINGS:

The Council agreed at its Estimates Meeting to a proposal to extend the existing County Council offices. The proposal was for an extension at the rear of the County Buildings to match the existing flat roof extension and to add a new floor above the present flat roof. Contract Documents for the project were being prepared and it was hoped to commence work on the extension later in the year.

The estimated cost of the proposed extension was £372,000. The Council had already agreed to raise a loan of £260,000 to go towards the cost of this extension. The sanction of the Minister for the Environment to the loan of £260,000 was received in November 1984. It was necessary at this stage to obtain approval to the balance of the money required.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Brennan, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £112,000 for the purpose of carrying out extensions to the County Buildings at Prospect Hill, Galway, the loan to be obtained from such source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, the County Manager gave details of the clause which had been agreed to by the owners of the Woodquay premises whereby the Council could exercise an option to terminate the Lease at the end of 5 years subject to the giving of not less than 12 months notice to the owners. In reply to Senator M. Killilea, the County Manager indicated that a Members' room would be provided in the proposed extension.

A number of Councillors referred to the inadequate facilities in the Motor Tax Offices, and asked that the position be reviewed. Councillor McDonagh asked if a railing could be erected for older people who had to stand in queues in the Motor Tax Office.

Councillor Loughnane referred to the need to bring a number of public offices dispersed throughout the City together.

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, the County Manager indicated that Planning Permission was necessary for the development from Galway Corporation and that the usual notices would be published. The County Manager indicated that plans for the proposed extension were available in the County Secretary's General Office to any Councillor who wished to inspect them.

748 - AUGMENTATION OF ROSSAVEAL WATER SUPPLY:

The Council were informed that the revised Preliminary Report dated March 1986 for the Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme had been received and had been submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval. The Preliminary Report included a proposal to construct a new Reservoir of 1,000 m³ capacity at Glenmore, Carraroe.

The capacity of the present Reservoir at Glenmore, Carraroe, was 455 m³ and was completely inadequate for the present demands from the Carraroe scheme pending construction of the Costello Scheme.

A company trading as Protein Eisc Teoranta proposed to erect a protein production factory in Rossaveal with an initial employment potential of 20 people. The company proposed to process non quota fish to produce food for mink and had an 80% export market for its product to Finland. The company required approximately 1,400 gallons of water per hour and the present water supply scheme to Rossaveal was unable to meet this demand. It was proposed, therefore, to request the Department of the Environment for approval to proceed with the construction of the new Reservoir at Carraroe in advance of the main Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme to augment the Rossaveal Water Supply and to facilitate the development of the proposed industry. The estimated cost of the proposed Reservoir was £125,000.

It was proposed by Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair and seconded by Deputy R. Molloy, that the Council request the approval of the Department of the Environment to proceed with the construction of the Reservoir as suggested.

The Council agreed with the proposal.

749 - DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT PETERSBURGH ESTATE, CLONBUR:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Brennan, seconded by Deputy R. Molloy, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the disposal of lands at Cappaghmagopple (Petersburgh), Clonbur and Red Island, Lough Mask, to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 27u Marta, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

750 - SELECTION OF DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR FINANCE RE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS DEMAND:

It was agreed that the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Oireachtas Members in the County and Councillors Michael Ryan and P. McCormack, would consist of the Members of the Deputation to the Minister for Finance to discuss the Drainage Demand of the Office of Public Works.

751 - HEALTH BOARD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1986:

A copy of the draft Health Board (Amendment) Regulations, 1986, had been circulated to each Member. It was noted that the Minister for Health in pursuance of Section 4(4) of the Health Act, 1970, requested the views of the Council by the 30th April, 1986, on the draft regulations. The Council were informed that the effect of the proposed regulations was to include the new County Borough of Galway within the functional area of the Western Health Board and to provide for the appointment of two Members to the Board by the County Borough in addition to the number of Members provided for under the Health Board Regulations, 1970. There was no change proposed in the number of Members to be appointed by Galway County Council.

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, details of the population of Galway County Council and Galway Corporation were given to the Council. It was indicated that the proposed regulations would provide for a population per Member on the Health Board in the County Council area of 21,476 and in the Galway Corporation area of 21,579. The Council agreed that no observations were necessary by the Council, and it was agreed to inform the Minister for Health accordingly. It was noted that the draft Regulations would also be considered by Galway Corporation.

752 - AGREEMENT BETWEEN GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND GALWAY CORPORATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 59 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1955, AND SECTION 109 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966, ENABLING GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE PROPERTY TO CONSTRUCT PART OF THE NEW GALWAY/ORANMORE ROAD WITHIN GALWAY CORPORATION'S FUNCTIONAL AREA:

The Council were informed that it was intended to have the next section of the Galway Eastern Approach Road from Oranmore to Merlin Park constructed. It was intended that this section of the proposed road would form the second construction phase originating within the County Council area. It would extend westwards from the Oranmore By-Pass section at present under construction and would eventually be linked by other phases to the Newcastle/Terryland section, including the Corrib Bridge which was also at present under construction within the County Borough area.

Prior to the extension of the Borough Boundary on 1st January, 1986, the entire Oranmore to Merlin Park section was within the County area. As a result of the boundary extension, a length of 2.108 Km now falls within the Borough area. All the design and administrative work for this section had been undertaken thus far by the County Council. The general design of the Galway Eastern Approach Road had been in accordance with the Galway Transportation Study Report as adopted by the County Council and Borough Council.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, and resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, and Section 109 of the Housing Act, 1966, Galway Corporation hereby agree the following -

THIS AGREEMENT made the One thousand Nine hundred and Eight six BETWEEN THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY of County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway (hereinafter called "the Council") of the one part and the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Galway, having their offices at 47, Dominick Street, Galway, in the County of Galway (hereinafter called "the Corporation") of the other part WHEREAS:-

1. The Council is desirous of acquiring lands in the Townlands of Curragrean, Doughiska, Merlin Park (hereinafter called "the Townlands") for the purpose of providing land for the EASTERN APPROACH ROAD, and whereas the Townlands are situate in the functional area of the Corporation.
2. The Council is in the course of acquiring lands within its own boundary immediately adjacent to one or more of the Townlands also for the purpose of providing land for the EASTERN APPROACH ROAD.
3. The Council and the Corporation are of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the power, duty or function of acquiring these lands, which may be exercised or performed by the Corporation should be exercised or performed in relation to acquiring the lands in the Townlands for the EASTERN APPROACH ROAD by the Council and the Council are able and willing so to exercise or perform the said power, duty or function in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955.
4. The Council are by Section 109 of the Housing Act, 1966, empowered to acquire the lands which lands are situate in the functional area of the Corporation.
5. The Council and the Corporation are of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the power, duty and function of constructing a road on these lands which may be exercised or performed by the Corporation should be exercised or performed in relation to constructing this road in the Townlands for the EASTERN APPROACH ROAD by the Council and the Council are able and willing so to exercise or perform the said power, duty or function in accordance with Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955.

6. The Corporation agree that the Council may exercise and/or perform the said power, duty and functions in the functional area of the Corporation.
7. The Council and the Corporation agree that the Council will exercise or perform the power, duty or function of acquiring the lands and constructing the road in the Townlands under the said Sections.

And that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this Agreement."

753 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS - BALLYBUNION, CO. KERRY - 5TH-7TH JUNE, 1986:

It was agreed that the following Members would attend the Annual Conference of the General Council of County Councils to be held in Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, from the 5th-7th June, 1986.

Councillors Padraic McCormack, Micheal O'Morain, Michael Fahy, Paddy McHugh, Senator Tom Hussey, Councillors Nioclás O'Conchubhair, Jarlath McDonagh, John Mannion, Martin Lynch.

754 - OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL/I.P.A. - THE ROLE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES VENUE: BRIDGE HOUSE, TULLAMORE. - 29th-30th APRIL, 1986.

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane, and agreed that Councillors P. Raftery, M. Loughnane, and Michael Fahy attend the Joint National Conference on Environment and Development in Tullamore on the 29th and 30th April, 1986.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Lambert, and agreed, that Councillors Martin Lynch, Jarlath McDonagh, and P. McCormack attend this Conference also.

755 - I.F.H.P. INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS - MALMO, SWEDEN. 26-30th MAY, 1986:

It was agreed that no delegates would be sent to this Conference.

756 - COUNCIL OF EUROPE - CONFERENCE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT - LOCAL LAND REGIONAL AUTHORITY INITIATIVES - SAARBRUCKEN (FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY) - 2ND AND 3RD JUNE, 1986:

Deputy Frank Fahey proposed that the Council send two delegates to this Conference. Councillor J. Mannion seconded Deputy Fahey's proposal.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan, that no delegate be sent to this Conference. On a show of hands, the Chairman declared Deputy Fahey's proposal carried.

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane, and agreed that Councillor P. Finnegan attend this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor J. Lambert, and agreed that Councillor Michael Ryan attend this Conference.

757 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS - MICHAEL NEEDHAM AND MICHAEL MOLLOY AT BALLINAFAD:

Deputy Frank Fahey asked that a meeting be arranged on site to discuss the planning applications. The County Manager indicated that if the two people concerned sent in plans, he would arrange to have the Planning Officer examine them without any commitment in relation to the planning permission. Arrangements could be made to have discussions with the Planning Officer, if necessary.

758 - HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT AND CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR HOUSING LOANS:

Mr. J. Howlett stated that the Capital Allocation for House Construction had not yet been received from the Department of the Environment. It was agreed that these two items be adjourned until the Capital Allocation for House Construction had been received.

759 - INCOME LIMITS FOR HOUSING LOANS:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Brennan, seconded by Councillor M. Mullins, and agreed:

"That the Council request the Minister for the Environment to increase the income limits for housing loans to £9,500 and the income limit for Housing Finance Agency loans to £11,500."

The Council agreed with this proposal.

760 - TITHE I gCONNAMARA:

D'iarr an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail go mbeadh tuarascail ar fail don chead chruinniu eile den Comhairle ar an dul chun chinn i dtaobh ar fail do tithe i gConnamara.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

761 - THAT A FULL REPORT BE GIVEN ON THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN COMPLETING REPAIRS TO THE DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING OCCUPIED BY JOHN CONNEELY, KEERAUN, BAILE NA HABHANN, CONNEMARA - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Molloy:

"There is no record of a John Conneely in a Council demountable dwelling in the above area. There is a John Faherty in a Council demountable dwelling at the above address. His dwelling is, however, at present in a reasonable condition."

762 - THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO CARRY OUT URGENT REPAIRS TO THE DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING OCCUPIED BY PADRAIG O CONGHAOILE, INVERIN POST OFFICE, INVERIN:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Molloy:

"The above demountable has been inspected. Repairs will be carried out next week."

763 - THAT A REPORT BE GIVEN ON THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN CARRYING OUT ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO THE DWELLINGHOUSE OCCUPIED AT LETTERCALLOW, LETTERMORE. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Molloy:

"As indicated to you already, the allocation for Essential Repairs in 1985 was £25,000 and was fully allocated. There are in excess of 70 applications for Essential Repairs on the Council's current waiting list, and it is intended that these applications will be considered in accordance with their priority in the 1986 Programme of Repairs.

As you are aware, the Council have increased the allocation for Essential Repairs from £25,000 in 1985 to £50,000 in 1986. This application will be considered in accordance with its priority in the formation of the 1986 Programme."

764 - THAT TWO COUNCIL HOUSES AT CONVENT ROAD, WOODFORD, LOUGHREA, GET AN IMMEDIATE WATER CONNECTION TO THE WOODFORD TOWN WATER SUPPLY, AND FURTHER THAT THIS WATER SUPPLY BE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENTS OF BOLAG AND CLONCOO, A TOTAL OF TEN HOUSES IN ALL - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was sent to Deputy Treacy:

"It is likely that these two houses will be served by a Group Water Supply Scheme together with other residents in the Townlands of Bolag and Cloncoo. Most of the residents are interested in a Group Scheme and the Council will support the Group in order to get a supply for the two Council houses. Two possible organisers have been identified and the Department of the Environment has been asked to forward the necessary documentation to them. The likely source for the scheme is a County Council borehole at Bolag."

765 - JOINT TASK FORCE WITH THE WESTERN HEALTH BOARD - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahey:

"As you have already been informed, the position at present is that the County Council administer its own scheme of Essential Repairs within the Budget available to it. The Western Health Board administer their own scheme of Houseing Repairs for the elderly and there is liaison between both bodies in relation to these matters. The Council make suggestions to the Health Board regarding certain cases. The Health Board Scheme takes account of the medical condition of the cases aided under its scheme.

The Scheme of House Improvement Grants is administered by the Department of the Environment and the Council has no function in the matter.

As you are aware, the Members of the Council pointed to the anomalies which exist in relation to the administration of house repairs and grants whereby such administration is divided between the Department of the Environment, Local Authorities, and Health Boards. The Members asked that these anomalies be rectified in any review of Local Government being undertaken in the near future. The Members' views have been conveyed to the Minister for the Environment."

766 - THAT PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES BE REQUESTED TO ADVISE ON FIRE HAZARDS IN RELATION TO DEMOUNTABLE DWELLINGS - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahey:

"I wish to inform you that Public Health Nurses are not adequately qualified to advise on fire hazards. It is not desirable, therefore, that they should be involved in such matters. Public Health Nurses are not employed by the County Council."

767 - THAT A CONTRIBUTION BE MADE BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO TENANTS IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS THEMSELVES AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO HAVING REPAIRS CARRIED OUT BY COUNCIL STAFF - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

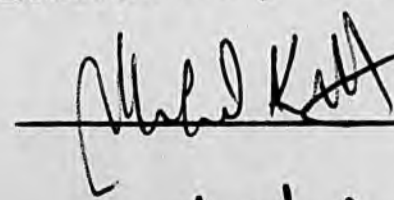
The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahey:

"As you are aware, there is a limited amount of money available for the repair of Council houses in any year. There has been considerable under provision for this work over a number of years and the County Manager indicated at the Estimates Meetings that work would be carried out in accordance with priority on the most urgent cases in 1986.

If the Council were to develop a scheme whereby contributions were made to tenants to carry out repair works themselves, the most urgent cases may not receive attention in accordance with the Council's priority lists. There would also be difficulties in relation to the control of the repairs by way of supervision and costings. It is felt, therefore, that the limited resources would be better spent by the County Council in implementing its programme of repairs in accordance with cases of the most urgent need."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED and CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

28th April 1986 DATE.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY ARTS COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNTY BUILDINGS, ON 8TH APRIL, 1986

- PRESENT: Chairman - Sen. M. Killilea
- Clrs. P. Finnegan, Ml. Fahy, J. Joyce
Mtn. Lynch and J. Mannion
- Mr. T. Kavanagh, Admin. Officer
Miss H. Bygrove, Arts Officer
Miss M. Moloney, A.S.O.

Minutes of meeting of 8th Jan. 1986 were approved.

Arising from the Minutes, the members were informed that the Arts Council had confirmed a grant of £2,000 towards the Writer-in-residence project. The members expressed their appreciation that this pilot scheme could now go ahead.

It was also decided to invite Miss Fitzgibbon, Regions Officer, to the next Arts meeting.

On the question of grant applications for 1986, Miss Bygrove suggested that a sum be set aside, from the total County Council allocation of £18,000 to help assist organisations whose grant aid from the Arts Council has been cut. After consideration of the proposal the Committee recommended as follows:

£4,000 to be set aside to assist organisations whose present grant aid from the Arts Council has been cut.

The Committee recommended approval of the following grants for 1986.

- Clifden.....£1,750
- Footsbarn (Clifden & Ballinasloe).....£1,500
- Team (touring 4 schools)..... - 700
- Reg. Dev. Organisation.....£2,000
- (To be reviewed in Sept.)

Clr. M. Fahy proposed, seconded by Clr. J. Mannion, that Dr. O'Neill, Director of TEAM be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the community and school performances by TEAM at 4 venues.

Clr. J. Joyce reported that he and Miss Bygrove met the VEC and as a result of the meeting, the VEC are,

- (1) Producing an Arts Policy
- (2) Creating a budget for the Arts
- (3) Designing 3 Arts projects for VEC schools.

Clr. Finnegan asked the meeting to consider an application for grant aid for a child who had been chosen for her acting talent to represent Ireland, in Denmark. As the Committee were precluded under the Act from financing such a proposal, Clr. Finnegan was advised to submit particulars to Miss Bygrove who would take the matter up with the Dept. of Foreign Affairs and VEC who may provide a bursary.

Arising from this latter discussion it was decided to consider criteria for disbursement of funds at the next meeting.

Mr. T. Kavanagh informed the meeting that the question of providing accommodation in the Tuam Library for the Arts would be considered later.

The Chairman suggested that a new method of circulating the Arts Brochure should be considered. He proposed that it could be used as an insert in some of the local Newspapers. Miss Bygrove was asked to check out cost and feasibility of proposal.

It was decided to ask the Press to meet the Committee before the September meeting. Information on budget, projects, aims etc. could be documented for distribution to the Press. September was chosen as it would coincide with the start of the Letterfrack Symposium (Sculpture) and the Writer-in-Residence.

The Committee appointed the following panel for the selection of the Writer-in-Residence.

Sen. M. Killilea; Clr. P. Finnegan; Miss H. Bygrove; and an official from the Arts Council and Galway County Council.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 1st May, 1986.

Miss Fitzgibbon and Dr. O'Neill could be invited for 3.30 p.m. and the meeting would follow.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED +

CONFIRMED:

James Kitt CHAIRMAN

26th May 1986. DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

22u Aibreain, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 28u la Aibreain, 1986, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le méas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

Resolution 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 grant Planning Permission to Delia McDonagh, Knockaunnacarragh, Barna, on Planning application 51952 as per documents lodged (housing development).

John M. Mannion. Jarlath McDonagh. John Molloy. Peter Raftery.

Other Business:

2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

Council Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting held on 14th March, 1986.
 - (b) Adjourned Meeting held on 18th March, 1986.
 - (c) Monthly Meeting held on 24th March, 1986.
 - (d) Special Meeting held on 11th April, 1986.
3. Lease of plot of land at St. Laurences Fields, Loughrea, to Electricity Supply Board in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966. - Section 83 Notice dated 3rd April, 1986, already circulated.
 4. Sale of plot of land at Ballinsmall, Tynagh, Loughrea, to Thomas Donnellan in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966. - Section 83 Notice dated 3rd April, 1986, already circulated.
 5. Making of Development Plans for the Scheduled Towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort and Tuam, and the making of a variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the environs of the Town of Tuam.
 6. Oranmore Sewerage Scheme.

- 7. Saoraidi Calaiochta Piara Chill Chiarain, Carna.
- 8. Association of Health Boards in Ireland - Annual Conference - Blarney, Co. Cork. - 13th-15th May, 1986. (Details enclosed)
- 9. Malicious Injury Decrees (List herewith).
- 10. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

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COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

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COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

25. That the County Council put up school signs at Cregmore School and a bigger and clearer stop sign at junction of Lisheenavalla and Cregmore Road.
26. That the County Council erect one new extra light urgently required at black spot in Turloughmore Village or if funds prohibit this to have light at Coolarne Cross which serves no useful purpose transferred to Turloughmore Village..
27. That County Council erect at least one new light outside Corofin Church.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

28. That the County Council in the road restoration section, blacktop the G.W.S.S. portion of the extension leading from Cloughanover to Headford, to bring the road up to the standard it was, prior to work on the scheme.
29. That £1,000 be given to the Leenaun G.A.A. Club, as they have a project in hand for a new pitch and a park. I propose that an allocation of £1,000 be made for this purpose..
30. That in view of recent amendments to the Regional Fund of the E.E.C. which enables for example Greece and other countries with off-shore islands, to qualify for grant-aid that I ask Galway County Council to draft a positive development policy to enable the off-shore islands on the Galway coast to gain the maximum grant aid for ferry services and terminal, air strips, piers development, and all other services necessary to improve the economic and social life of the island people.

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will request:

31. An up date on the problem water well at Peterswell Village.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

32. That County Council take in charge the green space and the playing area in the Caherronaun Estate, Loughrea.
33. That the Council go ahead immediately with the easing of the bend at Brendan Naughton's House and if necessary, that a sum of money for that purpose be taken from the Ballycrissane work on the same Regional Road.
34. That the exit from Ballymana Townland onto the Ballinasloe/Portumna Road at Curley's old house, Ballymana, Laurencetown, be eased immediately so as to allow heavy machinery used by Tursey Whyte to negotiate the exit.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

35. That Galway County Council blacktop the Garafine Road leading into John Roche's house.
36. That Galway County Council take over the Barnswellgrove Housing Estate, Mount-bellew.
37. That Galway County Council widen the roadway at Castlefrench Cross, near Castlefrench N.S., as this section of road is a severe traffic hazard for school children and for the general public.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

38. That Galway County Council erect a public water tap at Dr. Scully's, Moycullen to replace the public pump which was removed from there when the mains water pipe was laid.
39. That lights be erected at Killanin Church, Roscahill, and that the carpark there be marked out.
40. That warning signs be erected at Roscahill N.S., each side of the school on the main road.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

41. That Galway County Council have proper signs and road markings at the road leading from Rossaveal Pier.
42. When do Galway County Council propose to repair the road from Bealadangan to Lettermullen, and that a lay-by be built near J. O'Toole's Bar.
43. What road tax Galway County Council paid to the Department in the last financial year and what total Road Grants were received.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

44. That this Council repair and surface the Curr Road which was badly damaged recently by heavy trucks delivering material to the Maam Bridge.
45. That a yield right-of-way sign be erected immediately at the junction leading from Clonbur onto the Cornamona/Cong Road, half mile west of Cong Village.
46. That works will commence immediately on the section of road between Oughterard and Maam Cross at Glengowla. That any funds available will be used for same, and if necessary, that the £25,000 proposed to be changed elsewhere be brought back so as to give the Area Engineer the necessary funds to complete this very important and dangerous section of road.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL - Molaim:

47. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae line ban ar bothar Chois Fharráige - ta se an dorcha san oíche de thoradh an cloch ata dha usaid.
48. Go ndeiseoidh an Comhairle Chontae Bothar Leitircaladh o thuaidh.
49. Go ndeanfaidh Innealltoir meastuchain ar sceim usce go Leitircaladh agus Doiringlass.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

50. Galway County Council carry out repairs on road leading to Michael J. Murphy's house at Caheradoo, Kilcolgan, - which is flooding every winter.

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Marie McMorrow, 9 Michael Collins Road, Mervue, Galway.	Damage to roof of garage and rear door and windows were broken and damaged.	County at Large	£703.00	£ 713.90
Mr. David Lohan, Lohan's Pharmacy, Prospect Hill, Galway.	Damage to rear shop window, grill grate was broken and safe was smashed.	County at Large.	£600.00	£492.13
Helen Bygrove, St. Joseph's, Knocknacarra, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to a motor car, Mini 850, and contents including clothes and Artists paint brushes etc., destroyed by fire.	County at Large	£1,150.00	£1,245.00
Essential Cleaning Services Ltd., 78 Prospect Hill, Galway.	Damage to locks on doors and smashed windows on first floor and top floor.	County at Large	£2,000.00	£942.00

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Chantal Deon, The Old Rectory, Tynagh, Loughrea.	Damage to bonnet and wings of car	County at Large	£150	£427.75
John McNeil, 65 Connaught Street, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.	Ford Sierra Reg. No. 211 BLI and contents broken, damaged and destroyed.	County at Large	£1,000	£707.74
Edmund Kearns, 35 Glenina Heights, Galway.	P.V.C. door and frame broken and damaged.	County at Large	£700	£402.25
Hanley Motors Ltd.	Rear window of Mitsubishi Lancer 1200 G.L. smashed.	County at Large	£450	£337.21
Enda Folan, 7 Carragh Close, Knocknacarra, Galway.	Damage to motor vehicle.	County at Large	£350	£210
Austin Mortimer.	Damage to Yamaha Passola scooter reg. no. SZY 916	County at Large	£400	£181
Roches Stores Ltd., Eyre Street, Galway.	Damage to shop premises	County at Large	£350	£231
Roches Stores Ltd., Eyre Street, Galway.	Damage to shop premises	County at Large	£550	£548.93
Livestock Productions Ltd., Emilstymon, Co. Clare.	Damage to windows, fencing, posts and gate pier with doors, walls, telephone wires and motor pump.	County at Large	£2,500	£431

APRIL MEETING

DECREES

DAMAGE

MALICIOUS

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Athenry Co-Op Ltd.	Damage to a safe, doors, etc.	County at Large	£2,500	£266
John Barrett, New Road, Galway.	Damage to a plate glass window	County at Large	£200	£121
Patrick Farragher, 13 Cardinal Cushing Rd., Mervue, Galway.	Damage to Escort Laser Reg. No. 13 AZM	County at Large	£242.13	£174.13
Sr. Baptist Egan, Holy Trinity School, Mervue, Galway.	Damage to polished wire glass in windows	County at Large	£287.58	£260.00
Primark Ltd., 47 Mary St. Dublin 1.	Damage to a plate glass window	County at Large	£315.00	£263.00
Essential Cleaning Services Ltd., 33 St. Bridget's Tce., Galway	Damage to doors, locks and glass	County at Large	£2,000	£942
Galwegian R.F.C.	Damage to windows, doors, bar shutters and cash registers.	County at Large	£1,000	£775.88
Mr. Brian Joyce, Oaklands, Salthill.	Damage to vheicle Reg. R10 468.	County at large	£937.35.	£281.00.
Cashla Timber Industries Ltd. Cashla, Athenry.	Damage to a Van, Office equipment, a door and carpentry equipment broken and destroyed.	County at Large.	£1,500.00	£1,217.06.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

3rd. April, 1986.

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 lease a plot of land as set out hereunder:-

Land Acquired From:- Desmond O'Connor, 3 Seapoint, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin.

Location:- St. Laurencesfields, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Area:- 3.34 square metres.

To whom land is to be transferred:- Electricity Supply Board for the provision of a sub-station. The lease will be for 100 years and subject to a nominal rent of 5p per annum.

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.

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Land Acquired From:- Thomas Donnellan, Ballinsmaul, Tynagh,
Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Ballinsmaul, Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Area: .338 acres

To whom land is to be transferred: Thomas Donnellan, Ballinsmaul,
Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal: £117.50 i.e. costs of transfer
of site to the County Council.

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

E. Gleeson,
Co. Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH APRIL, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning); F. Monahan, S.E.E.; A. McCarthy, Planning Assistant; A. Comer, Draughtsman; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

768 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51952 - DELIA McDONAGH:

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

769 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Michael McNamara, Gortinboy, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Fahey & Family, Convent Road, Kinvara.
Messrs. James and Michael Heaney, Stradbally, Clarinbridge.
Mrs. Thomas Finnerty, Lavally, Gort.
Mrs. Eddie Fennessy & Family, Drummin, Gort.
Mr. Pat Kelly, N.T., Craughwell.
Mr. Brendan Gannon, Caherlistrane P.O., Co. Galway.
Mr. Colm Donnelly, Kylemore, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Bridget Quinn, Lettermore, Co. Galway.

770 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor John Molloy, seconded by Councillor Joe Callanan, the Minutes of the following meetings were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Meeting held on 14th March, 1986.
- (b) Adjourned Meeting held on 18th March, 1986.
- (c) Monthly Meeting held on 24th March, 1986.
- (d) Special Meeting held on 11th April, 1986.

771 - HEADFORD SEWERAGE SCHEME:

In reply to queries from Councillor P. McHugh and Senator Mark Killilea, the County Engineer stated that he would arrange to have a full investigation carried out in relation to the Headford Sewerage Scheme to establish if pollution was occurring.

772 - PRIVATE SITES AT ATHENRY:

Councillor Martin Lynch asked that the Council review the prices for private sites in Athenry as the present prices were prohibitive, and he felt that if the prices were adjusted downwards, there might be greater interest in them.

773 - LEASE OF PLOT OF LAND AT ST. LAURENCE'S FIELDS, LOUGHREA:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the lease of a plot of land at St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea, to the Electricity Supply Board in accordance with notice dated 3rd April, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

774 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT BALLINSMALL, TYNAGH, LOUGHREA:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land at Ballinsmall, Tynagh, Loughrea, to Thomas Donnellan, Ballinsmall, Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway, in accordance with notice dated 3rd April, 1986, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

775 - MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWNS OF ATHENRY, CLIFDEN, GORT AND TUAM AND THE MAKING OF A VARIATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT OF GALWAY RELATING TO THE ENVIRONS OF THE TOWN OF TUAM

The Council were informed that the Draft Plans for the above mentioned Scheduled Towns and for the Environs of Tuam had been on deposit for public inspection in the various towns and at the Planning Office during the three month period from the 9th January, 1986, to the 9th April, 1986, as required, by Law.

A number of submissions and objections had been received with respect to the various Draft Plans and a copy of each of these submissions and objections together with Planning Officer's observations thereon was circulated to each Member of the Council. The Council was required to consider these submissions and objections before making the Development Plans for the Scheduled Towns and for the Environs of Tuam.

The Council were informed that the making of these Plans would complete the statutory review procedure which commenced in March 1985 in relation to the Scheduled Towns. The statutory period during which the review procedure must be completed had twice been extended by Order of the Minister for the Environment and the extended period would expire on the 30th June, 1986. If after considering the Draft Plans and the submissions and objections, the Council wished to make a material change in the Drafts, it would be necessary to put details of such change on deposit for public inspection for a further period of one month before any Development Plan incorporating such change could be made, and if the Council wanted to keep within the statutory time constraints, it would be necessary that a decision be made at the Council Meeting of the 28th April, 1986, in relation to any such change. Minor changes to the Draft did not require such procedure.

The Council then considered the submissions and objections received with respect to the Draft Plans.

Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Athenry:

It was noted that the following submissions and objections had been received with respect to the Draft Plan for Athenry:

- (1) Athenry Project Society
- (2) Edward Somers, Northgate Street, Athenry.
- (3) Church of Ireland
- (4) Mrs. Aggie Qualter, 1, Abbey Row, Athenry.
- (5) Ms. Anne Whelan, Abbey House, Bridge Street, Athenry.
- (6) Gerard Browne, Bridge Street, Athenry.
- (7) Department of Archaeology, U.C.G.
- (8) Bord Failte

The Council considered all of the submissions and the comments of the Planning Officer on each submission, details of which had been circulated to each Member.

Following consideration of the submissions, it was proposed by Councillor Martin Lynch, seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane, and resolved:

"That the Draft Plan for the Scheduled Town of Athenry be amended as follows:

(a) Page 36 of the Draft to be amended as set out hereunder:-

- (i) Line 7 to be amended by changing "four" to "two".
- (ii) A reference to the statutory obligation to report discoveries of archaeological objects to the Gardai or to the National Museum - National Monuments Act, 1930 to be included in the text on page 36.
- (iii) The word "can" to be substituted for "could" on line 13.
- (iv) The word "might" to be substituted for "would" on line 18.

(b) Printing and mapping errors and errors in references to the Office of Public Works as pointed out by the Department of Archaeology, U.C.G. to be corrected.

(c) The following short term objectives to be added to the list of such objectives in Section 3.3.4 on page 33 of the Draft Plan:-

- (x) To co-operate with the Athenry Tidy Towns Committee in improving the visual amenity of the town.
- (xi) "To adhere to the principles recommended in Bord Failte's Conservation Study of Athenry in the implementation of the above objectives."

(d) The following to be added to the paragraph entitled "Shopfronts" on page 34 of the Draft Plan:-

- (c) Protective window grilles should be constructed on the inside of shop windows in the interests of civic visual amenity in the periods after normal shopping hours.

(e) Page 2, first paragraph, to be re-drafted as follows:-

Part 3 is the statutory part of the Development Plan. It contains three sections:

3.1 General Policies

These are broad statements of intent in relation to the major areas of activity of the County Council.

3.2 Long Term Objectives

These relate to a 20 year period. They are ongoing and not expected to be achieved within a 5 year period.

3.3 Short Term Objectives

These relate to a 5 year period and concern specific works to be undertaken in that period.

(f) Page 2, 3rd paragraph, to be re-drafted as follows:-

"For statutory purposes the area to which the Plan relates is that area within the town boundary delineated on Map No. 1 which area and boundary was approved by resolution of the Galway County Council on 27th February, 1967.

"The County" means the administrative area of County Galway. All references to the "Council", the "Planning Authority" or the "Local Authority" mean Galway County Council.

(g) Page 26 - Addition of "i.e., an increase of 590 persons" to be added to paragraph (a) of Section 3.1.2.

(h) The inclusion of Map Reference Numbers in the following pages of the Draft Plan and the inclusion of Map Reference Numbers which has been omitted from the text in the Draft Plan:-

Page 28 - After heading "Long Term Objectives" and after heading "Land Use Objectives".

Page 29 - After heading "Development Control Objectives" and after heading "Engineering Access Objectives".

Page 30 - After heading "Conservation" and after heading "Land Use Zoning".

Page 31 - After heading "Short Term Objectives".

(i) Page 32 - Amendment of paragraph (i) and (ii) of Section 3.3.3 of the Draft Plan in order to combine both paragraphs in one, preceded by the words "To carry out a feasibility study and to reserve land for."

(j) Map No. 5 - to be corrected in order to make the zoning indicated thereon correspond with the stated objective at Section 3.2.1 paragraph (d) on page 29 of the Draft Plan."

Making of Development Plan for Scheduled Town of Athenry:

It was proposed by Councillor Martin Lynch, seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane, and resolved:

"That GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVING prepared a Draft of a proposed Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Athenry, having published the required notices having considered the objections and representations made with respect to this Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 to 1983, HEREBY RESOLVE that a Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Athenry be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Plan published on the 9th January, 1986, as amended at this Meeting and that the Official Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the said Plan including the said amendments.

The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant maps as amended at this meeting."

Making of Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Clifden:

The Council noted that no submissions or objections had been received in respect of the Draft Development Plan for the Town of Clifden.

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

"That GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVING prepared a Draft of a proposed Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Clifden, having published the required notices, having noted that no objections and representations were made with respect to this Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development)

Acts, 1963 to 1983, HEREBY RESOLVE that a Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Clifden be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Plan published on the 9th January, 1986, and that the Official Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the said Plan.

The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant maps as published on the 9th January, 1986.

Making of Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort:

The Council noted that one submission from Mr. John Quinn had been received. The Council considered Mr. Quinn's submission and the comments of the Planning Officer. The Council also noted that some corrections to the text were suggested by the Planning Officer. It was agreed, at the request of Cllr. J. Lambert that the Planning Officer would call on Mr. Quinn in the near future.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lambert, seconded by Councillor Ml. Mullins and resolved:

"That the Draft Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort be amended as follows:

(a) Page 2 - (i) The following paragraph to be substituted for the first paragraph on page 2 of the Draft Plan:-

"Part 3 is the statutory part of the Development Plan. It contains three sections.

3.1 General Policies

These are broad statements of intent in relation to the major areas of activity of the County Council.

3.2 Long Term Objectives

These relate to a 20 year period. They are ongoing and not expected to be achieved within a 5 year period.

3.3 Short Term Objectives

These relate to a 5 year period and concern specific works to be undertaken in that period."

(b) Page 24 - The following to be added to Section 3.1.2 of the Draft:-

"An increase of 200 persons."

The following paragraph to be substituted for first paragraph on page 24 of the Draft Plan:

"This part of the plan is the statutory plan and states the Planning Authority's strategy and its proposals for its implementation. The General Policy Section (3.1) states the policy in broad terms. The Objectives Section 3.2 relates to development over the next twenty years, while Section 3.3 relates to the development over the plan period of 5 years and lists objectives for specific areas, sites and buildings."

(c) Page 26 - To be amended as follows:-

(i) Map Reference Numbers added after all headings on Page 8.

(ii) Objective (e) in Section 3.2.1 of Draft Plan transferred to (b) in Section 3.2.2 and letters identifying each paragraph in Section 3.2.2 changed accordingly.

(iii) Paragraph (b) omitted from Section 3.2.3.

(d) Page 27 - To be amended as follows:-

Inclusion of Map Reference Number after Heading "Land Use Zoning".

Page 28 - To be amended as follows:-

Inclusion of Map Reference Number after Heading "Short Term Objectives".

Making of Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Lambert, seconded by Councillor Ml. Mullins, and resolved:

"That GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVING prepared a Draft of a proposed Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort, having published the required notices, having considered the objection made with respect to this Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 to 1983, HEREBY RESOLVE that a Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Plan published on the 9th January, 1986, as amended at this Meeting and that the Official Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the said Plan including the said amendments.

The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant maps as amended at this meeting."

Making of Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Tuam:

The Council noted that the following submissions had been received:

- (1) Fionnuala Byrne
- (2) Dr. Dervilla McKeith
- (3) Department of Archaeology, U.C.G.

The Council considered the submissions received and the comments of the Planning Officer in relation to them.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor F. Glynn, and agreed:

"That paragraph (b) of Section 3.2.1 relating to the provision of a new water supply should be removed from this Section and included in the appropriate part of Section 3.3 of the Development Plan as a short term objective."

Councillor J. Burke asked that immediate attention be given to the extension of the Burial Ground on the Athenry Road in view of the lack of grave spaces in the Burial Ground.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Councillor F. Glynn, and resolved:

"That the Draft Plan for the Town of Tuam be amended as follows:

- (a) Page 2 - The following paragraph to be substituted for first paragraph on page 2 of the Draft Plan:-

"Part 3 is the statutory part of the Development Plan. It contains three sections.

3.1 General Policies

These are broad statements of intent in relation to the major areas of activity of the County Council.

3.2 Long Term Objectives

These relate to a 20 year period. They are ongoing and not expected to be achieved within a 5 year period.

3.3 Short Term Objectives

These relate to a 5 year period and concern specific works to be undertaken in that period."

- (b) Page 16 - The word "these" in line 10 of paragraph 2.11.2 to be changed to "three".

- (c) Pages 21 and 22 - That part of Sections 2.14 and 2.14.1 contained in page 21 of the Draft Plan to be transferred to page 22.

- (d) Page 24 - (i) The following paragraph to be substituted for first paragraph on Page 24 of the Draft Plan.

"This part of the plan is the statutory plan and states the Planning Authority's strategy and proposals for its implementation. The General Policy Section states the Planning Authority's policy for Tuam in broad terms. The Long Term Objectives refer to development over the next twenty years while the short term objectives refer to the 1984-89 plan period and states the objectives applying to specific areas, particular sites and buildings."

- (ii) Figure 8,400 to be changed to 7,820 in Section 3.1.2.

- (e) Page 26 - (i) Map Reference Numbers to be inserted after each heading in this page.

- (ii) Paragraph (b) of Section 3.2.1 relating to the provision of a new water supply should be removed from this section and included in the appropriate part of Section 3.3 of the Development Plan as a Short Term Objective.

- (iii) That the following paragraph be substituted for paragraph (c) on Page 26 of the Draft Plan:-

(c) To reserve lands for a Town Centre Southern Relief Road from the Dublin Road to Vicar Street and Abbey-Trinity and to acquire lands at critical access points. (See Map No. 2)

- (f) Page 27 - (i) Map Reference Numbers to be inserted after heading "Land Use Zoning".

- (ii) Page 27 - paragraph (ii) to be amended in order to provide that excavation on sites of major historic and archaeological interest, below the depth of normal foundation (2 feet) be restricted or preceded by archaeological investigation.

- (g) Page 28 - Map Reference Numbers to be inserted after each heading on this page.

- (h) Page 29 - (i) Map Reference Numbers to be inserted after each heading on this page.

- (ii) The following objective to be added to Section 3.3.4 on this page:-

"(iv) To acquire properties at critical access points on Inner and Outer ring road systems."

- (i) Printing and mapping errors and errors in description relating to items of Historic, Archaeological, etc., interest and errors in the descriptions of the Office of public Works as referred to in the submission from the Department of Archaeology, U.C.G., to be corrected.

Making of Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Tuam:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Councillor F. Glynn, and resolved:

"That GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVING prepared a Draft of the proposed development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Tuam, having published the required notices, having considered the objections and representations made with respect to this Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963 to 1983, HEREBY RESOLVE that a Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Tuam be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Plan published on the 9th January, 1986, as amended at this Meeting and that the Official Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the said Plan including the said amendments.

The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant maps as amended at this meeting."

Variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of the Town of Tuam:

It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, and resolved:

"That the Draft Variation of the County Development Plan relating to the Environs of Tuam be amended as follows:

- (a) Page 33 - (i) Map Reference Numbers to be inserted after the headings on Sections 2.3 and 2.4.
 - (ii) References to Tables Numbers 1 and 2 on this page to be changed to Table No. 1E and Table No. 2E as appropriate.
- (b) Page 34 - (i) Map Reference Number to be inserted after heading "Short Term Objectives".
 - (ii) The following paragraph to be added to Section 3.2 on this page:-
 - "(iii) To acquire properties at critical access points on the proposed route of the Outer Ring Road System (Map No. 2)."
- (c) Table No. 1 - Table Number to be changed to 1E and "Map No. 4E" to be substituted for "Map No. 8" on the heading to this table."

Making of Variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of Tuam:

It was proposed by Senator Tom Hussey, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, and resolved:

"That GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVING prepared a Draft Variation of the Development ^{Plan} for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of the Town of Tuam, having published the required notices, having considered the objections and representations made with respect of this draft plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Acts 1963 to 1983 HEREBY RESOLVE that a variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of the Town of Tuam be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Variation published on 9th January, 1986, as amended at this meeting and that the Official Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the said Variation including the said amendments.

The Draft Variation consists of the written statement and the relevant map:-

Draft Variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of Tuam."

776 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME:

The Council were informed that the Phase 2 Report from An Foras Forbartha was received on the 25th April, 1986, and was being examined by the Council's Engineers and by the Consulting Engineers.

Following examination of the Report, it was planned to arrange an early meeting with the Department of Fisheries Inspectors and with Department of the Environment Inspectors to seek agreement on the proposal before the revised Preliminary Report was submitted for approval.

777 - SAORAIDI CALAIOCHTA PIARA CHILL CHIARAIN, CARNA:

Leigh an Runai litir de 14u Marta, 1986, o Roinn na Gaeltachta ag deanamh tagairt do na saoraidi calaiochta thuas luaite, agus ag cuir in iul don Chomhairle go mbeadh an Roinn sasta deontas lanchostais nach rachfaidh thar £40,000 a chur ar fail chun a chumasu d'Oifig na nOibreacha Poibli na hoibreacha seo a leanas a chur i gcrich ag an ait ar choinnioll go mbeadh an Comhairle sasta curam cothabhala na noibreacha a ghlacadh uirthi fein tar eis a ndeanta -

- (i) na ceimeanna a dhunadh agus a lionadh isteach le coincreit;
- (ii) dreimiri a sholathar in ait na gceimeanna;
- (iii) fainni ancaireachta a sholathar in ait na mullardai;
- (iv) aghaidh an phiara a phointeail mar is ga.

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir O'Morain, agus ar cuidiu an Comhairleoir Sean O'Mainnin, d'aontu leis an run go nglacadh an Comhairle Chontae leis na coinniollacha san litir o Roinn na Gaillimhe. D'iarr an Comhairleoir O' Morain go mbeadh roinnt dreideail deanta ag bun an phiara.

778 - ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS IN IRELAND - ANNUAL CONFERENCE - BLARNEY, CO. CORK. - 13TH-15TH MAY, 1986:

It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane, and agreed:

That Councillors P. McHugh and T. Welby attend this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor Martin Lynch, and agreed:

That Councillors M. Mullins and Joe Lambert attend this Conference.

779 - MORTHIONOL 86 - BORD NA GAELIGE - 2/3 BEALTAINE, 1986. - BAILE ATHA CLIATH:

Socraíodh go mbeadh na Comhairleoirí seo leanas pairteach san Morthionol thuas luaite:

Na Comhairleoirí M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, N. O'Conchubhair, agus J. Mac Donnacha.

780 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees which had been circulated to each Member were noted.

781 - COUNCILLORS' NOTICE OF MOTION MONIES:

The County Manager indicated that he had considered the suggestion of the Councillors that the Notice of Motion monies be increased in consultation with the County Engineer. He stated that he would have no objection to an increase from £2,500 to £3,000 provided that -

- (1) No scheme of less than £1,500 was proposed and
- (2) That all work proposed be to existing County Roads.

The County Manager also indicated that given the present state of Council finances, the Council were unable to maintain existing County Roads other than properly developed roads.

Senator Mark Killilea proposed that the Councillors' Notice of Motion monies be increased to £5,000 per Councillor, and that the necessary monies be found from road strengthening allocations. A number of Councillors supported Senator Killilea.

In reply to Councillor F. Glynn, the County Manager indicated that public lighting could not be provided out of Councillors' Notice of Motion Money.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager indicated that there would be grave difficulty in increasing the Councillors' Notice of Motion fund above £3,000 per Councillor as the required monies were not available.

Following a discussion, it was agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that the County Manager and the County Engineer examine the possibility of increasing the Councillors' Notice of Motion money to £4,000 per Councillor with the same conditions applying to the use of this fund as heretofore.

782 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES:

In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, who asked regarding the possibility of employing men on the Social Employment Schemes to carry out works on roads such as the opening of gullies, the County Manager indicated that all Social Employment Schemes had to have the approval of a Monitoring Committee who in turn sought the approval of the Local Unions involved. The Council had given a guarantee to the Local Unions that work would not be carried out under the scheme which was the normal work of roadworkers. The Council had recently asked the Union to consent to have work such as the opening of gullies on roads included in the Social Employment Schemes but no reply had as yet been received from the Unions.

It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Welby, that the Council renew its request to the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss the question of a special grant for roads in the Connemara Area. Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair asked that the Minister for the Gaeltacht be requested to receive a deputation from the Council to discuss the question of Grants for bog roads.

In reply to Councillor Ulick Burke, the County Manager indicated that he was not in favour of introducing any kind of bonus schemes for Roadworkers. Such schemes would result in many complications regarding work measurement and other aspects in the operation of such schemes.

783 - JOINT MEETING WITH ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Chairman referred to a request which he had received that a Joint Meeting between Galway County Council and Roscommon County Council be held to discuss the Bord na Mona development at Derryfadda. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Joe Callanan, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, that the joint meeting be held at 4.00 p.m. in Ballyforan Hall on Monday, 19th May, 1986. It was agreed that Members would meet at the site of the Briquette Factory at 3.30 p.m. on that date. It was also agreed that representatives of Bord na Mona be invited to attend the Joint Meeting.

784 - ROADWORKS AT TONAMACE, ANNAGHDOWN:

It was agreed on the request of Councillor P. McHugh that the County Engineer would examine the position in relation to the finalising of works at Tonamace, Annaghdown.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:785 - ROADWORKS BETWEEN OUGHTERARD AND MAAM CROSS AT GLENGOWLA - MOTION BY CLR. T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Welby:

"Our estimate for the completion of this work was £90,000. The Council decided to transfer £25,000 to the R.343 into Carraroe leaving £65,000 for the N.59. This will now only do a little more than half the work and will make all work affected more expensive in the long run. The question of transferring back the £25,000 is a matter for the Council."

The Council agreed that the balance of £65,000 available be spent on this portion of road. The County Engineer indicated that work would commence as soon as possible.

786 - ATHENRY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahey:

1. The quantity of water available from the proposed sources, including the second borehole is adequate.
2. Pumping and Treatment Works capacity of 252,000 gallons per day is adequate for the Town and Environs of population 1,479 persons (1981) and for ACOT (17,000 g.p.).
3. High level storage (water tower) capacity of 50,000 gallons is inadequate for peak distribution needs.
4. Waste and leakage is an ongoing problem which is receiving attention.
5. The proposed Mid Galway Zone 3 Scheme from Oranmore with a Reservoir at Knocknacreeak will provide augmentation and adequate storage capacity."

Deputy Fahey stated that he could not understand why the water supply could not be extended to serve a small group scheme which was being organised about 200 yards away from the end of the existing main. He was supported by Councillor Lynch who indicated that a large leak of 11,000 gallons per day had been found recently. Deputy Fahey asked that the Council re-examine the position in relation to allowing this small group scheme to be connected to the mains. The Group Scheme had provided their own borehole and were asking that their own source be augmented from Athenry.

Mr. J. Howlett indicated the position in relation to the proposed Mid-Galway Zone 3 Scheme from Oranmore and stated that any savings achieved by leak detection were needed for the existing supply. He agreed to examine the matter further.

- 787 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC HAZARD CAUSED BY WATER LODGING AT GORTACLEVA, CLAREGALWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor McDonagh:

"A large parking area has been developed at the Community Centre. The surface has been raised and the surface water which once had access to this area and soaked underground is now held on the roadway. This caused the flooding outside Davitt's House. The Community Council will be requested to grade the surface of the carpark away from the road to alleviate this flooding.

There is a dip on the other side of the road which has always been a problem with regards flooding. A soakaway will be constructed during the year on this side and if the soakage is adequate it should solve the problem."

- 788 - AMALGAMATION OF CORONERS DISTRICTS:

In reply to Councillor Michael Fahy, the County Manager indicated that Dr. Joyce had indicated that he intended to give up duty in relation to the West Galway Coroners District. The reasons for his decision did not appear to be related to salary.

- 789 - THAT THE DRAIN LEADING FROM MICHAEL KELLY'S LAND AT BALLINACURRA, KILCHREEST TO BALLINGARRY BE CLEANED - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Lambert:

"The drain pointed out to the Overseer by Michael Kelly is part of the Kilchreest Drainage District which is maintained by the County Council. This drain is due for cleaning in the current year under the programme."

- 790 - PROVISION OF A PUBLIC TELEPHONE AT CNOCADUA, COSTELLO, CONNEMARA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The guaranteed public telephone scheme has been discussed by the Council on a number of occasions and at its Meeting on 25th April, 1977, it was decided not to operate this scheme. It was the general feeling of Members that it was the responsibility of the (then) Department of Posts and Telegraphs only to provide this service in areas where it might not be an economical proposition to do so. The County Council has not included any monies in its Estimates towards the provision of public telephone under this scheme in the current year."

- 791 - THAT A MAXIMUM RATE DISABLED PERSONS GRANT COUNTY GALWAY BE INCREASED TO £5,000 - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"I wish to inform you that the Council at its meeting on 25th November, 1985, agreed that the maximum grant limit for physically disabled persons' Grant be raised to £5,000."

- 792 - THAT THE MAIN ROAD ON INIS MEAIN ISLAND BE ADOPTED AS A PUBLIC ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The estimated cost of bringing this road up to standard for adoption as a public road is £30,000. There are no funds provided for this in the current year's Estimate and the adoption of this road as a public road would create further difficulties regarding continuous maintenance for which sufficient funds are not available.

The Council submitted a Social Employment Scheme for improving the roads on Inis Meain to the National Manpower Service and has recently been informed that there is not sufficient numbers qualified for the scheme available to carry out the work."

- 793 - THAT PROVISIONS BE MADE IN THE 1986 ESTIMATES FOR EXTRA PUBLIC LIGHTING OPPOSITE THE CHURCH, ABBEYKNOCKMOY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Peter Raftery:

"There is no public lighting outside the Church at present. The small carpark attached to the Church is lit by a private light. There is an existing E.S.B. pole opposite the entrance to the Church from the public road and a light could be put on this if funds were made available. However, this is unlikely to be the case. The road fronting the Church is a relatively quiet County Road."

- 794 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT TWO LIGHTS OUTSIDE CAHERLISTRANE SPORTS CENTRE DURING 1986 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor P.F. Glynn:

"In view of the fact that there is provision made for additional public lighting in the 1986 Estimates, a priority list is being prepared and this request will be considered in the light of the results of the proposed survey which should be completed by the end of May."

- 795 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EXTEND KILCONLY AND KILBANNON GRAVEYARDS DURING 1986 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor P.F. Glynn:

"Development of Kilbannon graveyard has been approved in this year's Estimates (£5,000) and work will commence in the next few weeks. There is no provision for an extension to Kilconly Graveyard in the current year's Estimates but investigations are currently carried out regarding the acquisition of a suitable plot of land."

Councillor P.F. Glynn asked that the possibility of getting an extension into the unused Church of Ireland Burial Ground at Kilconly be examined.

- 796 - THAT CONNECTIONS BE MADE WITH EXISTING HOUSES TO THE PROPOSED GORT SEWERAGE SCHEME WHERE SEWAGE IS BEING DISCHARGED INTO GORT RIVER - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The houses along the line of the new sewers will be connected to the new sewers. The position in regard to a small number of houses which are not adjacent to the new sewers and are not served by existing sewers has been referred to the Council's Consultants with a view to including them in the scheme."

- 797 - THAT A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE ERECTED AT CLAREGALWAY AND THAT THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH BE WIDENED - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"We submitted our proposed location for a "Pelican Type" pedestrian crossing at Claregalway to the Chief Superintendent of the Gardai Siochana and have received his authorisation to erect same as of 27th March, 1986. We will now place a public advertisement for the lights which we would hope to have erected for the new school year in September.

Some widening of the roadway, adjoining the Church property and opposite the Supermarket, would be of benefit as parking space for shoppers, but it would not be advisable to widen in the vicinity of the pedestrian crossing which is situated between the Supermarket and the entrance to the nearby housing estate and Church car park. Any such widening would have to be done out of Department of Environment National Primary Road Grants."

- 798 - THAT IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS BE CARRIED OUT TO CLIFDEN TOWN WATER SUPPLY - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The capacity of the present source of supply - Lough Nembrackeage - is inadequate for any extension of the supply area outside Clifden Town. A Preliminary Report is being prepared by the Consulting Engineers - Patrick J. Tobin & Co., to include the Clifden Area in the proposed Letterfrack Regional Scheme with a supply from Lough Mahilion. The report is due for completion by August 1986."

- 799 - THAT THE COUNCIL IMPROVE AND REPAIR THE KILWULLAUN ROAD, CAHERLISTRANE. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. McHugh:

"The road is in good condition in general except for some short length which will be attended to."

- 800 - THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO WIDEN THE CORNER AT THE T-JUNCTION AT KNOCKDOE WHERE THE ROAD FROM AUCLOGEEN JOINS THE TUAM/GALWAY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"This refers to junction of C.R. 149 with N.17. The junction is a good open junction but possibly, in heavy traffic conditions, a long articulated vehicle could have difficulty negotiating it from the National Primary Road. No funds are likely to be available for this work in the current year."

- 801 - THAT SCHOOL SIGNS BE ERECTED BY CREGMORE SCHOOL AND A BIGGER AND CLEARER STOP SIGN AT JUNCTION OF LISHEENAVALLA AND CREGMORE ROAD. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"School signs were recently erected on the road from Lisheenavalla. The intersection of the Cregmore road with the road from Lisheenavalla considered to be adequately sign posted."

- 802 - THAT ONE NEW EXTRA LIGHT BE ERECTED URGENTLY AT BLACK SPOT IN TURLOUGHMORE VILLAGE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"In view of the fact that there is provision made for additional public lighting in the 1986 Estimates a priority list is being prepared and this request will be considered in the light of the results of the proposed survey which should be completed by the end of May."

- 803 - THAT A NEW LIGHT BE ERECTED OUTSIDE COROFIN CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. McDonagh:

"As there is already a Street light nearby, I cannot recommend that extra light be provided."

- 804 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL BLACKTOP THE G.W.S.S. PORTION OF THE EXTENSION LEADING FROM CLOUGHNANOVER TO HEADFORD. - MOTION BY SENATOR M. KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator M. Killilea:

"The margin has been restored to its former condition. No funds are available in 1986 to do the work requested but it is accepted that proposal has merit."

Senator Killilea stated that there were still some stones piled on the side of the road and asked that the matter be re-examined.

- 805 - THAT AN ALLOCATION OF £1,000 BE MADE TO LEENANE G.A.A. CLUB TOWARDS THE COST OF PROVIDING A NEW PITCH AND A PARK. - MOTION BY SENATOR M. KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator M. Killilea:

"An application form for an Amenity Grant has been forwarded to Leenane G.A.A. for completion. When the completed application has been received, it will be considered with others when the Amenity Grant allocation for 1986 is being distributed."

- 806 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DRAFT A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIFE ON THE OFF-SHORE ISLANDS ON THE GALWAY COAST. - MOTION BY SENATOR M. KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator M. Killilea:

"No details of any amendments in the Regional Fund have been received to date. I am taking up the matter with the Department of Finance so that details of the amendments can be ascertained."

Senator Killilea stated that the Council should set out its policy in relation to the development of the islands and that all the problems relating to the islands should be identified. He undertook to submit details of documentation he had relating to amendments in the Regional Fund.

- 807 - THE UP DATE POSITION ON THE PROBLEM WATER WELL AT PETERSWELL VILLAGE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. Lambert:

"The well in Peterswell is not a public well and is thus not the responsibility of the Council. The well is subject to contamination by effluent from neighbouring septic tanks and the water is unfit for use for drinking. The question of provision of a sewerage scheme for the village was previously investigated but was not found to be feasible on economic grounds."

A source for a group water scheme at Knockanora has been approved in principle subject to suitable treatment. However, the cost of this scheme may be high."

- 808 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IN CHARGE THE GREEN SPACE AND THE PLAYING AREA IN THE CHAERONAUN ESTATE, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. Joyce:

"It is proposed to take over the open space subject of the following:

1. The residents will agree to maintain the open space (excluding the playground equipment).
2. The play-ground equipment will be maintained by the Council provided on investigation of the state of the equipment the Council's Insurers are satisfied to extend our policy."

- 809 - THAT THE COUNCIL GO AHEAD IMMEDIATELY WITH THE EASING OF THE BEND AT BRENDAN NAUGHTON'S HOUSE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor J. Joyce:

"This bend is on Regional Road 355 in the townland of Lakefield. An estimate of £4,800 was submitted by E.E. Portumna on 5th December, 1985, for this project. The allocation for Special Improvements at Ballycrissane is £30,000. I consider that the remaining works at Ballycrissane will cost this amount, and in order to substantially complete this project (which is more dangerous than Naughton's turn) no deduction should be made from the allocation."

I also consider it desirable to complete one re-aligned section on this road before starting another."