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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

5u 1a Mean Fomhair, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De hAoine, an 12u 1a Mean Fomhair, 1986, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Niall Hynes c/o J.J. Mannion, Solicitors, Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Fahy. - Planning Ref. No. 52394."
John M. Mannion. Patrick Finnegan. Tom Welby.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Miss Mary Tierney, 337, Tirellan Heights, Headford Road, Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Tonroe, Clarinbridge. - Planning Ref. No. 52858."
Michael Fahy. Frank Fahey. Mark Killilea. Jarlath McDonagh.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to David Griffin of Main Street, Clifden, for a dwellinghouse at Maum. - Planning Reference Number 51755."
John M. Mannion. Mark Killilea. Michael Ryan.
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 Outline Permission to Stephen Heanue of Bridge Street, Clifden, for a dwellinghouse at Beaghcauneen. - Planning Ref. No. 52600."
John M. Mannion. Michael Ryan. Ulick Burke.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Joseph Rooney, Gurteenacre, Athenry, Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at the above address. - Planning Ref. No. 52797."

Michael Fahy. Martin Lynch. John Molloy. Jarlath McDonagh.

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 Mrs. Mary Mullen for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Ardnageeha. - Planning Ref. No. 52361."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. John M. Mannion.

Other Business:

7. New Tenant Purchase Scheme - Copy already circulated.
8. Circular letter 16/86 dated 27th June, 1986, re House Purchase Loans - Copy already circulated.
9. Housing Construction Capital Allocation 1986 - Circular letter No. N.5/86 dated 31st July, 1986, from the Department of the Environment - Copy already circulated.
10. Rents of Local Authority Dwellings - Circular letter of 14th August, 1986, from the Department of the Environment, copy enclosed.
11. Raising of supplementary loan of £1,205,000 for Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme.
12. Athenry Water Supply Scheme - Report already circulated.
13. Oranmore Sewerage Scheme - Report already circulated.
14. Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme - Report already circulated.
15. Sanitary Services Capital Allocation, 1986. - Circular letter L 3/86A dated 6th August, 1986, - copy already circulated.
16. 1986 People of the Year Awards - any nominations to be submitted in writing. - Details already circulated.
17. Civil Liability Act, 1961 - Section 60. - Letter dated 5th August, 1986, from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., copy already circulated.
18. Clean-Up Ireland Week - Report dated 19th August, 1986, copy already circulated.
19. Malicious Injury Decrees. - List already circulated.
20. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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Additional Item:

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission for erection of vehicle repair workshop at Lahardaun to Mr. Declan Clarke, c/o Pádraig O Cuimin, Main Street, Loughrea. - Planning Ref. No. 52604."

Matt Loughnane. Michael Fahy. Michael Kitt.

T. KAVANAGH,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

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Additional Item:

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management
(Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager
to decide to grant Planning Permission (Outline) to Michael C. Glynn
for the erection of a dwelling house at Tonroe, Ardrahan. - Planning
Ref. No. 52463."

T. KAVANAGH,
Acting County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR.

Clr. N. O'Connor.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke
Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor
M Fahy, Senator T. Hussey, Senator M. Killilea,
Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane,
M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh,
J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, M. O'Morain,
P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby,
Clr. J. Joyce.

Officials:-

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager, P. Flood,
County Engineer, E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant
County Manager, B. Callagy, Seniore Executive
Engineer (Planning), D. Barrett, Senior Staff
Officer, Mr. T. Coughlan, Acting Senior Staff
Office, R. Curley, Acting Staff Officer and T.
Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1135 - RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:-

Clr. McDonagh proposed a resolution of sympathy to the relatives of the
late Pat Hurney who died tragically last weekend. He said that the late
Mr. Hurney was an outstanding sportsman in the G.A.A., and a very prominent
member of the Turloughmore Club. The resolution was seconded by Senator
Killilea, and all the Members present joined in the Vote of Sympathy.
Mr. Gleeson on behalf of the County Manager and the Staff joined in the
expression of sympathy to Mr. Hurney who had two brothers on the staff
of the Council as well as his Aunt, Miss Julia Forde.

On the proposition of Clr. O'Morain a resolution of sympathy was adopted
with the Mannion Family, Ballinafad on the death of Mrs. Mannion who
was an Aunt of Clr. John Mannion.

Do mhol and Cathaoirleach, an Comhrl. O'Conchubhair, run comhbhron do
chlann Ui Neachtain on Spideal, de bharr bas Padraic O Neachtain. Fear
an-gaelach aba an t-Uas O Neachtain a raibh meas mor aige do gach rud
Gaelach. Cuidigh an Comhrl. O'Morain agus na Comhleoiri eile leis an
run.

Resolution of Sympathy was also adopted with Mr. Michael Ryan, Roundstone
on the death of his Sister Sr. Rosario Ryan.

1136 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52394 - APPLICANT:- NIALL HYNES.

At the request of Clr. Mannion, the Chairman decided to defer this
resolution to the next meeting.

1137 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52858 - APPLICANT: MISS MARY
TIERNEY

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

LOCATION

Site is located on the Galway/Limerick Rd. (N18) approximately 1 mile north of Clarenbridge.

HISTORY

Planning Ref. No. 40049 - Loretta McGhee - Permission granted for a dwellinghouse on the basis of applicant's housing need - 30th December, 1981

Planning Ref. No. 52465 - Mary Tierney - Permission refused because of traffic hazard and contravention of Chapter 25, Table 25A of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the family housing need of farmholders.

1138-PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Permission Ref. 40049 was granted on this site on the basis of applicants housing need. The subsequent applications were by a different applicant and no special housing need was claimed. The site is located on the National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and refusal is recommended on the grounds of traffic hazard.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 25, Table 25A of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the family housing need of farmholders. Such a need does not exist in this case, and the previous permission granted on the site was in respect of such a need.

The County Engineer stated that the site was on a very fast stretch of the National Primary Road where traffic travels at high speed and any accident was likely to be very serious.

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Clr. M. Fahy. He said that the Applicant purchased the site from Mrs. Magee and understood that there would be no difficulty in getting Planning Permission as permission already existed on the site. He said he was proposing the Resolution on the basis that permission was previously granted on the site. Clr. Welby seconded the Resolution.

Clr. J. Burke referred to an agreement between the parties whereby Section 4 Resolutions would not be proposed for sites on National Primary Routes. Deputy Fahey said that the Resolution did not breach the agreement as the agreement catered for two exceptions (a) specific applications which were listed and (b) applications where permission was granted previously but withered.

As there was no objection the Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

1139 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER - 51755 - APPLICANT - DAVID GRIFFIN.

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

LOCATION

The site is located to the North of the roadway from Ballinaboy to Errislannon approximately 500 yards past the monument to Alcock & Browne at Maum.

HISTORY

Ref. No. 23156: A similar application from the same applicant for Outline Planning Permission was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of injury to visual amenity. An appeal to An Bord Pleanala was withdrawn

Ref. No. 24882: A similar application for Outline Planning Permission was again refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on grounds of injury to visual amenity.

Ref. No. 28872: A similar application for Outline Planning Permission to the same applicant was granted under direction of Section 4 motion. This Outline Planning Permission has now expired. Approval was not sought.

Planning Considerations

The applicant is the owner of a bar-business in Clifden with residence attached to the bar. The applicant has claimed that this application is for a new farmhouse but has offered no evidence to substantiate this claim.

The Proposed development is located in a virtually undeveloped location in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would lead to an erosion of the natural beauty of the area.

RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would be located in a virtually undeveloped landscape in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and would, if permitted, due to its undue prominence be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and would erode the natural beauty of the area, would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The County Engineer stated that it would be very difficult to construct a septic tank on the site which would work satisfactorily because of the boggy nature of the soil. He said he would welcome a proposal to defer the application in order to get the opinion of the County Medical Officer.

Clr. Mannion proposed the Resolution as Set out on the Agenda. He said that the Applicant was not the owner of a Bar Business in Clifden and was only a part owner. When permission was granted previously the applicant was not in a position to go ahead with the development. He said the Applicant has a farm there and now wants to build a house on it. The Resolution was seconded by Clr. McCormack.

As there was no objection the Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

1140 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52600 - APPLICANT: STEPHEN HEANUE.

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

1141 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52797 - APPLICANT: JOSEPH ROONEY.

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

LOCATION:

The proposed site is located approximately 0.4 miles east of Athenry.

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HISTORY:

Ref. No. 51558: - J. Rooney - Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority on public health grounds on the 19th February, 1986.

Ref. No. 52360: J. Rooney - Application for approval refused by the Planning Authority because application was invalid in that no outline permission existed on the site. Refused also on public health grounds - refused on 3rd July, 1986.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Galway County Council built a house for Mrs. Mary Murphy on Plot/Site A and B on land previously owned by Mrs. Murphy i.e. land transferred to Galway County Council ownership before construction.

Subsequently Mrs. Murphy sought to purchase back a strip of the above plot/site marked B approximately 30ft. wide and 0.14 acres in area. It was made clear by the Planning Section to the Housing Section at the time, that, whereas there was no objection to the sale nevertheless Mrs. Murphy should not be left with the impression that the sale was agreed to so that she could obtain planning permission on the site B plus C. At the time of the first application No. 51558 referred to above on this site which is B plus C, Mr. J. Rooney claimed to be the "prospective buyer" of the site. At the time of the second application referred to above, Mr. Rooney claimed to be the "prospective buyer under contract for sale" of the site B & C. At this point in time Mr. Rooney claims to be the owner of the site B & C (current application). A check with Law Agent's Dept. shows that the transfer of the land from Galway County Council to Mrs. Murphy signed and issued on 12th June, 1986 for the sale of the plot to Mrs. Murphy so effectively as far as Galway County Council is concerned the sale has been completed.

The proposed site B plus C is approximately 0.40 acres in area. It is bounded by a stream and is not large enough to satisfactorily accommodate a septic tank and percolation area without giving rise to danger of pollution of the stream by septic tank effluent. The site also slopes towards the stream, thereby increasing the risk of pollution of the stream

RECOMMENDATION

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would constitute a public health hazard because the site is inadequate in size to provide for the construction of a septic tank drainage system the required distances from the dwellinghouse to be served and the stream which bounds the site on the western side. The slope of the site in the direction of the stream would, in particular increase the likelihood of pollution of the stream.

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. M Fahy. He said that the Applicant was in bad need of housing and had a young family. He said the site was big enough to allow the Septic Tank to be moved away from the stream and that this was the only site the applicant could afford to purchase. Cllr. Lynch seconded the Resolution. He said that Mr. Rooney was now in possession of the site and had put in from 7 to 11 feet of fill on the site. He said that the Septic Tank of the adjoining house was 72' from the stream and that Mr. Rooney's Septic Tank as proposed would be 74' from the stream. He said that the drain was going across the road and that the County Council had given permission for a house there where there was a spring well.

The County Engineer stated that the Septic Tank and Percolation area of the County Council house were 100' from the stream and that there was no way that the septic tank for the proposed house could be located 100' from the stream. He said that he would be willing to look at the application on the site. Cllr. Lynch agreed to get the applicant to consent to an extension of time and further consideration of the Resolution was deferred.

1142- RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52361 - APPLICANT: MRS. MARY MULLEN.

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

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LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Ardnageeha at the entrance to Golden Bay.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 51747: A previous similar application by the same applicant was refused by the Planning Authority on grounds of injury to visual amenity.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site of the proposed development is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity adjacent to the entrance to Golden Bay on Lough Corrib. The applicant lives in Galway City and apparently is not happy with the neighbourhood in which she resides and wishes to move to the country. She refers to a substandard dwellinghouse on the site which she is replacing but this is, in fact, a ruin. There is an alternative site on family lands which would be acceptable to the Planning Authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Authority are not satisfied that a substantiated housing need exists and it is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where it is the general policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. No such need exists and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development would be located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and would, if permitted, by reason of its proximity to a highly scenic and tranquil inlet of Lough Corrib, seriously detract from the visual and scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Senator Killilea proposed the Resolution as set out on the Agenda. He said that the site was on the family farm and the applicant wanted to move back to the home farm. The old outbuildings were on this site and a new dwellinghouse would enhance the site. The Resolution was seconded by Cllr. Molloy.

Cllr. J. Brennan asked where was the alternative site and was informed by the County Engineer that it was about half a mile away on another part of the farm and that the site of the proposed dwellinghouse was adjacent to the entrance to Golden Bay on Lough Corrib, an area of outstanding scenic amenity. Senator Killilea said that the site was on the best part of the farm. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

1143- RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52604 - APPLICANT: MR. DECLAN CLARKE.

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

LOCATION:

The site is located approximately two and a half miles north of Castledaly Crossroads on the Gort to Loughrea National Secondary Route.

HISTORY:

Planning Reg. No. 24092: Permission for a dwellinghouse granted on the 7th June, 1977 to Mr. John Carty as a new farm house on his farm holding.

Planning Reg. No. 27204: Permission granted for a dwellinghouse on the 29th May, 1978 to John Clarke, whose interest in the site at that time was as prospective purchaser from Mr. Carty.

Planning Reg. No. 52174: Permission for construction of a vehicle repair workshop refused on the 9th June, 1986 to Declan Clarke.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and traffic movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road and would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard. There is inadequate sight distance available for vehicles exiting from the site creating an additional hazard in this case.

REFUSAL IS RECOMMENDED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:-

The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a section of a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and where there is inadequate sight distance due to substandard alignment, and the traffic generated by this commercial business would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.

Clr. Loughnane proposed the Resolution as set out on the Agenda. He said that the entrance to the Site was well back from the road and that if the road is re-aligned it will be back further still. He said he didn't agree that the site distance was inadequate. The Resolution was seconded by Deputy Fahey who said that the Gort/Loughrea Road was a National Secondary Road in name only. He said it was not heavily trafficked and the proposed development would be no more of a hazard than any similar development on a minor road.

As there was no amendment the Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

1144 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER - 52463 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL C. GLYNN.

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

LOCATION

The proposed site is located on the Galway/Gort National Primary Route approximately 2 miles south of Kilcolgan.

PLANNING HISTORY

Planning Ref. No. 19493 - Outline Planning Permission was originally granted to Mr. Michael Glynn in August, 1975, on the basis of a claim for a second family dwelling.

Planning Ref. NO. 36726 - Approval was granted for a dwellinghouse in November, 1980, on the basis of the previous Outline Planning Permission to Mr. Michael C. Glynn who is not related to the applicant in planning permission 19493 and who apparently purchased the site in 1976 or 1977.

Planning Ref. No. 50092 - Mr. Michael C. Glynn applied for Outline Planning Permission and was refused by the Planning Authority in May, 1985. In this application the applicant's engineer was under the impression that a second family dwelling claim was involved and applied on this basis. This application was refused on the grounds that the housing need claimed could be adequately met by locating a dwellinghouse on a side road bounding the claimed family holding.

This decision was appealed and it transpired that Michael C. Glynn was not related to Michael Glynn and that no housing need was being claimed. The application was refused by An Bord Pleanála in January, 1986.

Planning Ref. NO. 51372 - Outline Planning Permission was sought by Michael C. Glynn and refused in December, 1985. No appeal was lodged.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

It appears from correspondence in connection with the appeal of a planning application no. 50092 that the applicant purchased the site sometime after the original outline planning permission no. 19493 was granted. Both Outline Planning Permission NO. 19493 and Approval No. 36726 have since expired. As Mr. Michael C. Glynn is not related to the original applicant no housing need is involved and the Planning Authority proposes to refuse the application on the basis of traffic hazard and on the basis that it would contravene the provision, of the County Development Plan (Para 25.1, Table 25.A)

RECOMMENDATION

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would, owing to the conflicting traffic movement it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

2. The development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority which is to restrict residential development on the route and to particular categories of essential housing need, which need has not been claimed or substantiated in this case.

The County Engineer said that he had inspected the site and that it was on a vast section of road with no hard shoulders.

Deputy Fahey proposed the Resolution as set out on the Agenda. He said he was proposing the Resolution on the basis that Planning Permission was previously granted and had expired. After purchasing the site the applicant got approval in 1980 and a house could have been built on the site at that time. The Resolution was seconded by Clr. M. Fahy who said that permission had previously been granted on the site. As there was no amendment, the Chairman declared the Resolution as carried.

1145 - PLANNING APPLICATION - MICHAEL MOLLOY - NUMBER 52574.

Clr. Welby raised the Planning Application of Michael Molloy, Ballinacra, Number 52574. He said that the site was on eight acres of land and permission had previously been granted for a hotel and it seemed that the present application would not be granted. Clr. O'Morain, Senator Killilea, Deputy Fahey and Clr. Mannion supported Clr. Welby and asked if the date could be extended. The County Manager stated that the date had been extended to the 9th October, 1986 and the only Council Meeting before that would be on the 22nd September, 1986. The County Engineer agreed to a Site Meeting at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th September, 1986.

1146 - GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

Clr. O'Morain said that he would not be able to attend the next Meeting of the General Council of County Councils and proposed that Clr. J. Molloy attend instead. This was seconded by Clr. M. Fahy and agreed.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER.

1147 - Derryinver Pier.

The County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Department of Tourism Fisheries and Forestry regarding a Development Scheme for Derryinver Pier which would:-

- (1) Raise level of existing Pier by 0.3 m.
- (2) Extend existing Pier by 6.0 m and finish off to the same level as at (1) above.
- (3) Provide one recessed ladder at the end of face of the extended pier.
- (4) Provide pierhead light to serve also as a navigation light.

The total estimated cost of the proposed works was £89,000 and the Department were prepared to offer a Grant of £66,750 provided that Galway County Council would agree to contribute 25% of the final cost of the scheme and to maintain

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the completed works. It was proposed by Clr. O'Morain and seconded by Clr. Mannion and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council approve of the payment of a contribution of 25% of the final cost of the Development Works proposed by the Department of Tourism, Fisheries and Forestry for Derryinver Pier and that the Council agree to maintain the completed works"

Clr. O'Morain asked that the Council enquire from the Office of Public Works if it was proposed to carry out improvement works at Crumpaun Pier.

1148 - Association for the Unemployed.

The County Manager stated that an application for assistance had been received from the Galway Association for the Unemployed, who stated that they proposed to provide an unemployed centre. Galway Corporation had agreed to make a contribution of £5,000 towards the Centre and the County Manager recommended that the Council make a contribution of £3,000. It was proposed by Deputy Fahey and seconded by Clr. Mannion and resolved :-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of a Contribution of £3,000 to the Galway Association for the Unemployed towards the cost of providing a Centre for the Unemployed."

1149 - Samaritans

The County Manager stated that a request had been received from the Samaritans requesting financial assistance. The Samaritans had acquired a house at Nuns Island and will be adapting it to a community building and already give a very good service to the Community. Galway Corporation have agreed to make a contribution of £5,000 and the County Manager recommended that the Council make a similar contribution. It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Clr. O'Morain and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of a contribution of £5,000 to the Samaritans for the purposes set out by the County Manager"

1150 - Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge.

The County Manager informed the Council that he had appointed the Consultants, DeLeuw Chadwick & O h-Eocha to do a Cost Benefit Analysis Study in relation to the proposed Bridge at Knockferry and to appraise costings. The estimated cost of the study was £11,000. Deputy Fahey asked what criteria were used in the selection of Consultants. The County Manager replied that this firm was selected because it was able to specialise in transportation and had done the Feasibility Study for the new road from Oranmore and the new Corrib Bridge. This Firm had also shown that it had the expertise to do the type of Analysis required for this project.

The Council approved of the appointment of the Consultants.

1151 - Surface Dressing.

Senator Killilea raised the question of the surface dressing of the Derreen Road, Abbeyknockmoy. He said the problem seemed to be the poor quality of the chips and he understood that some surface dressing had to be cancelled as a result. He also understood that the Council was buying a washer to wash the chips and said that the question of skid resistance was no longer a factor and that the Council should revert to the Tonabruky Chips. Clr. Welby supported Senator Killilea and said that it was taking too long to carry out the study in relation to Tonabruky. Clr. Ryan also said that something went wrong with the surface dressing on this road and recommended to the County Engineer that he carry out an inspection. He said that some of the chips were very big and many windscreens had been broken.

The County Engineer stated that in each year's programme of surface dressing there are some failures and there were two failures this year, and taken in the context of the overall programme it represented a very small percentage.

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He said that a remarkable success had been achieved with the chips from North Tipperary this year. Following a breakdown in the Plant, some of the chips supplied were dusty but a satisfactory dressing had been achieved even with these. The County Engineer said that he was absolutely satisfied with the surface dressing and with the PSV of the new chips. He said that North Tipperary County Council would be washing the chips next year and he had requested an Foras Forbartha to examine the surface dressing which had failed this year to determine the cause. He said that the Consultant had been appointed to examine the question of lowering the floor of Tonabruky Quarry for furthering quarrying.

1152 - REMOVAL OF VAT FROM HURLEYS

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahey, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh the following motion was passed and it was agreed to forward it to the General Council of County Councils.

"that V.A.T. be removed from hurleys"

1153 - New Tenant Purchase Scheme

A copy of report of Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, together with a copy of the 1986 Tenant Purchase Scheme was previously circulated to the members. Mr. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager gave some examples of house prices under the new Scheme. He said that the New Scheme was based on the same principle as the old scheme except that in the new scheme the gross sale price of a dwelling may be based on its market value where in the opinion of the Council the market value is less than the gross sale price as determined by reference to the Value of Money Tables.

Deputy Fahey stated that having regard to the drop in house values, the sale prices determined by reference to the Value of Money Tables could work out very expensive and could be a deterrent to purchase. He said the Council must become concerned at the number of good tenants leaving good County Council's estates and unless sale prices are related to current values, the position could get serious.

The County Manager stated that the house prices were now being worked out under the new scheme and if the price of any house looks excessive compared to current prices, the position will be examined.

Councillor J. Burke said that the market value of some of the houses in Tuam would be well below the prices calculated under the Purchase Scheme and he welcomed the concept of the provision for using the market value. Other members favoured the use of the market value system and said that in many cases these values would already be available from recent sales.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Gleeson stated that all tenants would be notified of the sale price and that the local authority has to put the house in good structural condition before purchase. He also said that the valuation office can be availed of to decide on market values.

1154 - House Purchase Loans

Report dated 19th August, 1986, of Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, had previously been circulated to each member. Mr. Gleeson stated that the Council operates three types of loan schemes (a) S.D.A. Schemes - Annuity, (b) Convertible Scheme (c) Income-related. Mr. Gleeson gave a brief explanation of the three types of loan and said that the Housing Finance Agency is being given a more central role than theretofore in the raising of funds for housing loans and that housing authorities will assume direct responsibility for income-related loans (H.F.A.) and all housing loans approved on or after 1st July, 1986.

Councillor Joyce asked if there would be new application forms for the new loans, if a mortgage protection policy would apply and who decided on the necessity for a certificate from an Engineer/Architect in regard to the structure of the house. The County Manager replied that the Certificate was necessary as a result of a recent Court case and if this was not submitted the Council could be held responsible. He said that the mortgage protection

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insurance scheme which at present applied to H.F.A. loans will be extended to all local authority loans. New explanatory documentation will be got ready for interested applicants. The County Manager stated that the Council's policy would be to accommodate applicants as far as possible with the conventional type S.D.A. loans. In some cases convertible loans would be considered and in a smaller number of cases applicants would be considered for income-related loans.

Councillor Callanan and other members agreed with the policy for dealing with applicants as suggested by the County Manager. Councillor Callanan asked if a loanee on a H.F.A. loan could opt for a convertible loan. He was informed that this could not be done but that any loanee could increase the periodic payments in order to reduce the balance.

Deputy Fahey asked the position about loan arrears. He said that one of the reasons for the arrears was the fact that some applicants who could not get a big enough loan from the County Council had to get a second loan elsewhere and the repayment of the two loans brought a very heavy burden on them.

Mr. Gleeson gave details of the total number of loans on the Council's books, the total annual repayments due, the amount of arrears and the number of people involved. He gave the same information in relation to H.F.A. loans.

A discussion then followed in regard to income limits, joint incomes etc. The members asked the officials to be sympathetic in the case of two income applicants, where one income might only be temporary. Senator U. Burke expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed mortgage protection scheme but when it was pointed out that the cost of the cover would be an additional 0.25% on to the loan repayment, members agreed that it was very competitive.

1155 - Raising of Supplementary Loan of £1,205,000 for Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor Welby and resolved:

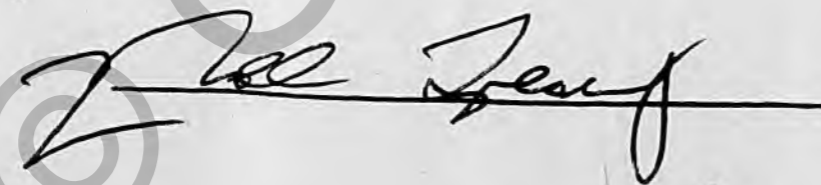
"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £1,205,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

1156 - All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting

It was proposed by Deputy Fahey, seconded by Councillor Joyce and agreed that Councillors Callanan, Welby and Mannion be nominated to attend the Meeting of the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee, being held on Tuesday, 23rd September, 1986.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

22/9/86 DATE

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17th September, 1986.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL /

Re / Public Lighting Programme 1986

A Chara,

The provision in the 1986 Estimates for new Public Lighting is £30,362. At the Council Meeting on the 25th August, 1986, it was decided to divide the allocation between the eleven Engineering areas. This would result in £2,760 per area.

It was also agreed that the Members representing each Engineering Area would get together with the Area Engineer prior to a Council Meeting to agree on the selection of lights. These discussions will take place in the Council Chamber at 2.00 p.m. on Monday, 22nd September, 1986, and you are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH
RUNAI SEALADACH.

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(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH

16u la Mean Fomhair, 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, 22u la Mean Fomhair, 1986, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH
RUNAI SEAL.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Niall Hynes, c/o. J. J. Mannion, Solicitors, Galway, for a dwellinghouse at Fahy. - Planning Ref. No. 52394."

John M. Mannion. Patk. Finnegan. Tom Welby.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to acquire portion of land adjacent to High Cashel Burial Ground for extension to existing burial ground as this is the wish of the people of the area."

Tom Welby Frank Fahey Ml. O'Morain John M. Mannion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

3. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings

- (a) Monthly Meeting held on 25th August, 1986
- (b) Special Meeting held on 12th Sept. 1986

Committee Meetings:

- (c) Aquaculture Committee meeting held on 22nd Aug. 1986
- (d) Dunkellin Drainage Committee meeting held on 5th Sept. 1986.

4. Fix date for October monthly meeting.
5. Letting of part of Clifden Branch Library - Notice dated 11th Sept. refers.

6. Raising of Loan for House Construction Programme and Sanitary Services.
7. 1986 People of the Year Awards - Nominations.
8. Conferences:
 - (a) Course for Chairpersons & Vice-Chairpersons - 2/3 Oct. 1986
 - (b) Sligo Co. Co./I.P.A. Joint National Conference at Sligo Park Hotel - 8/10 Oct. 1986
 - (c) Bird Watchers Conference - Banba Hotel - 14/16 Nov. 1986.
9. Housing Construction Capital Allocation 1986 - Circular letter No. N.5/86 dated 31st July, 1986, from the Dept. of the Environment. Copy already circulated.
10. Rents of Local Authority Dwellings - Circular letter of 14th Aug. 1986, from the Department of the Environment - Copy already circulated.
11. Athenry Water Supply Scheme - Report already circulated.
12. Oranmore Sewerage Scheme - Report already circulated.
13. Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme - Report already circulated.
14. Sanitary Services Capital Allocation, 1986 - Circular letter L 3/86A dated 6th August, 1986 - copy already circulated.
15. Civil Liability Act, 1961 - Section 60 - Letter dated 5th Aug. 1986, from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., copy already circulated.
16. Clean-Up Ireland Week - Report dated 19th Aug. 1986, copy already circulated.
17. Malicious Injury Decrees - List already circulated.
18. Business submitted by the County Manager

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting of 25th August, 1986.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

19. That Galway County Council clean the shore leading from near a house - (details supplied) to a drain in Tynagh Fairgreen and that this drain be deepened for circa 50 yards in order to create an outflow for the present accumulating water, and that these works be carried out immediately.
20. That Galway County Council renew the shore leading into a village (details supplied), which was blacked by the Council when this road was being black-topped and has since been flooding regularly and causing serious inconvenience to property holders (details supplied), and that this work be carried out immediately.
21. That Galway County Council cut the bushes, briars, trees, weeds etc., between the Green Door and Gortanumera National School through Lecarrow, Ballyshrule, immediately, in order that visibility be improved to ensure that the regular occurrence of motor accidents on this road would be prevented.

CLR. N. O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose

22. That Galway County Council deplores the lack of progress by the Government in providing the ferry services promised by the Minister for Communications for the Aran Islands.
23. That Galway Co. Council take immediate steps to ensure that funding from the E.E.C. Regional Fund, which was established to cater for the needs of the underdeveloped areas, will be made available to provide much needed services such as the provision of a proper road network, water and sewerage schemes, harbour facilities and ferry terminals for Connemara and the Islands, and that Roinn na Gaeltachta and Udaras na Gaeltachta be urged to take a more positive role in the acquisition of these funds in their areas of jurisdiction.

OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVEDCLR. JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose

24. That bushes and briars be trimmed immediately on Waterview Rd., Turloughmore.
25. That the Co. Council carry out road strengthening operations utilising the new allocation of funds from Dept. of the Environment on Castle Lambert Road, which is adversely affected by flooding over the years -- area from Padraic Raftery's house to Freaney's house.
26. That Co. Council carry out road strengthening operation utilising the new Dept. allocation of funds on Caherlea Road, Claregalway, which is in a dire need of repairs.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose

27. That Galway Co. Council carry out immediate works in order to alleviate the serious constant flooding from the Ben Hill, off the Woodford/Loughrea Road, on to the property of Thos. Casey at Ballydaley, Kylebrack, Loughrea, and that the present damage to this property be repaired and attended to immediately.
28. That Galway Co. Council carry out immediate works and divert the flood waters off the Gurteeny Glentane Road, near Ml. O'Dea's house, at Mount Hazel, Ballymacward, to the adjoining large drain; and that the affected road area be renewed and resurfaced without delay.
29. That Galway Co. Council undertake immediate works in order to prevent constant flooding by surface water etc., on to the property of Anthony Forde at Alloonbaun, Ballymacward, and that this flooding be terminated without any further delay.

CLR. PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose -

30. I will propose that the car park at Killanin Church be taken over by Galway Co. Council and declared public.
31. I will ask that the briars and bushes be cut back on the Kilbeg Road from the Kilbeg sign on the Headford Road to the Pump.

DEPUTY ML. P. KITT - I will propose

32. That Galway Co. Council would widen a road at Shruffaun, Caltra, and that an estimate would be provided for any land acquisition involved.
33. That Galway Co. Council would tar a road leading into Garafine, Caltra (details enclosed).

CLR. TOM WELBY - I will propose

34. That a public dump be provided on Inishbofin as this island is a popular tourist area and the residents have no proper means of disposing of refuse.
35. That the new bridge to Maam be made operational immediately as the restriction on the old bridge is causing financial difficulties for hauliers using it.
36. What is the present position regarding Tonabrucky Quarry - have tests been carried out - and what were the results.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose -

37. That Galway Co. Council erect Public Toilets at Athenry.

DEPUTY F. FAHEY & CLR. TOM WELBY - We will propose -

38. That under the County Development Plan that planning permission be granted to Ml. Molloy for the erection of dwelling house at Derrymaughann on eight acres (Planning Ref. 52574)

CLR. TIERNAN WALSH - I will propose -

39. That Galway Co. Council carry out work at Clooncun West, Glenamaddy to improve the view crossing the hill at the new houses. At present there is a peak on the road which prevents road users from seeing approaching traffic. This road is also narrow and motorists cannot see an approaching vehicle until within yards of the peak.
40. That Galway Co. Council adopt a more reasonable approach to the lowering of culverts in order to facilitate farmers doing drainage works. It is most frustrating when a gullet under a County Road is left to hold back two or three feet of water, and a group of enterprising farmers are prevented from doing drainage works (as is presently happening at Fartaun, Glenamaddy.)

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.
Fairgi Almride na hEireann 'eoranta, 'Ostan Cheathre Rua).	Damage to doors, cash registers, office equipment and cigarette machine.	County at Large	£2,754	£2,974.25
Conoco Ireland Ltd., Headford Rd., Galway.	Damage to a Hiline Pump	County at Large	£2,500	£1,882
Thomas Byrne, Cottage Bar, Salthill, Galway.	Damage to Honda 125 XL Motor Bicycle; reg no. 481 XIM	County at Large	£1,500	£1,033.75
Fergus Foley, The Blue Cloak, Abbeygate St., Galway.	Clothes stolen; Damage to dress model and window.	County at Large	£600	£510.73
Eileen Gillan, Liscanaunn, Co. Galway.	Damage to Suzuki Jeep LJ 80V reg. no. WDS 733W	County at Large	£500	£393.96
John Walsh, Yacht Bar, St. Francis St., Galway.	Damage to skylights and cash-registers	County at Large	£500	£272.61
Corbett & Sons Ltd. Castle St., Galway	Damage to truck, calculator, telephones, windows, grill and lock.	County at Large	£1,500	£797.57
Mr C Gavin, Newtown, Moycullen.	Damage to dwellinghouse at 15 Walsh's Tce., Woodquay.	County at Large	£9,750	£8,948.75

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE:

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

11th September, 1986.

TO : EACH MEMBER/

Pursuant to Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to dispose of, by way of lease, the premises as set out hereunder :-

Description of Premises : Part of the first floor of the County Council Library premises at Clifden, Co. Galway.

Location : Market Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

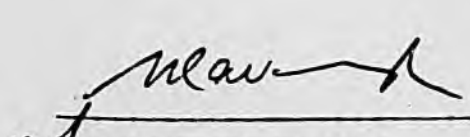
Area : 559 square feet.

To whom premises is to be leased : Mr. John J. Mannion, Solicitor, Bridge Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal : Rent of £50.00 per week for the letting period of two years and nine months.

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.

SIGNED :


COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Noel Treacy

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke,
Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P.
F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce,
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Officials: Messrs S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County
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S.E.E.s; P. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer, R. Curley,
Acting Staff Officer and T. Kavanagh, Acting County
Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1157 - RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late
Garnett Griffin, Gort, father-in-law of Deputy Fahey. The resolution was
seconded by Deputy Molloy and all the members joined in the expression of
sympathy.

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

A resolution of sympathy was also adopted with the family of the late Thomas
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1158 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, the
Council passed a vote of congratulations to the Galway Minor Football Team,
the Galway Camogie Team and the Galway Under 21 Hurling Team on their
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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, the Council congratulated the
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1159 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT)
ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52394 - APPLICANT: NIALL HYNES.

The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated
to each member of the Council.

"LOCATION

The site is located on the lower Sky Rd. in the townland of Fahy.

HISTORY

Planning Ref. No. 51160 & 51553: Both applications for Outline Planning
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PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development is located in a very prominent and elevated position
on an exposed site.

No housing need was claimed. Mr. Hynes is a teacher in Galway City. He claims
to be married to a girl from this area, and hopes to retire to this site in a
few years time. The site is not part of his wife's family lands. Mr. Hynes
is not the owner of the site. The owner is Mr. T. J. Mannion, Bridge St.,
Clifden.

The site consists mainly of outcropping rock with waterlogged bogland to the
rear. A trial hole test revealed that the water table is within 9" of the
ground level and the site is totally unsuitable for the treatment of septic
tank effluent.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application:-

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The County Engineer read report dated 12th September, 1986, from the Chief
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A vote taken after 5 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda
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Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby. (18)

AGAINST : Councillor J. Burke. (1)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

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resulted as follows:-

FOR : Senator U. Burke, Councillors P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T.
Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P.
McCormack, J. MacDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy
R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, P. Raftery,
Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby. (18)

AGAINST : Councillor J. Burke. (1)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1160 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT,
1955 REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO ACQUIRE A PORTION OF LAND ADJACENT TO
HIGH CASHEL BURIAL BOUND FOR EXTENSION TO THE BURIAL GROUND.

Report by Mr. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manger, which was circulated to

each member was submitted. Mr. Gleeson drew attention to the main items in the report and recommended that the Council proceed with the acquisition of land at Derradd West for an extension to the High Cashel Burial Ground.

Councillor Welby said that discussions on the extension to this burial ground had been going on for years and that his understanding was that trial holes which were dug by the local people were found to be satisfactory. He said that the people wanted the extension to the burial ground to be adjacent to the existing burial ground rather than at a different location. He also understood that an entrance road could be provided from the other end at less expense and asked that this be investigated. Deputy Molloy supported Councillor Welby and said that the delay in extending the burial ground resulted in the estimated cost increasing over the years. He asked the County Manager if the resolution would be implemented if provision was made for it in the 1987 Estimates. Councillor Mannion also supported the resolution and said that the local people were satisfied about the drainage and would not accept a burial ground at Derradd West.

The County Manager replied that there was no point in providing a burial ground if it would not work. He said that it was sometime since the trial holes were dug and he was prepared to have new trial holes dug.

Councillor Welby said that he was agreeable to defer the resolution until new trial holes were dug and the results available and the alternative road investigated and this was agreed.

1161 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Senator U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, the Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 25th August, 1986, Nos 1083 to 1132 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, Clr. Mannion proposed and Sen. U. Burke seconded that Councillor J. McDonagh be added to the list of members of the Sheep Dipping Committee. This was agreed. On the proposition of Councillor Welby, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, it was also agreed to add the name of Mr. Mark Canavan, Glann, Oughterard to the Sheep Dipping Committee.

Arising out of Minute No. 1099, Councillor McHugh asked if arrangements had been made with U.C.G. for Observer Delegates.

The Acting County Secretary stated that he was in touch with the organisers of the Conference on the Future of Regional Policy and while accommodation was limited, they would consider the Council's request. Councillor McHugh asked that his name be forwarded and the Acting County Secretary agreed to do so.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held on the 12th September, 1986, Nos 1135 to 1156 were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to Councillor Finnegan's name being included in the list of members who attended the Meeting.

Arising out of Minute No. 1150, Councillor McHugh asked from what funds would the £11,000 for the study of the Knockferry Bridge proposal be funded. The County Manager replied that it would be funded from the provision made in the Estimates. He said that the Consultants would also look at the estimated costings for the Bridge and would provide for the best available information in the absence of borings or trial holes.

Arising out of Minute No. 1151, Councillor McHugh asked if the County Engineer had any comments to make regarding the washing of chippings. The County Engineer stated that at the last meeting he was asked if the Council intended buying a washing plant and he replied in the negative. He had subsequently found out that on the day of the Meeting one of the Council's Area Engineers had hosed down some chippings and he commended him for it. He said that for next year the Council would be inviting tenders for washed chips. He said that after the first years dressing with these chips, he was very satisfied with the progress and a joint step forward had been made in improving the quality of the surface. Only a very small quantity were washed compared to the overall supply.

Councillor Welby referred to his Notice of Motion about the examination of Tonabrucky Quarry and enquired about the delay. The County Engineer stated that an Foras Forbartha were asked to do the investigation initially but they subsequently said that they would be unable to do it and then Consultants were appointed. The Consultants had indicated recently that they were having some difficulty in getting the drilling done.

A discussion then took place about the purchase and quality of chips and the County Engineer explained that the Department of the Environment required a chip with a P.S.V. of over 60. The Tonabrucky chip had dropped to 47/49 PSV and this was not satisfactory. When the Council advertised for chips for 1985 it stated that a PSV in excess of 60 was required and no tender was received from any firm supplying chips from within County Galway. Councillor Welby asked that the investigation at Tonabrucky be speeded up. Senator U. Burke asked that an Foras Forbartha be invited to examine the surface of the road between Kilrickle and Cappataggle Cross as a number of accidents have occurred there. Councillor Callanan supported Senator Burke.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair, the Minutes of Meeting of Aquaculture Committee held on 22nd August, 1986, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Dunkellin Drainage Committee held on 5th September, 1986, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

1162 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE.

Deputy Kitt proposed that a Meeting of the Higher Education Grants Committee be held on 6th October, 1986. This was agreed.

Senator U. Burke asked if in relation to higher education grants applications, certificates from the Revenue Commissioners were acceptable as an alternative to farm accounts. Mr. Gleeson explained that the Council had to be satisfied in relation to the applicant's incomes and the Council had devised a simple form asking the relevant questions in relation to farm incomes.

1163 - DATE OF OCTOBER MEETING

It was agreed that the October Meeting would be held on Monday, 20th October, 1986.

1164 - LETTING OF PART OF CLIFDEN BRANCH LIBRARY.

Notice dated 11th September, 1986, referred. It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the letting of part of the Clifden Branch Library in accordance with the terms included in the Notice which was circulated to members in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946."

1165 - RAISING OF LOANS FOR HOUSE CONSTRUCTION AND SANITARY SERVICES.

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

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1 million to finance the construction of rural houses, the loan to be obtained from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

On the proposition of Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor Finnegan it was resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of supplementary loans of the amounts stated for the following Sanitary Services Schemes, the loans to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rates as may be approved by the Minister."

Dunmore/Glenamaddy Stage 1	£25,000
Mid-Galway Regional W.S.S.	£77,600
Spiddal Regional W.S.S.	£34,100
Athenry Sewerage Scheme	£52,800"

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Senator U. Burke and resolved:

" that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £30,300 being the Council's contribution towards the cost of the construction of Stage 2 of Inishmore Water Supply Scheme (Cregacareen), the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works, or from such other source, and to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

1166 - PEOPLE OF THE YEARS AWARD 1986

The Acting Secretary stated that a proposal had been made by Councillor Brennan recommending that Sr. M. John, Convent of Mercy, Ballinasloe, be nominated for consideration of an award. This proposal was seconded by Senator U. Burke and agreed.

1167 - CONFERENCES

On the proposition of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Deputy Kitt, it was agreed that the Chairman, Deputy Treacy and Vice-Chairman, Councillor O'Conchubhair be nominated to attend the Course for Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons at the Institute of Public Administration in Dublin on 2nd and 3rd October, 1986.

A proposal was also made that Councillor McCormack be nominated but the Acting County Secretary explained that the course was specifically for Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of local authorities.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Fahy, it was agreed to nominate Councillors J. Molloy and P. McHugh for the Conference in Sligo entitled "Devolution of Power" from the 8th to 10th October, 1986.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Senator Burke, it was also agreed to nominate Councillor McDonagh for attendance at this Conference.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, it was agreed to nominate Councillors Loughrane and Callanan for the Bird Watchers Conference being held in the Bamba Hotel, Salthill, from 14th to 16th November, 1986. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion and seconded by Senator U. Burke, it was also agreed to nominate Councillor Lambert for this Conference.

It was agreed to defer consideration of nominations for the International Conference being organised by Sherkin Island Marine Station, to the next Council Meeting.

I.F.H.P. Conference, Bournemouth.

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, it was agreed to nominate Councillor Joyce for attendance at the I.F.H.P. Conference in Bournemouth in lieu of Councillor Callanan.

1168 - HOUSING CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1986.

Circular letter dated 31st July, 1986, from the Department of the Environment notifying the Council of its Housing Capital Allocation for 1986 had previously been circulated to each Member. It gave an initial allocation of £3,650,000 for the Council's existing commitments on Local Authority Housing and as in previous years, authorised an additional 10% of that sum on Overdraft. This brought the total initial allocation to £4,015,000. The Circular stated that it was intended that additional allocations would, if necessary, be made in due course for further new schemes to be commenced later on in the year. Mr. Gleeson stated that the Council had continued its rural housing programme since the beginning of the year and a number of houses had been

completed but new starts had now ceased pending a further allocation which is expected. The estimated number of house completions in 1986 is 242.

Councillor Callanan said that he was aware of an applicant who was approved for a mobile home for six months and asked what was the delay. Mr. Gleeson explained that the supply or relocation of a mobile home was regarded as a new house unit and the cost involved would come out of the Capital Funds.

Councillor J. Burke urged that the Department be asked for a further allocation immediately. Deputy Molloy stated that there was a drop in the demand for local authority houses nationally and that Galway County Council should take up any slack in construction elsewhere. Councillor Walsh referred to a disabled applicant who had applied for a Council house but was turned down on the basis that his existing house was suitable for reconstruction. He said the applicant was in a wheelchair and was in very poor circumstances and could not afford to reconstruct the house. Cllr. Walsh stated that he would give particulars of the case to Mr. Gleeson.

Deputy Kitt said that he was aware of another case where a mobile home had only to be moved slightly and he hoped that it would not be delayed. He said that the Council had a good building programme in the villages and he hoped it would continue. He also asked if the Council still provided caravans.

The County Manager informed Deputy Kitt that caravans were only provided in extreme emergencies. Senator U. Burke said that the Council's Housing Programme in recent years was excellent and the staff were to be complimented. He recommended that provision be made for single parent families in future schemes, and that the provision of rural houses be kept at its present pace. Councillor Finnegan said that he would oppose any slow down in the Housing Programme and said that applicants who wished to live in rural areas should be allowed to do so.

Councillor Hussey also complimented the Council on the Housing Programme and the quality of the houses. He said the Council had provided some excellent new estates but the Council should ensure that the conditions of tenancy were not breached by tenants, keeping animals, etc. For older people, he favoured Old Peoples Homes rather than mobile homes/caravans. Councillor Joyce supported the recommendation that the Department be asked for additional funds. He also agreed that people born in rural areas should be rehoused there if that was what they wanted. He also referred to the question of central heating in houses and suggested that if tenants were agreeable to pay the cost of providing the necessary underground piping for central heating during the construction of the house, that they should be allowed to do so. He asked that this be investigated. Councillor Joyce also referred to the problem where large families are now living in small Council houses and asked if the Council could extend the houses.

Mr. Gleeson explained that extensions to houses does not qualify for the 100% Subsidy and that the Council is unable to fund such extensions from its own resources. He said the Council had referred this problem to the Department in the past.

Councillor Joyce proposed that a further resolution be submitted to the Department asked that the Council be authorised to provide extensions to Council houses from the Capital Housing Allocation. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

Councillor O'Conchubhair referred to the design of Council houses and asked that the Council stop using pebble dash and use slates instead of tiles in order that the houses would be more in character with other houses particularly in Connemara. Councillor Mullins also referred to the question of enforcing the conditions of tenancy agreements and urged the Council to take action where problems existed. Other Members agreed with this sentiment.

Senator U. Burke proposed that the Committee of Marian Park Estate, Portumna, be congratulated on their success in the Tidy Towns Competition. The Chairman decided that all participants who won prizes should be congratulated.

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1169 - RENTS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY DWELLINGS:

Circular letter HRT 6/86 dated 14th August, 1986, from the Department of the Environment had previously been circulated to each Member of the Council. The circular stated that housing authorities would henceforth be given the responsibility for making and amending rent schemes in respect of local authority dwellings. Mr. Gleeson explained that in making a new scheme, the Council would follow the same principles of the old scheme and was now proceeding to up-date incomes and it was intended to introduce a new scheme from February, 1987, using incomes at August 1986.

Councillor Joyce said that where tenants are seasonal workers, problems arise when the rents are only revised on a six monthly basis. The tenant may be unemployed at the time of the review but may get work subsequently and by the time the Housing Authority is aware of this, alot of arrears may have built up. He said there should be more liaison between the Rent Collector and Housing Office. Deputy Molloy stated that the Minister was not in fact devolving powers to Elected representatives but was strengthening the powers of Managers. He asked whose function was it to fix rents.

The County Manager replied that it had always been a Managerial function to fix individual rents. He said the Council's policy would be to have a fair scheme for all tenants and to provide a reasonable sum for rent receipts in the Estimates. He said that when rents are assessed under the new scheme and if any changes are necessary, a report would be put before the Council.

1170 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME:

The County Manager referred to report dated 16th June, 1986, which had been circulated to each Member. He then read the following report showing the up-to-date position:

Proposal for a Separate Sea-Outfall for Oranmore Sewerage Scheme:

An Foras Forbartha have indicated that their further report and recommendation in regard to the Optimum point for Discharge from the North Shore opposite Saleen Point will be available by the end of October, 1986.

Feasibility Report on Connecting Oranmore Sewerage to the Galway City Main Drainage Scheme:

This Report deals with existing foul sewers from the merlin Park area to the City and also with the proposed new sewers for the Galway City Eastern Environs.

(a) The report indicates that there is still some spare capacity in the existing sewers from the Merlin Park area and that this spare capacity is sufficient for the present or initial calculated flows from Oranmore. The present sewers would not, however, have capacity to provide for the growth of Oranmore. The present spare capacity should be reserved for the normal growth of the Eastern Environs area including any industrial demand pending the construction of the new Eastern Environs Drainage Scheme.

(b) The estimated cost of providing a new sewer from the Galway Docks area to Merlin Park, as proposed in the Galway City Eastern Environs Main Drainage Scheme Preliminary Report, and with increased capacity to provide for Oranmore is £2,393,436.

Apart from the delay factor in providing the sewer - possibly up to 5 years, technical problems would arise in the use of this new sewer due to the low initial flows from Oranmore.

The discharge of sewage from Oranmore into the dock sewer would in the longer terms effect the design life of the new Syphons under the Corrib and would need further consideration.

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(c) The Report dealing with the discharge of sewage from Oranmore to Merlin Park area is expected to be available by the end of September, 1986. On receipt of this report, the full implications of the proposal to discharge sewage from Oranmore to the Galway East Sewers can be considered."

The County Manager stated that the suggestion that Oranmore Sewerage Scheme be inter-connected with the Galway City Main Drainage Scheme could raise problems for the City. While there may be spare capacity in the City Scheme now, he felt this should be reserved for the City's industrial growth.

Deputy Molloy stated that there was grave concern about the discharge of effluent into Galway Bay. He said that the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme should discharge into Oranmore Bay on the north shore. He was critical of the length of time it was taking to get the scheme off the ground.

Councillor McHugh said that he found it difficult to understand the present position about the scheme in the absence of the report which had been read by the County Manager and asked that the report be circulated. The County Manager agreed to do this.

1171 - TUAM REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Mr. Gleeson referred to report dated 18th July, 1986, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council. He said that a number of questions were raised in the report and these had been referred to the consultant and it was expected that a report would be available by the end of the month.

The Chairman asked that the matter be placed on the Agenda again for the next meeting.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

1172 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN THE SHORE LEADING FROM NEAR A HOUSE TO A DRAIN IN TYNAGH FAIRGREEN AND THAT THIS DRAIN BE DEEPEMED FOR CIRCA 50 YARDS - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy;

"On inspection, there was no evidence of accumulating water in the locations specified. I understand that no changes have been made in road levels or drainage in recent years in this area to adversely affect the locations referred to. The present outflow appears adequate."

1173 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RENEW THE SHORE LEADING INTO A VILLAGE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) WHICH WAS BLOCKED BY THE COUNCIL WHEN THIS ROAD WAS BEING BLACKTOPPED - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"A survey will be undertaken to establish if this drain exists as there is no evidence at present of the drain."

1174 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CUT THE BUSHES, BRIARS, TREES, WEEDS, ETC. BETWEEN THE GREEN DOOR AND GORTANUMERA N.S. - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"This work has now been carried out."

1175 - THAT BUSHES AND BRIARS BE TRIMMED IMMEDIATELY ON WATERVIEW ROAD, TURLOUGHMORE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"There are no funds available to trim the bushes and briars on Waterview Road, Turloughmore, during the current year. "

- 1176 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT ROAD STRENGTHENING OPERATION UTILISING THE NEW ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM DEPT. OF THE ENVIRONMENT ON CASTLELAMBERT ROAD WHICH IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY FLOODING OVER THE YEARS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The allocation of the fund has been agreed with the Department of the Environment's Inspector and approved by the Council on 25th August, 1986."

- 1177 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT ROAD STRENGTHENING OPERATION UTILISING THE NEW DEPARTMENT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS ON CAHERLEA ROAD, CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The allocation of funds has been agreed with the Department of the Environment Inspector and approved by the Council on 25th August, 1986."

- 1178 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE WORKS IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE SERIOUS CONSTANT FLOODING FROM THE BEN HILL OFF THE WOODFORD/LOUGHREA ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY:

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

"A faulty shore midway on the hill in question will be piped and it is hoped this will improve the situation."

- 1179 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE WORKS AND DIVERT THE FLOOD WATERS OFF THE GURTEEN/GLENTANE ROAD NEAR MICHAEL O'DEA'S HOUSE, AT MOUNTHAZEL, BALLYMACWARD - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY:

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

"The cause of the flooding is largely due to emission of effluent from Mr. O'Dea's farm yard and the Council will be writing to Mr. O'Dea with a view to having the matter resolved."

- 1180 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL UNDERTAKE IMMEDIATE WORKS IN ORDER TO PREVENT CONSTANT FLOODING BY SURFACE WATER ETC. ON TO THE PROPERTY OF ANTHONY FORDE AT ALLOONBAUN, BALLYMACWARD - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY:

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

"The property referred to is an old farmhouse with an entrance which is considerably lower than the Regional Road. The Council has not carried out any works which have adversely affected this property and as such has no responsibility in the matter."

- 1181 - THAT THE CARPARK AT KILLANIN CHURCH BE TAKEN OVER BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND DECLARED PUBLIC - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"The estimated cost of works required to bring this carpark up to a standard suitable for adoption as a public carpark is £3,100. (£2,200 for Surface Dressing and £900 for White Lining). This would qualify for inclusion in the Councillors Notice of Motion Scheme."

- 1182 - THAT THE BRIARS AND BUSHES BE CUT BACK ON THE KILBEG ROAD FROM THE KILBEG SIGN ON THE HEADFORD ROAD TO THE PUMP - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"There are no funds available during the current year to cut back briars and bushes on the Kilbeg Road, C.R. No. 122, which extends between Kilbeg Pier and the N.84 National Route."

- 1183 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD WIDEN A ROAD AT SHRUFFAUN, CALTRA, AND THAT AN ESTIMATE WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR ANY LAND ACQUISITION INVOLVED - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"This is a tarred public road. It is 800 yards long and 8 ft. wide. It serves 3 no. houses and land owners. There are drains each side of the road which could be combined into one piped drain. The ground over this area could be made good and this area and the existing surface tarred. Estimated cost of this work £12,500. There are no funds available for this work."

- 1184 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD TAR A ROAD LEADING INTO GARAFINE, CALTRA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The road is a public road. It is 250 yards long and 2 yds. wide. It serves one house only. The present surface is graded gravel and it is in very good condition. Estimated cost of preparation and surface dressing is £1,550. There are no funds available for this work."

- 1185 - THAT A PUBLIC DUMP BE PROVIDED ON INISHBOFFIN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"A number of sites for a refuse dump on Inishboffin have been examined and all are unsuitable because of the proposed terrain of the island and lack of suitable material for covering the dump."

Other alternatives such as the provision of small domestic incinerators are now being considered."

- 1186 - THAT THE NEW BRIDGE AT MAAM BE MADE OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATELY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Work at Maam Bridge will recommence on Wednesday, 24th September, 1986. It is anticipated that the work will be completed by the middle of October when the new bridge can be opened to traffic."

- 1187 - PRESENT POSITION REGARDING TONABRUCKY QUARRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The Council have appointed Consulting Engineers to carry out the required testing and we are awaiting their report."

- 1188 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT PUBLIC TOILETS AT ATHENRY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

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

"There is a long priority list for Public Conveniences in which Athenry is sixth. There is a shortage of Capital Funds for the provision of Public Conveniences and it is unlikely that funds will be provided for this work in the foreseeable future."

- 1189 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT WORK AT CLOONCUN WEST, GLENAMADDY, TO IMPROVE THE VIEW CROSSING THE HILL AT THE NEW HOUSES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"There are no funds available for this work."

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1190 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPT A MORE REASONABLE APPROACH TO THE LOWERING OF CULVERTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE FARMERS DOING DRAINAGE WORKS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"This work can only be carried out with the consent of the owner and at the request of the Farm Modernisation Service who recoup all costs to Galway County Council on completion of work."

1191 - THAT UNDER THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN THAT PLANNING PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO MICHAEL MOLLOY FOR THE ERECTION OF DWELLING HOUSE AT DERRYMAUGHANN ON EIGHT ACRES (PLANNING REF. NO. 52574) - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY AND CLR. THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was sent to Deputy F. Fahey and Clr. T. Welby:

"A site meeting took place on Wednesday, 17th September, 1986, as arranged. After listening to the case made by Councillors, the County Engineer and the Planning Officer are still of the opinion that the application should be refused. One of the issues involved related to the septic tank problem and this has now been referred to the Chief Medical Officer for his observations. The last date for decision to issue is the 6th October, 1986."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

[Signature] CHAIRMAN

20/10/1986 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 6th OCTOBER, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR:-

Clr. James Joyce .

MEMBERS PRESENT:-

Clr. Peter Raftery, Mr. Patrick Clancy, Clr. Patrick Finnegan, Clr. Matt Loughnane, Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Tomas O Baoill, Uas., Micheal O hOgain, Uas., Mr. Sean Fahy, Mr. Jimmy McClearn, Mr. Seamus Walsh, Mr. Seamus Donohue, Coaimhin O Maicin, Uas, Padraic O Griallais, Uas., Tomas O Muineachain, Uas., Sean O Neachtain, Uas., Clr. Martin Lynch, Clr. Michael Ryan, Clr. Michael Mullins, Maire Ni Tiarnai, Pierce O'Malley,

OFFICIALS PRESENT:-

Mr. Tony Murphy, Senior Staff Officer and Miss Vivienne Madden, Clerk Typist.

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 19th June, 1986 were circulated and adopted.

Arising out of these Minutes Mr. Murphy informed the Meeting that he had written again on a number of occasions to the Department of Education asking that Department Officials meet a delegation from the Committee to discuss the scheme. By letter dated the 2nd October, 1986 the Department agreed to meet a delegation of not more than four persons on Wednesday, 15th October, 1986 at 2.30 p.m. The Committee expressed satisfaction at this development and it was decided to send three Committee Members and one Official to meet the Department Officials. Mr. Murphy explained to the Meeting that a Committee had no right in law to send a deputation, only the Council could do this, and in the event of it being decided to send Members of the Committee who are not Council Members those Members would not be entitled to travelling expenses in respect of their attendance. Following a discussion on this point it was decided that the Committee would recommend three Councillors from the Committee to the Council and that those Members could be ratified at the Council Meeting to be held on the 10th October, 1986. The Chairman then asked for nominations and the following Members were proposed and seconded:-

Clr. Loughnane - Proposed by Mr. Gilhooley - Seconded by Mr. O'Baoill.
Clr. M. Lynch - Proposed by Clr. M. Ryan - Seconded by Clr. Mullins.
Clr. J. Joyce - Proposed by Mr. O'Baoill - Seconded by Mr. Fahy.

It was proposed by Clr. Finnegan and Seconded by Mr. Clancy that Mr. Murphy be nominated as the Council Official to attend this delegation. As there were no further nominations the Chairman ruled that Councillors Loughnane, Lynch and Clr. Joyce and Mr. Murphy be recommended to the Council for ratification

Copies of correspondence with the Department recommending alterations to the Scheme over the years was then circulated to the Meeting and the Chairman asked if there were any further points which the Members wanted the delegation to raise. Mr. O'Baoill said that the delegation should emphasise that an allowance be made in the scheme in a case where there was more than one child attending a third level institution. Mr. O'Neachtain said that he was aware of cases where payment of the adjacent rate of grant caused hardship in that there was no satisfactory public transport available and the students concerned had to live in Galway and he asked that provision be made in the scheme to allow for cases such as this where public transport was not satisfactory. Clr. Ryan said that Nett Income should be used instead of Gross when assessing the means of persons on P.A.Y.E. A number of speakers agreed with Clr. Ryan's sentiments and Clr. Mullins said that the deputation to the Department should press this particular issue. This Chairman agreed that this should be done.

A discussion then took place on the applications for grants under the 1986 Scheme and Mr. Murphy told the Meeting that 438 Applications were received for Grants and that notification had not yet been received from the Department

confirming the results of the applicants and for this reason applicants could not be told at this stage that they were going to receive grants. The Members of the Committee expressed disappointment at the Department's delay in confirming these results and it was agreed that every effort be made by the Department and the Council to speed up the system of notifying applicants of their entitlement or otherwise to a Grant and of payment of the grants.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN

20/10/1986 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

3u la Deire Fomhair, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, an 10u la Deire Fomhair, 1986, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai Sealadach.

AGENDA

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Walter King, Rooanmore, Claregalway, Co. Galway, for the relocation of access to dwellinghouse at Rooanmore, Claregalway, Co. Galway. - Planning Reference No. 53083."
Mark Killilea. Jarlath McDonagh. 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 Planning Permission to William Flaherty, Lachtgeorge, Claregalway, in accordance with documents lodged - change of house plan. Planning Reference No. 52838."
Jarlath McDonagh. Padraic McCormack. Paddy McHugh.

Other Business:

3. Making of Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea and the making of a variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of Loughrea.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, John M. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1192 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53083 - APPLICANT: WALTER KING.

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

LOCATION

The proposed site is located on the Galway/Roscommon National Secondary Route approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from the Galway/Tuam turnoff.

PLANNING HISTORY

Planning permission was originally granted for 4 houses on the proposed site and adjacent lands in November, 1983, (planning Ref. No. 46724). A condition of the permission was that all four houses take their access from a County road on the northern boundary of the site and that the proposed house be serviced by an access road to this County road. It was also a condition that an existing agricultural access in front of the applicant's house be closed up.

Ref. No. 50150: Development commenced on the proposed site but the layout differed from that granted in Planning Permission 46724 and the access onto the National Secondary Route was being used. This application was for the development as completed and was refused on the grounds of traffic hazard.

Ref. No. 50905: This application was for retention of the house as constructed and was granted subject to an access road being provided from the house to the County Road to the north and subject to the access onto the National Secondary Route being closed up. After a Warning Notice was served, the access road was provided but the access onto the National Secondary Route was not closed up.

Ref. No. 52257: This application was for the retention of the access onto the National Secondary Route and was refused in August, 1986 on the grounds of traffic hazard.

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PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Planning Permission was originally granted with a specific condition that no access onto the National Secondary Route would occur. The proposed application attempts to negate this condition. An access onto the County Road to the north is feasible and has been provided. A proliferation of accesses as proposed will increase the traffic movements to and from the road, reduce its level of service and increase its accident risk.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed access which would be located onto a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would, owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the conditions of Planning Permission Ref. No. 50905 which specifically required that no vehicular access be provided onto the National Secondary Route in the interests of traffic safety."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea and seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh.

Senator Killilea stated that it was true that the access to the site was at the back of the site. The County Council had subsequently carried out road widening and a deal was done with other people adjacent to this site whereby access was granted onto the National Secondary Road. He asked that this applicant be granted the same facility.

The County Engineer stated that no deal had been made with this applicant and that he was in contravention of his planning permission. If this application was granted, there was the possibility of further applications along the road involved which would worsen the situation considerably. In the case of the other applicants, field gates only were provided.

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that the Council should insist that a person did not contravene a Planning Permission granted as was the position in this case and that this type of action by an applicant should not be condoned.

Mr. L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning) stated that he had met the applicant on a number of occasions and that the applicant had been facilitated in getting a speedy decision in relation to his application. The applicant had subsequently ignored completely the Council's requirements. Councillor Joe Burke stated that in spite of the planning conditions imposed, the applicant went ahead and made an access onto the National Secondary Road. Councillor Joe Burke proposed that Planning Permission not be granted in this case. Councillor Burke's amendment was seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan.

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

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor M. Fahy, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Walsh.

(18)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke.

(2)

Councillor F. Glynn abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 18 votes for to 2 votes against.

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1193 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52838 - APPLICANT: WILLIAM FLAHERTY.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located approximately 300 yards north of Claregalway on the main Galway/Tuam National Primary Route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There were three applications for the erection of a dwellinghouse on this site during the early 1970's. (Planning Ref. Nos. 25600, 23240 and 6781) all of which were refused. Mr. Flaherty also lodged two applications in the late 1970's (Planning Ref. Nos. 30143 and 30194). All of these applications, have been consistently refused by Galway County Council, the Minister and by An Bord Pleanala on the grounds of traffic hazard and the need to preserve the capacity of the National Primary Route.

In September 1979, the applicant received planning permission on the proposed site after the passing of a Section 4 Resolution by the Council (Planning Ref. 31925). This permission expired last month and the present application effectively seeks to renew it.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant acquired planning permission for two houses on adjacent sites here, initially one on the site to the north of this one by Ministerial Grant, and one on this site - stated to be for his brother by Section 4 Motion. He built the house on the northern site and recently sold it. He now wishes to build the second house. There is no agricultural holding attached and he has not claimed any housing need. The proposal would further add to the extensive ribbonisation along this National Primary Route and so further increase the accident risk in this area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh and seconded by Councillor P. McHugh. Councillor Jarlath McDonagh stated that the application in this case was for a two-storey house and there were other two-storey houses in the vicinity. There was a dire need in the case of this applicant for a house as he had to sell the house previously owned by him and was now living in a rented house. He was a young man with a wife and six children.

In reply to Councillor Joe Burke, the County Engineer indicated that the applicant would have to have substantial works carried out in respect of the original Permission at the date of the expiry of the Permission.

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The Permission granted in 1979 was after the passing of a Section 4 Resolution.

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that the matter should be deferred so that clarification could be got in relation to the applicant's need. Councillor P. McHugh in seconding the motion stated that it was unfair that an applicant's personal circumstances be brought before the Council.

Councillor Joe Brennan proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. There was no seconder for Councillor Brennan's amendment and as no further amendments were proposed, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1194 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52394 - NIALL HYNES:

Councillor John Mannion referred to the Section 4 Resolution which had been passed in connection with the application of Mr. Niall Hynes for Outline Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse in the Townland of Fahy, (Planning Reference Number 52394) which he stated had subsequently been refused by the County Manager. He asked why the customary letter informing Members of the County Manager's decision had not been issued.

The County Manager indicated that he had referred the Planning application case to the Law Agent for advice as there was a report from the County Medical Officer that the septic tank would not work on the site proposed. He had received legal advice that it would not be in accordance with proper planning and development to grant Permission in this case. He stated that he would check the position regarding the issue of the usual notification to Councillors in such cases.

In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager indicated that he was obliged to comply with the Law in relation to the granting of Planning Permission. The Council had a duty as a Water Pollution Authority to ensure that waters were not polluted and it also had a duty to ensure that Planning applications were properly processed as there could be legal implications for the Council in the event of houses subsequently being sold which had been improperly processed.

In reply to Councillor Micheal O'Morain, the County Engineer indicated that a Preliminary Report had been received from the I.I.R.S. regarding the problem of septic tanks in the Connemara Area. He wished to have the report studied and hoped to give a considered opinion to the Council in due course. In reply to Councillor O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that a report would be presented to the Council in the near future setting out the results of analysis of tests carried out by the Regional Laboratory, and indicating that the results were excellent in relation to Galway.

1195 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME:

In reply to Senator Mark Killilea, the County Manager indicated that an up-to-date report on the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme would be available for the November Meeting.

1196 - DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA - BY-PASS ROAD FOR LOUGHREA:

The Chairman indicated that he had received a request from Galway Chamber of Commerce and Industry to receive a deputation to discuss the proposed By-Pass Road for Loughrea. The Chairman stated that he had acceded to the request and he introduced Messrs. Tom O'Connor, John Killeen and Seosamh O h-Ogartaigh of Galway Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Mr. Tom O'Connor, President of the Chamber of Commerce then addressed the meeting and submitted a document for circulation to the Members. In his submission, Mr. O'Connor made the following points:

- The development of the main Dublin/Galway Road was of paramount importance to Galway, as it was the only link between the Capital City and the route to European markets.
- In order to attract new industry to Galway and the West of Ireland, it was imperative that the transport infrastructure was fully developed and provided direct access between Dublin and Galway to the highest National standards.

- It was necessary to have By-Pass facilities on the Galway/Dublin route so that the Galway to Dublin trip and the return trip could be carried out in one day by articulated trucks within the limits of driving hours imposed by E.E.C. legislation.
- The By-Pass of Loughrea in the context of savings to transport had been estimated to be in the top 10 in Ireland indicating potential savings in transport costs to existing users and to future industry west of Loughrea.
- The removal of the proposed corridor for a By-Pass in Loughrea would create uncertainty in relation to its possible construction in the foreseeable future which would greatly hinder the attraction of industry to Galway and the West of Ireland as the road infrastructure was one of the most important to establishing of Industry in the West.
- If construction were to commence on the By-Pass road for Loughrea, it would generate employment in the area and support the many small Contractors in County Galway.
- Many large Companies had expressed grave concern lest the Loughrea By-Pass not be implemented as articulated trucks passing through the town were experiencing delays. The Galway Chamber of Commerce and Industry, therefore, were strongly advocating that the proposed By-Pass be constructed as soon as possible.

Mr. O'Connor urged that the Council reserve a corridor for the By-Pass as the Chamber of Commerce were looking forward to major industry in the next 10 years. He indicated that the Chamber of Commerce had the support of all its Members who collectively employed 15,000 people. They also had the support of the I.D.A. and Udaras na Gaeltachta. Councillor F. Glynn stated that he supported the provision of a By-Pass for Loughrea and endorsed the submission made by the Chamber of Commerce. There was a grave need for better road communications with the eastern part of the country and the day trip was all important for business in transporting goods to the West of Ireland.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that he supported the case of the Chamber of Commerce and that a solution should be found to the present problems which had arisen in relation to the By-Pass. He stated that the Town of Loughrea was a 'bottle-neck' for heavy traffic and stated that the County Manager should be allowed time to examine the alternatives available and that a time scale of six months should be allowed to enable the necessary studies to be carried out. In the meantime, the corridor proposed should be held.

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that he supported the provision of a By-Pass for Loughrea and stated that towns where By-Passes had been provided had thrived. He hoped that the matter would be looked at again in the national interest.

In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager indicated that the Council was still in the process of considering the Draft Development Plan. The Council must consider every representation made in relation to the Draft. The Council at its last meeting had taken out the By-Pass road from the Draft Plan, and if this decision stood, it would constitute a material variation of the Plan which would have to go on public display for a further month. He stated that the Council should pull back from a dangerous situation and give him an opportunity to present a report which would examine all the options in relation to the provision of a By-Pass for Loughrea. He had made this offer to the Council at the previous meeting and was repeating it to-day. In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager indicated that he would hope to have a comprehensive report prepared within three months and he saw no difficulty in having the statutory period for the review of the existing plan extended to allow such report to be prepared.

In reply to Councillor Loughnane, the County Manager indicated that the decision taken by the Council at the previous meeting need not be the final word in relation to the Loughrea By-Pass road. The Council were still in the process of considering the Draft Development Plan. The Members had a statutory function to perform in relation to the making of a new Plan and

It was his opinion that Standing Orders could not overrule the Law in relation to the performance of statutory functions.

Councillor Joe Callanan stated that he supported the decision taken at the previous meeting and suggested that an inner relief road should be considered as an alternative to the By-Pass. Senator Tom Hussey stated that it was a pity that the Chamber of Commerce submission had not been made before the decision to delete the By-Pass had been taken. He realised that the development of the West of Ireland depended on an adequate road network and the issues posed by the Chamber of Commerce would have to be discussed with local concerns. He referred also to the inadequacy of the rail service and stated that it should not be allowed to diminish in the West.

Councillor Loughnane asked why this report of the Chamber of Commerce was being submitted at this stage. There had been a public debate in relation to the By-Pass in Loughrea and the people of Loughrea had rejected it. No concessions had been made to the people affected by the route of the By-Pass and some landowners had looked for underpasses and were refused. He stated that the proposed By-Pass would create a traffic hazard and he was not satisfied that the Council should reconsider the decision taken at a previous meeting. He stated that the amendment should be put on display and any further submissions could be considered. The County Manager indicated that the proposed By-Pass had been included in Development Plans since 1979 and its route had been shifted on the initiative of the Council at one time in relation to dealing with the landowners. The County Manager stated that there were a whole lot of issues yet to be determined as no detailed design had been prepared. Mr. Tom O'Connor stated that the By-Pass had been included in all previous plans and the position had now become critical if the Council were deciding to delete the corridor for the By-Pass from the proposed new plan.

Councillor T. Walsh stated that the proposed By-Pass route would seriously affect the farmers along its route. He stated that the matter should be considered further as the needs of the people of all of the West of Ireland should be taken into consideration.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that there was an urgent need to examine the question of carparking and improvements for heavy traffic through the Town of Loughrea. On a recent journey through the town, he had been delayed for 24 minutes as he was held up by heavy traffic and parking at bottle-necks in the town. He stated that a route to accommodate heavy traffic should be sought.

In reply to Senator Killilea, the County Manager indicated that there were five signs erected on the approach roads to the new roundabout near the Community Centre at Oranmore. It was hoped that lighting would be provided at the roundabout in the very near future.

Councillor Michael Ryan wondered if the Council took the right decision at the previous meeting in relation to the deletion of the By-Pass. He was concerned about the health of people who lived in towns along the routes of heavy traffic and knew of cases where residents could not open bedroom windows because of the pollution caused. He supported the view of the County Manager that a report be prepared which would consider all the options in relation to the provision of a By-Pass road for Loughrea.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the question of a ring road route adjacent to the town should be examined further and that the Manager should come back to the Council setting out the other options available. He accepted that a corridor should be preserved but he was specifically concerned that any proposals should not be proceeded with in the next five to ten years. Following further discussion, the County Manager again repeated his offer to have a report prepared which would examine all the options in relation to the provision of a By-Pass for Loughrea. Councillor P. McHugh stated that the County Manager should initiate a Study of all the options to overcome the problems of traffic in the Town of Loughrea and referred in particular to the provision of carparks in the town and the extent to which carparking would relieve the situation.

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Councillor Loughnane stated that a decision had been taken to delete the By-Pass at the last meeting and that the alteration should now go on display when any further submissions could be made. After further discussion, the Chairman indicated that consideration of the making of the Draft Development Plan would be placed on the Agenda of the next Council Meeting for further consideration.

Mr. Tom O'Connor, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Chairman and Councillors for receiving the deputation and stated that the provision of a corridor for a By-Pass for the Town of Loughrea was vital to the economic life of the West of Ireland.

1197 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME:

The Council were informed that as a result of requests made by the Higher Education Grants Committee, Officials of the Department of Education had agreed to meet a deputation to discuss certain matters in relation to the scheme. The Deputation meeting was to be held in the offices of the Department of Education, Hawkins House, Hawkins Street, Dublin, on the 15th October, 1986, at 2.30 p.m. The Committee had recommended that Councillors J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, and one Official attend. The Council agreed with the recommendation of the Higher Education Grant Committee.

1198 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Councillor Patrick McNamara, (Galway Corporation), 62, Clybaun Heights, on the death of his brother.

Mr. Sean Og Hurley, (Ballinasloe U.D.C.), "Beechwood", Brackernagh, Ballinasloe, on the death of his mother.

Miss Bernie Moran, Tarmuid, Clarinbridge.

Mr. Thomas Mohan, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway.

Ms. Nora Fahy, Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Mrs. Jim Finn, Cloonberne, Ballinasloe.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the votes of sympathy.

1199 - NEW CITY HALL:

The Chairman proposed a vote of congratulations with the Manager and staff of the Galway Corporation on the provision of a new City Hall. A number of Councillors associated themselves with the vote of congratulations. The County Manager expressed his appreciation of the Councillors' remarks, and in reply to queries raised, indicated that plans were being prepared for an extension to the County Buildings.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

24/11/1986 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

14u 1a Deire Fomhair, 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 20u 1a Deire Fomhair, 1986, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'Gliasain,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

- (a) Consider Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Monday, 22nd September, 1986.
COMMITTEE MEETING
(b) Higher Education Grants Committee - Meeting 6/10/86.
- Raising of Loan to finance cost of One Class B Fire Tender - £93,000.
- Sanitary Services Capital Allocation 1986 - Circular letter L3/86A dated 6th August, 1986 - (Copy already Circulated).
- Farm Tax Act, 1985 - (Summary enclosed).
- Financial Review 1986.
- Athenry Water Supply Scheme - (Report already circulated).
- Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme - (Report already circulated).
- Civil Liability Act, 1961 - Section 60 - Letter dated 5th August, 1986 from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., - (Copy already circulated).
- Circular Letter H10/86 dated 8th October, 1986 from Department of the Environment regarding Grants for New Houses.
- International Conference - "Norway - The Development of its Fish Farming Industry" - Imperial Hotel, Cork - 6th and 7th November, 1986 (Details enclosed).
- Mid West Regional Development Organisation Conference - "Concentration - The New Pale" - Limerick Inn Hotel - 26th and 27th November, 1986 (Details enclosed).

12. Institute of Landscape Horticulture of Ireland - 3rd Annual Conference - "Landscape Planting - New Demands, New Opportunities" - 23rd and 24th October, 1986 - Grant Hotel, Malahide.
13. Malicious Injury Decrees.
14. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting of 22nd September, 1986.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

15. That Galway County Council clean the shore leading from near a house - (details supplied) to a drain in Tynagh Fairgreen and that this drain be deepened for circa 50 yards in order to create an outflow for the present accumulating water, and that these works be carried out immediately.
16. That Galway County Council renew the shore leading into a village (details supplied), which was blocked by the Council when this road was being black-topped and has since been flooding regularly and causing serious inconvenience to property holders (details supplied), and that this work be carried out immediately.
17. That Galway County Council carry out immediate works and divert the flood waters off the Gurteen/Glentane Road, near Michael O'Dea's house, at Mount Hazel, Ballymacward; to the adjoining large drain; and that the affected road area be renewed and resurfaced without delay.

COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose

18. That Galway County Council deplores the lack of progress by the Government in providing the ferry services promised by the Minister for Communications for the Aran Islands.
19. That Galway County Council take immediate steps to ensure that funding from the E.E.C. Regional Fund, which was established to cater for the needs of the underdeveloped areas, will be made available to provide much needed services such as the provision of a proper road network, water and sewerage schemes, harbour facilities and ferry terminals for Connemara and the islands, and that Roinn na Gaeltachta and Udaras na Gaeltachta be urged to take a more positive role in the acquisition of these funds in their areas of jurisdiction.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH - I will propose

20. That Galway County Council adopt a more reasonable approach to the lowering of culverts, in order to facilitate farmers doing drainage works. It is most frustrating when a gullet under a County Road is left to hold back two or three feet of water, and a group of enterprising farmers are prevented from doing drainage works (as is presently happening at Fartown, Glenamaddy).

OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED

COUNCILLOR JARLATH MCDONAGH - I will propose

21. That Galway County Council have grass and hedge cutting operation carried out immediately on road from Cartymore Cross to Tommie Fox's house, Carnaun Road.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose

22. That the County Manger might tell me the amount of pollution taking place in Galway Bay and the amount of damage the pollution is estimated to be doing to the shell fish industry (and indeed the other fish life) and is the County Manager aware that there is an E.E.C. grant to aid the elimination of such pollution, it is believed there is a lot of pollution from Ballyvaugh to Roundstone on the bay.
23. To ask the County Engineer if he has immediate plans for a hard shoulder on both sides of the main arterial road leading from Oranmore to Clarenbridge. This piece of roadway is most dangerous especially to school children cycling to school in Oranmore.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose

24. Why in the event of a house being sold to a tenant (details supplied) was this house not properly mapped and why did the County Council not make proper arrangements for the legal title of same to be correct.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose

25. That Galway County Council cut the briers on all the roads in the Maree Area, Tawain, Ballinacourty and Creganna Roads.

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will propose

26. That public lighting be provided at Kilbeacanty Church, Gort.
27. That traffic lights be provided at the dangerous junction at Loughrea Road, Gort Town.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose

28. That Galway County Council allocate a grant of £10,000 to Druid Theatre Company to assist them in continuing to present productions of theatrical excellence in Co. Galway.
29. That Galway County Council make arrangements to have public toilets available at Kilmurvey during the summer season 1987.

DEPUTY F. FAHEY - I will propose

30. That the County Rates are not charged to a person in Kinvara, whose commercial premises has not been used during the current rating period. Details supplied.
31. That Tonabrucky Quarry be reopened for the production of chips for County Roads and Regional Roads throughout the County.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose

32. That Galway County Council provide a soak pit, silt traps, gulleys and a shore on the west side of the Deerpark Hill on the Killimor/Eyrecourt Road; in order to alleviate the constant flooding on this road which is causing severe inconvenience to house and farm owners, motorists and pedestrians; and that these works be carried out immediately.
33. That Galway County Council take immediate action to prevent the constant flooding on Creagh Road, Ballinasloe, adjacent to houses (details supplied) and that similar soakage pits be provided to those located south of this area as the existing wall on the western side of the road cannot be the cause of the flooding; which is causing severe inconvenience to house and land owners, motorists, pedestrians, and hospital patients; and that these works be undertaken without delay.
34. That Galway County Council replace the damaged wooden bridge on the road leading into Benmore, Bullaun, Loughrea, immediately, in order to provide proper access for the people living on this road and proper protection for children and motorists and that these works be carried out without delay.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will propose

35. That Galway County Council do essential road straightening at Brownsgrrove School as there are regular accidents and it is extremely dangerous.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will propose

36. That as a large number of County Roads are now in a deplorable condition, I have been approached by a large number of people in the following areas with a view to having the County Council make material available so that

they would be able to fill the pot holes themselves part of the following Engineering Areas - Oughterard, Clifden and Costello.

37. That the 30 miles speed limit sign leading to Oughterard on the Galway end be moved out near the Billamore junction.
38. That provision be made in the 1987 Estimates for the provision of public lighting in the Lemonfield Housing Estate, Oughterard.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose

39. That a sum of up to £10,000 be made specifically available in the Portumna and Ballinasloe Engineering areas for the purpose of hedge cutting along County Roads in 1987.
40. That a sum of £1,000 be made available annually in each Engineering area for improvement works to be carried out in graveyards - works of a minor nature apart from general maintenance in 1987.
41. That sufficient funds be made available for the purpose of completing the present phase of works on the Ballinasloe/Ahascragh Road at Derrymullen such as roadworks, drainage, bridges, footpaths, walls and fences etc.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH - I will propose

42. That Galway County Council carry out the improvement work in Glenamaddy as suggested by the Gardai there.

OCTOBER MEETING

D E C R E E S

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Patrick Cunningham, Shercock Rd., Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.	Damage to motor car reg. no. BWI 100	County Borough	£297.48	£413.08
E.S.B.	Damage to door of a 10 KV Substation and Switching gear	County at Large	£3,000	£3,110.12
Patrick Kelly, Killaan, Woodlawn, Co. Galway.	Old house with hay, farm implements, furniture and other contents were burned.	County at Large	£15,000	£804.90
Crystal Garage Ltd., Moaty, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Damage to two teak doors and window catches	County at Large 1	£420	£326
Dan Coughlan, Clonfert, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.	Vehicle stolen and damaged	County at Large	£600	£331

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

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A Chara,

The following Supplementary Agenda will be considered at the Council Meeting of the 20th October, 1986.

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SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

- 2(a) Raising of Loan to finance cost of Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme Stage 2.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 20TH OCTOBER, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, 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, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1200 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Jackie Muldoon, Rosslodge, Headford, Co. Galway.
Mr. John Joe Madden, New Line, Caherlistrane, Co. Galway.
Mr. John McHugh, Ballycasey, Headford, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cheevers, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
Misses Maureen & Kitty Tierney, Lavally, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Stephens, Annaghmore West, Kilkerrin.

Senator Ulick Burke proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. John Goode and Family, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.

Councillor Micheal O'Morain proposed a vote of sympathy with the wife and Family of Mr. Ned Myers, Muckcross House, Killarney, Co. Kerry. Mr. Myers was a former Manager of Muckcross House.

A resolution of sympathy was also adopted with Mr. Paul Duffy, E.E., on the recent death of his father.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the votes of sympathy.

1201 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Deputy Frank Fahey, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 22nd September, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

1202 - HOUSING CAPITAL ALLOCATION:

In reply to Councillor Joe Callanan, the Council were informed that no additional allocation for Housing Construction had, as yet, been made to the Council. The Officials of the Council had been in contact with the Department of the Environment regarding the matter but no additional allocation had been received to date.

1203 - MAAM BRIDGE:

In reply to Councillor T. Welby, the County Engineer informed the Council that work on the Maam Bridge would be completed within a week from the date of the meeting.

1204 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY:

Councillor T. Welby asked regarding the up-to-date position on the carrying out of tests on the suitability of stone in Tonabruky Quarry. He said that the matter was dragging on for too long.

Senator Mark Killilea also asked why the necessary tests had not been completed, and referred to previous statements which he had made that chips being used had to be washed in certain areas. He proposed that the necessary tests on the Tonabruky stone be carried out and made available for the next meeting of the Council. If the results were not available by then, he proposed that Tonabruky Quarry be re-opened. Councillor Welby seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

The County Engineer indicated that all the chips supplied by Tipperary (North Riding) County Council were within the required specification laid down by the Council and met the polish stone value required for the various categories of roads. The vast proportion of the surface dressing programme had been successful and he was very satisfied with the quality of the chips supplied to the Council.

In reply to queries raised, the County Manager indicated that the County Engineer had established that the polished stone value of the stone available in Tonabruky Quarry was below the required standards. The stone being supplied to the Council was of excellent quality and a small quantity of stone had been washed. The amount of stone washed was at the order of 100 tonnes out of a total of 5,500 tonnes. As regards the carrying out of tests on Tonabruky Quarry, the County Manager indicated that at the request of the Council, arrangements had been made to have the necessary drilling and tests carried out by an independent Consultant. The County Engineer had initially approached An Foras Forbartha who had indicated that they were unable to recommend a suitable Consultant. The Council had then engaged a local Consultant to arrange for the necessary tests and to submit a report to the Council. This local Consultant had been appointed within the last two months and arrangements were being made at present to have the necessary drillings and tests carried out.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that the Council must consider the safety factors involved in the use of stones for surface dressing and it was important that the proper quality of stone be used. Councillor Michael Ryan stated that it was important that the proper stone be used regardless of where it was supplied. It was the duty of the County Engineer to advise Members regarding the quality of the stone and the Council should accept such advice. Councillor Joe Brennan stated that there was no reason for the Council to doubt the advice of the County Engineer. The County Engineer indicated that he would be specifying a stone with a polished stone value of 60 for use in the Council's surface dressing programme for 1987.

Following a further discussion, it was agreed that an up-to-date report on Tonabruky Quarry would be available for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

1205 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE:

On the proposal of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke, the Minutes of the Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting held on the 6th October, 1986, were adopted by the Council.

The County Secretary gave details of the outcome of the deputation to Officials of the Department of Education on the 15th October, 1986. The Department Officials had indicated at that meeting that some of the suggestions made by the Higher Education Grants Committee would be taken into account in the preparation of the 1987 Scheme. It was indicated that the Department were

unable to accede to the request that net income be used instead of gross income when assessing the means of persons on P.A.Y.E. as such a change would involve a review of the taxation system generally. The County Secretary replied to individual queries from Councillors regarding the procedure for assessing income of certain categories of parents of applicants.

1206 - RAISING OF LOAN TO FINANCE ONE CLASS B FIRE TENDER:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £93,000 for the purchase of 1 no. Class B Fire Tender, the loan to be obtained from such source and on such terms as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

The County Secretary informed the Council that the purchase of the Fire Tender was part of the Council's programme for the purchase of 3 Fire Tenders in 1986 for Ballinasloe, Gort and Athenry.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager indicated that the Council had been prepared to enter into an agreement with Comharchumann Arann Teoranta regarding the making available of a Fire Tender for Inishmore. It was understood that the Comharchumann were not now in a position to conclude the agreement and approaches had been made by another group on the island. Deputy Molloy stated that the Council should examine the possibility of the Council arranging a Fire Service on Inishmore similar to the arrangements on the mainland. He asked in view of the special difficulties of the island to have the matter dealt with as a matter of urgency. The County Manager agreed to have the matter re-examined.

1207 - RAISING OF A LOAN TO FINANCE COST OF MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME STAGE 2:

It was proposed by Deputy Noel Treacy, seconded by Deputy Michael P. Kitt, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £844,735 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme - Stage 2, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

1208 - ADVERTISING SIGNS:

Councillor M. O'Morain referred to the recent action taken by the Council in relation to the removal of advertising signs in the Connemara Area. He expressed his disagreement with the action taken and stated that the owners of the hotels and premises which were located off the main roads were seriously affected by the Council's action. He proposed that the signs be returned to their owners and that all interested parties be consulted before the end of the year with a view to coming to some arrangements regarding the advertising of premises located away from the main roads. Deputy R. Molloy seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal.

Councillor T. Welby expressed his disagreement with the action taken by the Council and stated that the people involved should have been notified by letter of the proposed action. Senator Killilea also expressed his disagreement with the action and stated that signs which had been erected prior to the Planning Acts had been removed.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that he had been approached by many irate people whose signs had been removed. He questioned the Council's legal authority to remove the signs and asked that the Council's whole approach to this matter be reconsidered.

The County Manager stated that the Council had been concerned for quite a period of time regarding the erection of unauthorised advertising signs throughout the County. In recent times, the position had become extremely

worse with advertisers leap frogging each other with illegal signs. In some cases, the required statutory notices had been served in relation to land-owners who had been identified and there was little or no response to the Council's notices. The Council had duties as a Roads Authority and as a Planning Authority to deal with the situation which had arisen and arrangements were made to remove all signs off the public road recently. It had been decided to deal with the Connemara Area after the tourist season so that the people concerned could make planning applications as necessary to the Council. The Council were prepared to facilitate premises authorised under the Planning Acts through a finger post system and details of this scheme would be made available to all interested parties.

The Council were satisfied that it had acted legally in taking the action it did. The signs removed were now located in the Local Area Engineers offices and owners could come and collect these signs subject to proof of ownership in each case. Following further discussion, it was agreed that an up-to-date report on the matter would be submitted to the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

1209 - INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - "NORWAY - THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS FISH FARMING INDUSTRY" - IMPERIAL HOTEL, CORK - 6TH AND 7TH NOVEMBER, 1986:

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that this was an important Conference because of the aquacultural development in Galway. He proposed that 6 Councillors be allowed to attend. The County Manager indicated that there was legal provision to send only 3 Councillors to any Conference and that the sanction of the Minister would be required if more than 3 Members were approved to attend.

It was agreed that Senator Mark Killilea, Councillor Micheal O'Morain, and Councillor John Mannion attend the Conference. It was also agreed that if sanction was forthcoming to send three additional delegates that Deputy Frank Fahey, Councillor P. McHugh and Deputy R. Molloy would attend.

1210 - MID WEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION CONFERENCE - "CONCENTRATION - THE NEW PALE" - LIMERICK INN HOTEL - 26TH AND 27TH NOVEMBER, 1986:

It was agreed that Councillor Michael Fahy, Councillor Peter Raftery, and Councillor Jarlath McDonagh would attend this Conference to be held in Limerick on the 26th and 27th November, 1986.

1211 - INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE HORTICULTURE OF IRELAND - 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE - LANDSCAPE PLANTING - NEW DEMANDS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES" - 23RD AND 24TH OCTOBER, 1986 - GRAND HOTEL, MALAHIDE:

It was agreed that Councillor John Molloy, Councillor T. Welby, and Councillor Joe Lambert would attend this Conference.

1212 - TUAM SUGAR FACTORY:

It was agreed, on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh that the Council send a motion to the Government requesting that the necessary funds be made available to keep the Tuam Sugar Factory open, and that the Government direct the Board of Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann to re-modernise the Plant in Tuam Factory. A number of Councillors spoke in support of the motion and expressed their support for the continuance of the Tuam Sugar Factory.

1213 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1986:

The Council noted the terms of Circular letter L 3/86A dated 6th August, 1986, from the Department of the Environment which indicated that the initial Capital Allocation for major Public Water and Sewerage Schemes to Galway County Council in 1986 was £2,761,000. A copy of the Department Circular had been issued to each Member.

1214 - FARM TAX ACT, 1985:

The Council noted the provisions of the Farm Tax Act, 1985, details of which had been circulated to each Member. Councillor Joe Brennan proposed that the legislation be amended whereby the marginal relief would be expanded to allow for proportionate marginal relief in the case of holdings of between 150 and 200 adjusted acres. The Council noted that the classification list received had identified 37 holdings in County Galway which were subject to the Farm Tax in 1986. The amount of Farm Tax due on these holdings for 1986 would be £75,234. It was agreed, on the proposal of Senator Ulick Burke, that details of the 37 holdings involved would be circulated to each Member showing the number of statute acres in respect of each holding and the number of adjusted acres.

1215 - FINANCIAL REVIEW 1986:

The Council considered the Finance Officer's report dated 16th October, 1986, showing the revised Estimated Figures for 1986 Expenditure and Income on Revenue Account, together with comparison of these figures with the adopted Estimates for 1986.

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

"That the Council approve of the various items of expenditure in excess of the adopted Estimates as outlined in the Finance Officers report dated 16th October, 1986. These amounts in excess of the adopted Estimates to be met by way of savings in other expenditure headings and increased income as set out in the report."

1216 - THAT THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPT A MORE REASONABLE APPROACH TO THE LOWERING OF CULVERT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE FARMERS DOING DRAINAGE WORKS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh asked that Drainage Works done by farmers which were not grant aided be approached in a more flexible way by the Council. He referred to a case where a number of farmers had carried out some drainage improvements but had been held up because they were unable to get permission to lower a culvert on a minor County Road. He asked that the Council look at each situation and that every effort be made by the Council to alleviate difficulties in such a case. The County Engineer stated that any improvements under Farm Modernisation Schemes were carried out on an Agency basis for ACOT. He was reluctant to do any works which were not so approved as the whole drainage catchment had to be considered in any drainage scheme. The County Manager stated that any proposals which did not have the approval of ACOT had the potential for placing certain liabilities on the Council if they got involved in unapproved schemes.

1217 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees which had been circulated to each Member were noted.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1218 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN THE SHORE LEADING FROM NEAR A HOUSE TO A DRAIN IN TYNAGH FAIRGREEN AND THAT THIS DRAIN BE DEEPENED FOR CIRCA 50 YARDS - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"On inspection, there was no evidence of accumulating water in the locations specified. I understand that no changes have been made in road levels or drainage in recent years in this area to adversely affect the locations referred to. The present outflow appears adequate."

1219 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RENEW THE SHORE LEADING INTO A VILLAGE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) WHICH WAS BLOCKED BY THE COUNCIL WHEN THIS ROAD WAS BEING BLACK-TOPPED - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"A survey will be undertaken to establish if this drain exists as there is no evidence at present of the drain."

- 1220 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE WORKS AND DIVERT THE FLOOD WATERS OFF THE GURTEEN/GLENTANE ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy N. Treacy:

"The cause of the flooding is largely due to emission of effluent from Mr. O'Dea's farm yard and the Council will be writing to Mr. O'Dea, with a view to having the matter resolved."

- 1221 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPT A MORE REASONABLE APPROACH TO THE LOWERING OF CULVERTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE FARMERS DOING DRAINAGE WORKS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"Pipe laying across public roads to facilitate the drainage of lands, in accordance with details prepared by the Farm Development Scheme of ACOT is carried out by the Council on an agency basis, on receipt of advance lump sum payment to meet the cost of carrying out the work."

Drainage schemes which are not prepared by the Farm Development Service and which may not have been investigated on an overall basis in relation to the catchment upstream and its effects on lands downstream, must be considered with extreme caution and may not be accommodated because of possible claims which may arise subsequently."

- 1222 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE GRASS AND HEDGE CUTTING OPERATION CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY ON ROAD FROM CARTYMORE CROSS TO TOMMIE FOX'S HOUSE, CARNAUN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Grass and hedge cutting will be done as maintenance funds permit."

- 1223 - POLLUTION IN GALWAY BAY - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"The County Council have an extensive programme for monitoring water pollution under the Water Pollution Act. However, responsibility does not extend to the sea. If however, there is evidence of any specific problem in relation to shell fish, the County Council would pass it on to the Health Board or the Department of Fisheries."

- 1224 - HARD SHOULDER ON BOTH SIDES OF THE MAIN ARTERIAL ROAD LEADING FROM ORANMORE TO CLARINBRIDGE - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"The provision of hard shoulders on this section of National Primary road is dependent on the provision of a grant by the Department of the Environment. The importance and necessity for shoulders on this very busy section of road has been impressed on the Department of the Environment and if an allocation is forthcoming in 1987 for the N.18, this section will be given priority."

- 1225 - WHY IN THE EVENT OF A HOUSE BEING SOLD TO A TENANT (DETAILS SUPPLIED) WAS THIS HOUSE NOT PROPERLY MAPPED AND WHY DID THE COUNTY COUNCIL NOT MAKE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LEGAL TITLE OF SAME TO BE CORRECT - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"This is a complex case in that there are 3 Local Authority houses involved. The 3 houses were originally provided in 1939. When the house adjoining the house occupied by Mrs. King was being invested in the owner in 1946, a mapping error occurred in registration which resulted in an incorrect boundary line being registered between the

site occupied by Mrs. King and her neighbour.

Revised maps have been prepared to show the correct position of each site involved, and arrangements are being made to have the correction made in the Land Registry Office. This entails an application to the Minister for the Environment for a Ministerial Order for rectification.

Arrangements are being made to have the appropriate documentation submitted to the Minister at present."

- 1226 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CUT THE BRIERS ON ALL THE ROADS IN THE MAREE AREA, TAWAIN, BALLINACOURTY AND CREGANNA ROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"Briars will be cut back by hand on these County Roads most in need in the Maree area under County Road Maintenance as funds allow."

- 1227 - THAT PUBLIC LIGHTING BE PROVIDED AT KILBEACANTY CHURCH, GORT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"£2,760 was allocated to the Gort Area for street lighting in 1986. A meeting was held in the Council Chamber on the 22nd September, 1986, and a priority list was agreed with the Councillors."

Kilbeacanty is No. 4 on the Gort list and a light will be erected there provided there is money left when locations 1, 2 and 3 are completed on this list."

- 1228 - THAT TRAFFIC LIGHTS BE PROVIDED AT THE DANGEROUS JUNCTION AT LOUGHREA ROAD, GORT. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"A Traffic Count will be carried out to see if lights are warranted at this junction."

- 1229 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ALLOCATE A GRANT OF £10,000 TO DRUID THEATRE COMPANY - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The recommendations of the Arts Committee for the allocation of the £18,000 provided in the 1986 Estimates for Arts Grants will come before the Council at the November Meeting. The recommendations include £5,000 for the Druid Theatre Company, which corresponds with the 1985 Grant."

The Arts Committee of the Council consider the allocation of the provision in the Estimates for Arts Grants, and any increase in the annual provision for Arts Grants would be a matter for consideration at the Estimates Meeting."

- 1230 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE PUBLIC TOILETS AVAILABLE AT KILMURVEY DURING THE SUMMER SEASON 1987 - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"There is a shortage of Capital funds for the provision of public toilets and it is very unlikely that such funds will be available for this work in the foreseeable future."

- 1231 - THAT THE COUNTY RATES ARE NOT CHARGED TO A PERSON IN KINVARA, WHOSE COMMERCIAL PREMISES HAS NOT BEEN USED DURING THE CURRENT RATING PERIOD (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey:

"The shop which is the subject of the Notice of Motion was purchased by the present owners in July 1984. County Rates were paid up to the date of sale but there was no response to demands from that date until the occupier called to the office in September 1986, and claimed that she should not be liable for County Rates accrued because the building had not been used during the relevant period.

There is no legal provision for the remission of County Rates on vacant shops but where County Rates have been paid on premises that were vacant at the date of making the rate either for the purpose of alteration, addition or repairs thereto, or because the owner was bona fide unable to find a suitable tenant at a reasonable rent, an appropriate refund may be made. No evidence has been submitted by the rated occupiers whereby the rates could be legally remitted.

If it is the intention that this premises is to be converted to use as a domestic dwelling arrangements can be made to have the premises inspected during the current year for reclassification. The arrears of rates due, however, cannot be remitted and must be paid."

- 1232 - THAT TONABRUCKY QUARRY BE RE-OPENED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CHIPS FOR COUNTY ROADS AND REGIONAL ROADS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey:

"The Department of the Environment specification requires a Polished Stone Value of 57 to 60 for chippings for Regional Roads. Tonabrocky chippings do not comply with this requirement. The cost of production at Tonabrocky is too high for County Roads and suitable chippings are available on the open market at substantially lower prices."

- 1233 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A SOAK PIT, SILT TRAPS, GULLEYS AND A SHORE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE DEERPARK HILL ON THE KILLIMOR/EYRECOURT ROAD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The flooding in this area is occurring on and off for the past 10 years and has resulted from blocked water outlets. It is intended to open these water outlets and maintain same to alleviate the problem."

- 1234 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PREVENT THE CONSTANT FLOODING ON CREAGH ROAD, BALLINASLOE, ADJACENT TO HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The Council are aware of this problem. It has been discussed by the U.D.C. in Ballinasloe. Contact has been made with the Western Health Borad on this matter. Further investigations are being carried out."

- 1235 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPLACE THE DAMAGED WOODEN BRIDGE ON THE ROAD LEADING INTO BENMORE, BULLAUN, LOUGHREA, IMMEDIATELY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"This work has been carried out."

- 1236 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DO ESSENTIAL ROAD STRAIGHTENING AT BROWNSGROVE SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"Road improvements on National Routes, such as that proposed for the National Secondary N.83 at Browns Grove School, are 100% grant aided. It is unlikely that a grant will be provided in the future for this work."

- 1237 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE MATERIAL AVAILABLE SO THAT PEOPLE IN THE FOLLOWING ENGINEERING AREAS WOULD BE ABLE TO FILL THE POTHLES THEMSELVES - OUGHTERARD, CLIFDEN AND COSTELLO: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby;

"Due to very serious legal and liability implications, it is not possible for the Council to get involved in this type of arrangement. Neither could the Council encourage any citizen to putting their personal position in jeopardy legally."

- 1238 - THAT THE 30 MILES SPEED LIMIT SIGN LEADING TO OUGHTERARD ON THE GALWAY END BE MOVED OUT NEAR THE BILLAMORE JUNCTION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"This will be included in the next review of Speed Limits for the County."

- 1239 - THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE 1987 ESTIMATES FOR THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING IN THE LEMONFIELD HOUSING ESTATE, OUGHTERARD. - MOTION BY CLR. THOMAS WELBY:

The following reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"This will be considered for inclusion in the 1987 Estimates in the light of available finance."

- 1240 - THAT A SUM OF UP TO £10,000 BE MADE SPECIFICALLY AVAILABLE IN THE PORTUMNA AND BALLINASLOE ENGINEERING AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEDGE CUTTING ALONG COUNTY ROADS IN 1987 - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"We have to await the outcome of the 1987 Estimates before committing monies in any direction."

- 1241 - THAT A SUM OF £1,000 BE MADE AVAILABLE ANNUALLY IN EACH ENGINEERING AREA FOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN GRAVEYARDS - MOTION BY COUNCILOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"This proposal will be considered at Estimates time."

- 1242 - THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE IN 1987 FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE PRESENT PHASE OF WORKS ON THE BALLINASLOE/AHASCRAUGH ROAD AT DERRYMULLEN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"Depends on Grant from Department of the Environment. Appropriate representations will be made to have the grant continued in 1987."

- 1243 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT THE IMPROVEMENT WORK IN GLENAMADDY AS SUGGESTED BY THE GARDAI THERE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"There are no funds to carry out these works in the current year. Consideration will be given to carrying out the more important of these proposals when funds become available."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN
24/10/1986 DATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY ARTS COMMITTEE HELD AT
CONNEMARA WEST CENTRE, LETTERFRACK - 9th SEPT. 1986

PRESENT: Chairman - Sen. Mark Killilea
 Clr. J. Joyce; Ml. Fahy, M. Lynch
 Apology from Clr. J. Mannion for inability to attend
 Mr. T. Kavanagh, Admin. Officer
 Miss H. Bygrove, Arts Officer
 Miss M. Moloney, A.S.O.

The Committee was welcomed by Mr. Kieran O'Donoghue, Administrator, Connemara West Centre, who brought the group on a tour of the premises showing the various exhibits and crafts, i.e., woodwork, sculpture, pewter etc. He expressed his appreciation for choosing Letterfrack as the centre for the forthcoming Sculpture Symposium and wished the event every success.

Arising from the Minutes of the meeting of 22nd July, 1986, Clr. Joyce expressed his disappointment that he did not receive a letter from Mr. O. Jennings of the Arts Festival, regarding Fooksbarn's inability to perform in Ballinasloe. It was decided to write again to Mr. Jennings.

The Chairman told the meeting he had received a letter from Mr. Brendan Flynn, Clifden, expressing appreciation to the Committee for sending Fooksbarn to Clifden.

Miss Bygrove submitted applications for grant aid from the 1986 allocation - £18,000 total. Having considered the requests, the Committee decided to recommend the following to the County Council.

1986 Arts Grant

Applicant	Recommended £	
Druid	5,000	
Clifden Community Arts	1,750	
Dance for the West (Performing in Clifden, Tuam & Galway City)	700	
Galway Theatre Workshop (Performing in Ballinasloe & Athenry)(To be confirmed)	700	
TEAM (4 schools)	700	
Tuam Arts Group	400	
Poetry Co-Op	400	
Salmon (publication distributed throughout county)	500	
National Dance Cl. (Kinvara)	100	
Streets Festival (Galway City with Co. Artists)	200	
Galway Arts Festival (County Artists)	1,100	
Writer in Residence (in libraries & schools)	2,000	
RDO for Sculpture Symposium Letterfrack (Oct.)	2,000	(Total)
Reg. Arts Community Programme	800	18,000
	16,350	16,350
BALANCE.....		1,650

Recommendations for the expenditure of the balance to be considered at the next meeting.

Clr. M. Lynch suggested that firms in the various towns might be willing to sponsor some of the arts events in their area. He undertook to investigate the situation in Athenry and Clr. Joyce in Ballinasloe.

As agreed at a previous meeting, the Press will be invited to the next meeting which will be held in Letterfrack on Saturday, 11th Oct. 1986 at 4.p.m. to coincide with the Sculpture Symposium, Miss Bygrove will arrange. She also informed the Committee that arrangements had been made for two discussion Programmes on "Appraisal".

A Press Release was agreed for the Writer in Residence. The Committee wished it to be emphasised that schools were welcome to avail of the Writer's services and advised that they could make contact with Ms. Redmond or Miss Mary Kavanagh, Exec. Librarian. The Committee recommended that Miss Bygrove, Miss Kavanagh and Ms. Redmond would meet on a weekly basis to monitor progress and an up-date of the situation be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

NEXT MEETING - SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER, 1986, AT 4 P.M. IN LETTERFRACK.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

24/11/1986 DATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY ARTS COMMITTEE HELD AT CONNEMARA WEST CENTRE,
LETTERFRACK -- 11th OCT. 1986

PRESENT: Chairman - Sen. Mark Killilea
 Clr. J. Joyce; Ml. Fahy; P. Finegan; M. Lynch
 Mr. T. Kavanagh, Admin. Officer
 Ms. H. Bygrove, Arts Officer
 Ms. Lucille Redmond, Writer in Residence
 Ms. M. Moloney, A.S.O.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. O. Jennings, of the Arts Festival, explaining Footsbarns inability to perform in Ballinasloe. A copy of the letter was given to Clr. Joyce. The Committee again expressed disappointment at Mr. Jennings explanation and agreed that specific written proposals would be required from him when considering his application for grant aid in 1987.

Ms. Bygrove recommended that an extra £500, from the balance available in the 1986 Arts Grant, be allocated to TEAM, who toured and performed in 4 schools, New Inn, Loughrea, Ballinasloe and Clifden. The Committee agreed to include the £500 in their recommendations to the County Council. (Total £700+£500=£1,200)

Recommendations for expenditure of the balance (£1,150) to be considered at the next meeting.

Ms. Lucille Redmond reported to the Committee on the Writer in Residence programme. She gave a resume of the readings and workshops in the venues visited and of the participation of the various schools. She informed the Committee of possible sponsorship she had received for short story competitions for Primary and Secondary schools, and asked the members to help in recruiting more sponsors.

Ms. Bygrove outlined some ideas regarding next year's programme and suggested that the Committee should consider setting up a Touring Theatre Scheme in the West which would fall into three (3) categories, namely,

- (1) Professional Theatre
- (2) Community Theatre
- (3) Theatre in Education

Regarding the Druid Theatre the Committee recommended that while they would continue to support Druid at the existing level (£5,000), any further allocation would be dealt with in the context of a touring theatre scheme (See 1 above) and they would have first option for participation in the scheme.

The Galway Theatre Workshop agreed to perform in Athenry and Ballinasloe but requested that local groups write to them inviting them to a performance and/or workshop in theatre techniques. Clr. Joyce and Clr. Lynch gave Ms. Bygrove the names of the Secretaries of the local groups who should be informed that there would be no expense involved.

Clr. Ml. Fahy's Notice of Motion proposing that the Park at Renville, Oranmore, be used as a Sculpture Park through a Sculpture Symposium in Summer 1987 and that facilities for residence for artists be created on the location, was discussed and it was agreed that Clr. M. Lynch would present the proposal to the next Renville Park Committee meeting for consideration by them.

The adoption of the Arts Policy was proposed by Clr. M. Fahy and seconded by Clr. J. Joyce, and agreed.

The Official Opening of the Wood Sculpture Symposium, which was grant aided by Galway County Council, was performed at the Letterfrack Centre, by Adrian Munnely, Director of the Arts Council, and Sen. M. Killilea spoke on behalf of the County Council Arts Committee.

NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1986 IN CO. BUILDINGS AT 4.p.m.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN

24/11/1986 DATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS COMMITTEE HELD AT
COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY - 13TH NOV. 1986

PRESENT: Chairman - Sen. M. Killilea
 Cirs. P. Finnegan, Ml. Fahy, Jas. Joyce & Mtn. Lynch
 Mr. T. Kavanagh, Admin. Officer
 Ms. H. Bygrove, Arts Officer
 Ms. Lucille Redmond, Writer in Residence
 Ms. M. Moloney, A.S.O.

Minutes of the meeting of 11th October, 1986 were read and approved.

Arising from the Minutes Clr. Lynch reported that the Renville Park Committee welcomed the proposal by the Arts Committee to recommend to the County Council that a Symposium be held in Renville Park during 1987. A letter confirming their agreement would issue. The Chairman, Sen. M. Killilea proposed that the symposium be half in wood and half in stone -- the committee were agreeable to this suggestion.

The Chairman then proposed, and it was unanimously agreed, that a letter be sent to Mr. A. Munnely of the Arts Council asking for confirmation in writing of a contribution towards the Renville project on the same lines as the 1986 allocation for Letterfrack.

Applications from Claregalway Festival of Drama and Music for Galway for grant in aid were noted.

1986 Arts Grant.

Out of the total sum of £18,000 agreement had been reached at previous meetings for the allocation of £16,850. The balance £1,150 was recommended as follows:

Ms. Bygrove recommended that the sum for the Regional Arts Community Programme be £305 instead of £800 as heretofore recommended and this was agreed. This left a balance of £1,645.

Clr. J. Joyce proposed and Clr. P. Finnegan seconded a grant of £145 to Salmon, and this was also agreed.

A further £1,500 was recommended towards the Letterfrack Symposium, i.e., £2,000 + £1,500 = £3,500.

The complete 1986 Arts Grant Allocation recommended for County Council approval is as follows: -

APPLICANT	RECOMMENDED
Druid.....	5,000
Clifden Community Arts.....	1,750
Dance for the West (Clifden, Tuam & Galway City)	700
Galway Theatre Workshop..... (Performing in Ballinasloe & Athenry)	700
TEAM (4 schools).....	1,200
Tuam Arts Group.....	400
Poetry Co-Op.....	400
Salmon (publication distributed in county).....	645
National Dance Cl. (Kinvara).....	100
Streets Festival (Galway City with Co. Artists)	200
Galway Arts Festival (County Artists).....	1,100
Writer in Residence	2,000
RDD. for Sculpture Symposium in Letterfrack....	3,500
Reg. Arts Community Programme.....	305
TOTAL.....	18,000

1987 ARTS GRANT

The Committee decided unanimously to recommend to the County Council that a sum of £27,000 be included in the 1987 Estimates for the Arts Grant. They pointed out that an increase in the Council's allocation would also ensure an increase from the Arts Council.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Joe Leahy CHAIRMAN

24/11/1986 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS ON THE 28th OCTOBER, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR.

Clr. Joe Callanan.

PRESENT:-

Clr. John Molloy, Mr. Thomas Joyce, Mr. Mark Canavan, Mr. T. O'Dea, Mr. Michael Conneely, Senator Tom Hussey, Clrs. Tom Welby, Patrick Finnegan, Mr. Pddy Ruane, Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Clr. Tiernan Walsh and Clr. J. Mannion.

OFFICIALS.:-

Mr. Tony Murphy, Senior Staff Officer .

The Minutes of the previous Meeting which was held on the 15th July, 1986 were circulated to the Meeting and it was proposed by Clr. Molloy and seconded by Clr. Finnegan and agreed that these Minutes be adopted. Arising from the Minutes, Senator Hussey asked about the survey which had taken place in 1985 and what the present position was in relation to those baths which were surveyed. Mr. Murphy said that as a result of decision taken at the last Meeting he wrote to the Bath Owners concerned and a number of them had contacted his office disputing the results of the survey. Mr. Murphy said that the survey was being continued and extended in the current season. At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Murphy read a letter from the Department of Agriculture requesting that the Sheep Dipping period be shortened to six weeks from the 15th September to 31st October. Clr. Welby said that many farmers in the Connemara area were not in favour of dipping their sheep until November and he recommended that the sheep dipping period be from the 15th September to the 15th November. Mr. Canavan agreed with this. At the request of Clr. Welby Mr. Murphy told the Meeting that of the 461,000 sheep dipped in 1984 approximately 72,000 were from the Connemara area. Clr. Callanan said that it was suggested at the recent Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee for the Connacht Region that each Inspector should be supervising the dipping of approximately 10,000 sheep, and he asked Mr. Murphy if this would result in an increase in the number of sheep dipping inspectors being employed by Galway County Council. In reply Mr. Murphy said that a number of sheep dipping inspectors were supervising the dipping of more than 10,000 sheep at present and that in the event of the sheep dipping period being shortened the matter of employment of extra sheep dipping inspectors would be investigated. Mr. Gilhooley said that he was dis-satisfied with the dip being used at present and he suggested that a dual purpose dip be introduced which would be effective both for sheep scab and for maggots. Mr. O'Dea agreed with this and it was agreed that a proposal to this effect be sent to the Department of Agriculture.

Clr. Callanan said that he was aware of a problem on the border with Roscommon where certain farmers were bringing their sheep across the border into Roscommon in order to get them dipped and in other cases were claiming to have dipped sheep in Roscommon whereas in effect they had not done so. Mr. Murphy said that no complaints had been received in his office in relation to this matter and that the sheep dipping inspectors employed by Galway County Council would be asked to make every effort to ensure that all sheep in his area were dipped.

Senator Hussey said that he was aware of cases where all the sheep in a flock were not being dipped. Mr. Conneely said that sheep cannot be sold within 21 days of being dipped and this meant that in some cases farmers who intended selling their sheep within a week or two did not dip them for this reason.

Clr. Welby said that the bath owned by Galway County Council at Glann, Oughterard was in very bad condition and asked that the baths be inspected and that some work be done on it to improve it. Mr. Canavan agreed with this and asked that some work be done at this bath as a matter of urgency. Mr. Conneely asked if there were any grants available for building dipping baths. In reply Clr. Callanan said that grants were available but he was not aware of the actual amount.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Joe Leahy CHAIRMAN

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

6u la Samhain, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, an 14u la Samhain, 1986, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Permission to Stephen Heanue of Bridge Street, Clifden, for a dwellinghouse at Beaghcauneen. - Planning Ref. No. 52600"

John J. Mannion. Michael Ryan. Ulick Burke.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission for Retention to Martin Nohilly of Cummer, Tuam, for Agricultural Workshops at Ballinacregg, Cummer. - Planning Reference Number 52996."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Michael Fahy.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Matthew Duffy, c/o Tom Healy, B.E., Sheavans, Cleggan, Co. Galway, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Aughrusmore. - Planning Ref. No. 53036."

John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby. Michael Ryan.
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 Gerry Duffy, Birmingham, Tuam, for Tool Shed on the lands at Birmingham. - Planning Ref. No. 52983."

Michael Ryan. John M. Mannion. Mark Killilea. Noel Treacy.
5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Full Planning Permission for the re-construction of a dwellinghouse to Mr. Patrick Connolly at Ballyclery, Kinvara, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 52911."

Michael Fahy. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey.

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6. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Alfred Rolke of Stoneyisland, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, for the erection of a Fish-Smoking Plant at Stoneyisland, Portumna. - Planning Reference Number 52810."

Noel Treacy. Joe Callanan. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey.

OTHER BUSINESS:

7. Disposal of plot of land at Millplot, Oranmore, to Mr. Brian Divilly, Oranmore. - Section 83 Notice already circulated.
8. New Inn Dump.
9. Making of Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea and the making of a variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of Loughrea.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

To/ Each Member of Galway County Council

A Chara,

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

Land Acquired From : Presentation Nuns, Oranmore
Location : Millplot, Oranmore
Area : 0.261 acres
To whom land is to be transferred : Brian Divilly, Oranmore
Consideration in respect of disposal : Exchange of lands measuring 0.114 acres in Carrowmoneash TG., Oranmore for the purpose of road realignment of the N64 Oranmore-Claregalway Road (junction with N6 at Oranmore)

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 SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, J. Joyce, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; B. Callagy, L. Kavanagh, R. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1244 - RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Councillor Callanan, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Seamus Nolan, Tooreeny, Moycullen, on the death of his wife who was a former employee of Galway County Council.

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan, a resolution was adopted to John Kavanagh, Grange, Claregalway, on the death of his brother Martin.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Noel Tarmey, Williamstown, Co. Galway.
Mr. Paddy Pettit, Barna, Glenamaddy.
Mr. Patrick Morley, Lissavruggy, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Leo Flynn, Kilmore, Ballygar.
Mrs. Eileen Conlon & Family, Kilcolgan.
Mr. Tom Leech, Kinvara.
Mrs. Leo Flynn, Kilmore, Ballygar.

1245 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52600 - APPLICANT: STEPHEN HEANUE:

Councillor Mannion asked that this resolution be deferred to the November Monthly Meeting, and this was agreed.

1246 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52996 - APPLICANT: MARTIN NOHILLY.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Galway/Tuam National Primary Route approx. 4 miles south of Claretuam.

PLANNING HISTORY:

The proposed workshop first came to the attention of the Planning Authority as an unauthorised building on the National Primary route in Summer 1981. Despite being warned at the time of construction, the developer proceeded and completed the building. He was eventually convicted and fined for unauthorised development in Tuam District Court in April 1983.

Shortly afterwards the developer lodged an application for the retention of the workshop (Planning Ref. No. 45921) and was refused in August 1983 on the grounds of traffic hazard and being contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan. The decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanala which upheld the Council's decision. An Enforcement Notice requiring the unauthorised use to cease was served in June 1986. While there is no recent evidence that vehicles are being repaired on the site, there still remains some trailers and waste materials, and some building work has recently been carried out.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed building is being used for the repair of agricultural machinery and other vehicles. Such activity is not regarded as an agricultural enterprise but as industrial or commercial development. This kind of development constitutes a traffic hazard on the National Primary Road and is contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan. The applicants agent was advised that more favourable consideration would be given to a suitable site located on a County Road. The grant of Permission in this case by means of Section 4 would be contrary to the Agreement between Councillors relating to the passing of Section 4 Resolutions for developments along National Primary Routes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit is in force would, owing to conflicting traffic movements it would generate, be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority as stated in the County Development Plan (para. 251 Table 25A) which wholly restricts all Industrial and Commercial development along this route."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy and seconded by Councillor O'Morain.

Senator Killilea said that the applicant's father was a Blacksmith and had carried out a business in the old buildings on the site. These old buildings were now refurbished for use as an agricultural workshop. Senator Killilea said that he should have included this application in the list relating to the agreement for Section 4 Resolutions.

The County Manager stated that the unauthorised development first came to the notice of the Planning Authority in 1981 and a Court case followed. The applicant did not state in Court that there was an old forge there but evidence was given that the applicant was building a calf store.

Senator Killilea said that the old forge was there up to about 15 years ago and the applicant is involved in fixing farm machinery. He said there was a calf store adjoining under the same roof.

The County Manager stated that it was extraordinary that all this new information only came to light at the meeting. He asked was the applicant a Blacksmith or a Mechanic. Senator Killilea replied that the applicant was a Mechanic.

Councillor Brennan said that he could not understand why the information given at the meeting was not given in Court. He said the Council would look foolish giving Permission at this stage and proposed that Permission be refused.

Councillor Welby said that he had known unauthorised development to continue for 7 years including a prosecution and now An Bord Pleanala had granted Planning Permission for it.

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

The County Manager stated that before making a decision, he would examine further the question of the previous use of the site.

- 1247 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53036 - APPLICANT: MATTHEW DUFFY.

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

- 1248 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52983 - APPLICANT: GERRY DUFFY.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on a County Road in the townland of Birmingham Demesne, north east of Tuam and adjacent to the entrance to Birmingham House.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 29325:

An application for a carpentry workshop was first lodged in late 1978. There were local objectors and the application was refused in January, 1979 on the grounds that the development was out of character with the area and would be injurious to the residential amenities of the area. The application was appealed to An Bord Pleanala which upheld the refusal.

The applicant proceeded with the development, and in 1980 applied for the retention of the workshop building and its change of use to a farm building. This was granted on condition that the building be used for agricultural purposes only, (Planning Ref. No. 34913).

Following a number of complaints concerning the use of the building as a workshop an Enforcement Notice to cease the unauthorised use was served. This has given rise to the present application.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The workshop is located approximately 100 ft. to the rear of the applicant's house and approximately 180 ft. from an adjoining house to the south. The adjoining householder has been an objector to the proposal from the outset.

While the Planning Authority is not opposed to small commercial or industrial projects in rural areas it requires that such projects be located so as not to cause nuisance to adjacent dwellinghouses. Undue proximity to private houses causes aggravation and diminished amenity due to the use of machinery, the storing of materials and the movement of vehicles. In the present instance, the developer has continued to operate without planning permission despite a refusal by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala and despite a subsequent planning application which stated that the use would be for agricultural purposes only. It is still considered that there will be a diminution of the residential amenity of the adjacent householder and the original grounds for refusal are still valid.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The workshop is out of character with existing and permitted development in the area and it would introduce commercial use which would be seriously injurious to the established residential amenity of the area."

Councillor Ryan proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that he did not fully accept the County Manager's report and that there was only one objector to the application. He said reference was made in the report to the building being an agricultural building whereas it was unusual for farm buildings to be valued, and there was a rateable valuation of £7 on the building and the applicant had paid a few hundred pounds Rates on the building to the County Council. Councillor Ryan said that the granting of Planning Permission was very important to the family. Galway County Council had refused a loan to the applicant to build a house and he was now living in a mobile home. As soon as he has sufficient money, he will build a house. He said the development was on a County Road two miles from Tuam and the applicant prepared windows and doors, etc. for building purposes.

At the request of Councillor Ryan, the Acting Secretary read the following letter from Archbishop Joseph Cunnane, which was handed in by Councillor Ryan:

"I wish to support the petition of Mr. Gerard Duffy to be allowed to continue working in his Carpentry Workshop at Birmingham. In my opinion, it does not interfere with any of his neighbours, and its removal would cause very serious and quite unnecessary hardship to Mr. Duffy and his family."

Councillor Finnegan seconded the resolution set out on the Agenda. Senator Hussey supported the application and said that the applicant was a long time in trouble and the nearest house was about 180 feet away, and therefore, there should be no interference with residential amenity.

Councillor J. Burke said that he agreed with the humanitarian case being put forward, but this was not valid under Planning Law. He said the applicant was badly advised to apply for an agricultural building. Cllr. Burke said the he was in the house next door when all the machinery was turned on, and there was only very slight noise. He was of the opinion that Permission should be forthcoming without the use of a Section 4 resolution.

Councillor Finnegan said that the objection was not now a major factor.

As there was no objection, the Chairman declared the resolution carried. The County Manager said that he proposed including a condition whereby no work would continue in the building after 8.00 p.m. The Members agreed with this.

1249 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52911 - APPLICANT: PATRICK CONNOLLY.

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

1250 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52810 - APPLICANT: ALFRED ROLKE.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on the shores of Lough Derg, approximately 4 miles to the south west of Portumna.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Outline Planning Permission for two dwellinghouses was originally granted in September, 1966 on the proposed site (Ref. No. 2460) to Mr. John P. Roche. Approval for the erection of one house was granted in October 1967 and the house has since been constructed. The Outline Planning Permission for second house expired in 1983 with the expiry of the original outline Planning Permission.

In July 1985, planning permission was granted to Mr. Alfred Rolke, the current applicant for a small boathouse on the shoreline.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The original Planning Permissions were granted in 1966 shortly after the introduction of the first Planning Act and before the first County Development Plan was adopted when there was little demand for development in inland sensitive areas. Since then, increased pressure for development in high amenity areas along the shores of Lough Derg and the Shannon have necessitated a stricter policy of control in the interests of preserving the amenities of the area.

The proposal involves the erection of a salmon smoking unit of some 860 square feet approximately 30 metres from the shoreline. This would conflict with the general requirement of the Planning Authority that all permitted development be sited at least 100 m from the shores of water bodies used for recreational or amenity purposes, and the particular requirement that such development should not be visually intrusive on the landscape.

The Planning Authority view with particular concern the fact that the proposed building will form a commercial development not intrinsically associated with the area and which could satisfactorily be located in a less sensitive area. The proposal will set a precedent for non-essential commercial development in a restricted area and there is the prospect that a subsequent application will be lodged for an extension of the business thus aggravating the problem. An Taisce have lodged an objection in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development located on a site on the shores of Lough Derg would involve the erection of a commercial building in an area of high visual amenity and the proposed development would be detrimental to the scenic amenities of the area and contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The Chairman proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that he had visited the site and the proposed building would blend in with the existing buildings in the area. He appreciated it was in an area of visual amenity but the proposed development because of its siting would not cause any obstruction to the visual amenity. The applicant was contributing to job creation and would comply with whatever conditions were required. The Chairman said that he was satisfied that the development would in no way hinder the visual amenity of the area.

The Resolution was seconded by Councillor Callanan.

Councillor Brennan asked could the applicant not move back the building 100 metres from the shoreline in order to comply with the standard requirement. The County Engineer stated that he would still be objecting to the development even if it was sited 100 feet from the shoreline. Councillor Loughnane stated that the development would resemble a bungalow, and therefore, he was supporting it. Councillor Brennan said that he would be concerned in case any obnoxious smells would come from the development when in operation.

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

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- SECTION 83 NOTICE PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED:

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Senator Hussey, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the transfer of a plot of land at Millplot, Oranmore, measuring approximately 0.261 acres in accordance with the terms set out in the notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member."

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Proposal that a new site for a dump be sought elsewhere:

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Councillor Callanan said that the Dump in New Inn was causing havoc to the residents of the four houses across the road from it. He said that papers and smells were coming from the dump as well as rats. He referred to the 1985 Waste Plan, wherein it suggested that the New Inn Dump be closed in January 1987. The Council workers were doing their best to keep the Dump under Control. Councillor Callanan said that it was a most unsuitable location for a Dump and proposed that it be closed by the 1st April, 1987. The Chairman seconded Councillor Callanan. He said that New Inn was a very open area and was unsuitable for a Dump, and that a proper dump should be provided for Loughrea.

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The Chairman then said that he would allow a representative from Loughrea to address the Meeting. Mr. Martin Ward then addressed the Meeting and said that he represented the By-Pass Committee. He said that he wished to endorse everything which had been said in favour of the Relief Road, coloured green, which he said would enhance the Town of Loughrea. He said his Committee appreciated the transport problems of the business people of West Galway. The committee was of the opinion that the Relief Road was the solution and it would allow traffic to move freely through Loughrea. He said that only about five people would be involved in acquisition dealings and he understood that co-operation would be forthcoming. He asked the Council to approve of the Relief Road.

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Senator U. Burke said that the Relief Road would be acceptable to the people of Loughrea and that there should be no objections to implementing it.

The Chairman then declared Recommendation A (carparking) and Option B (Relief Road) referred to in page 3 of the County Engineer's report approved by the Council.

During the discussions on the By-Pass and Relief Road, all the submissions and objections relating to the By-Pass road were considered.

The Acting Secretary referred to the other submissions and objections which had been made with respect to the Draft Development Plan for the Town of Loughrea, and the Draft Variation of the County Development Plan relating to the Environs of the Town of Loughrea. These submissions/objections were previously circulated to each Member together with the Planning Officer's comments thereon. Each of the remaining submissions/objections were then taken separately.

1. Resolution from Loughrea Town Commissioners regarding the Preservation of the Archway leading into the Mount Pleasant Housing Estate:

Councillor Loughnane proposed that the Archway be listed for preservation. He said that an alternative access was feasible. The proposal was seconded by Senator U. Burke and agreed by the Council.

4. & 14. Submission from Prioress, St. Joseph's Monastery, Mount Carmel, Loughrea, and Objection from Joseph Curley Associates relating to the zoning of land for Agricultural use:

The Chairman decided that these two submissions/objections be taken together as they were related. The submission from the Rev. Mother Prioress was supported by Councillor Loughnane and he proposed that the land, the subject of the objection from Joseph Curley Associates continue to be zoned as agricultural. The proposal was seconded by Senator U. Burke, and agreed by the Council.

18. Objection of Brendan Guinnane to (a) listing of Stoney Brennan Head, and (b) Site of Turret for preservation:

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19. Objection of Eileen Ryan to preservation listing of building at Map Reference No. 23, Table 3.2.:

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23. Submissions/Objections by Norman Morgan:

(a) Pedestrianisation of "The Walk":

Councillor Loughnane proposed that an objective be included in the Plan for the pedestrianisation of "The Walk". This proposal was seconded by Senator U. Burke and agreed.

Councillor Loughnane recommended that -

(i) The bridge from the proposed new carpark to "The Walk" be refurbished.

(ii) That the Mass path from the street to "The Walk" be retained.

(iii) That a pedestrian access at the North Mound end of "The Walk" to the Relief Road be considered.

Senator U. Burke recommended that a scheme be prepared which would upgrade "The Walk" and surrounding area. He said that a pedestrian access onto the Relief Road would be questionable.

(b) Development of Railway Line to Cosmona as a roadway:

Councillor Loughnane said that the Railway Line was closed now for 10 years and that it would cost little to convert it into a road provided it was handed over by C.I.E. He said that a road from the Relief Road to the carpark would be important. Senator U. Burke said that the Steam Preservation Group had been put off by the proposed By-Pass Road, and he would like to see them brought back into the picture and to have Loughrea included in their Plans. He said that he would not like to see a decision being made which would rule out any plan for the railway line.

The Chairman said that both proposals had a certain merit, and therefore, no change would be made in the Draft Plan which in effect, would leave both options open.

(c) Preservation of Archway at Mount Pleasant:

This was already dealt with under Submission No. 1.

(d) Elimination of roadway through Fairgreen:

The Acting Secretary stated that this was already an objective in the Draft Plan, and therefore, no change was required.

Councillor Loughnane said that this road attracted unfavourable comment in the Tidy Towns Report. The County Manager said that this would be looked at.

This concluded the consideration of all objections/submissions.

It was then proposed by the Chairman, Deputy Treacy, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council, having prepared a draft of the proposed Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea, having published the required notices, having considered the objections and representations made in respect of the Draft Plan, and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963-'83, hereby resolve that the said Draft Plan be amended as follows:

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- Paragraph 2.10 - 2nd paragraph
 - Paragraph 2.18.6.()
 - Paragraph 3.1.5.(a)
 - Paragraph 3.2.2.(b)
 - Paragraph 3.3.3.(i)
- Route description 2 under paragraph 3.2.5.

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- (c) That the resiting of the Stoney Brennan Head be deleted from Paragraph 3.3.4.(ix).
- (d) That an objective be included in the Draft Plan for the pedestrianisation of "The Walk".

And whereas, the amendment relating to the By-Pass and Relief Road is a material alteration, resolve that the procedure provided for in subsection 2 of Section 21.A of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 37 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, be implemented."

It was proposed by the Chairman, Deputy Treacy, seconded by Clr. Loughnane, and resolved:

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Councillor Joyce was informed by Mr. Callagy that the sites and items of Archaeological interest included in the Study carried out by Paul Gosling, U.C.G., were included in the current Development Plans.

1257 - AMENITY WORKS AT CRAUGHWELL:

Senator U. Burke complimented the Council staff on the amenity works carried out on the Galway side of Craughwell but he said that Travellers/Traders were parked there at the moment and the excellent work done could be destroyed. He asked that immediate action be taken and was supported by many other Councillors.

1258 - ORANMORE BY-PASS ROAD:

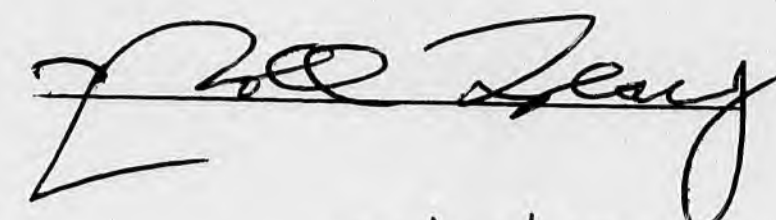
Deputy Fahey asked when would the Oranmore By-Pass be completed. The County Engineer replied that the Link Road had yet to be finished but he expected the By-Pass to be open by the end of November. Deputy Fahey said that the construction of the Oranmore By-Pass by direct labour was a credit to the Council and he recommended some form of Official Opening.

Councillor Lynch asked the County Engineer to look at the approaches to the Roundabout as some trucks had crossed over the Roundabout. He also asked that the Council investigate an alternative access to the Community Centre as the present one was unsuitable. The County Engineer said that he could not understand any vehicles having difficulty negotiating the Roundabout. He said that he would examine the problem raised about the access to the Community Centre.

Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Engineer stated that the Council was experiencing acquisition difficulties in relation to the completion of the Relief Road in Ballinasloe, and it looked as if the Council would have to resort to Compulsory Acquisition.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

 CHAIRMAN

22/12/1986 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
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18u la Samhain, 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 24u la Samhain, 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:

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John J. Mannion. Michael Ryan. Ulick Burke.

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John Carey, John O'Donnell, and Pat Darcy."

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OTHER BUSINESS:

4. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

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- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on the 20th October, 1986.

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13. Report on Analysis of Water Quality in County Galway. - Copy enclosed.
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17. Advertising Signs.
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19. Extension of time for the Review of the Development Plan for the Town of Loughrea.
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22. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

Adjourned from Council Meeting from 20th October, 1986.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY : I will propose:

23. That Galway County Council carry out immediate works and divert the flood waters off the Gurteen/Glentane Road, near Michael O'Dea's house, at Mount Hazel, Ballymacward; to the adjoining large drain; and that the affected road area be renewed and resurfaced without delay.
 24. That Galway County Council provide a soak pit, silt traps, gulleys and a shore on the west side of the Deerpark Hill on the Killimor/Eyrecourt Road; in order to alleviate the constant flooding on this road which is causing severe inconvenience to house and farm owners, motorists and pedestrians; and that these works be carried out immediately.
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- DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose :
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- OTHER MOTIONS RECEIVED
- SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose :
30. That Galway County Council take immediate steps for a re-arrangement of the Water Supply to Clifden Town which is not in a good condition due to the source of supply being adjacent to the public dump and the interference to that supply by wild birds and other animals.
 31. That the County Manager inform me as to when it is proposed to make a small sewerage scheme available for Tully Village, Tullycross, Co. Galway, and if he could confirm whether or not monies were made available to commence this scheme in 1986 Programme - but later in the year the money was diverted to another source - if money will be made available in this years Estimates for the inclusion of Tully Village Sewerage Scheme in 1987.

32. To ask the County Engineer when it is proposed to have the roads restored at Roundstone Village as recent renovations by Bord Telecom have them in a very poor state, and if same could commence immediately. Also when doing this work could you also have the small portion of the road leading to the school and the new entrance to the County Council houses resurfaced also.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH MCDONAGH - I will propose :

33. That the County Council carry out an immediate examination of dangerous bend at Glenmore, Cartymore, Athenry - with a view to carrying out works at the said bend - which over the last week has been the scene of two horrific crashes. If action is not taken by County Council here, I regret to have to say it but fatalities are a distinct possibility at this the most dangerous bend in County Galway on a busy road.
34. That Galway County Council install a bigger pipe at Canteeny, Coolarne - opposite Gerard Greaney's house in order to take large volume of water flowing and help alleviate road flooding.
35. That the County Council have "cats eyes" - night warning signs put on road at Lachtgeorge Junction - Galway/Roscommon Road.

COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY - I will propose :

36. That some type of channel be installed outside Tom Healy's gate at Canrawer, Oughterard, so as to prevent flooding of their yard and property, the County Road was raised recently outside their gate after restoration of road after pipe laying.
37. That urgent steps be taken to prevent the coast erosion and the likely collapse of the Battery Road on Inishboffin and it is very necessary for the protection of the users of this road.
38. That signs be erected without further delay on both sides leading to Killanin National School indicating children crossing, as this road is a national secondary route and similar signs have been erected on similar routes.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose :

39. That Galway County Council replace the gullet and culvert on the drain on Thomas Collins' land at Derrybrien, Loughrea; adjacent to the main Portumna/Derrybrien/Gort Road, east of Egan's Public House, close to the "Derrybrien" village sign; and that this drain, gullet and culvert be cleaned and enlarged in order to release the water which is constantly accumulating on the aforementioned main road.
40. That Galway County Council clean and shore the drain adjacent to Murphy's house at Wellpark Abbey, Loughrea, which is flowing towards and affecting the source of the Wellpark Group Water Scheme and that the necessary remedial works be carried out immediately.
41. That Galway County Council immediately cut the bushes and briars on the road leading from Mahon's shop at Cappagh, Tiernascragh, southwards for two miles to Derryhiney Cross and that these works be carried out without any further delay.

DEPUTY ML. P. KITT - I will propose :

42. That Galway County Council would carry out landscaping and cut weeds and thistles in the Industrial Estate, Poolboy, Ballinasloe (beside Kelly's Printers).

43. That a sign for Derreen would be provided in Derreen Village. This village is in the County District of Tuam and in Moyne Electoral Division.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN - I will propose :

44. That a dangerous water shore on the grass margin on the Dublin/Galway Road at Cappataggle Cross be covered as it is very dangerous to people entering Kennedy's shop.
45. The work to improve the Kilconnell/Cappataggle Road be carried out as parts of this road are in a very poor condition.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose :

46. That an appropriate footpath be constructed from Tynagh Village to the local Church.

COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose :

47. That a pedestrian crossing be provided between Carraroe National School and the Post Office.
48. Would the County Manager let me know what money has been spent on roads in the three Aran Islands for the past year giving details.
49. That Cuan na Luinge, Ross Island, Inishmean, and road leading to Ml. Clancy's house, Rinn, Carraroe be repaired.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose :

50. That Galway County Council acquire the adjoining lands to extend Carrowbrowne Graveyard and to construct a proper access road into the graveyard.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose :

51. That arrangements be made for the widening of the road at the "Cut" Clarenbridge and at the bridge adjacent to Paddy Burke's Lounge Bar and that plans for a by-pass of the village be dropped.
52. That the entrance to the Community Centre at Oranmore be moved further away from the roundabout in view of the fact that traffic, particularly buses coming off the roundabout, cannot turn directly into the community centre.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH - I will propose :

53. Galway County Council, as a matter of urgency, undertake works at the Square, Headford, to regulate traffic in a different manner so as to minimise the number of accidents occurring there. The provision of a roundabout should be considered. That road markings and sign posting be provided immediately as a temporary measure.
54. That Galway County Council paint the Courthouse in Headford.
55. That Galway County Council provide the workforce to ensure a daily sweeping of the streets in Headford.

SENATOR ULICK BURKE - I will propose:

56. That the speed limit sign on the entrance to Woodford from the Portumna Road be moved out beyond the dangerous bend on the approach road to Woodford so that it can improve sight distance for the vision of the speed limit sign. Also, the necessity to erect a 'Caution Children Playing' sign at this point because of the location of the Council houses on this road.

57. The changing of the Yield Sign from the Cappa Road on the Loughrea/Woodford Road near Rockhill. This has been, the scene of many recent accidents because the straight road is not the main road. It is the reversal of the present situation back to the original position.

58. That the Council make the wall adjacent to the river beside the bridge in the village of Woodford safe for road users and particularly for children as it is in a dangerous state at present.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose :

59. What is the cause of the delay in implementing the Kinvara Water Scheme, Phase I and Phase II from Loughcurra, Kinvara.

60. Why is there such a delay in getting the Gort Sewerage Scheme commenced - also when will both schemes commence.

61. Galway County Council provide sand and gravel to stop flooding from entrance to a dwelling house at Tubber, Co. Galway. (details enclosed).

SENATOR TOM HUSSEY - I will propose :

62. That Galway County Council lower the road at Loughlin's House, Clooncun, Glenamaddy.

COUNCILLORS TIARNAN WALSH AND MICHAEL RYAN - We will propose :

63. That Galway County Council carry out improvement work on a bridge on the Deereen/Barnaderg Road. During and after heavy rain, the road floods to a depth of 2'-3'.

COUNCILLORS JAMES JOYCE, JOE CALLANAN, JOE BRENNAN AND MICHAEL MULLINS AND DEPUTY ML. P. KITT. - We will propose :

64. That in view of the contents of the Minister for the Environment letter of 11th November, 1986, to Deputy Ml.P. Kitt, the Council now decide to make provision in the 1987 Estimate for easing the dangerous bend at Brendan Naughton's house, Abbey Park, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose :

65. That Galway County Council make available immediately a substantial grant towards the cost of restoration of St. Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert (already carried out in 1986) and also make arrangements for future grant assistance similar, to that agreed for St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuam.

66. That this Council now press Ballinasloe Urban District Council for a sufficient supply of water for the proposed group water schemes in Clontuskert, Kiltormer and augmentation for Laurencetown/Eyrecourt.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Arch Motors Limited Spanish Arch, Galway.	Damage to Car - Car Fiat 131	County at Large	£2,500	£2,466.00
Corbett & Sons Ltd. Wellpark, Galway.	Break in and burglarly	County at Large	£1,000	£1,052.80
Helena Rattigan, Milltown, Tuam, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to equipment for building, and Mobil Site Office.	County at Large.	£3,000.00	£2,054.58.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); R. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineer (Environment); T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; B. Kennedy, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and T. Coughlan, Acting Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1259 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52600 - APPLICANT: STEPHEN HEANUE:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Beachcauneen and is located off a bog road which in turn leads from the "Bog Road" between Clifden and Roundstone.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 45567: A similar application for Outline Planning Permission was refused by the Planning Authority to the applicant's wife on public health and injury to visual amenity grounds.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

A trial hole was dug by the applicant and the trial hole, when inspected, was totally full with water. The site is totally unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

The site is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity in a location where there is no immediate adjacent development and the development would be an intrusive feature on the landscape.

It should be noted that when the applicant's wife previously applied for Planning Permission, the applicant also applied under Planning Ref. No. 45565 for Outline Planning Permission for a dwellinghouse on separate lands to the North near Ardbear Bridge. Further information was requested but no reply has been received. These lands have not been shown at all as being family lands on the present application.

No substantiated reason has been given why the applicant needs to construct a new dwellinghouse. He owns his house in Clifden which is only 2 miles away. Indeed, the applicant has not replied to the previous request for Further Information which issued under Planning Ref. No. 45565.

An Taisce have lodged an objection in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The site proposed to be developed, consisting of outcropping rock and waterlogged bogland, 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 be located in an exposed location in an area of High Scenic Amenity and would not be capable of being assimilated into its surrounds and would, if permitted, be an intrusive feature on the landscape which would detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, outlined the reasons for Refusal in this case as set out at Numbers 1. and 2. in the report.

The Resolution, as set out on the Agenda, was proposed by Councillor John Mannion and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan. Councillor John Mannion said that the applicant was living in Clifden at present but had 40 acres of land at Beachcauneen and wished to erect a house on the land. Councillor Joe Brennan stated that he was concerned that a public health hazard could be created if the development was permitted. Councillor Brennan also asked why no reply had been received to the Request for Further Information under Planning Reference Number 45565.

Councillor Mannion stated that the application under Planning Reference 45565 related to another site in the area which the applicant had wished to purchase but had been unable to do so.

The County Engineer read the report of the County Medical Officer which stated:

"This land is composed almost completely of rock and the entire site is waterlogged. Inspection of the trial hole revealed it to be brimfull of water. The land could not possibly be suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent. I recommend that Permission for this development should not be granted under any circumstances."

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that the Council should take into account the report of the Chief Medical Officer and he proposed that Planning Permission not be granted in this case. Councillor Brennan's amendment was seconded by Councillor Joe Burke.

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, Senators T. Hussey, M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, 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, Deputy N. Treacy, Cllrs. T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

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

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

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

1260 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - ERECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSE FOR MR. & MRS. JARLETH HESSION, CLADDAGHDUFF, CLEGGAN;

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member;

"The full facts of this case are being presented in view of the Motion under Section 4 of the City and County Management Act. Members should bear in mind that particulars of housing applications are regarded as being confidential. The applicant, Jarlath Hession, is a married man with three young children - all girls. It has been stated in representations on his behalf that he is living in a cow shed. However, the facts are that while the core of his present dwelling is an out building adjoining his Mother-in-Law's house he has substantially built a dwelling house which consists of four bedrooms, living room, scullery and bathroom. Central heating is provided by a back boiler to the bedrooms. The house was previously inspected by the Environmental Health Officer and the Council's Clerk of Works. It has now been inspected by the Senior Engineer who has confirmed the findings of the earlier reports. These are to the effect that while the house is defective by reason of dampness and insulation it is capable of reconstruction at a cost of approximately £4,500. It was suggested to the applicant that he should apply for an Improvement Grant and he made no response to this request. He has recently been interviewed and he supplied information which was not previously available to the effect that he obtained a Grant of £800 from the Department for the original extensions. He also stated that he is not in a position to finance any further reconstruction.

An earlier application was made in this case in 1976. At that time, the applicant and his wife had no children and they appeared to be living in the out building. In 1977, he was informed that the Council were prepared to build a house if he could supply a suitable site, but subsequently, the site proposed by him was found to be unsuitable. However, he informed the Council's Engineer that he would contact the County Council as soon as he had a suitable site to offer. At that stage, the applicant left his application for rehousing lapse and apparently began the reconstruction of the existing building.

While the applicant can be commended for making attempts to solve his own housing problem it is apparent that he could easily have been accommodated in the Clifden Housing Scheme where there have been a number of vacancies since his original application. The applicant works in Clifden and has to travel in about six miles to work. He has chosen to avail of the option of reconstructing the house and having regard to the reports received, it is felt that the matter of reconstruction should be further investigated including the amount of further Grant, if any, which would be available from the Department of the Environment and the question of the applicant availing of a Reconstruction Loan. When these investigations have been completed, the case can be reviewed further. It must be emphasised at this stage that the case is not urgent by comparison with other applications in the rural areas.

Furthermore, by not maintaining communication with the Council the applicant has delayed a final decision on his case."

Mr. Howlett indicated that the Council's Engineers had stated that the total cost of repairs to the house were estimated at £4,500 and that if such repairs were carried out, the house which was situated in an amenity area would have a value of around £20,000. Councillor T. Welby stated that the house occupied by the applicant was originally an out house. No damp course had been provided in the original building, and Councillor Welby referred to a letter which he had from the applicant's Doctor stating that the applicant was in need of rehousing. Councillor Welby stated that the grant would not meet the total cost of the repairs involved and the applicant was unable to meet any repayments on a loan.

In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Manager indicated that the Council would have to be certain regarding the housing needs of the applicant. The present house occupied by the applicant was not unfit and he submitted photographs to the meeting showing the general condition of the house.

In reply to Councillor Brennan, Mr. Howlett indicated that the applicant opted to reconstruct his present house and was not interested in being housed by the Council in Clifden. The house had been re-examined by the C.M.O. and could be made fit at a reasonable cost.

The applicant would be considered for a Reconstruction Loan. Following further discussion, it was agreed to await information regarding details of any further grant which would be available to the applicant from the Department of the Environment so that the matter of reconstruction could be further investigated.

1261 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - ERECTION OF WALLS AND GATES AND RESTORE THE LANDS OF THE FOLLOWING FARMERS ON THE KILLEEN-WOODSTOCK, N.59 ROAD -

JOHN CAREY, JOHN O'DONNELL, AND PAT DARCY.

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

"The Council have Agreements with the Land Owners concerned for the implementation of the agreed works out of the 1987 Grant Allocation. The Department of the Environment are aware of this commitment."

Councillor T. Welby stated that one of the landowners involved - John Carey was in hospital at present. He stated that stones had not been removed from Mr. Carey's lands and that poor topsoil had been put on the land.

The County Manager stated that the Council were not aware of any problems in relation to any of the three landowners named in the resolution. Two of the landowners did not know about the Section 4 Resolution being proposed when they were interviewed recently.

The County Engineer indicated that the agreements with the landowners concerned would be implemented when an allocation of a grant was received. Councillor Welby asked that priority be given to the case of Mr. Carey.

1262 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 10th October, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 20th October, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of the Deputy Michael P. Kitt, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, the Minutes of the County Arts Committee Meeting held on the 9th September, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, the Minutes of the County Arts Committee Meeting held on the 11th October, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, the Minutes of the County Arts Committee Meeting held on the 13th November, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Joe Callanan, the Minutes of the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on the 28th October, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

1263 - LOWERING OF CULVERTS:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh referred to Minute No. 1216 of the Council Meeting of the 20th October, 1986. He stated that it was agreed at that meeting that the County Manager would examine individual cases where the local engineer was satisfied that the work could go ahead. It was agreed that the cases referred to by Councillor Walsh would be examined.

1264 - CULVERT AT CORNAMONA:

Senator Mark Killilea stated that he had asked some time ago that a water culvert blocked on the road between Cornamona and Maam be attended to.

The person affected by flooding was unable to tarmac his drive and Senator Killilea asked that the matter be attended to without further delay. Cllr. Matt Loughnane stated that he submitted a similar request in relation to a blocked culvert some time ago and had not received a reply to his representations. He asked that the matter be examined without further delay.

265 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY:

In reply to Councillor P. McHugh, the County Engineer indicated that he would not change his specification requiring a stone with a polished stone value of 60 for use in the Council's surface dressing programme in 1987. He gave details of the requirements in relation to P.S.V. to Councillor McHugh.

266 - FIRE SERVICES IN CONNEMARA: SEIRBHISI DOITEAIN I gCONNAMARA:

Ag freagairt do'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail, duirt an Bainisteoir Chontae go raibh an Priomh Oifigeach Doiteain i lathair ag dha chruinniu den Chomhairle chun díospoireacht ar an seirbhís doiteain i gConnamara.

Socraíodh go mbeidh an abhar seo ar an gClár don chead chruinniu eile míosuil den Chomhairle.

7 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS - MICHEAL O'MORAIN:

The Members of the Council passed a vote of congratulations with Councillor Micheal O'Morain on his appointment to the Executive Committee of the Conference of Maritime Peripheral Regions.

8 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1987:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan, and agreed:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of Overdraft to the extent of £3 million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 31st March, 1987."

1269 - RAISING OF A LOAN FOR MAKING OF SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO KILCOOLEY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - £12,226:

It was proposed by Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Councillor Martin Lynch, and agreed:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £12,226 from the Office of Public Works, or such other source as may be approved by the Minister, for a special contribution towards increased pipe sizes and headworks for Kilcooley Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

1270 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF 25TH ROUND PAY AGREEMENT:

The County Manager gave details of the revision of remuneration for Officers and Employees in accordance with the terms of the 25th Round Pay Agreement. The revision included general increases for all grades, and special/analogous increases for certain grades under the 25th Pay Round. The First Round increases are payable from 1st May, 1986, and the Second Round and other increases are payable from various dates in 1986 and 1987. The County Manager stated that provision had been made in the 1986 Estimates for all the increases arising in 1986.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke and agreed:

"That Galway County Council approve of the payment of General and Special/Analogue increases under all phases of the 25th Pay Round Agreement, together with pro-rata increases for part-time employees as proposed by the County Manager."

1271 - ARTS GRANTS 1986:

Recommendations for the distribution of the Council's Arts Grant allocation of £18,000 in 1986 as recommended by the Arts Committee were set out in the Minutes of the Arts Committee Meeting of the 13th November, 1986, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The full list of grants recommended are as set out below. The Council agreed with the Committee's recommendation and on the proposal of Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, it was resolved that the following Arts Grants be paid in 1986:

	£
Druid	5,000
Clifden Community Arts	1,750
Dance for the West (Clifden, Tuam & Galway City)	700
Galway Theatre Workshop	700
(Performing in Ballinasloe & Athenry)	
TEAM (4 schools)	1,200
Tuam Arts Group	400
Poetry co-Op	400
Salmon (publication distributed in County)	645
National Dance Cl. (Kinvara)	100
Streets Festival (Galway City and Co. Artists)	200
Galway Arts Festival (County Artists)	1,100
Writer in Residence	2,000
R.D.O. for Sculpture Symposium in Letterfrack	3,500
Regional Arts Community Programme	305
TOTAL	18,000
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Senator Mark Killilea gave details of the activities of the Arts Committee of which he was Chairman during the previous year. He thanked the Committee and the staff for their assistance during the year.

1272 - AMENITY GRANTS ALLOCATION, 1986:

The Council consider the Amenity Grants Allocations, 1986, details of which had been circulated to each Member. It was proposed by Deputy Noel Treacy and seconded by Senator Ulick Burke, and agreed that the following Amenity Grants be paid:

<u>Applicant Body</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	£
Cappatagle Community Council	500
Kiltulla Sports Centre Committee	400
Ballymoe Community Centre	700
Kilcoona Development Association	300
Caltra Sportsfield Committee	200
Monivea Community Centre Committee	500
Ballygar & District Community Council	500
Glinsk Community Council	800
Milltown Sportsfield Development Association	700
Derrymullen Handball Club	200
19th Galway C.B.S.I.	400
Westrail Tuam Ltd.	700
Oranmore/Maree Scout Group	300
Barna Residents Group	100
Comhaltas Ceoilteoiri Eireann (Gort)	200
Gort & South Galway Community Centre	500

	£
Connemara West Ltd.	250
Coolarne Squash Club	250
Comhairle Pobail an Chaisil	300
Portumna & District Development Co.	300
Portumna Tidy Towns Committee	200
Beagh Community Council	500
St. Conal's Sportsfield (Cashel)	300
Letterfrack Development Association	100
Leenane Sportsfield Development Committee	500
Marian Hall, Tullycross.	300
Woodford Heritage Centre	250
Clonfert Sportsfield Committee	300
Kiltormer Community Centre	300
Woodford Community Youth Centre Committee	300
Clontuskert Sportsfield Development Committee	250
Loughrea Tennis Club	100
<u>TOTAL</u>	11,500
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A number of Councillors welcomed the allocations in each case.

Senator Mark Killilea asked that the Council consider making a small grant to a project in Letterfrack on which he had submitted details recently.

Councillor J. Joyce asked that the Council examine the position in relation to Kiltormer Community Centre which had been levied with a planning charge.

1273 - AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH GALWAY CORPORATION TO MAKE PROVISION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO RINVILLE PARK COMMITTEE:

The County Manager indicated that this matter had arisen as a result of a request that representatives of the Oranmore Development Association and Maree Community Development Association be appointed to the Committee. The County Manager indicated that an agreement existed between the Corporation and the County Council and that the agreement could be amended to provide that the Committee could be authorised to co-opt a representative from each of the Areas concerned onto the Committee.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that it was desirable that the Corporation and the County Council who were parent Bodies should select all the Members of the Rinville Park Committee. He was supported by Senator Mark Killilea.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that the procedure should be that the local committees of Oranmore and Maree should nominate the person for appointment and that such nomination should be ratified by the Parent Body. Senator Burke was supported by Deputy Molloy who stated that the local associations should be free to choose their own nominees. The two local committees should pick one representative each and the appointments could be made by the Parent Bodies.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"That the agreement dated 8th July, 1985, between Galway Corporation and Galway County Council relating to the Rinville Park Committee be amended to provide for -

- (1) The appointment of two additional persons to the Committee, one each from the Oranmore Development Association and Maree Community Development Association.
- (2) That Galway County Council and Galway Corporation be empowered to appoint one each of the additional two persons provided for at (1).
- (3) That the person being appointed in each case be a Member of the Development Association from which the appointing local authority is appointing such person."

The following amendment was proposed by Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Deputy Robert Molloy:

"That the agreement dated 8th July, 1985, between Galway Corporation and Galway County Council relating to the Rinville Park Committee be amended to provide for -

- (1) The appointment of two additional persons to the Committee, one each from the Oranmore Development Association and Maree Community Development Association.
- (2) That each association referred to at (1) be enabled to nominate the person for appointment to the Committee and that each of the Local Authorities be empowered to consider and ratify the appointment of the nominated person as appropriate."

A vote taken on Senator Burke's amendment resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors M. Lynch, J. MacDonagh, J. Mannion, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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AGAINST: 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 M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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Councillor F. Glynn abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared Senator Burke's amendment lost by 11 votes for to 15 votes against.

A vote taken on Senator Killilea's proposal 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, Councillor M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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Councillor F. Glynn abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared Senator Killilea's resolution carried by 15 votes for to 11 votes against.

It was noted that Galway Corporation would be considering the matter at their next meeting.

1274 - CHAIRMAN:

At this stage of the meeting, Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

1275 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY:

It was agreed that consideration of this matter would be adjourned until the Report from An Foras Forbartha was available.

1276 - LETTER DATED 1ST OCTOBER, 1986, FROM THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AREAS:

The Council considered a letter dated 1st October, 1986, from the Minister for the Environment regarding the development of Parks, Open Spaces and Outdoor Recreation Areas. The Council noted that the Minister was concerned that a start should be made as soon as possible on building up professionally managed Parks Departments in Local Authorities. The letter also indicated that the Minister had declared qualifications and particulars of office for a new Trainee Assistant Parks Superintendent. The letter asked that the Council would consider the possibility of recruiting a Trainee Assistant Parks Superintendent. The County Manager indicated that he would propose, subject to the approval of the Council, to create the post of Trainee Assistant Parks Superintendent in accordance with the provisions of the Minister's letter. In reply to queries raised, the County Manager stated that the Minister for the Environment was formulating a national policy in relation to the development of parks and open spaces, and that the work envisaged for a Parks Superintendent would depend on the evolution of the national policy. If a Superintendent was appointed, he would start initially on working in the major parks in the County such as Rinville. If the concept of a national policy became developed, a new section might be created but for the present, a Parks Superintendent would be involved in advising the Council's Engineers and other staff regarding the development of Parks and Open Spaces.

In reply to Councillor Glynn, the County Manager stated that he would hope that the advise of the Parks Superintendent would be available to local associations. The question of employing more than one Superintendent was related to financial constraints and the appointment of one person would at least be a start.

Deputy Frank Fahey, Councillor P. Finnegan, Councillor Michael Mullins, and Senator Ulick Burke welcomed the proposal and expressed their support for the appointment.

Councillor Micheal O'Morain stated that he wished to abstain from the decision being taken by the Council to appoint a Parks Superintendent while there was insufficient monies available to carry out road maintenance and while there were inadequate numbers of Roads Staff employed.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Frank Glynn, and agreed:

"That the Council agree to the County Manager's proposal to create the post of Trainee Parks Superintendent."

The Council noted that the Minister was considering possible new arrangements to meet the additional Capital and current costs which may arise from an expansion in local authority activity in the development of Parks and Open Spaces, and agreed to inform the Minister that they wished to see the national policy being developed as soon as possible to enable any new proposals to be put into operation.

1277 - ABBAY TRINITY CARPARK, TUAM:

In reply to queries from a number of Councillors, it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged between the Members from the Tuam Electoral Area and the County Engineer in Tuam on the 25th November, 1986, at 3.30 p.m. to discuss the Council's proposals in relation to the development works in Abbey Trinity Carpark.

1278 - REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER QUALITY IN COUNTY GALWAY:

The Council considered a Report on Analysis of Water Supply in County Galway in 1985, details of which had been circulated to each Member. The Report was based on samples taken by the staff of An Foras Forbartha based at the Regional Laboratory in Castlebar. In the case of Galway, pollution was noted at Tuam and Athenry. In the case of Tuam, pollution was caused

mainly by the Beet Factory. The effect on the Clare River was limited and the river water quality improved downstream of Tuam. Overall quality was for the most part good. In Athenry, a new Sewerage Treatment Plant had been commissioned.

Councillor Micheal O'Morain stated that no river west of the Corrib had been listed or appeared to have been examined. Mr. D. Faherty stated that regular monitoring of all rivers was carried out along with spot monitoring of possible pollution. Extensive monitoring of Connemara lakes had been carried out.

In reply to Senator Mark Killilea, the County Engineer indicated that improvement works to the Headford Sewerage had been included in the Small Schemes Programme for 1987 and that work under that programme depended on the availability of the necessary Capital Allocation.

In reply to Senator Ulick Burke, Mr. Faherty indicated that the position in relation to the abandoned mines at Tynagh was constantly monitored and he hoped to have a thorough examination carried out again in the near future. There was no cause for alarm at present. In reply to Senator Burke, the County Engineer indicated that the Water Supply in Portumna was monitored on a regular basis by the Health Board staff and there was no evidence of pollution of the water by Bord na Mona silting.

1279 - RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE:

The Council noted the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee for the three financial years ended 31st December, 1985.

1280 - MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL - DECEMBER 1986:

The Council agreed that the Monthly Meeting for December 1986 would be held on the 22nd December, 1986.

1281 - APPLICATION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TO EXTEND STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA:

It was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, and agreed:

"That Galway County Council having considered objections and representations made, with respect to the Draft Development Plan for the Town of Loughrea and having decided that the said Draft should be amended, which amendment constitutes a material alteration of the Draft, direct that application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend in accordance with Section 20.(1A) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 43(1)(f) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, the prescribed period under Section 20 of the Act of 1963 to the 31st December, 1987, as regards the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea."

1282 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT:

The County Manager indicated that the Sanitary Services Progress Report would be placed on the Agenda for the Council Meeting of the 12th December, 1986.

1283 - AQUACULTURE:

The County Manager indicated that the reports of the two Committees in relation to aquaculture studies would be available by the end of December 1986.

1284 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees which had been circulated to each Member were noted.

1285 - AMENITY GRANT - ST. BRENDAN'S CATHEDRAL, CLONFERT:

The County Manager indicated that he had received a request that the Council pay an Amenity Grant towards restoration work being carried out on St. Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert. He indicated that the Council had already agreed to make a grant of £20,000 available towards the cost of works at the Tuam Cathedral and that a grant of £5,000 per year for four years has been paid in the case of Tuam. He stated that on a pro rata basis, a grant of £15,000 over three years might be considered in the case of St. Brendan's Cathedral.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Councillor Ulick Burke and agreed:

"That the Council make a grant of £15,000 to St. Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert, at the rate of £5,000 per annum, commencing in 1987."

In reply to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager indicated that provision for the grant would have to be made in the Estimates and that no grant could be paid until the Estimates for 1987 had been finalised.

1286 - SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN ENNISCRONE, CO. SLIGO, ON FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1986:

It was proposed that Councillors Joe Callanan, Thomas Welby, Jarlath McDonagh and Michael Fahy attend this meeting. The County Manager indicated that expenses would be payable to three Members only and it was agreed that the names of the 3 Members would be submitted to the Secretary.

1287 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was passed with Mr. Peter Dooley, Cloughanower, Headford, on the death of his father Mr. Jack Dooley.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

1288 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE WORKS AND DIVERT THE FLOOD WATERS OFF THE GURTEEN/GLENTANE ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The cause of the flooding is largely due to emission of effluent from Mr. O'Dea's farm yard and the Council has written to Mr. O'Dea, with a view to having the matter resolved."

1289 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A SOAK PIT, SILT TRAPS, GULLEYS AND A SHORE ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE DEERPARK HILL ON THE KILLIMOR/EYRECOURT ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The flooding in this area is occurring on and off for the past 10 years and has resulted from blocked water outlets. It is intended to open these water outlets and maintain same to alleviate the problem."

1290 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PREVENT THE CONSTANT FLOODING ON CREAGH ROAD, BALLINASLOE - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The flooding is caused by run-off from the public road and run-off from Western Health Board lands. The estimated cost of a pipe to alleviate the flooding is £26,000.

The Area Engineer is meeting the Western Health Board Engineer as arranged by the County Engineer to discuss the technical aspects of the pipeline and also the funding of same. Wayleaves may be required and the matter will be considered in the order of priorities in the 1987 Estimates."

- 1291 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPLACE THE DAMAGED WOODEN BRIDGE ON THE ROAD LEADING INTO BENMORE, BULLAUN, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The work has been carried out."

- 1292 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN THE SHORE LEADING FROM NEAR A HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) TO A DRAIN IN TYNAGH FAIRGREEN: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"On inspection there was no evidence of accumulating water in the locations specified. I understand that no changes have been made in road levels or drainage in recent years in this area to adversely affect the locations referred to. The present outflow appears adequate."

- 1293 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RENEW THE SHORE LEADING INTO A VILLAGE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) WHICH WAS BLOCKED BY THE COUNCIL - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Work is at present in progress, in an attempt to relieve this flooding."

- 1294 - THAT TONABRUCKY QUARRY BE RE-OPENED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CHIPS FOR COUNTY ROADS AND REGIONAL ROADS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The Department of the Environment specification requires a Polished Stone Value of 57 to 60 for chippings for Regional Roads. Tonabrucky chippings do not comply with this requirement. The cost of production at Tonabrucky is too high for County Roads and suitable chippings are available on the open market at substantially lower prices."

- 1295 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS FOR A RE-ARRANGEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY TO CLIFDEN TOWN - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"The present supply from Nambrackkeagh is treated and chlorinated and is subject to regular monitoring by the County Medical Officer of Health. The quantity of water available from Nambrackkeagh is inadequate for the expansion of supply in the Clifden area and we have now included in our proposals for the Letterfrack Regional Scheme Preliminary Report to take a supply from Lough Nahillon to Clifden. We await completion of the Preliminary Report by the Consulting Engineers before the end of 1986."

- 1296 - THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER INFORM ME AS TO WHEN IT IS PROPOSED TO MAKE A SMALL SEWERAGE SCHEME AVAILABLE FOR TULLY VILLAGE, TULLYCROSS: - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"A provision of £50,000 was made under Small Schemes 1985 for a Sewerage Scheme for Tully Village. However, on completion of a detailed survey it was found that the proposal was not suitable for construction under the programme of Small Schemes due to the high cost and an application was made to have the £50,000 transferred to a scheme for the improvement of Clifden Water Supply."

Tully Sewerage Scheme is now included in our programme under Major Capital Schemes and the progress of the scheme will depend on the priority which is given to this scheme."

- 1297 - ROAD RESTORATION AT ROUNDSTONE VILLAGE - MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Senator Mark Killilea:

"We received the official reinstatement order from Telecom Eireann on 19/11/86. We will be starting the work within the next week or two. As there are no funds available for County Road Maintenance work on the last two road mentioned, same will have to be deferred to early next year."

- 1298 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT AN IMMEDIATE EXAMINATION OF DANGEROUS BEND AT GLENMORE, CARTYMORE, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The bend is on County Road No. 173 and it is clearly marked on the approaches with advance warning signs. The bend was inspected following an accident which occurred of the 19th of October. Sight distance is limited and improvement of sight distance would entail land acquisition and the re-alignment of the roadside fence. There are no provisions in the current year's programme to improve the bend. However, the work will be considered for inclusion in the 1987 work programme if the necessary land can be acquired."

- 1299 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INSTALL A BIGGER PIPE AT CANTEENY, COOLARNE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The pipe referred to is across the entrance to Mr. Greaney's house. The diameter is 225 mm (9") and it is considered adequate to take the flow, provided it is maintained. The pipe will be maintained on a regular basis. Any immediate works considered necessary will be expedited as a matter of urgency."

- 1300 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE "CATS EYES" NIGHT WARNING SIGNS PUT ON ROAD AT LOUGHTGEORGE JUNCTION - GALWAY/ROSCOMMON ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Cats Eyes" for the Loughgeorge Junction are being installed presently."

- 1301 - THAT SOME TYPE OF CHANNEL BE INSTALLED OUTSIDE TOME HEALY'S GATE AT CANROWER, OUGHTERARD, SO AS TO PREVENT FLOODING OF THEIR YARD AND PROPERTY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tom Welby:

"The road at the above location was recently restored after pipelaying in connection with the Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme."

The road was not raised by any significant amount.

A recent inspection, after periods of heavy, prolonged rainfall, did not show any flooding of the property or yard.

The house and shed are at a very low level in relation to road level. As a result any run-off from the driveway has to flow towards the property. A channel is not necessary at this location."

- 1302 - THAT URGENT STEPS BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE COAST EROSION AND THE LIKELY COLLAPSE OF THE BATTERY ROAD ON INISHBOFFIN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tom Welby:

"We are investigating methods of funding works such as through the office of Public Works or by way of a Social Employment Scheme."

- 1303 - THAT SIGNS BE ERECTED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY ON BOTH SIDES LEADING TO KILLANIN NATIONAL SCHOOL INDICATING CHILDREN CROSSING: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The statutory school signs (no. 125) are already erected at this school. Two further signs "Caution Children Crossing" will be erected in the near future."

- 1304 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPLACE THE GULLET AND CULVERT ON THE DRAIN ON THOMAS COLLINS' LAND AT DERRYBRIEN, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The gullet in question will be repaired or replaced in the near future."

- 1305 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN AND SHORE THE DRAIN ADJACENT TO MURPHY'S HOUSE AT WELLPARK ABBEY, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"On inspection there was no evidence to suggest that the surface water shore adjacent to Murphy's house at Wellpark adversely affects the source of the Wellpark Group Water Supply Scheme. Neither does the drain flow in the direction of the source."

- 1306 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY CUT THE BUSHES AND BRIARS ON THE ROAD LEADING FROM MAHON'S SHOP AT CAPPAGH, TIERNASCRAGH: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The above works have been attended to."

- 1307 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD CARRY OUT LANDSCAPING AND CUT WEEDS AND THISTLES IN THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, POOLBOY, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"Work will commence on the tidying up of the Poolboy Industrial Estate within the coming two weeks. It is hoped to carry out landscaping early in 1987."

- 1308 - THAT A SIGN FOR DERREEN WOULD BE PROVIDED IN DERREEN VILLAGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"This area on the N63 is totally rural. It consists of 1 public house, 1 courthouse and a dwellinghouse 1/2 mile away. Village signs are not considered necessary."

- 1309 - THAT A DANGEROUS WATER SHORE ON THE GRASS MARGIN ON THE DUBLIN-GALWAY ROAD AT CAPPATAGGLE CROSS BE COVERED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Callanan;

"The above is on the National Primary N6 and not on the County Road 524 fronting the shop and it does not in any way affect the access to the shop. The shore which is in the grass margin is necessary for surface water drainage and is not a traffic hazard. The shore will be covered in when monies are available for extending the hard shoulder in this area."

- 1310 - THAT WORK TO IMPROVE THE KILCONNELL/CAPPATAGGLE ROAD BE CARRIED OUT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Callanan;

"The road which is a County Road is much used by Kilconnell Creamery lorries and is in very poor condition. Every effort will be made to have the road surface improved when funds become available."

- 1311 - THAT AN APPROPRIATE FOOTPATH BE CONSTRUCTED FROM TYNAGH VILLAGE TO THE LOCAL CHURCH: MOTION BY MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The extension of the existing footpath at Tynagh Village to the local Church involves considerable cost due to difficult site conditions. The cost is estimated at £12,500. Moneys are not available at present for these works."

- 1312 - THAT A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE PROVIDED BETWEEN CARRAROE NATIONAL SCHOOL AND THE POST OFFICE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"The pedestrian and vehicular traffic volumes necessary to justify pedestrian crossings are set out in An Foras Forbartha's publication RT 206 "Warrants for Pedestrian Crossing facilities". According to the "warrants" the vehicular volume necessary to justify a pedestrian crossing facility at the proposed location would have to be in excess of 800 vehicles per hour and the corresponding pedestrian traffic would have to exceed 100 pedestrians per hour. These volumes would not be normally achieved at the proposed location and a pedestrian facility is not recommended."

- 1313 - WOULD THE COUNTY MANAGER LET ME KNOW WHAT MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT ON ROADS IN THE THREE ARAN ISLANDS FOR THE PAST YEAR GIVING DETAILS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"The Council do not maintain any public roads on Inisheer or Inishmaan. The following monies were spent on Roads on Inishmore:

County Road Maintenance	£25,500
L.G. Scheme No. 57/83	
Road to Una Dirrane's House	£ 3,326
Total:	£28,826
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- 1314 - THAT CUAN NA LUINGE, ROSS ISLAND, INISHMAAN, AND ROAD LEADING TO MICHAEL CLANCY'S HOUSE, RINN, CARRAROE, BE REPAIRED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"Due to the limitations of the County Road Maintenance Fund, it will not be possible to attend to these roads during the current year."

- 1315 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ACQUIRE THE ADJOINING LANDS TO EXTEND CARROWBROWNE GRAVEYARD AND TO CONSTRUCT A PROPER ACCESS ROAD INTO THE GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The Council are examining the possibility of acquiring adjoining lands to extend the Carrowbrowne Graveyard. The adjacent area was owned by a landowner who is deceased. The matter of land acquisition for the extension and a right-of-way across the intervening land for an

access road will be taken up with the Solicitor for the estate of the deceased landowner. Any land to be acquired for an extension to the Burial Ground will, of course, have to undergo the necessary trial hole tests."

- 1316 - THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR THE WIDENING OF THE ROAD AT "CUT" CLARENBRIDGE AND AT THE BRIDGE ADJACENT TO PADDY BURKE'S LOUNGE BAR AND THAT PLANS FOR A BY-PASS OF THE VILLAGE BE DROPPED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"In relation to the feasibility of providing a by-pass for Clarenbridge the Department of the Environment have asked us to investigate all the possible alternatives including improving the existing route to the north and south of the town.

The relative costs and benefits of all alternatives will then be considered before any decision is made."

- 1317 - THAT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT ORANMORE BE MOVED FURTHER AWAY FROM THE ROUNDABOUT - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The C.P.O. No. 1, 1983, (Roads) confirmed the land acquisition and access position for the Community Centre, and it was constructed accordingly.

The Arbitration for the Community Centre agreed the Compensation due.

There will be no objection to the Committee of the Community Centre proceeding to acquire the land and construct an access at a point further from the Roundabout; say 30 or 40 metres."

- 1318 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, UNDERTAKE WORKS AT THE SQUARE, HEADFORD, TO REGULATE TRAFFIC - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The situation at present is considered adequate and meets the statutory requirements for signs and road lining. However, the matter will be kept under review to see if there is a better arrangement possible."

- 1319 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PAINT THE COURTHOUSE IN HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The painting of the Courthouse in Headford is expected to be completed by the end of 1986."

- 1320 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE THE WORKFORCE TO ENSURE DAILY SWEEPING OF THE STREETS IN HEADFORD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The streets of Headford are cleaned on one day per week, using 3 men equipped with tractor and trailer. The streets are considered to be generally clean and litter free. However, existing resources can be re-deployed if, in the future, it is considered necessary to provide a daily sweeping."

- 1321 - THAT THE SPEED LIMIT SIGN ON THE ENTRANCE TO WOODFORD FROM THE PORTUMNA ROAD BE MOVED OUT BEYOND THE DANGEROUS BEND ON THE APPROACH ROAD TO WOODFORD - MOTION BY SENATOR ULICK BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Senator Ulick Burke:

"Speed Limit proposals at present under consideration by Department of the Environment.

"Children at Play" sign will be erected."

- 1322 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CHANGE THE 'YIELD' SIGN FROM THE CAPPRA ROAD ON THE LOUGHREA/WOODFORD ROAD NEAR ROCKHILL - MOTION BY SENATOR ULICK BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Senator Ulick Burke:

"I have been informed that there has been no change to the signs at this junction and it is therefore not clear whether you require that position to remain or have it changed. Please let me know the position in order that the matter may be pursued further."

- 1323 - WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF THE DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING THE KINVARA WATER SCHEME, PHASE 1 AND PHASE 11 FROM LOUGHCURRA, KINVARA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"We await approval of the Contract Documents by the Department of the Environment and sanction to seek tenders for the work."

- 1324 - WHY IS THERE SUCH A DELAY IN GETTING THE GORT SEWERAGE SCHEME COMMENCED - ALSO WHEN WILL BOTH SCHEMES COMMENCE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The tenders for the work are sanctioned and we now await a Capital Allocation to fund the scheme."

- 1325 - GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE SAND AND GRAVEL TO STOP FLOODING FROM ENTRANCE TO A DWELLINGHOUSE AT TUBBER (DETAILS ENCLOSED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"James Kearney lives in a County Council cottage now vested by him. The road to his house is in two Counties names the first section is in County Clare and the second portion approximately 200 yards is in County Galway. A portion of the Galway section is adjoining a turlough and is regularly flooded.

No portion of the above road is public so therefore no work can be done on same by the Council at the moment.

To solve this problem, the road would have to be declared public by both Clare and Galway County Councils respectively or repaired under L.I.S. by both Councils."

- 1326 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL LOWER THE ROAD AT LOUGHLINS HOUSE, CLOONCUN, GLENAMADDY: - MOTION BY SENATOR TOM HUSSEY:

The following written reply was given to Senator Tom Hussey:

"The road is Regional Road No. 364 and at Loughlin's house, Clooncun, Glenamaddy, sight distance is limited. There are no funds provided in the current year's programme to carry out improvement works. Improvement works will be considered when funds are available."

1327 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORK ON A BRIDGE ON THE DEEREEN/BARNADERG ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS TIARNAN WALSH AND MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillors Tiarnan Walsh and Michael Ryan:

"Repairs have been carried out recently."

1328 - EASING OF DANGEROUS BEND AT BRENDAN NAUGHTON'S HOUSE, ABBEY PARK, CLONTUSKERT, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS JAMES JOYCE, JOE CALLANAN, JOE BRENNAN, AND MICHAEL MULLINS, AND DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was given to Councillors James Joyce, Joe Callanan, Joe Brennan, Michael Mullins, and Deputy Michael P. Kitt:

"Estimate for improving bends at Naughton's house, Abbey Park, is £10,000 for work to Regional Road Standards. It will be considered in the 1987 Estimates."

1329 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY A SUBSTANTIAL GRANT TOWARDS THE COST OF RESTORATION OF ST. BRENDAN'S CATHEDRAL, CLONFERT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

This matter has been dealt with at Minute No. 1285 under Business submitted by the County Manager.

1330 - THAT THIS COUNCIL NOW PRESS BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR A SUFFICIENT SUPPLY OF WATER FOR THE PROPOSED GROOUP WATER SCHEMES IN CLONTUSKERT, KILTORMER AND AUGMENTATION FOR LAURENCETOWN/EYRECOURT: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"I understand that a supply of water is available from Ballinasloe U.D.C. for Group Water Schemes in Clontuskert, etc., subject to financial arrangements with the Department of the Environment."

1331 - CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (1) Copy of letter dated 3rd October, 1986, from Monaghan Urban District Council re: removal of animal tripe.
- (2) Copy of letter dated 17th October, 1986, from Balbriggan Town Commissioners re introduction of a book hire system for all second level schools.
- (3) Copy of letter dated 10th November, 1986, from the Private Secretary to the Minister for the Environment re marginal relief under the Farm Tax Act, 1985.
- (4) Copy of letter dated 11th November, 1986, from the Private Secretary to The Taoiseach, re Tuam Sugar Factory.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

[Signature] CHAIRMAN
22/12/1986 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

5u 1a Nollag, 1986.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis se bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, an 12u 1a Nollag, 1986, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Sheila Cunniffe, Newgrove, Kilrickle, for a dwellinghouse at Newgrove, Kilrickle. - Planning Ref. No. 47989."

N. Treacy. J. Callanan. F. Fahey. J. Joyce.

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 Outline Permission to John Joyce for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Gortnashingaun. - Planning Ref. no. 53080."

Thomas Welby. Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to acquire portion of land adjacent to High Cashel Burial Ground for extension to existing Burial Ground as this is the wish of the people of the area."

Tom Welby. Frank Fahey. Micheal O'Morain. John M. Mannion.

Other Business:

- 4. Sanitary Services Progress Report.
- 5. Athenry Water Supply Scheme.
- 6. I.I.R.S. Progress Report - Septic Tanks in Connemara. (Copy enclosed).
- 7. "Building Sensitively in Ireland's Landscapes" - Report already circulated.

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Mr. Pat Flood,
County Engineer,
Galway County Council,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
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12 November 1986

Dear Mr. Flood,

Re: Report on Septic Tank Treatment Systems:

I write following our recent meeting re the above and comment as follows:

Our draft report contains reference to alternative systems which can be considered for use on sites not suitable for the conventional septic tank treatment system as outlined in SR6:1975, "Recommendations for Septic Tank Drainage Systems suitable for single houses". One of these alternatives included the use of a peat based bio-filter to treat the sewage from the septic tank. This process is completely new to this country but has been researched in both America and Canada. Details of this research work has only become available to us in the last two years or so. Results from this research show that the peat based system could be an acceptable alternative for some problem sites in this country.

As soon as this information came to notice IIRS decided to carry out a field investigation on the system in this country using native materials. A system has now been installed and is fully operational since 1st September 1986. The unit is being closely monitored and the indications at this early stage are that the system could indeed have an application in this country. Results of monitoring of the system since operation started have been very encouraging.

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There are however a number of unanswered questions relating to the design and operation of the system, many of which we hope to answer in the coming months. To assist with our research in this area a second peat filter unit, using a slightly amended design from the first, is now being installed. Monitoring of this second unit will greatly assist with resolving some of the unknowns.

One of the areas still under consideration is the type of peat which is best suited for use in the system. In this respect we would strongly recommend that Galway County Council carry out a study on the peat filter system using native Galway peat as a medium. We would be willing to assist with design and monitoring of such a system on the strict understanding that the unit would be on trial and would not be guaranteed to perform to any prescribed level. This would quite simply form part of the overall research into the system.

In view of the very recent developments with the peat based system it is not possible at this stage to satisfactorily complete the section of our report on septic tanks dealing with "Alternative Systems". This is considered to be a very important section of the report and we recommend that final issuing of the document should be delayed for at least a few months to allow further examination of the peat based system, and its likely application in Galway.

I ask that you consider these comments and in particular, give serious consideration to becoming involved in a local investigation of the system.

I await your further instructions.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Keenan

Tom Keenan,
Water Environment Department,
Process Technology Group.

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IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; T.J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); F. Monahan, S.E.E.; D. Barrett and T. Coughlan, Senior Staff Officers; and R. Curley, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1332 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 47989 - APPLICANT: SHEILA CUNNIFFE.

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 N.6 Galway/Dublin Route, 2 miles east of Kilrickle.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 37608: Permission refused on this site for dwellinghouse in January, 1982. Applicant - Sheila Cunniffe. Housing need was based on new farm house claim for applicant and her family.

Planning Ref. No. 44619: Permission refused on same site for dwellinghouse in January, 1983. Applicant as above. New farm house.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

In her current application, Miss Cunniffe is claiming housing need as a second family house for her brother. In her original application, Ref. No. 37608, the applicant claimed that the house was a new farm house on a 3½ acre holding. Her brother now lives in England. There is no evidence of an old house on the proposed site and the only access is by means of an agricultural field gate. The land "Holding" which is 3½ acres in area is not a viable farming unit.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard, because the site, being located on a heavily trafficked section of National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road. In addition, the development would militate against the objectives of the Planning Authority to:

(a) preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the road so that it can fulfill its function as a through road for heavy traffic.

(b) protect the public investment in the National Road Network.

2. The proposed development would contravene (Chapter 25, Table 25A) of the County Development Plan which limits development along this road to local family housing needs, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Noel Treacy and seconded by Deputy Michael P. Kitt. The Chairman, Deputy Noel Treacy, stated that the total family holding of the applicant and her relatives was 25 acres. There had been certain domestic difficulties and the site in question was situated on 3½ acres of this land along the National Primary Road. In reply to queries raised, the County Engineer stated that the applicant was claiming a housing need for a brother who was coming home from England. In the normal circumstances, a second family dwelling was a dwelling which was being erected on a holding which was a viable farm unit for a second member of a farming family. As no amendments were proposed, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1333 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53080 - APPLICANT: JOHN JOYCE.

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

"DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Outline Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank.

LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Gortnashingaun on the Glann Road, approximately ½ mile past the Church.

HISTORY:

PLANNING REF. No. 5679: Outline Planning Permission for 8 dwellinghouses refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by the Minister for Local Government on grounds of injury to visual amenity and ribbon development. The present site was one of the 8 no sites.

PLANNING REF. No. 8794: Outline Planning Permission for five dwellinghouses refused by the Planning Authority. Outline Planning Permission for three no. dwellinghouses granted on appeal by the Minister for Local Government. The site in question approximates to one of the sites in question. The Planning Authority refused to extend the duration of this Outline Planning Permission as requested under Section 29(1) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976 and the Outline Planning Permission expired on 30th November, 1981.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an area of High Scenic Amenity. The site rises steeply from the roadway and the proposed dwellinghouse would be located in an elevated position adjacent to the shores of Lough Corrib.

The Planning Authority have a consistent approach of refusal of planning permission on this site.

A similar position of an adjacent site to the West was refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by An Bord Pleanála, on the grounds of injury to visual amenity. No housing need has been claimed and although the period for making a decision has been extended at the applicant's request, no discussions have taken place with the Planning Office and no representations have been made on behalf of the applicant.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

The proposed development would be located in an elevated location in an area of very high scenic amenity and would, if permitted, lead to the erosion of the scenic amenities of the area which would detract from the visual and recreational amenities of this area on the shores of Lough Corrib and would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea and seconded by Councillor Micheal O'Morain. Senator Killilea stated that the applicant had originally received Planning Permission under Reference No. 9326 for a site adjacent to the site. A neighbour was not agreeable and Mr. Joyce came to an arrangement to swap the original site for the site which was the subject of this Planning application. Senator Killilea stated that he did not agree that the visual amenities would be disturbed as there was a high hedge in the area involved.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that he objected to Planning Permission being granted in this case as the applicant had not consulted with the Planning Officers. The Council should protect its visual amenities in the interests of tourism and he proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. There was no seconder for Councillor Burke's amendment, and as there were no further amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1334 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - ACQUISITION OF PORTION OF LAND ADJACENT TO HIGH CASHEL BURIAL GROUND FOR EXTENSION TO EXISTING BURIAL GROUND:

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

"The report which was circulated to each Member for the Council Meeting of the 22nd September, 1986, sets out the position regarding the above. That report referred to drainage problems on the site of the proposed extension to High Cashel Burial Ground and to the inadequate access road leading to the Burial Ground. The access road which is 800 metres long, has very steep gradients and is subject to flooding. Any improvements proposed could prove to be very expensive and even if carried out, would not render the road entirely satisfactory when surfaced. The estimated cost of reconstructing the existing road to the Burial Ground is of the order of £20,000.

The Members agreed at their meeting of the 22nd September, 1986, to adjourn further consideration of the matter until new trial holes were dug.

Trial holes were dug in October 1986 in the field at the back of the existing Burial Ground and they proved to be satisfactory. It appears, therefore, that with some drainage the area at the back of the existing Burial Ground could be used as an extension to this Burial Ground.

There still remains the problem of the access road. The existing access is the only one and on account of the steep gradient, it is not a very good access to the Burial Ground. It is difficult for pedestrians to climb up this access road at present and it is, therefore, difficult for a coffin to be brought up.

The steepest gradient is at the beginning of the access road and to improve this access, excavation would have to be made on solid rock which would prove very expensive.

As indicated, already, a number of sites in the area had been examined and found to be unsuitable. A site selected in the Townland of Derradd West does not appear to have the acceptance of the local people or the Members of the Council. Most of the local people want the existing Burial Ground extended.

There appears, therefore, to be three options in connection with this Burial Ground -

- (1) Endeavour to acquire the necessary lands for an extension to the existing Burial Ground, and leave the access road as it is.
- (2) Extend the existing Burial Ground and spend a lot of money on the access road which even when improvements are carried out, would not be satisfactory and could in fact prove to be dangerous.
- (3) Endeavour to buy an alternative site either at Derradd West, or if possible, at some other suitable location. The site at Derradd West has been deemed to be suitable. A number of other sites in the vicinity of Cashel have been examined and found to be unsuitable.

If the first option is acceptable to the Council, negotiations for the purchase of land required for an extension to the existing Burial Ground can be entered into with the landowner concerned."

It was agreed, following discussion, that this matter would be adjourned to the Special January Meeting of the Council so that the Members proposing the resolution could have discussions with the local people and also, that if necessary, Members of the Council could have discussions with Council Officials regarding the matter.

1335 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT AND PRIORITY LIST FOR MAJOR PUBLIC WATER AND SEWERAGE SCHEMES:

The Members considered a report dated the 5th December, 1986, from the Asst. County Manager, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The report gave details of the Council's Capital Allocation for Major Schemes in 1986, of new works ready to commence and of works carried out in the previous five years. Details of annual Capital Allocations for the past 5 years were also outlined. The report also indicated that having regard to the fact that the Capital Allocation did not appear to be expanding to meet the increase in the cost of schemes under planning, and to the difficulty in meeting loan charges, that it was necessary to re-appraise some schemes. The report set out a proposed three-year programme of works at a total of £20 million. Details of the financial implications of the programme were also set out. Mr. Howlett indicated that the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme had been included provisionally on the priority list. He referred to the very high estimated cost of the scheme and stated that such costs were not justified based on the demands of the scheme. The question of inter-linking Oranmore and City system was being examined by the Corporation and the comments of the Planning Consultants regarding projected growth and demand was also being sought.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme should be given high priority and should be linked with the Galway City system.

Deputy Frank Fahy stated that the targets given for the various stages in the provision of a Sewerage Scheme for Oranmore did not appear to have been met and all outstanding issues should be dealt with as soon as possible. The County Manager indicated that there was no way in which a scheme costing £6 million could be recommended for Oranmore. He gave details of what should be considered in relation to inter-linking Oranmore with the City system and stated that the matter would be brought before the Members again in due course. The Council would ultimately have to consider the cost of

a scheme for Oranmore within the normal cost limits and would have to consider how much the Council could afford to spend on a Sewerage Scheme for the village.

1336 - WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Councillor T. Walsh stated that he was concerned that Williamstown Sewerage Scheme was not on the Priority List. He proposed that this scheme be given a much higher priority as the village was in a very bad state and in dire need of a new Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor Micheal O'Morain stated that he was not satisfied that Rosmuck Water Scheme had been deleted from the Priority List altogether. There were indigenous Gaeltacht Industries in the area which should be serviced. Councillor O'Morain stated that the report should be rejected until the Rosmuck Water Scheme was included in it. Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that Tenders for the Rosmuck had been received and had come in at around £3 million which appeared to be very high. The scheme was being reviewed in this light as there were long lengths of pipeline involved and some of the group schemes proposed along the route of the original scheme had commenced. Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair supported Cllr. O'Morain that the Rosmuck Scheme should be allowed to go ahead.

1337 - MOYLROUGH SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Councillor Michael Ryan referred to the fact that the Moylough Sewerage Scheme was nearing completion. He stated that the Town Development Committee had requested that Officials of the Council meet a deputation to discuss certain matters and he asked that the following works be carried out as part of the completion of the scheme -

- (a) Some sites along the route of the scheme had not got connections from it, while at least four sites had got connections. He asks that the additional sites get connections before the Contractor concluded the project.
- (b) Councillor Ryan stated that a lot of damage had been done to footpaths particularly near the Priest's house and he asked that the footpath in this area be reinstated.
- (c) Councillor Ryan stated that a lot of damage was done to The Square and that it should be fully reinstated with tarmac. Councillor Ryan also referred to flooding which had occurred near Cummins Shop across the road from the Church. He stated that a grid which had been there before the Sewerage Scheme did not appear to have been replaced and he asked that the matter receive attention immediately.

Mr. J. Howlett stated that he would have the matters raised by Councillor Ryan examined and taken up with the Contractor as appropriate.

1338 - TUAM WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Councillor Joe Burke stated that he was not satisfied that an allocation of £1 million was adequate for the Tuam Water Supply Scheme. He referred to the difficulties in relation to the scheme and stated that a new scheme was required as a matter of urgency. Mr. J. Howlett stated that the £1 million allocation set out in the Priority List was what the Council would expect to spend over the years involved. The question of water abstraction rights would be initiated in the near future.

1338(a) MID GALWAY WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

Deputy Frank Fahey referred to the delay in relation to the Mid-Galway Water Supply Scheme and the difficulties being encountered by Group Scheme in getting to construction stage. He referred to changes made by the Council which involved delays in facilitating Group Schemes. Mr. J. Howlett stated that some of the changes made in the plans were at the request of Deputy Fahey. He also stated that the Department of the Environment were the authority responsible for the administration of Group Schemes.

Mr. J. Howlett outlined the up-to-date position in relation to various schemes in response to queries from Members. Following further discussion, it was agreed that the Priority List as set out in the Assistant County Manager's report be agreed subject to a review of the Rosmuck Water Supply Scheme.

1339 - TUAM SUGAR FACTORY:

Deputy Noel Treacy proposed that the Council reject the action in relation to the closure of the Tuam Sugar Factory against the workers and the farmers in the Tuam Catchment Area and proposed that the Council call on the Taoiseach to rescind the decision taken in relation to the factory forthwith.

A number of Councillors supported the proposal of the Chairman, and it was agreed that the resolution would be forwarded to An Taoiseach.

1340 - VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

Councillor Michael Ryan proposed a vote of congratulations with the Mount-bellew/Moylough Senior Football Team on winning the County Final. He also paid tribute to the Milltown Team who were defeated.

Councillor Martin Lynch proposed a vote of congratulations with the Athenry Under 16s on winning the County Championship.

The Chairman proposed a vote of congratulations with the Killimordaly Senior Hurling Team on winning the County Final.

All the Members associated themselves with the vote of congratulations.

1341 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

The Glynn Family, Oranmore.
Mrs. J. Reddington, Main Street, Dunmore.
Mr. Michael Molloy, Ballinafad.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED,

Micheal O'Morain Chairman,

26th Jan 1987 Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16u 1a Nollag, 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 22u 1a Nollag, 1986, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Special Council Meeting held on the 14th November, 1986.
 - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on the 24th November, 1986.
2. Disposal of plot of land at Cloonoo East, Loughrea, to Mr. Michael S. Murphy in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, - Section 83 notice dated 30th October, 1986, already circulated.
3. Applications for Remission of County Rates from the following:-
 - (a) Breizon Ltd.
 - (b) Sirrco Kitchen Ltd.
 - (c) Tuam Farm Machinery Ltd.
 - (d) Tuam Dairies Ltd.
 - (e) Home Lee Manufacturing Ltd.
 - (f) Global Diamond Products Ltd.
4. Fire Fighting Services in -
 - (a) Connemara Area;
 - (b) Inishmore.
5. Progress Report on Development of Rinvilla Park. - Report to follow.
6. Serviced Sites for Travellers. - Report enclosed.
7. Civil Liability Act, 1961, - Section 60.
- Letter dated 5th August, 1986, from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. (Copy already circulated.)
8. I.I.R.S. Progress Report - Septic Tanks in Connemara.
- Report already circulated.
9. Building Sensitive in Ireland's Landscapes. - Report already circulated.
10. Revision of Polling Scheme.

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11. Letter dated 19th November, 1986, from North West Regional Development Company Ltd., Enterprise Connaught/Donegal. - Copy attached.
12. Letter dated 3rd December, 1986, from Irish Farmers Association regarding the Establishment of a River Shannon Authority. - Copy attached.
13. Malicious Injuries Decrees. - List attached.
14. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

15. That the Galway County Council take immediate steps to relieve flooding situation that now prevails at entry to Thomas Varden's house at Rathfee, Turloughmore.
16. That County Council erect "Children Crossing" signs at Coolarne adjacent to existing school signs.
17. That County Council take immediate steps to rectify dangerous flooding situation prevailing at Kilcahill, Claregalway - opposite house of Martin O'Neill and adjacent to Currandrum School. The flooding is particularly dangerous and inconvenient for the many children walking this road to school.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

18. That lighting be provided on middle roads and approach roads to Monivea Village and that footpath be provided from Monivea Village to Glenaslat Housing Estate.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

19. That Galway County Council immediately alleviate the continuous flooding on the road leading into houses, (details supplied) at Killure, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe, that the works to be carried out be specified in detail and the date on which they will commence.
20. That Galway County Council carry out proper and immediate repairs to a house in County Galway (details supplied), that the repairs to be carried out be specified in detail, the date on which these repairs will commence, as this house is an urgent need of these repairs for a long period.
21. That Galway County Council carry out immediate works and repairs to clear the culvert and all shores to enable the water consistently lodging and flooding on the Loughrea/Tynagh Road, adjacent to the cul de sac road leading to masonbrook South and adjoining Knockshangarry, including the entire area between Masonbrook Hill and Knockshangarry Cross; and that the accumulating water be enabled to constantly flow southwards on a natural flow to the Kiltesskill River and that the adjoining boundary fences to be repaired immediately.

COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will propose:

22. To ask the County Manager what proposals he has in hand for extension, changes and other developments to the Ballinakill, Glynsk Graveyard, and when it is proposed to put the work in hand.

SENATOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

23. That following a recent Inquest due to the recent tragedy on the beach at Omey - that lights be erected at both ends of the passageway leading to Omey - that signposts indicating the passageway to Omey be doubled in numbers.
24. To ask the County Manager and County Engineer if immediate consideration could be given to the re-appointment or deployment of staff of the County Council to open water tables, so the unnecessary flooding being created on roads throughout the County could be alleviated, and if the County Manager and County Engineer would make a statement on this matter at the next County Council Meeting.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

25. That the Council take appropriate steps immediately to ensure that the public have easy access to Doon Cemetery, Eyrecourt, and that suitable parking and turning facilities be provided.
26. That repairs be carried out urgently to the County Council house occupied by tenant at Esker, Banagher, where dampness is coming from faulty roof and the sewerage system is not working. (Details supplied)

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

27. That a committee be now set up comprised of the County Councillors for the Ballinasloe Area, the Oireachtas Members from East Galway, representatives of Ballinasloe U.D.C., local people in Aughrim, and representatives of the various statutory authorities in County Galway, for the development of an Interpretative Centre and Museum in Aughrim.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

28. That Galway County Council accept responsibility for the operational costs of proposed public lighting street lighting scheme at Inis Meain to be funded by Comharchumann Inis Meain Teoranta and Roinn na Gaeltachta.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

29. That two entrances be provided by the County Council for William Higgins, Lissoughter, Recess, so as to give him access to his land, the Council dug a deep drain along the roadside opposite his property which prevents him from entering his land.
30. That funds be made available in the 1987 Estimates for provision of public lighting at Churches in the Connemara Area.
31. That roads in bad repair in the Connemara Area be resurfaced in 1987.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

32. That steps be taken to alleviate the continuous flooding at Corrandulla Church as this is causing great hardship to people and also to children attending the National School there.
33. That Galway County Council Council give a water connection to Paddy Burke, Caherntobber, Athenry, from the Athenry Mains.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

34. That maintenance and improvement works be carried out in the Clonbur Area.
35. That local Contractors and suppliers be given an opportunity over outsiders in carrying out work for the County Council in West and North Connemara.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose:

36. What is the position of the proposed group schemes in the Lettercallow/Lettermore Area.
37. That Galway County Council provide a sum of money in the 1987 Estimates to complete the County Road from Tiernee to Lettermullen and how much it would cost.
38. That a public light be provided at Maumeen Pier, Lettermore.

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Ext.

16th December, 1986.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Re: Serviced Sites for Travellers.

Dear Member,

I wish to refer to report of the 17th June last concerning the above. In two of the areas mentioned in that report, the consent of the Members is hereby requested to the following measures.

SITE AT HOLMES HILL, TUAM ROAD.

As the Council are aware the caravans on this site are occupied by one extended family who are parked in this area for a considerable number of years. The travellers have indicated that they are unwilling to move out of the area. The main reason given is that they are accepted in the locality and that their children are being educated there. Exhaustive attempts to obtain suitable nearby land by agreement have not been successful and the travellers accept that the Council are not in a position to get such land.

There is serious concern that the present siting of the caravans is a grave traffic hazard both for the travellers themselves and to road users and on this account any measure which would lessen this risk has to be considered.

During the course of further negotiations on this matter the travellers indicated that they would be prepared with the co-operation of the Council to move to a lay-by which is about a half a mile north of their present location on the right hand side of the road to Claregalway. In this location it should be possible to locate the caravans off the road and there is a reasonably large green area on front which could be used to provide basic facilities such as water and toilets. The Council could not agree to provide permanent facilities on this site but an interim arrangement is recommended and could be implemented reasonably quickly. The Council are asked to give approval to this measure

BALLYGAR.

There are up to 10 caravans parked on a side road outside Ballygar Village. There is very little traffic on this road so that the situation is far less serious than that at Holmes Hill. However, it is highly desirable to provide facilities by way of a serviced site. An area of land comprising six acres immediately adjoins the road and is held by two owners both of whom are willing in principle to sell. As this site would require full development the Council would need to seek financial assistance from the Department of the Environment and the Council are requested to approve the location in order that proposals may be made to the Department in this regard after further investigations of the lands.

Yours sincerely,

J. Howlett
ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.,
ENTERPRISE CONNACHT / DONEGAL

Mr. Edmond Gleeson,
Secretary Galway County Council,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Clare Street,
Ballyhaunis,
Co. Mayo
Tel. No. (0907) 30147

Date: 19 November 1986

Dear Mr. Gleeson,

We thank you for your support to our Organisation in our objective of securing the first Irish Integrated Development Programme for the Connacht/Donegal Region.

The situation regarding Integrated Development Programme is now being reviewed by the Government and we assume that applications will be submitted by groups in other parts of Ireland. However, Connacht/Donegal is still in a favourable position because:-

- (1) Our application for a preliminary study grant has been accepted by the European Commission.
- (2) We propose a combination of local voluntary initiatives and formal statutory strategies. This co-ordination of public and private investment is considered to be essential by the E.E.C. and ensures the best use of all available resources.
- (3) We have commenced a survey of the employment-creating potential of our member organisations. This will be carried out in co-operation with the County Development Officers as suggested by the Minister for Finance.

We are anxious to reflect this combination of public and private investment on our steering committee by having Local Authorities represented.

Accordingly, we invite each of the 6 County Councils in Connacht Donegal to nominate two representatives to our Steering Committee, where they would be joined by equal representation from industry or local development associations.

In this united manner we can best further the objective of securing the first Irish Integrated Development Programme for Connacht/Donegal.

We confirm that our interest is to ensure that industry and local

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organisations have an input to planning only, thus ensuring the most efficient use of all available resources.

Implementation of a development programme and the spending of public funds can be carried out only by Local Authorities and Statutory Development Agencies.

We trust that a proposal placed before Galway County Council requesting that your Authority appoint two representatives to our steering committee will have your support.

Yours sincerely,


GERARD MCGARRY.

NORTH WEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED., ENTERPRISE CONNACHT / DONEGAL

ENTERPRISE CONNACHT/DONEGAL:

An Association of 160 local development organisations and industrialists in the Connacht/Donnegal Region.

OBJECTIVE:

An Integrated or Co-Ordinated Development programme for the region. --- A Combination of Public and Private investments with the involvement of local Authorities, statutory development agencies, voluntary organisations and investors. This could lead to an investment of up to £100 million in the region.

E.E.C. can provide 55% of the public funding. This will be directed to local Authorities etc.

The value of the 45% Irish contribution would be determined by a preliminary study. Existing State investment and other sources can eliminate or reduce demands on the National Exchequer for additional funds.

METHOD:

Development of the employment creating projects proposed by members in accordance with existing statutory development strategies and plans.

Developments of the natural resources of the region i.e. Agriculture Small and Craft Industry, Tourism etc.

PRELIMINARY STUDY:

A study of the activities of and potential to create employment by the members of Enterprise Connacht/Donnegal has commenced.

A "Survey Team, funded by Anco has commenced work.

Minister for Finance states that the survey could serve as a "pilot survey for the rest of the country".

E.E.C. GRANT AID:

The European Commission can grant aid the Preliminary Study for the Connacht/Donnegal Region and the Irish State are not obliged to make any contributions to the cost of this study.

The Department of Finance must confirm that they have no objection to the European assistance to this study.

E.C.D. DUBLIN BRANCH:

Dublin based branch of Enterprise Connacht/Donnegal, would give support and encouragement to An Investment Trust for the region.

The Dublin based Branch can provide assistance by public support in our aim that the first Integrated Development Programme in Ireland be in the Connacht Donegal Region.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES:

Enterprise Connacht/Donnegal have invited each of the County Councils in the region to appoint two representatives to the steering committee of E.C.D.

ALL PARTY SUPPORT:

Delegates from all the Counties in the Connacht/Donnegal region travel to Leinster House Wednesday 12th November to meet with all T.D.'s and Senators from the Region.

Enterprise Connacht Donegal have always had the full backing of all Public Representatives in the Region.

**NORTH WEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.,
ENTERPRISE CONNACHT /DONEGAL**

CO-ORDINATED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PRELIMINARY PLANNING:

Grant Aided by E.E.C
No cost to Irish Government

- (1) Local Authorities
- (2) Statutory Development Agencies e.g I.D.A, A.F.I etc.,
- (3) Local Voluntary Organisations
- (4) Industry and Investors

FUNDING TO AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

PUBLIC FUNDS TO:

- 1) Local Authorities and
- 2) Statutory Development Agencies

FINANCED BY,

- (a) E.E.C 55%
- (b) Existing Public Funding within the region
- (c) Borrowing from European Investment Bank
- (d) Additional demands, if any, on the Irish Exchequer will be minimum.

PRIVATE CAPITAL BY,

- 3) Voluntary Contribution, Investment Trust promoted by EC/D
- 4) Industrial Investment

Co-ordinated planning, involving public and private sectors ensures the most efficient use of public and private resources.

IRISH FARMERS' ASSOCIATION



THE DIAMOND,
RAPHOE,
LIFFORD,
CO. DONEGAL.
Telephone: (074) 45377

Regional Development Officer—ADRIAN LEDDY

3rd December, 1986.

The Manager,
Co. Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.



Dear Manager,

Our Connacht Vice-President, John Donnelly has written to your Chairman today requesting that the establishment of a River Shannon Authority be put on the Agenda for a full discussion at your next County Council meeting.

I am acting as Secretary for IFA on matters in relation to the Shannon and would appreciate that you would arrange for this matter to be dealt with at your next meeting.

Following the extraordinary unseasonal floods experienced in the last two years, our Association are now demanding urgent action to be taken to alleviate this flooding.

We feel that it is necessary to form a Shannon Authority to co-ordinate all the interested bodies in the River Shannon.

We would be much obliged if you would let us know the details of your discussions at County Council level on the River Shannon.

Yours sincerely,


Adrian Leddy
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Martin Flaherty, Inishere Hotel, Inishere, Aran Islands.	Damage to Ford Transit Ban Reg. No. 422 DZM.	County at Large.	£500.00.	£381.75.
St. Vincent De Paul Ozaman House, Galway.	Damage to two poles and lights	County at Large	£1,460.70	£1,515.86
Vincent Gardiner, 51 Ardilaun Road, Newcastle, Galway.	Damage to property.	County at Large	£2,000	£899.50
Jimmy Brick, 28 Bushypark Lawn, Dangan, Galway.	Damage to Motor Vehicle, reg. no. 458 DZA	County at Large	£2,000	£922.75
Bord Telecom, Promenade, Saithill, Galway.	Damage to payphone and all apparatus	County at Large	£1,300	£1,360.71
Sean Moylan, 16, Hazel Park, Newcastle, GALWAY.	Damage to property and dweeling at Mace, Corrandulla.	County at Large.	£20,000.00	£13,048.50.
Martin Conneely, Kilronan, Aran Islands.	Damage to fishing vessel.	County at Large	£70	£161
Michael McGrath, St. Anthony's College, Newcastle, Galway.	Damage to motorbike.	County at Large	£600	£431
Stephen Francis, 18 Woodquay, Galway.	Damage to motor car reg. no. IZM 364	County at Large	£209	£140
O'Fisherty Motors Ltd., GALWAY.	Damage to wall, capping, gates and signs.	County at large	£212	£83

COMHAIRLE CHONTAENA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

30th. October, 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 dispose of a plot of land, as set out hereunder:-

Land Acquired From:- John Keighrey, Cloonoo East, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Location:- Cloonoo East, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

Area:- 1.40 acres.

To Whom land is to be transferred:-

Michael S. Murphy, 39 Larch Road, Cricklewood, London N.W.2.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:- £1 - exchange for plot containing 1.22 acres in the townland of Cloonoo East.

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, 22ND DECEMBER, 1986.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; J. O'Shaughnessy, Chief Fire Officer; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and T. Coughlan, Acting Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1342 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Members passed votes of sympathy with the following:

Mr. Charles Lynch, County Development Officer, on the death of his mother. The Nestor Family on the tragic death of Mrs. Nestor and her son. The widow and family of the late Mr. Henry Fannon, former Area Engineer with the Council.

Resolutions of sympathy were also passed with the following:

Mrs. McDonagh, Cloughanover, Headford, on the death of her husband John, former employee of Galway County Council.
Mrs. J. Reddington, Main Street, Dunmore.
Mr. Martin Conneely, Ballinaboy, Clifden.
Mr. Joe Mortimer, Letterfrack.
Mrs. Teresa Roche, Bullaun, Cummer, Tuam.
Mrs. McGrath, Prospect, Athenry.
Mr. Seamus Cleary, Ballygar.
Mr. Thomas Hanley, Ballygar.

The Members of the Council paid tribute to the late Mr. Henry Fannon and the County Manager and the County Engineer associated themselves with the votes of sympathy.

1343 - TELEPHONE FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS:

Deputy Frank Fahey asked that the Council make provision for the installation of one or two telephones for Council Members with facilities for making local calls in view of the fact that the Council were installing a new telephone system at the present time. The County Manager indicated that a room for use by Councillors was proposed in the extension to the County Buildings, plans for which were almost ready and the construction of which would be reviewed in the light of the 1987 Estimates.

1344 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY:

In reply to Senator Mark Killilea, the County Manager indicated that the Consultants were drafting a report at present and that he hoped to have a report for the Members at the January Meeting of the Council.

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1345 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Senator Ulick Burke, seconded by Councillor Michael Mullins, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 14th November, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 24th November, 1986, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

1346 - DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA:

In reply to Councillor Joe Brennan, the County Manager stated that it was for the Members of the Council to decide whether the amendments to the Draft Plan as agreed at the Council Meeting of the 14th November, would be put on deposit for public display according to the provision of the Planning Acts, or whether the Council should take a further opportunity to consider the matter further before putting any new proposals on display. Councillor J. Brennan proposed and Councillor Michael Mullins seconded that the matter be put back on the Agenda for further discussion by the Council.

In reply to Senator Ulick Burke, the County Manager indicated that the Plan could be put on display for public inspection in January 1987. The amendments would remain on display for one month, there would be notice given in the papers and all submissions made in relation to the amendments would be considered by the Council. The Department had been notified of the Council's decision in relation to the inner relief road but no formal reply had been received. The County Engineer indicated that it appeared from informal discussions with Inspectors from the Department of the Environment that the Department would not consider funding of the inner relief road.

The Chairman, Deputy Treacy stated that if an opportunity had been afforded to everyone before the Council made its decision in relation to the inner relief road proposal. He stated that the legal procedure under the Planning Acts should now be followed and that the amendments should be placed on public display whereby an opportunity would be afforded to all concerned to make further submissions. Councillor Michael Ryan stated that no request had been received from local Councillors that the matter be put back on the Agenda for further discussion. Deputy R. Molloy stated that the amendments should go on display in accordance with the legal procedure and that any further submissions could be considered in due course. The Council agreed that the amendments be placed on deposit for public inspection.

1347 - YIELD SIGN FROM CAPPAGH ROAD ON THE LOUGHREA/WOODFORD ROAD NEAR ROCKHILL

It was agreed that Senator Ulick Burke would clarify his requirements in relation to a notice of motion which he had submitted to the November Meeting of the Council under Minute No. 1322 and that the County Engineer would have the matter re-examined.

1348 - AQUACULTURE

The County Manager indicated that reports were being drafted by the two teams which had been established to examine the various issues arising from aquaculture development in the County. It was agreed that the reports when prepared would be brought to a meeting of the Aquaculture Committee which would be held in January 1987.

1349 - DIVERSION OF FLOOD WATER OFF THE GURTEEN/GLENTANE ROAD.

Deputy Noel Treacy asked that immediate attention be given to this matter which was the subject of a notice of motion submitted by him to the November Meeting of the Council, Minute No. 1288.

1350 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT CLOONOO EAST, LOUGHREA, TO MR. MICHAEL S. MURPHY SECTION 83 NOTICE PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED.

It was proposed by Senator U. Burke, seconded by Deputy R. Molloy and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the transfer of a plot of land at Cloonoo East, Loughrea, to Mr. Michael S. Murphy, measuring 1.40 acres in accordance with the terms set out in the notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member on 30th October, 1986."

1351 - REMISSION OF RATES - BREIZON LTD.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor P. Raftery and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Ballintleva, occupied by Breizon Ltd. in respect of the local financial years 1985 - 1994, inclusive, in accordance with Section 26 of Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

1352 - REMISSION OF RATES - SIRRCO, KITCHEN LTD.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor P. Raftery and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates levied in respect of the factory at Drimcong, occupied by SIRRCO Kitcher Ltd., in respect of the local financial years 1983 - 1992, inclusive, in accordance with Section 26 of Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

1353 - REMISSION OF RATES - TUAM FARM MACHINERY LTD.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor P. Raftery and resolved:

"that Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Act, 1969 to 1981, hereby ^{remit} two-thirds of the rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial Premises occupied by Tuam Farm Machinery Ltd., at Killaloonty, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1982 - 1991, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

1354 - REMISSION OF RATES - TUAM DAIRIES LTD.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor P. Raftery and resolved:

"that Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 to 1981, hereby remit two-thirds of the rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial Premises occupied by Tuam Dairies Ltd., Rinkippeen, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1983 - 1992, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

1355 - REMISSION OF RATES - HOME LEE MANUFACTURING LTD.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor P. Raftery and resolved:

"that Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 to 1981, hereby remit two-thirds of the rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial Premises occupied by Home Lee Manufacturing Ltd., Townparks 2nd Division, Tuam, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1982 - 1991, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

1356 - REMISSION OF RATES - GLOBAL DIAMOND PRODUCTS LTD.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor P. Raftery and resolved:

"that Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969 to 1981, hereby remit two-thirds of the rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the Industrial Premises occupied by Global Diamond Products Ltd., Rathmore Demesne, Killimor, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1986 - 1995, inclusive, the appropriate

certificate under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

1357 - FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES IN CONNEMARA AREA.

The members considered a report dated 18th December, 1986, from the Chief Fire Officer. The report indicated that fire cover in Connemara was provided by the Galway City Brigade and by the Clifden Fire Brigade. A part of North Connemara was covered by the Mayo Fire Service (Ballinrobe Fire Station) by arrangement.

At present no national standards of fire cover existed, but a sub-committee of the Fire Services Council was currently addressing itself to this question. The date of publication for a report was not known at this stage.

Preliminary discussions would seem to indicate that the greater part of Connemara would be classified under the "Remote Rural" category for which maximum response times would be in excess of 20 minutes, if indeed such response times were specified at all.

The report indicated that due to its topography and the nature of the population distribution, the Connemara area would have to be divided into northern and southern segments when the feasibility of providing additional fire cover was being considered. The added advantage of a station located in north or in south Connemara would be of little additional benefit to the other part. An overall improvement would, therefore, involve the construction of two stations.

An analysis of incidents throughout 1985 and for the first six months of 1986 showed that there was a total of 28 incidents in the South Connemara area where the response time exceeded 20 minutes, the average being 30 minutes. The majority of the incidents were not serious. In the event of additional cover being considered it was anticipated that the availability of a suitable strategically located manpower pool would prove to be a major problem.

The Chief Fire Officer stated that Gaeltarra Eireann had set up a squad service at Carraroe in the mid 1970s. Officers from the Council were involved in training the squad but within a short period the squad ceased to exist due to the movement of personnel from the area. The Chief Fire Officer stated that it could be anticipated that availability problems would be faced in any future attempts to set up a service as it was known that people travel significant distances in many cases from centres of population to places of employment in the Connemara area and guaranteed immediate availability would be difficult to achieve.

In dealing with the problem of places of special risk, which are located at specific points in the area a programme of upgrading passive and active fire prevention and fire safety measures within such premises had been undertaken. Through the Council's fire prevention Department it was hoped to educate as wide a sector of the public as possible in the various aspects of fire prevention and fire safety in the Community.

The report went on to state that regardless of the location of any additional stations in the Connemara area, it had to be appreciated that response times would continue to be relatively lengthy in many instances even if it could be assumed that retained fire fighters would turn out in an adequately short time. The benefits of establishing additional stations under these conditions must be weighed against the very considerable capital and current costs of doing so. It was estimated that the initial capital costs would exceed £600,000 and that the anticipated annual running costs would be about £60,000.

The Chief Fire Officer recommended that the Council await the publication of national standards of fire cover before proceeding with any developments of the fire service in Connemara.

Councillor N. O'Conchubhair stated that there had been a number of serious fires in the Connemara area and that there was a demand for a proper fire fighting service. There were major harbours in the area and the Council

would have to make some attempt to set up a fire service to cater for these areas. Councillor O'Conchubhair was supported by Councillor Welby.

Councillor M. O'Morain suggested that the Connemara area should be divided into east and west rather than north and south. He said that it was not satisfactory that areas such as Carna which was 50 miles from Galway did not have a fire fighting service. Councillor O'Morain asked if there was sufficient pressure in the Kilkerrin Regional Water Supply Scheme and if hoses and equipment could be made available to local communities to provide some form of fire fighting service in the event of a fire.

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, the Chief Fire Officer gave details of the capital costs of £600,000 for the provision of two fire stations and appliances.

The County Manager referred to the substantial capital costs involved in the provision of fire stations as set out by the Chief Fire Officer. In addition to the financial considerations there was the overriding difficulty of ensuring that fire brigade personnel would turn out when required. Workers were now becoming more mobile and the Council was experiencing difficulties even in built up areas of assembling a full fire brigade team when there was a callout. The County Manager agreed that the question of fire hydrants in the schemes in the area would be examined.

1358 - FIRE FIGHTING SERVICES IN INISHMORE.

The Chief Fire Officer indicated that the original intention for the provision of a Fire Service on Inishmore was that Galway County Council would enter into an agreement with Comharchumann Arann Teoranta whereby the Council would provide a fire engine and the necessary equipment for a voluntary fire service. The Comharchumann in turn would organise the voluntary fire squad and make arrangements for garage facilities for the Fire Engine and Equipment.

These arrangements were not now possible and the Council had considered the possibility of establishing a Fire Squad on the Island under the control of the County Council. The estimated cost of setting up a voluntary fire squad on the Island was around £18,000.

One of the major physical factors apart from the initial costs was the fact that there was no suitable shed available for a garage for the appliance in Kilronan. It appeared that there was a suitable site available in the ownership of the Office of Public Works and this site would have to be acquired and a suitable garage built thereon. A temporary arrangement whereby a shed located about 3½ miles from Kilronan was suggested but it was not suitable because of the excessive travel time involved in the event of a call-out.

The Chief Fire Officer stated that there was sizeable costs involved in the establishing of a fire service on the Island and the question of the provision of monies for this purpose would have to be considered in the context of the 1987 Estimates.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that he was never in favour of asking Comharchumann Arann Teoranta to operate a fire fighting service on Inishmore. He stated that the Council were now making the right approach in setting up the service itself and he urged that the provision of the service go ahead as quickly as possible. He asked that training be undertaken immediately and that the engine be transferred to the Island. Councillor N. O'Conchubhair supported Deputy Molloy and asked that the Council make every effort to establish the fire service on Inishmore as soon as possible. In reply to Councillor O'Conchubhair, the Chief Fire Officer stated that the pressure of water in the Island was generally adequate except during drought periods.

The County Manager stated that the Council could initiate the recruitment and the training of the fire squad but that any final arrangements regarding the establishment of the fire service on Inishmore could not be made until the Estimates for 1987 were adopted. The question of sending out the engine to the Island without making proper provision for its storage would have to be considered and he could not give any commitment in this regard until after the Estimates Meeting.

1359 - RINVILLE AMENITY PARK

The Council noted the report dated 18th December, 1986, from the Deputy County Engineer setting out progress to date on the development of Rinville Amenity Park, a copy of which had been circulated to each member. Mr. J. Crotty replied to various queries raised by Councillors in relation to progress on the development of the Park.

1360 - SERVICED SITES FOR TRAVELLERS

The Council considered a report dated 16th December, 1986, from Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, regarding serviced sites for travellers. The report outlined the position in relation to a site at Holmes Hill on the Tuam Road and a site at Ballygar. It was proposed by Councillor Raftery, seconded by Senator Hussey and agreed that the Council go ahead with the acquisition of the lands as set out by the Assistant County Manager in relation to the Ballygar proposal in view of the fact that the two owners involved were willing to sell land to the Council.

Mr. John Howlett outlined the serious position in relation to the present siting of the caravans at Holmes Hill and he urged that the Council approve of the proposal set out in his report in relation to the use of a lay-by which was about ¼ mile from of the location where the travellers were presently parked. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that he supported the proposal but that the people living adjacent to the site should be consulted. Senator Killilea supported Deputy Fahey. It was proposed by Deputy F. Fahey, seconded by Senator M. Killilea and agreed that the Council proceed in accordance with the recommendation of the Assistant County Manager in relation to the site on the Claregalway Road subject to consultation with the local community in the area.

1361 - ORANMORE BY-PASS - JUNCTION ON THE LIMERICK ROAD.

A number of Councillors raised the question of the junction of the Oranmore By-Pass on the Limerick Road where it was stated that a number of accidents had occurred since the By-Pass Road was opened. The members asked that the position at the junction be reviewed as a matter of urgency.

The County Engineer indicated that he had reviewed the situation and had discussed the matter with the local Gardai in Oranmore. All the surfaces were new in the area and most of the recent accidents were frost related. The County Engineer stated that there was an adequate number of signs on the approach roads to the junction but people travelling out of Oranmore towards the junction appeared to be driving at too high a speed. The County Engineer stated that he proposed to erect cones and flashers and chevron signs at appropriate places near the junction. The County Engineer stated that the basic problem was that people driving from Oranmore appeared to be ignoring speed limits.

Senator M. Killilea referred to the condition of a road leading to King's farm-house in the Clonbur district which he had raised at a previous meeting. He asked that something be done as a matter of urgency as there was an invalid woman in the house concerned who was unable to go to Mass. The County Engineer indicated that he would examine the position immediately after the Christmas holidays. Cllr. J. Mannion asked that the County Engineer examine all bye-roads in the area.

1362 - CIVIL LIABILITY ACT, 1961 - Section 60.

The Council considered a letter dated the 5th August, 1986, from Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited, a copy of which had been circulated to each member. The letter referred to a judgement in a recent High Court case, requiring the Minister for the Environment to make an order within six months bringing section 60 of the Civil Liability Act 1961 into operation. The letter indicated if and when the section became operative, the liability of road authorities and their exposure to claims would be enormously increased and premiums could be increased by as much as 200 per cent. There was the danger also that the risk involved could become uninsurable.

The County Manager stated that if the section referred to was brought into operation there would be serious implications for the Council. The provisions of the Section if implemented were that a roads authority would be liable for damage caused as a result of their failure to maintain adequately a public road. It was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea, seconded by Councillor John Mannion that the Council call on the Minister for the Environment to

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take whatever steps were necessary to ensure that local authority interests were protected in the event of any changes in the present legislative arrangements.

1363 - I.I.R.S. PROGRESS REPORT - SEPTIC TANKS IN CONNEMARA.

The Council considered the progress report from the I.I.R.S. dated 12th November, 1986. The County Manager indicated that a location was being selected for the setting up of a peat filter system unit on a trial basis in the Connemara area and that the Council would be made aware of progress in due course.

1364 - REVISION OF POLLING SCHEMES

The County Secretary informed the Council that a revision of the polling scheme was being undertaken at present and that a certain amount of preparatory work including the preparation of maps for each County Electoral Area showing existing polling stations and also the possible location which may be available for stations had been prepared. It was the intention that the Council would take into consideration in the review of the polling scheme submissions from the members and any members proposing to make observations could do so.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that in view of the fact that a General Election would be held in the coming year that in order to avoid confusion the present polling scheme be allowed to continue until after the Election. He asked however that the question of combining the Aillebrack Polling Station with the Doonloughaun Station be examined in view of the small number of voters involved. The County Secretary stated that these two booths had been combined for the purpose of the local elections and that it was a matter for the County Registrar to fix polling booths for general elections. It was agreed that the matter would be taken up with the County Registrar. The Council agreed that work on the preparation of a new polling scheme proceed and be brought for consideration by the Council in due course.

1365 - LETTER FROM ENTERPRISE CONNACHT/DONEGAL DATED 19TH NOVEMBER, 1986.

The Council agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the January Meeting of the Council.

1366 - ESTABLISHMENT OF A RIVER SHANNON AUTHORITY.

The Council considered a letter dated 3rd December, 1986, from the Irish Farmers' Association regarding the establishment of a River Shannon Authority. The Chairman indicated that a Meeting had been held with the Oireachta Members for the West of Ireland last June and that there was widespread support for the establishment of a River Shannon Authority. He stated that the Minister was preparing a memorandum on the matter for consideration by the Government in January, 1987. Following a discussion it was proposed by Deputy Noel Treacy, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce that Galway County Council support the establishment of a River Shannon Authority and call on the relevant agencies and departments involved to co-operate fully in the establishment of this urgently needed authority.

1367 - MALICIOUS INJURIES DECREES

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees which had been circulated to each Member were noted.

1368 - AMENITY GRANT - ST. BRENDAN'S CATHEDRAL, CLONFERT.

The County Manager indicated that he had received a letter of thanks from the Right Reverend Bishop Darling expressing his appreciation of the Council's decision to make a grant of £15,000 towards the cost of restoration work being carried out at St. Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert.

1369 - KNOCKFERRY/KILBEG CROSSING

The County Engineer's report dated 22nd December, 1986, which had been circulated

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to each member was considered. Copies of page 26, 27 and 28 of the Consultant's Report were also circulated to each member setting out the conclusions reached by the Consultants that the project was not viable. The County Engineer's report set out details of the estimate of £6.245m. The report also indicated that since the Consultant's report been received a letter had come from the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees indicating that a clearance of 35' over winter water level was required. This requirement would push the new soffit level up to 20.38M O.D. or 5.58M above that taken in the Consultant's report. Such a requirement if implemented would add millions of pounds to the cost already quoted in the report.

The County Manager indicated that the Consultant's report was received on 11th December, 1986, and that what had been circulated to members was a summary of the Consultant's findings. The report had indicated that the project was not a viable one and there was no way in which the Council could fund a project of this magnitude from its present resources. The Council agreed that a copy of the Consultant's report would be submitted to the Department of the Environment. It was also agreed that copies of the full report would be made available to Councillors in the Galway Electoral Area.

1370 - FARM TAX ACT 1985.

The County Manager referred to Circular Fin. 33/86 from the Department of the Environment dated 10th December, 1986. The letter indicated that final payments of the grant in lieu of rates on land for 1986 would be adjusted by reference to the total demand for Farm Tax in each local authority area. This meant that the amount of Farm Tax assessed rather than the amount collected would be deducted from the grant in lieu of rates in 1986. The amount assessed in the Galway County Council Area in 1986 was £75,684 and as none of this amount has been paid to date, the Council would be faced with a shortfall of this amount in their accounts until the amounts were collected in full. The Chairman stated that the Council should express its concern at this decision and that it was unfair to reduce the grant in lieu of rates by £75,684 when this money was not collected by the Council.

The County Manager indicated that the demands for Farm Tax had been issued but that no payments had been made to date.

1371 - LOCAL YOUTH SERVICE BOARD FOR COUNTY GALWAY.

Councillor J. Joyce asked that the Department of Education be requested to establish a local Youth Service Board in respect of County Galway. It was agreed that the matter would be taken up with the Minister.

- COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

1372 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO RELIEVE FLOODING SITUATION AT ENTRY TO THOMAS VARDEN'S HOUSE AT RATHFEE, TURLOUGHMORE. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MCDONAGH.

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

"Any flooding that persists at Mr. Thomas Varden's house, Rathfee, is not considered to arise from surface water run-off from the roadway. Remedial works, which included the raising of the edge of the roadway to divert surface water past the property, were carried out recently."

1373 - ERECTION OF "CHILDREN CROSSING" SIGNS AT COOLARNE ADJACENT TO EXISTING SCHOOL SIGNS. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MCDONAGH.

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

"The existing Statutory School Signs, NO. 125 erected on each approach to Coolarne School are considered adequate."

1374 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO RECTIFY DANGEROUS FLOODING AT KILCAHILL, CLAREGALWAY OPPOSITE HOUSE OF MARTIN O'NEILL AND ADJACENT TO CURRANDRUM SCHOOL. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MCDONAGH.

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

"The problem of flooding has arisen as a result of development on a site near Currandrum School on C.R. No. 151. There is no simple solution. However, the matter will be kept under observation to alleviate the flooding."

- 1375 - THAT LIGHTING BE PROVIDED ON MIDDLE ROADS AND APPROACH ROADS TO MONIVEA VILLAGE AND THAT FOOTPATH BE PROVIDED FROM MONIVEA VILLAGE TO GLENASLAT HOUSING ESTATE. MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT.

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

"A priority list of locations for new public lights has been prepared for the County due to the limited funds available for such work. In Monivea, two lights are proposed for the route between Monivea and the School. Additional lights can be considered in the preparation of future schemes."

Glenaslat Housing Estate, built by the Rural Development Association, is located approximately 0.25 miles from Monivea on C.R. No. 432, off the main Athenry/Monivea Road. The proposal is not considered a priority while scarce resources must be allocated towards maintaining the road pavement."

- 1376 - ALLEVIATE FLOODING ON THE ROAD LEADING HOUSES AT KILLURE, AHASCRAUGH, BALLINASLOE. MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"This cul-de-sac road serves only two houses and lands - one of the houses is after the flooding. Where the road is level and only 9 ft. wide (no grass margin), the land unfortunately is higher than the road on both sides and there is no economic solution to this problem."

- 1377 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT PROPER AND IMMEDIATE REPAIRS TO A HOUSE MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"This house has been certified for vesting and the County Council carried out all necessary repairs relating to structural soundness in accordance with the vesting procedure. However, the tenant has now refused to sign the Vesting Agreement and no further repairs can be carried out until this matter is satisfactorily resolved."

- 1378 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE WORKS AND REPAIRS ON THE LOUGHREA/TYNAGH ROAD DUE TO FLOODING. MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"This problem is aggravated by a landowner obstructing the run off from the road from entering his land resulting in an excess volume of water at the next gullet. The drainage on the land side of this gullet is not adequate to take the flow."

It is proposed to write to the landowner responsible for the blockage to the gullet and ask him to open same and to proceed with a prosecution should he fail to carry out the necessary works.

The repair of boundary fences is the responsibility of the land owners."

- 1379 - WHAT PROPOSALS ARE IN HAND FOR EXTENSION, DRAINAGE, AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS TO THE BALLINAKILL, GLYNSK, GRAVEYARD. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY.

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

"There is no record of a request for an extension or for drainage to this burial ground. An inspection will be carried out shortly to assess the situation."

- 1380 - THAT LIGHTS BE ERECTED AT BOTH ENDS OF THE PASSAGEWAY LEADING TO OMEY. MOTION BY SENATOR M. KILLILEA.

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

"If electricity operated lights were put on the shore at each end, there is a risk that traffic might be guided on to the rocks rather than on to the road at both island and mainland ends. There is the added risk that the flashing lights might encourage motorists to use the causeway when the tide was partially in and be in danger of getting caught in the water and stranded."

The system in operation over the past number of years is, in my opinion, the safest that could be provided. This consists of reflectorised signs erected at 100 yd. intervals and specifically set at such a height as to be visible only when it is safe to cross - in other words, when the tide is in, the reflectorised signs are covered."

Senator Killilea asked that this matter be re-examined again and enquired if additional reflectors and markers could be provided. It was agreed to have Senator Killilea's request examined.

- 1381 - IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OR DEPLOYMENT OF STAFF OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO OPEN WATER TABLES. MOTION BY SENATOR MARK KILLILEA.

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

"The County Engineer has asked all Engineers to programme their works for 1987 and subsequent years so that Capital Works will be carried out between Mid March and Mid October leaving the months from Mid October to Mid March in the succeeding year free for normal routine maintenance works including opening of drains etc."

This of course is subject to weather conditions and availability of finance."

- 1382 - IMMEDIATE STEPS BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE PUBLIC HAVE EASY ACCESS TO DOON CEMETERY, EYRECOURT. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE.

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

"Negotiations are being actively pursued, at the moment, with adjoining landowners, regarding above."

- 1383 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT URGENTLY TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSE OCCUPIED BY TENANT AT ESKER, BANAGHER. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE.

The following written reply is given to Councillor James Joyce:

"Extensive repairs were carried out to this house in 1986 including dry lining of bedrooms to alleviate dampness caused by condensation. The problem regarding the sewerage will be attended to at an early date."

- 1384 - THAT A COMMITTEE BE SET UP COMPRISING OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR THE BALLINASLOE AREA, OIREACHTAS MEMBERS ETC. FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE AND MUSEUM IN AUGHRIM.

The County Manager to discuss this matter with Councillor James Joyce.

- 1385 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATIONAL COSTS OF PROPOSED PUBLIC STREET LIGHTING SCHEME AT INIS MEAIN TO BE FUNDED BY COMHARCHUMANN INIS MEAIN TEORANTA AND ROINN NA GAELTACHTA. MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY.

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

"The Council are agreeable in principle to accept the annual operational costs of the public lighting at Inis Meain subject to the provision of finance."

- 1386 - THAT TWO ENTRANCES BE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WILLIAM HIGGINS, LISSOUGHTER, RECESS. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY.

The following written reply is given to Councillor T. Welby.

"Routine maintenance of roadside drains was carried out during the past few months along the N. 59 by the County Council. (By coincidence this included a section of drain along Mr. Higgins lands which Mr. Higgins had required to be drained). There was only one properly constructed access from the N. 59 to Mr. Higgins lands and this was not interfered with during the deepening of the drain. It is not Council practice to provide new accesses, where none previously existed, to private lands as requested in this Notice of Motion."

- 1387 - THAT FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE 1987 ESTIMATES FOR PROVISION OF PUBLIC LIGHTING AT CHURCHES IN THE CONNEMARA AREA.

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

"This will depend on the availability of finance in 1987."

- 1388 - THAT ROADS IN BAD REPAIR IN THE CONNEMARA AREA BE RESURFACED IN 1987. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY.

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

"The amount of resurfacing that can be carried out in Connemara in 1987 will depend on the availability of finance."

- 1389 - THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE FLOODING AT CORRANDULLA CHURCH. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. MCCORMACK.

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

"The landowner will not allow the Council to construct a sockpit inside the boundary wall which would alleviate the flooding problem."

An alternative solution would be to raise the road at this point and convey the surface water elsewhere at an estimated cost of £3,000.

Funds are not currently available for this work.

This will be considered when funds are available."

- 1390 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE A WATER CONNECTION TO PADDY BURKE, CAHERTOBBER, ATHENRY FROM THE ATHENRY MAINS. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. MCCORMACK.

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

"The nearest public main to the house of Mr. Paddy Burke, Caherntobber, Athenry is at least 1/2 mile distance away. A connection cannot be considered in the circumstances because of the costs involved."

- 1391 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN THE CLONBUR AREA. MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"Work in the Clonbur Area in 1987 will be carried out in accordance with the availability of funds."

- 1392 - THAT LOCAL CONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY OVER OUTSIDERS IN CARRYING OUT WORK FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN WEST AND NORTH CONNEMARA. DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

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

"This is not possible. The Public Bodies Order and E.E.C. Regulations stipulate that contract work and the supply of materials must be subject to open tendering."

- 1393 - PROPOSED GROUP SCHEMES IN THE LETTERCALLOW/LETTERMORE AREA. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR.

The following written reply was given to Councillor N. O'Conchubhair.

"The Council's pumping plant and distribution system at Lettermore is being investigated to determine whether it is capable of providing the extra supply required for Lettercallow/Ros/Lettermore Area."

- 1394 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A SUM OF MONEY IN THE 1987 ESTIMATES TO COMPLETE THE CO. ROAD FROM TIERNEE TO LETTERMULLEN. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR O'CONCHUBHAIR.

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

"The distance involved is approximately 4 miles (between Tiernee Cross and Lettermullen Cross). The estimated cost of strengthening this section is £200,000 at current costs."

- 1395 - THAT A PUBLIC LIGHT BE PROVIDED AT MAUMEEN PIER, LETTERMORE. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR.

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

"The Public Lighting Programme for 1986 has been agreed recently and is as follows:

Carraroe - 3 NO. lights in village.
Costelloe - 1 NO. light in village.

The allocation for the Costelloe area for 1986 is £2,760 which is just adequate to fund the above programme. No further public lighting will be possible until the 1987 allocation is known."

- 1396 - CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (1) Copy of letter from Carlow Urban District Council dated 30th October, 1986, re: restoration of health services.
- (2) Copy of letter dated 21st November, 1986, from Loughrea Town Commissioners re: Maghaberry Prison.
- (3) Copy of letter dated 25th November, 1986, from Monaghan Urban District Council re: medical cards for coeliacs.
- (4) Copy of letter dated 25th November, 1986, from Monaghan Urban District Council re: sale of alcohol to under age drinkers.
- (5) Copy of letter from Tipperary (North Riding) County Council dated 4th December, 1986 re: Birmingham Bombings in 1974.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Suited, Approved & Confirmed.
Michael Moran Chairman

26th January 1987 Date,

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

2u la Eanair, 1987.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, an 9u la Eanair, 1987, ar a 3.00 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 acquire portion of land adjacent to High Cashel Burial Ground for extension to existing Burial Ground as this is the wish of the people of the area."
Tom Welby. Frank Fahey. Micheal O'Morain. John M. Mannion.
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 Patrick Jarleth Joyce for the erection of dwelling-house and septic tank at Portacarron. - Planning Ref. No. 58498."
Thomas Welby. Frank Fahey. Mark Killilea.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to T. Cazabon for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Lisheenakeeran. - Planning Ref. No. 53126."
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.

OTHER BUSINESS:

4. Building Sensitively in Ireland's Landscapes.
- Copy already circulated.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:- Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Members:-

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, 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, T. Walsh.

Officials:-

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer, J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, E. Gleeson, County Secretary, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., (Planning), D. Barrett, T. Murphy and T. Coughlan, Senior Staff Officers.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1397 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposal of the Chairman and seconded by Clr. John Mannion, the Members passed a Vote of Sympathy with Clr. N. O'Conchubhair on the recent death of his Mother.

On the proposal of Clr. Michael Ryan and seconded by Senator Mark Killilea the Members passed a Vote of Sympathy with the Wife and Family of the late Mark Wall, Ballygar who had served as a Member of Galway County Council in earlier years.

On the proposal of Senator Mark Killilea and seconded by the Chairman the Members passed a Vote of Sympathy with Miss Maura Moloney, Official of Galway County Council on the recent death of her Brother.

On the proposal of Senator Mark Killilea and seconded by the Chairman the Members passed a Vote of Sympathy with Councillor Joe Callanan on the recent death of Mrs. Alice Callanan wife of the late Johnny Callanan former Member of Galway County Council.

On the proposal of Senator Mark Killilea and seconded by Clr. John Mannion the Members passed a Vote of Sympathy with the Family of the late John Fitzmaurice of Ballygar who was a former Member of Galway Co. Co.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also passed with the following.

The Spellman Family, Corbally, Cummer on the death of Mrs. Spellman.
Mrs. Bridie Moran on the death of her son, Fr. Sean Moran.
Mr. Joseph Molloy, Gurteen, Ballinasloe on the death of his Father.
Mrs. B. Concannon, & Family, Milltown on the death of her Husband, Sean.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff, associated himself with the Votes of Sympathy.

The Council agreed on the proposal of the Chairman that the Meeting be adjourned for a short period as a mark of respect.

1398 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - ACQUIRE PORTION OF LAND ADJACENT TO HIGH CASHEL BURIAL GROUND FOR EXTENSION OF EXISTING BURIAL GROUND.

On resumption the Council considered the Section 4 Resolution requiring the Manager to acquire a portion of land adjacent to High Cashel Burial Ground.

Clr. John Mannion asked that the Resolution be adjourned to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council. He indicated that the Residents in the area wanted the extension to the existing Burial Ground and were prepared to accept the existing roadway serving the Burial Ground.

1399 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53483 - APPLICANT: PATRICK JARLATH JOYCE.

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 in the townland of Portacarron, approximately 2/3 mile from the junction with the main road and just past the left hand junction.

HISTORY:-

Planning Ref. No. 25820: On a site approximately twice the depth of the site in question and with a slightly different frontage, Outline Planning Permission was granted to a Mr. Patrick Keogh in December, 1977.

Planning Ref. No. 48940: Outline Planning Permission was again granted to a Mr. P. Keogh on a similar site to 25820 in December, 1984.

Planning Ref. No. 52842:} Outline Planning Permission for a similar
Planning Ref. No. 53235:} Proposal to that now under consideration was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of contravention of planning policy for areas of Outstanding Scenic Amenity.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:-

The site is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity adjacent to the shores of Lough Corrib, where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to cases of proven housing need. The Applicant has now made three applications and in none of these has he claimed a housing need. In the first application he stated that he was a prospective buyer but now claims to be the owner of the site.

Obviously, the site does not form part of the family holding and so this application could not fall into the category of housing need which might be permissible in this area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity.

Apparently the site of the Outline Planning Permission granted under Planning Ref. No. 48940 can no longer be availed of because the owner, Mr. Keogh sold the rear portion of the site.

RECOMMENDATION:-

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

The site proposed to be developed is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where it is the general policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. No such need exists and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea and seconded by Councillor John Mannion. Senator Killilea stated that the Farm of land on which the original site was situated was sold and the mapping of the site had been done badly. The site now proposed had a slightly different frontage from the original site proposed. He proposed that Planning Permission be granted. As no amendments were proposed the Chairman declared the Resolution as set out in the Agenda carried.

1400 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53126 - APPLICANT: TOMMY CAZABON.

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 in the townland of Lisheenakeeran, approximately at the top of the hill on the Corcullen/Tonabrocky Road on the western side of the roadway.

HISTORY:-

Planning Ref. No. 7974: Outline Planning Permission was refused by the Planning Authority on zoning policy in rural areas.

Planning Ref. No. 9776: Outline Planning Permission for 2 dwelling-houses was refused by the Planning Authority, but outline planning permission for 1 dwellinghouse was granted by the Minister for Local Government on appeal with a covenant agreement.

Planning Ref. No. 14118: Outline Planning Permission for 2 dwelling-houses refused by the Planning Authority, but outline planning permission for one dwelling house was granted on appeal.

Planning Ref. No. 19203: Permission for the erection of a 2 storey dwellinghouse was refused by the Planning Authority because it would contravene a condition of Ref. No. 14118. This was appealed, but no decision issued.

Planning Ref. No. 20795: A similar proposal to Ref. No. 19203 was refused by the Planning Authority, but granted on appeal by the Minister for Local Government.

Planning Ref. No. 50659: Outline Planning Permission for three dwellinghouses for Mr. G. Cazabon, Further information was requested and no reply was received.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:-

The house design, as proposed by the applicant is, in the opinion of the Planning Authority, totally inappropriate in this area of High Scenic Amenity. The applicant was requested to submit a revised house type, and in this regard the applicant's agent and, separately, the applicant and his wife attended at the Planning Office.

The result of these discussions was that the applicant refused to amend his house plans and elected to proceed with his original plans. The house plan features a 44° roof pitch with front dormer windows at first floor level with a columned porch and protruding bay windows, together with a brick finish and ground floor level.

A trial hole was dug on site and it is the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer that subject to the level of the site being raised by suitable fill, that the site can be made suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent. The Planning Authority would be prepared to grant a

single storey dwelling on the site but are opposed to the house design proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:-

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

1. The dwellinghouse proposed would be located in an area of Very High Scenic Amenity and would by reason of its design, character, external appearance and finishes be totally inappropriate to its location in an area of Very High Scenic Amenity and would, if permitted, be a discordant feature on the landscape which would seriously detract from the character and amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to Sections 24.1(i) and 26.1(ii) of the County Development Plan which seeks to ensure that new development is in character with and assimilates into its surroundings and it would, therefore, be against the proper planning and development of the area.

The County Engineer indicated that the Council would be prepared to grant Permission for a single storey dwelling on the site but were opposed to the house design proposed. It was agreed on the proposal of Senator Mark Killilea that this matter be adjourned to the January Monthly Meeting of the Council.

1401 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE PROJECT:

It was agreed at the request of Councillor P. McCormack that the Consultants Report on the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge project be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the January Monthly Meeting of the Council.

1402 - CONTROL OF DOGS ACT.

In reply to Senator Tom Hussey, the County Manager stated that it was understood that this Act has recently been passed. When details had been received from the Department of the Environment the question of implementation of the relevant provisions would be considered immediately.

1403 - ESTIMATES 1987.

In reply to Senator Mark Killilea, the County Manager stated that the Council's Estimates for 1987 could not be produced until details of Department Grants became available.

1404 - BUILDING SENSITIVELY IN IRELAND'S LANDSCAPES.

The County Manager stated that a copy of the Booklet which had been prepared by Bord Failte entitled 'Building Sensitively in Ireland's Landscapes' had been circulated to each Member. The provisions of the Booklet were being studied by the Council's Planning Officials and a report would be brought before the Members when the studies were completed. Clr. J. Mannion complimented Bord Failte on producing the Booklet and hoped that some of its provisions would be incorporated into the Council's Development Plans in due course.

1405 - ELECTORAL AMENDMENT (NO. 2 ACT) 1986.

Details of this Act had been circulated to each Member. The County Secretary replied to queries raised in relation to its provisions.

1406 - RURAL HOUSES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

Deputy Michael Kitt referred to the Council's decision not to start constructing further rural houses. He had been informed that additional capital allocation had been made available to the Council and he was disappointed that work on the construction of rural houses which were urgently needed was not commencing.

Senator Hussey supported Deputy Kitt and stated that the Council should continue its rural housing programme as there were applicants in rural areas who did not want to be considered for houses in Towns. Councillor Joe Callanan stated that the Council should continue to build rural houses and asked that work commence on some urgent cases. He referred to the case of an applicant for a demountable house who had been waiting for over 12 months for housing in his own area.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that the Council's record in the construction of houses over the last number of years was second to none. Elderly people should be encouraged to move into groups of houses in the towns from remote rural areas and he knew of a number of people in his area who had applied for old persons dwellings in the built up centres. He asked for details of the number of houses constructed over the last five years.

It was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea and seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy that Galway County Council request the Minister for the Environment for a commitment and an allocation to commence the construction of rural houses immediately.

In reply to the queries raised Mr. J. Howlett indicated that the Council had completed 143 houses in 1985 and 210 houses in 1986. In the case of rural houses the Council had an ongoing programme for a very sizable number of rural houses which were constructed annually. Mr. Howlett indicated that the initial capital allocation for existing commitments was £3,650,000 and that additional allocations of £500,000 and £300,000 had been made towards the end of last year. In the case of the rural housing programme the Council had gone ahead and constructed houses and had, in fact, spent the allocation received. He had taken up the question of urgently needed rural houses with the Department and had asked for approval to start a number of urgent cases. He indicated that the overall capital allocation position was being assessed at present and that details of the capital requirements would be submitted to the Department in the near future. He agreed that the Council's request for a commitment to start more rural houses would be conveyed to the Minister for the Environment.

Councillor Tiernan Walsh asked that a case on which he had made representations that the Council provide a house for a young handicapped person be reviewed.

Councillor J. Joyce asked that the question of getting electricity supplies to Council houses be examined as there appeared to be long delays in some cases. He asked that the Council quote the Computer Reference of the E.S.B. when making payments in respect of collections.

In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey Mr. J. Howlett stated that there were difficulties regarding the repayment of loans by borrowers. In a number of cases, the Council were prepared to discuss individual problems with borrowers, but if borrowers failed to respond to the Council's demand a hard line would have to be taken in relation to arrears.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED,

Michael B. O'Sullivan CHAIRMAN
26th January 1987 Date,

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council).

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMHE.

20u la Eanair, 1987.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe, Chontae, Gaillimhe, De Luain, an 26u la Eanair, 1987 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 acquire portion of land adjacent to High Cashel Burial Ground for extension to existing Burial Ground as this is the wish of the people of the area".
Tom Welby. Frank Fahey. Micheal O'Morain. John M. Mannion.
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 T. Cazabon for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Lisheenakeeran - Planning Ref. No. 53126.
Tom Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to resurface immediately the County Road in the townland of Ardnageeha, Cong from the junction of the Golden Bay Road to the Eastern side of Michael McDonnells house, Ardnageeha, Cong. Co. Galway.
Tom Welby. Frank Fahey. John Molloy.
4. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
 - (a) Special Council Meeting held on 12th December, 1986.
 - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 22nd December, 1986.
 - (c) Special Council Meeting held on 9th January, 1987.
5. Fix optional dates for Statutory Estimates Meeting 1987.
6. Lease of Plot of Land with Factory thereon at Gortrevagh, Oughterard to Galway Laboratories Ltd., Coill Rua, Inverin, Co. Galway - (Notice dated 14th January, 1987 already circulated).
7. Tonabrucky Quarry -- (Report enclosed).

8. Letter dated 22nd December, 1986 from Department of the Environment regarding O.P.W., Arterial Drainage Demands - (Copy enclosed).
9. Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project - (Copy of Consultants Report enclosed).
10. Major Emergency Plan.
11. Report on Roads in Clonbur Area - (Copy enclosed).
12. Letter dated 19th November, 1986 from North West Regional Development Company Ltd., Enterprise Connacht/Donegal - (Copy already circulated).
13. All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting to be held in County Hall, Wexford on Tuesday, 27th January, 1987 at 11.30 a.m.
14. Malicious Injury Decrees.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

16. That the Council takes steps to alleviate road - flooding at entry of Knockdoe Road to main Galway Tuam Road - across from Lydon's Bar.
17. That County Council take steps immediately to alleviate serious flooding on road at Corrandulla Church. This is a priority case.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH, SENATOR MARK KILLILEA, COUNCILLORS JOHN MOLLOY AND PADRAIG McCORMACK - We Will propose:

18. That the easing of a dangerous bend at Cartymore, Athenry, the scene of many dangerous accidents be included in next year's Estimates (1987) - for work programme and necessary allocation be made available.

CLR. MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose.

19. That Galway County Council proceed with a Sewerage Scheme for Oranmore in 1987.
20. That Galway County Council repair and surface Frenchfort Road, Oranmore.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN - Molaim.

21. Ba mhaith liom a mholada go gcurfi fir arais ag deasu boithre an Chonndae doibre an sean sceim oibre.
22. Ba mhaith liom a mholada go gcuirfi airgead ar fail le bothair Sna Bo agus Roillig Chill Bhriocan a dheasu.
23. Ba mhaith liom go gcuirfi airgead ar fail leis an mbothar chuig Roillig Leitir Mor na Coille a dheasu.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY - I will ask

24. To find a solution and to assist the Community in arranging Insurance Cover for Playgrounds in the County.
25. That this Council erect a double stone wall on the Tiernakill end of the new Maam Bridge instead of the single stonewall so as to give greater protection to the public.
26. For a detailed costing of the Hiring of Vans for the Oughterard Engineering Area for 1986.

DEPUTY MICHEAL KITT - I will propose.

27. That Galway County Council level the road outside the house of a person to relieve flooding (Details supplied).
28. That Landowners at Ahascragh Reservoir at Church Road, Ahascragh be allocated a water supply by Galway County Council from the Ahascragh Water Scheme.
29. That a report be given on Road Widening at Castlefrench National School.

CLR. JAMES JOYCE - I will propose

30. That the Council build a scheme of houses on the Laurencetown Housing site this year.

CLR. MARTIN LYNCH - I will propose

31. That the Galway County Council would allocate £40,000 out of the Estimates Money for the improvement of the road from Prospect, Athenry to the Cemetery via the Mart, as this road is badly congested with traffic five days a week due to the Mart with cattle and sheep lorries and assorted farm vehicles.

CLR. JOE LAMBERT - I will ask

32. That something be done about the severe flooding on the Rahasane Road at Carnaun near the Greenhouse Cross.

33. The number of lights proposed for the Gort area - Where and when they will be provided.

34. That the dangerous bend at Crushooa Cross on the main Kinvara/Lisdoonvarna Road be made safe.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose.

35. That Galway County Council resurface the Gurteen/Glentane Road from Roche's Cross to Quinn's Cross and that the necessary remedial works be carried out thereon during 1987.
36. That Galway County Council carry out emergency repair work on the road leading into James Browne's house at Colemanstown, Ballinasloe, that these works be carried out as a matter of urgency and that the necessary funds be procured from the Emergency Fund, if necessary.
37. That Galway County Council carry out immediate remedial works to alleviate the constant flooding in Coscorríg Crescent, Loughrea and that the drains and gulleys be improved to enable a constant discharge of flood waters etc., and that the work be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Present:

Clr. M. O Morain, Chairman
 Clr. J. Mannion
 Clr. Molloy
 Clr. J. McDonagh
 Clr. T. Welby
 Clr. F. Fahey
 Clr. P. O'Toole
 Mr. J. Glynn Uderas
 Mr. S. Keating, County Manager
 Mr. P.H. Flood, County Engineer
 Mr. S. McMahon, Senior Executive Engineer (W.R.)
 Mr. R. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineer (Environment)
 Mr. B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineer Planning Development
 Mr. A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officer, Engineering

Clr. O'Morain opened the meeting and asked the County Engineer to outline the two reports presented to the meeting.

- (1) Report on Mariculture in Connemara and
- (2) Lake Aquaculture.

With regard to the report on Mariculture in Connemara the County Engineer referred to the list of 34 different locations at which Mariculture was either being carried out or projects about to be undertaken as listed.

No.	Name	Location
1.	Bradán Mara	Furnace
2.	Bradán Mara	Glinisk
3.	Bradán Mara	Lough Skannive
4.	Bradán Mara	Blackhaven Bay
5.	Bradán Mara	Inishnee
6.	Bradán Mara	Lough Inagh
7.	Camus Fisheries	Muckanagh
8.	Camus Fisheries	Annaghvaan
9.	Camus Fisheries	Inver Lake
10.	Camus Fisheries	Rosaveal Cross
11.	Muir Geal	Lettercallow
12.	Muir Geal	Knock L'more
13.	Muir Geal	Lough Skannive
14.	Muir Geal	Glinisk
15.	Ardbear Farms	Beagheuneeen Lake
16.	Ardbear Farms	Salt Lake
17.	Ardbear Farms	Ardbear Bay
18.	Tully Mt. Slmn	Ballinakill Harbour
19.	Tully Mt. Slmn	Lough Fee
20.	Screebe Fisheries	Knockadev
21.	Screebe Fisheries	Lough Ahalia
22.	Emerald Fisheries	Ardmore
23.	Carraroe Farm	Calaidh Tadgh
24.	O Leoi Teo	Kiggaul L'mullen
26.	Tairgi Atlantacha	Camus Bay
27.	Sealax Ltd.	Glinisk
28.	Casheen Seafarms	Casheenbay
29.	S'town Oysters	Streamstown Bay
30.	Gleggan Oysters	Aughrusbeg
31.	Killary Salmon	Killary Harbour
32.	Killary Mussel	Killary Harbour
33.	Comhar Caomhain	Inis Durr
34.	Iascairi Inis Durr	Inis Durr

He pointed out that apart from some involvement regarding giving planning permission for ancillary land developments the Council's main concern was to improve the road infrastructure in order to service these developments.

The following summary of estimates show the necessary improvements required if the industry is to develop to its full potential.

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES

NATIONAL SECONDARY ROADS:

N.59 Roscahill - Dughterard	4 miles
N.59 Lough Agraferd	1 mile
N.59 Lough O'Orid	2 miles
N.59 Derrylea Lough	4 miles
N.59 Clifden-Leenaun	20 miles
Total mileage to be reconstructed	31
Estimated Cost	£3.7 million

REGIONAL ROADS:

R.336 Inverin & Tully	3 miles
R.336 Costelloe-Meam Cross-Leenaun	25 miles
R.343 Costelloe-Carraroe	3 miles
R.340 Screebe-Derryrush	5 miles
R.340 Kilkieran-Carna-Recess	15 miles
R.344 Recess-Lough Inagh	4 miles
R.341 Ballinahinch-Roundstone-Ballyconneely-Clifden	18 miles
R.342 Bunnahowen-Cashel-Toombeola	4 miles
Total mileage to be reconstructed	77
Estimated Cost	£7.7 million

PRINCIPAL COUNTY ROADS:

Costelloe towards Bealadangan	1.5 miles
Teernea - Lettermullen	4 miles
Derryrush-Bunnahowen	5.5 miles
Toombeola-Ballinaboy	6 miles
Estimated Cost	£1.2 million

ACCESS AND MINOR COUNTY ROADS:

(See drawings Nos. 1 to 32)	
Total mileage to be reconstructed	15.7 miles
Estimated Cost	£1.3 million (incl. bridge works)

PIERS:

Repair/reconstruct/build 10 No. piers	£0.205million
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BRIDGE WORKS ON REGIONAL ROADS:

Provisional: Allow for reconstruction of 8 No. substandard bridges	£0.6 million
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It was pointed out that the improvements particularly to the principal county roads, access and minor county roads would have to be carried out within a two year period if the industry were to flourish at the required rate and gain access to the market which is quickly becoming supplied from elsewhere.

It was then agreed that the committee would recommend that the report on Mariculture in Connemara be adopted by the Council and that a copy be sent to the Department of the Environment asking them to consult with the Department of Fisheries with a view to financing the infrastructural works indicated in the report with the assistance of grants from the E.E.C.

The County Engineer then outlined the conclusions of the Lake Aquaculture report which are as follows:

1. The Department of Fisheries and the Fishery Boards are acknowledged as being the expert bodies for general fishery and aquacultural standards e.g. stocking rates, water quality etc.
2. Fish farms should not be sited upstream of or adjacent to the intake point of water supplies.
3. Fish cages should not be located on lakes of outstanding natural beauty.
4. Bankside farms are preferable to lake cages.
5. Formalised co-ordination of procedures involved in applications for Fish Culture Licence, Planning Permission and Water Pollution Licence is urgently required.
6. Applications for Planning Permission and Water Pollution Licence to the Local Authority should always be accompanied by some form of certification from the Department of Fisheries as to the technical viability of a project.
7. Trade bodies such as the Aquaculture Association of Ireland should be made aware of the requirements of the various public bodies and asked to advise their members accordingly.
8. Better arrangements should be made for pooling technical information possessed by various bodies involved.
9. Monitoring arrangements should be expanded on lines suggested in this report.

A discussion of the number of jobs that might become available as a result of a flourishing Aquaculture industry then ensued and in particular the effect that Aquaculture might or might not have on Game Fisheries. It was pointed out that there are 25 persons employed in the Carna Area at present in Mariculture and that the potential was much greater. The importance of tourism was acknowledged but the effect on it by Aquaculture was argued and it was also agreed that the jobs ensuing from Aquaculture would be full time and not seasonal as is the case in many tourist related jobs. The need to balance the possible detrimental effects on the amenities of an area versus the likely employment that this industry might bring were then discussed.

The various aspects of the Report particularly the possible effects on water supplies were discussed and in this regard it was decided that this matter be referred to the Council's Legal Adviser for legal opinion on the Council's responsibilities, if any, to individual users of water supplies.

It was decided that before the Committee would recommend the adoption of this report to the Council that the views of the Industry should be sought on the document.

The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN

23rd February 1987. DATE.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR: Clr. M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors. J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor. J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; S. McMahon, S.E.E., L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., Planning, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer, T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; Edmond Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1407 - CHAIRMAN.

It was proposed by Clr. T. Welby and seconded by Senator M. Killilea that Clr. M. O'Morain act as Chairman. It was proposed by Clr. Martin Lynch and seconded by Senator Ulick Burke that Clr. John Mannion act as Chairman. Clr. J. Mannion withdrew his name and as there were no further proposals it was agreed that Clr. O'Morain act as Chairman for the Meeting. Clr. O'Morain then took the Chair and conveyed the apologies of Deputy Noel Treacy, Chairman and Clr. N. O'Conchubhair, Vice Chairman who were unavoidably absent.

1408 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - TO ACQUIRE PORTION OF LAND ADJACENT TO HIGH CASHEL BURIAL GROUND FOR EXTENSION TO EXISTING BURIAL GROUND.

This resolution had been adjourned from previous meetings and a report had been submitted to each Member of the Council at the Council Meeting of the 12th December, 1986. Clr. J. Mannion stated that the matter had been adjourned until consultations could be held between Council Members proposing the resolution and local people. Clr. J. Mannion stated that his information was that the people of the area wanted the extension of the old burial ground. Clr. T. Welby supported Clr. Mannion and it was proposed by Clr. T. Welby and seconded by Clr. J. Mannion and agreed that the Council endeavour to acquire the necessary lands for an extension to the existing burial ground and leave the access road as it was for the present. This was Option No. 1 as set out in the Report circulated to the Members.

1409 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53126 - APPLICANT: T. CAZABON.

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 in the townland of Lisheenakeeran, approximately at the top of the hill on the Corculla/Tonabrocky Road on the western side of the road.

HISTORY.

Planning Ref. No. 7974: Outline Planning Permission was refused by the Planning Authority on zoning policy in rural areas.

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Planning Ref. No. 9776: Outline Planning Permission for 2 dwelling-houses was refused by the Planning Authority, but outline planning permission for 1 dwellinghouse was granted by the Minister for Local Government on appeal with a covenant agreement.

Planning Ref. No. 14118: Outline Planning Permission for 2 dwelling-houses refused by the Planning Authority, but outline planning permission for one dwelling-house was granted on appeal.

Planning Ref. No. 19203: Permission for the erection of a 2 storey dwellinghouse was refused by the Planning Authority because it would contravene a condition of Ref. No. 14118. This was appealed but no decision issued.

Planning Ref. No. 20795: A similar proposal to Ref. No. 19203 was refused by the Planning Authority, but granted on appeal by the Minister for Local Government.

Planning Ref. No. 50659: Outline planning permission for three dwellinghouses for Mr. G. Cazabon, Further Information was requested and no reply was received.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The house design, as proposed by the applicant is, in the opinion of the Planning Authority, totally inappropriate in this area of High Scenic Amenity. The Applicant was requested to submit a revised house type, and in this regard the applicant's agent, and separately, the applicant and his wife attended at the Planning Office.

The result of these discussions was that the applicant refused to amend his house plans and elected to proceed with his original plans. The house plan features a 44° roof pitch with front dormer windows at first floor level with a columned porch and protruding bay windows, together with a brick finish and ground floor level.

A trial hole was dug on site and it is the opinion of the Chief Medical Officer that subject to the level of the site being raised by suitable fill, that the site can be made suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent. The Planning Authority would be prepared to grant a single storey dwelling on the site but are opposed to the house design proposed.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The dwellinghouse proposed would be located in an area of Very High Scenic Amenity and would by reason of its design, character, external appearance and finishes be totally inappropriate to its location in an area of Very High Scenic Amenity and would, if permitted, be a discordant feature on the landscape which would seriously detract from the character and amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to Sections 24.1(i) and 26.1(ii) of the County Development Plan which seeks to ensure that new development is in character with and assimilates into its surroundings and it would, therefore, be against the proper planning and development of the area.

The County Engineer stated that this matter had been adjourned from a previous meeting as it was indicated that the applicant would be allowed planning permission for a single storey dwelling.

Clr. T. Welby proposed the resolution as set out on the Agenda and circulated a photograph of houses for which planning permission had been granted in the area and stated that the development proposed was similar to what was allowed in the area already. The resolution as set out in the Agenda was seconded by Senator Mark Killilea. The County Engineer stated that the photographs submitted did not mean anything in relation to the visual amenities in the area concerned. The site which was the subject of this Section 4 resolution was located in open moorland on one of the highest points in the area and would seriously detract from the character and amenities of the area concerned.

Councillor J. Brennan proposed that planning permission not be granted in view of the fact that it had been indicated to the applicant that he would get planning permission for a single storey dwelling. There was no seconder for Clr. Brennan's proposal and as there were no further amendments the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1410 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - TO RESURFACE IMMEDIATELY THE COUNTY ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF ARGNAGEEHA, CONG FROM THE JUNCTION OF THE GOLDEN BAY ROAD TO THE EASTERN SIDE OF MICHAEL McDONNELL'S HOUSE, ARDNAGEEHA, CONG. CO. GALWAY.

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

"The section of road from the junction of the Golden Bay Road to the Eastern side of Michael McDonnell's house is 893 yds., in length. The carriageway is 10 feet wide - distance between fences is 11' - 12'.

Complete reconstruction of the road would be necessary. Also, an existing culvert needs to be repaired and two new culverts would have to be provided. In addition, 184 yds of side drain would need to be cleaned and deepened.

Total Estimate:

Road Reconstruction (incl. double coat tar and chips)	£20,000
Culverts and drainage.	£ 1,500
	£21,500

This is 75% of the total 1986 Co. Road Reconstruction Grant for the Oughterard Area".

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Clr. T. Welby and seconded by Deputy Frank Fahey. Clr. Welby stated that he had tried every way to get this section of road repaired. He stated that the estimate given was exaggerated and referred to a road in the Lettermore/Lettermullen area which he alleged had to be surfaced dressed twice because wrong material had been used. The County Engineer stated that there was no question of wrong materials having been used or money wasted on this road. The Council had got the grant for road strengthening in August and had carried out improvement works. The final surface dressing was carried out in November and it was normal that two coats of sealing and one coat of surface dressing would be provided on a road such as this.

Clr. Frank Fahey in supporting the resolution as set out on the Agenda stated that the road concerned was one of the worst he had travelled and that there was too little money going into that area at present.

The County Manager indicated that the allocations to areas for County Roads was allocated on a mileage basis. He stated that the resolution, if implemented, would require that about 75% of the reconstruction grant for the Oughterard Area would be spent on this portion of road and this approach would not be in accordance with the existing method of allocation. If the Council were to pass this resolution, the necessary finance would have to be provided in the Estimates. It was agreed on further discussion.

that this Section 4 resolution would be deferred for further consideration at the Estimates Meeting.

1411 - MINUTES.

On the proposition of Deputy F. Fahey and seconded by Clr. M. Ryan the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 12th December, 1986 were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. J. Molloy, the minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd December, 1986 were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Clr. M. Ryan and seconded by Clr. J. Molloy the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting of the 9th January, 1987 were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

1412 - UISCE GLAN TEORANTA, SPIDDAL.

Deputy Frank Fahey asked that a report be brought before the Council at the Meeting of the 13th February, 1987 on the up to date position of in relation to the monitoring of emissions from the Uisce Glan Teoranta factory at Spiddal. Deputy Fahey also asked that the report include the position in relation to the new factory being established in Spiddal, that the details of the planning conditions be outlined and that details of the monitoring and of the amount of chemicals being stored be given also. It was agreed that the report would be brought before the Council at the Meeting of the 13th February, 1987.

1413 - ROSMUC REGIONAL WATER SCHEME.

The Members asked that a report on the Rosmuc Regional Water Scheme would be placed on the Agenda for the next Sanitary Services Meeting of the Council.

1414 - DATE FOR STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING 1987.

The County Manager stated that the Minister for the Environment had made an Order prescribing amended periods for the preparation of Estimates of Expenses and the holding of Estimates Meetings by Local Authorities. The prescribed period in respect of County Councils was the 1st January to the 31st March. The County Manager stated that no details of the level of grants had been received from the Department of the Environment and the Estimates could not be completed until details of such grants were available. He suggested that the Council nominate Monday, 30th March, 1987 as the date for holding the Estimates Meeting and indicated that it may be necessary to change this date in the light of developments in consultation with the Chairman of the Council. It was proposed by Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. P. Finnegan and agreed that the 30th March, 1987 be nominated as the date for the statutory estimates Meeting subject to review as suggested by the County Manager.

1415 - LEASE OF PLOT OF LAND WITH FACTORY THEREON AT GORTREVAGH, OUGHTERARD.

It was proposed by Clr. T. Welby and seconded by Clr. M.O'Morain and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the lease of a plot of land with Factory thereon at Gortrevagh, Oughterard to Galway Laboratories Ltd., Coill Rua, Inverin, Co. Galway in accordance with notice dated 14th January, 1987, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 which has been circulated to each Member of the Council"

1416 - TONABRUCKY QUARRY.

The Council considered a Report from the County Engineer dated the 14th January, 1987, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. Enclosed with the County Engineer's Report was a report from the Consultants who had been engaged to carry out analysis of rock samples from Tonabruky Quarry. It

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was indicated that a laboratory report had been carried out by An Foras Forbartha on rock core samples taken at three locations in the floor of the Quarry. The reports indicated that the average polished stone value at all the locations tested was below the minimum specifications of the Department of the Environment for National Primary Roads. The report also indicated that the aggregate crushing value of stone from the Quarry was deteriorating. The County Engineer stated in his report that the polished stone value was so far outside the requirements of the Department Specification that it could not be used on National or Regional Roads. Allied to this the aggregate crushing value had deteriorated to an unacceptable limit and he recommended that chip production not be resumed at Tonabrucky Quarry.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that he was disappointed with the reports presented to the Council. He could not understand why there was a difference in the stone now being produced with that of the stone produced in former years. He asked if the P.S.V. Value quoted were a regulation of the Department or a recommendation. He also stated that the workforce involved would have to be taken into account. He stated that he understood that six holes had been drilled and the report referred to tests from three holes.

Deputy Frank Fahey referred to a Notice of Motion which he had submitted at a previous meeting asking that chips from Tonabrucky Quarry be used on Minor Roads. He stated that there was a danger in closing the Quarry, that the Council would be reducing its own plant and machinery and stated that there was a need for a commitment regarding the continuation of employment for the workers involved.

The County Manager stated that there was no connection between the proposal to cease production in Tonabrucky Quarry and the overall Council's policy in relation to plant. The proposals in relation to the Quarry enhanced employment potential. No policy commitments in relation to overall employment could be given as there could be changes in the future which could not be foreseen at this time. He was having the whole machinery arrangements reviewed and the make-up of Council owned machinery could change in the light of that review. No employee had lost his job as a result of the closing of the Quarry.

Clr. P. McHugh stated that the Quarry should not be closed and that chips should be produced in the Quarry for use on County Roads. The County Engineer stated that the overriding consideration was the deterioration in the P.S.V. value of the stone to an unacceptable limit. The P.S.V. value of the stone in Tonabrucky had dropped to 47 whereas the Department of the Environment's Specification required a minimum P.S.V. of 60 for National Roads. He stated that the P.S.V. values were ones which were recommended by the Department in 1982 and his understanding was that the Department were tightening up on requirements in this regard. In reply to Clr. Lambert, the County Engineer indicated that the Council would be purchasing a washed chip of the required P.S.V. value in 1987.

The County Manager stated that the Council could keep its options open in relation to the development of a Quarry in the future. It was estimated that such development would cost in the order of £500,000 which would not be available for spending elsewhere. The Council could at present buy chips cheaper than the cost of producing them itself, and if the day came in the future when there were sufficient monies available the Council could consider developing its own Quarry.

Clr. T. Welby stated that he understood that six drill holes had been made and referred to the fact that the P.S.V. requirements were not a specific instruction from the Department but a recommendation. He stated that the workforce was being scaled down all the time, there were plenty of quarries in Connemara which could be developed and he stated that the large trucks which were delivering the chips were affecting the conditions of the roads in Connemara.

Clr. M. Mullins stated that the Council had a responsibility to ensure that the best quality chips were used on the roads and that the Council should support the recommendations of the County Manager and County Engineer. It was important that the Council got value for money when purchasing chips for use on its roads. Clr. Michael Ryan stated that he supported the report of the County Engineer. On further discussion it was proposed by Senator Mark Killilea and seconded by Clr. Matt Loughnane that the matter be adjourned for further consideration to the next roads meeting of the Council.

1417 - O.P.W., ARTERIAL DRAINAGE DEMANDS.

The Council considered a letter dated the 22nd December, 1986 from the Department of the Environment regarding O.P.W., Arterial Drainage Demands, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The letter indicated that in the context of revised arrangements for arterial drainage which would come into effect in 1987 the Government had decided that maintenance of completed arterial drainage schemes would become the responsibility of the Minister for Agriculture and be funded by the Exchequer. Accordingly, local authorities would be relieved of this annual demand. The Department's letter further indicated that details regarding arrangements for the implementation of a decision and the liquidation of outstanding arrears in demands would be notified to the Council in due course.

The County Manager stated that the terms of the letter appeared to be a step in the right direction, but that the full implications of the decision were not yet known. The County Manager indicated that the Council had written to the Department of the Environment requesting that any adjustments made in the level of grants as a result of the decision be done on an equitable basis throughout the Country.

1418 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE PROJECT.

The Council considered the Cost Benefit Study for the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project which had been carried out by DeLeuw Chadwick & O hEocha, Consulting Engineers.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that he wished to propose the following Motion which he handed in and which was signed by the following Members.

'We propose that the members of Galway County Council defer adoption of this Report, because in our opinion, it is incomplete and misleading.

We also propose that payment of this Report is deferred until it is amended and subsequently adopted by the elected members of this Council.

SIGNED:- Senator M. Killilea, Clrs. T. Welby, John Molloy, Deputy F. Fahey, Clrs. J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Lynch, Deputy M. Kitt, Clrs. P. Finnegan, P. Raftery, P. McCormack, M. Ryan and Ulick Burke.

Senator Mark Killilea stated that he was not satisfied with the Cost Benefit Study which had been carried out. He stated that no serious effort had been made in the study to quantify the benefits in economic terms for the area. There was a lot of irrelevant statements and statistics in the report and the report was one which challenged the case for a bridge and gave reasons why a bridge should not be constructed rather than making a case for the provision of a bridge. He stated that the cost of the project was stated to be £2,000,000 greater than the updated cost stated in the original Ryan Hanley report. He referred to the surveys which had been carried out on Friday, 3rd October, 1986. He stated that the day selected was not representative of the amount of traffic activity. On that particular day there were not marts or fairs in the area and farm traffic was minimal. He stated that the survey was carried out on four roads only and at locations which were only four miles from the City. Surveys had not been carried out on some roads at all and the results of the surveys set out in the report were an unfair assessment of the

actual situation. He did not agree with the references in the report to the size of the Headford Mart. No consultation had taken place with Mart Managers in the catchment area of the bridge. He proposed the Motion set out above.

Clr. P. McCormack seconded the Motion proposed by Senator Killilea and stated that the Report should be rejected by the Council. He stated that the traffic survey should be carried out over a period of a week rather than over a period of one day, and that the survey should be carried out in summer time to reflect the level of tourist traffic. A negative approach had been adopted throughout the report and he did not agree with the reference to cattle mart activities referred to in the report. He did not agree with the labour force statistics quoted in the report and stated that the term of 20 years project life for the bridge was too low.

There were 3,000 farmers in the catchment area of the bridge and 60% of fodder requirements had to be imported into Connemara. No reference was made in the report to the improvement of living standards for the people in the area. Clr. McCormack asked what the next step was in relation to furthering the case for the bridge.

Senator Ulick Burke stated that it was important that the Council reject the report unanimously. The report did not reflect local requirements and it contained too many generalities.

In reply to Clr. McCormack, the County Manager stated that it was a requirement of the Government that any major project being planned should be subject to a Cost Benefit Analysis Study. The Council had employed the Consultants to carry out the Study in relation to the project and the results were set out in the Report. The question of financing a project of this size arose and the Council had no funds of its own to construct a project of this magnitude. A copy of the Report had been submitted to the Department of the Environment. The Council Members could now inform the Minister for the Environment that they did not agree with the Report and ask that their submissions be taken into account in considering the question of financing the project.

Clr. P. McHugh stated that the Report which was not acceptable to the Council should not be sent anywhere and that the County Manager should request the Department of the Environment to send it back. The Report set out all the argument for not having a bridge in the area and he did not agree with the methods adopted for preparing the traffic surveys and the interview techniques applied. He stated that no account had been taken of new traffic or the potential of tourism in the area. He did not agree with the locations where the survey had been undertaken. He did not agree with the projections in relation to car ownership or the Consultants expectations of economic development in the future. He stated that there were a number of methods of constructing a bridge which were not considered in the report. In reply to Councillor McHugh, the County Manager stated that a letter had been received from the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees asking that a higher clearance over winter water level be provided for. This requirement would add millions of pounds to the cost already quoted in the report. It was indicated that the Engineer of the Trustees was satisfied with the proposals regarding bridge height as set out in the Consultants report, but that the Trustees felt that the bridge should be at the higher level to provide for high mast sailing boats on Lough Corrib. Clr. Joe Burke stated that the benefits from a proposed bridge would continue on after the initial 20 years and the bridge would be a permanent infrastructural improvement for the County of Galway. The people of Tuam were strongly in favour of the construction of the bridge as a saving of 50 miles on the journey from Tuam to Oughterard would be achieved, which would be of major benefit to the tourist industry in Galway. Following further discussion a number of Councillors supported the statements already made, the Chairman declared the Notice of Motion carried and stated that the comments of the Councillors would be conveyed to the Department of the Environment. The County Manager stated that in relation to the second part of the Resolution that payment to the Consultant could have been made already. He stated that the contributions made by the Members would be conveyed to the Department and that the matter would be brought back before the Council when a reply had been received from the Department.

1419 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE - L.A.M.A.

Clr. James Joyce stated that the Annual Conference of the Local Authority Members Association would be held in Galway on the 24th and 25th April, 1987 in the Great Southern Hotel. He asked that the County Council and the Corporation become involved in local arrangements including arrangements regarding sponsorship and social activity. He stated that the Institute of Public Administration were organising the Programme for the Conference. He presented the Chairman and the County Manager with copies of the L.A.M.A. Year Book and Diary 1987.

1420 - MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN.

The County Manager stated that since the Council had prepared a Major Emergency Plan for the County of Galway in December, 1984, the Department had set out guidelines for the preparation of an umbrella plan which would co-ordinate the activities of the County Council, the Garda and the Health Board for dealing with a Major Emergency. The Council were in the process of producing a revised Major Emergency Plan along the lines of the Department's Guidelines and he was arranging for final discussions with the organisations involved. There was one matter of concern in the Plan whereby it was implied that the Council should be able to respond on a twenty-four hour basis to major emergencies. No arrangements regarding the availability of staff on a twenty-four basis had been made and he had been in touch with the Department of the Environment about the implications of such a suggestion. The staff of the Council had indicated that they were willing to respond to emergencies, if available, but arrangements for availability on an around-the-clock basis would have to be clarified. The County Manager stated that this implication in the proposed new plans was posing problems in all counties.

1421 - REPORT ON ROADS IN CLONBUR AREA.

The Council agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the next roads meeting.

1422 - ENTERPRISE CONNACHT/DONEGAL.

Clr. Tiernan Walsh proposed that the Council appoint two representatives to this Body. It was indicated that discussions had been arranged between the R.D.O., and Members of Enterprise Connacht/Donegal to see how the functions of Enterprise Connacht/Donegal and the R.D.O., overlapped. It was agreed that further consideration of this matter would be adjourned pending the outcome of the discussions with the R.D.O.

1423 - ALL-IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING - WEXFORD - 27TH JANUARY, 1987.

It was agreed that Councillors Joe Callanan, T. Welby and J. Mannion attend the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting to be held in the County Hall, Wexford on Tuesday, 27th January, 1987 at 11.30 a.m.

1424 - POSTAL DELIVERIES.

In reply to Clr. Joe Burke, the County Manager indicated that he would examine the position in relation to problems of late delivery of wages in the Tuam Area.

1425 - MALICIOUS INJURIES.

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees which had been circulated to each Member were noted.

1426 - DEPARTMENT ALLOCATIONS.

The Council agreed with the following resolution submitted by Clr. Joe Brennan.

"That this Council calls on the Department of the Environment to increase this year's allocation to Galway County Council as investigations have shown that we are not receiving our fair share, relative to other local authorities".

1427 - AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT.

The County Manager stated that a report on Infrastructural Requirements for the Development of Aquaculture in the Connemara area had been prepared and had been considered by the Aquaculture Committee. The Report indicated that improvement to service roads and piers were urgently required at an estimated cost of £1.5 million. The Aquaculture Committee had recommended that the Council seek a special allocation of funds from the Department of the Environment and the Department of Fisheries to meet the cost of the necessary works. It was proposed by Clr. O'Morain and seconded by Clr. Michael Ryan and agreed that the Council seek a special allocation of funds as recommended by the Aquaculture Committee.

1428 - LOUGHREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The County Manager indicated that the amendments to the Loughrea Development Plan had been put on display for public inspection in accordance with the statutory requirements and that the latest date for the submission of observations or objections was the 20th February, 1987.

1429 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

Resolutions of Sympathy were adopted with the following:-
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lyons, Marless, Moylough on the death of their son Joe.
Mrs. Eva O'Malley & Family, Carraroe, Co. Galway on the death of her husband.
Mrs. Irene King, & Family, Ros na Ri, Newcastle on the death of her husband Ned.
The County Manager, on his own behalf, and on behalf of the Staff associated himself with the Votes of Sympathy.
COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

1430 - THAT THE COUNCIL TAKES STEPS TO ALLEVIATE ROAD - FLOODING AT ENTRY OF KNOCKDOE ROAD TO MAIN GALWAY TUAM ROAD - ACROSS FROM LYDON'S BAR - MOTION BY CLR. J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Clr. McDonagh.

"Improvements at this location Junction of N.17 and County Road 149 are at present in progress with approximately 75% of the work completed".

1431 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE STEPS IMMEDIATELY TO ALLEVIATE SERIOUS FLOODING ON ROAD AT CORRANDULLA CHURCH. THIS IS A PRIORITY CASE - MOTION BY CLR. J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Clr. J. McDonagh.
"The landowner will not allow the Council to construct a soakpit inside the boundary wall which would alleviate the flooding problem.
An alternative solution would be to raise the road at this location and convey the surface water elsewhere - estimated cost £3,000.
Funds are not currently available for carrying out this work. It will be considered when funds are available".

1432 - THAT THE EASING OF A DANGEROUS BEND AT CARTYMORE, ATHENRY, THE SCENE OF MANY DANGEROUS ACCIDENTS BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S ESTIMATES (1987) - FOR WORK PROGRAMME AND NECESSARY ALLOCATION BE MADE AVAILABLE - MOTION BY CLR. JARLATH McDONAGH, SENATOR MARK KILLILEA, CLRS. JOHN MOLLOY AND PADRAIG McCORMACK.

The following written reply was given to Clr. J. McDonagh, Senator Mark Killilea, Clrs. John Molloy and Padraig McCormack.

"The bend at Cartymore, Athenry, is on County Road No. 173. Improvement of sight distance which would necessitate land acquisition is estimated to cost £6,750.00. While funds remain limited expenditure under County Road improvements must give priority to the improvement of the road carriageway. The improvement of the bend at Cartymore is not considered a priority in the 1987 work programme."

1433 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEED WITH A SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR ORANMORE IN 1987 - MOTION BY CLR. MICHAEL FAHY.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Fahy.

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"A report is awaited from Galway Corporation in regard to the capacity of certain existing sewers from Dublin Road to the outfall from Galway City. A report from An Foras Forbartha was received 18th December, 1986, in regard to a proposed sea outfall near the mouth of Oranmore Bay and the report is being examined by the Council's Engineers.
Progress with Oranmore Sewerage Scheme must await consideration of above reports".

1434 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR AND SURFACE FRENCHFORT ROAD, ORANMORE - MOTION BY CLR. MICHAEL FAHY.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Fahy.

"The Frenchfort Road, Oranmore, is a narrow county road. It is repaired and maintained as resources permit. It is not considered a priority for surface dressing".

1435 - BA MHAITH LIOM A MHOADA GO GCURFI FIR ARAIS AG DEASU BOITHRE AN CHONNDAE DO REIR AN SEAN SCEIM OIBRE - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN.

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Comhairleoir Micheal O'Morain.

"Nil a dhotain airgead ar fail chun an sean sceim oibre seo a thabhairt ar ais".

1436 - BA MHAITH LIOM A MHOADA GO GCURFI AIRGEAD AR FAIL LE BOTHAIR SNA BO AGUS ROILLIG CHILL BHRIOCAN A DHEASU - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN.

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Comhairleoir Micheal O'Morain.

"Cuirfear an iarrathas seo san aireamh 'sna Meastuchain do 1987 de reir mar a bheidh airgead ar fail"

1437 - BA MHAITH LIOM GO GCURFI AIRGEAD AR FAIL LEIS AN MHOCHAR CHUIG ROILLIG LEITIR MOR NA COILLE A DHEASU - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN.

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Comhairleoir Micheal O'Morain.

"Cuirfear an iarrathas seo san aireamh 'sna Meastuchain do 1987 de reir mar a bheidh airgead ar fail".

1438 - TO FIND A SOLUTION AND ASSIST THE COMMUNITY IN ARRANGING INSURANCE COVER FOR PLAYGROUNDS IN THE COUNTY - MOTION BY CLR. T. WELBY.

The following reply was given to Clr. Welby.

"I wish to inform you that the Council's Insurers are unable to extend the Council's Policy to operate in respect of cover for community playgrounds".

1439 - THAT THIS COUNCIL ERECT A DOUBLE STONE WALL ON THE TIERNAKILL END OF THE NEW MAAM BRIDGE INSTEAD OF THE SINGLE STONEWALL SO AS TO GIVE GREATER PROTECTION TO THE PUBLIC - MOTION BY CLR. T. WELBY.

The following reply was given to Clr. Welby

"Adequate walls will be built to take into account public safety as determined by the County Engineer".

1440 - FOR A DETAILED COSTING OF THE HIRING OF VANS FOR THE OUGHTERARD ENGINEERING AREA FOR 1986 - MOTION BY CLR. T. WELBY.

The following reply was given to Clr. Welby.

"Three vans were hired in the Oughterard Engineering area during 1986 at a total cost of £10,140".

1441 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL LEVEL THE ROAD OUTSIDE THE HOUSE OF A PERSON TO RELIEVE FLOODING (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT.

The following reply was given to Deputy Kitt.

"The house owner removed the old road boundary fence in front of his house and gravelled the area between his new boundary wall and the edge of the

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road. This area is now holding water and causing the flooding problem. It is house owner's responsibility to properly drain and surface this area."

- 1442 - THAT LANDOWNERS AT AHASCRAH RESERVOIR AT CHURCH ROAD, AHASCRAH BE ALLOCATED A WATER SUPPLY BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FROM THE AHASCRAH WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT.

The following reply was given to Deputy Kitt.

"The present Ahascragh Water Supply is unsatisfactory and is being investigated presently to cut back on wastage. No decision on supply can be made until the present capacity is determined".

- 1443 - THAT A REPORT BE GIVEN ON ROAD WIDENING AT CASTLEFRENCH NATIONAL SCHOOL - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT.

The following reply was given to Deputy Kitt.

"The estimated cost of road improvements at Castlefrench N.S. entailing the improvement of sight distance at a sharp bend and necessitating land acquisition, earthworks and construction of new roadside fence, is £6,500.

The proposed improvements are included in a priority list of schemes to be carried out under county road improvement works. The 1987 work programme cannot be finalised until road grant allocations are determined".

- 1444 - THAT THE COUNCIL BUILD A SCHEME OF HOUSES ON THE LAURENCETOWN HOUSING SITE THIS YEAR - MOTION BY CLR. JAMES JOYCE.

The following reply was given to Clr. Joyce.

"Housing schemes have been built at Portumna and Eyrecourt, and the Council's rural programme is continuing. In this way, any need in the Laurencetown area will be met. There is not sufficient established need to warrant a scheme of houses in Laurencetown this year".

- 1445 - THAT THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD ALLOCATE £40,000 OUT OF THE ESTIMATES MONEY FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD FROM PROSPECT, ATHENRY TO THE CEMETERY VIA THE MART, AS THIS ROAD IS BADLY CONGESTED WITH TRAFFIC FIVE DAYS A WEEK DUE TO THE MART WITH CATTLE AND SHEEP LORRIES AND ASSORTED FARM VEHICLES - MOTION BY CLR. MARTIN LYNCH.

The following reply was given to Clr. Lynch.

"The improvement of the road from Prospect to the Cemetery via the Mart in Athenry is included in a priority list of improvements to be carried out under Regional Road improvement works and in accordance with the Development Plan proposals for Athenry. The 1987 work programme cannot be finalised however until road grant allocations are determined".

- 1446 - THAT SOMETHING BE DONE ABOUT THE SEVERE FLOODING ON THE RAHASANE ROAD AT CARNAUN NEAR THE GREENHOUSE CROSS - MOTION BY CLR. JOE LAMBERT.

The following reply was given to Clr. Lambert.

"The road at the above location was flooded to a depth of 12" for a distance of approximately 100 yds. from the 17th December, 1986 to the 12th January, 1987. There is no record of flooding at this location previously and as the drainage from here depends very much on swallow holes the Council will investigate the local drainage to see if any changes or blockages have occurred to cause the flooding".

- 1447 - THE NUMBER OF LIGHTS PROPOSED FOR THE GORT AREA - WHERE AND WHEN THEY WILL BE PROVIDED - MOTION BY CLR. JOE LAMBERT.

The following reply was given to Clr. Lambert.

"The number of lights proposed for the Gort Area are each at the following locations.

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- (1) Gort Community Centre.
- (2) Labane Church.
- (3) Ballinderreen Village.
- (4) Kilbeacanty Church.
- (5) Shanaglish Church.
- (6) Tierneeven Church.

An order has been sent to the E.S.B. and they have indicated that they hope to have the work carried out during February, 1987".

- 1448 - THAT THE DANGEROUS BEND AT CRUSHOOA CROSS ON THE MAIN KINVARA/LISDOONVARNA ROAD BE MADE SAFE - MOTION BY CLR. JOE LAMBERT.

The following reply was given to Clr. Lambert.

"There is no immediate prospect of funds being provided by the Department of the Environment to carry out improvements at this location".

- 1449 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RESURFACE THE GURTEEN/GLENTANE ROAD FROM ROCHE'S CROSS TO QUINN'S CROSS AND THAT THE NECESSARY REMEDIAL WORKS BE CARRIED OUT THEREON DURING 1987 - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

The following reply was given to Deputy Treacy.

"This road is on our surface dressing programme for this year provided sufficient finance is made available to meet our Programme of work."

- 1450 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK ON THE ROAD LEADING INTO JAMES BROWNE'S HOUSE AT COLEMANSTOWN, BALLINASLOE, THAT THESE WORKS BE CARRIED OUT AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AND THAT THE NECESSARY FUNDS BE PROCURED FROM THE EMERGENCY FUND, IF NECESSARY - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

The following reply was given to Deputy Treacy.

"The road into Mr. James Browne's house is county road number 427 which serves two houses and a number of landowners. It is a cul-de-sac road but the public roadway does not extend to Mr. Browne's house. The final 80 yards approximately has a gravel surface and is not taken in charge.

Surface repairs to the public roadway will be carried out in the near future under County Road Maintenance. The road is not a priority roadway and emergency work is not necessary".

- 1451 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE REMEDIAL WORKS TO ALLEVIATE THE CONSTANT FLOODING IN COSCORRIG CRESCENT, LOUGHREA AND THAT THE DRAINS AND GULLEYS BE IMPROVED TO ENABLE A CONSTANT DISCHARGE OF FLOOD WATERS ETC., AND THAT THE WORK BE CARRIED OUT AS A MATTER OF URGENCY - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

The following reply was given to Deputy Treacy.

"There is a recurring flooding problem in Coscorrigan Crescent due to the inadequacy of the existing surface water drainage system. The existing 6" drainage will have to be replaced with a 12" diameter pipe for a distance of approximately 450 metres at an estimated cost of £11,250. The laying of the proposed new pipe will necessitate a wayleave being acquired from the one landowner. The cost of this scheme could not be borne by ordinary Co. Road maintenance".

- 1452 - CORRESPONDENCE

The following list of correspondence was circulated to the Members.

1. Letter from Wexford Corporation dated 4th December, 1986 regarding review of present situation relating to Motor Insurance.
2. Letter from Monaghan County Council dated 17th December, 1986 requesting that materials required/purchased by local authorities for road maintenance and improvement be exempt from V.A.T.
3. Letter from Monaghan County Council dated 17th December, 1986 requesting