

the Minister for Energy, to give special consideration for the provision of electricity supply to persons who qualify under the Housing Aid for the Elderly Scheme, having had their right to service approved by the Health Board.

- 4. Letter from Monaghan Urban District Council dated 23rd December, 1986 requesting that the Council condemn yet again the reduction in the Old Age Pensioners' Christmas Bonus.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN

23rd February 1987 DATE

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH

6u la Feabhra, 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 13u la Feabhra, 1987, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

- 1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Gerard Linnane of Roundstone for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Inishnee - Planning Ref. No. 53081.

Tom Welby. Mark Killilea Frank Fahey.

- 2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission to Brendan Higgins for the retention of separate entrance to dwellinghouse at Glennagarraun - Planning Ref. No. 53417 .

Paddy McHugh Jarlath McDonagh 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 Joe Feeney for the retention of entrance to his dwellinghouse at Lemonfield. Planning Ref. No. 53447.

Thomas Welby John Molloy Mark Killilea.

- 4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to to grant Planning Permission to Thomas Roche, Knockdoemore - as per documents lodged - Planning Ref. No. 53432.

Mark Killilea. Jarlath McDonagh John Molloy.

5. REPORTS

- (1) Uisce Glan Teo., Spiddal.
- (2) Aran Chemicals, Spiddal.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

An Comhairleoir Nioclas O'Conchubhair
(Leas Cathaoirleach)

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.
Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan,
Deputy Frank Fahey, Councillors P. Finnegan,
F. Glynn, J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane,
M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh,
J. Mannion, J. Molloy, 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; E. Gleeson, County Secretary;
L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); R. Faherty,
S.E.E. (Environment); and D. Barrett, Senior
Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1453 - CHAIRMAN:

Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair conveyed the apology of the Chairman, Deputy Noel Treacy, who was unavoidably absent.

1454 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53081 - GERARD LINNANE:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the island of Inishnee.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the island of Inisnee in an area of outstanding scenic amenity. There is no public roadway fronting the site. The applicant has other lands on the island with frontage onto the public road. There are existing dwellinghouses adjacent to these other lands and the Planning Authority are of the opinion that a dwellinghouse could be located on these lands.

The proposed location is completely isolated and the proposed dwellinghouse would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would be located in an exposed unrelieved location in an area of outstanding scenic amenity and would, if permitted, be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would not be assimilated into its surroundings and would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The site proposed to be developed is remote from the public roadway and would, if permitted, lead to the erosion of the natural scenic amenities of the area, would seriously detract from the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Special Council Meeting on the 13th February, 1987.

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The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Councillor Micheal O'Morain. Councillor Welby stated that the applicant was a member of a large family from the village of Roundstone. The proposed development was on the family farm on a section that the father had given to the applicant. The development, therefore, was for a member of a farming family on the farm holding. There were a number of houses in the area already and he proposed that Planning Permission be granted. As there were no amendments to Councillor Welby's proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1455 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53417 - BRENDAN HIGGINS:

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

"LOCATION:

The access proposed to be retained opens onto an unrealigned section of the Headford/Shrule National Secondary Route approximately 1/4 mile north of Headford.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. 35327: Permission was originally granted in June 1980, for three houses subject to their having a common access by means of a service road. This route was not at this time categorised as National Secondary.

Planning Ref. 38156: Approval was granted in June 1981 for the erection of the dwellinghouse from which it is proposed to take a direct access onto the National Secondary Route. Approval was granted subject to the provision of a service road.

Planning Ref. 43245: Permission was granted in August 1982, for the same site as planning ref. 38156 for a change of house plan subject to the provision of a service road.

Planning Ref. 45842: Permission was granted in August 1983, for a dwellinghouse on the site immediately to the north of planning ref. 35156 subject to access being taken from a service road.

None of the above decisions, or their conditions, were appealed.

PRESENT PROPOSAL:

The current proposal is to retain an access at present opening onto the National Secondary Route and thereby contravenes a specific condition of all previous permissions.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The access at present opens onto a narrow winding section of the National Secondary Route with very poor visibility in the northern direction. The purpose of the service road was to gather the accesses into a single collection point which would be sited at an optimum location from a traffic hazard point of view.

The granting of an exemption to this requirement to one individual will make its imposition on the two adjoining developments more burdensome and will diminish the original *raison d'etre* of the service road.

Some years ago, work on the realignment of this section of the road was initiated, however, owing to shortage of funds its completion has been deferred and at the moment, no date can be given for the resumption of work. This is an added reason for requiring a service road which will service the three developments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would result in a proliferation of vehicular accesses on a National Secondary Route which is as yet unrealigned and where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route. The original Permission for this housing development was contingent on a service road being constructed to serve this and adjacent houses in the interests of traffic safety."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor P. McHugh and seconded by Councillor J. McDonagh. Councillor McHugh stated that Planning Permission should be granted as the road in the area was being realigned. The walls had been removed from the frontage of the site and the Council were making a second demand to ask for a service road. When the road was fully realigned, there would be three roads with the new carriageway, the old public road and the new service road required by the Council. Visibility at the site was much better with the realignment. He said that the applicant had built his house and should not be put to the expense of building a service road. As there were no amendments to Councillor McHugh's proposal, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1456 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53447 - APPLICANT: JOE FEENEY.

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor T. Welby, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, that consideration of this resolution be adjourned to the next meeting of the Council.

1457 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53432 - APPLICANT: THOMAS ROCHE.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on the Galway/Roscommon National Secondary Route approximately 1 mile north east of the Tuam Road turn off.

PLANNING HISTORY:

- Ref. No. 29139: Planning Permission for two dwellinghouses for Mr. T. Ruane refused in January 1979 on the grounds of traffic hazard.
- Ref. No. 30910: Planning Permission for one dwellinghouse for Mr. C. Phelan refused in April 1979 on the grounds of traffic hazard.
- Ref. No. 30912: Planning Permission for one dwellinghouse for Mr. T. Ruane refused in April 1979 on the grounds of traffic hazard.
- Ref. No. 33120: Planning Permission for one dwellinghouse for Mr. T. Ruane granted in November 1979, after the passing of a Section 4 resolution.
- Ref. No. 46685: Planning Permission granted in October 1983 for change of house plan.
- Ref. No. 49337: Planning Permission granted for the retention of a change of house plan subject to the unauthorised transport depot being discontinued and the ground reinstated.

HISTORY OF ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS:

- October 1984: Warning Notice re unauthorised truck depot for haulage business issued. The unauthorised development continued.
- July 1986: Developer convicted under S24 of the 1963 Planning Act and fined £100 and £50 costs. The unauthorised development continued.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The developer has levelled and reinforced some 1,600 square metres of ground beside his house and has located 3 no. oil storage tanks thereon. From time to time up to 3 no. articulated vehicles have been noted parked on this as well as pallets, crates and other haulage material. The developer has claimed in correspondence that he merely proposes to park one vehicle on an occasional basis overnight, but in a telephone conversation with planning staff, he agreed that there were a number of trailers involved and that on occasional servicing of his employees trucks was carried out. Thus the use being undertaken and the use now sought is effectively for a commercial truck/haulage depot.

Such a use would undoubtedly give rise to a traffic hazard on this National Secondary Route and would be at variance with the County Council's policy with regard to such routes.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies would owing to the conflicting traffic movements it would generate be liable to endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the Planning Authority as stated in the County Development Plan (Para. 25.1, Table 25B) which restricts development along this route to particular categories of essential housing need, which category of development is not involved in this case."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh and seconded by Deputy Frank Fahey. Councillor McDonagh stated that the applicant wished to park vehicles on the site in question and to service such vehicles there. The applicant had brought employment to the area and there were no objections from his neighbours. The road was quite wide at the location involved and he did not think that a traffic hazard would exist. There was a security risk for the applicant in relation to his lorries if they were parked away from his house, which was adjacent to the site.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the applicant's neighbours had no objections and he submitted three letters from the neighbours living nearest to his house. Deputy Fahey stated that the road which passed by the site was a straight open road and that there was no question of a traffic hazard existing. While it was a National Secondary Route, it was not a busy one. Deputy Fahey stated that the site would be used largely for parking of trailers and would not be used to such an extent that there would be trucks going in and out of the site every day. He stated that it was not feasible for the applicant to relocate in the area.

The County Manager stated that the Council had undertaken to consider the granting of a temporary permission, if the applicant agreed to find an alternative site within 12 months. The applicant did not appear to be interested in relocating anywhere in the future. A number of Councillors spoke in favour of the application. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the applicant would be granted a temporary Planning Permission for four years for the use of the site without Permission for a service building. It was agreed that Planning Permission would be given for a domestic garage.

1458 - REPORT ON UISCE GLAN TEO., SPIDDAL:

The County Manager read a report dated 12th February, 1987, which had been prepared by Mr. R. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineer, Environment, copy of this report had been circulated to each Member.

The report indicated that the factory known as Uisce Glan produced Aluminium Sulphate, the chemical universally used in water treatment plants for clarification of drinking water. The chemical was produced by the addition of Sulphuric Acid to Aluminium Hydrate. When Sulphuric Acid was added to water, one of the effects was that steam was generated.

The process used generated a cloud of Water Vapour combined with some Sulphuric Acid droplets. The cloud could not accurately be described as a cloud of Sulphuric Acid. It was rather Water Vapour containing a very small percentage of acid.

The report indicated that some measurements of the emission within the factory chimney were carried out by the I.I.R.S. at the request of Udaras na Gaeltachta which revealed modest levels of Acid in the Vapour. No measurements were made of levels in the air. However, the levels of Sulphuric Acid noted were low enough to suggest that no significant level of air pollution could reasonably have been expected to exist in the factory vicinity. When complaints were made to the Council, An Foras Forbartha were asked to carry out environmental monitoring. This monitoring was proceeding at present. The monitoring involved the placing of devices fixed and movable in various locations. The locations were chosen to ensure that measurements were representative. All measurements were taken downstream of the emission. Results at hand indicated pollutant levels well below E.E.C. Guideline Values.

In regard to works designed to improve emission quality, the owners of the factory had already modified their process so as to lessen loss of Sulphuric Acid to the atmosphere. This was commercially desirable for them as well as being desirable from an Environmental point of view as Sulphuric Acid was an expensive raw material. The firm also intended to fit a "Scrubber" which would virtually eliminate any residual problem.

In Summary, the report indicated that the visible cloud was largely Water Vapour, that pollutant levels were well below E.E.C. Guideline Values in the atmosphere near the factory, and any remaining Acidic fraction would be eliminated, once a "Scrubber" had been fitted.

The County Manager indicated also that the County Medical Officer had carried out monitoring of the factory over the past few months. Minor discharges had been noted from time to time, but on no occasion did a public health nuisance exist.

Deputy Frank Fahey thanked the Council staff for the quick response in this case, and asked that regular monitoring of the situation be carried out. Deputy Fahey hoped that the installation of the "Scrubber" would eliminate the problem. Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair also asked that the premises be kept monitored. He stated that while it was essential that no injurious emissions be allowed. It was important that employment in the area would not be affected.

1458 - REPORT ON ARAN CHEMICALS, SPIDDAL:

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

"Planning Permission was granted to Udaras na Gaeltachta for the construction of a factory for the manufacture of chemical products on its industrial site at Spiddal - Ref. No. 52247.

The products are to be "fine chemicals" used in the food, medical and cosmetic industries.

There are three principal products described in the documents lodged:

- (i) Ethyl Vanillin
- (ii) Propenyl Gaaethol
- (iii) Phenyl Hydroxy Butanone.

The chemicals involved in the processes, which are listed hereunder, are to be stored in a bonded storage area on the site and internally in one of the buildings. The Fire Department have no objection to the proposal subject to the installation of adequate means of escape, the provision of a water supply for fire fighting and the submission of a list of all chemicals to the Fire Authority.

In dealing with the application, the Planning Authority sought details of all material to be used, all end products, and a report from the I.I.R.S. giving an assessment of the process and examining the adequacy of the existing Udaras treatment plant to deal with the Industrial effluent.

The I.I.R.S. examined samples of the products which are being developed for some time in a pilot plant in Galway City and their report indicates that there is adequate capacity in the treatment plant to deal with the Aran Chemicals effluent provided some adjustments are made to the flow and that there is a reduction in the concentration of copper in the effluent. The developer has agreed to this and has agreed to submit samples at regular intervals to the I.I.R.S. so as to achieve an acceptable degree of monitoring.

The Environmental Department of the County Council will also monitor discharges from the treatment plant to ensure that it complies with the terms of its licence under the Water Pollution Act. Consequently, it is not envisaged that there will be any pollution arising from the Aran Chemical effluent.

There will be no gaseous emission from the process other than what will be in the general atmosphere within the factory and what makes its way externally through normal ventilation. An examination of the pilot plant indicated no unpleasant or unduly strong odours internally and no detectable odour externally.

The products being developed are generally regarded as safe in the Food Industry and are classified as such in the United States.

List of Chemicals Used:

Cathechol; Glyoxylic Acid; Diethyl Sulfate; Chloroform; Ethanol Sulfuric Acid; Sodium Hydroxide; Clove Oil, Diethyl Sulfate; Ethyleve Glycol; Dichloroethane; Diethyl Amine; Hydrogen Chloride; Acetone; Paraldehyde; Decalin Toluene; Phenol; Ethanol."

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that he had been given to understand that some highly lethal chemicals would be stored in the proposed new factory. He was satisfied from the report submitted that this was not the case and that the products being produced were to be used in the food and medical industry.

1459 - PROTEIN FACTORY AT ROSSAVEAL:

Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair stated that a serious problem existed at Rossaveal where beaches were polluted and a smell from a local factory was very bad. He asked that the Council take action in relation to the matter and carry out monitoring immediately. Councillor Welby supported Councillor O'Conchubhair and asked that urgent attention be given to the problem in view of the effect on tourism in the area.

The County Manager agreed that the matter would be examined immediately.

1460 - ROAD SIGNS:

Councillor Micheal O'Morain referred to difficulties which arose for owners of premises who were providing accommodation on a seasonal basis. Such people could not get Permission to erect finger post signs as Planning Permission for changes of use had not been granted in some cases.

He suggested that in view of the difficulties involved that such persons be allowed to put up finger signs in the current year. He stated that the only method of advertising was the sign for such people. The County Manager stated that Guesthouses had to have Planning Permission. He was aware that a number of people were providing accommodation on a short term basis and wondered whether such people would consider doing without signs. In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Manager stated that persons making application for the erection of signs should look at the Council's Planning policy so as to save unnecessary trouble for themselves in making applications. Discussions had been held with hotel interests on the possibility of providing advertising bays at suitable locations. The representatives of the hoteliers were to get in touch with advertising firms regarding the matter.

The County Engineer indicated that the Council were reviewing the question of signs provided and this review would be completed before the coming summer. Councillor Joe Callanan referred to a person who had a licence up to December 1986, for the erection of a sign in the Oranmore Area but that this licence had not been renewed. It was agreed that the queries raised by the Councillors would be examined further.

1461 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Val Martyn, "Ard Mhuire", Ballinasloe, on the death of his wife, Frances.
Mr. Henry Thomas, Craughwell.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN

23/3/87 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus An Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

17u la Feabhra, 1987.

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 23u la Feabhra, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Joe Feeney for the retention of entrance to his dwellinghouse at Lemonfield. Planning Ref. No. 53447."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-

(a) Monthly Council Meeting held on the 26th January, 1987.
(b) Acquaculture Committee Meeting held on the 23rd January, 1987.
3. Overdraft Accommodation for quarter ended 30th June, 1987.
4. Maintenance of West Pier, Kiltonan. (Report attached)
5. Control of Dogs Act, 1986. (Summary enclosed)
6. National Tree Week 1st-8th March, 1987. (Details enclosed)
7. Nomination of 2 delegates to the Joint Conference of the Library Association and the Northern Ireland Branch, The Library Association in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, 27th April - 1st May, 1987.
8. Irish Museums Association Spring Seminar 1987 - Limerick - 27th February - 1st March, 1987. (Details enclosed)
9. Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting of Five Counties and Donegal - Friday, 6th March, 1987, in Galway.
10. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTIONCOUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

11. That the County Council take immediate steps to alleviate serious flooding now prevailing on road opposite Geraghty Joinery Works at Caraghy, Knockdoe.
12. That the County Council declare Cahernahorick Road, Belclare, a public road.
13. That Galway County Council take immediate steps to alleviate flooding situation that now prevails and is causing a very serious problem and hazard at Gortadubha, Claregalway.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

14. That Galway County Council level the road outside the house of a person (Details supplied) to relieve flooding.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

15. That arrangements be made to construct two additional bedrooms onto the Council house occupied (details supplied) where there is a man and his wife with nine children living in grossly overcrowded conditions.
16. That traffic route lighting be erected on the entrance roads to Clifden.
17. That immediate steps be taken to eliminate the severe flooding that occurs at the Ball Alley, Beach Road, Clifden.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH - I will propose:

18. That the Social Employment Scheme be extended for another twelve months in the Craughwell area.
19. That the Social Employment Scheme be extended for another twelve months in the Athenry Area.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

20. That "children crossing" signs be erected opposite to the Cloughbrack Housing Estate, Eyrecourt, on the main Eyrecourt/Laurencetown Road near where the children cross to go to the National School and also near where they cross to visit the playground.
21. That the County Council give me an estimate for piping flood water away from Sonny Kelly's gate, Kill, Kiltormer, across the very narrow road to a drain on the other side, as I wish to spend some of my Notice of Motion on Money on this work.
22. That this Council consider the great number of vacant houses in rural and urban areas throughout this County and draw up proposals whereby people would be encouraged to preserve and restore them and go to live in them.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

23. That steps be taken to relieve flooding at Andrew Leonard's house, Tooreeny, Moycullen.
24. That a white marking be put on the road at the carpark at Regans, Cloonboo, as parking of cars there might often block the side road past the carpark.
25. That reflectors be erected on the side of the Bagginloughane West Road, Spiddal, as this is a very dangerous winding road.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

26. That this Council fill the potholes and bring this County Road up to a reasonable standard which leads to Derrada Village, Recess.
27. That this Council get the owner of a tractor/trailer and ground limestone to move same which has been placed on two laybys which was provided by the County Council on the Baurnageenty Road, Oughterard.
28. That this Council provide a footpath on the way into Clifden Town between the new County Council Estate and the Clifden Supply Centre.

Minute Book

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 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.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, 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; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); E. Gleeson, County Secretary; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1462 - OLL-TOGHCHAN 1987:

Do mhol an Comhairleoir Micheal O'Morain comhghairdeachas leis na baill de'n Chomhairle a togadh mar Teachtaí Daile. Mhol se run comhbhron freisin leis na h-iarrathoirí nach raibh an la leo.

D'aontaigh an Comhairleoir Seosamh O'Braonain le run an Comhairleoir O'Morain.

D'aontaigh an Bainisteoir Chontae agus a fhoireann leis an run seo freisin.

1463 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53447 - APPLICANT: JOSEPH FEENEY.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the main Galway-Oughterard road on the outskirts of Oughterard approximately 1/4 mile from the town.

HISTORY:

The applicant has been granted Planning Permission under Planning Ref. No. 42195 for the construction of a dwellinghouse.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the National Secondary Route adjacent to an existing junction. The roadway leading from the junction serves existing cottages and also traverses to rear of the applicant's land.

The applicant was granted planning permission for a dwellinghouse on condition that he would take his access from the minor roadway to the rear of his site. He volunteered the minor road access in his submission and he now wants to have an access onto the National Secondary Route.

The proposed access is located within 60 metres of the existing controlled junction and because of its proximity to the existing junction, the movements of traffic using the proposed access would lead to confusion of other road users who would anticipate traffic to be turning off at the existing junction. The proposed development, therefore, would constitute a traffic hazard.

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There are 2 no. existing dwellinghouses on either side of Mr. Feeney's house. Both have accesses from the minor roadway as permitted by their Planning Permissions. The granting of this access would lead to similar demands for these householders for new accesses, thus further compounding the traffic hazard.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

The proposed access would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development, especially being adjacent to a controlled junction, would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said route, thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Councillor John Molloy. Councillor T. Welby stated that the site involved was only a couple of hundred yards from the town. He had asked that the speed limits be moved out beyond the area concerned as the applicant was living within the town boundary. If the speed limits were moved, the applicant would then be living in a 30 mile zone. In reply to Councillor J. Brennan, the County Manager indicated that the applicant had originally proposed to open onto a road at the rear of the site, but now wanted to open onto a road towards the front of the site.

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

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

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

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Mullins.

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Councillor J. McDonagh abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 15 votes for to 4 votes against.

1464 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, and seconded by Councillor Peter Raftery, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 26th January, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Micheal O'Morain, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, the Minutes of the Aquaculture Meeting held on the 23rd January, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail, agus cuidiu an Comhairleoir Micheal O'Morain, d'aontaigh baill an Comhairle iarratas a chur chuig an Aire bualadh le toscaireacht o'n Chomhairle maidir le togail eisc.

Cinneadh go mbeadh na Comhairleoirí a toghadh o Cheantar na Gaillimhe agus Connamara, agus na baill de'n Oireachtas Gaillimh Thiar ar an toscaireacht sin.

1465 - ROSMUCK REGIONAL WATER SCHEME:

It was agreed that a report on the Rosmuck Regional Water Scheme would be placed on the Agenda for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

1466 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1987:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Mullins, 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 30th June, 1987."

1467 - MAINTENANCE OF WEST PIER, KILRONAN:

The Council considered a report dated 20th January, 1987, from the County Engineer stating that there was no objection to assuming responsibility for the maintenance of the recently repaired West Pier, Kilronan. It was agreed on the proposal of Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor Micheal O'Morain, that the Council assume responsibility for the maintenance of the West Pier at Kilronan.

1468 - CONTROL OF DOGS ACT, 1986:

The Council considered the provisions of the Control of Dogs Act, 1986, a summary of which had been circulated to each Member. A report dated 20th February, 1987, regarding the implementation of the Act was also circulated to each Member. It was indicated that it was proposed to construct a Dog Shelter at Ballybane on the basis that the cost of construction and maintenance would be borne equally by the Corporation and the County Council.

The estimated cost of the Dog Shelter was £70,000. The Department of the Environment would make a grant of 50% available thus making the net estimated cost falling on the County Council of £17,500. The Council had already provided £10,000 towards the cost of the project and consideration of the provision of the further sum of £7,500 would arise at the Estimates Meeting. Galway Corporation had already provided monies towards the cost of the project. It was indicated that the Department of the Environment were issuing model plans for Dog Shelters and when such plans were available, arrangements would be made to have the project constructed as early as possible in the current year.

In relation to Dog Wardens, it was indicated that it was proposed that the Ballybane Shelter would serve as a Headquarters for the implementation of a scheme on a joint basis between the County Council and the Corporation. A full-time Dog Warden will be appointed who along with a Kennel Man, would operate a scheme for the Galway Corporation area and the rural area within 15 to 20 miles of the City. It was proposed to serve the County Area by the appointment of a number of part-time Dog Wardens who would be selected for appointment in areas such as Ballinasloe, Tuam, Oughterard, and Clifden. The Council would be seeking persons for appointment who had suitable premises available for the detention of dogs and the rural part-time Wardens would work in close co-operation with the Central Headquarters at Ballybane regarding the destroying and disposal of dogs. It was also intended to have consultations with the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in the setting up of a Dog Control Scheme for the County.

A standard approach to the issue of licences was being implemented whereby An Post through its Post Offices would issue licences on a charge basis. The licensing provisions would come into effect on the 1st April, 1987.

It was estimated that the annual running costs of a Dog Control Scheme would be of the order of £52,500. The service of Dog Control would be provided to the extent that Revenue from Dog Licences would allow. There was some cause for concern in this regard as based on past records, the amount of money required for a scheme as envisaged by the Council was not available from Dog Licences.

The quality of the service provided would, therefore, obviously be related to available funds.

The County Manager replied to queries raised by individual Councillors.

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that the question of stray donkeys in the Connemara area be dealt with. He also asked that a Dog Warden be appointed in the Carraroe area. In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, the County Manager indicated that the delay in building the Shelter was the fact that the Council were awaiting the model plans from the Department of the Environment. In reply to queries from Councillors, the County Manager indicated that the Centre at Ballybane was not in a residential area.

Councillor Finnegan stated that it was important that the provisions of the Act be implemented in Council Housing Estates such as Parkmore, Tuam. He also asked that problems in relation to wandering horses in Parkmore be dealt with. The County Manager agreed to review the problems referred to in relation to wandering donkeys and wandering horses.

1469 - NATIONAL TREE WEEK 1987 - 1ST-8TH MARCH:

The Council were informed that National Tree Week would be held during the 1st week in March, 1987. A programme of tree planting which had been circulated to each Member was approved by the Council. A number of Members supported the tree planting programme and supported the view that the Council should plant as many trees as possible in suitable locations throughout the County.

1470 - JOINT LIBRARY CONFERENCE 27TH APRIL - 1ST MAY, 1987:

The Council were informed that the County Libraries Committee had nominated Councillor J. Molloy and Councillor P. McCormack as delegates to the Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Branch of the Library Association to be held in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford, from the 27th April to the 1st May, inclusive.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, and seconded by Deputy Michael Kitt, and agreed that Councillor J. Molloy and P. McCormack attend as delegates at this Conference.

1471 - IRISH MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION SPRING SEMINAR 1987 - LIMERICK - 27th FEBRUARY - 1ST MARCH, 1987:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Senator Mark Killilea and agreed, that Councillors P. Raftery and J. Joyce attend this Seminar. It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor P. McCormack, and agreed, that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh also attend this Seminar. It was agreed that in the event of a substitute being required that Councillor John Molloy would be the substitute.

1472 - SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING OF FIVE COUNTIES AND DONEGAL - FRIDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1987, IN GALWAY:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, and agreed, that Councillors J. Callanan and T. Welby attend. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion and seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert and agreed that Councillor Michael Ryan attend.

1473 - ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW:

The County Manager indicated that he proposed to establish an administrative section to deal with all of the Capital Work Projects being undertaken by the Council. It was intended that this new Capital Works Section would be established with effect from the 2nd March, 1987, and that Mr. Alec Fleming, Senior Staff Officer, would be in charge of the Section.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that an effort should be made to streamline the Sanitary Services Section as at present, the administration and the Engineering Sections were spread out in different locations throughout the buildings.

1474 - REFUSE COLLECTION:

Senator Mark Killilea asked that refuse collection from the new houses in Athenry be collected as it appeared that these houses were not included in the collection route. Demands had been issued in some cases. He also asked that refuse be collected from the new houses in Oughterard. Clr. Welby also stated that there were people in the Oughterard area whom the collection truck did not service at all and that he would submit names and addresses of the people concerned.

The County Manager indicated that a complete review of the service would be carried out in the near future.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

1475 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE SERIOUS FLOODING ON ROAD OPPOSITE GERAGHTY JOINERY WORKS AT CARAGHY, KNOCKDOE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"It is proposed to carry out drainage works on the road opposite Geraghty's Joinery Works at Caraghy, Knockdoe, under the coming year's work programme."

1476 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARE CAHERNAHORICK ROAD, BELCLARE, A PUBLIC ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"This road was improved a few years ago under a Local Improvement Scheme and is in reasonable good condition. The applicants at the time agreed to be responsible for all future maintenance costs of the road. It is not recommended that this road be taken in charge as the Council are at present unable to maintain its existing road network with the funds available and also this road is defective in that the carriageway is only 8 ft. in width. The road serves only one house and a number of land owners."

1477 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING SITUATION THAT NOW PREVAILS AND IS CAUSING A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM AND HAZARD AT GORTADUBHA, CLAREGALWAY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"New houses and their associated parking areas are preventing the natural discharge of surface water from the roadway at this location.

As a result there is no outlet for the surface water.

Funds are not currently available for the work which would be necessary to convey the flood water to a new outlet point."

Councillor Jarlath McDonagh asked that this matter be further examined and it was agreed that Councillor McDonagh and the Area Engineer would discuss the matter.

1478 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL LEVEL THE ROAD OUTSIDE THE HOUSE OF A PERSON (DETAILS SUPPLIED) TO RELIEVE FLOODING: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The location of the flooding is on what was intended to be the front parking area outside a boundary wall. When the parking area was provided, adequate provision for drainage should have been made by the developer. This has contributed to the problem and it is up to the developer to carry out the necessary works on his own property."

1479 - THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE TO CONSTRUCT TWO ADDITIONAL BEDROOMS ONTO THE COUNCIL HOUSE OCCUPIED (DETAILS SUPPLIED) WHERE THERE IS A MAN AND HIS WIFE WITH NINE CHILDREN LIVING IN GROSSLY OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The need to provide additional accommodation for this family is accepted by the Council. The Council are endeavouring to develop proposals for a solution to the problem. An application has been made to the Department of the Environment for a Capital Allocation to provide extensions to County Council houses. If an allocation is forthcoming, this case will be considered in the light of monies available.

The Council will discuss the case with this family to see if any other proposals could be developed to alleviate the housing problems involved."

1480 - THAT TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING BE ERECTED ON THE ENTRANCE ROADS TO CLIFDEN: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"A design and estimate for Traffic Route Lighting for the N.59 East and North of Clifden has been submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval. The work will be carried out if and when approval is granted."

1481 - THAT IMMEDIATE STEPS BE TAKEN TO ELIMINATE THE SEVERE FLOODING THAT OCCURS AT THE BALL ALLEY, BEACH ROAD, CLIFDEN: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"This problem has now been solved."

1482 - THAT THE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER TWELVE MONTHS IN THE CRAUGHWELL AREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"Application has been made to National Manpower Service for extension of Craughwell Social Employment Scheme for a second twelve month period."

1483 - THAT THE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER TWELVE MONTHS IN THE ATHENRY AREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"Application has been made to the National Manpower Service for the continuation of the Athenry Social Employment Scheme for a second twelve month period."

Councillor Lynch asked that he be informed of the outcome in relation to the extension of the scheme.

1484 - THAT "CHILDREN CROSSING" SIGNS BE ERECTED OPPOSITE TO THE CLOUGHBRACK HOUSING ESTATE, EYRECOURT, ON THE MAIN EYRECOURT/LAURENCETOWN ROAD: - MOTION BY CLR. JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"It is intended to erect the signs referred to in 1987."

1485 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE AN ESTIMATE FOR PIPING FLOOD WATER AWAY FROM SONNEY KELLY'S GATE, KILL, KILTORMER, ACROSS THE VERY NARROW ROAD TO A DRAIN ON THE OTHER SIDE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The access road to Sonney Kelly's house was constructed in such a way as to prevent surface water discharging into the roadside drain. If Mr. Kelly agrees to lower the entrance access road, the problem will be resolved. Piping the flood water to the opposite side of the road is not recommended."

Councillor Joyce stated that the house in this case was higher than the road and he asked that Notice of Motion money be allowed to alleviate the problem. Councillor Joyce stated that the house was built for a number of years.

Deputy J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, stated that the Council should not set a precedent in relation to these cases. There was a standard planning condition in relation to the construction of accesses so that flooding problems would not be created. Following a discussion, it was agreed to have the matter re-examined.

- 1486 - THAT THIS COUNCIL CONSIDER THE GREAT NUMBER OF VACANT HOUSES IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY AND DRAW UP PROPOSALS WHEREBY PEOPLE WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PRESERVE AND RESTORE THEM AND GO TO LIVE IN THEM - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"With regard to Council houses, the majority of houses are tenanted at all times. Casual vacancies may arise from time to time, but these vacancies are filled as soon as suitable applicants are qualified and appointed. There are 8 Council houses vacant due to their condition, and proposals to deal with such houses are under consideration."

Councillor J. Joyce stated that the Council should formulate a policy for the purchasing and repairs of houses which were located on the outskirts of towns. A scheme should be developed whereby loans would be available for the purchasing and repair of such houses. He asked that the position in the following locations be examined:

Eyrecourt
Kiltormer
Laurencetown
Dunmore
Woodford
Ahascragh.

A number of Councillors supported Councillor Joyce. The County Manager agreed that the locations referred to would be examined to see what could be done on the basis of village renewal.

- 1487 - THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO RELIEVE FLOODING AT ANDREW LEONARD'S HOUSE, TOOREENY, MOYCULLEN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"Prior to the construction of Mr. Leonard's house about four years ago, surface water from the roadway percolated naturally into the field.

The driveway constructed by Mr. Leonard to his house falls away from the road and consequently, surface water flows towards the house. The solution to this problem is a matter for Mr. Leonard."

- 1488 - THAT A WHITE MARKING BE PUT ON THE ROAD AT THE CAR PARK AT REGANS, CLOONBOO, AS PARKING OF CARS THERE AT NIGHT OFTEN BLOCK THE SIDE ROAD PAST THE CAR PARK: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"A "Yield Right of Way" sign will be erected at this location. Also white lines will be painted on the roadway so that the junction will be more prominent."

- 1489 - THAT REFLECTORS BE ERECTED ON THE SIDES OF THE DERRYLOUGHANE WEST ROAD, SPIDDAL, AS THIS IS A VERY DANGEROUS WINDING ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"This is a minor County Road similar to numerous other such roads in the Oughterard Area. The road surface is in a reasonable condition. Reflectors are not considered necessary on any part of this road."

- 1490 - THAT THIS COUNCIL FILL THE POTHoles AND BRING THIS COUNTY ROAD UP TO A REASONABLE STANDARD WHICH LEADS TO DERRADA VILLAGE, RECESS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The level of County Road Maintenance for 1987 will be determined by the finances available. As details of these finances are not to hand at present, it is not possible to carry out any significant works on County Road Maintenance at present."

Councillor Welby stated that this road was in a very bad state of repair and he asked that the potholes be filled. Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer agreed to re-examine the position.

- 1491 - THAT THIS COUNCIL GET THE OWNER OF A TRACTOR/TRAILER AND GROUND LIMESTONE TO MOVE SAME WHICH HAS BEEN PLACED ON TWO LAYBYS WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE BAURNAGEENTY ROAD, OUGHTERARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The roadway was inspected on 16th February, 1987. The County Council did not provide laybys on this roadway. There was no tractor trailer visible. There is a small heap of ground limestone dumped on a wide verge adjacent to the carriageway. The Council will endeavour to establish the owner of limestone and will write to him and ask him to remove same."

Councillor Welby stated that two laybys had been provided by the Council about 12 to 14 years ago. He asked that the matter raised in his Notice of Motion be attended to.

- 1492 - THAT THIS COUNCIL PROVIDE A FOOTPATH ON THE WAY INTO CLIFDEN TOWN BETWEEN THE NEW COUNTY COUNCIL ESTATE AND THE CLIFDEN SUPPLY CENTRE: - MOTION BY CLR. THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Welby:

"The footpath referred to is desirable and should be provided as part of future realignment of this road which will be undertaken as soon as adequate finances are made available by the Department of the Environment."

- 1493 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Marie Togher, Galway Road, Tuam.
Mr. Martin Ward & Family, Athenry Road, Loughrea.

- 1494 - CORRESPONDENCE:

The following correspondence was circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (1) Copy of letter dated 30th January, 1987, from the Office of the Minister for Communications concerning a resolution adopted by Galway County Council on the Galway/Aran Ferry Services.
- (2) Copy of letter dated 30th January, 1987, from Kerry County Council re E.E.C. Grants to assist in the development of tourism facilities, improvement of roads in rural areas and the implementation of integrated development plans for the less favoured parishes.

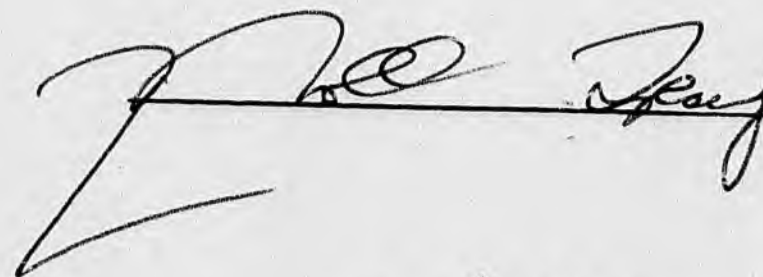
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- (3) Copy of letter dated 27th January, 1987, from the Office of the Minister of State at the Department of Education regarding establishment of a Local Service Board for County Galway.
- (4) Copy of letter dated 21st January, 1987, from the Office of the Taoiseach, regarding the establishment of a River Shannon Authority.
- (5) Letter dated 4 Feabhra, 1987, from Roinn na Gaeltachta regarding funding from the E.E.C. Regional Fund.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED :

 CHAIRMAN

23/3/87 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

6u 1a Marta, 1987.

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 13u 1a Marta, 1987, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Padraig Hopkins for the erection of a septic tank and the retention of a dwellinghouse at Derryloughane East. - Planning Ref. No. 53544."

Thomas Welby. Frank Fahey. John Molloy.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to grant Permission to James Goaley for the erection of a septic tank at Mullaghbawn. - Planning Ref. No. 53756."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Nioclás O'Conchubhair.

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 Outline Permission to Patrick King, c/o Padraig O'Coimin, Main Street, Loughrea, for the erection of a filling station with pumps, canopy and small office at Sylau, Headford Road. - Planning Ref. No. 53699."

Michael Ryan. Michael Mullins. Noel Treacy. Mark Killilea.

4. "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 Mr. Michael Flanagan, "St. James", Ballycleara, Kinvara, Co. Galway, for the retention of fuel and animal feed store at Ballycleara, Kinvara, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 53541."

Michael Fahy. Padraic McCormack. Robert Molloy.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

27th February, 1987.

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 :

Dr. H. Woolstadter

Location :

Drimcong

Area :

0.140 acres

To whom land is to be transferred :

Maurice and Anne Sirr

Consideration in respect of Disposal :

£280. The land in question is severed land which was not required for road widening purposes. The amount offered £2,000 an acre is the normal amount the Council offers for land and is in excess of the amount paid (£147 pro rata).

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, 13TH MARCH, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

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ALSO PRESENT:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members:

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The Opening Prayer was recited.

- 1495 - Councillor N. O'Conchubhair conveyed the apology of the Chairman who was unavoidably absent from the Meeting. Councillor N. O'Conchubhair congratulated Deputies N. Treacy, F. Fahey and Mrs Marie Geoghegan Quinn, who had been appointed Ministers for State from the Galway Constituencies. He also congratulated Mr. Padraic Flynn of his appointment as Minister for the Environment and Deputy Denis Gallagher and Sean Cleary on their appointments as Ministers for State from the West of Ireland. He congratulated Senator Mark Killilea on his appointment as a member of the European Parliament. All the members present associated themselves with the votes of congratulations and the County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff also associated himself with the votes of congratulations.

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- 1496 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53544 - APPLICANT: PADRAIG HOPKINS

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"LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Derryloughaun East - right turn at top of the hill beyond Furbo Beach and approximately 400 yards to the north on the left hand side.

HISTORY:

- 33519: Application for Outline Permission for dwellinghouse for Mr. P. O hOibicin. Request for Further Information sent on 15/11/79 requesting details of housing need and possibility of relocating septic tanks outside the site boundaries. No reply received to date.
- 35185: Outline Permission for storage building granted August 1980 - P. Hopkins.
- 37048: Permission granted for erection of a storage building December 1980 - applicant: P. Hopkins.

Other Business:

5. Disposal of a plot of land at Drimcong, Moycullen to Maurice and Anne Sirr in accordance with notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 27th February, 1987, already circulated.
6. Advertising Signs.
7. Report on Housing Programme.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

8. That arrangements be made for Essential Repairs to be carried out immediately to the house occupied at Sruthain, Kilronan, Aran Islands, Co. Galway. (name supplied)
9. That arrangements be made for Essential Repairs to be carried out to the house occupied at Kilronan, Aran Islands, Co. Galway. (name supplied).
10. That a report be given on the application for a new caravan made by (details supplied).

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

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HISTORY:

- 33519: Application for Outline Permission for dwellinghouse for Mr. P. O'hoibicin. Request for Further Information sent on 15/11/79 requesting details of housing need and possibility of relocating septic tanks outside the site boundaries. No reply received to date.
- 35185: Outline Permission for storage building granted August 1980 - P. Hopkins.
- 37048: Permission granted for erection of a storage building December 1980 - applicant: P. Hopkins.

- 49355: Permission for retention of dwellinghouse and construction of septic tank refused April 1985. (A grant of Permission was directed by Section 4 Resolution but was not implemented on the basis of legal advice.)
- 51408: Permission refused for retention of a mobile home in January 1986. The Planning Authority's decision was upheld by an Appeal in July 1986.
- 50948: Permission refused for retention and alterations to existing structure and addition of loading bay in October 1985. Planning Authority's decision upheld on Appeal August 1986 - applicant: Mr. P. Hopkins.
- 32630: Outline Permission for dwellinghouse granted to Mr. M. Martyn on 24th September, 1979, on a site which comprises the eastern portion of the present site and an adjacent strip of land to the south. Approval to this Outline Permission, Ref. No. 49183 was granted on the 22nd April, 1985, to Mr. Tony McInerney. The Permissions in this case ceased to have effect on the 23rd September, 1986.

After applicant was granted Permission Ref. 37048, he proceeded to construct an unauthorised septic tank on the site and constructed a building which was not in accordance with the Permission granted.

He was refused Permission, Ref. 49355, for retention of a dwellinghouse and construction of a septic tank in April 1985.

In May 1985, 2 No. Enforcement Notices were served on applicant, one to alter the building so that it complied with that granted under Permission Ref. 37048 (i.e., remove first floor, unauthorised windows, etc.) and the second to remove the mobile home from the site and back-fill the cess pool.

In September, 1985, applicant was prosecuted for construction of a building other than in accordance with the Permission granted (i.e. Ref. 37048).

In January 1986, applicant was prosecuted for failure to comply with Enforcement Notice relating to mobile home and cess pool.

There are 2 no. current prosecutions pending and are due for hearing on 10th April, 1987, for failure to comply with Enforcement Notices - one relating to the building and the other relating to the mobile home.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site which is the subject of the current application is larger than that outlined in previous applications. However, there is a stream crossing through the site in a north-south direction. The Chief Medical Officer in his report of 27/1/87 requires that the stream be piped or redirected so that it is at least 200 ft. from the proposed percolation area. This requirement cannot be complied with within the confines of applicant's site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would constitute a public health hazard because the site is inadequate in area to provide for the construction of a septic tank drainage system the required distance from the stream, which crosses the site and consequently, effluent from the proposed development would be likely to pollute the stream."

Councillor T. Welby proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. He stated that the applicant had got a portion of land from his father from a small holding. He had brought a caravan on to the site, but because of objections from a neighbour, had to take the caravan away. The applicant was now buying the site from Mr. Tony McInerney in order that a septic tank might be accommodated. The site was one on which Planning Permission had been granted and the applicant was prepared to pipe the drain referred to in order to avoid pollution. Councillor Welby stated that he had visited the site and that the drain in question contained only a trickle of water.

In reply to Councillor Welby, Mr. Liam Kavanagh, Planning Officer, stated that six separate names of objectors had been received by the Council in December 1986. Councillor Welby referred to a letter which he stated he had got containing 30 signatures, and which had been addressed to An Bord Pleanála asking that further consideration be given to the applicant's case.

Councillor Welby stated that one of the persons who was objecting to the development was an employee of the Council who did not appear to be getting on well with his fellow workers. This man was living a half mile from the site in question. He also alleged that another objector was stated to have falsified signatures of objectors and that when the people involved were asked, they had stated that they had never objected to the development. He asked that the signatures of the objectors be checked out.

In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Manager stated that the approval granted under Planning Reference 49183 was an Approval to an Outline Permission which had been granted since September 1979. The map submitted with the original application for Outline Permission did not show the drain in the area and Approval was given in 1985. Subsequently, the stream was discovered and the County Medical Officer had required that the stream should be piped so that it was at least 200 feet from the proposed percolation area. Cllr. Welby stated that the applicant was agreeable to pipe the drain and would comply with the requirements of the County Medical Officer. Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that the requirements of the County Medical Officer could not be complied with within the confines of the applicant's site. The percolation area proposed was up against a roadway and was less than 60 feet from an existing house. The area south of the site was waterlogged and could give rise to problems in the future. The resolution, as proposed by Councillor Welby, was seconded by Councillor John Molloy.

The County Manager indicated that problems might arise in relation to the granting of a Planning Permission in this case, and if the resolution was passed, he proposed to refer it to the Council's Law Agent for legal advice.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that further consideration of the resolution would be adjourned to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 23rd March, 1987.

1497 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53756 - APPLICANT: JAMES GOALEY.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately 1/2 mile from Corrandulla Village on the Corrandulla to Loughgeorge Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 32077: - Outline Permission granted for the replacement of an old substandard house to Mr. Martin Hynes who claimed that it was for his own occupation.

Ref. No. 42174: - Permission granted for house to Mr. James Goaley on condition that the house be serviced by means of a patent chemical closet. This condition was not appealed.

- Ref. No. 44654: - Permission refused for a septic tank on the site.
- Applicant: James Goaley.
- Ref. No. 48671: - Permission refused for septic tank on the site.
- Applicant: Mr. James Goaley.
- Ref. No. 49088: - Permission refused for septic tank on the site.
- Applicant: James Goaley.
- Ref. No. 50292: - Permission refused for septic tank on the site.
- Applicant: James Goaley.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Outline Permission was granted originally on this small and restricted site on the basis of a claim by the landowner that he was replacing an old substandard house for his own occupation. He stated on his application form that he would construct the septic tank in accordance with the County Council's standard conditions but did not advert to the fact that there was a water supply source on adjacent land 24 ft. from the southwest corner of the site. The Outline Permission was granted in ignorance of this fact.

The original applicant, Mr. Hynes, sold the site to Mr. Goaley who applied for permission almost three years later, at which time the owner of the adjacent land objected on the grounds of the likelihood of his water supply being polluted by septic tank effluent. Permission was granted to Mr. Goaley stipulating that no septic tank be constructed and that a chemical closet be used. Two subsequent applications seeking Permission for a septic tank were unsuccessful and in no case was there an Appeal.

The position remains the same and it is not possible to discharge septic tank effluent on this site without risk of pollution to the adjacent water supply source, whose owner continues to object to the proposal. The applicant's proposal to revise the location of the septic tank to the side of the house would leave the percolation area less than 30 ft. from the house, less than 30 ft. from the public roadway and right up against the southern boundary of the site. All of the distances are substandard and would give rise to further fears of public nuisance.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located in proximity to a bore hole source of water supply and would be liable to constitute a public health hazard."

It was proposed by Councillor John Molloy, seconded by Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair and agreed that further consideration of this Resolution would be adjourned to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 23rd March, 1987.

1498 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53699 - APPLICANT: PATRICK KING.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed development is located outside the speed limit on the Galway/Headford National Secondary Route approximately 3 miles north of the new City Boundary.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 36704: Application made by Mr. Stephen Fahy for Outline Planning Permission for a warehousing complex on the proposed site. Permission refused in October 1980 on the grounds of traffic hazard.

- Planning Ref. No. 43207: Application made by Mr. Oliver King for Outline Planning Permission for two houses on the proposed site. Permission refused in August 1982 on the grounds of traffic hazard.
- Planning Ref. No. 45042: Application made by Mr. Thomas Meehan for Outline Planning Permission for two houses on the proposed site. Permission refused in March 1983 on the grounds of traffic hazard.
- Planning Ref. No. 53038: Application made by Mr. Patrick King for Outline Planning Permission for the erection of a Filling Station with pumps, canopy and small office on the proposed site. Permission refused in October 1986 on the grounds of traffic hazard.

None of the above decisions were appealed.

Planning Considerations:

The site is located on the open bogland known as the Curragh Line, now the N.84 National Secondary Route. This section of route has become highly ribbonised in recent years with unsightly development, a situation which has evoked adverse comment from the public in letters to the Planning Office and in one R.T.E. Radio programme. The tendency of leapfrogging northwards as comparatively cheap sites became available has continued and the highly scenic, open aspect of this important approach to Galway City has seriously deteriorated. It is, therefore, important to exercise the restrictive control of development set out in the County Development Plan for this route if the ugly ribbonisation is to be contained and the traffic capacity of the route is to be protected.

Since there are petrol facilities available 2½ miles to the north and 3½ miles to the south, there is no obvious need for another filling station here. The Planning Authority refused Permission for another Filling Station on a nearby site in 1983.

If there is to be further commercial development on the Headford Road, it should be directed on to one of the sites which are already partially developed but which have remained incomplete for some time due to poor market demand. There are two such sites within ¾ miles of this present site. Such a policy would help to tidy up the existing disarray and prevent further ribbonisation northwards.

Recommendation:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 25, Table 25B of the County Development Plan which restricts commercial development along the route.
3. The proposed development would injure the visual amenity of this highly scenic area of open aspect because it would be an obtrusive feature in the field of view from the public roadway."

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor John Molloy, and agreed that further consideration of this resolution would be adjourned to the Council Meeting of the 23rd March, 1987.

1499 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53541 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL FLANAGAN.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on an unrealigned substandard section of the Kilcolgan/Kinvarra National Secondary Route approximately two miles south of Ballinderreen.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 26171: Outline Planning Permission was originally granted on a larger site to Mr. Patrick Flanagan in 1977 on the basis of an essential housing need claim.

Planning Ref. No. 27488: Approval granted to Patrick Flanagan for a dwellinghouse in May 1978. This house is now occupied by the current applicant, Mr. Michael Flanagan.

Planning Ref. No. 44340: Planning Permission was granted to Mr. Michael Flanagan (Jnr.) (the current applicant) for the erection of a garage subject to the building being used for domestic, non-commercial purposes only.

Mr. Flanagan subsequently erected the building which is the subject of this current application and claimed that it was to be used for agricultural purposes and hence, did not require Permission despite the fact that an unauthorised sign on the frontage advertised the sale of fuel and animal foodstuff. The current proposal is, in effect, an attempt to change the status of the building from an ancillary residential use to commercial.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development is located on a narrow substandard section of a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies. The proposed retention of the building for commercial purposes would create a traffic hazard and would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan which seeks to restrict all frontage development along national routes so as to minimise the accident risk, protect their traffic capacity and their status as inter urban routes.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Secondary Route which is unrealigned and where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the Route.
2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 25, Table 25.B of the County Development Plan which seeks to restrict development along this route in the interests of traffic safety."

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy and seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that the applicant had set up his own small business for the sale of fuel and animal food as he had become unemployed. Councillor Fahy stated that no additional traffic would

be generated. He was not establishing a major business and no traffic hazard would be involved. He stated that the store was just for the storage of foodstuffs and that the applicant would be away delivering foodstuff most of the time.

In reply to the County Manager, Councillor Fahy stated that no retail sales had been carried out by the applicant to date. The County Manager stated that it must be assumed that the applicant intended to establish a retail business given the history of the case as outlined in the report. He also referred to the sign which the applicant had erected which suggested that Planning Permission for retail business was being sought.

Councillor J. Brennan stated that he was opposed to the granting of Planning Permission in this case in view of the Council's policy in relation to development on National Secondary Routes. He proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. There was no seconder for Councillor Brennan's proposal, and as there were no further amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1500 - REFUSE COLLECTION CHARGES:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh stated that he had received complaints from people in the Glenamaddy area who had received final notices in relation to the payment of charges for refuse collection. He stated that two persons in the Barna area of Glenamaddy had availed of the service for some time, but were not now availing of it. They were prepared to pay for the service for the time they availed of it. He referred to another case of a person in Glenamaddy who had never availed of the service and was being charged. The County Manager stated that if persons were on the route of a collection service, charges would have to be paid as if people opted out, the provision of the service along the route concerned could be rendered uneconomical. Individual queries regarding charges could be referred to the Environment Section of the Council.

1501 - SALE OF A SITE AT DRIMCONG, MOYCULLEN:

It was proposed by Deputy Robert Molloy, seconded by Councillor Thomas Welby, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at Drimcong, Moycullen, to Maurice and Anne Sirr, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 27th February, 1987, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which was circulated to each Member of the Council."

1502 - ADVERTISING SIGNS:

The Members considered a report dated 9th March, 1987, which had been circulated to each Member. At the Council Meeting of the 23rd February, 1987, a number of Councillors had asked that the Council's scheme in relation to finger post signs be reviewed so that premises providing accommodation facilities off the main routes and who had not made planning applications for such use might be allowed to have signs erected in accordance with the Scheme.

The Council were informed that in accordance with the scheme, the Council would erect a pole at suitable road junctions and would erect signs when received from approved applicants. Persons wishing to have an advertising sign erected on the licence should make application on the prescribed form and pay the necessary charges. An initial charge of £40. to cover the cost of the Council's expenses in connection with the erection of the sign and the cost of the Licence for the first year was payable. An annual licence fee of £10 was payable in respect of each subsequent year.

The scheme provided also that signs would not be licenced unless the premises to be advertised and the use of such premises for the purpose advertised had been authorised by Permission under the Planning Acts, or unless the premises for use did not require a grant of Planning Permission by virtue of the provisions of the Planning Acts or regulations made thereunder.

The legal position in relation to the cases referred to by the Council had been examined and it was considered that accommodation being provided by persons to the extent that they required to advertise their facilities was deemed to be a material change of use and Planning Permission must be obtained for such use. In the circumstances, therefore, it would be improper for the Council to authorise advertising signs in respect of such premises.

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh referred to the case of a seventh son of a seventh son to whom many people were coming to from long distances because of his healing capabilities. The man's postal address was confusing relative to where he was living and he wished to erect a finger post sign to indicate to strangers where he lived. His service was free of charge. Councillor Walsh asked if a finger post sign could be erected by this man. The County Manager agreed to examine the case referred to by Councillor Walsh.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that a significant decision was being made by the Council which could have far reaching effects in relation to people providing accommodation facilities on a part-time basis. The County Manager stated that the report before the Council was on the basis of a request that the Council erect finger post signs in respect of premises who had not made any applications for change of use. The problems in relation to such an arrangement were being outlined to the Council but there were no proposals to initiate a campaign against persons providing accommodation facilities. The County Manager suggested that the Council might propose to the Minister for the Environment that the Exempted Development Regulations be extended to include persons providing accommodation facilities on a part-time basis.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy that the Council request the Minister for the Environment to amend the Exempted Development Regulations to include the provision of accommodation facilities in cases where the people involved were providing such facilities on a seasonal or part-time basis.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that he did not agree with the proposals of the Council whereby persons providing accommodation who had not applied for Planning Permission would not be allowed to erect finger post signs. The proposal could result in changing a lot of residential premises to commercial premises whereby Rates would become payable. The County Manager stated that the Council had no campaign to make such premises commercial and that there were guidelines from the Department of the Environment whereby such premises need not necessarily become rated. Deputy Fahey stated that the vast majority of the premises involved were located on side roads off the main roads, and were providing accommodation on a part-time basis. He objected to the requirements whereby such premises would have to have Planning Permission before signs were erected.

Councillor Joe Lambert stated that some people had gone to a lot of expense in making new signs but were afraid to apply to the Council because their premises might be rated. In reply to Councillor Welby, the Council were informed that persons who had signs erected for a number of years and who took them down during the winter months would have to have Planning Permission when erected originally. If they had not got Planning Permission, they should apply for such Permission before any signs could be erected.

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, and seconded by Councillor Thomas Welby, that persons providing accommodation and located off the main routes be permitted to erect finger post signs without the requirement of having to apply for Planning Permission for the change of use of such premises. Deputy Fahey also stated that where a signpost was provided by such person that it should not be necessary to seek Planning Permission for change of use.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that the County Manager should seek Counsel opinion in relation to the problem and that he should report back to the Council when such advice was received.

1503 - REPORT ON HOUSING PROGRAMME:

The Council considered a report dated 9th March, 1987, from Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The report set out details of the Council's Housing Programme including Capital Allocation sought, Schemes in Progress, and Proposed New Works, subject to available Capital Allocation. The Council were informed that a total of 210 houses had been completed in 1986. Mr. J. Howlett stated that an initial Capital Allocation of £230,000 to meet expenditure on the provision of new single rural houses had been received. It was proposed to commence the construction of 12 rural houses immediately in accordance with priorities. It was proposed to provide some demountable dwellings from this allocation also. Mr. Howlett suggested that the Council should renew its application for a further Capital Allocation to construct additional rural houses.

Councillor Martin Lynch referred to the situation in Athenry where a large number of local authority houses were being provided in the one area. He asked that consideration be given to providing schemes in different locations throughout towns and villages to avoid an over concentration of houses in any one area. Mr. J. Howlett stated that the Council intended proceeding with only a further 10 houses in Athenry in the next scheme of development there.

A number of Councillors referred to the need to construct more rural houses and the Council agreed to request an additional allocation in this case.

Councillor J. Joyce asked that a further scheme of houses be considered for Laurencetown where the Council had land available. He also asked that the Council consider providing a small number of houses in various villages throughout the County, so as to avoid over concentration of houses in certain areas.

Councillor Joe Burke asked that the Council examine the needs in the Tuam Area with a view to providing a further scheme. There was a substantial waiting list in the area. He also referred to the large waiting list in relation to repairs for Council houses and asked that something be done to expedite repairs in urgent cases.

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that the Council should provide schemes of houses in areas such as Aughrim, Kilconnell, Kiltormer, and New Inn. He also stated that rural houses should be provided with a proper water supply as rain water or underground tanks were unsuitable.

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, Mr. J. Howlett gave details of the allocation sought for Housing Construction and the number of applications for houses on hands. Deputy Molloy referred to the urgent need to build extensions to Council houses in certain cases and asked what was being done for such applicants. He had been given to understand by the Minister for the Environment that the provision of such extensions could be carried out by the Council. Mr. J. Howlett stated that the Council had a number of applications for extensions and were anxious to provide such extensions. The Council had put in a specific request that it be allowed to use monies from the Housing Capital Allocation to construct extensions. The Council had been in touch with the Department in relation to this matter on a number of occasions but approval to use Capital monies for such extensions had not been received.

In reply to Councillor Michael Fahy, Mr. J. Howlett stated that it was essential to have proper title to land being transferred to the Council for the erection of rural houses before a house could be erected. Delays being encountered were not the fault of the Council as in some cases, title to the land being offered was not in order. Councillor Michael Fahy asked that the Council provide more houses in Ardahan as there was a great need in the area and plenty of land available.

In reply to Councillor Martin Lynch, Mr. J. Howlett stated that the Rent Scheme was being totally reviewed at present and that a new scheme would be brought forward in the near future.

Councillor J. Lambert referred to a case of a person in Gort Town who had applied for Vesting to the Council in the last three years. A door in the house needed repair and Councillor Lambert complained that there was a long delay in carrying out the necessary repairs. Mr. J. Howlett agreed to examine the position in this case.

The Council agreed to renew its request for an immediate Capital Allocation for the provision of additional rural houses. The Council also agreed to request the Minister for the Environment to make an allocation available for the provision of extensions to existing Council houses.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- 1504 - THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY TO THE HOUSE OCCUPIED AT SRUTHAIN, KILRONAN, ARAN ISLANDS. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The occupant was approved for an Essential Repairs Grant of £1,134 on 21st November, 1986. The repairs have now been satisfactorily completed, and payment of the grant will be made."

- 1505 - THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR ESSENTIAL REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT TO THE HOUSE OCCUPIED AT KILRONAN, ARAN ISLANDS. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"An Essential Repairs Grant of £3,550 was paid to occupant on the 14th November, 1986."

- 1506 - THAT A REPORT BE GIVEN ON THE APPLICATION FOR A NEW CARAVAN MADE AT GAIRFEAN, ROSMUC. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"I wish to inform you that there is no record of any application for re-housing in this man's name. An application form has been sent to the man concerned."

- 1507 - THAT IN VIEW OF THE SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARD FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT AN ADEQUATE SEWERAGE STORAGE FACILITY AND PERCOLATION AREA BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY FOR THE NEW ESTATE, CLARINBRIDGE. - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The septic tank is adequate and was designed for the Estate. However, the percolation area is not satisfactory and the question of improvements will be pursued with urgency."

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the position in this case was totally unacceptable and that there was a serious health hazard involved. He had complained about this matter on a number of occasions but no action had been taken. A number of Councillors supported Deputy Fahey. Mr. J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, stated that the problem could have arisen because a second pipe appeared to be broken in the area involved. The sewerage from the houses involved went to the septic tank but there was a second drainage system to accommodate kitchen waste, and it appeared that a pipe in this second system was broken. He stated that he would be investigating the case as a matter of urgency with a view to alleviating the problem involved. A number of Councillors stated that the septic tank was not being emptied regularly and asked that the tank be emptied on a regular basis to ensure that no overflowing occurred. Mr. J. Crotty stated that he would personally investigate the case to ensure that the problems referred to were dealt with.

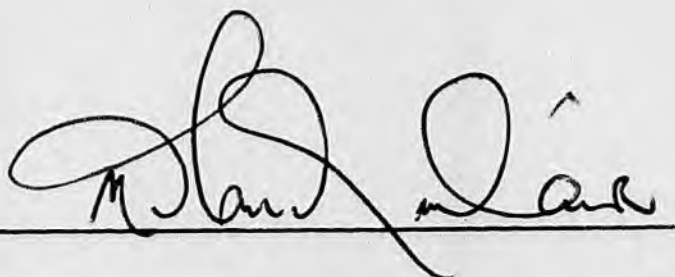
1508 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Bridget Lyons, Bridge Street, Eyrecourt.
Mrs. Maisie Conroy, The Square, Eyrecourt.
Mrs. Marie Burke, M.P.S.I., Main Street, Eyrecourt.
Mrs. May Molloy, Ballinacregg, Corofin, Tuam.
Mr. James O'Brien, Monard, Turloughmore.
Mr. John Glynn, Gortnaganny, Boyounagh, Glenamaddy.
Mr. Patrick J. Hurley, Cooloo, Brierfield, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

27/4/87 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16u la Marta, 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, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 23u la Marta, 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:

- "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 Padraig Hopkins for the erection of a septic tank and the retention of a dwellinghouse at Derryloughane East. - Planning Ref. No. 53544."
Thomas Welby. Frank Fahey. John Molloy.
- "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council requires the County Manager to grant Permission to James Goaley for the erection of a septic tank at Mullaghbawn. - Planning Ref. No. 53756."
Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Nioclas O'Conchubhair.
- "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 Patrick King, c/o Padraig O'Coimin, Main Street, Loughrea, for the erection of a filling station with pumps, canopy and small office at Sylau, Headford Road. - Planning Ref. No. 53699."
Michael Ryan. Michael Mullins. Noel Treacy. Mark Killilea.
- "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to commence work immediately on the Section of the N.59 Road at Glengowla, Oughterard.
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

4th. March, 1987.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

RE: PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT MOYCULLEN.

A Chara.

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

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>AREA OF PLOT/ HECTARES.</u>	<u>PURCHASE PRICE</u>
Patrick & Laura Beatty	22	0.032	£945

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16u la Marta, 1987.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

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Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

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25th February, 1987.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

Re: Proposed Terms of Disposal of land at Ballymoat, Tuam,
in connection with Tuam Water Supply Improvement Scheme.

A Chara,

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

LAND: Plot of land area 0.379 acres, situated in the townland of Ballymoat.

LANDS ACQUIRED FROM: Thomas Newell (Compulsory Purchase Order Acquisition)

TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE TRANSFERRED: Thomas Newell, Ballymoat Lodge, Tuam, Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: Mr. Thomas Newell to transfer 0.238 acres at Ballymoat to Galway County Council in exchange for above.

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

Mise, le meas,

E. Gleeson,
County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16u la Marta, 1987.

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Other Business:

5. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on the 13th February, 1987.
 - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on the 23rd February, 1987.
6. Disposal of plot of land at Moycullen to Patrick and Laura Beatty in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966. - Section 83 Notice dated 4th March, 1987, already circulated.
 7. Disposal of plot of land at Ballymoat, Tuam, to Thomas Newell in accordance with terms of Section 83 Notice dated 25th February, 1987, already circulated.
 8. Appointment of Nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
 9. Report on Rate Collection 1986.
 10. Abstract of Accounts 1986.
 11. Seeds and Fertilisers Scheme, 1987. (Copy enclosed)
 12. Rinvilla Park Committee
 13. Rosmuck Regional Water Supply Scheme.
 14. Clean-Up Ireland Week.
 15. I.P.A./L.A.M.A. Annual Conference 1987 - "Planning in Local Authorities - A Time for Review" - 24th/25th April, 1987, in Great Southern Hotel, Galway. (Details enclosed)
 16. Regional Studies Association - Annual Conference 1987 - "Integrated Programmes, Resource Development and the Regions" - 20th March, 1987, in Royal Marine Hotel, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. (Details enclosed)
 17. National Housing Conference 1987 - 1st-3rd April, 1987, in Talbot Hotel, Wexford. (Details enclosed)
 18. European Conference - "Impact of Agriculture on Water Resources - Consequences and Perspectives" - 21st-23rd September, 1987, in Berlin. (Details enclosed)
 19. Malicious Injury Decrees. - List enclosed.
 20. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

21. That the County Council take immediate steps to repair road which has badly deteriorated with potholes etc., at Kiniska, Claregalway.
22. That the road at Waterdale, Claregalway, be included in the 1987 Estimates for surface dressing. This road is in dire condition and locals reckon the road has not been touched for seventeen years approx.
23. That the County Council take immediate steps to alleviate flooding problem near the house of Vincent O'Brien, Monard, Turloughmore.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

24. That the reason be given for the delay in the construction of a new Council house at Clynagh, Carraroe. (Details supplied)
25. That immediate steps be taken to alleviate the regular flooding that occurs at Cregboy, Claregalway, Co. Galway, near the Tenderfrost Warehouse.
26. That Galway County Council strongly object to the proposal outlined in Section 2 of the E.S.B. Services Amendment Bill, 1986, which would authorise the E.S.B. to import coal through Moneypoint, Co. Clare, in competition with Galway and other Harbours around the country, and would also permit C.I.E. to trade in coal in competition with established coal distributors and threaten employment in the coal industry generally.

COUNCILLOR FRANK GLYNN - I will propose:

27. That Galway County Council erect a signpost at Tonemoyle Cross, Milltown, before the holiday season.
28. That the Social Employment Scheme at Milltown be extended for another twelve months so as to complete the River Bank development.
29. That Galway County Council erect two lights at a cost of £1,000 (estimate furnished) on the village side of the newly erected Mentally Handicapped Home at Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will propose:

30. That signs be erected to indicate dangerous low railway bridge on the Ardrahan-Craughwell Road.
31. That the road leading to Lurga National School, Tubber, Gort, be widened and repaired.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

32. That the dangerous bend adjacent to Costello's house, Glenmore, Athenry, be removed during the current year and that we be informed herewith of the estimate cost of improving the sight distance on this bend and that this project be included in the Roads Estimates at present being prepared.
33. That a decision would be made on the estimate for the improvements of sight distance on a number of bad bends on the road to the Cahercrine Village, Athenry.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

34. That footpaths be extended on the Moher Road, Ballinasloe.
35. That a report be made available on the supply of water from the Ahascragh Council Scheme to the Creggane/Keaves/Chapelfinnerty Group Water Scheme to ensure a supply of water to the people who live in the group water scheme area.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT (CONTINUED)

36. That Galway County Council widen the Shruffaun Road, Caltra, Ballinasloe, and that the drain on the left hand side be either filed in or piped.

COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY - I will propose:

37. That Galway County Council ease the dangerous bends opposite Killasolan (Mountbellew) Burial Ground.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH - I will propose:

38. That Galway County Council when repairing damaged bridge at Fartown, Glenamaddy, lower its bed level by about 3' in order to bring it to the present stream level.
39. That Galway County Council do not take legal proceedings to obtain payment for refuse collection from people in the Glenamaddy area, who do not use the service.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

40. That this Council provide a ladder and lights on Bunowen Pier so as to facilitate the users of the pier.
41. That this Council take immediate steps to replace the collapsed section of road at Glanagimla, Leenane, which is a serious traffic and pedestrian hazard.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

42. Galway County Council immediately proceed with the Kinvara Water Scheme.
43. Galway County Council clean, plant trees, and design proper landscape at lay-by Lissatunna, Ardrahan, (National Primary Road) - have same as use for passers by and tourists, etc.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Hynes Building, St. Augustine Street, Galway.	Damage by fire to Fire Exit Door	County at Large	£1,500.00	£407.00
Jesuit Father, Sea Road, Galway	Damage to property	County at Large	£1,720.00	£1,250.75
Michael Breen Lr. Dangan Road, Galway.	Damage to Caravan	County At Large	£ 400.00	£ 306.25
Mary Hanley 28 Rockmount Rd., Highfield Park, Galway.	Damage to Motor Car Reg. NO. GZW 742	County At Large	£3,000.00	£1,206.00
Dominican Convent, Taylors Hill, Galway.	Damaged Windows	County At Large	£ 514.00	555.92
Martin Moran, Cregboy, Claregalway.	Damage to cottage and contents	County at Large	£2,000.00	£2258.50

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

- (a) An Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail.
- (b) Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Officials:

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P.F. Glynn, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning); S. McMahon, S.E.E.; F. Monahan, S.E.E.; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1509 - CHAIRMAN:

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and a quorum being present after 3.30 p.m., Deputy Molloy proposed that An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail take the Chair. This was seconded by Councillor J. Burke and agreed. An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail then took the Chair.

1510 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53544 - APPLICANT: PADRAIG HOPKINS:

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 Derryloughaun East - right turn at top of the hill beyond Furbo Beach and approximately 400 yards to the north on the left hand side.

HISTORY:

- 33519: Application for Outline Permission for dwellinghouse for Mr. P. O hOibicin. Request for further information sent on 15/11/'79 requesting details of housing need and possibility of relocating septic tanks outside the site boundaries. No reply received to date.
- 35185: Outline Permission for storage building granted August 1980 - P. Hopkins.
- 37048: Permission granted for erection of a storage building - December 1980 - applicant: P. Hopkins.
- 49355: Permission for retention of dwellinghouse and construction of septic tank refused April 1985. (A grant of Permission was directed by Section 4 Resolution but was not implemented on the basis of legal advice.)
- 51408: Permission refused for retention of a mobile home in January 1986. The Planning Authority's decision was upheld by an Appeal in July 1986.

- 50948: Permission refused for retention and alterations to existing structure and addition of loading bay in October 1985. Planning Authority's decision upheld on Appeal - August 1986 - applicant: Mr. P. Hopkins.
- 32630: Outline Permission for dwellinghouse granted to Mr. M. Martyn on 24th September, 1979, on a site which comprises the eastern portion of the present site and an adjacent strip of land to the south. Approval to this Outline Permission, Ref. No. 49183 was granted on the 22nd April, 1985, to Mr. Tony McInerney. The Permissions in this case ceased to have effect on the 23rd September, 1986.

After applicant was granted Permission, Ref. 37048, he proceeded to construct an unauthorised septic tank on the site and constructed a building which was not in accordance with the Permission granted.

He was refused Permission, ref. 49355 for retention of a dwellinghouse and construction of a septic tank in April 1985.

In May 1985, 2 No. Enforcement Notices were served on applicant, one to alter the building in that it complied with that granted under Permission, Ref. 37048 (i.e., remove first floor, unauthorised windows, etc.) and the second to remove the mobile home from the site and back-fill the cess pool.

In September 1985, applicant was prosecuted for construction of a building other than in accordance with the Permission granted (i.e., Ref. 37048).

In January, 1986, applicant was prosecuted for failure to comply with Enforcement Notice relating to mobile home and cess pool.

There are 2 no current prosecutions pending and are due for Hearing on 10th April, 1987, for failure to comply with Enforcement Notices - one relating to the building and the other relating to the mobile home.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site which is the subject of the current application is larger than that outlined in previous applications. However, there is a stream crossing through the site in a north-south direction. The Chief Medical Officer in his report of 27/1/'87 requires that the stream be piped or redirected so that it is at least 200 ft. from the proposed percolation area. This requirement cannot be complied with within the confines of applicant's site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would constitute a public health hazard because the site is inadequate in area to provide for the construction of a septic tank drainage system the required distance from the stream, which crosses the site and consequently, effluent from the proposed development would be likely to pollute the stream.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy and seconded by Councillor Welby. Councillor Welby said that the applicant was local and was buying the site from Mr. McInerney who was granted Permission No. 49183. He said the Planning Office must have been aware of the stream because of the condition included in the Permission. He said that the stream could be piped and brought up to the required standard.

The County Manager stated that the question of the stream was explained at the previous meeting. Outline Permission had been granted on foot of an application where no stream was shown on the documents. This was then followed by Full Permission. The current application is a new application where the existence of the stream is known and the applicant is unable to remedy it.

The County Manager said that if the Resolution was passed, he would have to refer it to the Law Agent for advice. He had no evidence that the applicant had purchased the adjoining land. Deputy Molloy said that if Permission was granted previously, he could not understand why it could not be granted now.

Councillor McCormack said that the present case was a bad one where all the rules appeared to have been broken and he proposed that Permission be refused. This was seconded by Councillor Brennan.

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

FOR: Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Cllrs. M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillor P. McHugh, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

(13)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, P. McCormack, M. Mulins and P. Raftery.

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The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY THEN TOOK THE CHAIR

1511 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - APPLICATION NUMBER 53756 - APPLICANT: JAMES GOALEY.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Corrandulla Village on the Corrandulla to Loughgeorge Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 32077: Outline Permission granted for the replacement of an old substandard house to Mr. Martin Hynes who claimed that it was for his own occupation.

Ref. No. 42174: Permission granted for house to Mr. James Goaley on condition that the house be serviced by means of a patent chemical closet. This condition was not appealed.

Ref. No. 44654: Permission refused for a septic tank on the site - applicant: James Goaley.

Ref. No. 48671: Permission refused for septic tank on the site - applicant: Mr. James Goaley.

Ref. No. 49088: Permission refused for septic tank on the site - Applicant: James Goaley.

Ref. No. 50292: Permission refused for septic tank on the site - Applicant: James Goaley.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Outline Permission was granted originally on this small and restricted site on the basis of a claim by the landowner that he was replacing an old substandard house for his own occupation. He stated on his application form that he would construct the septic tank in accordance with the County Council's standard conditions but did not advert to the fact that there was a water supply source on adjacent land 24 ft.

from the southwest corner of the site. The Outline Permission was granted in ignorance of this fact.

The original applicant, Mr. Hynes, sold the site to Mr. Goaley who applied for Permission almost three years later, at which time the owner of the adjacent land objected on the grounds of the likelihood of his water supply being polluted by septic tank effluent. Permission was granted to Mr. Goaley stipulating that no septic tank be constructed and that a chemical closet be used. Two subsequent applications seeking Permission for a septic tank were unsuccessful and in no case was there an Appeal.

The position remains the same and it is not possible to discharge septic tank effluent on this site without risk of pollution to the adjacent water supply source, whose owner continues to object to the proposal. The applicant's proposal to revise the location of the septic tank to the side of the house would leave the percolation area less than 30 ft. from the house, less than 30 ft. from the public roadway and right up against the southern boundary of the site. All of the distances are substandard and would give rise to further fears of public nuisance.

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located in proximity to a bore hole source of water supply and would be liable to constitute a public health hazard."

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy. Senator Killilea said that alot of discussions had taken place with the Planning Officials in relation to this application. The applicant had bought the site with Outline Planning Permission and then discovered that there was a problem with the discharge of septic tank effluent and he had failed to get his money back.

The County Manager said that this application presented a very serious problem as there was a risk of polluting the water supply on the adjoining site, whose owner had objected to the application. He said that the Council could not take a chance where there was risk of pollution to someone else's water supply and if the Resolution was passed, he would have to get legal advice on it.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused because of the risk of pollution. As there was no seconder, the Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1512 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53699 - APPLICANT: PATRICK KING:

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed development is located outside the speed limit on the Galway/Headford National Secondary Route approximately 3 miles north of the new City Boundary.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 36704: Application made by Mr. Stephen Fahy for Outline Planning Permission for a warehousing complex on the proposed site. Permission refused in October 1980 on the grounds of traffic hazard.

Planning Ref. No. 43207: Application made by Mr. Oliver King for Outline Planning Permission for two houses on the proposed site. Permission refused in August 1982 on the grounds of traffic hazard.

Planning Ref. No. 45042: Application made by Mr. Thomas Meehan for Outline Planning Permission for two houses on the proposed site. Permission refused in March 1983 on the grounds of traffic hazard.

Planning Ref. No. 53038: Application made by Mr. Patrick King for Outline Planning Permission for the erection of a Filling Station with pumps, canopy and small office on the proposed site. Permission refused in October 1986 on the grounds of traffic hazard.

None of the above decisions were appealed.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the open bogland known as the Curragh Line, now the N.84 National Secondary Route. This section of route has become highly ribbonised in recent years with unsightly development, a situation which has evoked adverse comment from the public in letters to the Planning Office and in one R.T.E. Radio Programme. The tendency of leapfrogging northwards as comparatively cheap sites became available has continued and the highly scenic, open aspect of this important approach to Galway City has seriously deteriorated. It is, therefore, important to exercise the restrictive control of development set out in the County Development Plan for this route if the ugly ribbonisation is to be contained and the traffic capacity of the route is to be protected.

Since there are petrol facilities available 2½ miles to the North and 3½ miles to the South, there is no obvious need for another filling station here. The Planning Authority refused Permission for another filling station on a nearby site in 1983.

If there is to be further commercial development on the Headford Road, it should be directed on to one of the sites which are already partially developed but which have remained incomplete for some time due to poor market demand. There are two such sites within ½ mile of this present site. Such a policy would help to tidy up the existing disarray and prevent further ribbonisation Northwards.

Recommendation:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 25, Table 25B of the County Development Plan which restricts commercial development along the route.
3. The proposed development would injure the visual amenity of this highly scenic area of open aspect because it would be an obtrusive feature in the field of view from the public roadway."

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Senator Killilea. Councillor Ryan said that Permission was refused on the site previously for housing purposes. It was a 2 acre site and if Permission was granted, he was satisfied that an Oil Company was prepared to buy the site and develop a good Filling Station which would result in a new business for the area with four or five jobs. He said the area would soon be a built up area and a survey of Petrol Filling Stations on the outskirts of towns in the County would show that these premises were providing a good service and were essential in every town. He said that on the new route into Dublin about 9 additional Filling Stations had been erected over a distance of approximately five miles.

The County Manager said that alot of ribbon development had taken place on this road resulting in a bad entrance to Galway from an appearance point of view. The County Engineer said that there was a Garden Centre on the other side of the road from the site and other developments further along the road, all of which created a road safety risk where traffic travelled at high speed. He said that a Filling Station would result in large vehicles turning in and out of the site.

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

1513 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO COMMENCE WORK IMMEDIATELY ON THE SECTION OF THE N.59 ROAD AT GLENGOWLA, OUGHTERARD:

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

"This work is included in the proposals for the 1987 Road Works Scheme. It is programmed to start the work after the completion of the Clifden approach road which has already started. The Oughterard men are being used on the Clifden job due to lack of men for such works in the Clifden area. It is expected that we would be in a position to start the roadworks at Glengowla by the month of June.

There is a proposed Group Water Supply Scheme for the village of Glengowla which is at present being considered by the Department. Ideally, the pipe laying operations for the Group Scheme should be completed before the roadworks in order to minimise the cost of road restoration to the Group and to prevent damage to the "wet mix" surface. One proposal to be considered here is that the Council would lay the Group Scheme pipe in conjunction with the roadworks thereby preventing any damage to the final road surface. Funding for the laying of the pipe would have to be provided by way of a special contribution from the Department. It is recommended that the Department be pursued for this special contribution and that the roadworks be deferred pending the outcome of same."

Councillor Welby said that money was made available for this work last year but the work was not done. Money was made available again this year and the work should be done now rather than waiting to do it during the tourist season. He said there were enough men in the Clifden area to do the job in that area. One householder has been pulling people out of drains on a regular basis and the pipes for the Group Scheme did not have to be laid along the road.

The County Engineer said he understood that the pipes would have to be laid along the road and if this was done afterwards, it would mean an additional heavy cost on the Group and it would break the seal on the new road surface.

The County Manager said that the Council was willing to proceed with the job quickly but the first step was to get approval from the Department for the Group Scheme. The Council will now approach the Department with a view to getting early approval. Senator Killilea asked that the matter be put on the Agenda for the May Monthly Meeting and this was agreed.

1514 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 13th February, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 23rd February, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

De reir na miontuairisci, luaigh an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail do iarratas pleanala, Aran Chemicals, agus an monarchan a bhi a thogail fe lathair. Duirt se go raibh cruinniu poibli sa Spideal an oiche sin agus tugadh cuireadh do ionadaí an Roinn Pleanala dul go dtí an cruinniu. Bheadh se tabhachtach ionadaí dul ann chun a learu nach mbeadh aon fadhbanna ma leanfai go daingean leis na coinneollacha. Duirt an Teachta O'Maollai gur olc an rud e an cuireadh a dhiultu.

The County Manager said that a report on this matter was placed before the Council at its meeting of the 13th February, 1987, giving all the facts (Minute No. 1458) and there was no change in the position. He said that the Council had a statutory duty to examine Planning Applications objectively and fairly and this had been done. He was not aware of any problem with the development and Officials would not be attending the Meeting. If there were any departures from the Permission, they would be investigated.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail nach glacfadh se leis an meid a bhi raite ag an Bainisteoir agus mhol se go rachfadh ionadaí go dtí an cruinniu poibli, agus mhol se an run sin a chur os comhair na Comhairleoirí. Cuidigh an Teachta O'Maollai leis sin.

The Chairman did not put the motion and said that a decision to send an Official was a matter for the Manager.

1515 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT MOYCULLEN TO PATRICK AND LAURA BEATTY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Moycullen to Patrick and Laura Beatty in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, and the terms of the Section 83 Notice dated 4th March, 1987, which had been circulated to each Member."

1516 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND AT BALLYMOAT, TUAM, TO THOMAS NEWELL:

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of plot of land at Ballymoat, Tuam, to Thomas Newell in accordance with the terms of the notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 25th February, 1987, which had been circulated to each Member."

1517 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LTD.

Councillor Finnegan proposed that Councillor J. Molloy be appointed as the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd. This was seconded by Deputy Kitt. Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillors J. McDonagh be appointed as the Council's nominee and this was seconded by Councillor McCormack. A vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR MOLLOY:

Deputy Frank Fahey, Councillors P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McHugh, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

(10)

FOR COUNCILLOR McDONAGH:

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors M. Fahy, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, J.M. Mannion, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, m. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

(13)

The Chairman declared Councillor Jarlath McDonagh appointed as the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

1518 - REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION 1986:

The statement for County Rate Collection for 1986 which was circulated to each Member was noted.

1519 - ORANMORE BY-PASS:

Deputy Fahey said that the Council had commenced closing off the link road into Oranmore from the new Oranmore By-Pass road. He said he had asked about leaving this road in use and was awaiting a report back on it. The County Engineer said that he was not aware that he was to report back on this proposal and had come to the conclusion that if the road was left open, it would lead to confusion and it was better to close it from a safety point of view.

Deputy Fahey said that he was only asking that the road be left open as an entry to Oranmore and asked the County Engineer to reconsider the matter. The County Engineer said that he would re-examine the matter and report back at the next Monthly Meeting.

1520 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1985:

The County Secretary referred to the report on the Abstract of Accounts 1985 which had been circulated to each Member. He gave details of expenditure and receipts and said that as the total Revenue Expenditure for 1985 was within the amount adopted by the Council at its Annual Estimates Meeting, the question of Ministerial Sanction to excess expenditure did not arise. However, within the overall estimate, expenditure on some headings was exceeded and this was covered by expenditure savings and increased income under various other headings. In order to meet the legal requirements for voting adequate expenditure for each specified heading, it was necessary to have the Council's approval to the formal transfers.

It was proposed by Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan and resolved:

"That the Council approve of the following excess expenditure in respect of the financial year ended 31st December, 1985, such excess expenditure to be met from savings in other Programmes:

	£
Programme 2.2 Road Improvement	335,507
Programme 4.2 Industrial Development	58
Programme 5.5 Pollution Control	497
Programme 6.1 Swimming Pools	5,888
Programme 7.3 Health and Welfare	249,620
Programme 8.2 Plant and Materials	66,922
Programme 8.5 Administration of Justice	976"

1521 - SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SCHEME, 1987:

A draft scheme for the supply of Seeds and Fertilisers for 1987 was circulated with the Agenda. On the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Cllr. Callanan, the Council adopted the scheme for 1987.

1522 - RINVILLE PARK COMMITTEE:

The County Secretary read report dated 20th March, 1987, which had been circulated concerning the appointment of representatives of the Oranmore Development Association and Maree Community Development Association to Rinville Park Committee. He said that the two local authorities agreed that the Membership be increased by two to accommodate the two Associations but differed on the method of appointment. One solution would be that the County Council appoint the Maree representative and the Corporation appoint the Oranmore representative. He said that the two Associations had proposed the following nominees to the Committee:

Maree Community Development Association - Mr. Pat Rhattigan,
Sycamore Grove, Maree, Oranmore.

Oranmore Community Development Association - Mr. Martin Byrnes,
Merville by the Bridge,
Oranmore.

Deputy Molloy said that it was desirable that there be agreement on the appointments by the two local authorities and he proposed that Galway County Council approve the appointment of the nominees of the two Associations and that the Corporation be asked to do likewise. This was seconded by Deputy Fahey and agreed.

1523 - ROSMUC REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Mr. Howlett submitted his report dated 19th March, 1987, which had been circulated to each Member regarding Rosmuc Regional Water Supply Scheme. He explained the modified scheme and the reduction in cost.

Councillor Mannion proposed that the modified scheme be accepted and submitted to the Department. This was seconded by Councillor Welby.

Replying to Councillor Welby, Mr. Monahan explained that the main savings were being achieved by -

- (a) Not replacing existing mains in Rosmuc;
- (b) By omitting the sea crossing to Camus Eighter which would exclude some houses.

Deputy Molloy said that he would not agree to the modified scheme if some houses were being left out, and he would need an assurance in regard to the quality of the old pipes not being replaced.

Cuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail le Teachta O'Maolai agus duirt se gur ceart sceim iomlan a chur ar fail anois. Councillor Welby then proposed that a further report be prepared giving full details of the houses being excluded, the report to be submitted for the next meeting. Senator Killilea seconded Councillor Welby's proposal and said that a decision should be deferred as there were some Councillors absent who had a deep interest in the scheme. Deputy Fahey supported this proposal.

Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail go rachfadh an sceim ar aghaidh go h-iomlan anois. Cuidigh an Teachta O Maolai leis sin.

A vote was taken on Councillor Welby's amendment that a further report be prepared and resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Cllrs. J. Molloy, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

(11)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Brennan, J. Burke, M. Fahy, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, Deputy R. Molloy, Cllrs. M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and Senator U. Burke.

(14)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

A vote was then taken on Councillor O'Tuathail's proposal that the scheme go ahead as originally planned and resulted as follows:

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

(14)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, J. Joyce, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Cllrs. J. Molloy, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy and Councillor T. Welby.

(11)

The Chairman declared the proposal carried.

1524 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. John Callanan, Knockdoe, Claregalway.
Mr. Stanley Thompson, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Frank Burke, N.T., Abbey, Loughrea.
Mr. Michael Callinan, Cloondine, Kilbeacanty, Gort.

THE CHAIRMAN THEN ADJOURNED THE MEETING

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION - Written replies issued:

1525 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REPAIR ROAD WHICH HAS BADLY DETERIORATED WITH POTHoles, ETC., AT KINISKA, CLAREGALWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The surface of the road will be repaired under normal routine maintenance as resources permit."

1526 - THAT THE ROAD AT WATERDALE, CLAREGALWAY, BE INCLUDED IN THE 1987 ESTIMATES FOR SURFACE DRESSING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The above road will be considered for surface dressing in 1987. The carrying out of the work will depend on the availability of funds."

1527 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING PROBLEM NEAR THE HOUSE OF VINCENT O'BRIEN, MONARD, TURLOUGHMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The problem in question related to a soakway located on Mr. O'Brien's property. Mr. O'Brien has himself taken measures to resolve the matter."

1528 - DELAY IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COUNCIL HOUSE FOR PATSY FAHERTY, CLYNAGH, CARRAROE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"Mr. Faherty's application has been approved and a site selected on the land of Mr. Faherty, Clynagh, Carraroe. The Purchase Agreement was sent to Mr. M. Faherty for completion on 25/3/1985 and it has not since been returned. No action can be taken in connection with the purchase of the site until such time as the completed Purchase Agreement is returned to the Council's Law Agent."

1529 - THAT IMMEDIATE STEPS BE TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE REGULAR FLOODING THAT OCCURS AT CREGBOY, CLAREGALWAY, NEAR THE TENDERFROST WAREHOUSE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The road in question is County Road No. 145 and the location referred to is a low point in the road. Surface water run-off includes run-off from adjacent private lands in addition to the road run-off."

The Council is considering measures to terminate run-off arising from developed lands discharging on to the public roadway. Drainage outlets have been recently cleaned and flooding is considered to be temporary and short lived."

1530 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT A SIGNPOST AT TONEMOYLE CROSS, MILLTOWN, BEFORE THE HOLIDAY SEASON - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

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

"It is proposed to erect additional fingerpost signs in the Kilconly and Tonemoyle districts, south of Milltown. A schedule of signs is being prepared at present."

1531 - THAT THE S.E.S. AT MILLTOWN BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER 12 MONTHS SO AS TO COMPLETE THE RIVER BANK DEVELOPMENT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

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

"Every effort will be made to extend the Milltown S.E.S. but the necessary approvals are a matter for the National Manpower Service."

1532 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT 2 LIGHTS AT A COST OF £1,000 ON THE VILLAGE SIDE OF THE NEWLY ERECTED MENTALLY HANDICAPPED HOME AT KILKERRIN, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

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

"The programme of new public lights, which was agreed does not include the Centre for Mentally Handicapped in Kilkerrin. This proposal can be considered when the 1987 Programme is being prepared after the Estimates have been adopted."

1533 - THAT SIGNS BE ERECTED TO INDICATE DANGEROUS LOW RAILWAY BRIDGE ON THE ARDRAHAN-CRAUGHWELL ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"There are two statutory signs on either side of this bridge indicating the clearance height of 11 ft. 8 ins. There are also two similar warning signs 85 yards on either side. To give further advance warning, it is now proposed to place similar signs at Cregclare Cross on the south side and at the junction to Castletaylor on the north side of the bridge."

1534 - THAT THE ROAD LEADING TO LURGAN NATIONAL SCHOOL, TUBBER, GORT, BE WIDENED AND REPAIRED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"The road in question is 88 m. long with the average width of 2.2m. The estimated cost of widening a portion of this road so that vehicles can pass is £1,760. This assumes that land will be available. The work is not regarded as a priority in the present financial climate."

1535 - THAT THE DANGEROUS BEND ADJACENT TO COSTELLO'S HOUSE, GLENMORE, ATHENRY, BE REMOVED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"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. 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. The works could be considered under Councillors' Notice of Motion funds."

1536 - THAT A DECISION WOULD BE MADE ON THE ESTIMATE FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF SIGHT DISTANCE ON A NUMBER OF BAD BENDS ON THE ROAD TO THE CAHERCRINE VILLAGE, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The road in question is County Road No. 381, which is a narrow winding road. The estimated cost of improving sight distance at 6 No. selected bends is £19,000.

Improvement works on this road are not considered a priority under County Road improvements expenditure."

- 1537 - THAT FOOTPATHS BE EXTENDED ON THE MOHER ROAD, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The proposed work would require a National Primary Grant and no grant has been made available this year."

- 1538 - THAT A REPORT BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE SUPPLY OF WATER FROM THE AHASCRAH COUNCIL SCHEME TO THE CREGGANE/KEAVES/CHAPELFINNERTY GROUP WATER SCHEME: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The problem regarding inadequate supplies of water in this area has been identified as due to excessive use of water by Groups where large leakages are suspected. A detailed survey is currently being carried out by the Council and a number of leaks have been identified. The appropriate Group Secretaries have been asked to repair same and a number of leaks have in fact been repaired. The survey is continuing and it is hoped to eliminate wastage by this means."

- 1539 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WIDEN THE SHRUFFAUN ROAD, CALTRA, BALLINASLOE, AND THAT THE DRAIN ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE BE EITHER FILLED IN OR PIPED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The estimated cost of the proposed widening and drainage work on the Shruffaun road is £3,000. In view of the very limited finance available to maintain our County Roads, it is not proposed that this work be done out of maintenance monies."

- 1540 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EAST THE DANGEROUS BENDS OPPOSITE KILLASOLAN (MOUNTBELLEW) BURIAL GROUND: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Peter Raftery:

"The road in question is County Road No. 463 in the Townland of Killasolan. It is a lightly trafficked County Road used mainly by local people. Easing the bend is desirable but it is considered a low priority at present whilst funds remain limited."

- 1541 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WHEN REPAIRING DAMAGED BRIDGE AT FARTOWN, GLENAMADDY, LOWER ITS BED LEVEL BY ABOUT 3' IN ORDER TO BRING IT TO THE PRESENT STREAM LEVEL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"Design details for a replacement bridge at Fartown, Glenamaddy, are being prepared by the Council. The Council is liaising with the Farm Development Service of ACOT in determining the bridge invert levels. Whilst every effort will be made to accommodate landowners in the immediate area, the Council must take cognisance of the effects of any alteration in channel bed levels on the catchment as a whole."

- 1542 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DO NOT TAKE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO OBTAIN PAYMENT FOR REFUSE COLLECTION FROM PEOPLE IN THE GLENAMADDY AREA WHO DO NOT USE THE SERVICE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The legal position is that where a service such as refuse collection is provided in an area by the Council, the charge for such service is payable in respect of each premises served, whether the services is actually availed of or not.

The Refuse Collection Service is provided throughout the County to the extent that financial resources allow. The charges levied make an important contribution to the running of the service and any diminution in the Revenue from this source would obviously have detrimental effects on the level of service being provided. The Council cannot, given the present financial restrictions, allow people for whom the service is provided to opt out to the extent that it no longer remains economically viable to maintain the route concerned.

A review of the extent to which persons are not availing of the service will be carried out in the near future."

- 1543 - THAT THIS COUNCIL PROVIDE A LADDER AND LIGHTS ON BUNOWEN PIER SO AS TO FACILITATE THE USERS OF THE PIER: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The Council maintain existing facilities on piers under their control. The provision of extra facilities is generally the subject matter of a grant from the Department of Fisheries."

- 1544 - THAT THIS COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO REPLACE THE COLLAPSED SECTION OF ROAD AT GLANAGIMLA, LEENANE, WHICH IS A SERIOUS TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN HAZARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"This work is programmed for the week ending the 27th March, 1987."

- 1545 - GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY PROCEED WITH THE KINVARA WATER SCHEME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The Council has not yet received its Sanitary Services Capital Allocation for 1987. The above scheme is No. 4 of the Council's Priority List. Tenders for production wells were approved by the Department of the Environment in July 1986 and Contract Documents for the Civil Works are presently with the Department of the Environment. The land acquisition and wayleaves have been agreed and the Council is proceeding with the legal transfer of the lands. As soon as the transfers are finalised, the Council will ask the Department of the Environment for approval to go to Tender for the Civil Works."

- 1546 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN, PLANT TREES AND DESIGN PROPER LANDSCAPE AT LAY-BY AT LISSATUNNA, ARDRAHAN, (NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD) - HAVE SAME AS USE FOR PASSERS BY AND TOURISTS, ETC.: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"It would be desirable to have this area landscaped as suggested. However, there are no finances available to carry out this work. It may be possible to have this work carried out in the future as a Social Employment Scheme."

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

N. Tomlinson CHAIRMAN

27/4/87 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

3u la Aibreain, 1987.

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 Aibreain, 1987, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. McNamara for the erection of a house and septic tank at Gowlan West, Clifden. - Planning Ref. No. 53030."

Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Walsh, Kylemore, for the erection of Petrol Service Station at Kylemore. - Planning Ref. No. 53726."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey.

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.
4. I.P.A./L.A.M.A. Annual Conference 1987 - "Planning in Local Authorities - A Time for Review?" - 24th/25th April, 1987, in Great Southern Hotel, Galway. (Details enclosed)
5. National Planning Conference in Wexford - 30th April to May 1st - "Planning the Environment - Awareness and Action." (Details enclosed)

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1987.

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, P.F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials:

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1547 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53030 - APPLICANT: JOE McNAMARA:

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 Gowlan West and is approximately ½ mile off the main Galway-Clifden Road and approximately ½ mile from Clifden and is on the old Galway-Clifden Railway line.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 51920: An application by Mr. John J. McNamara for a dwellinghouse, on a larger more elongated site, was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of injury to visual amenity and because the septic tank was to be located outside the site of the proposed development on lands which were not in the ownership of the applicant.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an open moorland landscape where there is not other development except an old railway cottage and the proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area.

The site forms part of the permanent way of the old Galway-Clifden Railway Line. The level of the railway line is raised at this point above the level of the land on either side. This further raises the level and obtrusiveness of the proposed house.

It should be noted that Outline Planning Permission was previously granted on a site to the south of the site now under consideration. The location of this dwellinghouse would have been much lower than the dwellinghouse now proposed and would not have been readily visible on the landscape.

It should be noted that the applicant has moved a pre-fab home onto the site and has built a shed, both developments are without planning permission.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The proposed development would be located in an open moorland landscape which should properly be kept free of development and would, if permitted, lead to an intrusion of development into an otherwise unspoilt area and would be a discordant feature on the landscape which could not be properly assimilated into its surroundings and would seriously detract from the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair.

Councillor T. Welby stated that the applicant was purchasing an area to accommodate the septic tank. The County Engineer stated that the area proposed for the septic tank was shown on a map as being on top of the railway embankment. There were doubts about how the septic tank could drain properly from this location.

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that the Council should be reluctant to interfere with the old railway line from a historical point of view. The Council should avoid detracting from the visual amenities of the area. Councillor T. Welby stated that there were a number of houses built on the old railway line and that there are three or four such houses in the Moycullen area. In reply to Councillor Welby, the County Engineer indicated that the Council would consider more favourably a location which would be situated lower on the site concerned. It was agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Welby, that further consideration of the resolution would be adjourned to the Monthly Council Meeting of the 27th April, 1987, and that in the meantime, Councillor Welby would arrange for the applicant to discuss the case with the Planning Officials of the Council.

1548 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53726 - APPLICANT: PATRICK WALSH:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located in the Townland of Kylemore on the eastern shores of Kylemore Lough and across the road from an existing garage business and petrol pumps.

PLANNING HISTORY:

- Ref. No. 51028: A decision to grant Planning Permission for a showroom and Workshop was directed by Section 4 motion to be granted and following a third party appeal was granted by An Bord Pleanála. The showroom and workshop were to be used for domestic electrical appliances.
- Ref. No. 53349: An application for Planning Permission for a petrol filling station was refused by the Planning Authority on 4 no. grounds similar to those which it is again proposed to refuse this application as set out hereunder.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:

The site is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity of outstanding natural beauty and the proposed development would further lead to an erosion of the outstanding scenic amenities of the area. The site of the proposed development is also located on a busy National Secondary Route where it is the policy only to permit such commercial development for which there is a fully substantiated claim for locating

the development on the National Secondary Route. This does not apply in this case.

This proposed development would give rise to further traffic hazard because vehicles would cross over the National Secondary Route between the petrol pumps proposed and the existing garage business.

It should be noted that Condition No. 1 on the grant of Planning Permission for the existing building under construction on the site and granted under Planning Permission, Ref. No. 51028, on Appeal states that "the use of the proposed building shall be restricted to that of retail sales of domestic appliances and such office storage and workshop use only as is associated with the retail use". The applicant has not made any application for a service kiosk and probably intends to use the already permitted building as part of the petrol station in contravention of Condition No. 1 of Planning Ref. No. 51028.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity adjacent to the Kylemore Lough and would, if permitted, lead to a further intrusion of commercial development into this area of virtually unspoilt natural beauty which would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and from the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said route thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
3. The Planning Permission for the building under construction on the site was granted on the condition that the use of the proposed building would be restricted to that of retail sales of domestic appliances and such office, storage and workshop use only as is associated with the retail use and the proposed use of the building in association with the sale of petrol would be in conflict with the permitted use of the building and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
4. The proposed petrol pump development would be located on the opposite side of the National Secondary Route to the associated garage business and the traffic movements which would be generated between the 2 no. businesses would, interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the National Secondary Route thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Councillor J. Mannion. Councillor T. Welby proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. He stated that the applicant was a person who had returned to the area and that his father had given him a piece of land for development. The existing petrol pumps would be transferred to the other side of the road, thus making the overall situation safer. The existing pumps were very close to the public road and the new proposals would greatly improve the present position. The area was well overgrown with trees and the scenic amenities would not be interfered with. The applicant was prepared to clean up the whole area at the location in question. Councillor Welby was supported by Councillor Micheal O'Morain and Councillor Nioclás O'Conchubhair. In reply to queries, the County Engineer stated that it appeared that it was proposed to have two businesses on opposite sides of the road. There would be cross movement between the two areas across the road which would constitute a traffic hazard. Cllr. Welby stated that the applicant would not have anything to do with the development on the other side of the road and that the old pumps would be relocated in a new forecourt as part of the new development.

Councillor Welby stated that he was agreeable to have the matter adjourned in order that the applicant could clarify the position regarding the re-location of the petrol pumps. It was agreed, following further discussion, to adjourn the resolution as set out on the Agenda pending discussions with the applicant. It was noted that the decision period was extended to the 14th May, 1987, in this case and the matter could be adjourned to either the Monthly Meeting of the Council on the 27th April, 1987, or the Special Meeting of the 8th May, 1987, depending on the outcome of the discussions with the applicant.

1549 - 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:

A report dated 7th April, 1987, from the County Manager together with a report from Mr. B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning) dealing with objections and representations in respect of the Draft Amendment to the Draft Plans for Loughrea and Loughrea Environs had been circulated to Members. Councillor M. Loughnane stated that a large amount of documentation had been submitted to each Councillor and he proposed that consideration of these matters be adjourned for one month to enable Councillors to study the documentation in detail and to discuss the various issues involved with their Constituents and if necessary, with Officials of the Council. Cllr. Joe Callanan seconded Councillor Loughnane's proposal. In reply to queries raised, the County Manager indicated that the Council had received a letter from the Department of the Environment dated 8th April, 1987, stating that the Minister was concerned that Planning Authorities should maintain up-to-date Development Plans for their areas, and that the Review of Development Plans should not be deferred except in exceptional circumstances. The Department had noted the position in relation to the Review of the Loughrea Development Plan and had suggested that an extension to the 30th June, 1987, should be sufficient to enable the Council to finalise the Review. It was important, therefore, that the Review of the Loughrea Plan would be concluded in May or early June 1987. The County Manager, in reply to a number of Councillors, stated that he was not aware of any change in Government policy in relation to the National Road Plans. The Loughrea By-Pass had been included in the Government's Road Plan for the 80s and had been shown in that plan as a project which would commence after 1987. It was agreed, following further discussion, that the matter would be adjourned to the Special Meeting of the 8th May, 1987.

1550 - I.P.A./L.A.M.A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1987 - "PLANNING IN LOCAL AUTHORITIES - A TIME FOR REVIEW?" - 24th/25th APRIL, 1987, IN GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL, GALWAY:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, that in view of the fact that this Conference was being held in Galway, that all the Members of the Council be authorised to attend. The Council were informed that the Regulations provided that only three delegates could be sent to the Conference to represent the Council officially. The Council agreed to request the Minister for the Environment for his approval to allow all the Council Members to attend.

1551 - NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE IN WEXFORD - 30th APRIL TO MAY 1st - "PLANNING THE ENVIRONMENT - AWARENESS AND ACTION":

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Micheal O'Morain, that Councillors Joe Callanan and T. Welby be approved to attend.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Senator Ulick Burke, that Councillors J. Mannion and M. Lynch be approved to attend.

The Council were informed that the Regulations provided that only three Councillors could be nominated by the Council. Councillor M. Lynch withdrew his name and it was agreed that the attendance of Councillors John Mannion, T. Welby, and Joe Callanan be approved for this Conference.

1552 - ENTERPRISE CONNACHT/DONEGAL:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh stated that he had raised the question of appointing representatives from Galway County Council to Enterprise Connacht/Donegal

at a previous meeting and that the matter had been postponed pending the outcome of discussions between Enterprise Connacht and the Regional Development Organisation. He stated that a number of Counties had appointed Members to the Organisation and he asked that Galway County Council appoint two Members also.

Deputy Noel Treacy (Chairman) indicated that as Chairman of the R.D.O., he wished to state that Members of the R.D.O. had met Officials of Enterprise Connacht. A long discussion had taken place between both Bodies and the decision was that both parties would report back to their respective organisations regarding these discussions.

The County Manager indicated that at the Meeting between Enterprise Connacht and the Regional Development Organisation, the role of Enterprise Connacht was discussed and specific questions on the role of Enterprise Connacht were not satisfactorily answered. It appeared that Enterprise Connacht were seeking a co-ordinating role of the various Bodies including statutory Bodies in the region. The organisation did not appear to have any structure or resources and he had great reservations about their role. The Regional Development Organisation had an important co-ordinating role in the region at present and he strongly recommended the Council not to take any further action in relation to Enterprise Connacht until their role was clearly clarified. If the Council wished to nominate Members to this Body, travelling expenses would not be payable. Following a discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor P. McHugh, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, that the matter be deferred until the role of Enterprise Connacht was further clarified.

1553 - RATE SUPPORT GRANTS:

Deputy Noel Treacy gave details of the Rate Support Grants allocated to Galway County Council for 1987. He also gave details of Road Grants allocated. The Council noted that the Estimates Meeting would be held on the 21st April, 1987, and these matters could be fully discussed.

1554 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES:

Deputy Michael Kitt stated that the regulations regarding Local Improvement Schemes should be amended to provide that a road which had been improved under the scheme, could be redone after a period of 10 years where the original applicants were deceased or where severe damage had been caused by flooding. He proposed that the Council request the Minister for the Environment to revise the guidelines to provide that a further Local Improvement Scheme could be carried out on a road after a period of 10 years from the date of the carrying out of the previous Local Improvement Scheme where severe damage had been caused to a road because of flooding, or where original applicants were deceased. Councillor T. Walsh seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal, and it was agreed to take up the matter with the Department of the Environment.

1555 - PROTEIN EISC TEORANTA:

Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair referred to the pollution problem at Rossaveal. He asked that the Council take immediate action to deal with the problem being created as there was great concern locally regarding the pollution being caused. The County Manager indicated that he understood that a Treatment Plant was being installed at the premises concerned and he agreed that the matter would be kept under review by the Council.

1556 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Christy Fennessey, Church Street, Gort.
Mrs. Stephen Canavan, Bridge Street, Clifden.
Mrs. Kerins & Family, c/o Frank Kerins, Gort Road, Loughrea.
Mrs. Mary McDermott, Lackaghbeg, Turloughmore.
Mr. Michael Callanan, Cloondine, Kilbeacanty, Gort.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED
SUBMITTED, APPROVED AND CONFIRMED, - *Michael Treacy*
25th MAY, 1987 DATE. CHAIRMAN

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TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara:

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Tuesday, 21st April, 1987, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to 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 McDonnell's house, Ardnageeha, Cong, Co. Galway.

Tom Welby. Frank Fahey. John Molloy.

2. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1987.
(Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith.)
3. Making and Sealing of Demand on Urban Authority.

MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 21ST APRIL, 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.J. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J.M. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J.F. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; P. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer; B. Kennedy, A. Fleming, Senior Staff Officers; and R. Curley, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1558 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - 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 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
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This is 67% of the total 1987 County Road Reconstruction Grant for the Oughterard Area.

Proposals for improvements under this category for 1987 are set out in the Road Works Programme."

Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, stated that the road involved was a relatively minor one and the County Manager stated that the question posed for the Council was whether the Members wished to have 67% of the Grant for the Oughterard Area spent on this particular piece of road. The Chairman stated that the report before the Council was being noted and it was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor J. Lambert, and agreed that the terms of the resolution as set out on the Agenda not be implemented.

1559 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1987:

The Members of the Council considered the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st December, 1987, together with the County Manager's report dated 10th April, 1987, a copy of each of which had been circulated to each Member with the Agenda for the Estimates Meeting. A copy of the County Manager's report dated 21st April, 1987, giving details of the make-up of the Council's Revenue for 1987 was circulated to each Member and a copy of the Roadworks Scheme for the financial year ending 31st December, 1987, which had been prepared by the County Engineer was also circulated to each Member.

The County Manager read his report dated 21st April, 1987.

In his report, the County Manager gave details of the make-up of the Council's Revenue for 1987 as follows:

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1987

Source	£
Rate Support Grants	9,456,400
Rates collected by Council	1,591,280
Loan Charges Subsidy	6,298,915
Road Grants	5,697,000
Local Improvement Schemes	409,000
Higher Education Grants Recoupment	1,987,510
Urban Contribution (UDC)	146,685
Galway Corporation - Compensation	1,725,135
Housing Loan repayments	3,576,970
Superannuation	382,675
Charges - Water	771,750
Planning	150,000
Burials	21,000
Fire Service	15,000
Refuse	210,000
Library	22,000
Sheep Dipping	75,000
Meat Inspections	10,000
Housing Rents & Annuities	467,860
Employment Schemes Recoupment	1,500,000
Motor Tax Recoupment	245,915
State Grants for other Services	503,375
Road re-instatement & other recoupable works	969,785
TOTAL	36,233,255

State	£26,097,715	72.03%
Balance	£10,135,540	27.97%

Included in above (Balance) is a figure of £1,871,820 receipts from Corporation and U.D.C. which in general is State Funds.

If included in State Funds this would amend % figures to:-

State	77.19%
Balance	22.81%

The report stated that in any comparison of Revenue as between the Estimates for 1986 and 1987, it was necessary to eliminate distortions arising from contra items. For example, the 1986 figure included a sum of £1.480 million for Malicious Injury Recoupment which were not applicable in 1987. Other contra items such as S.D.A loan repayments and Higher Education Grants varied from year to year. Such contra items appeared to inflate the Revenue figures without providing additional funds for discretionary expenditure.

Of significance in the Council's Revenue was the income from Rate Support Grants, Rates, Charges, Rents and to an extent Sanitary Services Subsidy. The total produce from these resources amounted to £15,174,525 which showed a decrease of £8,357 on the 1986 Out-turn. Allowing for an adjustment in the Office of Public Works Demand situation for comparison purposes with 1986, an additional sum of £277,943 was available in 1987. Out of that sum, all cost increases over the 1986 figure would have to be met and the report gave examples of figures under various headings.

The County Manager read his report dated 10th April, 1987.

In his report, the County Manager indicated that the preparation of the Estimates for 1987 was late by reason of the later Budget date resulting from the change of Government. It was vital that the Estimate be adopted at the earliest possible date so as to settle the Budget figures under the various headings, to ensure that the necessary financial controls were operated and to ensure that collection of Revenue was put in hands. Details of the revised Road Grants for 1987 were circulated with the County Engineer's report. The County Manager's report indicated that the figure for Rates Support Grant in 1987 represented a reduction of 9.18% before adjustment of the Arterial Drainage Demand and 3.58% allowing for the adjustment. The report indicated that arrears of £804,738 had accumulated in respect of O.P.W. Demands up to the 31st December, 1986. The Council were informed that under new arrangements, Galway County Council would not be faced with a Demand in 1987 but that the Council was obliged to pay the arrears over a reasonable period not exceeding five years. A sum of £100,000 was provided in the Estimates in 1987.

COMPENSATION (CITY TO COUNTY):

The County Manager indicated in his report that at the time of preparing the Estimate, the Minister's determination in regard to compensation had not come to hand. The approach taken in the 1987 Estimates was similar to the terms of the Interim Agreement concluded between the two authorities in 1986. The agreement provided for base figures to be increased by 5% or the Inflation rate whichever was the lesser, and an Inflation rate of 3.5% had been assumed for the purposes of the 1987 Estimates.

OTHER REVENUE ITEMS:

The County Manager in his report indicated that for the purpose of compiling the Estimates and taking account of reduced Rates Support Grant, the needs of various services, unavoidable cost increases, and maintenance of employment, the Estimate provided for the following Revenue increases:-

- (1) A Rate increase of 5% from £20.62 in the £ to £21.65 in the £, yielding £115,745 including increased valuations.
- (2) Increase of Domestic Water charges from £50 per house to £60 per house, yielding £80,000.
- (3) Other Water Charges increased by 20% yielding £37,840.
- (4) Increased Domestic Refuse Charges from £25/£15 to £35/£20 yielding £60,000.
- (5) Other Refuse Charges increased by 20% yielding £15,000.
- (6) Increased Sheep Dipping Charges from 10p per sheep to 15p per sheep, yielding £25,000.

HOUSING AND BUILDING:

Details of the provisions for Maintenance and Repair of Council houses were set out in the County Manager's report. On the Revenue side, provision was made for an increase in rents resulting from the calculation of revised rents on an up-dated incomes basis. The revised rents scheme would take effect from the 1st May, 1987.

ROADS, TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY:

The County Manager indicated that it was not possible to make any provision for new Public Lighting in 1987. Details of the Road Grants were set out in the County Engineer's report.

WATER SUPPLIES AND SEWERAGE:

The County Manager's report gave details of the provisions for Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes maintenance. In relation to improvement works, provision was being made for the most urgent work from a long list of desirable improvements. The provision for additional loan charges to cover Capital spending provided for loan charges on a further Capital spending of £3 million on new starts in 1987.

The County Manager stated that irrespective of the amount of Capital money available to the Council, new starts would have to be programmed to keep spending within the figure of £3 million in order to avoid incurring liabilities for loan charges in excess of the provision in the Estimates. Details of the increased level of Water Charges were outlined and the County Manager stated that where the Council failed to levy increased Water Charges, the effect would be that other Council services would have to be further reduced. Details of the provision for Sewerage Scheme Maintenance were also outlined and the impact of the heavy imposition on the Council's resources resulting from loan charges of Water and Sewerage Schemes were outlined. It was indicated that unless there was a significant restructuring of Local Government finances, the Council would be unable to implement the Capital Programme for such schemes now in planning. The provision on loan charges for Group Water Supply Schemes would also have to be curtailed to provide for a limit of the Capital Grants, £250,000 in 1987.

DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROLS:

It was indicated that the estimated receipts from Planning Charges represented a 50% increase over last year's Estimate.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:

Details of the total provision for Waste Disposal were outlined. It was indicated that in view of the increasing cost of collection and the Council's inability to extend collection service, that it may be advisable to consider diversion of the Council resources to the provision and maintenance of Dumps and withdrawal from the collection service which could be undertaken commercially by private operators. The County Manager indicated that he proposed to have this matter further examined with a view to bringing a report before the Council at a later date. The provision for more Burial Grounds was £40,000 as compared with £82,000 in 1986, and expenditure would have to be directed to those locations where the greatest need existed. Details of the provision for fire protection are also outlined.

RECREATION AND AMENITY:

The provision for the Library service and the Arts Grants had been kept at last year's levels. The provision for Amenity Grants included figures for committed grants in respect of Tuam Cathedral, Clonfert Cathedral and an Interpretative Centre at Aughrim.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES:

The County Manager outlined the up-to-date position in relation to the offices of Rate Collectors. He gave details of the incentives offered to Rate

Collectors to surrender their posts and indicated that it was extremely important that this question be resolved without any further delay in order to facilitate the appointment of Revenue Collectors and the rationalisation of the Council's Revenue Collection Systems.

In reply to Councillor J. Mannion, the County Manager indicated that the Capital Allocation for the construction of new houses in 1987 had not yet been received.

REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE:

A number of Councillors referred to the position where people along the route of the refuse collection service were being required to pay for the service even if they were not availing of it. Councillors welcomed generally the fact that the County Manager was preparing a report on the privatisation of the collection service. Councillor Michael Ryan asked for details of the percentage of charges collected in 1986. The County Manager stated that details of the collection would be made available and that a survey was being carried out to establish the extent to which people are not availing of the refuse collection service. The Co. Manager referred to the difficulties regarding the collection of all charges and stated that the collection on the ground was in need of improvement. Persons liable for the payment of charges would, however, have to pay and Summons would be served on people who did not pay in the near future.

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that he was reluctant to increase rates on charges as proposed by the Manager, and he proposed that an increase in respect of Rates, Water Charges, and Refuse Collection be limited to 3.5% which was equivalent to the current inflation rate. Councillor Brennan stated that he was not in favour of a 25% increase in Housing Rents.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, and agreed that the Council request the Minister the Minister for the Environment to review the present system of local authority financing as a matter of urgency.

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

"That the Council request the Minister for the Environment to make all Capital monies available to Local Authorities on a non-repayable basis."

Councillor Micheal O'Morain referred to the proposed increase in commercial rates and stated that the same people are also faced with increases in Water Charges and Refuse Collection charges. In relation to Burial Grounds, Councillor O'Morain suggested that Community Councils might become involved in the maintenance of Burial Grounds. In reply to Councillor O'Morain also, the County Manager gave details regarding the arrangements for the payment of the Supplementary Welfare Allowance Demand arrears to the Western Health Board.

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh asked that the Williamstown Sewerage Scheme be expedited and that a Capital Allocation be made available for its construction. In reply to Councillor Walsh, the County Manager indicated that village sewerage schemes were proving to be extremely expensive relative to the cost per house served and added to this problem of cost was the question of the Council's ability to repay which had also to be taken into account. In reply to Councillor Walsh, the County Manager indicated that Council lorries had delivered chips from Tipperary to certain areas in the eastern part of the County on an experimental basis. Tenders for the haulage of the major portion of the chips had been received recently and the haulage of chips to other parts of the County would be done on a private basis, based on the successful Tenders.

In reply to queries, the County Manager indicated that the Council were repaying £10 million in respect of loan charges to the Office of Public Works.

Only £200,000 of the Council's loan repayments are payable to Commercial Banks.

Councillor Michael Fahy asked that urgent attention would be given to County Roads and asked that Social Employment Schemes be used to carry out improvements on the lay-bys at Kiltiernan and Lissatulla.

The County Manager stated that work which was normally within the range of County Council work could not be carried out under Social Employment Schemes and that this matter had been taken up without success on a number of occasions with the Unions.

In reply to Councillor Joe Callanan, the County Manager stated that the question of compensation payable by Galway Corporation as a result of the extension of the boundary and of County Borough status had not yet been resolved. The matter had been referred to the Minister for the Environment, and the Council would be in touch with the Department again in relation to the matter. The County Manager, in reply to Councillor Callanan, stated that the Council were endeavouring to recover the cost of the Sheep Dipping service in the fixing of the level of charges. Councillor Callanan asked that Old Age Pensioners entitled to waiver of charges be allowed waiver for a number of years without the necessity of filling up a Waiver form annually. Councillor Callanan asked that greater attention be given to the maintenance of New Inn Dump.

Councillor M. Mullins referred to the difficulties in relation to repairs on Council houses and asked if some arrangements could be made with tenants regarding minor repairs. The County Manager stated that he would welcome an arrangement whereby tenants could carry out minor repairs. The monies available for repairs are limited and he had arranged that the Assistant County Manager would personally approve of repairs to individual houses under a system whereby the more serious defects would receive priority. He was prepared to consider an arrangement whereby tenants might carry out the painting of their houses and could be refunded the cost of the paint. He agreed to examine this matter further.

In reply to Deputy Michael Kitt, the County Manager stated that the question of the payment of charges on a quarterly basis or on a weekly basis by Council tenants would be examined in the light of the review of the Revenue collection in the County, and the appointment of Revenue Collectors.

In reply to Councillor McHugh, the County Manager stated that if the existing Rate Collectors did not accept the present offer made to them, he would be proposing the abolition of their offices to the Minister for the Environment. There was an offer of a Revenue Collector post for each Rate Collector opting to remain employed by the Council. Councillor McHugh asked that painting be carried out on Headford Courthouse as soon as possible as he had submitted a Notice of Motion in this regard. Councillor J. Burke asked that the Council give special consideration to Tuam in cases of hardship in the collection of Rates. The County Manager agreed to examine a case in Tuam referred to by Councillor Burke.

Councillor Martin Lynch asked that work under the Social Employment Schemes be carried out in Athenry as a continuation of the work already done. He referred to the importance of Athenry as a 13th Century town and the need to promote tourism. He asked that loads of rubbish remaining inside the Wall of the Town after the Social Employment Scheme be removed. Councillor Lynch also asked that money be allocated for the road adjacent to the Mart in an effort to improve traffic congestion in the area. He was supported by Councillor Michael Ryan who stated that the Mart management would agree to make a contribution to works in the area.

Councillor Michael Ryan asked that the position in relation to Water Charges on the Moylough/Kilkerrin Water Scheme be examined particularly the charges in relation to drinking troughs. The County Manager agreed to examine the position in this case. In reply to Councillor Ryan, the County Manager also agreed to examine the position in relation to the charging of a fee of £20 on making an application to the Council for a Housing Loan.

Councillor F. Glynn asked that a survey be carried out in relation to the operation of Slaughterhouses throughout the County to ensure that the sale of meat for human consumption was up to required standards. He asked that the results of the survey be made available to the Council in due course. Councillor Glynn referred to the critical situation in relation to Burial Grounds in Dunmore, Kilconly, Addergoole, and Kilcooley. There was a critical shortage of grave spaces in these areas and the problems in these areas should be dealt with urgently. In reply to Councillor Glynn, the County Manager stated that the Council would renew its request to the Department of Justice to meet the cost of maintenance and improvement of Courthouses.

Councillor Glynn stated that in relation to the Sheep Dipping Scheme, there appeared to be areas of evasion and he asked that the operation of the scheme be reviewed as there were outbreaks of Scab in recent years. The County Manager agreed to review to the position.

In reply to Councillor James Joyce, the County Manager stated that it was proposed to provide telephone facilities for use by Council Members as part of the extension of the Council Offices. He agreed that he would examine the possibility of providing an interim arrangement for Councillors.

1560 - ADJOURNMENT OF ESTIMATES MEETING:

It was proposed by Councillor James Joyce, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, and resolved, that the Estimates Meeting be adjourned to Monday, 11th May, 1987.

1561 - L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE - GALWAY - 24TH/25TH APRIL, 1987:

The Council were informed that no reply had been received from the Department to its request that all Members of Galway County Council be approved for attendance at this Conference. It was agreed that the attendance of Cllrs. Michael Ryan, James Joyce, and Joe Callanan, be approved for this Conference. It was agreed that in the event of additional Members being approved, that the attendance of Councillors J. McDonagh, P. Finnegan, and M. Mullins, be approved.

1562 - ELECTION TO THE SEANAD:

The Members congratulated Senators Padraic McCormack and Thomas Hussey on their election to the Seanad.

1563 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mrs. Anne Mannion, Dooneen, Clifden, on the death of her husband, Thomas.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & Confirmed:-
M. Donohue
CHAIRMAN,
25th MAY 1987 DATE,

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

21u Aibreain, 1987.

GHUIG 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 27u la Aibreain, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. McNamara for the erection of a house and septic tank at Gowlan West, Clifden. - Planning Ref. No. 53030."
Mark Killilea. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Special Meeting held on the 13th March, 1987.
 - (b) Monthly Meeting held on the 23rd March, 1987.
3. Raising of loans to finance ; -
 - (a) House Construction Programme, 1987.
 - (b) Kinvara Regional Water Supply Scheme, Stage 1.
4. Nomination of Member to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for year 1987/'88.
5. Galway Eastern Approach Road, Oranmore By-Pass Road - Junction on Limerick Road.
- Copy of County Engineer's report enclosed.
6. Oranmore Sewerage Scheme.
7. Letter dated 27th March, 1987, from Department of the Environment regarding proposed Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge. (Copy enclosed)
8. Annual Conference of General Council of County Councils - Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, - 18th - 20th June, 1987.
9. European Conference - Impact of Agriculture on Water Resources - Consequences and Perspectives - 21st-23rd September, 1987, in Berlin. - Details already circulated.
10. Malicious Injury Decrees.
11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from Council Meeting of the 23rd March, 1987:

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY: - I will propose:

12. That Galway County Council strongly object to the proposal outlined in Section 2 of the E.S.B. Services Amendment Bill 1986 which would authorise the E.S.B. to import coal through Moneypoint, Co. Clare, in competition with Galway and other Harbours around the country and would also permit C.I.E. to trade in coal in competition with established coal distributors and threaten employment in the coal industry generally.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

13. The County Council inform me when local group water scheme at Corofin is to be linked to Mid-Galway Scheme for reasons supplied.
14. That the County Council take steps in this month of March to get the three approved Social Employment Schemes for Headford Cemeteries - Cargin - Cloughanover - Killursa - started. I also wish to propose that the Council have the work scheme vacancies for this area advertised on local press.
15. That the County Council immediately proceed with Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme - Zone 4 - through Claregalway. I also wish County Council to inform me when the people of the Kiniska area can reasonably expect a supply from the Galway Scheme.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY: - I will propose:

16. That an extra street light be erected at Spiddal Bridge, and other lights on the road west from the bridge.
17. That replacement windows be provided immediately in the Council occupied by (details supplied).
18. That immediate repairs be carried out to Cuan na Loinge Road at Bealadangan.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

19. That Galway County Council clean a drain which leads from Michael Tully's house, Killure, to the main Killure Road.
20. That Galway County Council approve a grant of £5,000 to the Galway Unemployed Association.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council urgently decide on how best to resolve the dangerous exit from Weir Road, Tuam, to the National Primary. This matter has now been under consideration for 5 years and there are literally accidents every week.
22. That house number indicators be erected in Parkmore Estate, Tuam. All emergency services find it extremely difficult to find individual houses.
23. That Galway County Council ensure that effluent being discharged on to the public road at Gortnagoine, Dunmore, be stopped forthwith.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE: - I will propose:

24. That an explanation be given as to why Anthony Buckley, Maheraneerla, Eyrecourt, was refused Planning Permission for a Workshop - Planning Ref. No. 53817.
25. That a progress report be given on the Council's efforts to resolve the problems of access and parking at Doon Graveyard, Eyrecourt.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

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26. That sufficient funds be provided in the Roads Estimates for easing the dangerous bends at B. Naughton's house, Abbeypark, Clontuskert, and at the Meelick junction at Prospect, Eyrecourt.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

27. Galway County Council proceed with the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme connect same on to Galway City Sewerage Scheme.
28. The County Council erect indication signs for Labane at the Ardrahan side of Village - sign or arrow to indicate road to village.
29. That the County Council speed up the Department of the Environment to have traffic route lighting erected at Ardrahan.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

30. That this Council take immediate action to deepen the culverts under the bridges in Glenaclara and Barragurraun, Kilnadeema, Loughrea, in order to allow the water to flow freely under these bridges and that these bridges be replaced if necessary in order to create a proper free flow for the water and to alleviate unnecessary flooding and to terminate any further flooding on the adjacent roadways and further, this Council explain the reasons why water from these roads is being allowed and assisted to flow directly into people's property rather than into the proper water courses and that action be taken on both of these matters immediately.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY: - I will propose:

31. That an entrance to Oranmore from the Limerick Road be provided in accordance with the plans submitted by the Oranmore Development Association.
32. That in the case where people have not availed of the Council's refuse collection service since its introduction that pressure would not be exerted on such individuals to pay refuse charges.
33. That the Council take this strand into its jurisdiction to provide lighting and to make the strand safe for travel to and from Omev Island.

COUNCILLORS TIARNAN WALSH AND MICHAEL RYAN: - We will propose:

34. On a point of information, we wish to know what is the financial difference per year between running a Council owned lorry with driver and hiring a privately owned lorry and driver.

COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY: - I will propose:

35. That repairs be carried out to the Pollnaclogha road, Moycullen, as soon as possible.
36. That work be carried out as soon as possible on the unfinished hard shoulder

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

37. That repairs be carried out to the Pollkeen/Castlegar bog road past the Cemetery.
38. That repairs be carried out on the Owen East and Owen West Road, Rosscahill.
39. For repairs be carried out to the Bournagorteeny Road, Glann, Oughterard, towards Paddy Joyce's house where the water running down has worn away part of the side of the road.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: - I will propose:

40. That one public light be provided outside the Casnei Community Centre and that same would be provided for the in the 1987 allocation.
41. That the County Manager would indicate to the Members the areas of scientific interest in County Galway which are the subject of Conservation Orders.

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COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

42. That the Oughterard carpark be surface dressed and that a gate be hung on entrance to the town park as quickly as possible.

COUNCILLOR P.J. FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

43. That improvements be carried out immediately to the roads at Kilmore and Kilbeg, Williamstown.
44. That a public light be erected at the first possible opportunity at Kilbannon Church.

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT: - I will propose:

45. That two public lights be provided at Ballymana Church, Craughwell.
46. That this Council provide me with a report to my Notice of Motion re stop lights at Georges Street, Gort.

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN, DEPUTY M.P. KITT, COUNCILLORS JOE CALLANAN AND ML. MULLINS: - We will propose:

47. That a meeting be arranged between representatives of the Department of the Environment, Galway County Council and Ballinasloe U.D.C., to discuss water schemes in the environs of Ballinasloe U.D.C.

APRIL MEETING

DECREES

DAMAGE

MALICIOUS

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Robert Miller, Blooms Garden Centre, Shopping Centre, Galway.	Damage to Property	County at large		
Phillip & Carmel O'Connell, Ballybane Shopping Centre, Galway.	Damage to Property	County at large	£500.00	£404.63
Louis Smyth, 120 Hazel Park, Newcastle, Galway.	Damage to motor vehicle, reg. no. 358 NZL	County at large	£1,000.00	£594.61
Bridie Healy, Main St., Loughrea, Co. Galway.	Damage to property	County at large	£2,000.00	£1,594.25
Patrick Crosby, Main Street, Ballinasloe.	Damage to property - a plate glass window	County at large		£685.32

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27th APRIL, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

- (a) Sen. Nioclás O'Conchubhair
- (b) Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager, E. Gleeson, County Secretary, P. Flood, County Engineer, J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, T. O'Donoghue, F. Monahan, S.E.E., T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer, D. Barrett, S.S.O., L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning)

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1564 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

A Vote of Sympathy was proposed by Clr. P. Finnegan and seconded by Clr. Michael Ryan with Senator T. Hussey on the recent death of his Brother. All the Members, the County Manager and the Assistant County Manager associated themselves with the Vote of Sympathy. The Council agreed on the proposal of Clr. M. O'Morain to adjourn the Meeting for a short period as a mark of respect.

Votes of Sympathy were also passed with the following.

Mr. Jack Dowd, Cloonkeel, Moylough on the death of his Father, Mr. Ted Dowd. Mr. Martin Kilmartin (Siopa) Minna, Inverin on the death of his Father, Sean. The Lawless Family, Anbally, Cummer, Tuam on the recent death of their Father.

1565 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS.

On resumption the Members congratulated Senator N. O'Conchubhair on his recent appointment as a Senator. Clr. O'Conchubhair thanked the Members for their expression of good wishes.

1566 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 53030 - APPLICANT- MR. McNAMARA.

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 Gowlan West and is approximately ¼ mile off the main Galway - Clifden Road and approximately ½ mile from Clifden and is on the old Galway - Clifden Railway line.

HISTORY:-

Planning Ref. No. 51920: An application by Mr. John J. McNamara for a dwellinghouse, on a larger more elongated site, was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of injury to visual amenity and because the septic tank was to be located outside the site of the proposed development on lands which were not in the ownership of the applicant.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:-

The site is located in an open moorland landscape where there is no other development except an old railway cottage and the proposed development would detract from the visual amenities of the area.

The site forms part of the permanent way of the old Galway - Clifden Railway line. The level of the railway line is raised at this point above the level of the land on either side. This further raises the level and obtrusiveness of the proposed house.

It should be noted that Outline Planning Permission was previously granted on a site to the south of the site now under consideration. The location of this dwellinghouse would have been much lower than the dwellinghouse now proposed and would not have been readily visible on the landscape.

It should be noted that the applicant has moved a pre-fab home onto the site and has built a shed, both developments are without planning permission.

RECOMMENDATION:-

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

1. The proposed development would be located in an open moorland landscape which should properly be kept free of development and would, if permitted, lead to an intrusion of development into an otherwise unspoilt area and would be a discordant feature on the landscape which could not be properly assimilated into its surroundings and would seriously detract from the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The County Engineer stated that this matter had been adjourned from a previous meeting to establish if the Applicant could relocate the house on a less obtrusive portion of the site. Clr. T. Welby stated that he could not contact the applicant as he had been out of the Country. Clr. Welby was informed that the time had been extended for the making of a decision to the 30th April, 1987 and that a decision would have to be issued on this application immediately. In reply to Clr. Welby, the County Engineer stated that a condition regarding relocation of the house would not be satisfactory as details of the amount of land owned by the applicant were not clearly shown.

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Clr. T. Welby and seconded by Clr. John Molloy.

It was proposed by Clr. Joe Brennan and seconded by Clr. Joe Burke that Planning Permission not be granted in this case.

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

FOR:- Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, and Deputy N. Treacy

(15)

AGAINST:- Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke and M. Mullins.

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Councillors U. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh and T. Walsh abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the Resolution as set out on the Agenda Carried.

1567 - MINUTES:-

On the proposition of Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. M. O'Morain, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council held on the 13th March, 1987 were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Clr. J. Mannion and seconded by Clr. M. O'Morain, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 23rd March, 1987 were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

1568 - ROSMUC REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

In reply to Clr. M. O'Morain the Council were informed that no reply had been received from the Department of the Environment regarding the Council's decision of the 23rd March, 1987 on the Rosmuc Regional Water Supply Scheme. Clr O'Morain asked that the reply from the Department be circulated when it was received.

1569 - RAISING OF LOAN FOR HOUSE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

It was proposed by Clr. Ulick Burke and seconded by Clr. M. Ryan and resolved:-

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

1570 - RAISING OF LOAN TO FINANCE KINVARA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - STAGE 1.

It was proposed by Clr. Joe Lambert and seconded by Clr. M. Fahy and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council approve of the raising of a loan of £595,000 for Kinvara Regional Water Supply Scheme - Stage 1, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repayable over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister for the Environment."

1571 - NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION FOR YEAR 1987/1988.

It was proposed by Clr. M. O'Morain and seconded by Clr. John Molloy that Clr. T. Welby be appointed as the Council's representative.

It was proposed by Clr. Michael Ryan and seconded by Clr. Martin Lynch that Clr. John Mannion be appointed as the Council's representative.

A vote taken on those two proposals resulted as follows:-

FOR CLR. WELBY. Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy and T. Welby.

(12)

FOR CLR. MANNION: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, M. Fahy, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan and T. Walsh.

(13).

The Chairman declared Clr. J. Mannion appointed as the Council's representative to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1987/1988.

Clr. T. Welby and Clr. O'Morain congratulated Clr. J. Mannion on his appointment. Clr. J. Mannion thanked the Council for his appointment.

1572 - GALWAY EASTERN APPROACH ROAD, ORANMORE BY-PASS ROAD - JUNCTION ON LIMERICK ROAD.

This matter had arisen as a result of a proposal at a recent Meeting of the Council that a section of the Old Limerick Road which was closed to traffic on the opening of the Oranmore By-Pass should now be re-opened. The County Engineer submitted the following report recommending that the proposal to open the road in question be rejected.

1. The effect of this proposal would be to encourage traffic coming from Limerick to travel through the village of Oranmore. This would be a complete negation of the concept of the By-Pass, which is to direct through traffic away from the bottleneck in the village.
2. The proposal is unnecessary in that adequate access to the village has been provided by the construction of a new slip road. This slip road, its junction with the By-Pass and a deceleration lane on the By-Pass for traffic turning towards Oranmore have been designed to National Primary standard and provide a smooth, safe, clearly defined access to the village.
3. The proposal, if adopted, would result in the creation of a serious traffic hazard at the location where the old Limerick road would join the new Slip road. This hazard would include confusion over priority, difficulty in controlling turning movements, problems in maintaining one way system towards Oranmore on the old Limerick road, difficulty in achieving an adequate junction design.
4. This proposal would create confusion for traffic approaching from Limerick which would be faced with two exits from the By Pass within 200 m and resultant difficulties with signposting, road markings, and extra lanes. Similar confusion would result for drivers travelling from Oranmore who would be faced with a dividing road and oncoming traffic from two directions. An increased probability of accidents is inevitable in such situations.
5. The proposal, if adopted, would mean that landowners on the now disused section of the Limerick road, in travelling from Oranmore would have to enter the By-Pass and then take a right turn from the By-Pass to get to their lands. This would be unnecessarily hazardous and would necessitate a second exit point from the By-Pass close to the present junction.

In our present design and construction, which is almost completed there is no problem for these users.

6. Increased Expenditure.

Considerable work has already been completed in closing off the old Limerick road, e.g. erection of 90 No. 6' Posts, excavation of road surface, spreading of topsoil. Additional work required would include creation of an extra length of deceleration lane on the By-Pass; raising, re-shaping crossfall and new surfacing of old Limerick road; road markings, sign-posting.

I consider this proposal is in conflict with the concept of the By-Pass, is not necessary, would result in additional expenditure and, most importantly, would result in sub-standard, confusing and hazardous traffic conditions. The present design conforms to proper standards and provides a simple, clearly defined and adequate access to Oranmore village.

Finally might I add that I am considering the erection of a sign on the approach to Oranmore from the Limerick direction indicating, in symbols, the type of service available in the village. Unfortunately there are no standards available in Ireland for such but I have been in touch with the Department of the Environment in regard to the formulation of such standards."

In reply to Clr. M. Fahy the County Engineer stated that the arrangements for traffic on the Galway side of Oranmore where traffic was diverted onto the Sligo road was only an interim arrangement pending construction of the next stage of the By-Pass road from Doughiska. It was hoped that the construction of the next stage of the By-Pass would commence next year.

Clr. M. Lynch stated that people in Oranmore were concerned with the loss of business as a result of the construction of the By-Pass road and he asked that the Slip road at the Limerick side of Oranmore be re-opened. He stated that there was a serious accident at the new junction over the last weekend and if the Slip road was in operation such accidents could be avoided. He stated that the Slip roads worked well in Athenry and at Derrydonnell Cross.

Clr. Joe Lambert also supported the opening of the Slip road.

Sen. P. McCormack stated that he also supported the opening of the Slip road and could not see how the opening of this road would have any adverse effects on the operation of the By-Pass road. The opening of this road would facilitate local people going to Oranmore from the Limerick side.

The County Engineer stated that there was more than one landowner involved on the Slipway road and that development could arise along the road in future. If a Oneway system was developed on this road provision would have to be made to allow persons entering the Slipway road to turn right. This would give rise to two junctions within a short distance of each other and could give rise to confusion and create traffic hazards. A deceleration lane had been provided for traffic coming from Limerick and wishing to go to the village of Oranmore and this arrangement was satisfactory. The County Engineer stated that he saw no advantage in opening the Slipway road for such traffic.

Clr. M. Fahy stated that he agreed with the County Engineer's report and suggested that suitable signs be erected on the Limerick side directing people to Oranmore.

Deputy F. Fahey submitted a photograph of a sign which had been erected in Limerick in similar circumstances and suggested that a similar sign be erected on the Approach Road to Oranmore. The County Engineer stated that he was considering the erection of a sign indicating in symbols the type of services available in the village and he had been in touch with the Department of the Environment in this regard. Deputy F. Fahey stated that in his opinion it would be a lot safer to drive straight into Oranmore along the Slipway road than to use the new junction. He asked that the County Engineer look again at the matter with a view to opening the Slipway road. The County Engineer stated

that he could not recommend the opening of this road for the reasons set out in his report. Following further discussion the County Engineer agreed to have a further look at the case.

1573 - ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The County Manager indicated that Galway Corporation had agreed with the proposal to discharge Oranmore Sewerage to the existing Corporation sewers. It was now proposed to proceed with the planning of the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme on the basis that it would be connected to the Corporation sewers. The County Manager replied to queries raised by Councillors and stated that the estimated cost of a sewerage scheme for Oranmore on the basis of a connection to the Corporation sewers was £1,000,000. In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, the County Manager stated that the report of independent consultants and the reports of the Council's Engineers indicated that any technical difficulties in relation to the connection could be overcome. He also stated that the Council could proceed with the preparation of Contract Documents and have them finalised in a matter of months. The Council would, however, have to await a capital allocation to finance the cost of the project. The Council agreed to proceed with the scheme on the basis of connection to the Corporation sewers as recommended by the County Manager.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY THEN TOOK THE CHAIR.

1574 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE.

The County Manager read a letter dated the 27th March, 1987 from the Department of the Environment indicating that the Cost Benefit Study and the views of the Elected Members in relation to the proposed Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge had been noted by the Department. The letter further indicated that while the development of the bridge proposal would be a matter in the first instance for the local authority it seemed on the basis of the results of the Cost Benefit Study that the construction of a bridge at the location involved would not be justified on economic grounds. The letter further stated that this aspect would be a significant factor in the consideration of any request for road grant assistance for the project.

Clr. P. McHugh stated that he had proposed at a previous Meeting that the Cost Benefit Study be withdrawn as the surveys contained in the Study were based on wrong assumptions. He stated that the document should now be withdrawn from the Department.

Sen. P. McCormack stated that he did not accept the content of the letter from the Department of the Environment. Irrespective of the Cost Benefit Report there were major benefits which would accrue if the bridge was constructed. He stated that a case should be put before the Department of the Environment requesting finance for the construction of the project.

In reply to queries from Councillors the County Manager stated that the Council did not have the resources to fund the cost of the bridge as the Council were unable to meet the cost of maintenance of existing roads and other services. The Council had not got the finance to prepare a Preliminary Report for the project which would cost up to £500,000. He stated that the Council's greatest difficulty was the question of finance and given the present Government Policy in relation to public spending the Council faced extreme difficulties in getting finance for the project.

Clr. T. Welby stated that he was dissatisfied with the terms of the Department's letter and indicated that Lough Corrib Trustees had agreed to change their stipulation regarding the height of the bridge. Following a further discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Clr. P. McHugh and seconded by Clr. M. Mullins that the Consultants who had prepared the Cost Benefit Study be requested to attend a Meeting of Galway County Council to discuss the report with the Members. The Chairman stated that any Members wishing to raise questions should submit them to the Secretary in advance of the Meeting so that the Consultants would have an opportunity of responding at the Meeting.

1575 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS - BALLYBUNNION, CO. KERRY, - 18th - 20th JUNE, 1987.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Ryan and seconded by Clr. J. Joyce that the three Members nominated to the General Council of County Councils' be approved to attend. These Members were Sen. P. McCormack, Clr. M. Fahy and Clr. M. O'Morain. The Council agreed with Clr. Ryan's proposal. The Council were informed that the Ministerial Order relating to Conference provided that only three Members could be approved for attendance. The Council agreed to seek approval from the Department of the Environment to send additional delegates to this Conference in view of the fact that it was the Conference of the General Council of County Councils. It was proposed by Clr. M. Ryan and seconded by Clr. J. Mannion that Clrs. M. Lynch and J. MacDonagh attend. It was proposed by Clr. M. O'Morain and seconded by Clr. J. Joyce that Clrs. P. McHugh and P. Raftery attend. Clr. T. Welby was proposed by Clr. M. Fahy but withdrew his name. The Council agreed that the additional 4 Members as proposed above be approved to attend subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment. The Council were informed that approval to the attendance of the additional Members would be sought.

1576 - EUROPEAN CONFERENCE - IMPACT OF AGRICULTURE ON WATER RESOURCES - CONSEQUENCES AND PERSPECTIVES - 21st-23rd SEPTEMBER, 1987, IN BERLIN.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Brennan and seconded by Clr. P. O'Tuathail that the Council not send any delegates to this Conference in view of the present economic situation. It was proposed by Clr. O'Morain and seconded by Clr. J. Mannion that the Council send three delegates to the Conference. Clr. J. Burke proposed that the money available for the foreign travel be transferred to the provision of public lights. Clr. M. O'Morain stated that this particular Conference was an important one which dealt with the impact of agriculture on water sources. The Council were informed that the cost of sending a delegate was of the order of a £1,000. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the cost of sending three Members was insignificant in the light of the Council's total budget of £35,000,000. Following a discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Clr. J. Joyce and seconded by Clr. J. Callanan that no decision be taken in relation to sending delegates to this Conference until after the Estimates Meeting when the Whips of the Parties should come together and decide on the Conferences to be attended by Members within the available finances.

1577 - NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE, 1987 - 1st-3rd April, 1987 IN WEXFORD.

The Council were informed that this Item was on the Agenda for the March Meeting of the Council on the 23rd March, 1987 but the matter had not been reached and the Chairman had nominated Clrs. P. Raftery, P. McHugh and J. MacDonagh. Clr. P. McHugh indicated that he did not attend the Conference. The Council agreed on the proposal of Clr. J. Joyce and seconded by Clr. M. Ryan that the attendance of Clrs. Raftery and MacDonagh be approved.

1578 - REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1987 IN DUNLAOIRE.

The Council were informed that this matter was on the Agenda for the 23rd March, 1987 but had not been reached. The Chairman had nominated Clrs. P. Raftery and T. Walsh to attend. It was agreed on the proposal of Clr. J. Joyce and seconded by Clr. M. Ryan that the attendance of Clrs. Raftery and Walsh be approved.

1579 - ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING.

The Members agreed to discuss Roads matters at the adjourned Estimates Meeting to be held on the 11th May, 1987. The Council agreed that this Meeting would commence at 2.30 p.m.

1580 - SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING.

The Council agreed that the May Special Planning Meeting would be held on Monday, 18th May, 1987 commencing at 3.00 p.m., and that no Meeting would

be held on the 8th May, 1987.

- 1581 - ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS IN IRELAND - CONFERENCE IN ROSSLARE - 7th to 9th MAY, 1987.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Ryan and seconded by Clr. J. Mannion and agreed that Clr. J. McDonagh attend this Conference. It was proposed by Clr. P. McHugh and seconded by Clr. J. Joyce and agreed that Clrs. M. O'Morain and M. Loughnane attend this Conference.

- 1582 - SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE OF FIVE CONNACHT COUNTIES AND COUNTY DONEGAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN CASTLEBAR ON 1st MAY, 1987.

It was proposed by Clr. J. Joyce and seconded by Clr. M. O'Morain and agreed that Clrs. J. Callanan and T. Welby attend this Meeting. It was proposed by Clr. M. Ryan and seconded by Clr. J. Mannion and agreed that Clr. T. Walsh attend.

- 1583 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

The List of Malicious Injury Decrees which had been circulated to each Member were noted. Clr. Ulick Burke asked that payment be made to Bridie Healy, Main Street, Loughrea as soon as possible.

- 1584 - ROAD GRANTS - STRENGTHENING OF STRATEGIC COUNTY ROADS 1987.

The County Engineer referred to his report dated the 15th April, 1987 which had been circulated to each Member at the Estimates Meeting. Included in that report were a number of jobs distributed throughout all of the Engineering areas for the carrying out of strengthening works on strategic County Roads in 1987 out of the total Grant Allocation of £1.08 million. The County Engineer stated that he wished to start work on these jobs as soon as possible and proposed that work start immediately to avail of the fine weather on some of the jobs in respect of each area as listed in his report. In cases where four or five jobs were listed for an area he proposed starting the first two jobs on the list. In cases where two or three jobs were listed on an area he proposed doing the first job on the list and in cases where only one job was listed he proposed starting that job.

Clr. T. Welby stated that he was concerned that all available finances be made available specifically for improvements to County Roads particularly the filling of potholes. He stated that the Council should not agree regarding expenditure on any projects until the position regarding maintenance of County Roads was clarified. The County Manager stated that the proposals of the County Engineer were financed by a grant provided specifically for the purpose of strengthening County Roads and had nothing to do with maintenance of roads and filling of potholes. The Council would be considering the question of funds available for County Road maintenance at its Estimates Meeting. In the meantime, the County Engineer was proposing to start some jobs to avail of the fine weather. Following a discussion it was agreed on the proposal of Clr. M. Ryan and seconded by Clr. J. Burke, that the County Engineer proceed with some of the strengthening jobs on County Roads in accordance with the procedure outlined by him.

In reply to Clr. Ulick Burke the County Engineer stated that the section of the Hearnbrook Road had been listed for design and C.P.O., and every effort will be made to have design work carried out as soon as possible. No funds have been made available for any work on this project in 1987.

Clr. Welby stated that the Council should look at the whole system in relation to the filling of potholes so that the standard of work might be improved.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

- 1585 - THE COUNTY COUNCIL INFORM ME WHEN LOCAL GROUP WATER SCHEME AT COROFIN IS TO BE LINKED TO MID-GALWAY SCHEME FOR REASONS SUPPLIED - MOTION BY CLR. J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Jarlath McDonagh.

"Council approval has been given to the above proposal. The link up can be laid as soon as the group obtain Departmental approval including grant approval."

- 1586 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE STEPS IN THIS MONTH OF MARCH TO GET THE THREE APPROVED SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES FOR HEADFORD CEMETERIES - CARGIN - CLOUGHANOVER - KILLURSA - STARTED. I ALSO WISH TO PROPOSE THAT THE COUNCIL HAVE THE WORK SCHEME VACANCIES FOR THIS AREA ADVERTISED ON LOCAL PRESS - MOTION BY CLR. J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Jarlath McDonagh.

"Further efforts will be made to recruit workers for the Social Employment Scheme in Cargin, Killursa and Cloughanover Burial Grounds at a later date when number of participants in the scheme allow this. Failure to get people for the schemes at this stage does not mean that the scheme will be let lapse".

- 1587 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY PROCEED WITH GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - ZONE 4 - THROUGH CLAREGALWAY. I ALSO WISH COUNTY COUNCIL TO INFORM ME WHEN THE PEOPLE OF THE KINISKA AREA CAN REASONABLY EXPECT A SUPPLY FROM THE GALWAY SCHEME - MOTION BY CLR. J. McDONAGH.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Jarlath McDonagh.

"Department approval to seek tenders for the Zone 4 Scheme through Claregalway is awaited by the Council.

Kiniska Group Scheme must await progress with the Zone 4 Regional Trunk Main".

- 1588 - THAT AN EXTRA STREET LIGHT BE ERECTED AT SPIDDAL BRIDGE, AND OTHER LIGHTS ON THE ROAD WEST FROM THE BRIDGE - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy.

"It has not been possible to make any provision for new Public Lighting in the Estimate of Expenses for 1987".

- 1589 - THAT REPLACEMENT WINDOWS BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY IN THE COUNCIL HOUSE OCCUPIED BY (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - MOTION BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy.

"The windows will be done in about a month's time when the Contractor will be returning to the Island to do some capital work."

- 1590 - THAT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO CUAN NA LOINGE ROAD AT BEALADANGAN - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy.

"This is not a strategic County Road. The estimated cost of adequate repairs to resolve all problems involved is £40,000. This includes for the raising of a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile section by 2'0" of the road to prevent flooding by the tide. The current level of finances available do not allow for the carrying out of this work".

- 1591 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN A DRAIN WHICH LEADS FROM MICHAEL TULLY'S HOUSE, KILLURE, TO THE MAIN KILLURE ROAD - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael Kitt.

"This work will be carried out as normal maintenance."

- 1592 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVE A GRANT OF £5,000 TO THE GALWAY UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. KITT.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael Kitt.

"I wish to inform you that any application for a Grant from the Association will be considered in 1987 by reference to the activities of the Association and its needs".

- 1593 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL URGENTLY DECIDE ON HOW BEST TO RESOLVE THE DANGEROUS EXIT FROM WEIR ROAD, TUAM, TO THE NATIONAL PRIMARY. THIS MATTER HAS NOW BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR 5 YEARS AND THERE ARE LITERALLY ACCIDENTS EVERY WEEK - MOTION BY CLR. JOE BURKE.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Joe Burke.

"An investigation will be carried out to determine the most suitable arrangements for improving this junction. Traffic lights may be the least costly way of achieving this.

Any proposal will be subject to the available finances".

- 1594 - THAT HOUSE NUMBER INDICATORS BE ERECTED IN PARKMORE ESTATE, TUAM. ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO FIND INDIVIDUAL HOUSES - MOTION BY CLR. JOE BURKE.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Joe Burke.

"The above matter has been under consideration for some time and it is proposed attending to same before the completion of the current phase in Parkmore".

- 1595 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ENSURE THAT EFFLUENT BEING DISCHARGED ON TO THE PUBLIC ROAD AT GORTNAGOINE, DUNMORE, BE STOPPED FORTWITH - MOTION BY CLR. JOE BURKE.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Joe Burke.

"Effluent is being allowed to discharge on to the public roadway to varying degrees by three landowners. The most serious offender has

given an undertaking to terminate the nuisance and similar undertakings are being sought from the other landowners responsible. The Council will use its statutory powers if necessary, to ensure that the nuisance is abated satisfactorily".

- 1596 - THAT AN EXPLANATION BE GIVEN AS TO WHY ANTHONY BUCKLEY, MAHERANEERLA, EYRECOURT, WAS REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION FOR A WORKSHOP - PLANNING REF. NO. 53817 - MOTION BY CLR. JAMES JOYCE.

The following written reply was given to Clr. James Joyce.

"A decision to refuse planning permission issued on the 16th March, 1987.

The application was refused for the following reason:

The development, involving the activity of panel beating and the use of paint spraying equipment, and located on a site contiguous with residential property on both sides, would be incompatible with the primary land use and would be detrimental to the residential amenities of the area, and would, therefore be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

A similar application was refused in August, 1984. The recent application was the subject of objection by Solicitors acting for two interested parties who had strenuous objections to the planning application as a result of experience related to unauthorised development which was the subject of the planning application."

Clr. J. Joyce stated that planning application had been made in this case on the 8th February and that a decision to refuse had been made on the 16th March, 1987. The objections made to the development should have been made known to the applicant and the two month period should have been allowed to elapse before the decision was made. The County Manager stated that the applicant knew exactly where he stood in relation to his application as he had already been refused on a similar application in 1984. The applicant had been treated fairly by the Council in not being prosecuted to date. He had explained the details of the case to Clr. Joyce and he rejected any suggestions that the applicant had been badly treated. The decision to refuse planning permission was made for the reasons set out in the report. It was agreed on the suggestion of the Manager that the applicant and the Councillors interested in the case should arrange to discuss the case with the Council's Planning Officer.

- 1597 - THAT A PROGRESS REPORT BE GIVEN ON THE COUNCIL'S EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF ACCESS AND PARKING AT DOON GRAVEYARD, EYRECOURT - MOTION BY CLR. JAMES JOYCE.

The following written reply was given to Clr. James Joyce.

"I wish to inform you that the present access to the burial ground is over lands which are privately owned. The Council have been endeavouring to reach agreement with the landowner concerned for the acquisition of a portion of the land whereby a proper access to the burial ground will be developed and a parking area provided. The Council have been unable to reach agreement with the landowner concerned.

The Council have also endeavoured to acquire land from another landowner who owns land adjoining the burial ground, to provide the necessary facilities mentioned above, but the Council have been unsuccessful in their negotiations with this landowner also.

The legal position in relation to the right-of-way through the burial ground is being examined.

CLR. JOYCE REQUESTED THAT THIS MOTION BE ADJOURNED TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

- 1598 - THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS BE PROVIDED IN THE ROADS ESTIMATES FOR EASING THE DANGEROUS BENDS AT B. NAUGHTON'S HOUSE, ABBEYPARK, CLONTUSKERT, AND AT THE MEELICK JUNCTION AT PROSPECT, EYRECOURT - MOTION BY CLR. JAMES JOYCE.

The following written reply was given to Clr. James Joyce.

"The estimated cost of carrying out improvements to Regional Road standards at Naughton's house, Abbeypark, is £10,000. Normally regional road improvements are funded by Department of the Environment grants but no money has been allocated for this road in 1987".

- 1599 - GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEED WITH THE ORANMORE SEWERAGE SCHEME AND CONNECT SAME ON TO GALWAY CITY SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY CLR. M. FAHY.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Michael Fahy.

"I wish to inform you that Galway Corporation have approved of the proposal to discharge Sewerage from Oranmore to the existing Corporation sewers. This matter will come up for formal approval by Galway County Council at the Meeting of the 27th April under Item No. 6."

- 1600 - THE COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT INDICATION SIGNS FOR LABANE AT THE ARDRAHAN SIDE OF VILLAGE - SIGN OR ARROW TO INDICATE ROAD TO VILLAGE - MOTION BY CLR. M. FAHY.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Michael Fahy.

"There is an advance direction sign for Labane on both the Galway side and the Gort side of the Labane by-pass. There is also a finger post sign at the Galway end. It is not considered necessary to add any further signs".

- 1601 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SPEED UP THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO HAVE TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING ERECTED AT ARDRAHAN - MOTION BY CLR. M. FAHY.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Michael Fahy.

"A lighting design and estimate will be prepared by the E.S.B. for submission to the Department of the Environment. Subject to approval by the Department the proposal will then be placed on the priority list for Traffic Route Lighting."

- 1602 - THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO DEEPEN THE CULVERTS UNDER THE BRIDGES IN GLENACLARA AND BARRAGURRAUN, KILNADEEMA, LOUGHREA IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE WATER TO FLOW FREELY UNDER THESE BRIDGES - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

The following reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy.

"There was flooding on this road during recent heavy rains. Water flooded across the road from one flooded field to a swamp. An adjacent road culvert was damaged and could not be repaired until flooding subsided. These repairs were carried out on the 5th January. While the damaged culvert could have contributed to the road flooding this is only part of the problem. The main reason for the flooding is that the land on each side of the road is not properly drained. A proposal to have the land concerned drained under the Farm Modernisation Scheme has not been carried out and it is felt that if this work were carried out it would solve the problem. The other alternative is to raise the level of the road which, however, is not economically viable due to the large costs involved and the low category of the road concerned. I am to confirm that the County Council did not make a gap or fence anybody's land but simply carried out routine drainage. In conclusion, the Council are not in a position to carry out any further works other than those carried out on the 5th January as the drainage of the lands in question are not a matter for the Council.

- 1603 - THAT AN ENTRANCE TO ORANMORE FROM THE LIMERICK ROAD BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS SUBMITTED BY THE ORANMORE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY.

This matter has been discussed at Item No. 5 on the Agenda.

- 1604 - THAT IN THE CASE WHERE PEOPLE HAVE NOT AVAILAED OF THE COUNCIL'S REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION THAT PRESSURE WOULD NOT BE EXERTED ON SUCH INDIVIDUALS TO PAY REFUSE CHARGES - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Fahy.

"The legal position is that where a service such as refuse collection is provided in an area by the Council, the charge for such service is payable in respect of each premises served, whether the service is actually availed of or not.

The Refuse Collection service is provided throughout the County to the extent that financial resources allow. The charges levied make an important contribution to the running of the service and any diminution in the Revenue from this source would obviously have detrimental effects on the level of service being provided. The Council cannot, given the present financial restrictions, allow people for whom the service is provided to opt out to the extent that it no longer remains economically viable to maintain the route concerned.

A review of the extent to which persons are not availing of the service will be carried out in the near future."

- 1605 - THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE THIS STRAND INTO ITS JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE LIGHTING AND TO MAKE THE STRAND SAFE FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM OMEY ISLAND - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahy.

"The strand is part of the foreshore and is the property of the State. Anyone who ventures on to a strand in a vehicle does so as his/her own risk and the County Council has no power or duty to assume this risk by inviting persons to drive on a strand by erecting signs, lights etc."

Deputy F. Fahy stated that he was requesting that a light be provided at each end of the roads on the Island and the Mainland. The County Manager stated that this matter had been looked at several times over the years and there were difficulties in relation to the provision of lights which could be confusing at night and create serious problems. The County Engineer stated that he had serious reservations regarding the provision of lights because of the risks involved. It was agreed, following a discussion, that the matter would be examined further.

- 1606 - ON A POINT OF INFORMATION, WE WISH TO KNOW WHAT IS THE FINANCIAL DEFFERENCE PER YEAR BETWEEN RUNNING A COUNCIL OWNED LORRY WITH DRIVER AND HIRING A PRIVATELY OWNED LORRY AND DRIVER - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS TIARNAN WALSH AND MICHAEL RYAN.

The following written reply was given to Councillors Tiarnan Walsh and Michael Ryan.

"The majority of the Council fleet consist of 8 cu. yd. lorries and for a 40 hour, 5 day week the hire rate for these lorries with driver is £503 per week (no V.A.T.) There is only one lorry of this size on the Council's hire tender list and for a 40 hour 5 day week the hire rate for this lorry with driver and inclusive of VAT at 25% is £575 per week. However, 9 cu. yd. lorries, which are more common, can be hired for £500, including VAT at 25%. Unplated lorries can be hired at £375 including VAT at 25%.

- 1607 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE POLLNACLOGHA ROAD, MOYCULLEN, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Clr. John Molloy.

"Emergency repairs were recently carried out on this strategic county road. A strengthening grant has been allocated for further work on this road in the 1987 Road Works Scheme."

- 1608 - THAT WORK BE CARRIED OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE UNFINISHED HARD SHOULDER AT CREGBOY, CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Clr. John Molloy.

"There are a number of sections of hard shoulder from Claregalway to the urban boundary which are in a sub-standard condition. The sub-standard section at Cregboy is approximately 130 meters in length. To rectify the situation a sizeable amount of rock would need to be excavated and the cost of this work could not be borne by ordinary maintenance.

A National Primary Grant is needed to bring all of this hard shoulder up to standard. There has been no allocation for the provision of hard shoulders for National Routes in the 1987 Road Grants."

- 1609 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE POLLKEEN/CASTLEGAR BOG ROAD PAST THE CEMETERY - MOTION BY SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK.

The following written reply was given to Senator McCormack.

"This matter is being investigated and a report will be available for the next Meeting".

- 1610 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT ON THE OWER EAST AND OWER WEST ROAD, ROSSCAHILL - MOTION BY SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK.

The following written reply was given to Senator McCormack.

"The Ower West and Ower East roads are non-strategic county roads and are in a reasonable condition.

Due to lack of maintenance funds monies are being conserved for essential repairs'.

- 1611 - FOR REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT TO THE BAURNAGORTEENY ROAD, GLANN, OUGHTERARD, TOWARDS PADDY JOYCE'S HOUSE WHERE THE WATER RUNNING DOWN HAS WORN AWAY PART OF THE SIDE OF THE ROAD - MOTION BY SENATOR McCORMACK.

The following written reply was given to Senator McCormack.

"This is a minor, non-strategic county road serving 8 houses only. The road is in a reasonable condition except for one section which was damaged by flood water.

Emergency repairs may be carried out, depending on the availability of funds'.

- 1612 - THAT ONE PUBLIC LIGHT BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE CASHEL COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THAT SAME WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR IN THE 1987 ALLOCATION - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY.

The following written reply was given to Clr. Welby.

"It has not been possible to make any provision for new Public Lighting in the Estimate of Expenses for 1987".

- 1613 - THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER WOULD INDICATE TO THE MEMBERS THE AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST IN COUNTY GALWAY WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF CONSERVATION ORDERS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby.

"Conservation Orders as referred to in the Planning Acts relate to the making of special provision for the protection and preservation from extinction of flora or fauna which are of special amenity value or special interest. No such Orders have been made by Galway County Council to date.

The Council could consider making Conservation Orders in areas in respect of which Special Amenity Area Orders were declared. A Special Amenity Area Order could be declared in respect of an area by reason of -

- (a) its outstanding natural beauty,
- (b) its special recreational value, or
- (c) a need for nature conservation,

and the Order may state the objective of the Planning Authority in relation to the preservation or enhancement of the character or special features of the area including objectives for the prevention or limitation of development in the area.

There is a legal procedure involving confirmation of the Order by the Minister and involving a public Local Inquiry where there are objections.

The areas of scientific interest in the County are set out in Appendix D of the County Development Plan, a copy of which has been issued.

- 1614 - THAT THE OUGHTERARD CARPARK BE SURFACE DRESSED AND THAT A GATE BE HUNG ON ENTRANCE TO THE TOWN PARK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY.

The following written reply was given to Countyllor Welby.

"The gate for the entrance to the town park is presently being manufactured. The gate will be erected soon after delivery. The surface dressing of the Carpark will depend on the availability of funds".

- 1615 - THAT IMPROVEMENTS BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY TO THE ROADS AT KILMORE AND KILBEG, WILLIAMSTOWN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.J. FINNEGAN.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. J. Finnegan.

"Surface repairs to the roads at Kilmore and Kilbeg, Williamstown are scheduled for carrying out in the immediate future".

- 1616 - THAT A PUBLIC LIGHT BE ERECTED AT THE FIRST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY AT KILBANNON CHURCH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.J. FINNEGAN.

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. J. Finnegan.

It has not been possible to make any provision for new Public Lighting in the Estimate of Expenses for 1987".

- 1617 - THAT TWO PUBLIC LIGHTS BE PROVIDED AT BALLYMANA CHURCH, CRAUGHWELL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. LAMBERT.

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

"It has not been possible to make any provision for new Public Lighting in the Estimate of Expenses for 1987".

- 1618 - THAT THIS COUNCIL PROVIDE ME WITH A REPORT TO MY NOTICE OF MOTION RE STOP LIGHTS AT GEORGES STREET, GORT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. LAMBERT.

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

"A traffic count based on National Guidelines was carried out in February, 1987, to determine if traffic signals are warranted at this junction. The result indicated that the volume of vehicles did not warrant the provision of stop lights".

1619 - THAT A MEETING BE ARRANGED BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL TO DISCUSS WATER SCHEMES IN THE ENVIRONS OF BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN, DEPUTY M.P. KITT, COUNCILLORS JOE CALLANAN AND MICHAEL MULLINS.

The following written reply was given the the above Councillors and Deputy.

"The position in this case is that there is no suitable water source to serve the Clontuskert and Kellysgrove areas. In addition there is urgent need to augment existing group schemes in Laurencetown, Eyrecourt and Kiltormer. Ahascragh Group Water Scheme may also require augmentation in the future.

We have been asked by the Department of the Environment to investigate the possibility of having water supplied from the Ballinasloe Urban source. While the Ballinasloe U.D.C., have some spare capacity, they are reluctant to agree to any of the groups getting a supply until such time as proposals can be formulated to ensure that the source may be augmented to the required degree in order to ensure that there would be no scarcity of water within the Urban Area.

In connection with the augmentation of the Ballinasloe Urban District Council source, a preliminary report has indicated that for a cost of £84,000 an additional 300,000 gallons per day could be provided. This amount would cover the requirements of the various groups, taking account of present supplies to some of the groups.

The Engineers Report setting out the proposed works was submitted to the Department of the Environment in February, 1987.

1620 - CORRESPONDENCE.

The following list of Correspondence was circulated to the Members.

- (1) Letter from Tralee Urban District Council dated the 7th April, 1987 requesting that the E.E.C. would pay directly Local Authorities funds from the Regional Development Fund for schemes initiated in their own aarea.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED,
n d [Signature]
[Signature] CHAIRMAN,
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4th May, 1987.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara:

You are requested to attend the Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 11th May, 1987, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

(Please note earlier starting time.)

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

- (1) Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 (adjourned from Meeting of the 10th April, 1987):

"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 Patrick Walsh, Kylemore, for the erection of Petrol Service Station at Kylemore. - Planning Ref. No. 53726."

Thomas Welby. Mark Killilea. Frank Fahey.

- (2) Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1987. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already circulated.)

- (3) Making and Sealing of Demand on Urban Authority.

- (4) All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Meeting in Donegal - Friday, 15th May, 1987 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

- (5) COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

That funds be provided in 1987 Estimates for the filling of potholes in the Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas so as to bring the County Roads up to a reasonable standard in these areas, west of the Borough Boundary.

IN THE CHAIR:

Deputy Noel Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members:

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

Officials:

Messrs S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, S. McMahon, R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer, B. Kennedy, C. Wallace, T. Coughlan, Senior Staff Officers; R. Curley, Staff Officer and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1621 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Councillor Welby and his family on the recent death of his wife. Councillor Ryan seconded the resolution of sympathy and all the members joined in the expression of sympathy. The County Manager on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated himself with the vote of sympathy.

The Meeting then adjourned to 3.30 p.m. as a mark of respect.

Votes of sympathy were also expressed to Senator Hussey on the death of his brother and Deputy Kitt on the death of his aunt and to the following:

Mrs Patricia Cooke, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam on the death of her husband. Mallin Family, Musicfield, Milltown.
Mr. Sean Cusack, Caher, Loughrea on the death of his father.
Mr. Colie Bradley, Labane, Co. Galway on the death of his wife Nuala Bradley.
Mrs Larry Barrett, Kilrickle, Loughrea.

1622 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 53726 - APPLICANT - PATRICK WALSH.

On resumption the Council considered the abovementioned resolution. This resolution was deferred from Council Meeting on 10th April, 1987, for which a report was circulated and discussed. The County Engineer stated that he had since discussed the application with Councillor Welby and the applicant and had re-examined the site with the Planning Officer. He was still of the opinion that the application should be refused. The existing development was to be used for domestic electrical appliances but there were signs relating to garage work and petrol. It was a very scenic area and if there was to be development it would be preferable on one side of the road only. If permitted it would result in two businesses on opposite sides of the road resulting in cross movement which would constitute a traffic hazard.

Councillor Welby stated that since the last Meeting he had discussed the application with the County Engineer and the applicant. The applicant explained what he proposed to do and gave a guarantee that he would clean up the whole area. He said that the present location of the petrol pumps was dangerous as the attendant would have to stand on the road to fill the petrol and it was a question of moving the petrol pumps from one side of the road to the other. He said that the development would be well screened and as the applicant has a house he would not be for looking for Permission for one. The applicant was unable

to make a living from his present business. The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby. In reply to the County Engineer Councillor Welby said that there would not be pumps on both sides on the road. The resolution was seconded by Councillor O'Morain. He said that the description "scenic area" needed clarification. He referred to a lay-the description which was used for different purposes. He said that the pumps would be screened by trees and if there was a traffic hazard it was a question of living with it. He asked the Council to support the applicant in the development of his business. Councillor Brennan proposed that the applicant be refused. This was not seconded. The Chairman then declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1623 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1987.

The County Manager stated that at the previous Estimates Meeting he undertook to quantify a proposal from Councillor Brennan that increases in rates, water charges and refuse charges be limited to 3.5% and a further proposal that an extra £25,000 be provided for essential repairs. These had been costed as follows:-

1 - reduce rate increase from 5% to 3½%.....	Cost - £24,845.
2 - reduce water Charge increase to 3½% from 20% ..	Cost - £99,930.
3 - reduce refuse increase to 3½% from 20%	Cost - £28,875.
4 - extra provision for essential repairs	Cost - £25,000.
TOTAL	£178,650

Another change since the last meeting was notification that the borrowing rate from the Local Loans Fund for Council loans drawn since 1st February, 1982 had been reduced from 12% to 10½% and this would result in a saving to the Council of £36,320. This would reduce the above shortfall to £142,330.

The County Manager said that there had also been developments in the rationalisation of rate/revenue collection arrangements and agreement had been reached with the Local Government and Public Services Union. The position was that 5 rate collectors had accepted a retirement package approved by the Minister in May, 1986. There were still 11 rate collectors employed by the Council and 5 of these were willing to resign now if the same retirement benefits were available, the remaining 6 rate collectors were agreeable to become revenue collectors. The Council's two full-time rent collectors would continue on as rent collectors. The County Manager stated that there were previously 30 rate collectors employed and negotiations had been going on for a number of years to try and rationalise the whole collection system and provide a full work load for the collectors. He recommended that the Council approve of the settlement and approve the creation of 15 posts of revenue collector. The proposals would result in a saving to the Council in the long term and the Minister had indicated that approval would be forthcoming. Replying to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that if rate collectors did not resign or become revenue collectors the agreement package would not go ahead. Replying to Councillor U. Burke, the County Manager said that the vacancies which would not be taken up by rate collectors would be advertised publicly and existing temporary part time collectors would be free to compete subject to eligibility.

Senator McCormack said that he welcomed the proposal. Councillor Glynn asked about the status of the revenue collectors to be appointed and was informed by the County Manager that they would be permanent whole time officers. Councillor Glynn said that if service charges were abolished, the Council could find itself in a similar position as it was with rate collectors. He said that the future in relation to local finance was uncertain and that only temporary appointments should be made in the absence of any government decision in relation to the future financing of local authorities. Councillor Lambert said that it would be unfair to terminate the employment of temporary collectors. Councillor J. Burke said that he was pleased with the proposals and asked if there would be any savings accruing. The County Manager explained that 6 rate collectors had indicated their intention to become revenue collectors. This would leave 9 new appointments to be made and on this basis it was estimated that there could be savings in the region of £70,000 per annum after the initial settlement. The County Manager said that the Revenue Collectors would be involved in the collection of all kinds of revenue including arrears of charges in the region of £500,000. Councillor Finnegan said that the rationalisation proposals had been discussed by the Council previously and

the Council was only waiting for a settlement to be agreed. He said that there was a 50% reduction in the overall number of posts and there would always be sufficient work for them. It was a function of the local authority to decide on charges. Councillor Mullins said that he shared the same concern as Councillor Glynn and asked if the Revenue Collectors could be appointed temporarily initially. Deputy Molloy said that he understood it was government policy to abolish charges and, therefore, it was extraordinary to be establishing new permanent collectors. He asked if the Department had been consulted and was informed by the County Manager that the Department was in agreement with the proposals. Deputy Molloy said that he would not support the proposal until the question of charges is clarified. Councillor McHugh said that the Minister had undertaken to do a review of local authority financing but this would take some time and in the meantime arrangements had to be made to collect revenue owing to the Council. Councillor U. Burke asked if there was a dead line for approving the proposal. The County Manager replied that the deadline for the severance package for rate collectors had expired but the Minister was prepared to extend it for the present proposal. As regards the collection of the Council's revenues, there was an urgency about rationalising the system and putting it on a proper footing. He said that the negotiations with the Union had gone on for a number of years and he was satisfied that the creation of temporary posts would be totally unacceptable.

Senator P. McCormack proposed that the matter be deferred for a few weeks pending clarification from the Minister as regards the future financing of local authorities. Councillor O'Morain said that this would be pre-empting the decision of the Review Body to be set up to examine local authority financing. The Council have been trying to resolve the rate collector question for a long time and now that settlement has been reached, he proposed that the County Manager's proposal for the creation of 15 offices of revenue collector and the abolition of the remaining 25 offices of rate collector be approved. This proposal was seconded by Clr. Finnegan. The Chairman said that the number of posts was being reduced from 30 to 15 and recommended to the members that the proposal be accepted. Senator McCormack proposed an amendment that the matter be deferred pending clarification from the Minister in regard to the financing of local authorities. This was seconded by Councillor Glynn. A vote taken on Senator McCormack's amendment resulted as follows:

For: Councillors J. Burke, U. Burke, M. Fahy, F. Glynn, M. Lynch, Senator McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillor M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan. (12)

Against: Councillor J. Brennan, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy and Councillor T. Welby. (13)

The Chairman declared Senator McCormack's amendment lost.

A vote was then taken on Councillor O'Morain's original motion which resulted as follows:-

For: Councillor J. Brennan, J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator O'Conchubhair, Councillor M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy and Councillor T. Welby. (14)

Against: Councillors J. Burke, U. Burke, M. Fahy, F. Glynn, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillor J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail and M. Ryan. (12)

The Chairman declared Councillor's O'Morain's motion carried.

The Meeting then proceeded with consideration of the Estimates.

Replying to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager explained that the three million pounds mentioned on page 7 of the Estimates was in respect of estimated housing capital expenditure. Councillor Brennan asked for a breakdown of the proposed expenditure of £57,710 on parks and open spaces on page 21 of the Estimates and also asked if some of the refuse collection runs could be omitted because of the very high cost of this service (page 18). The County Manager replied that he had already undertaken to carry out a study of the refuse service. The £57,710 for parks and open spaces referred to

the maintenance of parks and open spaces and included a sum of £21,000 as an instalment of the purchase price of Rinville Park and £10,000 for some development at Rinville Park over and above the Social Employment Scheme. Councillor Ryan said that he would be against any increase in water or refuse charges. He was residing in the area of the Kilkerrin/Moylough Regional Water Supply Scheme where the charges were very high and a 20% increase would be substantial. Councillor Ryan complained that he was unable to get work done on roads and asked that the Social Employment Scheme which had operated in Mountbellew be re-activated. He favoured refuse collection by contract and suggested that some area of road maintenance by contract be studied on a pilot basis. Councillor Joyce referred to the expenditure of £1.6 million on operation and maintenance of plant (page 26) and asked if it would be cheaper to hire plant. The County Manager explained that this was a contra item and said that the cost of plant was something which was kept under review and would be looked at again.

AMENDMENT OF ESTIMATES.

Councillor Loughnane suggested that there should be a Finance Committee to study the Estimates. He proposed that the Estimates for 1987 be amended by making provision for the following additional expenditure, the cost to be funded from the reduction in the provision for loan charges resulting from the reduction in interest rates from the Local Loans Fund to 10½%.

Public Lighting	£20,000
Disabled Persons Grants	£10,000
Essential repairs	£ 6,320.
TOTAL:	£36,320.

Mr Lusby explained that expenditure on Disabled Persons Grants would attract a 50% State Grant thus enabling a sum of £20,000 to be spent at net cost of £10,000 to the Council.

Mr. Lusby stated that the Road Grants had not been notified at the time of printing of the Estimate and this together with the additional £46,320 would have consequential adjustments on the apportionment of support services figures and figures for grant in lieu of rates on land among the eight programmes and also while leaving the general rate in the £ at £21.65, the rate in respect of the individual programmes making up this figure would be amended and Mr. Lusby detailed the amendments as follows:-

T A B L E A
EXPENDITURE:-

PROGRAMME GROUP.	FROM.	TO.	
1.3	£189,500	£215,820	Additional provision for Disabled Persons Grants and Essential Repair Grants
2.1	£4,665,075	£4,685,075	Additional provision for Public Lighting.
2.2	£3,041,000	£3,737,000	Amendment of Provisional Road Grant and Local Improvement Scheme Grant figures following notification of actual grant amounts.
3.1.	£3,510,985	£3,376,080	Reduction in Loan Charges Provision following amendment of L.L.F. variable rate from 1/5/1987.
3.2.	£717,150	£698,035	do.
3.3.	£376,205	£370,470	do.

PROGRAMME GROUP.	FROM	TO.	
1.8	£1,136,485	£1,128,465	Adjustment in apportionment of Support Services figure among the 8 Programmes consequent to above amendments.
2.8	£3,086,150	£3,108,110	
3.8	£674,435	£662,635	
4.8	£19,250	£19,010	
5.8	£215,380	£214,900	
6.8	£133,115	£132,155	
7.8	£126,080	£126,050	
8.8	£134,035	£133,605	

INCOME:

PROGRAMME GROUP	FROM	TO.	
1.3	£47,000	£57,000	Increased Income provision for Disabled Persons Grants.
2.2	£2,966,000	£3,662,000	Amendment of provisional Road Grant and Local Improvements Scheme Grant figures following notification of actual grant amounts.
3.1	£2,612,375	£2,522,005	Income reduction in Loan Charges subsidies consequent to reduction in Loan Rate.
3.2	£320,855	£287,790	do.
1.8	£962,925	£967,775	Adjustment of apportionment of figure in respect of grant in lieu of Rates on Land, consequent to above expenditure and income amendments.
2.8	£3,789,135	£3,813,695	
3.8	£1,297,725	£1,269,555	
4.8	£196,230	£196,080	
5.8	£1,311,520	£1,311,240	
6.8	£684,270	£683,710	
7.8	£633,970	£633,950	
8.8	£616,835	£616,605	

TABLE B1: CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR GENERAL CHARGES FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR 1987.

PROGRAMME GROUP	ESTIMATED GROSS REVENUE EXPENSES	ESTIMATED REVENUE INCOME	ESTIMATED NET REVENUE EXPENSES	NET AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE			COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT		RATE IN THE POUND	
				AS SEPARATE CHARGES (TABLE C)	D'GLOE U.D.C.	GALWAY BORO	TO COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT	ESTIMATED BALANCES AT 1/1/87 (DR OR CR)		AMOUNTS TO BE LEVIED
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(6a)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1. HOUSING AND BUILDING	9664735	9117935	546850	--	--	--	546850	--	546850	1.3259
2. ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY	11530185	9931695	1598490	--	53820	--	1544670	--	1544670	5.1577
3. WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE	5107220	4229500	877220	--	--	--	877220	--	877220	2.9307
4. DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROL	524315	398520	125795	--	2011	--	123784	--	123784	.4133
5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	2329710	1674785	654925	--	35823	--	619102	--	619102	2.0672
6. RECREATION AND AMENITY	2713650	2369555	344095	--	21956	--	322139	--	322139	1.0756
7. AGRICULTURE EDUCATION HEALTH WELFARE	3321410	2834690	486720	--	29006	--	407714	--	407714	1.3614
8. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	2916301	872465	2043836	--	1879	--	2041957	--	2041957	6.8182
ALL PROGRAMME GROUP TOTALS	38107576	31479145	6628431	--	144495	--	6483936	--	6483936	21.65

Clr. Loughnane proposed that the Estimates for 1987 be amended in accordance with the foregoing. This was seconded by Clr. Finnegan and resolved.

Clr. Loughnane referred to the good work which had been done on Social Employment Schemes. He questioned the usefulness of road strengthening. Clr. Loughnane referred to the office accommodation in the County Buildings and said all the housing departments should be in the one building and he saw no reference in the Estimates to the proposed extension. As regards loan repayments etc., he said that people were finding it hard to make repayments and every facility should be provided for these people. He said that the road and general area at the Vocational School in Loughrea needed improvement.

Senator McCormack asked if a capital allocation had been received for Sanitary Services. He also asked about a water scheme under construction in the Castleblakeney Area and enquired if there was a duplication of piping involved and hence a waste of money. The County Manager replied that a capital allocation of £2.7 million had been received for Sanitary Services Schemes and said that there would be no separate allocation for small schemes this year. Referring to the pipelines being laid at Castleblakeney, the County Engineer said that the existing group mains were only 2" pipes whereas the new pipes being laid are 6" and this size of pipeline was required to supply people further along the road. Deputy Kitt agreed that the larger pipeline was necessary and he asked that the road be restored as soon as possible.

Senator Hussey referred to the proposed expenditure on Arts, Ancient Monuments and Derelict Sites on Page 21 of the Estimates and proposed that these items be deleted and the saving credited to water charges. Clr. Joyce said that the Council had established a good annual programme for the Arts and that some of the money would already have been committed and that some of it also attracted funding from the Arts Council and the V.E.C., and he proposed that the provision remain. This was seconded by Clr. Mannion. Senator Hussey then withdrew his proposal. Clr. U. Burke referred to the sum of £3,500 referred to in Page 8 of the Manager's statement for the acquisition of a site for an interpretative centre at Aughrim. He felt

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that the project should be delayed pending further examination. He welcomed the suggestion of a refuse collection by contract on a pilot basis. Referring to the sum of £80,000 for courthouses, he felt that only about 25% of this should be provided by the Council. Clr. Burke recommended that the defective piping in the Woodford Water Scheme be replaced and that the Department of Agriculture and Finance be asked to take over the responsibility for the A.C.O.T demand. Clr. Mullins said that he could not support the increase in charges. He asked that the resources of the Council be directed towards collecting the outstanding charges and said that if 30% of the arrears was collected, perhaps there would be no need for an increase in the charges. He said that it was time the Department of Justice took responsibility for Courthouses and he feared that the Social Employment Schemes would be cut by 50%. Clr. Mullins proposed that Councillors Notices of Motion Money be allowed for public lighting. Clr. Callanan said that there should be no increase in charges for water to drinking troughs. He welcomed the proposed road improvements at Cappataggle and New Inn and referred to the problem of people on the refuse route who were not availing of the service. He also asked about the work of the proposed parks superintendent. In reply the County Manager stated that the parks superintendent would advise in relation to the amenity treatment of roadworks, parks, open spaces and could also advise in relation to tidy towns. Dúirt an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail go raibh an iomad airgead a chaitheamh ar boithre naisunta agus go raibh treoir ag Innealtoiri gan dul isteach ar bothar bailte. Bhi se in aghaidh £80,000 a chaitheamh ar tithe cuirte. Bhi tailli uisce a ordu agus bhi an t-uisce de cineal donna agus bhi gantanas ann. Se bhi a lorg ag muintir Connemara na boithre maith agus ni bheadh se ag glacadh leis na measteachain.

Clr. Finnegan requested that the following areas be included for road improvements, the Kilbannon Area between Dooley's pub and Ballinamore Park, Tuam. He urged that all the L.I.S. allocation be spent. Clr. O'Morain questioned the proposal to privatize refuse collection saying that people at the end of a run could suffer or those on uneconomic routes. Because of the escalating cost of maintaining public lighting he suggested that the service would have to be rationalised. Clr. O'Morain asked if anything happened about a special allocation for roads for aquacultural development. He was informed by the County Manager that departmental officials would be coming to Galway to examine the request. Clr. Lynch referred to the road at the mart in Athenry and said that it was imperative that this road be improved. He said that the mart owners would contribute pound for pound towards the development. He asked that the S.E.S. Scheme in Athenry be continued and that any savings be directed towards Athenry. He requested that the dump in Athenry be cleaned up.

Councillor Joyce suggested that the cost of road re-alignment be reduced by acquiring the land and removing the ditches and leaving the roads as they are but with improved sight distance. He suggested that this be done on the Portumna/Ballinasloe Road at Naughton's Clontuskert, and Portumna/Eyrecourt Road at Salmons Cross (Prospect).

Clr. J. Burke suggested that £50,000 be taken off the O.P.W. payment. He complained about insufficient expenditure on roads in Tuam and the restrictions relating to the grant for road strengthening. Senator O'Conchubhair said that unless a plan was drawn up for the improvement of roads leading to Fish Farms in Connemara that investment in this activity would come to a halt. Referring to the maintenance of roads, he criticised the sanding of roads instead of patching them properly. He said that the grant had not been spent on the regional road into Carraroe and wished to know where it went. He requested that a footpath be provided when improving the road at Tully Church and Tully Cross. Clr. McDonagh asked when the rural houses would be built, a list of which had been circulated recently. He complained that no new jobs had yet been provided under the Social Employment Schemes and said that a number of G.A.A. development programmes were held up waiting for Social Employment Schemes. He said he was in

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favour of privatisation and said that the road improvement job at Cartymore could be done cheaper by contract. Clr. Welby said that he was very concerned about the condition of roads in North Connemara. The Leitir Mor na Coille Road was in a deplorable state and also the Glentrasna Road. He also mentioned the section of road from the Canal Stage to Roundstone. He said that it was a shame to see chips coming in from outside Galway when there are so many local quarries. Deputy Kitt mentioned a number of roads which he wished to have improved, including the Kilbane, Ballinamona Park Road and the Kilglass/Ballyforan Road which carried a lot of heavy traffic. He was in favour of leaving the charges for drinking troughs at the same level as 1986.

Clr. Brennan proposed a rate increase of 3½% and a 4% increase in the water and refuse charges. He also proposed a number of other cuts including the reduction of the O.P.W. payment of £50,000. His proposals were not seconded.

The County Manager replied to some of the questions raised by the Members. He said that the Council was in a serious dilemma in that any reduction in expenditure would have to be matched by cuts in services. He said that the Council was ready with a number of Social Employment Schemes as soon as they were cleared. As regards the proposed extension to the County Buildings, he stated that there was a small sum provided in the Estimates for loan charges with a view to starting the extension towards the end of the year. The points raised about roads could be dealt with at one of the Friday Meetings. He said that if the Department took responsibility for the A.C.O.T. demand, a corresponding reduction might be made in the Rate Support Grant. The County Manager said that the Council was obliged by law to maintain courthouses and if was only proposed to do minimum repairs and make provision for heating, lighting, caretaking etc. In regard to drinking troughs, the County Manager stated that if there was to be no increase in these charges, a corresponding reduction in expenditure would be required, but he said that he would examine any hardship cases and he did not think that the payments by farmers were as high as stated by Clr. Ryan. As regards the O.P.W. payment, the County Manager stated that the new arrangement had worked to the Council's satisfaction and the Minister had asked that a genuine effort be made to clear the arrears and he would like to leave this year's instalment at £100,000.

Deputy Kitt said that he intended proposing the adoption of the Estimate as amended.

Mr. Lusby stated that it would be necessary for the Members to pass resolutions making charges for water supplied for domestic purposes and for the making of charges for domestic refuse collection.

It was then proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Clr. McHugh

- (A) "That in accordance with Section 65 (a) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878 inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962 as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act 1983 as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order 1985 and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charges be made for water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1987 up to and including 31st March, 1988, such charges to be payable in two equal instalments, the first instalment payable on demand and the second instalment payable on the 1st October, 1987:-

Any Domestic Premises where water is used for Domestic Purposes.	£60.
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Group Water Supply Schemes where such Schemes are in existence for 10 years or less.

Any domestic premises where water is used for domestic purposes.	£30.
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Group Water Supply Schemes where such Schemes are in existence for over 10 years.

Any domestic premises where water is used for domestic purposes.	£48
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- (B) "That in accordance with the Provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983 as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985 and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 - 1964 and having regard to the provisions of the Scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983 the following charges be made in respect of Refuse Collection by Galway County Council from domestic premises for the period 1st April, 1987 up to and including the 31st March, 1988, such charges to be payable on demand:-

<u>Domestic Premises</u>	<u>CHARGE.</u>
Weekly Collection	£35.
Fortnightly Collection	£20.

(C)

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt for the Financial Year ending 31st December, 1987, the Estimate of Expenses as amended as set out in Tables A, B1, and D and hereby determine in accordance with the said Estimates as amended the rate set out in Column 10 of Table B1, as amended and Column 7 of Table D to be the rates in the £ to be levied for that year for the purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1 and in Table D".

Clr. Ryan proposed that the Estimates be not adopted and this was seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail.

A vote taken for or against Deputy Kitt's proposals for the making of charges for water supplied for Domestic Purposes, the making of charges for Domestic Refuse Collection and the Adoption of the Estimates as amended and the determination of the rate in the £ resulted as follows:-

FOR: Ctrs. J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Clr J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Ctrs. M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Clr. M. O'Morain, Deputy N. Treacy, Clr. T. Welby.

(12)

AGAINST.

Ctrs. J. Burke, U. Burke, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan.

(8)

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposals carried, and the prescribed Certificate was then signed.

DEMAND ON URBAN AUTHORITY.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Clr. Callanan and resolved

"That the Statutory Demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1987 be sealed and signed".

The Demand was then sealed and signed.

ALL IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING MEETING IN DONEGAL.

It was agreed that the following Members be nominated to attend the All Ireland Sheep Dipping Meeting in Donegal on Friday, 15th May, 1987.

Clr. T. Welby, Clr. J. Callanan, Clr. J. Mannion.

Clr. Raftery's attendance at the Sheep Dipping Meeting in Castlebar on the 1st May, 1987 instead of Clr. Welby was also approved.

The attendance of Clr. McHugh at the Health Board Conference in Rosslare from the 7th to the 9th May, 1987 instead of Clr. O'Morain was also approved.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN
22nd June 1987 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

12 u Bealtaine, 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 Poirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 18 u la Bealtaine, 1987, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH.
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

Resolutions 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 Planning Permission to Mr. Thomas G. Curran, Baile Eamon, Spiddal for a dwellinghouse and Septic Tank - Planning Ref. No. 54140.
Robert Molloy Michael Fahy Peadar O Tuathail.
- "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for change of use of garage to shop and erection of petrol filling station at Kilgarriff North for Michael Geoghegan. - Planning Ref. No. 53851.
Michael Kitt. Tom Hussey. Michael Ryan. P. Finnegan. N. Treacy.
- "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 Martin Mannion for the erection of dwellinghouse at Tonroe. - Planning Ref. No. 53661.
Padraic McCormack. Martin Lynch. Micheal Kitt.
- "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 Sean Silke for erection of dwellinghouse at Pollagh. - Planning Ref. No. 53882.
Padraic McCormack. T. Welby. Ulick Burke.
- "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 Mrs. Annie Cavalier, c/o Roger Launder for the erection of dwellinghouse at Dooray. - Planning Ref. No. 53778.
Thomas Welby. Matt Loughnane. Paddy McHugh.

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TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara: COUNCIL MEETING - CHANGE OF DATE

I wish to inform you that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Chairman has had to cancel the meeting arranged for Monday, 18th May, and the Meeting will now take place at 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd May, 1987.

The Chairman regrets any inconvenience caused by the change.

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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 22u la Bealtaine, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Thomas G. Curran, Baile Eamon, Spiddal, for a dwellinghouse and septic tank. - Planning Ref. No. 54140.

Robert Molloy. Michael Fahy. Peadar O'Tuathail.
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 for change of use of garage to shop and erection of petrol filling station at Kilgarriff North for Michael Geoghegan. - Planning Ref. No. 53851."

Michael Kitt. Tom Hussey. Michael Ryan. P. Finnegan. N. Treacy.
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 Planning Permission to Martin Mannion for the erection of dwellinghouse at Tonroe. - Planning Ref. No. 53661."

Padraic McCormack. Martin Lynch. Michael P. Kitt.
4. "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 Sean Silke for erection of dwellinghouse at Pollagh. - Planning Ref. No. 53882."

Padraic McCormack. T. Welby. 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 Permission to Mrs. Annie Cavalier, c/o Roger Launderers for the erection of dwellinghouse at Dooray. - Planning Ref. No. 53778.

Thomas Welby. Matt Loughnane. Paddy McHugh.

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6. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Mr. Tommie O'Brien, Clostown, Loughrea, for retention of use of land for deposit of vehicles and sale of parts at Carrowmore. - Planning Ref. No. 53676."

Matt Loughnane. Thomas Welby. Martin Lynch.

OTHER BUSINESS:

7. 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 22ND MAY, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy Noel Treacy

ALSO PRESENT: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Asst. County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; B. Callagy, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Gleeson, County Secretary, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer and T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1624 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 54140
APPLICANT: G. CURRAN.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed that this resolution be deferred to the Council Meeting on 22nd June, 1987. This was seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail and agreed.

1625 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 53851 -
APPLICANT: MICHAEL GEOGHEGAN.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE

The site is located approximately 5½ miles from Tuam near Lavally School on the Tuam to Clonbern Road. It is at a junction with two other roads.

PLANNING HISTORY:

- Ref. No. 38036: Permission granted for a dwellinghouse to Mr. Michael Geoghegan.
Ref. No. 48823: Permission refused for a filling station on part of this site - Applicant Mr. Michael Geoghegan.
Ref. No. 49286: Permission refused as in Ref. No. 48823. A Section 4 motion was passed directing the Manager to grant Permission but this not implemented following consultation with the legal advisor.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This proposal is to develop a filling station on the frontage of a dwellinghouse and convert the domestic garage in a shop. The fundamental difference between this and the previous

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applications being the proposed relocation of the fuel facilities from the side curtilage of the house adjoining the road junction to the front of the house further away from the junction.

As on previous occasions it was explained to the applicant, through the Councillors making representations on his behalf, that there would be no objections in principle to a filling station on this route provided a site of adequate size was available and that the location was not hazardous. The minimum recommended distance that a filling station access should be from a road junction on a minor route is an area outside speed limits is 75 metres. This is set out in the Foras Forbartha guidelines on development adjoining road intersections, R.T. 181.

Since the farthest extremity of this site from the road junction is 46 metres it is deficient by 29 metres and the development cannot consequently be recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located in too close a proximity to a road junction, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic in the neighbourhood of the junction and along the Tuam/Clonbern Road."

Deputy Kitt proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda.

He said that a Section 4 resolution had been passed in respect of the same site previously but there was a fundamental difference between this application and the previous one.

The fuel pumps will be further away from the road junction.

He said that he welcomed the development in the area as there was need for a petrol filling station. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Ryan. He said that there was a demand for the facility in the area. The applicant was a young married man and was trying to build up a business for himself. It was not a road with major traffic and there was no filling station in the area.

The County Engineer said that he was not objecting to a filling station in the area, his objection was the lack of space and distance from the road junction. He said he felt that there was a certain hazard in the lay-out of the development and there appeared to be a site on which the development could be located. Replying to Councillor Burke, the County Engineer stated that the applicant will have to get a licence and will have to comply with the Chief Fire Officer's requirements. Councillor Ryan said that if the applicant removed a clay bank it would improve the position. Councillor J. Burke said that if the applicant owned adjoining property every effort should be made to comply with the requirements. After further discussion Deputy Kitt proposed that a decision on the resolution be deferred to the Council Meeting on Monday, 25th May, 1987, and this was agreed.

1626 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 53661 - APPLICANT: MARTIN MANNION.

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

"LOCATION:

Site is located on the National Primary Road (N18) approx. 1 mile to the north of Clarenbridge.

HISTORY

42127: Permission refused on this site for 1 no. dwellinghouse in June 1982. Applicant M. Mannion. Applicant made a claim for second family dwellinghouse for his sister B. Moran (U.S.A.) as in current application.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the National Primary road where the maximum speed limit applies. Applicant has alternative lands fronting onto a County road. His sister for whom the proposed house is intended is resident in the U.S.A. In support of his claim for a second family dwellinghouse in a previous application (42127) applicant outlined lands to the west of Clarenbridge, which have not been outlined in the current application. Furthermore in 1973 applicant himself was granted permission for a dwellinghouse to replace the existing thatched farmhouse to the north west of the proposed site using existing access onto the County Road. The old dwellinghouse was to be demolished or used as an outhouse but is still in use as an residence while an unauthorised access has been provided from the new bungalow directly onto the National Primary Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed 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, 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 fulfil its function as a through road for heavy traffic.
- (b) protect the public investment in the national road network.

2. The development would contravene the County Development Plan (CH.25 Table 25A) which limits development along this road to local family housing needs, a category of development which does not apply in this case as alternative sites are available on the family farm."

The County Engineer stated that the proposed dwellinghouse was located on the National Primary Road approximately 1 mile to the north of Clarenbridge and was a breach of the agreement in relation to Section 4 resolutions on National Primary roads.

Senator McCormack proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that he did not agree with some of the County Engineer's statements. He said that he did not know what evidence the County Engineer had that an alternative site was available, as far as he was aware there was no alternative site. Senator McCormack said that the applicant's sister comes within the second family category. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Lynch. He said that permission had been refused on a number of occasions and people should be encouraged to come back to live in Ireland. He said that there was no alternative site and planning permissions had been granted on either side of the site. Councillor Brennan suggested that a decision be deferred pending clarification as to whether an alternative site was available. The County Engineer said that some of the permissions referred to by Councillor Lynch were granted as a result of Section 4 resolutions. The County Engineer read the definition of a second family claim from the development plan and said that the applicatio

did not come within it and that there was an alternative location available. Councillor Brennan suggested that an enurement condition be incorporated in the decision but the County Engineer said that he would still be opposed to the granting of permission. It was suggested by Councillor Brennan that the application be deferred but Senator McCormack said that he wished to proceed with the resolution. Councillor Brennan then proposed that the application be refused and this was seconded by Councillor J. Burke. A vote taken after 5 p.m. for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

For: Councillors U. Burke, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Sen. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Sen. P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby. (19)

Against: Councillor J. Burke. (1)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1627 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 53882. APPLICANT: SEAN SILKE.

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

"LOCATION.

The site is located in the Townland of Pollagh on the Galway to Oughterard road just before the end of the recent road improvement works.

HISTORY

Ref. No. 53386: A similar application by the same applicant was refused by the Planning Authority on grounds of traffic safety and policy concerning restrictions of development on National Secondary Routes. No appeal was made to an Bord Pleanala.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a National Secondary Route where it is stated policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to particular cases of housing need. No such need exists and therefore the granting of this application would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan. This is a location which has come under intensive pressure for ribbonised development in the past couple of years. Two Section 4 Permissior have been granted immediately adjoining this site and a further such permission was granted ¼ mile away. These were issued to different applicants.

The proposed development is located at a position where the maximum speed limit applies and it has been statistically shown that an increase in the number of access points onto the National Routes leads to an increase in accidents. The proposal, therefore, constitutes a traffic hazard.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is proposed to refuse the application:

1. The proposed development would be located on a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the additional traffic movements generated by the proposed

development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said route thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The proposed development is located on a National Secondary Route where it is the stated policy of the Planning Authority, as set out in the County Development Plan, to restrict development to particular cases of housing need. No such need has been claimed 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."

Senator McCormack proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. Senator McCormack said that the applicant was living in a rented house and the site of the proposed house was a large site of 1½ acres. He said the applicant was giving considerable employment around Galway. The resolution was seconded by Councillor U. Burke.

The County Engineer stated that the application did not come within the category of need under the County Development Plan. He said the applicant was not connected with land in the area, the site was on a national secondary route where the maximum speed limit applies and therefore would create a potential traffic hazard. Councillor O'Morain said that Council sometimes refused the development of backlands and other times along the road and this seemed to be a negative policy.

As there was no objection to the resolution, the Chairman declared the resolution set out on the Agenda carried.

1628 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 53778. APPLICANT - MRS ANNIE CAVALIER.

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

"LOCATION

The site is located in the townland of Dooroy adjacent to Lough Corrib on the land side of the road approximately ½ mile from the junction of the Cong and Clonbur Roads.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 27124: An application on approximately the eastern half of the site under consideration was refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on grounds of injury to visual amenity.

Planning Ref. No. 51314: A similar application to that now under consideration was refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by an Bord Pleanala on grounds of injury to visual amenity.

Planning Ref. No. 52407: Another similar application was likewise refused by the Planning Authority.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant is a French National whose brother owns the site in question and also a dwellinghouse and lands to the west of this site.

The site is located in an area of outstanding Scenic Amenity and the applicant is claiming for a second family dwellinghouse on the family holding. The holding mentioned, i.e., her

brother's house and site and the site under consideration is approximately 2 acres in size and, in fact, if this Planning Permission were granted, the holding would consist of 2 no house sites.

The category of essential housing need which could be considered as permissible in areas of Outstanding Scenic Amenity relate to members of a farmholder's family, and then to people native to the locality. This is not the case in this instance.

It should be noted that the Planning Authority recently refused Planning Permission under Planning Ref. No. 49463 to a Mr. David S. Jones on a site to the west of the applicant's brother's site. Mr. Jones is an Englishman but his father owns a house to the west of the site of Mr. Jones' application. In this case, the extent of Mr. Jones' site and his father's site comprise 3 acres.

There has been a consistent policy of refusal by the Planning Authority and by An Bord Pleanala on this site and in fact, planning permission has never been granted on this site.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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 elevated site overlooking Lough Corrib and would, if permitted, detract from the scenic amenities of the area, and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that there were two Outline Permissions on the site and one had run out and it was now proposed to build on that one. He said that it was a large site and the house could easily be fitted in to the hill and would not interfere with amenity. He said the applicant was living in the area for a long time. He referred to other houses which had been permitted in the area, and produced photographs of some. The resolution was seconded by Councillor O'Morain. He said the mountain rose at the back of the site and that the house would not interfere with anything. Councillor O'Morain referred to the site near Recess where a Mushroom Plant had been installed and which is now derelict. Councillor J. Burke objected to the granting of Planning Permission. He said that it would be an injustice to grant Permission when others had been refused both by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala. He said that the second family qualification was being abused when the site was only two acres in area.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail go raibh se in aghaidh an iarratas. Bhi an suiomh in ait alainn agus duirt se gur ceart seasamh a ghlacadh i gcoinne na tithe seo a bhi dunta ar feadh aon mhi deag der bhliain. Councillor O'Morain said that the site was not on the lakeside and that people were more important than scenery.

The County Engineer said that the site was in a beautiful area and irrespective of previous Permissions, the present

application should be refused. Councillor J. Burke proposed that Permission be refused and this was seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail.

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

FOR: Senator U. Burke, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McCormack, P. McHugh, M.O'Morain, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby. (14)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. MacDonagh, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail. (5)

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

1629 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53676 - MR. TOMMIE O'BRIEN:

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on the National Primary Road (N6) approximately 3 miles north west of Loughrea.

HISTORY:

There were no previous planning applications on this site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit applies. The County Development Plan limits commercial development along this route to alterations or extensions to existing uses. A category of development which does not apply in this case. Furthermore, by its nature and storage and dismantling of scrapped vehicles is unsightly and particularly on the edge of a busy National Primary Road in full view of road users.

An Enforcement Notice under Section 31 of the 1963 Planning Act was served relating to this development. The Notice required that the use of the land for the scrapping, etc., of vehicles be discontinued, that all vehicles and scrap be removed from the land and that the land be reinstated. Legal proceedings are envisaged on foot of the Notice.

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, 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;
 - (b) protect the public investment in the National Road Network.

2. The proposed development by its nature would be an unsightly feature on a National Primary Road in full view of road users and would detract from the visual amenity of the area.
3. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chap. 25, Table 25A) which limits commercial development along this road to alterations or extensions to existing uses, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

The County Engineer said that from a road traffic point of view, this was one of the most potentially dangerous applications that had come before the Council. The exit from the development was onto a National Primary Route near the entrance to a garage where traffic travels at very high speeds.

Councillor Loughnane said that he agreed that two entrances would not be desirable. He said the applicant could exit onto the by road and thereby, avoid a second entrance onto the National Primary Road. He said that the applicant was incapacitated at present, he was involved in this business and had no other means of livelihood or no alternative site. He said the applicant would accept any condition as regards screening, etc., and would accept a temporary Permission until he gets on his feet. Councillor Loughnane proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and that a condition be included restricting the Permission to five years. Cllr. Welby seconded the resolution. Councillor Brennan said that the site was absolutely unsightly at the moment but he would have no objection if the site was cleaned up and screened off. Councillor U. Burke supported the granting of Permission if the site was cleaned up and screened off. Councillor J. Burke said that if the Council has an agreement about the use of Section 4 Resolutions on National Primary Roads, it should stick to it. If, however, the applicant could exit on to a side road, this would alter the situation.

The County Engineer said that in determining an application, the Planning Authority was not authorised to take personal circumstances into account. He said that it was a serious and bad development and it was his job to advise the Council accordingly. An enquiry had been received from the Department of the Environment about the development and what action the Council proposed to take in relation to it. He said that the granting of these types of developments along National Routes did not help the Council's case for increased Road Grants. There were areas where this type of development could be permitted but not along National Primary Roads.

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

Mr. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager, stated that before deciding on the applications, he would take into account the submissions made by the Members together with the advice of the Law Agent where he deemed that necessary.

1630 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS.

Cllr. Finnegan proposed a vote of congratulations to The Tuam Herald on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of its foundation. He said that the Tuam Herald had played a very important role in the affairs of County Galway. All the Members associated themselves with the vote of congratulations.

1631 - POLLING STATIONS.

Clr. Joyce raised the question of Polling Stations and asked why Polling Stations which were used for previous elections were not being used for the forthcoming Referendum. He said people were upset having to change from their traditional booths and might decide not to vote as a protest. Deputy Kitt and Clr. Ryan also complained about the inconvenience being caused to voters. Mr. Gleeson stated that the County Registrar was the Returning Officer for the Referendum and he decided on the use of Polling Booths. He said that the County Council makes the Polling Scheme which fixed Polling Places but did not decide on Polling Booths. He also said that the Council intends to review the Polling Scheme and there was a general recommendation to avoid using private residences.

1632 - MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA AND THE MAKING OF THE VARIATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT OF GALWAY RELATING TO THE ENVIRONS OF LOUGHREA.

Mr. Gleeson read the County Manager's Statement dated the 7th April, 1987 which had been circulated to the Members which sets out the up to date position in relation to the Plan for Loughrea and the environs of Loughrea. The report drew attention to letter dated 27th January, 1987 from the Department of the Environment and also the report of the County Engineer dated 11th November 1986. Mr. Gleeson stated that the objections and representations received in relation to the Draft Amendment to the Draft Plans for Loughrea and Loughrea Environs had now to be considered by the Council. In reply to Clr. U. Burke, Mr. Gleeson stated that the Council had decided to delete the By-Pass from the Draft Plans only, but that no Plan had yet been adopted.

Clr. M. Fahy asked if the Minister could overrule the decision of the Council. Mr. Kearns, Deputy County Manager, replied that as it was an important national route, the Minister could overrule the Council. He said that if the Council adopts the By-Pass route, the County Engineer would then proceed with the design of the route and then come back to the Council. He said that Department funds would not be made available for the Relief Road and it would have to be funded from the Council's own resources.

Senator Hussey said that the By-Pass would adversely effect business interests in Loughrea and he was of the opinion that adequate car parks was a suitable alternative. Clr. M. Fahy said that he was opposed to the Relief Road as it would badly effect the Religious Orders in Loughrea. He asked if E.E.C. aid could be obtained to pay compensation to people whose businesses would be affected. Mr. Kearns replied that there was no provision for the payment of compensation for loss of business. Replying to Clr. Lambert, Mr. Kearns explained that if the Council made a decision which was not in accordance with the Department's requirements then such proposal would have to be funded by the Council itself.

Clr. J. Burke said that it was clear that the Department wished to develop the By-Pass route and that no funds would be made available for any other route. He said that there was a major traffic problem in Loughrea and it was time that the Council faced facts. He said that the estimated cost of the development of car parks was outrageous and that C.I.E., had property for disposal which should be available much cheaper. In addition to the car parks proposed, he said that there should be another car park on the Galway side of Loughrea. He said that he was in favour of the By-Pass as it was the only answer and could give Loughrea a new lease of life.

Clr. U. Burke said that he could not agree that By-Passes had benefited towns where they were provided. He said that in the case of Ballinasloe where only a Relief Road was constructed, that he was aware of one case where business had declined. He said that he had never been held up in Loughrea and he would not agree to the By-Pass. Loughrea was on the main route to the West of Ireland and many people stopped in the town and the Council should introduce traffic regulations and car parks.

Clr. Loughnane said that neither the By-Pass Road nor the Relief Road were acceptable as polls had been conducted and over 1300 people had objected to both. He said that at no stage was there a decision made to go through the Mortuary grounds, the Walks or the Mart property for access to car parks. Clr. Loughnane referred to the submission of the Loughrea Town Commissioners objecting to the proposed entrances to the proposed car park at the rear of the buildings fronting the main street. He said that there should have been some discussions with land owners before the line coloured green was put on the map, but the County Engineer explained that the practice was to bring such proposals to the Council first. Clr. Loughnane said that the proposal to pedestrianise the upper end of King Street would effect Mr. Martin Aherne's business. He said there was a job to be done to provide an alternative to the By-Pass and to pursue adequate car parking facilities. He proposed that a plan for car parks be incorporated into the Draft Plan. Mr. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that the provision of car parks was not an alternative to a By-Pass which was required for an important national route.

Clr. Mullins said that he agreed with what Clr. U. Burke and Loughnane had said. He said that we were living in bad times economically and the business people of Loughrea were in the same situation. It was not a time for spending £3,000,000 on a By-Pass, and having looked at the situation he considered that it would make sense to have the traffic laws enforced and car parking provided. He said he would support realistic improvements and would find it hard to understand the Minister imposing a decision on them. Regarding the spending of £3,000,000, the County Engineer stated that the money would be provided and if it was not spent in Loughrea it would be spent elsewhere in the Country.

Clr. Callanan said that he agreed that car parks should be provided and that the By-Pass should not proceed. He said it was not fair to compare the Ballinasloe Relief Road with the Loughrea By-Pass as the Ballinasloe Relief Road was quite close to the town. Clr. Joyce said that they were only listening to opinions as to the effect By-Passes had on businesses and he wondered if any scientific data was available. He said that he had come through Loughrea behind a 16 wheel juggernaut and it took 4 minutes as against 5 minutes from Merlin Park gates to the Council car park. The County Engineer replied that the Department of the Environment had taken all factors into account as regards Loughrea and had done a Cost Benefit Analysis which showed that the By-Pass would repay itself.

Senator O'Conchubhair said that from his own experience he considers that a By-Pass was needed at Loughrea for traffic from Dublin to West Galway. It was very important from a commercial and fish development point of view. Dúirt an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail nach raibh na deachtractaí i Loch Riach comh mor sin agus gur feidir iad a fheabhsu. Deputy Fahey stated that in the long term people would have to accept that a By-Pass would be inevitable. In the short term, however, a By-Pass was not required and there were better ways of spending the £3,000,000 than on the By-Pass.

Clr. J. Burke welcomed the car park proposals but said that it would not alleviate the traffic problem. He said the town cannot develop without a By-Pass and it would be unfair and unjust to the people of Loughrea not to provide one. Deputy Kitt supported the provision of car parks and said that in the present economic climate it was not prudent to be spending large sums of money on national primary roads.

At this stage the Chairman stated that a decision could not be made on the Draft Plans without going through all the submissions which had been made and he suggested that the Meeting be adjourned. It was then proposed by Clr. Finnegan and seconded by Clr. Ryan that the Meeting adjourn and this was agreed. It was agreed to hold a Special Meeting of the Council on Monday, 8th June, 1987 to finalise the making of the Development Plan and variation.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

[Signature] CHAIRMAN
22nd June 1987 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19u la Bealtaine, 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, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 25u la Bealtaine, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to commence work immediately on the Section of the N.59 Road at Glengowla, Oughterard.
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
(a) Special Meeting held on 10th April, 1987.
(b) Estimates Meeting held on 21st April, 1987.
(c) Monthly Meeting held on 27th April, 1987.
3. Overdraft accommodation for quarter ending 30th September, 1987.
4. Raising of loan of £2,338 to finance Special Contribution to Greyford Group Water Supply Scheme.
5. Leasing of plot of land (including factory and dwellinghouse) at Ballygar to Mr. Patrick Nestor/Ballygar Wood Products Limited, Ballygar, in accordance with Section 83 Notice dated 13th May, 1987, - copy already circulated.
6. Fix date for Annual Meeting of the Council.
7. Conference on The Problems of Toxic Dinoflagellate Blooms in Aquaculture - 11th/12th June, 1987, at Sherkin Island Marine Station.
- Details enclosed.
8. Malicious Injury Decrees. - List herewith.
9. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

10. That a progress report be given on the Council's efforts to resolve the problems of access and parking at Doon Graveyard, Eyrecourt.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

11. That the Council take this strand into its jurisdiction to provide lighting and to make the strand safe for travel to and from Omev Island.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

12. That repairs be carried out to the Pollkeen/Castlegar bog road past the Cemetary.

(b) Other Motions received

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

13. That the County Council carry out immediate repair works on road at Liscanninane/Claregalway. (Details enclosed)

14. That another major effort be made to recruit 8 workers for the 3 Headford Schemes - Cargin - Cloughanover and Killursa and that those schemes - so vital to the Headford Area and so meaningful be put into action.

15. That Galway County Council now join up two County Council roads - Cloonina - Shantalla, Tuam. (Details enclosed)

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose:

16. That provision be made in the 1987 Estimates for the widening of the dangerous bend outside Costelloe's house at Glenmore, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.

17. That Galway County Council cease to issue demand for payment of service charges in cases where the householder is not availing of the service for which he is being charged.

18. That a report be given on the reason for the delay in constructing a new Council house for (Details enclosed).

COUNCILLOR P.J. FINNEGAN, DEPUTY M.P. KITT, SENATOR T. HUSSEY, AND DEPUTY N. TREACY: - We will propose:

19. That in relation to Ballinamona Park, Tuam, this Council make a commitment to carry out the following improvements -

- (a) widen section of road;
- (b) improve surface of road;
- (c) provide a short footpath;
- (d) provide a public light;
- (e) knock an obstructing wall.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

20. That Galway County Council pipe the drain along the roadside adjacent to Fahy's Public House at Ballinakill, Kylebrack, Loughrea, in order to accommodate the local people living nearby and to ensure proper safety on this stretch of road and that these works be carried out without delay.

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will propose:

21. That a new Cemetery be provided at Maree, Oranmore.

COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY: - I will propose:

22. That the County Council use Social Employment Schemes to carry out much needed improvement works to the following Burial Grounds -
Ballygar, Killeroran, Killyan New and Old, Ballinakill (Glinsk), Killeroran (Ballymoe).
23. That the County Road leading to Kilcolumb Burial Ground be relieved of flooding and put into a proper state of repair.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY: - I will propose:

24. That the road linking the Oranmore By-Pass with the present entrance road to Oranmore be re-opened and that adequate sign-posting to Oranmore be erected.
25. That improvement works be carried out in the present year on the National Primary Road N.4 at Lough Cutra and that proposals for the Ardahan By-Pass be dropped.
26. That immediate improvements be carried out the Kinvara Water Supply Scheme so that the village and the Douras area will have a supply of water this summer, pending the commencement of the major improvement scheme.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL - Molaim:

27. Go rachadh an Comhairle Chontae ar aghaidh le C.P.O. le talamh timpeall an Reilig i Leitir Moir na Coille a cheannacht, chun go bhfeadfar an Reilig a leathnu.
28. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae tuairisc ar fail faoin gcoras searachais ar an gCeathru Rua agus meastuchain ar chostas planda eisilte don ceanntair.
29. Go ndeanfadh an Comhairle Chontae monatoireacht ar an truailliu i gCuan Casla, agus go dtogfadh siad ceimeannaí chun deire a chur leis.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

30. Galway County Council install hard shoulders from Ardahan to Kiltarnan N.S., and also from Tullira to Lisatleanna, Ardahan, Galway - Limerick National Primary Road.
31. Galway County Council widen and improve road leading to the new National School at Craughwell.
32. Galway County Council improve water supply for this summer to Kinvara and the Douras area until new water scheme is in operation in Kinvara.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose:

33. What is the present position regarding the Gleannachmurrin Regional Water Scheme?
34. What is the position of the Lettercallow Group Scheme taking in Lettercallow North and Derringlass, and Ross.
35. That footpaths be provided on the Regional Road from Kings in Minna to Tullycross.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

36. That some type of gullet be installed at entrance gate to Sean Connelly's land at Rusheeny, Oughterard. The County Council dug a drain across this gateway for drainage purposes which now prevents the user of the land from access to the lands.
37. That the section of Portacorraon Road which was dug up for pipelaying be restored without delay as this is causing damage to cars.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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

13th May, 1987

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to lease a plot of land including a dwellinghouse and factory at Ballygar, particulars of which are given hereunder.

PARTICULARS OF LAND:

Plot of land (including Factory and Dwellinghouse) measuring approximately 2 roods, 30 perches, situated in the Townland of Ballygar and Electoral Division of Killeroran.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Land acquired from Mr. Michael Silke, Ballygar.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND INCLUDING FACTORY AND DWELLINGHOUSE IS TO BE LEASED:

Mr. Patrick Nestor/Ballygar Wood Products Ltd., Ballygar, Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF LEASE:

The lease is for a period of 2 years and 9 months at a yearly rent of £3,500 payable quarterly, in advance, and the Tenant shall be liable for repairs, rates and all other outgoings.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the next Meeting of this Council to be held after expiration of 10 clear days from the date of this notice.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Roches Stores	damage to a glass door of shop	Borough of Galway	£49.50	£166.44
McNeela Homes Ltd.	damage to property - mahogany cupboard door, teak coffee table, chair and plate glass windows.	Borough of Galway	£250.00	£356.45
McNeela Homes Ltd.	damage to kerbstones.	Borough of Galway	£51.00	£140.16
McNeela Homes Ltd.	damage to property - windows	Borough of Galway	£283.36	£389.66
Anthony Glynn, Cedarwood Close, Highfield Park, Newcastle.	damage to plate glass window	Borough of Galway	£33.99	£41.95
Niall Bowes, 87 Ard na Mara, Malahide, Dublin.	damage to Motor Car, Fiat, 862 AIK.	Borough of Galway	£222.78	£282.36
Galway Association for Mentally Handicapped Children.	Damage to windows and interior of house.	Borough of Galway	£750.00	£526.25
Sisters of Mercy, Oughterard.	Damage to motor car.	Borough of Galway	£50.00	£71.68
McNeela Homes Limited Maunsells Rd., S'hill.	Damage to double glazed window.	Borough of Galway	£220.00	£359.45
Commissioners of Public Works	Damage to window, window grill, steel filing cabinet and a safe of Mens Employment Exchange.	Borough of Galway	£202.41	£324.15

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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Thomas Naughton Dominick St., Galway.	Breaking of glass window	County at large	£139.00	£269.85
John O'Toole Annauaghan.	Cottage damaged by fire	County at large	£20,000	£29,803.70
Thomas Butler, 24 St. James Crescent, Mervue, Galway.	Damage to vehicle Reg. No. 583 DZL	County at large	£1,735.79	£1,524.48
Salthill Service Station.	Damage to property	County at large	£	£791.00
John Molloy 10 Heather Grove Ballybane, Galway.	Damage to vehicle	County at large	£260.00	£1,207.00
Kevin Halloran Savoy Leisure Centre, Eglington St., Galway.	Damage to vehicle	County at large	£577.50	£515.05

Name and Address	Particulars of Claims	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
The Dominican Convent, Taylors Hill, Galway.	Damage to property	County at large	£5,000.00	£1,466.75
Patrick Nelly, Ballybog, Gort, Co. Galway.	Damage to vehicle/machine	County at large	£1,400.00	£539.42
Frank Higgins & Co., Ardrahan, Co. Galway.	Damage to vehicle/machine	County at large	£1,200.00	£1,186.32
Liam King, 43, Murrrough Park, Renmore, Galway.	Damage to Motor Vehicle.	County at large	£558.80	£556.55
Patrick Nally, 51, Laurel Park, Newcastle, Galway.	Damage to Motor Vehicle.	County at large	£1,500.00	£1,252.75

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH MAY, 1987. AT 3.30 P.M.

IN THE CHAIR:

Senator N. O'Conchubhair (Vice Chairman)

ALSO PRESENT:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members:

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

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; J.F. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1633 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: WORK ON SECTION OF THE N.59 ROAD AT GLENGOWLA, OUGHTERARD.

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

"Work is scheduled to be carried out on this road. There is a complication about a group water supply which may effect the road but which is not yet ready to proceed.

The Council have written to the group and informed them that unless they can lay pipework off public property (inside the fence) there will be a very heavy penalty for the restoration of the road. The nature of the road is such that if the surface or foundation is disturbed restoration will be very expensive.

No response has been received from the group and whatever decision is taken on this matter should be clear that the group will not be subsidised for the extra expense of restoration if they proceed at a later stage to disturb the road. Duplication of expenditure on roadworks cannot be allowed.

In regard to the general planning of this group we have been informed by the Department of the Environment today that a meeting is being arranged during the current work between the members of the group, the Council's representative and the Department's Inspector."

It was agreed that further consideration of this matter would be adjourned to the June monthly meeting of the Council pending the outcome of the meeting referred to in the County Manager's report.

1634 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION 53851 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL GEOEGHAN.

This resolution had been adjourned from the Council Meeting on Friday, 22nd May, 1987. Deputy M. Kitt had indicated

at that meeting that he would discuss the application with the applicant to establish if the applicant had additional lands available to re-locate the access to the development. Deputy Kitt stated that he had discussed the matter with the applicant who had indicated that he had no other land available. Deputy Kitt stated that the applicant hoped to convert the existing garage to a shop and he did not agree that a traffic hazard would arise. The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Councillor Ryan. As there were no amendments proposed, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the agenda carried.

1635 - MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

Councillor O'Morain stated that he would be unable to attend the meeting of the General Council of County Councils to be held on 27th May, 1987, at Mansion House, Dublin. It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh and agreed that Councillor John Molloy be authorised to attend as a substitute for Councillor O'Morain.

1636 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Votes of sympathy were passed with the following:

Mr. Paddy Counihan & Family, Ard na Greine, Gort.
Mrs Aine Kelly, Cregclare, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

1637 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Mannion and seconded by Councillor M. Ryan the minutes of the following meetings were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

- (a) special meeting held on 10th April, 1987.
- (b) estimates meeting held on the 21st April, 1987.
- (c) monthly meeting held on 27th April, 1987.

1638 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1987.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion and seconded by Councillor U. Burke 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 30th September, 1987."

1639 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £2,338 TO FINANCE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO GREYFORD GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Callanan, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2,338 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 for Greyford Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest as may be approved by the Minister."

1640 - LEASING OF PLOT OF LAND AT BALLYGAR TO MR. PATRICK NESTOR/BALLYGAR WOOD PRODUCTS LIMITED, BALLYGAR.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ryan and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan and agreed:-

" that Galway County Council hereby approve of the lease

of a plot of land(including factory and dwellinghouse) at Ballygar to Mr. Patrick Nestor, Ballygar Wood Products Ltd., Ballygar, Co. Galway, in accordance with notice dated 13th May, 1987, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each member of the Council."

1641 - DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

It was proposed by Councillor M. Killilea, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh that the annual meeting of Galway County Council for 1987 be held on 22nd June, 1987. It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor U. Burke that the Annual Meeting of Galway County Council for 1987 be held on 13th July, 1987. A vote taken on Councillor Mannion's amendment resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Brennan, U. Burke, U. Burke, M. Fahy, F. Glynn, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Sen. P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, Dep. R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan and T. Welby. (15)

Against: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor P. Finnegan, Sen. T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, Dep. M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Sen. O'Conchubhair, Councillors P. Raftery, and T. Welby. (14)

The Chairman declared Councillor Mannion's amendment carried by 15 votes for to 14 votes against.

The Chairman declared that as a result of the vote on Councillor Mannion's amendment that the Annual Meeting of the Council would be held on 13th July, 1987.

1642 - CONFERENCE ON AQUACULTURE AT SHERKIN ISLAND ON 11TH/12TH JUNE, 1987.

It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan and agreed that Clrs N. O'Conchubhair and J. Molloy be authorised to attend. It was proposed by Councillor M. Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion and agreed that Councillor M. Lynch be authorised to attend.

1643 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

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

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

1644 - PROBLEMS OF ACCESS AND PARKING AT DOON GRAVEYARD, EYRECOURT.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE:

The members were informed that the Council have been unable to reach agreement with the land owner concerned regarding the acquisition of the land for an access and parking facilities at Doon Graveyard, Eyrecourt. The position regarding the Right of Way had been referred to the Law Agent and arrangements have been made to initiate a C.P.O. for the acquisition of the necessary lands to provide a proper access and parking area.

1645 - THAT THE COUNCIL PROVIDE LIGHTING AND MAKE THE STRAND SAFE FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM OMEY ISLAND - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

The County Engineer submitted a report stating that he had again considered this matter following a visit to the site. and was now even more convinced that lighting should not be provided by the Council to assist in navigation (whether by boating, vehicular or pedestrian traffic) from an area below

the high water mark which is not a public thoroughfare.

The lights requested would have no purpose in lighting the local areas on the island or the mainland and could only be construed as navigational aids. There were rocks all along the foreshore at this point and there was also another road, apart from the one by Claddaghduff Church, entering the beach a short distance to the south. The County Engineer was of the opinion that the provision of a light on the island and the light on the mainland could cause accidents as much as prevent them and since he was of the opinion that the County Council have no responsibility in the matter he was recommending no further action.

Deputy F. Fahey stated that he did not agree with the County Engineer's report and that there was need for some form of lighting on the road on the island so that people would be aware of where the road was. He was supported by Councillors M. O'Morain and M. Killilea. Councillor Killilea stated that he had requested that stakes be provided marking the route to the island. The County Engineer stated that the Council could not take any responsibility for the provision of stakes or lighting as the area involved was not a public road. Deputy F. Fahey proposed that the Council pay a grant towards the cost of the provision of two lights in the area. The Council were informed that it would not be possible to incur expenditure on roads which were not public and that provision of lights were not recommended by the County Engineer for valid technical reasons. It was agreed following further discussion that the possibility of declaring the road on the island public be examined.

- 1646 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE POLKEEN/CASTLEGAR BOG ROAD PAST THE CEMETARY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. MCCORMACK.

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

"This is a public road. Repairs will be carried out next week."

- 1647 - THAT IMMEDIATE REPAIR WORKS BE CARRIED OUT ON ROAD AT LISCANNINANE /CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

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

"this road has now been repaired."

- 1648 - THAT ANOTHER MAJOR EFFORT BE MADE TO RECRUIT 8 WORKS FOR THE 3 HEADFORD SCHEMES - CARGIN, CLOUGHANOVER AND KILLURSA. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

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

"Further efforts will be made to recruit workers for the Social Employment Scheme in Cargin, Killursa and Cloughanover Burial Grounds at a later date when number of participants in the scheme allow this. Failure to get people for the schemes at this stage does not mean that the schemes will be let lapse."

- 1649 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL NOW JOIN UP TWO COUNTY COUNCIL ROADS CLOONINA-SHANTALLA, TUAM. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH.

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

"the road in question extends from C.R. No. 205 in Clooninagh to C.R. No. 206 in Shantallow, having a length of 1.11 km.

The estimated cost of bringing the road up to standard is £7,000.

There is no provision made in the estimates for this expenditure and in view of the lack of finances for existing County Roads it is not recommended that additional roads be taken in charge."

- 1650 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENTS SCHEMES

Councillor J. McDonagh asked that the Council ascertain how many jobs had been allocated to County Galway under the allocation of jobs for social employment schemes. He asked that the information be made available for the next Council Meeting.

- 1651 - THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE 1987 ESTIMATES FOR THE WIDENING OF THE DANGEROUS BEND OUTSIDE COSTELLOE'S HOUSE AT GLENMORE TURLOUGHMORE, CO. GALWAY. MOTION BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY.

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

"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. The works could be considered under Councillors Notice of Motion funds.

£2,000 has been allocated out of Notice of Motion funds towards the work. Preliminary discussions have taken place with the landowner concerned but further negotiations will be necessary to reach agreement."

- 1652 - THAT THE COUNCIL CEASE TO ISSUE DEMAND FOR PAYMENT OF SERVICES CHARGES IN CASES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLDER IS NOT AVAILING OF THE SERVICE. MOTION BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Molloy:

"The legal position is that where a service such as refuse collection is provided in an area by the Council, the charge for such service is payable in respect of each premises served, whether the service is actually availed of or not.

The refuse collection service is provided throughout the County to the extent that financial resources allow. The charges levied make an important contribution to the running of the service and any diminution in the Revenue from this source would obviously have detrimental effects on the level of service being provided. The Council cannot, given the present financial restrictions, allow people for whom the service is provided to opt out to the extent that it no longer remains economically viable to maintain the route concerned.

A review of the extent to which persons are not availing of the service will be carried out in the near future."

Deputy R. Molloy stated that he did not agree that householders not availing of the service should be charged. He was supported by Councillor T. Walsh and Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail. The Council were informed that where the service was provided in an area, the charge for such service was payable in respect of each premises whether the service was actually availed of or not.

- 1653 - THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN CONSTRUCTING A NEW COUNCIL HOUSE MOTION BY DEPUTY R. MOLLOY.

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

"The person in question has been approved in principle for a rural house and the transfer of the site has been completed.

The Council is at present awaiting it's housing allocation for 1987 and on receipt of same, will be in a position to decide how many new starts may be made this year. These houses will then be built for approved applicants on a priority basis."

- 1654 - VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO BE CARRIED AT BALLINAMONA PARK, TUAM. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN, DEPUTY M. KITT, SENATOR T. HUSSEY AND DEPUTY N. TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. Finnegan, Deputy M. Kitt, Senator T. Hussey and Deputy N. Treacy:

"(a) widen section of road; (b) improve surface of road; (c) provide a short footpath; (d) provide a public light; (e) Knock an obstructing wall.

Improvements to the surface of the road (b) will be carried out in the near future. There are no funds available to undertake any of the improvement works (a), (c), (d) or (e)."

Councillor P. Finnegan asked that the question of providing a public light be reconsidered as a provision had been made in the Estimates for public lighting. He asked that the works be considered for inclusion in a Social Employment Scheme. He also stated that the people involved were no longer objecting to the knocking of the wall referred to in the Notice of Motion. He asked that the matter be re-examined.

- 1655 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL PIPE THE DRAIN ALONG THE ROADSIDE ADJACENT TO FAHY'S PUBLIC HOUSE AT BALLINAKILL, KYLEBRACK, LOUGHREA IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE LOCAL PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY. MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

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

"This section of drain referred to measures 64m in length. The drain runs parallel to the roadway and is separated from the road by an earth bank. The estimated cost of piping this section is £4,000.

There are long sections of similar drains on this road and it is not proposed to, nor do we have the funds to do any of this work."

- 1656 - PROVISION OF NEW CEMETERY AT MAREE/ORANMORE. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR BY J. LAMBERT.

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

"The proposed burial ground site has been purchased and is suitable for use as a burial ground, subject to drainage work being carried out to lower the water table at the lower end of the site. We are negotiating with two landowners regarding wayleaves to be acquired to drain the land."

- 1657 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL USE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME TO CARRY OUT MUCH NEED IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE FOLLOWING BURIAL GROUNDS BALLYGAR, KILLERORAN, KELLYAN NEW AND OLD, BALLINAKILL(GLINSK), KILLERORAN (BALLYMOE). MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY.

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

"These burial grounds will be examined and if sufficient work of a suitable nature for the Social Employment Scheme is require

in them, applications for their inclusion in a Social Employment Scheme will be submitted to National Manpower Service."

- 1658 - THAT THE COUNTY ROAD LEADING TO KILCOLUMB BURIAL GROUND BE RELIEVED OF FLOODING AND PUT INTO A PROPER STATE OF REPAIR. MOTION BY P. RAFTERY.

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

"the road leading to Kilcolumb Burial Ground is C.R. No. 276 and its level is lower than the level of the surrounding ground. Accordingly there are no outlets for the dissipation of surface water run-off. All water gravitates towards the burial ground.

There is a pipe drainage system operating in the vicinity of the burial ground. The system will be investigated to ensure that there are no blockage and that it is operating effectively. The extension of the present drainage system to service the approach road which measures ½ mile approximately, is cost prohibitive and not considered a priority at present. There are two houses on the road and the burial ground is not frequently used. Repairs will be carried out under routine maintenance."

- 1659 - THAT THE ROAD LINKING THE ORANMORE BY-PASS WITH THE PRESENT ENTRANCE ROAD TO ORANMORE BE RE-OPENED AND THAT ADEQUATE SIGN-POSTING TO ORANMORE BE ERECTED. MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

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

"The above was discussed at the Council Meeting of 27/4/1987. It was agreed to have the matter further considered by the County Engineer. The County Engineer has stated that he has again considered the proposal and has nothing further to add to his report of 14/4/1987. The recommendations in that report still stand."

In reply to Deputy F. Fahey who asked that the slip road be put into operation on a trial basis until all of the Oranmore By-Pass was completed, the County Engineer stated that he was not prepared to alter the recommendation in his original report which stated that this slip road should not be re-opened.

- 1660 - THAT IMPROVEMENT WORKS BE CARRIED OUT IN THE PRESENT YEAR ON THE NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD N.4 AT LOUGH CUTRA AND THAT PROPOSALS FOR THE ARDRAHAN BY-PASS BE DROPPED. MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

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

"There are no funds available in the current year for improvements to the N. 18 National Primary Route at Lough Cutra. Proposals have been prepared for improvements at Ardrahan and the subject is under study. No decision has been made yet for recommendation in relation to the by-passing or otherwise of Ardrahan."

Deputy F. Fahey asked that a final decision be sought regarding the road improvements at Ardrahan by the end of the current year. He stated that the Council should not proceed with a By-Pass for the village and should consider improvement of the approach roads to the village from Gort.

- 1661 - THAT IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE KINVARA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME SO THAT THE VILLAGE AND THE DOORAS AREA WILL HAVE A SUPPLY OF WATER THIS SUMMER PENDING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MAJOR IMPROVEMENT SCHEME. MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY.

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

"Improvement in the water supply to Kinvara and to the Doora depend entirely on the completion of the proposed Improvement Scheme from the new Loughrea South source.

It is hoped that approval will be given to proceed this year with the construction of the new Production Wells.

Approval is awaited to seek Tenders for the Pumphouse Rese. and Trunk Mains."

- 1662 - GO RACHADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE AR AGHAIDH LE C.P.O. le talamh TIMPEALL AN REILIG I LEITIR MOIR NA COILLE A CHEANNACHT, CHUN GO BHFEADH AN REILIG A LEATHNU. MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'TUATHAIL.

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

"Toisc go bhfuil deacraíochtaí le tideal, ta se ar intinn ag an Comhairle Condae C.P.O. a usaid san cas seo."

D'iarr Comh.O'Tuathail agus O'Morain an Comhairle a dul chun chinn leis an C.P.O.

- 1663 - GO GCUIRFEADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE TUAIRISC AR FAIL FAOIN GCORAS SEARACHAIS AS AN GCEATHRU RUA AGUS MEASTUCHAIN AR CHOSTAS PLANDA AISILTE DON CEANTAIR. MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'TUATHAIL.

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

"Scaoiltear minlach garbh o Coras searachais Ceathru Rua isteach i gCuan Cashla in aice le Ce Glenmore. Nil aon moladh ag an gComhairle chun planda aisilte a chur ar fail don Cheathru Rua agus nil a dhothain airgid ar fail fiu amhain do na sceimeanna ata ar an liosta tosaíochta."

D'iarr an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail ar an gComhairle meastachan costais don coras searachais sa Ceathru Rua a ullmhu.

- 1664 - GO NDEANFADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE MONATOIREACHT AR AN TRUAILLIU IGCUAN CASLA, AGUS GO DTOGFADH SIAD CEIMEANNAI CHUN DEIRE A CHUR LEIS. MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR O'TUATHAIL.

Seo leanas freagra a tugadh do'n Chomhairleoir O'Tuathail

"Nil udaras ag an Comhairle Condae ach suas go lan toaíde. Mar sin nil an Comhairle Condae ag deanamh aon monstoiréacht sir chuan casla. Ta an Comhairle Condae freagrach faoi bhraíde Act Truailliu Uisce 1976 don madur agus cineal eisilteach a scaoiltear isteach sa chuan. Da bhri sin ta se do dhualgas ar an Comhairle Condae nach ndeanfai trualimh ar uiscithe.

Faoi lathair nil ach dha mhonarcán mor ag scaoileach moran eisilt isteach sa chuan, se sin (1) Protein Eisc; (2) Irish Sea Foods. Ta an Comhairle Condae ag tagairt leis na h-uainearai le fada feachaint chuige go gcuirfai caoi ceart ar na heisiltea.

Cuireadh an dli ar ceann de na monarcán cupla mi o shoin. Ta cuid mhaith obair deanta ag Irish Sea Foods le gairid chun an eisilt a leasu, agus ta dochas orainn go ndeanfadh siad gach rud ata riachtanach go luath. I gcas Proitin Eisc bhi fadhb eile sa mheid go raibh eatach brian ag teach on simlear, faoi lathair ta na huaineiri ag cuir "de mistir" isteach, chun an bolamh seo a laghdú chomh maith agus is feidir.

Cuan Casla

Mar a duradh cheana nil udaras dirach ag an Comhairle Condae ar an muir, ach ta muid i dteangbhall leis an Roinn Iascaireacht faoi lathair, agus ta muid lan tuilteanach gach cunamh a thabhairt doibh, chun feachaint chuige nach ndeanfar nios mo truailliu i gCuan casla."

- 1665 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INSTALL HARD SHOULDERS FROM ARDRAHAN TO KILTERNAN N.S., AND ALSO FROM TULLIRA TO LISATLEANNA, ARDRAHAN. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY.

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

"There are no funds available in the current year to carry out this work."

- 1666 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WIDEN AND IMPROVE ROAD LEADING TO THE NEW NATIONAL SCHOOL AT CRAUGHWELL. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY.

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

"The new school referred to is situated on County Road No. 303 approximately 130m from its junction with the N.6 and this section of the County Road has in effect been widened by the set backs of a line of new houses between the school and the National Primary Road and is adequate for the traffic generated. The remainder of the County road is quite good by County Road standards and does not warrant any further expenditure."

Councillor M. Fahy asked that the Council consider erecting signs indicating dangerous bends ahead at the location involved. He asked that the problem of flooding outside Madden's house be investigated.

- 1667 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY FOR THIS SUMMER TO KINVARA AND THE DOURAS AREA UNTIL NEW WATER SCHEME IS IN OPERATION IN KINVARA. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY.

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

"Improvement in the water supply to Kinvara and to the Dooras area depend entirely on the completion of the proposed Improvement Scheme from the new Loughcurra South Source.

It is hoped that approval will be given to proceed this year with the construction of the new Production Wells.

Approval is awaited to seek Tenders for the Pumphouse Reservoir and Trunk Mains."

- 1668 - WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING THE GLEANNACHMURRIN REGIONAL WATER SCHEME? MOTION BY SENATOR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR.

The following written reply was given to Senator N. O'Conchubhair.

"The revised preliminary report was approved in June 1986 and the Consultants are now completing procedures for a new water abstraction proposal for an increased quantity of water. The project is estimated to cost £6,425m and No. 15 on the Councils water schemes priority list.

However, Phase 1 of the project which involves the construction of a reservoir at Glenmore, Carraroe and estimated to cost £.13m is 5th on the Councils Priority List adopted at the Council Meeting on the 5th December, 1986. The Contract Documents and land acquisition maps are being prepared by the Councils Consultants and are expected shortly."

- 1669 - WHAT IS THE POSITION REGARDING THE LETTERCALLOW GROUP SCHEME TAKING IN LETTERCALLOW NORTH AND DERRINGLASS AND ROSE. MOTION BY SENATOR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR.

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

"the above scheme has requested a supply from the Council's

Water Supply Scheme at Lettermore. Due to present consumption by group schemes already connected there is no spare capacity in the system."

- 1670 - THAT FOOTPATHS BE PROVIDED ON THE REGIONAL ROAD FROM KINGS IN MINNA TO TULLY CROSS. MOTION BY SENATOR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR.

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

"No provision has been made in this year estimates for the carrying out of the above mentioned work."

- 1671 - THAT SOME TYPE OF GULLET BE INSTALLED AT ENTRANCE GATE TO SEAN CONNELLY'S LAND AT RUSHEENY, OUGHTERARD. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY.

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

"Pipes are already in position at the above location. Backfilling will be carried out over the pipes so that the land owner will have better access to the land."

- 1672 - THAT THE SANCTION OF PORTACARRON ROAD WHICH WAS DUG UP FOR PIPELAYING BE RESTORED WITHOUT DELAY. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY.

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

"Restoration works will commence on week commencing 25th May, 1987."

- 1673 - NEW INN DUMP

Councillor M. Mullins asked that the Council take steps immediately to deal with the problems at New Inn Dump. He asked that attention be given to the proper maintenance and covering of material deposited there and that equipment and materials be made available to keep the dump properly. He was supported by a number of Councillors and it was agreed that a report on this matter would be brought to the monthly meeting of the Council in June, 1987.

- 1674 - AINMITHE FAN

D'iarr an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail ar an gComhairle Condae aithbreathnu a dheanamh ar an sceal i dtaobh an usaid ata a dheanamh as ponai i gceantair Conamara chun ainmithe ata ag fanaiocht a locadh. Duirt se gur cuireadh ainmithe as Conamara i bpona i mBeal Atha na Sluaigh le deanai agus go raibh costas mor ar an uinear de bharr sin.

- 1675 - RESOLUTIONS:

The following documentation was circulated at the meeting:

1. Resolution from Tipperary (North Riding) County Council dated 29th April, 1987:
"this Council calls on the Government to increase Ireland's Official Development Aid to the Third World."
2. Resolution from Donegal County Council dated 30th April, 1987:
"That the Minister for Health be requested to amend existing legislation to allow all members of the Council to sit on the Local Health Committees."

3. Letter from the Office of the Minister for Justice dated 5th May, 1987. re courthouses.
4. Resolution from Monaghan Urban District Council dated 28th April, 1987:
"That this Council calls on the Government to implement the National Youth Policy."
5. Letter from the Office of the Minister for the Environment dated 9th May, 1987.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED.

[Signature] CHAIRMAN.
22 June 1987 DATE.

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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 Luain, an 8u la Meitheamh, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. 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 MONDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR : Deputy N. Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT :

MEMBERS : As recorded in the Attendance Book

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

OFFICIALS :

Messrs S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Asst. County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer, C. Burke, Staff Officer, and T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1676

1676 - MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA AND THE MAKING OF A VARIATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH OF GALWAY RELATING TO THE ENVIRONS OF LOUGHREA.

The Chairman stated that he proposed dealing with the submissions made in respect of the Draft Amendment to the Draft Plans for Loughrea and Loughrea Environs. Replying to Councillor Brennan, the Chairman stated that proposals made at the previous meeting should be resubmitted.

Submission No. 1 - A.G. Moylan & Moylan & Co., Solicitors, Loughrea, on behalf of a "group of private householders"

Arising from this Submission, Councillor Brennan proposed that the inner relief road be deleted from the proposed Amendment to the Draft Plan for Loughrea. This proposal was seconded by Councillor U. Burke and agreed. The Chairman declared this motion resolved unanimously.

Councillor Loughnane referred to the second item in the submission which related to the "walks". He said that people had no reason to believe that the "walks" would be interfered with and in fact the Council had taken a decision to pedestrianise it.

Submission No. 2 : - Loughrea Co-Operative Mart Ltd.

The Council considered this submission but took no further action on it bearing in mind that the Council had decided to delete the Relief Road when dealing with Submission No. 1.

Submission No. 3 : - Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Part (i) of the Submission objecting to the Relief Road was noted. In relation to Part (ii) of the Submission, Councillor Loughnane explained that there was a feeling that there might be a by-pass under consideration south of the By-Pass already published. The County Manager said

that there was no such proposal before the Council. Part (iii) of the Submission related to a proposed carpark which was not in fact included in the Draft Plan or Draft Amendment to the Draft Plan.

Submission No. 4 : - Mother Prioress St. Joseph Monastery, Mount Carmel, Loughrea.

The Council accepted all the points (1 to 7) made in letter dated 19th January, 1987, from the Mother Prioress with the exception of the final paragraph.

Submission No. 5 : - Michael Fitzgerald, Lake Road, Loughrea.

The Council noted this Submission.

Submission No. 6 : - V.P. Shields & Son, Solicitors on behalf of Ms. Eileen Ryan.

The Council noted that part of the Submission objected to the Relief Road which the Council had now decided to delete when dealing with Submission No. 1. In regard to that part of the Submission relating to the preservation of premises, the Council noted that this submission was considered when dealing with the first Draft Plan. Councillor Loughnane said that the implications of listing buildings to be considered for preservation should be explained precisely to the owners.

Submission No. 7 : - Martin Aherne, Main Street, Loughrea.

Councillor Loughnane said that Mr. Aherne had a valid objection to the pedestrianisation of the upper end of King Street as he would have to have access to his premises. He said that vehicular access would have to be given to owners and occupiers of property on the Street. The County Engineer agreed that owners and occupiers would have to have access to their property and unless some solution was worked out, the proposal would not go ahead. The Chairman suggested that the street be made one-way from Main Street. Councillor U. Burke said that the area had become a market place for traders and asked the Council to have them removed.

Submission No. 8 : - 17 Residents of Moneamore (Bullaun Road).

This submission related to the inner relief road which the Council decided to delete from the proposed Amendment when dealing with Submission No. 1.

Submission No. 9 : - Carmelite Fathers, The Abbey, Loughrea.

This submission related to the Relief Road on which the Council had made a decision to delete when dealing with Submission No. 1.

Submission No. 10 : - Joe & Chris Kilboy, Bride Street, Loughrea.

The Council noted this submission and while it objected to the Relief Road, it also referred to a proposed carpark which is not included in

the Draft Plan or Draft Amendment.

Submission No. 11 : - F.G. McCarthy, Solicitor, on behalf of Mount Carmel Nuns.

This submission related to the Relief Road which the Council had already decided to delete.

Submission No. 12 : - F.G. McCarthy, Solicitor, on behalf of Abbey Fathers, Loughrea.

This submission related to the Relief Road which the Council had already decided to delete.

Submission No. 13 : - Galway Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Councillor U. Burke proposed that the submission be disregarded. The County Manager pointed out that the Council was obliged to consider the submission and said that it was a very important submission. Councillor Brennan said that the Galway Chamber of Commerce and Industry played a very important role in the development of industry in Galway City and County and had every right to make a submission and that it should receive top consideration.

Councillor Loughnane said that he found the by-pass proposal to be faulty but that the Galway Chamber of Commerce was not concerned with this as long as Loughrea was by passed. He said the water and sewerage systems in Loughrea were inadequate and hindering development, yet finance was being made available for roads. He said that the continued operation of one petrol retailing outlet was dependant on the by-pass not going ahead and jobs would be involved.

The Council agreed to consider Submission No. 14 (James Skehill) at this stage also.

Councillor Loughnane asked would the restrictions on Mr. Skehill's lands be lifted if the by-pass road was deleted. The County Manager replied that in the event of a planning application being submitted, he (County Manager) in deciding on the application would have to give first consideration to the proper planning and development of the area and he would have to ensure that a corridor was left available for the future.

Councillor Loughnane said that he would be concerned about the wishes of the members being overruled. The County Manager replied that while he would not construct the by-pass without the Council's approval, he would have to decide on planning applications in accordance with law. The County Manager stated that he had advised the members at the meeting in Ballinasloe that if they were not satisfied with the by-pass road as proposed, he would have other options looked at. This was done and a detailed report and recommendation was circulated indicating that the original proposal was the only feasible one. The route was subject to variation as it was not fully designed.

Councillor Joyce said that the inner relief road was very acceptable when it was originally proposed and that further consideration should be given to it. Councillor J. Burke said that it was Loughrea elected representatives that proposed the inner relief road as a solution and led other members astray. He drew attention to the final paragraph of letter dated 19th January, 1987, from the Mother Prioress, St. Joseph Monastery, Loughrea, suggesting that most people favoured the initial

by-pass. He said that any towns which are thriving have by-passes. He urged the people of Loughrea to accept the by-pass and said the design can be examined in detail to try and sort out any difficulties. He said that if the Council didn't agree on the by-pass, a by-pass which could be unacceptable might be forced on them.

Councillor U. Burke asked what power the County Manager had to preserve the corridor. The County Manager replied that in deciding on an application he was obliged to first consider the proper planning and development of the area and then the provisions of the Development Plan. If the development plan did not provide for a by-pass, he would have to take into account the future development of the area and in doing so would have regard to the fact that a by-pass was considered necessary and included in previous plans, that it was an important national route and that a by-pass was proposed in the Government's Roads Plan, and the recommendations of the County Engineer and Planning Officer that it was the most feasible route. The County Manager said that if a planning application prejudiced such route, he would have to decide accordingly.

The County Engineer stated that the general considerations taken into account in putting forward a by-pass route were (a) to improve the national, regional and local economies by providing an efficient national road network to serve the transportation needs of industry and commerce, (b) to reduce costs arising from traffic delays particularly for commercial traffic on routes through existing town centres which are grossly inadequate for the needs of through traffic, (c) to improve traffic flow, safety and comfort standards to a satisfactory level of service for present and future needs on routes classified as of national importance, (d) to improve environmental conditions in towns by relieving frustrations of difficult access both pedestrian and vehicular and improving parking availability, by reducing traffic accidents, and eliminating traffic fumes, excessive vibration and noise.

The County Engineer also referred to other points made in his report dated 11th November, 1986 and he stated that having looked at all the options, he could not see any other road scheme which would be an improvement on the existing by-pass route and strongly recommended its acceptance.

The County Engineer stated that the pink and blue routes on the map resulted from an exercise to try and find an alternative to the original by-pass.

Councillor Loughnane said that cars should be taken off the main street and carparks provided. He said the Draft Plan would be defective if it did not provide for carparking and that the people of Loughrea would be willing to help with the provision of carparking. The County Manager stated that there was provision in the Draft Plan for improved carparking but that additional carparks were not a substitute for a by-pass and it was not clear if the Department would fund the carparks. Councillor Callanan said that enough discussion had taken place and that a decision should be taken as to whether the by-pass would be included or not.

Dúirt an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail go raibh ceithre la caite ag an Comhairle ag phlé an Plean do Locha Ria. Dúirt se go raibh go leor airgead don By-Pass ach nach raibh ach airgead i gcomhair boithre i gConnamara a bhi imithe leis an taidé. Mhol se go raibh se in an cinneadh a dheanadh.

Councillor Finnegan said that it was clear what the local people and the Councillors wanted and he did not know of any people who wanted the By-Pass. Councillor Mullins said that a full by-pass was not necessary at this time and it was not the time for spending money on the by-pass when other services were short of money. The County Engineer

said that as far as he was aware, finance would be provided for the by-pass and if it was not used in County Galway, it would be used elsewhere. He said that it was very important for industry that good fast routes are available and that warehousing was on the decrease. It was necessary to by-pass several towns in Northern Ireland for the same reasons. Ireland depended on exports and imports and a good road system was imperative.

Councillor Brennan said he felt that a majority of people wanted a by-pass. The cost would be funded by the E.E.C. and employment would be created. He was convinced it was the right thing to do and the economy of the west would benefit. Councillor Brennan proposed that the by-pass road be retained in the Draft Plan and Draft Variation, allowing for variations in design. Councillor J. Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal and said that many people from Loughrea were working in industries in Galway which would benefit from a by-pass. Councillor Loughnane said that if one looked at the route between Galway and Rosslare, there was no holdup in Loughrea. Loughrea was a good town and it was possible to identify businesses that would be adversely affected by a by-pass road. He did not agree that any additional employment would be created from the construction of a by-pass as it would probably be done by direct labour. He said that a by-pass had an adverse effect on the town of Askeaton. Deputy Kitt said that he agreed with the proposal to provide carparks to solve the traffic problem in Loughrea. Councillor Joyce said there was need for some form of by-pass for Loughrea and he felt that the inner relief road was a good idea. He didn't think the provision of carparks alone would solve the problem. Replying to Councillor U. Burke, the County Manager stated that variations carried out to the by-pass route resulted from representations by public representatives.

The Chairman stated that the only proposal before the Meeting was Councillor Brennan's proposal to proceed with a by-pass road. Councillor Loughnane then proposed that the by-pass be dropped and that the provision of carparks be investigated. This was seconded by Councillor U. Burke. Councillor Killilea proposed that a decision be deferred for two years while alternative proposals were being investigated and that the Minister be asked to extend the time for the making of the Plan. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Joyce but was later withdrawn.

The County Manager repeated that the provision of carparking was not an alternative to a by-pass road. The County Manager said it was the Council's duty to make a Plan to provide for the proper planning and development of the Area of the Planning Authority and he advised the members that they were not doing this by omitting to provide for a by-pass. The Development Plans had provided for a by-pass as far back as 1979. This was in accordance with national policy for the country as a whole and not just for the benefit of Loughrea or Ballinasloe or Galway City which was a growth area. Industrialists required fast routes for the free flow of goods to and from Galway and the prosperity of the area could depend on this. If provision for a by-pass was not made, this would be contrary to national policy and the Minister would have to be informed accordingly. The County Manager said that he was satisfied there was need for a by-pass and this was confirmed by the advice of all the Council's professional staff. If a corridor was provided, land acquisition or construction would not proceed until a specific designed route was brought before the Council and agreed.

Councillor Loughnane proposed that no provision be made for a by-pass road in the Plan for Loughrea or Environs. This was seconded by Councillor U. Burke. The Chairman said that this motion was a direct negative to Councillor Brennan's proposal. The Chairman said that a vote would be taken on Councillor Brennan's proposal that the by-pass road be retained in the Draft Plan and Draft Variation, allowing for variations in design. The vote resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Joyce, J. Mannion and P. O'Tuathail. (5)

AGAINST: Councillors U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor M. Killilea, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch and Senator P. McCormack.

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Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, M. Mullins,
P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor
T. Walsh. (18)

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

It was agreed, arising from the result of this decision that the Draft Development Plan for the Town of Loughrea and the Variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the Environs of Loughrea, be amended by the deletion of the provisions relating to a By-Pass Road for Loughrea.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA:

It was then proposed by Councillor U. Burke and seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council having prepared a draft of a proposed Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea, having complied with the requirements of Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 21 of the Local Government (Planning & Development) Act, 1963, having decided that the said Draft Plan should be amended, which amendment, if made, would be a material alteration of the Draft Plan and having complied with Subsection (2) and (3) and (4) of Section 21A of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 37 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, in relation to the proposed amendment hereby resolve that the said Draft Plan shall not be amended to provide for an Inner Relief Road and shall be amended as follows:

- (a) By the deletion of the provisions relating to a by-pass road for Loughrea;
- (b) By the listing for preservation the archway at Mount Pleasant, Loughrea;
- (c) By the deletion of an objective from the Draft Plan for the Town of Loughrea relating to the resiting of the Stoney Brennan Head;
- (d) By the inclusion of an objective in the Draft Plan for the pedestrianisation of "The Walk";

and that the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Plan published on 30th January, 1986, as amended.

VARIATION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT OF GALWAY RELATING TO THE ENVIRONS OF THE TOWN OF LOUGHREA:

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"That Galway County Council having prepared a Draft of a Proposed Variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the environs of the Town of Loughrea, having complied with Subsections (1) and (2) of Section 21 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, having decided that the said Draft Variation should be amended, which amendment, if made, would be a material alteration of the Draft Variation and having complied with Subsections (2), (3) and (4) of Section 21A of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 37 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, in relation to the proposed amendment hereby resolve that the said Draft Variation be amended by the deletion therefrom of the provisions relating to a by-pass road for Loughrea and that the Variation of the Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway relating to the environs of the Town of Loughrea be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Variation published on 30th January, 1986, as amended."

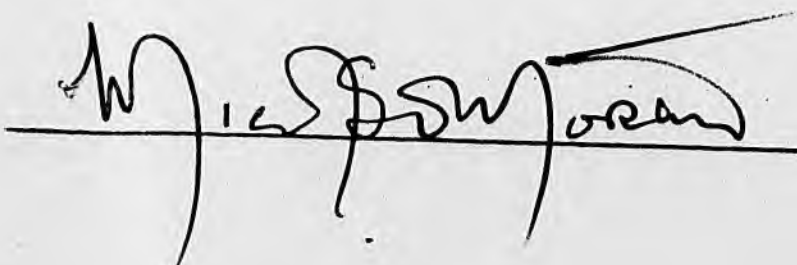
SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Chris Kenny, "Forest View", Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Rita Kennedy & Family, Kilbeacanty, Gort.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

27th June 1987 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Ruani,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

Su la Meitheamh, 1987.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE CHONDAE.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontag, Gaillimhe, De h-Aoine, an 12u la Meitheamh, 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:-

- "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 Mr. Thomas G. Curran, Baile Eamon, Spiddal, for a dwellinghouse and septic tank. - Planning Ref. No. 54140.
Robert Molloy. Michael Fahy. Peadar O'Tuathail.
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Michael Fahy. P. McCormack. Robert Molloy.
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John M Mannion. P. McCormack. Tom Welby.
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Padraic McCormack John Mannion. Tom Welby

- Roads Work Programme 1987 - copy enclosed.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

Deputy Robert Molloy: - I will propose

- That immediate repairs be carried out to the road leading from Moyard Cross to Ballinakill Church, Connemara, Co. Galway.
- That a report be given on the reason for the delay in carrying out repairs to the road leading from Doon to Ballinakill Road, Connemara, Co. Galway, following the laying of watermains.
- That urgent repairs be carried out to the road at Cnocnarow, Moyard, Co. Galway, leading to the fish farm.

Councillor J. McDonagh: - I will propose

- That the County Council fill potholes - now of enormous proportion at Kiniska (Details supplied).
- That the Council take steps to improve road at Curry, Corofin. (Details herewith).
- That Galway County Council immediately surface dress road at Caherla, Claregalway - which badly needs same.

An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail:

- Molaimse go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae cosan coisithe ar fail don Tulach, Baile na hAbhainn - ta gealluint ann go ndeanfaidh an obair seo o 1985.

Councillor Martin Lynch: - I will propose

- That the Galway County Council put some road signs and children crossing signs outside the New School in Craughwell and move the 30 mile per hour speed limit out past the lay-byes on the Galway Road.
- That the Galway County Council carry out immediate repair work on the road that has been started more than 2 years ago in Raheen, Athenry as this road is a danger to the public at the moment and there is a possibility that there may be some childrens lives in danger.

Councillor T. Walsh: - I will propose

- That Galway County Council widen the road opposite Glenamaddy National School between O'Hara's house and Heneghan's house. This would give space for cars to park when picking up children from school. There are many complaints about the danger to children in the present position.

Councillor T. Welby: - I will ask

- Will the money being spent on the Emergency Repairs to the Lough High Road, recently, affect the Clifden area allocation for road maintenance or will the developers pay for same.

COMHAIRLE CHONDAE NA GAILLIMHE

ROAD WORKS SCHEME

FOR THE

FINANCIAL YEAR FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1987 TO
THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1987

P.H. FLOOD, B.E., C. ENG., M.I.C.E.
COUNTY ENGINEER

COUNTY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT,
COUNTY BUILDINGS,
PROSPECT HILL,
GALWAY.

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The County Manager submitted the following report, a copy
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HISTORY:

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PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

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views of special amenity value. In between rock outcrops
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excavated on the site was full of water on inspection
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also CMO's report of 17/2/'87). The site is totally
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effluent. In a submission received 10/2/'87 in support
of a previous application on this site (Ref. 53529)
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Road which would be more suitable for the proposed development.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
REPORT ON GRANT AND REVENUE ALLOCATION FOR IMPROVEMENT AND
MAINTENANCE OF ROADS IN 1987

The total grant allocation notified for 1987 is £5,697,000. This compares with an original allocation in 1986 of £5,207,000, which was increased during the year to £5,826,000 and a further £88,000 was received over and above the allocation notified. The total money received amounted to £5,914,000. The Dranmore By Pass in the Major Category accounted for £1,425,000 of this. Apart from £500,000 included this year to complete the Dranmore By Pass there is no other major project included this year.

The Department have dropped the complicated commitment/allocation system which they used for the past 3 years or so (except for major schemes). This change however will not take full effect until next year as the Council must make arrangements with the Department to have the unrecovered expenditure at 31/12/86 paid as a first charge against the 1987 allocation. This has resulted in a reduction in the overall amount of work which can be carried out this year and is reflected in all programmes shown hereunder.

I will now deal with each category separately.

Major Improvement Works

The allocation in 1987 for the Dranmore By Pass, the link road, and the Transportation section is £500,000. The bulk of the work was completed during 1986, and at present the remainder of the accommodation works are being carried out. The Department are allowing the Council to carry £100,000 on overdraft in this category but this together with the allocation may not be sufficient.

Normal Improvement Works on National Roads

The grant allocation in this category amounts to £873,000. This sum includes £361,000 in respect of expenditure incurred in 1986 but not recouped. It has first call on this year's grant. The resultant programme is shown hereunder amounting to £512,000. This figure includes a further £100,000 allowed by the Department of the Environment to be carried on overdraft for 1987.

Snow and Ice Equipment	£15,000
N.17 South of Milltown	£200,000
N.59 Clifden Approaches	£100,000
N.64 Dranmore/Claregalway (Roundabout to level crossing)	£447,000
N.59 Dughterard/Mean X	£150,000
Total :	£672,000
	512,000

Special Works

The grant allocation in this category amounts to £788,000. Included in this section is the FEDGA Grant of £418,000. Allowing for unrecovered expenditure of £13,500 the net FEDGA grant for 1987 is £404,500. This has been divided over the eleven engineering areas in proportion to the county road mileage for each area and a copy of the programme is attached.

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RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

When the FEDGA element is deducted from the total Special Grant allocation a balance of £370,000 remains. However, again taking unrecouped expenditure into consideration the nett budget is £131,726 and the resultant programme is shown hereunder.

R.358 Bunowen Bridge	£50,000
Bridge Surveys (N.P., N.S., Regional)	£9,301
R.343 Strengthening Costelloe/Carraroe	£72,425
Total :	£131,726

Maintenance of National Primary

The National Primary Maintenance Grant amounts to £546,000. As in previous years the Department of the Environment have specified that £190,000 must be spent on Surface Dressing. Of the balance of £356,000 a sum of £13,846 must be deducted due to unrecouped expenditure leaving a nett budget for 1987 of £342,154. This sum and the surface dressing grant of £190,000 have been distributed over the engineering areas in proportion to the National Primary road mileages of each area.

National Secondary Maintenance

The National Secondary Maintenance Grant amounts to £855,000. Again the Department of the Environment have specified that £220,000 must be spent on Surface Dressing but allowing for unrecouped expenditure of £6,855 the nett sum available for Surface Dressing is £213,145. Of the balance of £635,000 a sum of £136,145, must be deducted due to unrecouped expenditure leaving a nett sum available of £498,855. This sum together with the £213,145, available for surface dressing have been distributed over the engineering areas in proportion to the National Secondary mileages of each area.

Block Grant

The Block Grant at £1,055,000 is the same as in 1986. The Block Grant "supplements the provision made from the road authority's own resources for the improvement, maintenance and management of Regional Roads, for improvement works on County Roads and for traffic management works including works on National Roads". In 1987 the Council are adding £367,500, the same sum as in previous years, making a total available for expenditure in 1987 of £1,422,500. This sum has been distributed over the engineering areas in proportion to the Regional road mileages of each area.

County Roads

The allocation for County Roads from Rates in 1987 is £1,645,575. (This does not include Councillors N.O.M. monies £90,000, payment of £155,000 for public lighting charges, or the Council's contribution of £367,500 to the Block Grant referred to in the last paragraph). The corresponding figure in 1986 was £2,048,100 - a decrease of £402,525. In addition there are increased costs in respect of wages and materials estimated to be in excess of £400,000, which leave a decrease in real terms of c. £800,000. The effect of this is that I have had to eliminate all surface dressing on County roads in order to avoid layoffs. This is completely contrary to good engineering practice as surface dressing is the single most valuable item in preserving the road structure and gives the maximum overall benefit.

However, the Department have given a Special Grant of £1,080,000 for strengthening of County Roads in 1987. A programme for this work is attached based on strategic county roads with no job costing less than £40,000, as directed by the Department. This has to some extent offset the loss from rates but it has the effect of shifting the emphasis from surface dressing to strengthening entirely whereas a balance is what is needed to give the optimum effect. As strengthening has a low labour content this explains

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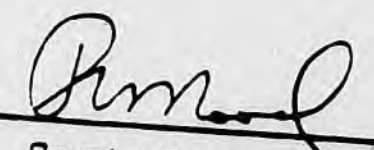
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The Council have been notified of an L.I.S. allocation of £409,000 - an increase of £199,000 on 1986. This allocation which is for work on non-public roads does not assist the road programme but is a valuable contributor towards maintaining employment during the year. The carrying out of this work depends on a sufficient number of applications being received early enough to allow them to be processed and executed. This year's sum is higher than normal and I am unable to say at this stage if the entire sum will be expended. We have embarked on an intensive campaign to ensure the efficient processing of applications but the success depends on prompt payment of local contributions.

Commentary

With the shortfall in money and men basic maintenance such as potholing, sidecleaning, hedge cutting, and opening of water tables has not been possible. To assist in a return to this type of maintenance I am proposing to divert as much resources as I can in 1987 towards this work and the help of the Councillors in devoting their N.O.M. money of £90,000 towards this work would be of great assistance. Some Councillors did so allocate their funds in 1986.

At this stage maintenance of our existing stock of roads is much more important than improvements which eats into scarce resources with limited overall benefit.


County Engineer

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SUMMARY FOR ALL ROAD CATEGORIES

	1986			1987		
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Normal Improvement Works (National Primary)	-	201,528	201,528	-	215,000	215,000
Normal Improvement Works (National Secondary)	-	557,887	557,887	-	397,000	397,000
National Primary Maintenance	-	532,000	532,000	-	532,154	532,154
National Secondary Maintenance	-	745,000	745,000	-	712,000	712,000
Special Improvement Works (Regional Roads)	-	227,468	227,468	-	131,726	131,726
Regional Road Maintenance	367,500	1,055,000	1,422,500	367,500	1,055,000	1,422,500
FENGA	-	370,663	370,663	-	404,500	404,500
Co. Road Strengthening (Special)	-	319,000	319,000	-	1,080,000	1,080,000
Co. Road Maintenance	1,874,472	-	1,874,472	1,645,575	-	1,645,575
GRAND TOTAL :	2,241,972	5,433,546	7,675,518	2,013,075	4,821,380	6,834,455

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RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS 1987

	Grant Allocation	Nett Budget
<u>Major Improvement Works</u>		
N.6 Drammore By Pass & Link Road	£500,000	£294,000 (incl. £100,000 0
<u>Normal Improvement Works (National Primary)</u>		
Snow & Ice Equipment	£15,000	£15,000
N.17 South of Milltown	£200,000	£200,000
N.P./N.S. Traffic Route Lighting	£30,000	N11
<u>Normal Improvement Works (National Secondary)</u>		
N.64 Weighbridge	£8,000	N11
N.59 Dughterard/Maam Cross	£150,000	£150,000
N.59 Clifden Approach	£100,000	£100,000
N.64 Drammore/Claregalway (Roundabout to Level Crossing)	£200,000	£147,000
N.59 Killeen	£150,000	N11
N.S. Signs	£20,000	N11
<u>Special Improvement Works (Regional Roads)</u>		
R.358 Bunowen Bridge	£150,000	£50,000
Bridge Surveys (N.P., N.S., Regional)	£20,000	£9,301
R.343 Strengthening Costelloe/Carreroe	£100,000	£72,425
R.336 Strengthening west of Inverin	£100,000	N11

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS (E.E.C. WESTERN PACKAGE)

COUNTY ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

	FEDEGA GRANT	
Clifden	£26,292	6.5
Dughterard	£31,955	7.9
Costelloe	£27,910	6.9
Athenry	£40,045	9.9
Tuam	£35,192	8.7
Mountbellew	£46,518	11.5
Milltown	£49,349	12.2
Loughree	£36,810	9.1
Gort	£36,810	9.1
Portunna	£42,877	10.6
Ballinasloe	£30,742	7.6
	<u>£404,500</u>	<u>100</u>

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RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

National Primary

Road Mileage	%	Maintenance £	Surface Dressing £
Clifden	Nil	Nil	-
Oughterard	Nil	Nil	-
Costelloe	Nil	Nil	-
Tuam	15.35	16.7	57,140
Milltown	10.56	11.5	39,348
Athenry	18.33	20.0	68,430
Mountbellew	Nil	Nil	-
Loughrea	16.12	17.6	60,219
Portumna	Nil	Nil	-
Ballinasloe	12.34	13.4	45,849
Gort	19.09	20.8	71,168
Total	91.79	100.0	342,154

National Secondary

Road Mileage	%	Maintenance £	Surface Dressing £
36.06	20.7	103,263	42,312
23.31	13.4	66,847	27,391
9.60	5.5	27,437	11,242
29.33	15.7	78,320	32,092
11.51	6.6	32,924	13,491
6.00	3.5	17,460	7,154
18.80	10.8	53,876	22,076
12.20	7.0	34,920	14,310
12.95	7.5	37,414	15,330
Nil	Nil	-	-
16.21	9.3	46,394	19,010
Total	173.97	100.0	498,855

Regional Roads (Block Grant + Rates)
(£1,055,000 + £367,500)

Road Mileage	%	Maintenance £	Surface Dressing £
Clifden	36.54	7.8	92,820
Oughterard	20.77	4.4	52,360
Costelloe	53.32	11.3	134,470
Tuam	40.08	8.5	101,150
Milltown	62.17	13.2	157,080
Athenry	57.10	12.1	143,990
Mountbellew	37.40	7.9	94,010
Loughrea	37.25	7.9	94,010
Portumna	47.90	10.2	121,380
Ballinasloe	48.45	10.3	122,570
Gort	30.11	6.4	76,160
Total	471.09	100.0	1,190,000

County Roads (Rates £1,645,575)

Road Mileage	%	Maintenance £	Surface Dressing £
215.27	6.5	98,252	16,644
259.61	7.9	119,414	9,389
228.58	6.9	104,249	24,112
288.53	8.7	131,507	18,137
404.30	12.2	184,412	28,166
328.89	9.9	149,646	25,819
380.00	11.5	173,832	16,857
302.30	9.1	137,553	16,857
351.25	10.6	160,227	21,765
249.84	7.6	114,880	21,978
300.91	9.1	137,553	13,656
Total	3,309.48	100.0	1,511,575

Reg. Rd. Bridges £10,000

Total £1,422,500

Emergency Fund £134,000

Total £1,645,575

+ £23,645 for surface dressing plant

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RECOMMENDATION:

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STRENGTHENING OF STRATEGIC COUNTY ROADS 1987

Area	Location	Co. Rd. No.	Length	Estimate
Castellon	Derrartha Road, Carraroe	64	1 mile	£40,000
	Sheanafelstin Road-Cashla Br. - Fermoyle	67	1 mile	£40,000
	Carna to Mweenish	47	1 mile	£40,000
	Carna to Glynsk	44	1 mile	£40,000
Dughterard	Barna to Poulnaclough	109	1 mile	£40,000
	Cong to Dooroy		1 mile	£40,000
	Clonbur to Finney to Cornamona	73,74,76	1 mile	£40,000
Clifden	Ballyconneely - Bunowen	6	1 mile	£40,000
	Letterfrack-Renvyle	35	1 mile	£40,000
Ballinasloe	Glentane-Mounthazel	L.99	1 mile	£40,000
	Cappataggle-Kilconnell	524	1 mile	£40,000
	Cappataggle-New Inn	479	1 mile	£40,000
	Kilglass-Ballyforan	514	1 mile	£40,000
Gort	Lough Cutra	361	1 mile	£40,000
Portumna	Esker-Laurencetown	582	1 mile	£40,000
Loughree	Ballydavid to Rafarm	483	1 mile	£40,000
	Woodford-Derrygoolin	499	1 mile	£40,000
	Woodford-Loughatorick	498	1 mile	£40,000
Athenry	Dranmore to Clarinbridge via. Rinville	186,188,191	6.4 (in sections)	£70,000
Mountbellew	Ballygar to Kilmore to Ballaghlee via. Sleannagloss	503, 506	1.2	£45,000
	Castlegar to Killasolan	459	1.25	£45,000
	Bog Road Mountbellew Kilcoosh Townland	455	1.00	£40,000
Milltown	South of Garrafrauns	233	1.0	£40,000
	West of Ballymoney South	237, 229	1.0	£40,000
	Burkes X at Timedocoun to Cashel X to Co. Boundary towards Ballinlough	253,265,266	1.0	£40,000
Tuam	Carragh to Tuam	154,163	5.0 (in sections)	£40,000
Total :				£1,080,000

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E.E.C. WESTERN PACKAGE - IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON COUNTY ROADS
1987 PROGRAMME

ROAD NO.	LOCATION OF WORK	NATURE OF WORK	LENGTH OF ROAD TO BE IMPROVED	ESTIMATED COST IN 1987	
Athenry	CR 438	Branch to Caraun	Strengthening	1.28 km	19,200
	CR 198	Branch to Caherisahill	Strengthening	0.96 km	14,400
	CR 192	Kilcornan	Bridge Repairs	N/A	6,445
Ballinasloe	CR 524	Cappataggle/Kilconnell	Strengthening & Re-surfacing	½ mile	20,000
Clifden	CR 479	Gortnaheen	Strengthening & Re-surface	400 m	10,742
	CR 6	Ballyconneely/Bunowen	Strengthen, Re-shape & Surface Dress	1 mile	26,292
Costello	CR 63/64	Derrartha/Carraroe	Strengthening	1.1 km	27,910
	CR 346	Tierneevan	Re-construction & Drainage	500 m	4,500
It	CR 357	Scalp	Re-construction & Drainage	1200 m	10,800
	CR 374 & 368	Carheeney	Re-construction & Drainage	400 m	4,010
	CR 352 & 354	Rakerin, Kilderry	Re-construction & Drainage	1500 m	13,000
	CR 341	Ballinduff, Raheen	Re-construction & Drainage	500 m	4,500
Loughrea	CR 447	Cahernagarry Cross towards Kincullin	Strengthen & Re-shape	½ mile	20,000
	CR 491	Kylebrack towards Duniry	Strengthen	½ mile	16,810
Milltown	CR 216	Lisavally - Beagh	Strengthening	2.4 km	30,000
	CR 157	North Newells Forge	Strengthening	800 km	15,000
	CR 247	Carrownseer South	Relief of flooding	N/A	4,349
Mountbellew	CR 262	Faartan	Bridge Repairs	N/A	10,000
	CR 513	Castlefrench	Ease Bend	100 m	6,500
	CR 261	Derrynabrin	Strengthening	375 m	7,000
	CR 459	Castlegar to Killasolan	Strengthening	1000 m	23,018
	CR 109	Barna-Pollnaclough	Strengthening & Re-shaping	.5 mile	10,000
Dughterard	CR 95 & 97	Spiddal towards Moycullen	Strengthening & Re-shaping	.4 mile	10,000
	CR 82	Oughterard towards Glan	Strengthening & Re-shaping	.5 mile	11,955
Portumna	CR 582	Clonfert Cross to Esker	Scarify, Strengthen & Re-shape	788 m	21,277
	CR 582	Clonfert Cross to Esker	Strengthen & Re-shape	800 m	10,800
	CR 582	Laurencetown to Clonfert Cross	Strengthen & Re-shape	800 m	10,800
Tuam	CR 171	Corbally (Corofin)	Bridge repairs	N/A	15,000
	CR 202	Sunhill Br.	Bridge repairs	N/A	5,192
	CR 164	Cloonascragh to Corofin	Strengthening	2.5 km	5,000
	CR 125	Ballyfruit	Strengthening	800 m in sections	2,000
	CR 116	Claran Greenfields	Strengthening	3.5 km in sections	3,000
CR 164	CR 199	Cloontooa to N 17	Strengthening	5 km in sections	3,000
		Old road Moyne	Strengthening	1.5 km in sections	2,000
TOTAL				404,500	

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RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would constitute a public health hazard because the site is wet and marshy in nature and is unsuitable for the reception and disposal of septic tank effluent.
2. The proposed dwellinghouse would be located in an exposed location in an open rugged landscape adjacent to the seashore in an area of High Scenic Amenity and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the visual amenities of the area, and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert. Councillor Fahy stated that the applicant had been left a site by his father. He had no other site available to him. He proposed to relocate the house on the site and he was of the opinion that the revised location would be suitable to accommodate the septic tank. The applicant had a house rented until September when he had been asked to leave. There were three other houses on the road involved and the applicant had been refused a local authority house. The County Engineer quoted from a letter which had been received from the applicant which set out details of other lands which he owned and which would be more suitable for the erection of a house. The County Manager read the report of the County Medical Officer dated 17th February, 1987, which indicated that the site had been inspected on Monday, 16th February, 1987. The trial holes on the site were virtually full of water and the soil that was excavated had very poor percolation properties. Water was noticed ponding on the surface of the site in numerous places and there were profuse growths of rushes and other marsh type vegetation. Due to these circumstances, the C.M.O. recommended that the proposal be refused on public health grounds.

Councillor Joe Brennan proposed that Planning Permission not be granted in view of the public health problems which would arise. The County Manager indicated that if this Section 4 Resolution was passed, he would have to seek legal advice before implementing its terms.

It was agreed following further discussion that this Section 4 Resolution would be adjourned for further consideration to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 22nd June, 1987.

1678 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53979
- APPLICANT: BRENDAN HYNES:

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

1679 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 42925
- APPLICANT: PETER BURKE:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located to the north of the roadway leading to the Alcock and Browne Memorial in the townland of Ballinaboy.

HISTORY:

- Ref. No. 8442: A similar application by Mr. Burke was refused by the Planning Authority on the grounds of injury to visual amenity. An appeal to the Minister for Local Government was later withdrawn.
- Ref. No. 10571: A similar application was refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal by the Minister for Local Government on the grounds of injury to visual amenity.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site proposed to be developed is located in an open rugged landscape in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity on the way to the Alcock and Browne Memorial and viewing area. The site consists mainly of outcropping rock and it would not be possible to assimilate the proposed dwellinghouse into its surroundings.

The applicant lives with his brother on the lower Errislannon Road. It is considered by the Planning Authority that there is a more suitable location for a dwellinghouse adjacent to the existing family house which would be in keeping with the existing development pattern.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

The proposed dwellinghouse would be located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity near the Alcock and Browne Memorial and viewing area and would be a prominent and obtrusive feature on the landscape which would detract from the open rugged nature of the landscape and would be seriously injurious to the visual amenities of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Cllr. John Mannion and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan. Cllr. J. Mannion stated that the applicant was one of two brothers who was getting married. He had visited the site in question himself and he was satisfied that the proposed house would not be injurious to the visual amenities of the areas. Cllr. Joe Brennan proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. There was no seconder for Councillor Brennan's amendment. The Chairman put the resolution as set out on the Agenda to the Meeting at 5.00 p.m., and there being no seconder for Councillor Brennan's amendment, and no further amendments proposed, he declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1680 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52764
- APPLICANT: JOHN FEENEY:

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the lower Errislannon Road, approx. 150 yards from its junction with the Clifden/Ballyconneely Road.

HISTORY:

- Planning Ref. No. 40964: Permission was refused to Mr. Joseph King for a dwellinghouse and septic tank on grounds of injury to visual amenity and public health grounds.
- Planning Ref. No. 51818: Permission was refused to Mr. John Feeney on similar grounds to Planning ref. No. 40964.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed house would be located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and would lead to the further erosion of the scenic amenities of the area.

The site to be developed consists mainly of outcropping rock with a stream running through the site and unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent. The applicant was requested to dig a trial hole but failed to do so.

It should be noted that this site is the last site of Mr. Feeney's lands which front onto the lower Errislannon Road. Planning Permission was granted under Planning Ref. No. 36173, by Section 4 Motion, to a Mr. Joseph Kelly for a dwellinghouse and septic tank on the site immediately to the west. This site was owned by Mr. John Feeney at the time of the application. This dwellinghouse had been built. Outline Planning Permission was also granted on the next site further to the west, by Section 4 Motion, to a Mrs. Mary Keane. Mrs. Keane purchased the site from Mr. John Feeney. Approval has subsequently been granted to a third party.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would be an obtrusive element on a scenic landscape and would not be capable of being assimilated into same, and, if permitted, would detract from the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The site proposed to be developed, consisting of outcropping rock and bog 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.

HOUSING NEED

Applicant is stated to be a retired Male Nurse formerly employed in Baggot Street, Hospital, Dublin. He is stated to be residing on the family farm and looking after his brother. The family house is stated to be in need of repair and the applicant considers that the construction of a smaller house would be more economical.

The existing family house is located approximately 250 yards from the public road and to the north of the proposed house and applicant wishes to have a house nearer to the road as both he and his brother are getting on in years.

The present site is the last site available on the family lands fronting the lower Errislannon Road, the remainder of the road frontage having been disposed of for housing sites, as referred to in the report circulated to the Members."

In reply to Councillor J. Mannion, the Council were informed that the applicant had been asked to dig trial holes but had not done so. It was agreed that further consideration of this resolution would be adjourned until the results of the trial holes were available.

1681 - PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - PETROL STATION AT KYLEMORE:

Councillor M. O'Morain referred to a copy of an objection from Bord Failte which had been circulated to each Member. He felt that the objection by Bord Failte was unwarranted in the circumstances and asked that the Council's representative on Ireland West raise this matter at the next meeting of that organisation.

1682 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE:

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the Agenda for the June Monthly Meeting of the Council with a view to fixing a suitable date for the attendance of the Consultants who had prepared the Cost Benefit Analysis Study for the project.

1683 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1987:

A copy of the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1987 had been circulated to each Member together with a copy of the Minutes of proceedings of the Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting held on the 9th June, 1987.

It was proposed by Councillor Micheal O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan, and resolved:

"That the Higher Education Grants Scheme for 1987, be approved."

It was also agreed that the Minutes of the Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting held on the 9th June, 1987, be approved.

1684 - ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1987:

The County Engineer outlined details of the Road Works Scheme for Galway County Council for the financial year ended 31st December, 1987. A copy of his report had been circulated to each Member.

In reply to Councillor Micheal O'Morain, the County Manager indicated that the Council had made two submissions in relation to infrastructural requirements in Connemara to facilitate the development of the aquacultural industry. The submissions to the Department of the Environment had been followed up by a visit and by a meeting with Officials of the Department of the Environment and of the Department of the Marine. He was satisfied that the Officials of both Departments had a full understanding of the Council's position. The case for investment was accepted and he was hopeful that favourable consideration would be given to the Council's case.

National Secondary Road - Clifden/Leenane:

Councillor John Mannion stated that improvements were urgently required on the Leenane Section of the National Secondary Road to the Mayo border. He asked that works be carried out as a matter of urgency.

The County Engineer indicated that he would examine the position but that there were very limited allocations in respect of National Secondary Roads.

In reply to Councillor Martin Lynch, the County Engineer indicated that the path on the Rinville Road where improvement works were being carried out would not be removed. The County Engineer indicated that no money had been made available for improvements at the Mart Road, Athenry.

In reply to Councillor Michael Fahy, the County Engineer indicated that no monies had been made available for the provision of hard shoulders in the Ardrahan area. He stated that works were being carried out under the Western Package on the bridge at Kilcornan, Clarinbridge.

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh asked that some improvements be carried out to roads in his areas opposite the school in Glenamaddy and at Ardeevin National School. He also asked that the Council erect signs indicating the route to Knock at locations in his area. The County Engineer undertook to examine the queries raised by Councillor Walsh.

Councillor P. McHugh welcomed the increase in Local Improvement Schemes allocation. He referred to the need to improve the Galway to Headford Road and asked that the Council renew its request to the Department of the Environment for funds to complete improvements on this road.

Councillor Michael Ryan referred to works which need to be carried out in the Village of Moylough as a result of the provision of the Sewerage Scheme. He asked regarding the position of surface dressing of the streets and the Square in the village. He also referred to improvements necessary on roads in the Mountbellew Engineering Area. The County Engineer undertook to examine the cases referred to by Councillor Ryan and to communicate with him in due course.

Councillor Joe Callanan asked that lights be provided at Kilconnell and Aughrim. He also asked that improvements be carried out on the road from Aughrim to Cappataggle.

Councillor P. Finnegan asked if the Council had reviewed the position in relation to Local Improvement Schemes with a view to having roads which had been improved under such scheme some years ago and which had deteriorated because of exceptional circumstances, improved again under a further Local Improvement Scheme. He indicated that he had received a reply from the Minister for the Environment stating that Local Improvement Schemes could be carried out a second time under certain circumstances. It was agreed that this matter would be examined.

In reply to Senator T. Hussey, the County Engineer indicated that a colossal amount of money would be required to bring the roads in the County up to the required standards. In reply to Senator Hussey, also, the County Engineer agreed to examine the position in relation to flooding at Church Street, Glenamaddy, and in relation to the provision of footpaths in the village of Dunmore. Senator Hussey also asked that the Council endeavour to clean up all its Burial Grounds under schemes such as Social Employment Schemes where possible.

Do mhol an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail iarratas a dheanamh aris chuig an Aire Comhshaoil chun toscaireacht o'n Chomhairle a ghlacadh chun tracht a dheanamh ar fadhbanna boithre sa Chonta. Rinne se tracht ar boithre i gceanntar Connamara, a leitheid se de bothar Cuan na Luinge, agus duirt se freisin go raibh ar phaisti fanacht sa mbaile o'n scoil toisc go raibh na boithre tuillte in aiteanna i gConnamara.

In reply to Councillor Michael Mullins, the County Engineer indicated that Social Employment Schemes could not be used to carry out works of normal maintenance on roads. Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair also referred to the Cuan na Luinge road and asked that this road be given priority.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

- 1685 - THAT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE ROAD LEADING FROM MOYARD CROSS TO BALLINAKILL CHURCH, CONNEMARA. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The road was damaged by private heavy trucks carrying sand and gravel. Subsequently, the Council repaired the damaged road surface."

- 1686 - THAT A REPORT BE GIVEN ON THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN CARRYING OUT REPAIRS TO THE ROAD LEADING FROM DOON TO BALLINAKILL ROAD, CONNEMARA, FOLLOWING THE LAYING OF WATERMANS. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The road in question is not in charge of the Council, who, therefore, have no responsibility for restoration works thereon. The Council did repair this road under a Local Improvement Scheme prior to the Group Scheme operations, but the road was not subsequently adopted as a County Road."

- 1687 - THAT URGENT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE ROAD AT CNOCNARAW, MOYARD, LEADING TO THE FISH FARM. - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"Heavy loads traverse this road, carrying fish meal and fish stocks, etc. It is a County Road - not designed for this type of loading. The Council carried out some minor repairs here recently but the road is still not in a good state of repair. It is, however, traversable. Furthermore, Planning Permission has recently been granted for a development relating to this fish farming industry - no doubt this will result in further deterioration of the road structure. It would be totally unwise for the County Council to carry out any major repair works here until this development is completed. It would be difficult to project costs involved at this stage but they could be in the order of £10,000."

- 1688 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL FILL POTHoles - NOW OF ENORMOUS PROPORTION AT KINISKA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Surface repairs have been carried out on the road to Kiniska in recent weeks. The road will be maintained under normal routine maintenance as resources permit."

- 1689 - THAT COUNCIL TAKE STEPS TO IMPROVE ROAD AT CURRY, COROFIN. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The road referred to is County Road No. 165. The removal of verges and the construction of hard shoulders is not considered a priority whilst funds remain scarce."

- 1690 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY SURFACE DRESS ROAD AT CAHERLA, CLAREGALWAY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The road in question at Caherla, Claregalway, is a County Road. There are no provisions for surface dressing of any County Roads in the current year's programme of roadworks."

- 1691 - GO GCUIRFEADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CASAIN COISITHE AR FAIL DON TULACH BAILE NA HABHAINN - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Nil aon airgid 'sna Meastuchain i mbliana chun an obair seo a dheanamh."

- 1692 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT SOME ROAD SIGNS AND CHILDREN CROSSING SIGNS OUTSIDE THE NEW SCHOOL IN CRAUGHWELL AND MOVE THE 30 MILE PER SPEED LIMIT OUT PAST THE LAY-BYES ON THE GALWAY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"Arrangements will be made to have "children crossing" signs erected each side of the new school. The moving of speed limit signs is a matter for the Minister for the Environment on the recommendation of the Council and the Chief Superintendent of the Gardai. Normally, these are reviewed every 4 years or so and a decision on 1982-'86 Review is still awaited. This request will be considered in the next review."

- 1693 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE REPAIR WORK ON THE ROAD THAT HAS BEEN STARTED MORE THAN 2 YEARS AGO IN RAHEEN, ATHENRY. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The road at Raheen, Athenry, is County Road No. 375 and the estimated cost of completing the unfinished work is at least £40,000 for which there are no provisions in the current year's programme of work. The work entails land acquisition and construction works to redesign the road and provide a footpath. The completion of the work is desirable as it services a community sports complex and will be considered for inclusion in future roadworks schemes."

- 1694 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WIDEN THE ROAD OPPOSITE GLENAMADDY NATIONAL SCHOOL BETWEEN O HARA'S HOUSE AND HENEGHAN'S HOUSE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The proposal to widen the road opposite Glenamaddy National School would necessitate the acquisition of land. There are no provisions in the current year's programme of work to widen the road and it cannot be considered a priority whilst funds remain limited."

- 1695 - REPAIRS TO THE LOUGH INAGH ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

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

"The Council are negotiating with the developers for the recovery of the cost of the emergency repairs. It is expected that these negotiations will be successful and that the Clifden area maintenance fund will not be affected."

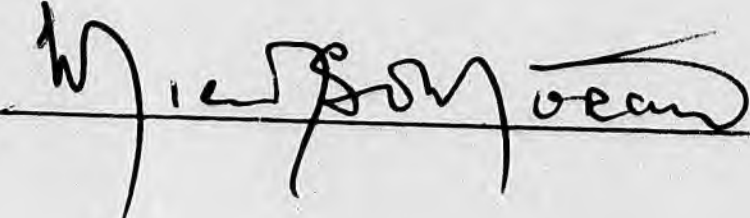
- 1696 - FROZEN FOODS FACTORY AT ESKER, BANAGHER:

The following motion proposed by Councillor James Joyce was agreed by the Members:

"That this Council calls upon the Minister for Industry and Commerce, the I.D.A., and the County Development Team to do their utmost to ensure that the frozen foods factory at Esker, Banagher (Green Isle) be kept in production and that a new firm be got to take over the factory should the present owners cease operations there."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

22nd June 1987 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16u la Meitheamh, 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, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 22u la Meitheamh, 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 grant Planning Permission to Mr. Thomas G. Curran, Baile Eamon, Spiddal, for a dwelling-house and septic tank. - Planning Ref. No. 54140."

Robert Molloy. Michael Fahy. Peadar O'Tuathail.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to commence work immediately on the Section of the N.59 Road at Glengowla, Oughterard."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.

OTHER BUSINESS:

3. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 11th May, 1987.
 - (b) Special Meeting held on 22nd May, 1987.
 - (c) Monthly Meeting held on 25th May, 1987.
4. Raising of loan of £204,000 from Housing Finance Agency for making of advances under the Convertible Loan Scheme.
5. Declaration of roads to be Public Roads. - Schedule attached.
6. Auditors Report on Accounts of Galway County Council for 2 years ended 31st December, 1984. - Copy attached.
7. Major Emergency Plan.
8. New Inn Dump.

9. Arts Council Conference - The Local Authorities and the Arts - 17th-18th September, 1987 - University College, Galway. - Details enclosed.
10. National Conference - Ireland and Tourism - 14th/15th/16th October, 1987 - Tramore, Co. Waterford. - Details enclosed.
11. Fix date for discussion with Consultant regarding Cost Benefit Analysis Study - Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge.
12. Provision of light at Omev Island.
13. Malicious Injury Decrees - list enclosed.
14. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose.

15. That 'No Dumping' signs be erected immediately at Ballindooly - near Dump.
16. That County Council take immediate steps to alleviate serious flooding situation now prevailing at Ballintubber - Corofin.
17. That County Council take steps to alleviate flooding position pertaining at Waterdale, Claregalway.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose.

18. That a reason be given for the delay in constructing two-bedroomed extension onto Council house occupied by a family at Lettercallow, Lettermore P.O., Co. Galway.
19. That provision be made in the 1987 Estimates for the construction of a footpath from Furbo Bridge to Coilleach.
20. That car parking space be provided adjacent to Reilig Eanna, Coilleach, Spiddal, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLOR TIERNAN WALSH - I will propose

21. That Galway County Council put a proper fence around Addergoole Graveyard, in order to prevent wandering animals from doing destruction to graves and grounds.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH - I will propose.

22. That Galway County Council extend the new Cemetary at Athenry as the Cemetary is nearly filled up now and there is not much room left for more graves.
23. That Galway County Council would clean up the Lay-By at Coalwood outside Rooneys House.
24. That The Galway County Council finish of the Bridge that has been started two years ago in Bridge Street, Athenry as this is not in safe to traffic going up and down the street.

COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will ask.

25. That Galway County Council provide a carpark at Coilleach Graveyard, Spiddal. The owner of a small triangular piece of land is willing to sell the land, and also that the entrance to the graveyard from the gate in be tarred.
26. When will work start on the Newtown Group Water Scheme to serve the large number of householders without water between Moycullen and the Roscahill Scheme.
27. When will work start on the extension of the Mid Galway scheme to cater for Mirah and Ballinvoheen .

COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY - I will ask.

28. What is the present position regarding the proposed Extension to the High Cashel Burial Ground.
29. That a Village Identification sign be erected on road approaching Tullycross Village.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose

30. That immediate works be carried out to extend the car park and surface same adjoining Gortnagainne Graveyard, near Rossmore, Woodford and that the adjoining road banks close to this graveyard be removed forthwith in order to provide proper motorised and pedestrian accommodation for funerals in this area.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION (contd)...

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose.

31. That the Athenry Fire Brigade be provided with heavy cutting equipment.
32. That the Tynagh road at Mount Pleasant, Loughrea be developed to a standard adequate for the needs of such a busy thoroughfare.
33. That improvements be carried out to prevent flooding of a farmyard and outbuilding at Kilchreest (name and address supplied) and that a deep open trench outside the said property be piped; thereby enabling the owner the opportunity to use gates which are rendered useless by the present set up.

COUNCILLORS MICHAEL RYAN, PATRICK FINNEGAN, TIERNAN WALSH, SENATOR T. HUSSEY, COUNCILLORS JOE BURKE AND PETER RAFTERY - We will propose.

34. That this County Council take the next steps necessary to get Williamstown Sewerage Scheme underway immediately.

COUNCILLOR PATRICK FINNEGAN - I will propose.

35. That this Council get a Health Inspector's Report on the Sewerage situation in Millstream Park, Tuam and act immediately to relieve any health hazard that may exist there due to the inadequate sewerage system in the Estate.
36. That funds be provided from this year's Public Lighting Estimate to provide a public light at Kilbannon Church.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose.

37. That Galway County Council give priority to cut bushes and hedges in South Galway this Summer.
38. That Galway County Council repair footpath outside Hansberry's Hotel, Athenry as soon as possible.
39. That Galway County Council erect a light outside Kilchreest Parish Church.

COUNCILLORS TIERNAN WALSH AND MICHAEL RYAN - We wish to know

40. When the rural houses approved in 1986 and the early part of 1987 will be built.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

NOTICE is hereby given that Galway County Council at a Meeting to be held not less than one month from the date of publication of this Notice will consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be Public Roads.

Area	From	To	Metres
Mountbellew	C.R. 512 in Townland of Ballygar	Mr. Thomas Naughton's house in Townland of Ballygar	81
Mountbellew	C.R. 278 in Townland of Gortmorris	Timothy's house in Townland of Gortmorris	144
Oughterard	C.R. 109 in Townland of Truskey West	B. Folan's house in Townland of Truskey West	200
Milltown	C.R. 238 in Townland of Gortnagoyne	Lyons' house in Townland of Gortnagoyne	85
Milltown	C.R. 207 in Townland of Springfield	Mr. Patten's house in Townland of Gortnagoyne	125
Ballinasloe	C.R. 328 in Townland of Gortnagoyne	Mr. Patten's house in Townland of Gortnagoyne	106
Castelloe	C.R. 86 in Townland of Doocreggane	T. Melotte's gate in Townland of Doocreggane	114
Milltown	C.R. 66 in Townland of Camus Oughtier	M. Nee's house in Townland of Camus Oughtier	125
Thuan	C.R. 254 in Townland of Camus Oughtier	J. Roynayne's in Townland of Camus Oughtier	105
Athlery	C.R. 65 in Townland of Parkbaun	F. Furey's house, Pollisillagh	80
Athlery	C.R. 432 in Townland of Pollisillagh	South to Bridge on road to George Moran's house	480
Athlery	End of Co. Road 197 in Townland of Ryehill Demesne	P. Boyle's house in Townland of Cashlaundarragh	160
Portumna	Co. Road 182 in Townland of Moneymore West	Towards Timmons' house, Moneymore West	75
Athlery	N.S. 65 in Townland of Rathmore Demesne	Towards Barrett's and Faby's houses, Rathmore Demesne	270
Loughrea	Sycamore Cove Estate, Maree, Oranmore	Towards J. J. Deely's	150
Milltown	Brackloonbeg, Bullaun, Loughrea	Towards Kearns' house in the Townland of Corralough	220
Portumna	C.R. 207 in Townland of Corralough	L. Bracken's house, Kilmashane	100
	Kilmashane		93
			185

JUNE MEETING

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Mr. Charles Ward, Woodford, Co. Galway.	Mare Horse maliciously shot dead and wounded.	County At Large	£800.00	£361.16
Mr. Patrick Ward, Woodford, Co. Galway.	Mare horse maliciously shot dead and wounded	County at Large	£1,500.00	£561.16
St. Ignatius College, Galway.	Damage to Property	County at large	£500.00	£55.60
Francis Smyth, Painting Contractors Ltd., Tuam Road, Galway.	Damage to Property	County at large		£276.00
Frank Higgins & Co., Ardrahan, Co. Galway.	Damage to Bulldozer	County at large	£20,000	£1,408.47
Sinead Hannafin, Rossa Street, Thurles, Co. Tipperary	Damage to Motorcycle Reg. No. 2556 ZM	County at large	£26.80	£102.00
Scully Contractors Ltd.,	Damage to property	County at large	£1,000.00	£1,321.60
Laurence Choi, 13, Shop Street, GALWAY.	Damage to Vehicle.	County at large	£2,760.00	£3,290.80

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND JUNE, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy N. Treacy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Councillor M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, Senator 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; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1697 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54140 - APPLICANT: THOMAS G. CURRAN.

A report on this application was circulated and considered at Council Meeting on 12th June, 1987. The County Engineer stated that there was no change in the advice of the Council Officials or the County Medical Officer in relation to the application and recommended that the application be refused.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said the applicant had submitted a letter to the Planning Office from his Solicitor stating that the site in question was the only land he had and that the other land belonged to other members of his family. He said the applicant had no possibility of building a house on any other site. The house would be located on the most suitable part of the site. He said that only a husband and wife would be living in the house and the applicant would fill the site to a depth of six feet and this should give adequate soakage for the septic tank effluent. He said that the applicant had had an accident and was not in good health. The resolution was seconded by Senator O'Conchubhair. Senator O'Conchubhair asked about the investigation to be carried out by the I.I.R.S. into the use of septic tanks in Connemara. The County Engineer stated that the I.I.R.S. had not completed the investigation and that a drawing had just been received from them giving details of an experiment which they proposed to carry out over a period. The County Engineer said that in relation to Mr. Curran's application, the filling of the site would not make the site suitable as the effluent would percolate to the surface and may find its way to a drain.

Councillor Brennan said that he would have some sympathy for the applicant if it was the only site available to him and asked if there was any way out of the problem. The County

Engineer replied that any location within the site would be unsuitable. The County Manager said the advice was that the septic tank would not work and he read the report of the County Medical Officer dated 17th February, 1987, as follows:

"With reference to the attached application, I inspected the above site on Monday, 16th February, 1987.

The trial hole was virtually full of water and the soil that was excavated had very poor percolation properties.

Water was noted ponding on the surface of the site in numerous places and there was profuse growths of rushes and other marsh type vegetation.

Due to the above circumstances, I would recommend that the proposal be refused on public health grounds."

Councillor J. Burke asked if a chemical toilet could be used as an alternative. The County Manager said that this would raise similar problems but that the application before the Council was for a septic tank and that this would have to be dealt with. Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused and this was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

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

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

(18)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, and J. Burke.

(2)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1698 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO COMMENCE WORK IMMEDIATELY ON THE SECTION OF THE N.59 ROAD AT GLENGOWLA, OUGHTERARD:

The County Engineer stated that this work was now in progress. Councillor Welby said it would have been desirable to have the work done outside of the tourist season. The County Engineer replied that the Grant notifications were late this year and that weather conditions must be suitable for the laying of wetmix.

1699 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor M. O'Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, the Minutes of the adjourned Estimates Meeting held on the 11th May, 1987, were approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment -

The start of the second paragraph on page 7 to read:

"Councillor Finnegan requested that the following areas be included for road improvements -

the road from Duddy's pub, Kilbannon, to the village of Doogra and further works including a Social Employment Scheme in Ballinamona Park, Tuam."