On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Council held on the 22nd May, 1987, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Senator O'Conchubhair, the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 25th May, 1987, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from Minute No. 1669, Senator O'Conchubhair asked that an item be put on the Agenda for the Council Meeting on 13th July, explaining what improvements would have to be carried out to the Lettermore Water Supply Scheme in order to be able to make a supply available to the Group Scheme.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Senator O'Conchubhair, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £204,000 from the Housing Finance Agency for Convertible and Income related loans, the loan to be repaid in accordance with the terms of the Scheme under Section 5 of the Housing Finance Agency Act, 1981."

1701 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby declare to be public roads, the roads set out on the schedule attached to item no. 5 on the Agenda."

1702 - AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR 2 YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1984:

A copy of the Auditor's report was circulated to each Member with the Agenda together with a report dated 15th June, 1987, commenting on some items in the Report.

In reply to Councillor Callanan, the County Manager said that sanction was still awaited from the Minister to the Council's proposals to create offices of Revenue Collector and in the meantime, Rate Collectors would continue on as normal. Senator Hussey suggested that the Auditor's Reports should be more up-to-date. Senator O'Conchubhair and Councillor McHugh raised the question of the increased costs in relation to Spiddal Regional Water Supply Scheme. The County Manager explained that the Contract price was not a fixed one and included for price variation. He said that the Tender date was considerably earlier than the commencement date of the Contract, and the Contract itself ran for over two years. Apart from the increases in wages and materials, there was also variations in design which resulted in increases. Another significant factor was the question of quantities. The County Manager explained that quantities are estimated for the purpose of Tendering and in this case, there was a substantial difference between the estimated and final measurements. The reason for this was the nature of the terrain in Connemara, and he explained that there was a Resident Engineer employed by the Council on the job to check on the measurements during the Contract.

### 1703 - MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN:

A copy of the Galway County Council Major Emergency Plan and a copy of the Operational Procedures for Contingencies were

circulated to each Member. The County Manager explained that the Council had been asked to take on the co-ordinating role for the Emergency Plans for the County Council, Western Health Board, and Gardai. The Plan as circulated was the Galway County Council element of the overall Emergency Plan. The County Manager said there was one factor which he wished to draw particular attention to. He said that while there was goodwill and co-operation forthcoming from the staff who would be required to operate the Plan day or night; they were not prepared to stay at home in order to be on-call at all times. This meant that there was no satisfactory cover in the event of an emergency and the Department had been informed accordingly. The Fire Service, however, did operate around the clock. The County Manager said that on one occasion when the County Engineer tried to contact Members of the staff at night on the occasion of an emergency, no one was available.

Councillor J. Burke said that the Plan was defective if full cover was not guaranteed, and that the State should be prepared to pay the cost for a full service.

Replying to some questions, the County Manager stated that the same position applied around the country. In the case of storms, the County Manager stated that Overseers had authority to take whatever action was necessary in relation to fallen trees, etc. It was suggested that consideration be given to the use of radio communications and the County Manager explained that this would still not guarantee that the required personnel would be available when required. It was noted that the personnel, etc., listed in the Plan would need to be up-dated on a regular basis.

#### 1704 - NEW INN DUMP:

The County Manager stated that the area served by the New Inn tip head had increased in recent years because of the fact that Woodford Dump is full, and Loughrea Dump was closed some time ago. Work has been done to improve the situation at New Inn. The fencing on the site has been almost completed and a machine has been engaged on a regular basis so that tipped refuse can be covered. Rodent control is carried out. There has been an increase in the allocation of monies allowed for the dump in 1987, and it is hoped to devote this money to regular maintenance, i.e., daily covering of refuse, removal of papers, plastics, etc. It is also proposed to complete the fencing and screening of the dump. Further works could be carried out if more money was available. It is not feasible to close the dump, and if it is closed, it will only result in the worsening of the situation as it is used by private interests, and if closed, widespread littering would result. Councillor Mullins said that he was disappointed to hear that the dump was not being closed. He said the dump resulted in alot of litter around the place and it was a waste of time getting involved in Tidy Towns Competitions as the dump lowered the tone of the area. He said it was imperative that a high standard of maintenance be operated at the dump and that there was a problem at weekends when people dumped rubbish at the gate. He said that the public at large was not very litter conscious and asked what was the position generally in regard to unauthorised dumping. Councillor Callanan and Deputy Kitt supported Councillor Mullins in relation to the proper maintenance of the dump. Councillor Callanan asked if Tynagh Mines would be suitable for a dump. Councillor Lynch suggested that dumping appeared to be taking place at Rinville Quay. Councillor Walsh asked that "No Dumping" signs be erected at Quarry at Mount Mary, Friaryland Creggs, near J. Dowd's house and Leehive, Creggs, where there is dumping into a drain. The County Manager stated that he would have the question of dumping at weekends at New Inn Dump investigated He said that the Council was willing to take action against anybody

found dumping illegally but that it was difficult to get witnesses for such cases. If anybody was willing to come forward and give evidence, the Council would pursue the issue. Councillor Joyce said that in areas where there is no County Council refuse collection, some assistance should be given to private

1705 - NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE ARTS - 17TH-18TH SEPTEMBER, 1987, AT U.C.G.:

Deputy Kitt proposed that Councillor O'Morain and Deputy Kitt be nominated to attend this Conference. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan. Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillor McDonagh be nominated to attend the Conference, and this was seconded by Councillor McCormack.

It was agreed that Councillor O'Morain, Deputy Kitt and Councillor McDonagh be nominated to attend the Conference.

1706 - NATIONAL CONFERENCE - IRELAND AND TOURISM - 14TH/15TH/16TH
OCTOBER, 1987, - TRAMORE, CO. WATERFORD:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Finnegan that Councillor Welby and Councillor Raftery be nominated to attend this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Lambert that Councillor Mannion be nominated to attend the Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor Mullins, that Councillor M. Fahy be nominated to attend the Conference.

The Acting Secretary said that the maximum number of Councillors that could be nominated was three. Senator McCormack said that other local authorities nominated in excess of three Members and he asked for the result of the request to the Department for approval to nominate additional Members. He also asked for clarification as to whether the restriction applied to Conferences which were of an educational nature. The Acting Secretary stated that a letter had been written to the Department of the Environment requesting approval for additional Members and he read the reply dated 21st May, 1987, which stated that attendance of Local Authority Members at Meetings or Conferences was governed by the Local Conferences (Order), 1947, and that the Order provided that the maximum number of Members who may be authorised to attend a Conference was three. He also said that the meaning of "Conference" or "Meeting" was defined in the Order as a Conference or Meeting held for the purpose of discussing any matter which is connected with the duties which devolves on Members.

The Chairman decided that a vote would be taken on the nominations and a vote was then taken on the selection of Councillor Welby for the first nomination. The vote resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR WELBY: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Callanan,
Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy,
P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors
J. Joyce, Clr. M. Kililea, (M.E.P.)
Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane,
P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair,
Councillor P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy,
and Councillor T. Welby.

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AGAINST:

Councillors Glynn, Lambert, Lynch, Senator McCormack, Councillor McDonagh, Mannion, Mullins, Ryan and Walsh abstained.

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The Chairman declared Councillor Welby selected for the first nomination.

After some discussion, Councillor Mannion withdrew his name in favour of Councillor M. Fahy. The Chairman then declared Councillors Welby, Raftery, and M. Fahy, selected as delegates for the Conference.

1707 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE - COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS STUDY:

It was agreed that the discussion with the Consultant regarding the Cost Benefit Analysis Study on Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge would take place at the Meeting of the second Friday in August.

1708 - PROVISION OF LIGHT AT OMEY ISLAND:

The County Engineer referred to his previous report on this matter and said that he was still of the opinion that lighting should not be provided by the Council to assist in navigation (whether by boating, vehicular or pedestrian) for an area below the high water mark which is not a public thoroughfare. In regard to the taking over of the road on the island, the County Engineer stated that the road was not up to a standard suitable for taking over and in any event, this would not alter his recommendation in regard to the provision of lights. He had consulted with the Council's Legal Adviser who confirmed that the provision of lights was not the Council's responsibility. He recommended that the matter be taken up with the Commissioners of Irish Lights. Councillor Mannion proposed that the Commissioners of Irish Lights or the Office of Public Works be requested to provide one light on the island and one light on the mainland. This proposal was seconded by Senator O'Conchubhair, and agreed. Deputy Fahey said that he did not agree with the County Engineer's opinion disclaiming responsibility.

1709 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with item no. 13 on the Agenda was noted.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

1710 - RETIRMENT OF MR. P. KEARNS, ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER:

The County Manager informed the Members that Mr. Kearns, Assistant County Manager, would be retiring from the Council in August next. He said that arrangements would be made for a Presentation, and if Members wished to be involved, they would be welcome.

1711 - HOUSING CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL ALLOCATION:

Circular letter dated 10th June, 1987, from the Department of the Environment setting out the Council's Housing Construction Allocation for 1987, was submitted and discussed. It included a sum of £40,000 for expenditure on serviced Caravan sites for accommodation of travellers which had to be used for that purpose. Councillor Joyce recommended that Galway County Council liaise with neighbouring local authorities in regard to the movement of travellers to and from neighbouring Counties.

1712 - MEAT PROCESSING PLANT IN TUAM:

Councillor Finnegan welcomed the announcement of the proposed Goodman Meat Processing Plant to be established in Tuam. The Chairman and Members welcomed the announcement.

1713 - CLONTUSKERT GROUP WATER SCHEME:

Councillor Joyce urged that early approval be given for the Clontuskert Group Water Supply Scheme. Deputy Kitt supported Councillor Joyce. Mr. Howlett explained that discussions would have to take place with Ballinasloe U.D.C. as the intention was to take water from the Ballinasloe U.D.C. supply.

COUNCILLORS NOTICE OF MOTION:

1714 - THAT 'NO DUMPING' SIGNS BE ERECTED IMMEDIATELY AT BALLINDOOLY
- NEAR DUMP: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The signs as requested will be erected in the near future."

1715 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE SERIOUS FLOODING SITUATION NOW PREVAILING AT BALLINTUBBER, COROFIN: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"A serious flooding problem is not considered to exist at Mr. M. Collin's house in Ballintubber, Corofin. The house in question is 3 ft. to 4 ft. below the level of the road and would be subject to run-off from roofs, yards, etc. The question of the provision of an adequate drainage outlet for this is . matter for the house owner."

1716 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING POSITION PERTAINING AT WATERDALE, CLAREGALWAY: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"This location was inspected on 10th March, 1987. Flooding was not evident and remedial action is not necessary.

In any event, this is a minor County Road and funds are not currently available for work on same. This matter will be kept under review."

1717 - 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., COUNTY GALWAY: MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"I wish to inform you that it is not feasible for the County Council to provide an extension to the house, as there are no funds available, at present, for this purpose.

The Capital Allocation made available to the Council for House Construction is for the construction of new houses only, and cannot be used for the provision of extensions to existing houses."

1718 - THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE 1987 ESTIMATES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTPATH FROM FURBO BRIDGE TO COILLEACH: MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"Due to lack of finance, this work cannot be undertaken this year."

1719 - THAT CAR PARKING SPACE BE PROVIDED ADJACENT TO REILIG EANNA, COILLEACH, SPIDDAL: MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"There are no funds available for this work in 1987."

1720 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT A PROPER FENCE AROUND ADDERGOOLE GRAVEYARD: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The existing fence on the side where the wall has not been built is in good repair and should not let in any stock to trespass. However, another line of barb wire will be put on top of the fence to ensure this. The foundation for the new wall has been placed and there are some of the concrete blocks on site. This wall to enclose the burial ground will be completed as soon as funds become available."

Councillor Walsh said that stock were still trespassing on the Burial Ground and hoped that the additional barb wire would remedy this.

1721 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EXTEND THE NEW CEMETERY AT ATHENRY:
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The Council have taken the initial steps towards the acquisition of an extension for this Burial Ground. A report has been requested from the County Medical Officer regarding the provision of an extension."

1722 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD CLEAN UP THE LAY BY AT COALWOOD OUTSIDE ROONEY'S HOUSE: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"This lay bye is portion of the National Primary Route which was cut off during road realignment. The tarred surface has perished and it is now a non black-topped surface used only by the three houses. Due to financial restraints, it is not recommended that this area be black-topped at present."

1723 - THAT THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FINISH OFF THE BRIDGE THAT HAS BEEN STARTED 2 YEARS AGO IN BRIDGE STREET, ATHENRY: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The bridge is on a town street. It is 37'6" wide between parapets with a carriageway width of 25'9". It is in a 30 m.p.h. zone with public lighting. A new footpath will be provied across the bridge as soon as funds become available. There is no provision in the Estimates for this work."

1724 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A CAR PARK AT COILLEAGH MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"There are no funds available for this work in 1987."

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"This scheme was approved by Galway County Council approx.
12 months ago. Progress of the scheme is a matter for
the Group and the Department of the Environment."

1726 - WHEN WILL WORK START ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MID-GALWAY SCHEME TO CATER FOR MIRAH AND BALLINVOHEEN: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"The above extension must await the completion of the Mid-Galway Phase 2 Regional Water Supply Scheme pipeline form Farmhill Reservoir along the Abbey/Turloughmore road. It is expected to have this scheme completed in the Autumn."

Senator McCormack stated that this report contradicted previous reports and asked that the matter be re-examined. The Acting Secretary said that this would be done.

1727 - WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION
TO THE HIGH CASHEL BURIAL GROUND? MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS
WELBY:

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

"Negotiations are on gong with the landowner for the purchase of the land required for this extension. It is expected that these will be satisfactorily completed in the near future."

1728 - THAT A VILLAGE IDENTIFICATION SIGN BE ERECTED ON ROAD APPROACHING TULLYCROSS VILLAGE: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

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

1729 - THAT IMMEDIATE WORKS BE CARRIED OUT TO EXTEND THE CAR PARK AND SURFACE SAME ADJOINING GORTAGANNA GRAVEYARD NEAR ROSSMORE, WOODFORD: MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"There are no monies available to carry out the proposed works at Gortaganna Graveyard, however desirable. The works are estimated to cost £10,500."

1730 - THAT THE ATHENRY FIRE BRIGADE BE PROVIDED WITH HEAVY CUTTING EQUIPMENT: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The Athenry fire appliance is fitted with the following equipment:-

(1) Yale lift (chain system) for pulling steering wheels, dashboards, etc., off trapped persons.

(2) Hydraulic cutting shears for cutting pedals, door frames, seat frames, et.

(3) Complete 10 ton. 'Black Hawk' porto power hydraulic spreading and pushing equipment kit.

This type of equipment is capable of dealing with road crash incidents and has been found to be satisfactory by the Galway Fire Service. It is in common use throughout this country."

Councillor Loughnane said that the cutting equipment belonging to the Athenry Fire Brigade was not capable of cutting certain parts of cars and referred to an incident when the Galway Fire Brigade had to be called out. The County Manager explained that the equipment on the Athenry Fire Brigade was standard but that additional equipment was available to the Galway Fire Brigade which was available for incidents both in Galway City and County. He said it would not possible to provide more expensive equipment in the County Brigades. Councillor Lynch expressed full satisfaction with the Athenry Fire Brigade and complimented the Council on the provision of the new Fire Engine.

1731 - THAT THE TYNAGH ROAD AT MOUNT PLEASANT, LOUGHREA, BE DEVELOPED TO A STANDARD ADEQUATE FOR THE NEEDS OF SUCH A BUSY THOROUGHFARE: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"This section of road, which is a strategic County Road requires major realignment and widening at Mount Pleasant. Regrettably, there are no monies available for this type of work in the current year."

The County Engineer informed Councillor Loughnane that it was the Council's intention to rebuild the wall out of emergency funds.

1732 - THAT IMPROVEMENTS BE CARRIED OUT TO PREVENT FLOODING OF A FARMYARD AND OUTBUILDING AT KILCHREEST (NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED):
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"In the past, the normal road runoff along this section of road was channelled into a shallow roadside drain. At some time prior to May, 1984, Mr. Finnerty, without the permission of Galway County Council, widened and deepened this drain in order to facilitate the drainage from his own farmyard. Mr. Finnerty now requires the Council to pipe this drain.

The gates referred to were recently erected and Mr. Finnerty wants the Council to pipe the drain to facilitate the new gate openings. The responsibility for any new entrance over a roadside drain rests with the developer."

Councillor Loughnane asked that the Council do the required works to remedy the flooding problem. The County Engineer said that this was the landowner's responsibility but agreed to have an Engineer discuss it with him.

- THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE THE NEXT STEPS NECESSARY TO GET WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME UNDERWAY IMMEDIATELY: MOTION BY COUNCILLORS MICHAEL RYAN, PATRICK FINNEGAN, TIARNAN WALSH, SENATOR T. HUSSEY, COUNCILLORS JOE BURKE AND PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillors Michael Ryan, Patrick Finnegan, Tiarnan Walsh, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors Joe Burke and Peter Raftery:

"The position in this case is that the Consultants are preparing maps and wayleaves to acquire the necessary lands as the Preliminary Report has been approved. It appears that there may be difficulty in acquiring all the lands by agreement and the Council may be required to acquire the necessary lands by Compulsory Purchase.

Williamstown Sewerage is number 11 on the Council's Priority List adopted at the Council Meeting of the 5th December, 1986, and the estimated all-in cost of the scheme is  $\pounds 0.33$  m."

Councillor Walsh asked that everything possible be done to expedite the scheme.

1734 - THAT THIS COUNCIL GET A HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SEWERAGE SITUATION IN MILLSTREAM PARK, TUAM: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PATRICK FINNEGAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Patrick Finnegan:

"The developer in this case was previously prosecuted by the council for failure to adequately complete the services to the above Housing Estate.

A survey is being carried out to up-date the costs of remedying the defects and with a view to further legal action in the matter."

1735 - THAT FUNDS BE PROVIDED FROM THIS YEAR'S PUBLIC LIGHTING ESTIMATE TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC LIGHT AT KILBANNON CHURCH: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PATRICK FINNEGAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Patrick Finnegan:

"The provision of a new light at Kilbannon Church will be considered in the preparation of a Priority List of new lights 1987."

1736 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE PRIORITY TO CUT BUSHES AND HEDGES IN SOUTH GALWAY THIS SUMMER: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"In so far as monies are available towards the end of the year and when other outstanding financial commitments have been met, hedge trimming will be carried out in the South Galway region."

1737 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR FOOTPATH OUTSIDE HANSBERRY'S HOTEL, ATHENRY: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"There is a large area of footpath in Athenry in need of repair. Councillors Notice of Motion Funds could be allocated to particular areas as there is no special allocation out of maintenance funds for this work."

1738 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT A LIGHT OUTSIDE KILCHREEST PARISH CHURCH: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"This location is being considered with others for current year."

1739 - WHEN THE RURAL HOUSES APPROVED IN 1986 AND THE EARLY PART OF MOTION BY COUNCILLORS TIARNAN WALSH AND MICHAEL RYAN:

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

"There is a total of 18 rural house new starts approved for 1987 consisting of 6 rurals - new work commitments 1986 and 12 rurals - new works allocation 1987. Work has started on all of the rurals initially allocated and work has commenced on 9 of the 12 remaining rurals.

Of the remaining 3 rurals, one will be starting in the near future. There has been a change in circumstances of one of the applicants for the remaining 2 houses which has disqualified him.

A decision will be made shortly regarding the allocation of the remaining 2 houses on a priority basis."

Councillor Walsh said that the report was not satisfactory. He said that the number of house starts was very small and many approved applicants living in unfit conditions and in need of housing on health grounds were omitted. Mr. Howlett said that any further additional starts would have to await additional funding.

1740 - ANNUAL MEETING:

The Chairman said that the next Meeting of the Council would be the Annual Meeting on the 13th July, which would take place in the Temperance Hall, Loughrea.

1741 - <u>SYMPATHY</u>:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Nora coyne, Glenbrickea, Claddaghduff, Co. Galway. The Flanagan Family, Oranbeg, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

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## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

6u la Iuil, 1987.

#### CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

#### A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu bliantuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar in Oifigi ACOT, Barrack Street, Loughrea, De Luain, an 13u la Iuil, 1987, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH, RUNAI SEALADACH.

#### AGENDA

- 1. Election of Chairman for year 1987/88.
- 2. Election of Vice-Chairman for year 1987/88.
- 3. Appointment of three representatives on the County Councils' General Council for year 1987/88.
- 4. Appointment of four representatives to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group in addition to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman who are ex-officio Members.
- 5. Appointment of representative on the Galway/Mayo Regional Arts Committee.
- 6. Appointment of County Libraries' Committee.
- 7. Appointment of National Monuments Advisory Committee.
- 8. Appointment of Higher Education Grants Committee.
- 9. Appointment of Sheep Dipping Committee.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE ACOT OFFICES, BARRACK STREET, LOUGHREA, ON MONDAY, 13TH JULY, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

(a) Deputy Noel Treacy

(b) Councillor Micheal O'Morain

#### ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager;
J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager;
P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh,
Senior Executive Engineer; D. Barrett,
Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh,
Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

## 1742 - WELCOME BY CHAIRMAN, LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

The chairman of Loughrea Town Commissioners, Mr. Oliver Barrett welcomed the Members and Officials of Galway County Council to Loughrea for their Annual Meeting. He said it was a historic occasion and that the Meeting was taking place in a building which was formerly owned by the De La Salle Brothers who had given long years of dedicated service to the people of Loughrea in the educational field. Mr. Barrett thanked the Members and Officials of the Council for the progress made particularly in recent years in the development of Loughrea and paid tribute to the Council staff in the Loughrea area.

The Chairman, Deputy N. Treacy thanked Mr. Barrett, and also paid tribute to the De La Salle Brothers. He also paid tribute to past public representatives who had served Loughrea.

#### 1743 - RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Malachy Croffy and Family, on the recent death of Mrs. Maura Croffy, who was a former Member of Galway County Council. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Joyce. All the Members paid tribute to the good work done by Mrs. Croffy, both as a Member of Galway County Council and other organisations.

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

As a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Croffy, it was agreed to have a 15 minute adjournment between the Annual Meeting and the Special Meeting.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Eibhlin Mylotte, Carna, Co. Galway. Mrs. Maureen O'Malley, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe. Mr. John Mangan, Gortmorris, Creggs. Miss Margaret Quinn, Creeveroe, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.

## 1744 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 1987/88:

Deputy N. Treacy, the outgoing Chairman, expressed his thanks to the Members and to the County Manager and staff of the County Council for the co-operation and assistance which he had received from them during the past year.

It was proposed by Senator Nioclas O'Conchubhair, and seconded by Councillor Welby, that Councillor O'Morain be elected Chairman of Galway County Council for 1987/88.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, that Councillor U. Burke be elected Chairman of Galway County Council for 1987/88.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, that An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail, be elected Chairman of Galway County Council for 1987/88.

A vote taken on the three proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR O'MORAIN:

Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, M.E.P., Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

FOR COUNCILLOR U. BURKE:

Councillors U. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

FOR AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'TUATHAIL: Councillors J. Brennan,

J. Burke, F. Glynn, Deputy R. Molloy, and An Comhairleoir P. O'Tuathail.

As Councillor O'Morain received a majority of the votes of the Members present, the Chairman declared Councillor O'Morain elected Chairman of Galway County Council for 1987/88 and invested him with the Chain of Office.

Councillor O'Morain then took the Chair

Councillors U. Burke and O'Tuathail and other Members congratulated Councillor O'Morain on his election and wished him success during his term of office.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Morain go raibh se fior bhuioch as ucht an onoir bheith mar Cathaoirleach ar Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, post fior thabhachtach don Chontae e. Councillor O'Morain thanked those who voted for him and asked for the Members co-operation during the year. Councillor

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O'Morain and other Members paid tribute to Deputy Treacy for the fair manner in which he carried out his duties as Chairman during the previous year.

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Council agreed to send best wishes to Archbishop Dr. Cunnane on his retirement from the Arch Diocese of Tuam.

### 1745 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 1987/88:

It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor Peter Raftery, that Councillor P. Finnegan be elected Vice-Chairman for 1987/88.

It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Councillor F. Glynn, that An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail be elected Vice-Chairman. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea M.E.P., Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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FOR AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'TUATHAIL: Councillors J. Brennan,

J. Burke, U. Burke, F. Glynn, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Clrs. J. McDonagh, J. Mannion. Deputy R. Molloy, Clrs. M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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The vote resulted in 16 votes for Councillor Finnegan and 14 votes for An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail.

The Chairman declared Councillor P. Finnegan elected Vice-Chairman of Galway County Council for 1987/88.

1746 - APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1987/88:

> The Acting Secretary stated that the new group system applied to most of the appointments to be made to Committees and where Members wished to use this system, they should indicate their intention to do so as soon as the item is reached and before other proposals are made.

The Council agreed that the total number of Councillors present when this business was reached was 30. The total number of appointments to be made was three and the total number of Councillors necessary to form a group was 10. A nomination nominating Councillor Jarlath McDonagh as a member of the County Councils' General Council was handed to the Chairman consisting of the following group of Councillors:

Group:

Councillor J. Mannion Councillor T. Walsh Councillor M. Mullins Councillor M. Ryan Councillor J. McDonagh

Councillor J. Lambert

Councillor J. Brennan Councillor U. Burke

Councillor M. Lynch

Senator P. McCormack

The Chairman ruled the nomination valid and accordingly declared Councillor McDonagh appointed as a member of the County Councils' General Council, to fill the first vacancy.

#### Second Vacancy:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Killilea, that Councillor J. Molloy be appointed to the County Councils' General Council. It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor O'Tuathail, that Deputy R. Molloy be appointed to the County Councils' General Council. A vote taken on the two proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY:

Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, M.E.P., Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby. (16)

FOR DEPUTY R. MOLLOY:

Councillor J. Burke, Deputy R. Molloy, and Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

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The Chairman declared Councillor J. Molloy appointed to the County Councils' General Council.

#### Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Deputy Kitt, that Councillor M. Fahy be appointed to the County Councils' General Council. It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor O'Tuathail that Deputy R. Molloy be appointed to the County Councils' General Council. A vote taken on the two proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, M.E.P., Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby. (16)

FOR DEPUTY R. MOLLOY:

Councillor J. Burke, Deputy R. Molloy, and Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

The Chairman declared Councillor M. Fahy appointed to the County Councils's General Council.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the three members appointed to the County Councils' General Council:

> Councillor Jarlath McDonagh Councillor J. Molloy Councillor M. Fahy

1747 - APPOINTMENT OF SIX MEMBERS TO THE GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP:

It was noted that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council were ex-officio members of the R.D.O. This left four vacancies to be filled, to which the group system applied.

The Council agreed that the total number of Councillors present was 30 and the number to form a group was 8. A nomination nominating Councillor Martin Lynch as a member of the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation was handed to the Chairman consisting of the following group of Councillors:

Group:

Councillor J. Mannion Councillor T. Walsh Councillor M. Mullins Councillor M. Ryan Councillor J. McDonagh Councillor U. Burke Councillor J. Lambert Councillor M. Lynch

The Chairman ruled that the nomination was valid and accordingly, declared Councillor Martin Lynch appointed to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation filling the first vacancy.

#### Second Vacancy:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan that Deputy M. Kitt be appointed to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation. As there were no other proposals for this vacancy, the Chairman declared Deputy Kitt appointed.

#### Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Loughnane that Councillor Welby be appointed to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation. It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Senator McCormack, that Councillor Brennan be appointed to the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation.

A vote taken on these two proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR WELBY: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, M.E.P., Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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FOR COUNCILLOR BRENNAN: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, F. Glynn, Senator P. McCormack, Deputy R. Molloy, and Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

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The Chairman declared Councillor Welby appointed to fill the third vacancy on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Organisation.

#### Fourth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Killilea that Councillor P. McHugh be appointed.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail that Councillor Brennan be appointed.

Councillor Brennan withdrew his name and the Chairman then declared Councillor P. McHugh appointed to fill the fourth vacancy on the R.D.O.

Councillor M. O'Morain, Carna. (Chairman - ex-officio) Councillor P. Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam. (Vice-Chairman - ex-officio)

Councillor Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry. Deputy M.P. Kitt, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe. Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard. Councillor Paddy McHugh, Beaghmore, Belclare P.O., Caherlistrane, Tuam.

#### 1748 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL ARTS COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Treacy, that Councillor P. McHugh be appointed to the Galway/Mayo Regional Arts Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor J. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, that Councillor J. Lambert be appointed.

A vote taken on the two proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR McHUGH: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, M.E.P., Deputy M. Kitt, Clrs. M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillor M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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

The result of the vote was 16 votes for Councillor McHugh and 12 votes for Councillor Lambert.

The Chairman declared Councillor P. McHugh appointed as the Council's representative on the Galway/Mayo Regional Arts Committee for 1987/88.

## 1748 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE:

Councillor Glynn proposed that the number of members on the Committee be reduced from 30 to 15. This was seconded by Councillor J. Burke. Deputy Kitt proposed that the number of members remain at 30. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan. On a show of hands, the Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried.

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, the Acting Secretary stated that the new system of appointment applied to the appointment of members to this Committee. He said that the number of members on the Committee was 30 and as it was agreed that all 30 members of the Council were present, the number necessary to form a group was one member. Nomination forms nominating the following as members of the County Libraries' Committee were handed to the Chairman:

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VACANCY NO.	GROUP	NOMINEE
1	Deputy R. Molloy	Andy Clohessy, Maree, Oranmore.
2	Clr. M. O'Morain	Tomas O'Maille, Rosmuc.
2	Sen. T. Hussey	Conor Gavin, Dunmore, Tuam.
4	Clr. J. Mannion	Clr. Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
	Clr. M. Ryan	Clr. John Mannion, Clifden.
5 6 7	Sen. P. McCormack	Sen. P. McCormack, 3, Renmore Park.
7	Clr. P. McHugh	Clr. John Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar.
8	Clr. John Molloy	Clr. P. McHugh, Beaghmore, Belclare P.O.
9	Clr. James Joyce	Clr. James Joyce, Laurencetown, B'Sloe
10	Clr. J. Callanan	P.B. Ryan, Derrymullen, Ballinasloe.
11	Sen. O'Conchubhair	Paraic Mac Donnacha, Rossaveal.
12	Dep. M. P. Kitt	Peter Conroy, Monivea.
13	Clr. P. Finnegan	Clr. P. Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
1 4	Clr. P. Raftery	Clr. P. Raftery, Ballygar.
15	Clr. T. Welby	Eamon King, Glann, Oughterard.
16	Clr. M. Loughnane	Clr. M. Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
17	Clr. P. O'Tuathail	Leo Hallissey, Renvyle, Conamara.
18	Clr. J. Burke	Joseph Burke, Principal, Voc. Sch., Tuam
19	Dep. N. Treacy	Charles Mullen, Bridge Street, Portumna.
20	Clr. F. Glynn	M.J. Molloy, Milltown.
21	Dep. F. Fahey	Gerald Bartley, Ballinaboy, Clifden.
22	Clr. M. Killilea	Martin Fallon, Turloughmore.
23	Clr. J. Lambert	Clr. Ml. Mullins, Woodlawn, B'Sloe.
24	Clr. J. Brennan	Mrs. Kathleen Fallon, "St. Ita's"
		Kilgarve, Creagh, Ballinasloe.
25	Clr. Ml. Fahy	Clr. Ml. Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan.
26	Clr. M. Mullins	Toddie, Byrne, Kinvara.
27	Clr. U. Burke	James McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
28	Clr. M. Lynch	Clr. M. Lynch, The Square, Athenry.
29	Clr. T. Walsh	Clr. T. Walsh, Ardeevan, Williamstown.
30	Clr. J. McDonagh	Matt McDermott, Turloughmore.

The Chairman ruled that all the nominations were valid, and accordingly, declared the 30 nominees appointed as Members of the County Libraries Committee for 1987/88.

#### 1749 - APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Acting Secretary stated that the number of full Members to be appointed was 10. As the full 30 Members were present, any three Members could form a group if they so wished.

Nominations from four groups were then handed to the Chairman as follows:

#### First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Members -

Councillor Jarlath McDonagh Councillor Ulick Burke Councillor Joe Lambert

nominating Councillor Jarlath McDonagh as a Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

#### Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Members -

Councillor John Mannion Councillor Martin Lynch Councillor Tiarnan Walsh

nominating Mr. Toddie Byrne as a Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Third Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Members -

Councillor Michael Mullins
Councillor Michael Ryan
Senator Padraic McCormack

nominating Mr. Martin Keane, Roscam, as a Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Fourth Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors -

Deputy Robert Molloy Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail Councillor Joe Burke

nominating Mr. Michael O'Neill, Tully, Renvyle, as a Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The Chairman ruled the four nominations valid, and accordingly, declared -

Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore Mr. Toddie Byrne, Kinvara Mr. Martin Keane, Roscam Mr. Michael O'Neill, Tully, Renvyle.

appointed.

#### Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Treacy, that Councillor J. Joyce, be appointed to the National Monuments Advisory Committee. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor Joyce appointed.

#### Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh, that Mr. Tom Fanning, Department of Archaeology, U.C.G., be appointed. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr. Fanning appointed.

#### Seventh Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Killilea, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, that Mr. Aidan Lardner, Turloughmore, be appointed to the National Monuments Advisory Committee. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr. Lardner appointed.

#### Eighth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, that Mr. Hubert Bermingham, Dunmore, be appointed to the National Monuments Advisory Committee. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr. Bermingham appointed.

#### Ninth and Tenth Vacancies:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Treacy that Mr. Martin Joyce, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, and Mr. Tony Claffey, Vicar Street, Tuam, be appointed to fill the ninth and tenth vacancies.

As there were no other proposals, the Chairman declared Mr. Martin Joyce, and Mr. Tony Claffey appointed.

Honorary Members:

Deputy Kitt proposed that the outgoing Honorary Members with the exception of Mr. Tom Fanning, be re-appointed. This was seconded by Senator Hussey, and agreed.

The Chairman then declared the following elected to the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1987/88:

Full Members: Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.

Mr. Toddie Byrne, Kinvara. Mr. Martin Keane, Roscam.

Mr. Michael O'Neill, Tully, Renvyle.

Councillor James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe. Mr. Tom Fanning, Department of Archaeology, U.C.G.

Mr. Aidan Lardner, Turloughmore.

Mr. Hubert Bermingham, Dunmore, Tuam.

Mr. Martin Joyce, N.T., Aughrim, Ballinasloe.

Mr. Tony Claffey, Vicar Street, Tuam.

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#### <u>Honorary Members:</u>

Mr. Larry Kilcommins, Creggs. Prof. Thomas O'Neill, U.C.G. Mr. Tom Kenny, Ballygar. Rev. J. Kelly, P.P., Ardrahan. Mr. Thomas Creaven, Fairgreen, Tuam. Mr. Michael Conneely, Culicar, Monivea. Rev. P.K. Egan, P.P., Portumna. Mr. Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea. Mr. D.J. Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam. Prof. Etienne Rynne, U.C.G. Rev. Martin Coen, C.C., Craughwell. Mr. J.J. Molloy, Milltown. Mr. Garry O'Lochlainn, 63, Cruachan Park. Mr. Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam. Mr. Frank Burke, N.T., Abbey. Mr. Eoin Kennedy, 27, Hollygrove, Lisbeglawn. Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard. Mr. Paul Gosling, Department of Archaeology, U.C.G. Mrs. Mary McDonagh, 15, Devon Gardens, Salthill. Micheal Uas., Breathnach, Vocational School, Gort.

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#### 1750 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE:

The number of Members on this Committee was 25, consisting of five persons from each Electoral Area. The Acting Secretary stated that this was incompatible with the group system of appointments if Members wished to use the group system. There were 30 Members present when this item was reach and the number of Members necessary to form a group was 2.

Nominations from the following groups were then handed in to the Chairman:

#### First Vacancy:

Group consisting of - Deputy Robert Molloy
Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail

nominating Mr. Martin McHugh, 21, Seaman Drive, Riverside, as a Member of the Higher Education Grants Committee.

#### Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of - Councillor Joe Burke
Councillor Frank Glynn

nominating Fr. Dermot Maloney, President, St. Jarlath's College, for appointment.

The Chairman ruled the nominations valid, and accordingly declared the persons nominated as Members of the Higher Education Grants Committee.

#### Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, seconded by Deputy M.P. Kitt, that Mr. Pat Gilmore, Carrownagurraun, Dublin Rd., Tuam, be appointed. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr. Gilmore appointed.

#### Fourth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, that Mr. Seamus Donoghue, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy, be appointed. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr. Donoghue appointed.

#### Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Senator McCormack, seconded by Councillor Mannion, that Councillor Michael Ryan be appointed. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor Michael Ryan appointed.

#### Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Killilea, that Councillor Peter Raftery be appointed. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor Raftery appointed.

#### Seventh Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Killilea, seconded by Councillor McHugh, that Mr. J. Bradley, Dangan, Galway, be appointed.

As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr. Bradley appointed.

#### Eighth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Senator McCormack, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that Ms. Mary Tierney, Castlegar, be appointed. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Ms. Tierney appointed.

## Ninth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Killilea, seconded by Councillor McHugh, that Mr. Sean O'Neachtain, Baile An Domhnaill, An Spideal, be appointed. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr. O'Neachtain appointed.

#### Tenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Killilea, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, that Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Cussane Cross, Athenry, be appointed. As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Mr. Gilhooley appointed.

## Vacancies No. 11 - 25:

It was proposed by Councillor Mullins, seconded by Deputy Kitt, that the following be re-appointed to the Higher Education Grants

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Councillor James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Tom Boyle, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Micheal O hOgain, Caltra, Ballinasloe.
Councillor Michael Mullins, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Lily Broderick, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.

It was proposed by Senator O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor Mannion, that the following be re-appointed to the Higher Education Grants Committee:

Tomas O Muineachain, Uasal, Carraroe.
Caoimhghin O Maicin, Uasal, Rosmuc.
Mr. Pierce O'Malley, Cregg, Oughterard.
Mr. Thomas Connolly, Market Street, Clifden.
Mr. Patrick Clancy, Glann, Oughterard.

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Lynch, that the following be re-appointed to the Higher Education Grants Committee:

Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
Mr. Sean Fahy, N.T., Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Paddy Grealish, Rindifin, Gort.
Mr. Jimmy McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Councillor Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry.

As there were no further proposals, the Chairman declared the persons set out in the foregoing proposals appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members of the Higher Education Grants Committee for 1987/88:

- (1) Mr. Martin McHugh, 21, Seaman Drive, Riverside, Galway.(2) Fr. Dermot Maloney, President, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.
- (3) Mr. Pat Gilmore, Carrownagurraun, Dublin Road, Tuam.
- (4) Mr. Seamus Donoghue, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy.
- (5) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (6) Councillor Peter Raftery, Ballygar.
- (7) Mr. J. Bradley, Dangan, Galway.
- (8) Ms. Mary Tierney, Castlegar.
- (9) Mr. Sean O'Neachtain, Baile an Domhnaill, An Spideal.
- (10) Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Cussane Cross, Athenry.
- (11) Councillor James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
- (12) Mr. Tom Boyle, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
- (13) Mr. Micheal O hOgain, Caltra, Ballinasloe.
- (14) Councillor Michael Mullins, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
- (15) Mrs. Lily Broderick; Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.
- (16) Tomas O Muineachain, Uasal, Carraroe. (17) Caoimhghin O Maicin, Uasal, Rosmuc.
- (18) Mr. Pierce O'Malley, Cregg, Oughterard.
- (19) Mr. Thomas Connolly, Market Street, Clifden.
- (20) Mr. Patrick Clancy, Glann, Oughterard.
- (21) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
- (22) Mr. Sean Fahy, N.T., Killimor, Ballinasloe.
- (23) Mr. Paddy Grealish, Rindifin, Gort.
- (24) Mr. Jimmy McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
- (25) Councillor Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry.

#### 1751 - APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE:

Following a discussion, it was agreed unanimously that the membership of the Sheep Dipping Committee be increased to 20.

The Acting Secretary stated that the new system of appointment applied, and as the full 30 members were present, the number necessary to form a group was 2.

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#### First Vacancy:

A nomination from Deputy Molloy and Councillor J. Burke was handed in to the Chairman nominating Mr. Joe Ribbon as a member of the Sheep Dipping Committee. The Chairman ruled the nomination as valid and declared Mr. Ribbon appointed.

## Vacancies No. 2 - 20 (inclusive):

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Senator Hussey, that the 19 outgoing Members of the Committee be re-elected.

As there were no other proposals, the Chairman declared the 19 outgoing members re-elected, and declared the following appointed as Members of the Sheep Dipping Committee for 1987/88:

- (1) Mr. Joe Ribbon, Cloonluane, Renvyle, Connemara.
- (2) Mr. Michael Conneely, Tulicar, Monivea.
- (3) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough. (4) Senator Padraic McCormack, 3, Renmore Park, Galway.
- (5) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevan, Williamstown.
- (6) Councillor John Mannion, Clifden.
- (7) Mr. Paddy Ruane, Carnmore, Oranmore.
- (8) Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- (9) Councillor John Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar.
- (10) Councillor Peter Raftery, Ballygar.
- (11) Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Cussane Cross, Athenry.
- (12) Senator Thomas Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy.
- (13) Councillor Patrick Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
- (14) Councillor Thomas Welby, Oughterard.
- (15) Mr. Richard King, Corrandulla.
- (16) Mr. Tom Joyce, Gorumna, Recess.
- (17) Mr. Thomas O'Dea, Mountain South, Athenry.
- (18) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (19) Mr. Mark Canavan, Glann, Oughterard.
- (20) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

APPROVED SUBHITTED

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6th July, 1987.

## TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of Galway County Council will be held in

THE ACOT OFFICES, BARRACK STREET, LOUGHREA,

MONDAY, 13th JULY, 1987

4.30 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH Runai Sealadach,

1. Material Contravention of Development Plan - Application for Planning Permission for alteration and extensions to Glenloe Abbey, conversion of same to Hotel and construction of Suprise Tank in the Townland of Kentfield -- Applicants Drumtry Ltd., Glenloe Abbey - Planning Ref. No. 54094.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE A.C.O.T. OFFICES, BARRACK STREET, LOUGHREA, ON MONDAY, 13TH JULY, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. O'Morain.

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

Officials:

Messrs. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

1752 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ALTERATION AND EXTENSIONS TO GLENLOE ABBEY, CONVERSION OF SAME TO HOTEL AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEPTIC TANK IN THE TOWNLAND OF KENTFIELD, APPLICANTS: DRUMTRY LIMITED, GLENLOE ABBEY - PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER 54094:

The following reports of the County Secretary and Planning Officer were circulated to each Member:

"Having examined the above application, it is considered that the grant of Planning Permission with suitable conditions, would not be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area, but because of the terms of the County Development Plan as it relates to the area in question, it is considered that the grant of Permission in this case would constitute a Material Contravention of the Development Plan.

The Planning Acts provide that a planning permission which materially contravenes the Development Plan can be granted provided the procedure prescribed in Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as substituted by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, is implemented. This procedure involves publication of a notice in a daily newspaper indicating the Council's intention to consider granting Planning Permission in the case of the particular application and inviting the public to lodge objections if they so wish. The legislation also requires that a Resolution requiring that a decision to grant Permission be made shall be passed by the Members of the County Council.

Notice of the Council's intention to consider granting Permission in this case was given in the Irish Press on Tuesday, the 19th May, 1987, and no objections were received from members of the public, either within the statutory period of 21 days from that date or subsequently. The matter has been placed on the Agenda for the Special Meeting to be held at Loughrea on the 13th July, 1987, following the Annual Meeting, so that a decision can be made by the Council in the matter.

I have enclosed, herewith, for your information a report setting out the Planning considerations in relation to the application."

T. KAVANAGH, ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Bushypark on the Galway/Moycullen Road approx. 12 mile north of Bushypark Church.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The County Development Plan outlines two general constraints against development in this area. First, the site is outside the City's 30 m.p.h. limit but within the 40 m.p.h. limit, thus only allowing for development with special fully substantiated needs for such location. Second, the site is in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity with views of the River and Lough Corrib, which are to be protected, and where, generally, only local family housing needs are permitted.

The proposal submitted is to extend Glenloe Abbey, convert it to a hotel and develop a Golf Course on the attached land holding. The project is aimed at developing a particular aspect of the tourist market which is considered by the developer to have great potential. The venue would also have a strong attraction as a Conference Centre for the City.

The extensions have been designed so as to complement the existing house and allied Chapel, and be contained within the outoffice and walled garden section of the site. There will not be a diminution of the view from the public roadway. Parking will be clustered in close proximity to all buildings and will not be allowed to extend to the open areas.

It is considered that, should the venture be successful, that there will be a significant economic benefit to the City and an additional sporting and recreational amenity for both local and tourist use without at the same time any significant damage to the environment. An improvement of the sight distance available at the existing bellmouthed access will be required so as to ensure that safety requirements for traffic on this route will be provided for.

The County Medical Officer and the Fire Department have examined the plans and have no objections to the proposal.

On the above basis, a grant of Permission is recommended."

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Deputy Molloy proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case. He said that one of the applicants involved, who was an Irish Citizen, had established a substantial business in Galway City and had created good employment. A Golf Course was included in the project and the development would be a valuable addition to the amenities of the area. He said that the proposal had the full backing of Bord Failte and no objections had been lodged to the application.

Councillor Welby said that the development was near the river and there was a chance of pollution. He said that a canal was being cut into the land at the site. He said that a decision should be deferred until further information is available. Councillor Mannion, while indicating his support for the proposal. questioned as to why the County Manager was recommending Permission in the case of this application, when in other applications, the County Manager refused Permission after Section 4 Resolutions had been passed. Councillor Killilea said that he agreed with Councillor Mannion and said that the smaller and weaker sections of the community were being refused Permission.

Councillor Loughnane also referred to Section 4 Resolutions which the County Manager had refused to implement. He said that the present application fell into a jigsaw puzzle. He said there seemed to be some pressure from inside to grant Permission and he seconded the proposal to defer a decision to the next Meeting.

Mr. L. Kavanagh said that a decision was due to issue on 15th July, 1987, but that the applicant could consent to an extension of time. He said that there was no pressure from inside to grant the Permission. As a Planning Official, he said that it was his job to examine each application on its merits, do whatever research was necessary and make a recommendation to the County Manager. He said that about 15 months ago, the applicants had asked to see him to outline the proposals they had in mind. Their intention was to convert Palmers House into a hotel, construct a septic tank and golf course. The golf course would be exempted development in certain circumstances. The proposed septic tank was over 400 feet from the river on good quality land which was well outside the minimum required distance. The applicants said it was their intention to market the development abroad for golfing holidays and conferences, etc. He had advised them that the site was located in an area designated as being of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and that the Council, in considering any planning application to be submitted, would require that scenic views in the area be preserved.

Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that the new building woul be integrated with the existing old house so that there would be no interference with views. He pointed out, however, that the proposed development might be regarded as being contrary to the terms of the County Development Plan on two grounds (a) the site is located in an area designated as being of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where development is, generally, restricted to housing in the essential housing need category and (b) the site is located adjacent to the National Secondary Route outside the 30 m.p.h. speed limit; although it is inside the 40 m.p.h. speed limit, and the Development Plan provides for restriction of development in such an area to single dwellings in the essential housing need category and to commercial or industrial or institutional development with special, fully substantiated claims for location in such an area. He stated that the application has many merits from a tourist development view point and would provide additional amenities in the area and would, therefore, be in the interest of the common good.

The Acting County Secretary stated that there was no pressure being put on anybody to grant Permission. The application was one which had certain merits and the only way which it could be granted was if the members decided so, otherwise it would be refused. The County Manager wished to give the Members that option.

Special Council Meeting on the 13th July, 1987.

Councillor Joyce said that there was a difference between a golf course being used for commercial use and club use and he wished to know if Members could join. He said that there was need for a further golf course in Galway City. He said he would also like to know what development costs the Council would be liable for both now and in the future in regard to water, sewerage, roads, etc., and what income would accrue to the Council from Rates, etc. Councillor U. Burke said that he understood the site was used in the past for pig rearing and the owners were requested to cease that development. Councillor Glynn said that there was a definite need for s second golf course in Galway City and that Conferences could be lost to the City on that account. Councillor U. Burke enquired if the applicant would be entitled to compensation in the event of a refusal.

Councillor Welby asked that a copy of the plans be on display at the next meeting.

After further discussion, the Chairman asked that the applicant be requested to extend the time and that the matter be put on the Agenda for the July Meeting.

1753 - ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR PALACE GROUNDS, TUAM:

Councillor Finnegan proposed the setting up a Committee to look after the development of the Palace Grounds in Tuam, in order to improve on the present arrangement and benefit to the greatest extent from employment schemes, grants, etc.

Councillor J. Burke said that the County Council handed over the development of the Palace Grounds to the Tuam Community Council due to the lack of funds and he did not favour the proposal to change this. The Acting County Secretary stated that the new system of appointments to Committees would apply to the proposed Committee and that it would not be in order to proceed with the appointment of such a Committee in the absence of a large number of the Members.

The Chairman decided that the mater be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

1754 - APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLETIC AND SPORTING CENTRE IN LOUGHREA:

> Following a proposal by Councillor Loughnane that a Committee be appointed, the Chairman decided that the matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

1755 - BELMONT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Councillor Glynn said that there was a serious problem of pollution of the source of Belmont Group Water Supply Scheme. He asked that the matter be put on the Agenda and a report be made available for the next Meeting. This was agreed.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBHITTED, APPROVED, 4 CONFIRMED:

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS ON WEDNESDAY, 1st JULY, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR.

CLR. JOE CALLANAN.

ALSO PRESENT:

Messrs. Mark Canavan, Michael Conneely, Councillors Michael Fahy and Patrick Finnegan, Senator Toml Hussey, Messrs. Tom Joyce, Richard King, Councillors John Mannion and John Molloy, Jarlath McDonagh, Mr. Thomas O'Dea, Councillor Peter Raftery, Mr. Paddy Ruane, Councillors Tom Welby and Tiarnan Walsh.

OFFICIALS PRESENT.

Mr. L. Smyth, Veterinary Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Mr. David Broderick, Veterinary Inspector, Mr. Tony Murphy, S.S.O., and Miss Rachael Joyce, Clerk Typist.

It was proposed by Clr. Mannion and seconded by Mr. Gilhooley that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on the 28th October, 1986 which were circulated to the Meeting, be adopted. Arising from the Minutes Mr. Gilhooley asked if a letter had been sent to the Department of Agriculture regarding the introduction of a dual purporse dip which had been agreed at the previous meeting. In reply Mr. Murphy told the Meeting that a letter expressing the wishes of the Committee in relation to this matter had been sent to the Department and he read the reply which had been received thereto. Mr. Gilhooley said that he was not satisfied with reply from the Department and he suggested that a further letter be sent to the Department in relation to this matter. Mr. Broderick agreed with Mr. Gilhooley that the dips now in use were not completely satisfactory for sheep scab and for maggots and he suggested that the Research Officers of the Department be invited to a Meeting of this Committee. It was proposed by Clr. Mannion, seconded by Mr. O'Dea and agreed that the Research Officers from the Department, as suggested by Mr. Broderick be invited to the next meeting of the Committee.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, Mr. Murphy referred to the 1987 Regulations which had been circulated to the Meeting. Mr. Conneely said that he was dis-satisfied with the increase of 50% in the fee per sheep being paid to the County Council and he asked for details of the income from Sheep Dipping in the previous year and also details of the expenditure involved. Councillor Walsh said that charges for the different Council services, including the Sheep Dipping Fee, had been agreed at the Estimates Meeting and he said that at that time a number of Councillors disagreed with the increase in the sheep dipping charge but that the Council had very little option but to accept the increase in charges considering the financial position of the Council. A number of other Members expressed dis-satisfaction at the increased charge and it was proposed by Mr. O'Dea that the County Manager be asked not to increase This proposal was seconded by Clr. Finnegan this charge for two years. and agreed.

The Chairman asked if the results of the samples taken from Dipping Baths for the 1986 season were available. Mr. Murphy circulated the results which had been received from the Western Health Board and Mr. Broderick explained the system by which the analysis was done and referred to the inadequacy or otherwise of the dips being used in the different cases sampled. The Members expressed surprise at the fact that the Agricultural Institute in Belclare was one of the Baths from which a sample had been taken and had the lowest percentage of adequacy of all the samples taken. It was agreed that a letter expressing the Committee's dis-satisfaction at this be sent to the Institute as it was felt that the Institute should be setting a standard for the farming community. It was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Mr. Conneely and agreed that the bath

owners from whom samples had been taken should be written to and that the result of the sample be notified to them in order that appropriate action may be taken.

Mr. Canavan asked if it was likely that repairs would be carried out to the Council bath at Glann, Oughterard. Mr. Murphy said that the bath had been inspected by a Council Engineer and he reported that it was in a reasonable condition and was usable. Clr. Welby asked that this bath be inspected again. Mr. Broderick suggested that Mr K. Verbruggan, the Council's Veterinary Inspector in the Oughterard Area should inspect the bath and it was agreed that this be done and also that he be accompanied by Mr. Canavan.

It was proposed by Clr. Mannion and seconded by Mr. Canavan and agreed that the 'Sheep Dipping Regulations for 1987 be adopted'.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Wiceas Bow ocan CHAIRMAN

27 i Jul 1987 DATE

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

21u la Iuil, 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 27u la Iuil, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLÍASAIN, Runai.

#### AGENDA

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

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

John M. Mannion. Thomas Welby. Michael Ryan.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Feeney of Ballinaboy, Errislannon, Clifden, for a dwellinghouse at Ballinaboy. Planning Ref. No. 52764."

Padraic McCormack. John M. Mannion. Tom Welby.

3. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Calway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Tom Nestor of Rookwood, Ballygar, for the erection of a dwellinghouse. Planning Reference Number 54526."

Peter Raftery. Tiarnan Walsh. Michael Ryan.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. William Lohan, Cloughanover, Headford, Co. Galway, for the erection of serviced dwellinghouse in the townland of Knocknagreana, Galway. Planning Reference No. 54566."

Patrick Finnegan. Paddy McHugh. Tom Welby. Mark Killilea.

5. "In accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Sean Quinn, Kilcloghans, Tuam, for the erection of a Petrol Filling Station at Kilcloghans.

- Planning Ref. No. 54215."

Patrick Finnegan. Tom Hussey. Michael Kitt. Mark Killilea.

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 Full Planning Permission to Mr. Declan Clarke, Lahardaun, Kilchreest, for the erection of two petrol pumps, canopy and kiosk at same address. - Planning Ref. No. 54510."

Matt Loughnane. Joe Callanan. Tom Welby.

- 7. Material Contravention of Development Plan Application for Planning Permission for alteration and extensions to Glenloe Abbey, conversion of same to hotel and construction of septic tank in the Townland of Kentfield Applicant: Drumtry Limited, Glenloe Abbey Planning Ref. No. 54094.
- 8. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings -
  - (a) Special Meeting held on 8th June, 1987.
  - (b) Special Meeting held on 12th June, 1987.
  - (c) Monthly Meeting held on 22nd June, 1987.
  - (d) Annual Meeting of Council held on 13th July, 1987.
  - (e) Special Meeting held on 13th July, 1987.

#### Committee Meeting:

- (f) Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on 1st July, 1987.
- 9. Raising of loan for the making of Advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966 £2 million.
- 10. Disposal of plot of land at Cappaghnagopple (Petersburgh), Clonbur, to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee in accordance with Section 83 Notice dated 18 Meitheamh, 1987, copy already circulated.
- 11. Sheep Dipping Regulations 1987. (Copy enclosed)
- 12. 1987 People of the Year Awards any nomination to be submitted in writing. (Details enclosed)
- 13. Letter dated 26th June, 1987, from General Council of County Councils regarding items for inclusion on Agenda for Annual General Meeting Items to be submitted by Friday, 21st August, 1987.
- 14. I.F.H.P. Conference "Modern Housing and Planning Policies for Historical Cities" - in Saville, Spain. 26th-3oth October, 1987. (Details enclosed)
- 15. Grupa Stiurtha faoin Ghaeilge sa tSeirbhis Rialtais Aitiuil
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  25-27 Mean Fomhair, 1987. (Paipeiri istigh le seo.)
- 16. Belmont Group Water Supply Scheme.
- 17. Malicious Damage Decrees list herewith.
- 18. Business submitted by the County Manager.

## COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose.

- 19. That the County Council examine with a view to improving dangerous traffic situation now prevailing at Headford (details supplied) and report back.
- 20. That the County Council instal water tap at Kilmoylan Cemetery and indeed at all cemeteries where the County Council Water Schemes are adjacent.
- 21. That the County Council take immediate steps to alleviate flooding position for long persistant at Kiniska (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR TIERNAN WALSH - I will propose.

- 22. That Kilclooney Graveyard be cleaned up by Galway County Council.
- 23. That Galway County Council erect at least one street light in Creggs. (This light to be on the Glenamaddy Road).

SENATOR PARAIC McCORMACK - I will ask.

- 24. That work on the Headford Road at Cloonboo Cross be completed as this road has been left in a very dangerous state for over 5 years. I am asking that the road margins be finished off and the unsightly and dangerous barrell be removed.
- 25. That Galway County Council repair pot holes and resurface the road from Concannon's Bridge, Ballinahown, Furbo to Pooleeney East past 3 Flaherty houses.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose

- 26. That Galway County Council proceed immediately with the construction of additional reservoir capacity for the Inis Meain public water supply scheme.
- 27. That a Branch Library be established at the Westside Shopping Centre, Galway City.
- 28. That immediate improvements be carried out to deal with the following problems arising at Cloonarkin Housing Estate, Oranmore (1) Overflowing from sewerage treatment works, (2) poor condition of the road surface in the Estate and, (3) flash flooding that occurs after heavy rain.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH - I will propose.

- 29. That Galway County Council make provisions for street lights in Athenry in the Square, outside the Hotel Training College by the Railway Station, and Prospect, Athenry and Gurteenacre.
- 30. That Galway County Council provide a Hard Stand at the (Dump) Ballydavid, Athenry and move the three caravans that are parked on the New Line Road in Athenry as there is quite a load of rubbish left on the roadside and the people of the New Line Athenry want the Itinerants moved out of this area and out to the (dump) Ballydavid.
- 31. That Galway County Council test the borehole for water supply for Clamper Park, Athenry as soon as possible.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will ask.

32. That an up-to-date report be given of the Council's efforts to make arrangements for the removal of the dangerous bend at Brendan Naughton's house, Abbey, Park, Clontuskert.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR N. O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose

- 33. That Galway County Council repair the road leading to Cill Charna, Inishmore, Aran Islands without further delay.
- 34. Repair the potholes on the road leading to Lettermore Barracks.
- 35. Repair the potholes on the Trabane Road, Lettermore.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION (Continued).

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose

- 36. That this Council eases the bends, repairs, renews, and resurfaces the road leading to a village supplied and that these works be carried out forthwith.
- 37. That remedial upgrading works be carried out to a piece of waste ground on the side of a National Primary Road at location (details supplied) in County Galway, that the commitment already given by the District Engineer some years ago be implemented immediately and that the necessary works be done forthwith.

DEPUTY MICHEAL KITT & COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN - We will propose.

- 38. That Galway County Council cover over a dangerous gullet at Kennedy's Shop, Cappataggle COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY I will propose.
- 39. That Galway County Council repair bridge at Kilcornan, Clarinbridge so as farmers can continue to use same for transportation.
- 40. That Galway County Council purchase land for Pound in South Galway for provision for stray animals.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose.

- 41. That this Council repair without delay a short section of road leading to Lettermas Village which has been damaged recently, and the local people find it difficult to travel over same at present.
- 42. That this Council take over and maintain a section of road from the County Road to Joyce's Gate at Tiernakill South. This road is being used by big numbers of people on their way to Maumeen Church and Holywell.
- 43. That this Council fill the potholes on the Lettermore na Coille Road which serves 15 houses and a Cemetery.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH - I will propose.

- 44. That the County Council clear the drain along the roadside at Mossfort, Caherlistrane, to prevent flooding at John Faulkner's house.
- 45. That the County Council replace a wall continuously being knocked by passing traffic at (details enclosed) in such a manner that it will not be knocked in future.
- 46. That the County Council fill the potholes on the Tooreeney Road, Moycullen.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose

- 47. That "Caution Children Crossing" signs be erected at Ballinakill, Moyglass and Drim National Schools and that a signpost for Moyglass Village be erected near Henry Duggan's house, Ballinakill.
- 48. That a "No Dumping" sign be erected at the entrance to Michael Ryan's land at Cottage Hill, Loughrea.
- 49. That a signpost for Ballymana be erected on the N6 at West Bridge, Loughrea and also at Clostoken.

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

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

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

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

#### "LOCATION

The site is located in the Townland of Aughrusmore, Claddaghduff on the crest of a hill on the roadway that leads northwards adjacent to Sweeneys Post Office and Public House.

#### HISTORY

Ref. No. 17805:

Planning Permission was refused to

Mr. Michael Coohill on grounds of injury

to visual amenity.

Ref. No. 48454:

Planning Permission was refused to Mr. Matt Duffy on grounds of injury to visual amenity. An appeal to An Bord Pleanala was unsuccessful.

Ref. No. 50394:

Planning Permission was refused to Mr. Matt Duffy on grounds of injury

to visual amenity.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The site proposed to be developed is elevated and exposed and visible over a wide area. The area is zoned as an Area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity. Mr. Duffy was requested to indicate if there was a housing need involved and his only reply is that he wishes to retire there from Dublin.

A trial hole was dug to ascertain if the site was suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent and the Chief

Medical Officer has indicated that the site is incapable of satisfactorily treating septic tank effluent and has recommended that the proposal be refused.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

- (1) The proposed house would be located in an extremely elevated and exposed position in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity. It would therefore, regardless of its actual siting, be an unduly obtrusive element which could not be assimilated in this open landscape and would detract seriously from the scenic amenities of the area.
- (2) The site proposed to be developed is developed is unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor John Mannion and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan. Councillor J. Mannion stated that the applicant was living in a mobile home. He was retiring from the E.S.B. and intended to return to live in the area. Councillor Mannion stated that it was proposed to relocate the septic tank. The County Engineer stated that the site on which it was proposed to relocate the septic tank had been tested, and was found to be unsuitable. It appeared that the applicant used the existing mobile home as a holiday home and there was no indication of a housing need. Councillor Mannion stated that the applicant had given an undertaking that he would live in the house which would be his sole residence when constructed. As there were no amendments to the resolution proposed by Councillor Mannion, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1757 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT

(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 52764 
APPLICANT: JOHN FEENEY:

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

#### "LOCATION

The site is located on the lower Errislannin 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 is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

The applicant was requested to dig a trial hole lm x lm x 2m deep but he was only able to excavate to a depth of 600 mm due to the presence of outcropping rock on the site. In addition, the soil is marshy with very poor percolation qualities and the Chief Medical Officer has recommended that the proposal should be refused on public health grounds.

It should be noted that this site is the last iste 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. The site was owned by Mr. John Feeney at the time of the application. This dwellinghouse has 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.

#### 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.

#### 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."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor John Mannion and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan. Councillor J. Mannion stated that the applicant was a retired Nurse who was coming home to look after his brother who lived in a bad house. The County Engineer indicated that the applicant was unable to dig a hole for the provision of the septic tank because of the presence of outcropping rock on the site. There was

also a stream running the site which was in danger of being polluted. It was agreed following discussion, to adjourn consideration of this resolution to the Council Meeting of the 14th August, 1987.

1758 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54526 - APPLICANT: TOM NESTOR:

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

#### "LOCATION:

The site is located in the townland of Tully and N63 National Secondary Road approximately ½ mile east of Ballygar (on Galway-Roscommon Road).

#### HISTORY:

There habe been two other Section 4s granted here at this location - on adjacent sites.

#### Further adjacent site:

Planning Ref. No. 50532 - Permission granted for house to Raymond McConn under Section 4.

#### Closer Adjacent Site:

Planning Ref. No. 52385 - Permission granted for house to Mr. Sean Naughton under Section 4.

Planning Ref. No. 54160 - Permission refused for dwelling-house on this site to this applicant - no appeal.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is approximately ½ mile outside Ballygar Speed limit on a fast stretch of National Secondary Route between Roscommon and Galway. The proposal does not come within the permitted categories of housing need which are allowed on this road under Table 25B of the County Development Plan. Two existing Section 4 decisions adjacent and current proposal are unserviced and form ribbon development. They also create a precedent for further such development.

#### 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 where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the Route.
- (2) The proposed development would contravene Chapter 25, Table 25.B of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this Route to the family housing needs of local farmholders. Such a need has not been claimed or substantiated in this case."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan and seconded by Councillor Tiarnan Walsh.

Councillor Michael Ryan stated that the applicant had a business in Ballygar and wanted to live near his work. He was unable to acquire an alternative site. The County Engineer stated that this was the third Permission considered by Section 4 Resolution in the area. The site was located on the National Primary Road connecting Galway and Roscommon. Development along the road at the location involved would create an extremely dangerous situation and he was totally opposed to the type of development proposed. There were no amendments to the Resolution proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, and the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1759 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54566 - APPLICANT: WILLIAM LOHAN.

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

#### "LOCATION:

The site is located approximately 15 miles west of Barna on the Barna to Spiddal Road (R 336).

#### PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 3311: Outline Planning Permission granted for dwellinghouse on adjoining site to the east in June 1967 to Mr. Patrick Costello on the basis of a sterilisation agreement on 2 acres which included the site which is the subject of the current proposal. An application to have the duration of this Permission extended was refused to William Lohan. In November 1981, on the basis of traffic hazard and proximity of septic tank to Liberty Stream.

Ref. No. 4122: Outline Permission granted on proposed site and adjoining site to the west in July 1968 to William Lohan. The duration of this permission was further extended until the 31st October, 1986.

Ref. No. 46173: Approval granted on adjoining site to the east (as p.p. Ref. 3311) in August 1983, to Popular Homes. William Lohan was stated as being the owner of the site on planning application form.

Ref. No. 53074: Permission refused on the proposed site for a dwellinghouse in October 1986 to William Lohan due to traffic hazard and contravention of the County Development Plan.

Ref. No. 53075:

Outline Permission refused on the adjoining site to the west for a dwellinghouse in October 1986, to Ms. Maureen Cunningham. Outline Permission had previously been granted to William Lohan on this site, Ref. 4122 but had expired.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed site is situated on a heavily trafficked section of Regional Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. The site is located on a bend where

sight distance is restricted and where there is a double white line. This section of road has a very high accident record. (See An Foras Forbartha - "A Preliminary Examination of accident patterns in Galway and Donegal Gaeltacht Areas" Dec. 82). The site itself rises sharply from the road and the vehicular access will most likely be at a steep gradient. The site map submitted does not give an accurate depiction of the situation as it is of faded quality, does not show the existing front boundary wall and shows a house location which would be only approx. 25 ft. from the road boundary as against the Plan requirement of 70 ft. Neither is the site the required minimum ½ acre in area.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

- (1) The proposed development would contribute to a traffic hazard as the site is situated adjacent to a heavily trafficked tourist and commuter route at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along this route.
- (2) The proposed development would contravene (Chapter 25 Table 25B) of the County Development Plan which limits development along this road to local family housing needs, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Patrick Finnegan and seconded by Councillor P. McHugh. Councillor P. Finnegan stated that a Planning Permission existed in relation to this site until last October. The application had been submitted before the old Permission had expired and the decision to refuse the new application was inconsistent with the earlier decision. He stated that the road was equally as busy when the original Permission was granted as at the present time.

The County Engineer stated that a specific traffic hazard would be created if this development were allowed. The site of the proposed development was located on a bend of the road where there was a continuous white line. The road in question suffered from a high accident rate, there had been a number of fatal accidents and also some other quite serious accidents on the road concerned. The County Engineer referred to a report of An Foras Forbartha which indicated that the road concerned had a high accident rate possibly due to the number of openings onto the road and to the density of development. He stated that he was strongly opposed to the proposed development. There were no amendments to the resolution proposed by Councillor Finnegan, and the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1760 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 54215 - APPLICANT: SEAN QUINN

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

#### "LOCATION:

The site is located on the Tuam/Milltown stretch of the National Primary Route N17 approx. 1 mile north of Tuam Town speed limit.

#### PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No.32043:

Outline Planning Permission granted to Sean Quinn for warehouse.

Ref. No. 41872: Outline Planning Permission for erection of dwellinghouse and multipurpose facility refused on grounds of traffic hazard.

Ref. No. 49717: Permission for hayshed granted subject to use restricted to agricultural purposes only.

Ref. No. 50844: Permission for a dwellinghouse granted under Section 4.

Ref. No. 52849: Application for erection of fuel stores depot, service station and commercial vehicle storage complex. Fuel store depot permitted. Remainder refused on grounds of traffic hazard.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The application is for a petrol filling station and sales depot. The site is ½ mile outside the speed limits on an important National Primary Route and to permit this development would contravene the Council's policy on National Primary Routes. There is already a garage and filling station ¼ mile to the south on this route and a second filling station even closer to Tuam. A third station is unnecessary. The applicant was already granted a fuel depot on the site on the basis of this being his sole means of livelihood.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.
- 2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 25, Table 25A of the County Development Plan which wholly restricts Industrial and Commercial development along this route."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, seconded by Deputy Michael P. Kitt.

Councillor P. Finnegan stated that the development proposed was intended to compliment the type of business being carried out by the applicant on the site already. There was another Filling Station near the site of the proposed development which did not appear to present any problems.

The County Engineer stated that the proposed development contravened the agreement in relation to development along National Primary Routes. The development was for the provision of a service which was not required in the area and would increase the risk of accidents. There was the risk of loosing funds in relation to National Primary Roads. He was not in favour of allowing Permission for a Filling Station because of the additional traffic which would be generated by cars, vehicles and tankers serving the Station, all of which would add to the accident potential in the area. There were no amendments to the Resolution proposed by Councillor Finnegan and the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

1761 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54510 - APPLICANT: DECLAN CLARKE.

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

#### "LOCATION:

The site is located approximately 2½ miles north of Castledaly Crossroads on the Gort to Loughrea National Secondary Road.

#### HISTORY:

Ref. No. 24092: Permission granted for a dwellinghouse, June 1977, to Mr. J. Carty as a new farm house on his farm holding.

Ref. No. 27204: Permission granted for a dwellinghouse, May 1978, to J. Clarke, whose interest in the site at the time was as prospective purchaser from Mr. Carty.

Ref. No. 52174: Permission refused for construction of a vehicle repair workshop, June 1986, to Declan Clarke.

Ref. No. 52604: Permission granted by Section 4 direction for erection of a vehicle repair workshop in November '86 to Mr. Clarke.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and traffic movements generated by the proposed devleopment would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road and would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard. in addition, the proposed development exits onto the National Secondary Road at a point where sight distance is grossly inadequate thus creating an additional hazard in this case.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

- It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:
- (1) The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a secion of the National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and where there is inadequate sight distance due to substandard alignment, and the traffic generated by this commercial business would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route."

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Ulick Burke. Councillor Matt Loughnane stated that the development was located on the Loughrea to Gort Road. The applicant would provide a social amenity in the area as there was no other Petrol Station within 14 miles. There was a layby in front of the site of the proposed development and he saw no problems on safety grounds as there was good visibility. The County Engineer stated that the proposed site was located on the brow of a hill where sight distances would be restricted. The turning movements generated by traffic using a Petrol Station would create a traffic hazard. Councillor Loughnane that the development would be set back well from the road.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that on the basis of the County Engineer's statement, he objected to the granting of Permission in this case, and proposed that Planning Permission not be granted. There was no seconder for Councillor Burke's proposal, and as there were no further amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

- MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ALTERATION AND EXTENSIONS TO GLENLOE ABBEY, CONVERSION OF SAME TO HOTEL AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEPTIC TANK IN THE TOWNLAND OF KENTFIELD - APPLICANT: DRUMTRY LIMITED, GLENLOE ABBEY - PLANNING REF. NO. 54094:

This matter had been adjourned from the Council Meeting of the 13th July, 1987. The following report was issued in response to queries raised by Councillors at the Meeting of the 13th July:

(a) Cost to Council

Water supply is from Bushypark Group Scheme.
Drainage is to enlarged septic tank.
Any necessary setting back to improve sight distance at access can be included as a condition of the Planning Permission to be carried out by the developer.
No cost to Local Authority.

(b) <u>Distance of drainage system from Corrib</u>

The percolation area will be located at least 400 metres from the Corrib. There is an open surface drain which flows beneath the old Galway/Clifden Railway line into the Corrib. This has been cleaned in recent months, but such work would be regarded as normal land drainage. The percolation area will be located approximately 260 metres from this drain.

(c) <u>Nuisance arising from pig rearing in the past</u>

From enquiries made, ther was no intensive pig rearing on the lands. Farming activities were mainly concerned with cattle. There were complaints from the public about a piggery located approximately ½ mile away closer to the City. This was discontinued some years ago when the lands were sold.

Councillor P. McCormack referred to the delays encountered by the applicant since he originally made an application for Planning Permission in March 1987. He stated that the development involved was a major one and the developer had now missed the tourist season. He stated that where it was obvious that Further Information was required or that further legal procedures had to be gone through, the applicant should get an early response and be informed of the situation within a month of making his application.

The County Engineer stated that generally speaking, delays were on the part of applicants where they failed to furnish Further Information. In this case, a number of reports had to be assembled and it was necessary to go through the advertisement procedure provided by Section 39 of the 1976 Planning Act. The Deputy County Manager stated that there was a general instruction to all staff dealing with Planning Applications to deal with all cases as promptly as possible, but in some cases, a number of reports had to be assembled before a decision could be made. In any event, there was a time limit on the Planning Authority to give its decision within two months. It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy, seconded by Senator P. McCormack

that Galway County Council require that a decision to grant Permission for this development be made.

Councillor T. Welby stated that the whole Development Plan should be reviewed and he proposed that a decision on this development be deferred until the Development Plan had been reviewed.

The Deputy County Manager indicated that a decision in this case would have to issue before the 15th September, 1987. There was no way that any review of the Development Plan could be completed by that date, and if the Council did not make a decision in this case, the County Manager would have to refuse the Planning Permission. Councillor John Molloy seconded Councillor Welby's amendment.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that this was new development which would create employment in the area and the Council should encourage investment. He did not consider that Planning Permission should be refused on the grounds that the County Development Plan should be reviewed. Sen. T. Hussey stated that the Council should be slow to vote against a proposal of this nature which would improve the amenities in the area and encourage investment and employment. He was supported by Councillor J. Joyce.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, that a decision on the application be deferred to the Council Meeting of the 14th August, 1987. Councillor Welby withdrew his amendment. A vote taken on Deputy Kitt's amendment resulted as follows:

FOR:

Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan,
Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy
M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh,
J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy,
and Councillor T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillors F. Glynn, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillor J. Mannion, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's amendment carried by 13 votes for to 11 votes against and ruled that the matter would be adjourned to the Council Meeting of the 14th August, 1987.

#### 1763 - SLIP ROAD AT ORANMORE:

Councillor Martin Lynch referred to previous discussions in relation to this matter and stated that there were a number of caravans parked in the area at the present time. He proposed that the slip road be opened immediately. He was supported by Councillor Joe Lambert. The Deputy County Manager indicated that this matter had been discussed on a number of occasions and that it was not proposed to open the slip road involved.

1764 - LEGAL PROCEDURE - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Councillor J. Mannion asked that a copy of Section 39.(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, be circulated to each Member, and that the matter be placed on the Agenda for discussion at the Council Meeting of the 14th August, 1987. Monthly Council Meeting on the 27th July, 1987.

1765 - MINUTES: proposition of Councillor M. Loughnane, seconded by Deputy Noel Treacy, the Minutes of the following Meetings of the Council were adopted:

- (a) Special Meeting held on 8th June, 1987.
- (b) Special Meeting held on 12th June, 1987.
- (c) Monthly Meeting held on 22nd June, 1987.
- (d) Annual Meeting of Council held on 13th July, 1987.

(e) Special Meeting held on 13th July, 1987.

#### Committee Meeting:

(f) Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on 1st July, 1987.

## 1766 - DEVELOPMENT OF ATHLETIC AND SPORTING CENTRE IN LOUGHREA:

The Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor M. Loughnane that an arrangement be established whereby the Members of the Loughrea Area and the following Members of the Loughrea Athletic Club:

Mr. T.J. Beatty, Cross Street, Loughrea.
Mr. Colm Moorehead, Masonbrook, Loughrea.
Mr. Joe Grace, Gort Road, Loughrea.
Mr. Ted McDonnell, Lake Road, Loughrea.

would liaise with the Officials of the Council dealing with the Social Employment Scheme being carried out in the Athletic Grounds area. It was agreed that a meeting would be held of the parties suggested by Councillor Loughnane with a view to outlining the Plans for the scheme and reviewing on-going progress.

#### 1767 - ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR PALACE GROUNDS, TUAM:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor P. Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that a Committee of 10 Members consisting of the 7 Members from the Tuam Electoral Area, the President of Tuam Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman of Tuam Town Commissioners and the Chairman of the Community Council be established to look after the development of the Palace Grounds in Tuam.

#### 1768 - NEW INN DUMP:

Councillor Michael Mullins referred to the report which he had received in relation to this matter at a previous Meeting. He asked that the Council take immediate action in relation to maintenance of the Dump.

1769 - RAISING OF A LOAN OF £2 MILLION FROM THE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY FOR MAKING ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966;

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £2 million from the Housing Finance Agency, for making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, the loan to be paid over 30 years, at the prevailing rate."

1770 - DISPOSAL OF A PLOT OF LAND AT CAPPAGHNAGOPPLE (PETERSBURGH)
CLONBUR:

It was proposed by Deputy Robert Molloy, and seconded by Councillor James Joyce and agreed:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land measuring 0.3 acres at Cappaghnagopple, Clonbur, to The County Galway Vocational Education Committee, in accordance with notice dated 18th June, 1987, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

#### 1771 - SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS, 1987:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Senator P. McCormack, and agreed that the following Sheep Dipping Regulations for 1987, be adopted:

"The Council of the County of Galway being the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1966, for the Administrative County of Galway, acting through and by the Galway County Manager, do hereby, for the purposes specified in Article 20 of the Sheep Dipping Order, 1965, and in pursuance of the said Order make the following Regulations that is to say:

- 1. All Sheep in the Administrative Area of County Galway required to be dipped under the Sheep Dipping Orders 1965 to 1977 shall be dipped by the owner, or person in charge thereof at an approved public dipping place at the times specified by Galway County Council. It shall not be a complaince with these Regulations to dip sheep at any other place except in pursuance of special Permission by the County Council under the provisions of Clause No. 4 hereof.
- All sheep in the Administrative Area of County Galway shall be dipped in the presence of a Dipping Inspector appointed by the County Manager under the Sheep Dipping Order, 1965, in the period between the 15th day of September, 1987, and 30th November, 1987.
- 3. A fee of 15p per sheep shall be paid to the Sheep Dipping Inspector employed by the County Council in respect of each sheep (the expression sheep includes lambs) dipped by the owner or person in charge at the time of dipping. A fee of 35p (thirty five pence) per sheep (the expression sheep includes lambs) shall be paid to the bath owner by the owner or person in charge at the time of dipping of the sheep in all cases except in the case of dipping under Article 4.
- 4. (a) Where the County Manager is satisfied that an owner or person in charge of sheep in the area to which these regulations apply, has in his possession or under his charge a proper bath, he may, subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, allow the sheep of such owner to be dipped in this bath on a date within the prescribed dipping period as may be specified for the purpose by an Inspector of the County Council.
- (b) Any exemption given under this Article may at any time be withdrawn by the County Manager.
- (c)Application for such exemptions should be addressed to the Secretary, Galway County Council, and must be made before the commencement of the dipping period.
- 5. Dip approved by the Minister for Agriculture shall be used in all cases.
- 6. An owner or person in charge of sheep in an area to which these Regulations apply shall comply with all reasonable requirements of an Inspector of the

County Council as to the collection and penning and dipping of all sheep in his possession or under his charge, or on lands in his occupation and shall afford all reasonable assistance and facilities that may be required for the dipping of all such sheep.

- 7. Unless an exemption certificate has been given under the Sheep Dipping Orders 1965 to 1977, it shall not be lawful for any person, at any time outside dipping period, to have in his possession or under his charge any sheep other than sheep exempted under Article 9(2) of the Sheep Dipping Order, 1965 (Amendment) Order, 1976, unless it has been dipped in accordance with the Sheep Dipping Orders 1965 to 1977, during the last dipping period and is accompanied by a certificate of dipping signed by an Inspector acting for the Galway County Council or a certificate signed by an Inspector appointed by another local authority which certificate shall be produced on demand to any authorised person as defined in Article 17 of the Sheep Dipping Order, 1965.
- 8. An owner or person in charge of sheep in the Administrative County of Galway who fails to comply with any of these Regulations shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894 to 1966.

These Regulations shall apply to the entire area of the County of Galway and shall come into force on the 15th September, 1987."

### 1772 - 1987 PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

It was agreed that the Council nominate Stephen Roche for a People of the Year Award.

1773 - REGIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:

The Council were informed that the County Councils' General Council had set up Regional Sub-Committees. A meeting of the Regional Sub-Committee, comprising of the Counties of Galway, Mayo, Roscommon, Longford and Westmeath, was held on the 24th July, 1987, in Castlebar. The Agenda for the Meeting included the consideration of matters relative to Local Government Reform, financing of Local Authorities, Roads matters, Housing and Sanitary Services matters, and Local Authority's role in Tourism. The Council agreed, on the proposition of Deputy Noel Treacy, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that the three Council's nominees on the County Councils' General Council be authorised to attend Meetings of the Regional Sub-Committee.

1774 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS:

The Council noted a letter dated 26th June, 1987, regarding items for inclusion on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting. It was noted that items for consideration should be submitted by Friday, 21st August, 1987.

1775 - I.F.H.P. CONFERENCE IN SAVILLE, SPAIN:

It was agreed, on the proposal of Deputy Noel Treacy, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that the Council would not send any delegates to this Conference.

1776 - EUROPEAN CONFERENCE - IMPACT OF AGRICULTURE ON WATER RESOURCES - CONSEQUENCES AND PERSPECTIVES - 21ST/23RD SEPTEMBER, 1987, IN BERLIN:

It was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor P. McHugh, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, that the attendance of Clrs. J. Molloy, and T. Welby, at this Conference, be authorised.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, that the attendance of Councillor Joe Lambert at this Conference be authorised.

1777 - GRUPA STIURTHA FAOIN GHAEILGE SA LSEIRBHIS RIALTAIS AITIUIL - SEIMINEAR I nGAOTH DOBHAIR, CO. DHUN NA nGALL - 25/27 MEAN FOMHAIR, 1987:

Do mhol an Comhairle go ndeanfadh na Comhairleoiri Seamus Seoighe, Padraic Mac Aodh agus Iarlaith Mac Donnacha freastal ar an Seiminear den Grupa Stiurtha faoin Gaeilge sa tSeirbhis Rialtais Aitiuil in nGaoth Dobhair, Co. Dhun na nGall ar an 25-27 u la Mean Fomhair, 1987.

1778 - BELMONT GROUP WATER SCHEME:

This matter has been adjourned to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 24th August, 1987.

1779 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with item No. 17 on the Agenda was noted.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

1780 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL EXAMINE WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING DANGEROUS TRAFFIC SITUATION NOW PREVAILING AT HEADFORD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Proposals for the improvement of the intersection at the Square, Headford, are being examined and costed. Improvement works will be consiered dependent on the availability of funds."

1781 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL INSTAL WATER TAP AT KILMOYLAN CEMETERY AND INDEED ALL CEMETERIES WHERE THE COUNTY COUNCIL WATER SCHEMES ARE ADJACENT: - MOTION BY COUNCILOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Water taps are already installed in many Burial Grounds and are generally provided if a public water main exists in the vicinity, or in the event of only a group water supply scheme gaining permission from the Trustees of the Group. It is proposed to install a tap in Kilmoylan Burial Ground."

1782 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING POSITION FOR LONG PERSISTENT AT KINISKA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh;

"A reply will be available for the next Council Meeting."

1783 - THAT KILCLOONEY GRAVEYARD BE CLEANED UP BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"An application will be submitted to the National Manpower Service for a Social Employment Scheme for Kilclooney Burial Ground."

1784 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT AT LEAST ONE STREET LIGHT IN CREGGS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

" A Priority List of locations for the 1987 Programme of new lights is being prepared. The provision of a light on the Glenamaddy Road, Creggs, will be considered for inclusion in the Priority List."

1785 - THAT WORK ON THE HEADFORD ROAD AT CLOONBOO CROSS BE COMPLETED:
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"Improvements to National Secondary Roads, such as the N.84 Galway to Headford Road are 100% grant aided. There are no grants available for improvement works to National Secondary Roads. It is proposed, however, to tidy up the area of the incomplete roadworks at Cloonboo Cross during the current year."

1786 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR POT HOLES AND RESURFACE
THE ROAD FROM CONCANNON'S BRIDGE, BALLINAHOON, FURBO, TO POOLEENY
EAST, PAST 3 FLAHERTYS HOUSES:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"The road in question is not a Strategic County Road.
Sufficient funds have not been provided for surface dressing the road. Pot holes will be repaired in due course."

1787 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL RESERVOIR CAPACITY FOR THE INIS MEAIN PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"Inis Meain Group Water Scheme has existing storage reservoirs of capacity 500,000 gallons (population 238 persons 1981 Census) as well as a number of private storage tanks.

The Council has a proposal for the construction of further storage reservoirs of total capacity 500,000 gallons at an estimated cost of £175,000. This proosal is number 14 on the Council's Priority List for the provision of Water Supply Schemes.

At present, the Council is investigating the acquisition of a suitable site for this Reservoir."

1788 - THAT A BRANCH LIBRARY BE ESTABLISHED AT THE WESTSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE, GALWAY CITY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The provision of a Branch Library in the Westsife Shopping area would require a suitable ground floor premises, a comprehensive stock of books, and sufficient staff to service such a Library. There would be substantial costs involved in stocking a Branch Library and providing the necessary staff.

As you are aware, the Estimate for County Libraries for 1987 had to be curtailed which has resulted in cut backs in the number of existing areas including books, renovations and maintenance. It is not possible, therefore, in the present financial circumstances to provide any extension of the Library Service."

1789 - <u>IMPROVEMENTS AT CLOONARKING HOUSING ESTATE, ORANMORE:</u> - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

- "(1) The sewerage works at Cloonarkin are not in charge of Galway County Council. The question of carrying out works to permanently relieve the nuisance at this location is being considered in the context of the Council's proposal to link Oranmore Sewerage Scheme with the Galway City Main Drainage Scheme. In the interim, the Council is, however, carrying out emergency maintenance as resources permit. The system is a pumped system and overflow at the works should only occur in periods of plant failure. The duty pump and the stand-by pump have been sent to specialist contractors for repairs.
- (2) Surface repairs will be carried out to the roads under normal routine maintenance and as resources permit.
- (3) The drainage system is a separate system, i.e., separate pipe network for the collection and disposal of surface water runoff. Flash flooding is not considered a problem as to merit improvement works to the surface water system. Maintenance will be carried out as considered necessary."
- 1790 THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE PROVISIONS FOR STREET LIGHTS IN ATHENRY: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"A Priority List of locations for the 1987 Programme of new lights is being prepared. The provision of lights at various locations in Athenry, as submitted, will be considered for inclusion in the Priority List."

1791 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A HARD STAND AT THE (DUMP)
BALLYDAVID, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The Council has erected 3 Council houses at Ballydavid, Athenry, and continuously experiences difficulty in letting these houses. The proposal stated in your Notice of Motion will be examined, having consideration to the difficulties experienced at Ballydavid to date."

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1792 - THAT THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TEST THE BOREHOLE FOR WATER MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"This borehole is scheduled for dry weather flow testing during September."

1793 - THAT AN UP-TO-DATE REPORT BE GIVEN OF THE COUNCIL'S EFFORTS
TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE DANGEROUS BEND
AT BRENDAN NAUGHTON'S HOUSE, ABBEY, PARK, CLONTUSKERT: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The Council have already been informed that the estimate for improving bends at Naughton's house, Abbeypark, Clontuskert, is £10,000. There are no funds available in the current year's Estimates to carry out work of this magnitude. As you are aware, the funds for road improvement are extemely scarce in the current year and the County Engineer has taken the view that all available moneys should be spent on preserving and maintaining existing road services in so far as this is possible. In the circumstances, it has not been possible to provide specifically for this work in 1987."

1794 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR THE ROAD LEADING TO CILL CHARNA - INISHMORE, ARAN ISLANDS, WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY:
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"This is a non public road which leads to Kilronan Water Supply Headworks. Some minor repairs will be carried out this year out of a small allocation of £600 for road restoration after pipe laying operations in connection with the new water supply scheme."

1795 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR THE POTHOLES ON THE ROAD
LEADING TO LETTERMORE BARRACKS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS
O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"This is a County Road which is in reasonable repair except for some potholing. These potholes will be repaired in the near future during potholing operations in the area."

1796 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR THE POTHOLES ON THE TRABANE ROAD, LETTERMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"This is a County Road which is in reasonable repair except for some potholing. Repairs will be carried out in the near future during the final circuit of County Road Maintenance for the current year."

1797 - THAT THIS COUNCIL ASSESS THE BENDS, REPAIRS, RENEWS AND RESURFACES
THE ROAD LEADING TO A VILLAGE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) AND THAT
THESE WORKS BE CARRIED OUT FORTHWITH: - MOTION BY DEPUTY
NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The road referred to is County Road No. 569 and is a spur road from the main section of County Road No. 569. The approach from the spur to the main section is very steep and accutely angled giving a junction between the two roads from which traffic is only able to enter into or emerge from the spur road in one direction. The surface of the spur road is in poor condition and the road itself is very narrow. The road is approximately 275 metres long and the cost of redesigning the junction, removing a bend, surfacing and strengthening the road itself would in the region of £10,000.

There are no funds available for this work at present."

1798 - THAT REMEDIAL UPGRADING WORKS BE CARRIED OUT TO A PIECE OF WASTE GROUND ON THE SIDE OF A NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD AT LOCATION (DETAILS SUPPLIED) IN COUNTY GALWAY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The area referred to above was graded and levelled during the course of roadworks on this section of the Regional Road R.355. it is intended to plant trees, as promised by the District Engineer, on this area during the later months of this year. The grass in the area will be cut in the period following the mens holidays."

1799 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COVER OVER A DANGEROUS GULLET AT KENNEDY'S SHOP, CAPPATAGGLE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT AND CUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael P. Kitt and Councillor Joe Callanan:

"The gullet referred to is a short section of open drain which is piped downstream and upstream of this point. The open section of drain is safely incorporated on the grass margin adjoining the National Primary carriageway at Cappataggle Cross and the reason it is left open is that it incorporates a bar screen which prevents litter and various items of rubbish from entering the downstream section of piping and prevents blockages occurring. If funds become available from the Department of the Environment for the continuation of hard shoulders on this section of the N.6 in the future, the whole drainage system will be reviewed."

1800 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR BRIDGE AT KILCORNAN, CLARINBRIDGE:
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Work is at present in progress."

1801 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PURCHASE LAND FOR A POUND IN SOUTH GALWAY FOR PROVISION OF STRAY ANIMALS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"There are Pounds, together with caretaking in both Ballinasloe and Portumna to adequately service South Galway. There is an old disused Pound in Gort but the fencing is unsecure and there is no Caretaker. There are no funds available to service a Pound in Gort."

1802 - THAT THIS COUNCIL REPAIR WITHOUT DELAY A SHORT SECTION OF ROAD LEADING TO LETTERMAS VILLAGE WHICH HAS BEEN DAMAGED RECENTLY:

- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Welby:

"The road, although damaged by a Building Contractor in the process of building a house, is still in reasonable condition. The estimated cost of the necessary repairs however is £15,000. The section of road in question if 1,000 metres long. The council have no funds available for these repairs."

1803 - THAT THIS COUNCIL TAKE OVER AND MAINTAIN A SECTION OF ROAD FROM THE COUNTY ROAD TO JOYCE'S GATE AT TIERNAKILL SOUTH:

- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"There are no funds available, to take over any more roads, as funds are inadequate to maintain existing County Roads."

1804 - THAT THIS COUNCIL FILL THE POTHOLES ON THE LETTERMORENACOILLE ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The road which is 3 Km. long is beyond the point where pot hole filling would be effective. It requires reconstruction. The estimated cost is £42,230. The Council have no funds available for these repairs."

- THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAR THE DRAIN ALONG THE ROADSIDE
AT MOSSFORT, CAHERLISTRANE, TO PREVENT FLOODING OF JOHN FAULKNER'S
HOUSE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"I wish to inform you that this matter is being investigated an a report will be available for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council."

1806 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL REPLACE A WALL CONTINUOUSLY BEING KNOCKED BY PASSING TRAFFIC AT (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"This refers to a wall on minor C.R. 134. The maintenance of the wall is the landowners responsibility and the County Council have no responsibility therein. The wall is being damaged by vehicles that is a matter between landowner and vehicle owners."

1807 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL FILL THE POTHOLES ON THE TOOREENEY ROAD, MOYCULLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The potholes have now been filled on the Tooreeney Road, Moycullen."

1808 - THAT "CAUTION CHILDREN CROSSING" SIGNS BE ERECTED AT BALLINAKILL,

MOYGLASS AND DRIM NATIONAL SCHOOLS AND THAT A SIGNPOST FOR

MOYGLASS VILLAGE BE ERECTED NEAR HENRY DUGGAN'S HOUSE, BALLINAKILL:

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The signposts requested will be erected later in the year if the financial situation allows."

1809 - THAT A "NO DUMPING" SIGN BE ERECTED AT THE ENTRANCE TO MICHAEL RYAN'S LAND AT COTTAGE HILL, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"An inspection has revealed that a "No Dumping" sign is not warranted at this location."

1810 - THAT A SIGNPOST FOR BALLYMANA BE ERECTED ON THE N.6 AT WEST BRIDGE, LOUGHREA, AND ALSO AT CLOSTOKEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The signposts requested will be erected later in the year if the financial situation allows."

#### 1811 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Kevin Hays, former Senior Executive Engineer with the Council, who had died recently. All the Members paid tribute to Mr. Hays and associated themselves with the vote of sympathy. The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, associated himself with the vote of sympathy.

Votes of sympathy were also passed with the following:

The Keane Family, Cartron, Kinvara.
The Kavanagh Family, Caherellian, Kinvara.
Mrs. Robert McTigue & Family, Carrowgarriff, Kinvara.
Mr. Patrick Linnane, Killamoran, Gort.
The Cavanagh Family, Moy, Kinvara.
Mr. Martin Fallon, Turloughmore.
Mr. Michael Cavanagh, Turloughmore.

Mr. Billy Walsh, c/o Walsh's Bar, Dominick Street, Galway. Mr. Michael Lee, Moycullen.

#### 1812 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS:

The Members passed a vote of Congratulations with Stephen Roche on winning the Tour de France.

#### 1813 - CORRESPONDENCE:

The following copies of correspondence were circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (1) Copy of letter dated 23rd June, 1987, from the Office of the Minister for Industry and Commerce, Dublin 2, re Frozen Foods Factory at Esker, Banagher (Green Isle), being kept in production.
- (2) Copy of letter dated 7th July, 1987, from Department of Agriculture and Food, regarding the Green Isle Frozen Foods Factory at Banagher.

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- (3) Copy of letter from Tralee Urban District Council regarding a request to the Government to call on the British Government to repatriate all Irish Political prisoners without delay.
- (4) Copy of letter dated 16th July, 1987, from Kilrush Urban District Council re the following:

"That the Minister for the Environment be requested to arrange more frequent driver testing."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBHITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

MINDS 1987 DATE

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

7u la Lunasa, 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 14u la Lunasa, 1987, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN, Runai.

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#### A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Feeney of Ballinaboy, Errislannon, Clifden, for a dwellinghouse at Ballinaboy. Planning Ref. No. 52764.

Padraic McCormack. John M. Mannion. Tom Welby.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mairtin O'Griofa (Colin), Scrib, Camus, Co. na Gaillimhe. - Planning Ref. No. 54321."

Nioclas O'Conchubhair. M. O'Morain. Mark Killilea.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby direct the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Michael Healy at Gortadooey, Claregalway.

- Planning Ref. No. 54693."

Mark Killilea. Tom Welby. John Molloy.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council hereby direct the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Brian Crowe at Cregboy. - Planning Ref. No. 54684."

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. Michael Kitt. Tom Welby.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. John Sullivan, The Square, Gort, for retention of Funeral Parlour on a revised site at Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 53218."

Michael Fahy. Matt Loughnane. Tom Welby. Noel Treacy.

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 Mrs. Margaret West, c/o Liam Clarke, Sky Road, Clifden, for the erection of a dwellinghouse at Aughrusmore, Cleggan. - Planning Ref. No. 54705."

John M. Mannion. Jarlath McDonagh. Tom Welby.

7. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Catherine French for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Camus Eighter. - Planning Ref. No.

Thomas Welby. Matt Loughnane. Patrick Finnegan.

- 8. Material Contravention of Development Plan Application for Planning Permission for alteration and extensions to Glenloe Abbey, conversion of same to hotel and construction of septic tank in the Townland of Kentfield Applicant: Drumtry Limited, Glenloe Abbey. Planning Ref. No.
- 9. Section 39.(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976. (Copy attached)
- 10. Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Cost/Benefit Study. (Consultants will attend at 4.00 p.m.)

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON 14TH AUGUST, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager;
P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager;
J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager;
P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh,
Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); Miss
C. Burke, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh,
Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

#### 1814 - RETIREMENT OF MR. PETER KEARNS:

The Chairman informed the Members that Mr. Kearns was attending his last meeting before his retirement. The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. Kearns for the long and dedicated service which he had given to Local Government and particularly since he came to Galway. He wished Mr. Kearns a long and happy retirement with his wife and family.

All the members present joined in the tributes to Mr. Kearns. The members thanked Mr. Kearns for the fact that he had always made himself available to meet them and listen to their problems. Members also spoke of Mr. Kearns work in Ballinasloe and Galway City in areas such as Housing, etc. The County Manager joined with the Members in the good wishes to Mr. Kearns and he thanked Mr. Kearns for the assistance he had given to him over the years and the good work he had done. Mr. Howlett and Mr. Flood also paid tribute to Mr. Kearns and wished him a long and happy retirement. On behalf of the Press, Bernie Ni Fhlaithearta thanked Mr. Kearns for his assistance to them over the years.

Mr. Kearns thanked everybody for the tributes paid to him and the good wishes for his retirement. He said that he came to Galway in 1971 and since then, he had got great co-operation from all the Members and Staff. He had worked in Ballinasloe U.D.C., Galway Corporation, as well as the County Council, and had a very good relationship with the Members and had accompanied a number of them to Conferences.

#### 1815 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Councillor J. Molloy on the death of his mother. This was seconded by Councillor Killilea and the Meeting then adjourned for a short while.

#### 1816 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of congratulations was passed to the Galway Minor Camogie Team on winning the All-Ireland Championship.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING ON THE 14TH AUGUST, 1987.

1817 - 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 of the Council:

#### "LOCATION:

The site is located on the lower Errislannin Road approximately 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 is unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

The applicant was requested to dig a trial hole lm x lm x 2m deep but he was only able to excavate to a depth of 600 mm due to the presence of outcropping rock on the site. In addition, the soil is marshy with very poor percolation qualities and the Chief Medical Officer has recommended that the proposal should be refused on public health grounds.

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 has 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.

#### 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.

#### 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."

Councillor Mannion proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. Councillor Ryan seconded the resolution.

The County Engineer said that the site was located in an area of outstanding scenic amenity. The site consists mainly of outcropping rock with a stream running through it and was unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent and the Chief Medical Officer recommended that the application be refused on public health grounds. Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused but there was no seconder.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1818 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54321 - APPLICANT: MAIRTIN O'GRIOFA:

The Chairman said that he had been asked by Senator O'Conchubhair to propose that this resolution be deferred to the Council Meeting on the 24th August. This was agreed.

1819 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54693:
APPLICANT: MICHAEL HEALY:

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 on a minor roadway approximately 1 mile from the Loughgeorge/Corrandulla Road.

#### PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 44865: Permission granted for dwellinghouse to Mr. Michael Healy.

Ref. No. 53025: Permission refused for workshop to Mr. Michael Healy.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposal is to locate a carpentry workshop measuring 42 ft. x 22 ft. in the rear garden of a dwellinghouse which adjoins another dwellinghouse in a rural area. While the project is of small size and may only employ one or two people, it is the experience that considerable nuisance can arise from the noise and general activity associated with such an undertaking. It is advisable to have such

buildings located at least 150 metres away from dwellinghouses in rural areas. Even agricultural storage buildings are not regarded as exempted development if they are within 100 metres of a dwellinghouse unlss the written consent of the householder is obtained.

The present proposal would be less than 30 metres from the adjoining dwellinghouse, would necessitate a relocation of the existing septic tank drainage system and would be situated a substandard distance from the new drainage location.

The applicant discussed the proposal with the Planning Officers some months ago and was advised to seek an alternative site nearby as the nearest house to the north was approximately is mile away. Although, there was a subsequent indication that such a site was being sought, it would appear that the attempt was unsuccessful.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

Councillor Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the Workshop was for a carving, polishing and upholstering business for the applicant. There would be no machinery or noise and no interference with anybody. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby.

The County Engineer said that the building would be located over the percolation area of the existing septic tank which would have to be relocated and could not be done satisfactorily. He said the building was described as a woodwork Workshop measuring 42 ft. by 22 ft. and was not that small. Councillor Killilea said that the existing septic tank arrangements would not have to be altered and that the Workshop would have to be big enough to store items.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1820 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54684
- APPLICANT: BRIAN CROWE:

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

#### "LOCATION:

The site is located on the Claregalway/Oranmore National Secondary Road approximately 0.5 miles south of Claregalway.

#### HISTORY:

No previous planning applications on this site.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is realigned section of National Secondary Road where the maximum speed limit applies and which is a Class I Control Route in County Development Plan. The creation of a new access onto this National Road would be likely to give rise to a traffic hazard. From applicant's submission, it would appear that no special housing need exists.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 Secondary 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 for heavy traffic.
  - (b) protect the public investment in the National Road network.
- (2) The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan, Chapter 25.A, which limits housing development along this road to those where essential housing need exists, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

Councillor Killilea proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby.

The County Engineer pointed out that the site was on a realigned section of the National Secondary Road, between Claregalway and Oranmore where the maximum speed limit applies. He said that this road carried Class 1 Control under the County Development Plan which applied the same restrictions as a National Primary Road. No special housing need was substantiated. The County Engineer said that the road was realigned for the convenience of traffic and road users and he objected at its use for housing development.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused. This was seconded by Councillor J. Burke who asked about the position in relation to the agreement between the parties in relation to Section 4s on National routes. He asked the Secretary to write to the parties to ascertain if the agreement was still in operation. Councillor Killilea said that he did not realise that the road in question was under Class 1 Control. The Chairman asked the Secretary to write to the Party Whips in relation to the agreement.

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, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

(18)

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

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1821 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT APPLICANT: JOHN SULLIVAN:

The County stated that investigations were not completed in relation to this application and asked that consideration of

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the resolution be deferred to the August Monthly Meeting. This was agreed.

1822 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54705 - APPLICANT: MRS. MARGARET WEST:

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 Aughrus More on the Claddaghduff peninsula approximately 1 mile west of Sweeneys Post Office. It is located to the south of the road and immediately adjacent to the sea-shore.

#### PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 51277: Permission was refused to Mrs. West by the Planning Authority on visual amenity and public health grounds. Permission was refused on appeal by An Bord Pleanala on visual amenity grounds.

Ref. No. 53120: A similar application was again refused by the Planning Authority on visual amenity and public health grounds.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site of the proposed development is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity immediately adjacent to the shore. Although Mrs. West has an address at Cleggan, this is a holiday address and her residence is in fact at 14 Pembroke Lane, Dublin 4. Mrs. West wishes to retire to the area.

The site is immdiately adjacent to the shore and the proposal would involve the location of a septic tank and percolation area approximately 250 ft. from the shore. The septic tank and percolation area would be outside the site of the application.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

- 1. The proposed development is located in 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 adjacent to the sea shore in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity 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.
- 3. The septic tank and percolation area would be located within 300 ft. of the seashore which is contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and public health requirements and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Mannion. He said that Mrs. West intended setting up an English Language School for foreign students. The site would be screened and it was an exceptionally good drainage area. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby.

The County Engineer pointed out that the site was located in an area of outstanding scenic amenity immediately adjacent to the sea shore. The septic tank and percolation area would be outside the site of the application.

Councillor Brennan said that the Council is often criticised for causing pollution and therefore, he proposed that the application be refused. 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:

Cllr. U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

(21)

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

(3)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

- RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT APPLICANT: MRS. CATHERINE FRENCH:

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 Camus Eighter on the roadway leading from Costello to Screeb.

## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an open moorland landscape in an area where there is no other development. It is an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity as set out in the County Development Plan. The applicant has an address in England, but is from the Camus area and has been left this site. She has not indicated her family lands or the location of the family dwellinghouse but states that this site is the only land which she has a legal interest in. She wishes to retire to the Camus area.

The site consists of typical Connemara bogland and has a stream bounding the site on the southern boundary. This stream would be approximately 50 metres from the septic tank drainage system. The Chief Medical Officer has indicated that the site is not suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

## RECOMMENDATION:

1. The site proposed to be developed consists of waterlogged bogland and is bounded by a stream and is totally unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent

and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard.

2. The proposed development would be located in an open exposed moorland landscape which is almost totally devoid of development in an area of outstanding scenic amenity and would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and the proposed development, if permitted, would seriously 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 the applicant was from the locality and her mother had sold the remainder of the holding. He said all the land in the area was of poor quality and he understood that the County Development Plan made provision for local applicants. He said that the septic tank could be sited further away and that the land at Lough Innagh where Permission had been granted for development, was of no better quality. Councillor J. Molloy seconded the resolution.

The County Engineer said that the site was located in an open moorland landscape in an area of outstanding scenic amenity where there was no other development. The septic tank drainage system would be located approximately 50 metres from a stream on the site which could be polluted. The County Medical Officer had indicated that the site was not suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

Councillor Welby proposed that a decision be deferred to the Planning Meeting in September and this was agreed.

Councillor J. Burke asked the position about the Study being undertaken by I.I.R.S. in relation to septic tanks in Connemara. The County Engineer replied that the I.I.R.S. had recently produced a plan to the Council of a proposed Treatment System. This would be tested in a new County Council house and the results would be known after 12 months. He said that the if the proposal was successful, it would not be too expensive to provide.

1824 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN - APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ALTERATION AND EXTENSIONS TO GLENLOE ABBEY, CONVERSION OF SAME TO HOTEL AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEPTIC TANK IN THE TOWNLAND OF KENTFIELD - APPLICANT: DRUMTRY LIMITED, PLANNING REF. NO. 54094:

The County Manager explained that the Golf Course, part of the development, did not require Planning Permission. The Planning Application was for the alteration and extension of the existing building and conversion of same to hotel and construction of septic tank. He said that in dealing with a Planning Application, the Council must first consider the proper planning and development of the area and the second consideration is the provisions of the County Development Plan. In dealing with the Planning Application, the Planning Officer was satisfied that the development conformed with the proper planning and development of the area. However, the hotel aspect of the development was not fully substantiated as required by the provisions of the County Development Plan, and this was how the Material Contravention arose. The County Manager said that the Hotel was discreetly located where the existing building stood and that the hotel building also supplied the Clubhouse requirements. However, Planning Permission could not be granted without the approval of the Council by resolution. Councillor Killilea said that the County Plan should be reviewed otherwise no development would take place outside the City boundary. He said that the Planning Authority had turned down a good housing development opposite the site of the present application. He said that both lands looked the same and it could appear that one development was being favoured against another. He proposed that the Plan be examined with particular reference to areas outside the City which would be suitable for development.

Deputy Kitt said that a review of the Development Plan would take a long time, and therefore, the present application and the Review of the Plan should be dealt with separately. Deputy Kitt then proposed that a decision to grant Permission be made to Drumtry Limited for the development of lands in the townland of Kentfield, Planning Register Number 54094, which development materially contravened the Development Plan for the County of Galway.

Deputy Molloy said that he had previously proposed that Permission be granted. He said that there was a new section incorporated in the 1976 Planning Act which authorised the Council to grant Permission which would materially contravene the Development Plan. Prior to that, such Permission could only be granted with the consent of the Minister. He said there had been a long hold-up in processing the application and that it was not a major contravention. He said it was a very desirable development and would be well fitted into the existing buildings on the site, and that it would be a retrograde step not to make an immediate decision to grant Permission. Councillor McHugh seconded Deputy Kitt's proposal. He said his previous opposition to the application was that it appeared that the Council was giving preference to one applicant as against another. He agreed with Councillor Killilea that the Development Plan should be re-examined.

The County Manager said that the trust of some of the statements by the Members was that there was pressure for development outside the City and that this was not so. There was adequate land available for development inside the City boundary and there was no question of the Council providing services outside. The County Manager said that the application before the Council was a completely different development from the housing development which had been mentioned.

Councillor Joyce said that he was always in favour of the application but wished to get more information and had asked a number of questions at the Council Meeting in Loughrea. He was concerned that all applications would get a fair hearing.

Councillor Glynn said that the Council had just completed a review of the Plan and there was no point in starting another review. The County Manager said that the Council had spent a long time reviewing the Plan and that a further review did not have to be completed for about three years.

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried unanimously and said that the question of a Review of the Plan would be put on the Agenda for the next Planning Meeting.

1825 - SECTION 39.(d) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT)
ACT, 1976:

The Chairman decided to defer this matter to the Monthly Meeting of the Council in August.

## 1826 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE - COST/BENEFIT STUDY:

The Chairman introduced to the Council, Mr. P.A. O hEocha, Mr. H. Warde, and Mr. P. Massey, of De Leuw, Chadwick, and O hEocha, who had carried out the Cost/Benefit Study on the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge.

Mr. O hEocha said that his firm was privileged to have been asked to do the Study and he was pleased to be able to explain the findings to the Members. Mr. O hEocha said that he would like to explain the constraints under which his team worked. He read out the terms of reference laid down by Galway County Council and which appear on Page 2 of the Report. He said that in carrying out the Study, they followed well established accepted practices in the various disciplines involved in the Study. He said that the Study could be divided into three main areas as follows:

- (a) Traffic;
- (b) Engineering;
- (c) Cost/benefit in economic terms.

In order to base the Study on a firm footing, accepted and tried methodologies were followed.

Mr. O hEocha said that under the heading of traffic, the relevant guidelines followed included -

- (a) "Traffic Engineering Techniques" issued by the Ministry of Transport.
- (b) "Expansion Factors for short period traffic counts" issued by An Foras Forbartha.

Under the heading Engineering, they followed normal good practice which included -

- (a) Preliminary Investigation of foundations and water depths for the crossing;
- (b) Preliminary Investigation of possible suitable bridge type and Causeway for the crossing;
- (c) Preliminary Investigation and calculation of costing of bridge types and approach roads for the crossing.

Costings were based on costs of completed similar works including bridges carried out by his own firm in Ireland.

Under the heading, Cost Benefit, the relevant guidelines followed included -

- (a) Population projections based on standard survivership model used by the Department of the Environment.
- (b) The macroeconomic forecasts based on the latest available information.
- (c) Car ownership forecasts based on the prediction model used by An Foras Forbartha in its forecasts 1995-2005.

Mr. O hEocha said that the value of the benefits was based on the standard practices used in such Studies. These had been established in a number of Studies in the United Kingdom and have also been accepted for all similar Studies in this country. The socio-economic aspects were examined based on information included in the recent Study of the Western Regional Development Organisation.

Mr. O hEocha referred to the navigation clearance required by the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees. He said the Study assumed a 20 foot clearance above summer level, and if a greater clearance was required, it would add to the Capital cost of the project. Mr. O hEocha then briefly went through the conclusions of the Study which are set out in the Report.

The following points and questions were then put by the Members.

- (a) On the date the Count was taken, there were no Marts in operation and no tourist traffic.
- (b) In view of the low traffic volume projected, why was it necessary to recommend such a wide bridge.
- (c) No mention was made of the advantage a bridge would provide for water sports.
- (d) The locations of the traffic counts were questionable.
- (e) The benefits to tourism, fishing, agriculture, etc., were not quantified.
- (f) Why use only a 20 year life span for the bridge.
- (g) The statement in the report in relation to Mart facilites was not acceptable.
- (h) Was the option of a smaller bridge with a swing open facility costed.
- (i) That the proposed river crossing was unique and could not be compared with other bridges.
- (j) That the conclusions were based on forecasts and projections and that in the past, some forecasts had to be changed.
- (k) A major item missing from the Report was an evaluation of the social benefits the bridge would provide, and was there any way these could be quantified?
- (1) The interview method might not have been the best for this particular survey and the home interview method might have given a more positive result.
- (m) That the report seemed to be looking for reasons to knock the proposal rather than to be positive.
- (n) The advantage of the bridge to Tuam and North Galway was not considered.
- (o) Why a single lane low level bridge with traffic lights was not considered as an option.
- (p) That a one-day survey was insufficient. The statement that the bridge would not create any additional activity was questionable.
- (q) Was a Toll Bridge considered?

Mr. O hEocha then replied to some of the questions raised. He said he first of all wished to clarify what he had said about the constraints under which he had to work. What he meant was the constraints in the methodology which had to be used in Studies of this kind, and he was not referring to constraints in the Terms of Reference. He said that the technique used ensured that the results of Studies are uniform for all Studies. Referring to the one-day Study, he said that this was quite a legitimate way of doing a Study of

this kind. The Foras Forbartha document which he referred to allowed for expansion factors to make projections from Counts carried out at certain times of the year and this was in accordance with National Standards. The expansion factors used were for rural tourist routes. As regards the suggestion that a two-lane bridge was not necessary, Mr. O hEocha said that a single lane bridge could cost between 60% and 70% of the two-lane structure and would still not give an economic return. If traffic lights were used on the bridge, this would put a time constraint on traffic and reduce the benefits and if a lifting bridge was used, this would add a further constraint and reduce the time saving further. A lifting bridge would involve the use of plant of high Capital value with running costs. He said that the 20 year life span used in the Study was the accepted life span used in these Studies. Mr. O hEocha agreed that forecasts and projections do have to be changed and he mentioned the fall in car ownership in recent years which was of relevance. Mr. O hEocha referred to the suggestions that the report set out to knock the proposed bridge. He said that this was certainly not the case and he would not come to any conclusion without scientific reasons. He said that during the Study, his Firm did not try to work out the lowest cost crossing because the results were so negative. It could have been considered if the results were encouraging.

Mr. Ward then addressed the Members. He went into more detail about the fact that the survey was carried out in October. He said that the Foras Forbartha document was based on a large number of counts carried out over a number of years and allowed for all the different factors and was acceptable. He said that one-day count was not unusual. He said that the mid trip interview was the most convenient and probably the most efficient, and that the home interview method would have given much the same result. He said that the location of the count positions were very carefully chosen to ensure that everybody who might possibly use the bridge were included. As regards farm traffic and absence of Marts, he said that people from Connemara at present have two routes to Marts and the bridge would provide a third route. The bridge would not provide the same benefit for all and would provide the greatest benefit only for those living at either end of the bridge. He explained how the estimated number of potential users was arrived at and referred to the Tables set out in the Report.

Mr. Massey then addressed the Council. He said that the reason why no allowance was given for increased agricultural activity was because of E.E.C. agricultural policies and the introduction of quotas which restricted agricultural development. In regard to the suggestion that the bridge would be beneficial in attracting new industry. Mr. Massey said that the main concern of such industry would be to secure easy access either to main traffic routes or urban centres or major ports, and that the bridge would not help in this respect. In relation to tourism, he said that the tourists who would use the bridge would be those who are already in the area. He also said that it was standard practice to use a 20 year life span as a base for the Study and that a longer life span would not greatly change the result. He said that projections were made on the basis of the best information available and that the bridge failed by so much to be viable that even in any better economic climate, it still would not be viable. He said that where there was doubt in any area, the benefit of the doubt was given in favour of the bridge. On the question of social benefits, Mr. Massey said that these could not be objectively evaluated in monetary terms. He said that the history of some Capital projects in this country shows that they have failed to yield sufficient return and that the reality for using Cost/Benefit Studies is to decide how best to spend scarce resources. He said that the bridge

project failed to justify itself by a substantial margin. Mr. Massey said that even if extra weight was given to the matters mentioned by the various Councillors, the sums may be different but the conclusions would be the same.

The Chairman thanked Messrs O hEocha, Ward, and Massey, for coming to the Meeting and addressing the Members, and said that a decision would be taken at the next Meeting.

#### 1827 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Grealish & Family, Tuam Road, Castlegar, Galway. Mrs. Claire Staunton & Family, Kylemore Cottage, Leenane.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

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28 in Moon Jomban 1987 DATE

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

18u la Lunasa, 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, 24u la Lunasa, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH, Runai Sealadach.

#### AGENDA

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mairtin O'Griofa (Colin), Scrib, Camus, Co. na Gaillimhe.

- Planning Ref. No. 54321."

Nioclas O'Conchubhair. M. O'Morain. Mark Killilea.

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 Mr. John Sullivan, The Square, Gort, for retention of Funeral Parlour on a revised site at Gort. - Planning Ref. No. 53218."

Michael Fahy. Matt Loughnane. Tom Welby. Noel Treacy. Joe Lambert.

#### Other Business:

- 3. Consideration of Minutes of Monthly Meeting of County Council held on the 27th July, 1987.
- 4. Overdraft for quarter ending 31st December, 1987.
- Raising of loans for Special Contributions for Group Water Supply Schemes as follows:
  - (a) Lisheenavalla Group Water Supply Scheme 960
    (b) Newtown, Moycullen Group Water Supply Scheme 200,300
    (c) Farnablake No. 2, Athenry Group Water Supply Scheme 1,140
- 6. Raising of loan of £125,800 for extension to Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme Stage 2.
- 7. Raising of loan of £27,000 for replacement of 2 Library Vans.

- 8. Sale of sites at Moycullen to the following:
  - (a) Eamon Conneely Section 83 Notice dated 13/8/'87.
  - (b) Seamus & Lillian Maye Section 83 Notice dated 13/8/'87.
  - (c) Sean & Mary Gibbons Section 83 Notice dated 23/8/'87
- 9. Priority List for Public Lighting List attached.
- 10. Lettermore Water Supply Scheme.
- 11. Belmont Group Water Supply Scheme.
- 12. Naming of Council Housing Estate at Headford as "Castle View".
- 13. Section 39.(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976. (Copy attached).
- 14. Meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee of the 5 Connaught Counties and County Donegal on 4th September, 1987, in Carrick-on-Shannon.
- 15. Letter from Commissioners of Irish Lights re Light at Omey Island.
- 16. Malicious Injury Decrees List herewith.
- 17. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

18. That the County Council take immediate steps to alleviate . flooding position for long persistent at Kiniska.(Details supplied)

<u>DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT AND COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN</u> - We will propose:

19. That Galway County Council cover over a dangerous gullet at Kennedy's Shop, Cappataggle.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH - I will propose:

20. That the County Council clear the drain along the roadside at Mossfort, Caherlistrane, to prevent flooding at John Faulkner's house.

## (b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

- 21. That the County Council replace immediately traffic sign at Ballybanagher, Corofin. (Details supplied)
- 22. That the County Council erect hard shoulder at Claregalway. (Details supplied)
- 23. That the County Council take much needed and long overdue steps to alleviate serious flooding situation pertaining at Turloughmore. (Details supplied)

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH - I will propose:

- 24. That the Galway County Council put tarmac surface on the footpath from Bridge Street (starting at bridge) up to the New Cemetery as this footpath is used by all the people in the town when they are going to the Cemetery and for walks.
- 25. That the Galway County Council remove the grass margin from the road outside the graveyard at Craughwell as there is no room for any cars to park there, when there is a funeral.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose:

26. That Galway County Council provide signs showing the village of Coill Rua.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will ask:

- 27. Galway County Council how many (a) Water, (b) Environment pollution complaints were received in 1985-1986, also how many of these complaints were brought through the Courts.
- 28. The total amount of (a) travelling, (b) subsistence monies paid to each County Councillor for attendance at County Council Meetings, travelling abroad, sub-committee meetings, etc., from June 1983 to June 1985.
- 29. That Galway County Council to urgently investigate the cause of pollution in the Tuam region as reported in the recent Water Pollution report issued by An Foras Forbartha.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

30. To grant a water supply to Cloughballymore Group Water Scheme from Clarenbridge Regional Water Scheme.

## COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

- 31. That Galway County Council would surface dress the Clooniffe and Annagh Roads, Moycullen, as they are in a bad state.

  Money for this work was retained from the Grants to the completed group water scheme in the area. I would also ask that the briars be cut on both these roads.
- 32. That Galway County Council replace the permanent rubbish bins at the Dervera Wood carpark in Glann, Oughterard, which were recently removed.

## COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

- 33. That this Council use compulsory powers to acquire a section of commonage for extension to the Lettermornacoila Burial Ground which is urgently required.
- 34. That this Council improve a dangerous bend on the N.59 Road in front of Dr. Cotter's residence at Claremount, Oughterard, which is the scene of some bad accidents.
- 35. Has a plan been prepared for the improvement of the road passing by the Old People's house at Clifden. I was promised in '85 that such a plan would be produced for the changes so as to prevent motorists speeding on this road.

## <u>DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:</u> - I will propose:

36. That repairs be carried out to the Runnymede Road, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe.

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37. That the Clooncalliga road be re-surfaced and hedges cut back on this road from Moylough Pitch out to the Moylough/Mountbellew Road.

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE. (GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings, Prospect Hill, GALWAY.

13th August, 1987.

### TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

## RE: PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT MOYCULLEN.

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### FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

PERSONS TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD.	SITE NO.	AREA OF PLOT/ HECTARES.	PURCHASE PRICE.
Eamonn Conneely	27	0.034 Hectares	£1,267
Seamus & Lillian Maye	29	0.033 Hectares	£1,267

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)

County Buildings Prospect Hill, GALWAY. \_\_\_\_\_

23rd July, 1987. \_\_\_\_\_

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Sean Gibbons & Mary Gibbons.

0.037 Hectares. £1,267 30

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E. Gleeson COUNTY SECRETARY.

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RueusT	Amount of Decree including costs.	£304.50	£1,308.75	105		
Æ	Amount of Claim	£300	1,200			
DECREES	Area of Charge	County at Large	County at large			
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	Particulars of Claim	Damage to Neon Sign outside shop premises	Damage to property			
	Name and Address	Teresa O'Flaherty, 7 Plunkeett Avenue, Mervue, Galway.	Mark Mulkerrin, 2 New Road, Galway.			

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH AUGUST, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Members:

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke,
J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor
M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F.Glynn, Senator T.
Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea,
Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert,
M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack,
Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, 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 S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, F. Monahan, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

### 1828 - <u>VOTE OF SYMPATHY</u>:

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Tony Smyth, Director, R.D.O. and his family on the recent of his wife Philomena. The members and the County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy to Mr. Smyth and his family.

. A vote of sympathy was also passed to Mrs Conlon and Family, Kilcolgan, on the death of her husband.

1829 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54321 - APPLICANT: MAIRTIN O'GRIOFA.

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

### "LOCATION:

The site is located on the Maam Cross to Screeb road, approximately 4 mile north from the junction with the road at Costello.

### PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 53023: A similar application was refused by the Planning Authority on visual amenity and public health grounds.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed site is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity in open moorland landscape which has no other development. There is no natural screening and the proposed development would be visually obtrusive and would detract from the scenic amenities of the area.

The site has poor drainage qualities and the Chief Medical Officer has reported that the site is not suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

The applicant has indicated a large area of lands as belonging to his family and there are locations where the Planning Authority consider that a dwellinghouse could be satisfactorily located. One such location was suggested to the applicant by a letter which accompanied the previous refusal decision, but apparently, that location is not acceptable to the applicant.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would be located in an exposed and unrelieved location in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and would, if permitted, be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which could 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 consists of waterlogged bogland and 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."

Senator O'Conchubhair proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Mannion.

The County Engineer drew attention to some of the points made in the report. He said that the site was located in an area of outstanding scenic amenity in open moorland landscape. He also said that the site had poor drainage qualities and the Chief Medical Officer had reported that the site was not suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

Councillor J. Burke said that there may be a solution to the septic tank problem in Connemara in a short time and that therefore the applicant should await these developments. He proposed that the application be refused. There was no seconder. The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1830 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53218

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

### "LOCATION OF SITE

The site is located in the town of Gort, to the rear of Sullivans Hotel, The Square, Gort.

### PLANNING HISTORY

Ref. No. 45878: Permission granted for a funeral home on this site to this applicant.

## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Planning permission was granted for a funeral home on this site in September, 1983, subject to 5 no. conditions. Two site in September, 1983, subject to 5 no. conditions. Two of the said conditions were not complied with when the building was completed and an inspection by the Planning Department with a view to prosecution also revealed that the building with a view to prosecution also revealed that the building was not in accordance with the design lodged and not located where permitted on site. It was in fact built over the Public Sewer. This present application is an effort to regularise the situation.

Further information was sought relating to works proposed for the protection of the public sewer. The applicant's reply was not satisfactory as it indicated a depth of cover which did not agree with the engineering drawings of the sewerage scheme and it did not indicate any special reinforcing beneath the building.

An extension of time was agreed so as to enable us to carry out a survey of the sewer by means of a TV camera. This has just been completed and has indicated damage directly beneath the funeral parlour where it seems that a section of 150 mm pipe has been laid to replace the larger diameter 225 mm pipe.

The existing situation whereby a section of the public sewer is substandard cannot be allowed to continue and it will necessitate a re-routing of the public sewer around the building as soon as possible. This will have to be surveyed, designed and costed and until such time as this is done Permission for retention of this unauthorised development should not be granted.

### RECOMMENDATION.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The development would constitute a public health hazard because the building is located above a public sewer which has been partly obstructed, has inadequate cover and in respect of which no special construction measures have been taken to ensure that further damage will not take place."

The County Engineer said that the applicant was granted planning permission for a funeral home subject to a number of conditions. Two of the conditions were not complied with and in addition the building was not in accordance with the design lodged and was not located where permitted on the site. It had in fact been built over the public sewer and the sewer has been damaged. He recommended that the application be refused until such time as agreement is reached as to how the damage will be rectified.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda and that the applicant be asked to meet the Council's requirements in re-directing the sewer. He said that Mr. Sullivan had carried out a lot of development in Gort, given a lot of employment and also facilitated the County Council and provided a large carpark. He agreed that the applicant should be responsible for the cost of re-directing the sewer if such was required. The resolution was seconded by Councillor M. Killilea.

The County Manager said that this was a serious case, and that apart from the applicant building over the public sewer which was not remitted the sewer had been damaged. He said that the applicant will first of all have to rectify the sewer problem and then re-submit his planning application. Councillor J. Burke and Brennan agreed that the County Manager's proposal was reasonable and asked Councillor Fahy to withdraw the resolution. Councillor Fahy said that he would withdraw the motion and asked that the matter be resolved by 1st October next. The County Manager replied that the Council would advise the applicant what was required and it was up to the applicant to comply. The resolution was regarded as withdrawn.

### 1831 - MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt the minutes of the County Council Meeting held on 27th July, 1987, was approved and signed by the Chairman.

1832 - SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

Councillor Killilea proposed that standing orders be suspended in order to discuss the situation regarding the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge which he said should have been on the Agenda.

The Chairman said that the question of the Bridge would be on the Agenda for the next Planning Meeting by which time the minutes of the Meeting at which the Bridge was discussed would be circulated.

1833 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1987.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor U. Burke and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of overdraft amounting to £3million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 31st December, 1987, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

1834 - RAISING OF LOANS FOR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £960 from the Office of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister for a special contrib-

ution towards increased pipe sizes in the case of the Lisheenavalla Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved."

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £200,300 from the Office of Public Works for a special contribution towards increased pipe sizes and headworks for the Newtown Group Water Supply Scheme, Moycullen, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

It was proposed by Councillor Killilea, seconded by Councillor Lynch and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,140 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 the Farnablake No. 2, Athenry Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

In relation to the Moycullen Group Water Scheme, the Acting County Secretary stated that the contribution was a very substantial figure and that while the Council was agreeing to raise the loan, it could not guarantee when the Council would be able to pay instalments of the contribution as they become due.

1835 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £125,000 FOR EXTENSION TO MID-GALWAY REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME -STAGE 2.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of as loan of £125,800 from the Office of Public Works for an extension to the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme - Stage 2, the loan to be repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved by the Minister."

In reply to Deputy Kitt, Mr. Howlett confirmed that the extension would facilitate group schemes serving Tiaquin, Attymon and Killimordaly.

1835 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £27,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF TWO LIBRARY VANS.

> It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Mannion and resolved that subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £27,000 for the replacement of 2 library vans, the loan to be obtained from the Office of Public Works or such other source as may be approved by the Minister and repaid over such period and at such interest rate as may be approved.

In reply to Councillor McHugh, the County Manager explained that the two existing vans were over 9 years old and in very poor condition. He said that the vans were used to stock branch libraries, schools etc.

### 1836 - SALE OF SITES AT MOYCULLEN

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of sites at Moycullen to the following in accordance with the terms of Notices dated 13/8/1987 and 23/7/1987 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each member:

- (a) Eamon Conneely
- (b) Seamus and Lillian Maye
- (c) Sean & Mary Gibbons

### 1837 - PRIORITY LIST FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING

Deputy Kitt proposed that the allocation of £20,000 in the estimates be allocated on an equal basis between the 11 Engineering areas as was done in 1986. This was seconded by Councillor McDonagh. Many Councillors made proposals for public lighting which were not on the list circulated. Reference was made to the fact that according to the list, the Ballinasloe Area was not getting a fair allocation.

It was agreed that the allocation would be divided as equally as possible between the engineering areas and that Councillors could meet the Engineers and agree locations prior to the next planning meeting.

Councillor U. Burke referred to the provision of public lighting outside Churches. He said that the Church authorities have provided a light and asked if the Council would maintain it. The County Engineer said that the provision of public lighting outside churches is not serving the greatest need and a greater need exists in some small villages. Councillor Glynn felt that church authorities were in a position to provide their own lighting and that the Council should establish a policy in this respect. The County Manager said that a draft policy would be prepared for the next meeting.

## 1838 - LETTERMORE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Senator O'Conchubhair asked that this item be put on the Agenda as he wished to know if anything could be done to allow a group scheme connect to the Lettermore Water Supply Scheme.

The Acting Secretary read the following report:

"The long term solution to this problem would be provided by the Costelloe Regional Water Supply Scheme and would include an additional Reservoir at Lettermore of 1,000 cubic meters capacity.

In the short term a detailed investigation is being carried out to see if improvements can be made to the existing pumping plant to increase the capacity of the Scheme with a view to giving a connection to the Group. The Report will be available shortly."

## 1839 - BELMONT/KILCONLY GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

Councillor Glynn asked that this item be put on the AgendA because of the pollution of the source of the scheme.

The Acting Secretary read the following report:

"This Scheme was completed in 1977 and consisted of 100 houses, 24 in County Mayo. The source is a shallow well and was approved subject to chlorination.

In July 1980 a report was received from the County Medical Officer stating that the water was polluted and not suitable as a source of drinking water. The most likely source of pollution was silage effluent and the Group Scheme organisers were informed of this. Several subsequent reports from the County Medical Officer indicated that the water was still unsuitable for human consumption and the Group was advised to boil the water before use.

In December 1984 the Group advised us that they were seeking an alternative source, perhaps joining the Milltown North East Group Water Supply Scheme. In 1985 the Department of the Environment requested the Council to carry out yield tests on the source of the Milltown North East Group Water Supply Scheme. These tests were carried out in 1986 but the results showed that the yield was insufficient to supply the Belmont/ Kilconly Scheme. The Council's Environment Section has carried out tests in recent times on the Belmont/Kilconly sourse, but so far has failed to trace the cause of the pollution. The Group have searched for an alternative source but there is no easily detectable source in the area."

Councillor Glynn said that the source of the Scheme had been polluted in recent years and chlorination did not solve the problem. He said the group had failed to find an alternative source. Councillor J. Burke said that he was dissatisfied with the Council's performance in dealing with pollution complaints. He said he made a number of complaints and was not satisfied with the results and got better satisfaction from the Western Health Board.

The County Manager said that the Council was very keen on tracing causes of pollution and was prepared to co-operate fully with the Fisheries Board. However there were problems and it was not possible to police all farming and other activities to try and prevent pollution occurring. A recent circular from the Department of the Environment indicated that 70% of pollution was related to agricultural activities and silage pits which are exempted development under the Planning Acts are a major polluting factor. He said that the Council had taken proceedings in a number of cases, notices were served in other cases and there were other cases where the Council

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had not sufficient evidence to proceed.

Deputy Kitt asked about the fish kill on the Ballyhard River, Ballinasloe.

Mr. Howlett stated that the fish kill occurred on a weekend. As soon as the Council became aware of it, an investigation was carried out. He had also been in touch with the Chief Executive Officer of the Shannon Fisheries Board. The Board was having samples analysised and would keep in touch with this Council. Mr. Howlett said that if the Fisheries Board did not take the prosecution, Galway County Council would if sufficient evidence was available.

Councillor Killilea asked the Council to investigate the cause of pollution in Ballyquirke Lake, Moycullen. Councillor Ryan said that he had received complaints about the quality of the water in Tuam. Mr. Howlett explained that a lot of investigation had been carried out on the source of Tuam Supply. The supply was served by a number of springs, some of which became polluted and it was a question of trying to segregate those. The water was not unfit for human consumption and the Council had not made any statement to the contrary. There was a general discussion on pollution and the making of proper silage pits in order to exclude rain water.

1840 - NAMING OF NEW HOUSING ESTATE IN HEADFORD.

On the proposition of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Senator McCormack it was agreed that the Council Housing Estate in Headford be named "Castleview" as requested by the residents.

1841 - SECTION 39 (d) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOP-MENT) ACT, 1976.

Councillor Mannion had requested that this item be put on the agenda. He said that for the last number of months the County Manager had been seeking legal advice following the passing of Section 4 resolutions and was refusing to implement some Section 4s based on legal advice. He then read out paragraph (c) of sub-section 3 of Section 26 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 39 (d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976. Councillor Mannion was of the opinion that if paragraph (c) was operated, the County Manager would have no option but to grant permission following the passing of a Section 4 resolution.

The County Manager explained that paragraph (c) applied only in the case of a material contravention of the Plan and that the submission of a Section 4 resolution would not of itself make a grant of permission a material contravention. He mentioned a few cases where a material contravention arose in the past and where subparagraph (c) was operated. He said that if a Section 4 was submitted which would result in a material contravention, then paragraph (c) would be implemented.

Senator McCormack said that for whatever reason the County Manager refuses to implement a Section 4, the full reasons are not given to the members. The County Manager said that each application is examined on its merits. Decisions to refuse are made following advice from the Law Agent mainly on the grounds that the Council did not consider the proper planning and development of the area or because ground water would be polluted. The County Manager said that the letter which issues to the members could be revised in order to be more specific.

Councillor U. Burke said that the refusal by the County Manager

to implement a Section 4, prejudices an Bord Pleanala in dealing with an application. The County Manager explained that this was not the case as the Bord was obliged to consider the application afresh. Replying to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager said that it was his (County Manager) prerogative to decide what was a material contravention. He explained that a material contravention generally arose in urban areas where land is zoned for specific uses and generally outside of that it would involve a reasonably major development.

Councillor Loughnane said that Councillors usually make additional information available when dealing with Section 4s and some of the points made are not answered and the legal advice is not made available. The County Manager said that notes are taken of the points made by Councillors and relevant points are checked. He said the two main problem areas relate to the septic tanks, and specific traffic hazards. Councillor McHugh asked if the percentage of cases which were overruled by the Manager in the past six months could be made available. Councillor Killilea said that a lot depended on interpretation. Councillor U. Burke asked Mr. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, how he advised in relation to traffic hazards. Mr. O'Donoghue said that his job was not to advise as to whether it was or was not a traffic hazard but to advice as to whether the application was dealt with properly and that the proper planning and development of the area was considered. He said that in proposing a section 4 planning resolution, the Councillors role was not to represent their constituents as one member had suggested but instead were restricted to considering the proper planning and development of the Area. Mr. O'Donoghue said that he attended some meetings and in other cases he reads minutes or notes of meetings and reports made made available to the members. He said that if the members came to a decision contrary to the expert advice of the Council's professional staff, the members were not considering the proper planning and development of the area unless they had equally expert advice. Mr. O'Donoghue said that in some cases he had advised that the members had considered the proper planning and development of the area and had advised that permission be granted. Senator McCormack said that members often gave days agonising over Section 4 resolutions but Mr. O'Donoghue said that did not allow them to ignore the expert advice of the County Engineer, County Medical Officer or Chief Fire Officer. Councillor Ryan asked what consideration was given to a family who could not afford an alternative site. Mr. O'Donoghue replied that financial considerations could not be taken into account in considering proper planning and development. Councillor Welby proposed that a copy of the Solicitor's advice be given to the members proposing the section 4 resolution. Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail go raibh roinnt cinneadh pleanala neamh fhreagrach mar ceadaíodh cuid acu agus duiltíodh cuid eile. Mr. O'Donoghue said that there was an important judgement made this year in the Supreme Court. It meant that a planning authority could not make a decision different to a previous decision on a planning application unless there were substantial reasons for doing so. This meant that if an application was refused and an identical application was submitted supported by a Section 4 resolution, the latter application would also have to be refused. In reply to Councillor Mannion, Mr. O'Donoghue said that the question as to whether a development materially contravened the Plan was a decision for the County Manager. Deputy Kitt said that where applications were refused because of traffic hazard, the Council should advise as to how the traffic hazard problem could be overcome.

1842 - MEETING OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE OF THE FIVE CONNACHT COUNTIES AND COUNTY DONEGAL ON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 1987, IN CARRICK-ON-SHANNON.

On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Killilea, it was agreed -

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Walsh, it was agreed that Councillor Ryan be nominated to attend the Meeting also.

### 1843 - LIGHTING AT OMEY ISLAND:

Letter dated 4th August, 1987, from the Commissioners of Irish Lights regarding the provision of lighting at Omey Island was circulated to each Member. It was noted that the Commissioners of Irish Lights were not prepared to provide the lighting.

Councillor Killilea proposed that the Council provide the two lights requested. This was seconded by Senator McCormack. The County Engineer said that he was not prepared to change his previous recommendation which was that the lights not be provided. He said that the Council could be taking on liabilities for which they were not responsible and the Law Agent has advised accordingly. The County manager said that the proposal was a serious one which he would have to consider further.

### 1844 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with Item 16 on the Agenda were noted.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

1845 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING POSITION FOR LONG PERSISTENT AT KINISKA: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The problem referred to surface water run-off which flows into a roadside yard in Kiniska, the level of which is below that of the public roadway. it is proposed to carry out improvement works during the coming months to include regrading of sections of the road and alleviate the problem."

1846 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COVER OVER A DANGEROUS GULLET AT KENNEDY'S SHOP, CAPPATAGGLE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT AND COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN:

> The Acting Secretary read the following report which had been considered at the previous meeting of the Council:

"The gullet referred to is a short section of open drain which is piped downstream and upstream of this point. The open section of drain is safely incorporated on the grass margin adjoining the National Primary carriageway that it incorporates a bar screen which prevents litter and various items of rubbish from entering the downstream section of piping and prevents blockages occurring. If funds become available from the Department of the Environment for the continuation of hard shoulders on this section of the N.6 in the future, the whole drainage system will be reviewed."

Councillor Callanan said that the report seemed to be contradictory and asked the County Engineer if he would re-investigate it. The County Engineer agreed to do this.

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1847 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAR THE DRAIN ALONG THE ROADSIDE AT MOSSFORT, CAHERLISTRANE, TO PREVENT FLOODING OF JOHN FAULKNER'S HOUSE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The level of Mr. J. Faulkner's house, Mossfort, Caherlistrane, is below the level of the public roadway from which the surface water run-off discharges into Mr. Faulkner's property.

Improvement works will be carried out during the coming months to include regrading of the road and/or clearing of the roadside drain as considered necessary to alleviate the problem."

Councillor McHugh said that the matter was very urgent and asked that it be expedited.

1848 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL REPLACE IMMEDIATELY TRAFFIC SIGN AT BALLY-BANAGHER, COROFIN: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"There is no broken traffic sign in need of replacement in Ballybanagher, Corofin, or surrounding area."

1849 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT HARD SHOULDER AT CLAREGALWAY: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The existing hard shoulder at the location is approximately 1.0 metre in width. The owner of the land adjacent to the hard shoulder has refused to sell the land necessary to widen the hard shoulder. In any event, there are no funds available for this work."

1850 - THAT MUCH NEEDED AND LONG OVER DUE STEPS BE TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE SERIOUS FLOODING SITUATION PERTAINING AT TURLOUGHMORE (DETAILS SUPPLIED): MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Remedial works to alleviate the flooding will be carried out in the immediate future."

1851 - THAT THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT TARMAC SURFACE ON THE FOOTPATH FROM BRIDGE STREET (STARTING AT BRIDGE) UP TO THE NEW CEMETERY: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The footpath in question, which has a total length of 1,100 yds. approximately has a grouted surface, and is considered adequte for pedestrian use. The cost of laying a new tarmacadam surface including preparation, is substantial and could not be considered a priority at present."

1852 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE THE GRASS MARGIN FROM THE ROAD OUTSIDE THE GRAVEYARD AT CRAUGHWELL: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"There are no funds available to undertake this work under County Road Maintenance. It will be considered at preparation of Estimates for future programmes."

1853 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE SIGNS SHOWING THE VILLAGE OF COILL RUA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"There are 14 townlands along the Coast Road from Spiddal to Ballinahown. It is not Council policy to signpost townlands as this would lead to a proliferation of such signs serving no useful purpose."

Senator O'Conchubhair said that these villages should be signposted and was supported by the Chairman who said that the signpost indicating Srath Saileach was incorrectly spelt. The Chairman asked the County Manager to ascertain the cost of providing such signs.

1854 - HOW MANY (a) WATER, (b) ENVIRONMENT POLLUTION COMPLAINTS WERE BROUGHT THROUGH THE COURTS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"About 100 Water/Environment complaints were received during 1985/1986. Most of these are made during the silage

They are generally resolved by visiting the farmers the subject of the complaints. if action is called for under the Water Pollution Act, proceedings are taken. Two convictions were obtained during 1985/86."

1855 - THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF (a) TRAVELLING, (b) SUBSISTENCE MONIES
PAID TO EACH COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY COUNCIL
FROM JUNE 1983 TO JUNE 1985: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE
BURKE:

The Chairman said that the information requested in the motion would be made available if the motion was passed by the Council.

The Motion was proposed by Councillor J. Burke and seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail. Councillor Burke said that alot of public money was being spent on expenses and he questioned whether the public were getting a good return for it. A long discussion followed and points made by Councillors included:

- (a) The motion referred to the period June 1983 to June 1985 and some Members during that period are no long Members of the Council.
- (b) That a Member may be deceased and that it would not be proper to publish the information.
- (c) That it would be a costly exercise to extract the information.
- (d) That in the case of travel abroad, all expenses are not paid to the Members and some expenses are paid direct to Travel Agents to cover flight costs, etc.
- (e) That the total cost of expenses was clearly set out in the Estimates.
- (f) That the personalisation of the matter was not good.
- (g) That it would be more relevant to find out the cost of holding each County Council Meeting and the various Committee Meetings.

(h) That outside of Council Meetings, Councillors have very high personal expenses for travel, telephones, postage, etc.

Councillor Mullins proposed an amendment that the information be supplied on the basis of the amounts paid for each Council Meeting or Committee Meeting, etc. Councillor J. Burke said that he wished to get details of all expenses but had no objection to excluding people who were no longer Members of the Council or getting the information for a more recent period. Councillor Burke agreed to a suggestion by the Chairman that he submit a new motion for the next meeting.

- THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL URGENTLY INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF POLLUTION IN THE TUAM REGION AS REPORTED IN THE RECENT WATER POLLUTION REPORT ISSUED BY AN FORAS FORBARTHA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

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

"Deterioration of water quality in the Nanny River is not evident from the Foras Forbartha report. The report refers to a slight deterioration of the Clare River but it also refers to effluent from sugar beet factory - a factor no longer relevant.

The position in relation to pollution remains substantially the same. The Foras Forbartha report refers to conditions prior to December 1986."

1857 - TO GRANT A WATER SUPPLY TO CLOUGHBALLYMORE GROUP WATER SCHEME FROM CLARENBRIDGE REGIONAL WATER SCHEME: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"The Clarenbridge Council's Water Supply is already over stretched and consequently canot supply Cloughballymore."

1858 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD SURFACE DRESS THE CLOONIFFE
AND ANNAGH ROADS, MOYCULLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC
McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"Road restoration was carried by the Council in 1985. The group pipeline extends for approximately 5½ miles including 1/3 of a mile on the Annagh Road. The roads were inspected recently and they are in good condition except for pot-holing on a ½ mile stretch of the Annagh Road. This pot-holing is due to normal deterioration of the road surface and is not related in any way to road restoration operations.

Finally, there are no funds available for hedge cutting in the current year."

1859 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPLACE THE PERMANENT RUBBISH BINS
AT THE DERVERA WOOD CARPARK IN GLANN, OUGHTERARD, WHICH WERE
RECENTLY REMOVED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Padraic McCormack:

"This is not a County Council car park and the County Council have not provided or removed rubbish bins at this location."

1860 - THAT THIS COUNCIL USE COMPULSORY POWERS TO ACQUIRE A SECTION OF COMMONAGE FOR EXTENSION TO THE LETTERMORENACOILA BURIAL GROUND: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Suitability of the commonage land would need to be established by digging of trial holes. However, trial holes were dug on an alternative site and proved suitable. Our Law Agent is presently checking title in relation to this land."

1861 - THAT THIS COUNCIL IMPROVE A DANGEROUS BEND ON THE N.59 ROAD IN FRONT OF DR. COTTER'S RESIDENCE AT CLAREMOUNT, OUGHTERARD;

- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Improvements to this bend would involve major re-alignment works estimated to cost £30,00. There are no funds available for this work in the current year. The bend is in an area subject to a 30 m.p.h. speed limit."

1862 - PLAN FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD PASSING BY THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOUSE AT CLIFDEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"This refers to a junction between the N.S.R. (N.59) and 2 County Roads approximately ½ mile north of Clifden on the Westport Road. One of the County Roads leads to the new entrance of the Old Peoples Home. The speed on the road could be reduced if the angle at the junction was changed to a right angle. The cost involved (at the minimum) would be approximately £10,000. This work would be desirable but there are no funds available."

1863 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE RUNNYMEDE ROAD, AHASCRAGH, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"Normal maintenance will be carried out in so far as current finances allow."

1864 - THAT THE CLOONCALLIGA ROAD BE RE-SURFACED AND HEDGES CUT BACK ON THIS ROAD FROM MOYLOUGH PITCH OUT TO THE MOYLOUGH/MOUNTBELLEW ROAD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The Clooncalliga Road C.R. 412 is the route of a branch of the new Moylough sewerage system. Trench surfaces have been temporarily restored and permanent restoration will be carried out in the near future as required. Roadside hedges do not encroach on the carriageway because of the width of margin available on each side, and cutting back is not considered necessary at this time."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBHITTED, APPRNED + CONFIGHED:

The portorn CHAIRMAN

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

4u la Mean Fomhair, 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 llu la Mean Fomhair, 1987, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH, Runai Sealadach.

### AGENDA

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Mrs. Catherine French for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Camus Eighter. - Planning Ref. No. 53903."

Thomas Welby. Matt Loughnane. Patrick Finnegan.

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 Kevin McKeigue, Sheepwalk, Kiltormer, for Petrol Station and Garage at Gortnahorna, Clontuskert. - Planning Ref. No. 54741."

Ulick Burke. Michael Mullins. Michael P. Kitt.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Donoghue for a new road opening at Sruffane, Carraroe, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 54674."

Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Tom Welby. Micheal S. O'Morain

### OTHER BUSINESS:

- 4. Consideration of the Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 14th August, 1987.
- 5. Notice of Motion:

COUNCILLORS MARK KILLILEA, TOM WELBY, PADDY McHUGH, PATRICK FINNEGAN, DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT, COUNCILLORS M. O'MORAIN, JOE CALLANAN, JOHN MOLLOY, JAMES JOYCE, MICHAEL FAHY, AND SENATOR TOM HUSSEY:

I/We propose that Galway County Council does N = 0 T adopt the 'Report on Cost/Benefit Study' pertaining to the proposed Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge Project. I/We also, propose that the findings and conclusions in the Report be rejected.

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6. Review of County Development Plan.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

### 1865 - CONGRATULATIONS TO GALWAY HURLING TEAM:

Mhol an Cathaoirleach run comhghairdeachas do foireann iomanai na Gaillimhe a bhuaigh Cluiche Ceannais na hEireann. The Chairman congratulated the Team for their courage, grit, and hurling ability and said that they were a credit to the County. He also paid tribute to the Team Manager, Selectors and County Board. All the Members joined in the message of congratulations. They also urged that Cyril Farrell and his Selectors would continue for a further term. Senator McCormack said that some form of protest should be lodged with the G.A.A. for not making a number of Tickets available for the Members as in previous years. Councillor Mannion asked if the Chairman was invited to the Civic Reception in Galway City on the Monday night following the All-Ireland Final and if not, he said that the matter should be taken up with the Corporation. The Chairman said that he had not received an invitation and that this was a disappointment, when the players came from all over the County. Senator McCormack agreed and said that he would take the matter up with the Corporation himself.

The County Manager joined in the congratulations to the Galway Team and Officials.

1866 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 53903 - APPLICANT: MRS. CATHERINE FRENCH:

The 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 Camus Eighter on the roadway leading from Costello to Screeb.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an open moorland landscape in an area where there is no other development. It is an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity as set out in the County Development Plan. The applicant has an address in England,

but is from the Camus area and has been left this site. She has not indicated her family lands or the location of the family dwellinghouse but states that this site is the only land which she has a legal interest in. She wishes to retire to the Camus area.

The site consists of typical Connemara bogland and has a stream bounding the site on the southern boundary. This stream would be approximately 50 metres from the septic tank drainage system. The Chief Medical Officer has indicated that the site is not suitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) The site proposed to be developed consists of waterlogged bogland and is bounded by a stream and is totally unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent and the proposed development, if permitted, would be liable to endanger public health by reason of a health hazard.
- The proposed development would be located in an open exposed moorland landscape which is almost totally devoid of development in an area of outstanding scenic amenity and would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and the proposed development, if permitted, would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

### L. KAVANAGH, S.E.E. PLANNING CONTROL

"From Casla Industrial Estate going North, there are 11 houses on the left hand and 2 on the right hand side for a distance of 2.3 miles (some of these are cottages, some bungalows, one mobile home. Some are away from the edge of the road).

There is then a l mile gap of open moorland until Leitir Mucada School where there is also one old house and one new house all on the left hand side.

There are 2 houses on the left hand side 0.2 miles further on.

At this point, open moorland again starts and the site is 0.3 miles on. (Today (20/8/'87) it was flooded.)

A further 0.2 miles North is Camus Road Eighter to the left and it is a further 1.1 miles until the next house is met on the right hand side in off the road.

This leaves a stretch of moorland of 1.6 miles.

There are a further 2 houses on the right hand side 0.3 miles along, 2 houses on the left hand side 0.1 mile along, 1 house on the left hand side, 0.1 mile along near Camus Road Uachtar which is 0.2 miles on.

Further along is Camus School O.1 mile, a house O.3 miles North of that again on the right hand side and then Screebe junction is O.3 miles further on.

Special Council Meeting on the 11th September, 1987.

### SUMMARY:

There are 24 houses, 2 schools, one shop and house along 6.9 miles of road from Casla Industrial Estate to Screebe Cross. The 24 includes cottages and one mobile home. Some are well back from the road. There are long tracks of open moorland and this site is one of these. It was completely flooded today (20/8/'87).

As far as I am concerned, this location and all locations within the site (and in the immediate vicinity) are unsuitable for septic tank and percolation area."

### P. FLOOD, COUNTY ENGINEER.

Councillor Welby proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that he regarded the applicant as being entitled to get Planning Permission in accordance with the provisions of the Development Plan. He said that the applicant was a member of one of the oldest families in the Camus area and he understood that the plan was to cater for local people. He proposed that the Foras Forbartha system for the treatment of effluent be applied. The resolution was seconded by Senator O'Conchubhair.

The County Manager said that the serious difficulty about this application was that the site was totally unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent and there was a stream bounding the site on the southern boundary. He said the site was bogland, and when a further inspection was carried out, it was again flooded and would endanger public health. Councillor Welby said that the site was as good as other sites on which houses were built including County Council houses. Replying to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager stated that he would have difficulty in granting Permission. Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused. There was no seconded for this proposal.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

1867 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54741 - APPLICANT: KEVIN McKEIGUE:

The County Manager stated that Further Information had been requested in relation to this application and that the resolution would be brought forward at another Meeting.

1868 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54674 - APPLICANT: JOHN DONOGHUE:

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

### "LOCATION:

The site is located on the left-hand side on the approach to Carraroe, approximately 150 yards from Sruffaun Bridge.

### HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 52588: A similar application was refused by the Planning Authority on grounds of traffic hazard. No appeal was made.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposal is for the erection of a new access to serve an existing dwellinghouse. This is proposed to be an alternative means of access. The proposed access would be located on a bend where sight distance is substandard along a busy regional route. Mr. Donoghue's house is registered with Bord Failte for guest accommodation and considerable traffic would use the access and the proposal would constitute a major traffic hazard.

### RECOMMENDATION:

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

(1) The proposed development would involve the construction of an access onto a busy section of unrealigned regional route at a bend where the sight distance is substandard 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."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator O'Conchubhair. He said the reason the applicant wanted a new access road was because the existing access road was dangerous and there had been a number of accidents. He said that if the existing entrance was closed, the new road would provide a safer access.

Mr. Liam Kavanagh, Planning Officer, stated that he was not aware of the applicant's intention to close the existing road. After further discussion about the safety of the proposed new entrance, Senator O'Conchubhair agreed to defer the resolution to a further meeting while further investigations are being carried out.

1869 - MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14TH AUGUST, 1987, AND

Notice of Motion in the names of Councillors Mark Killilea,
Tom Welby, Paddy McHugh, Patrick Finnegan, Deputy Michael P.
Kitt, Councillors M. O'Morain, Joe Callanan, John Molloy, James
Joyce, Michael Fahy, and Senator Tom Hussey:

I/We propose that Galway County Council doe  $N_0 T$  adopt the 'Report on Cost/Benefit Study' pertaining to the proposed Kilbeg-Knockferry Bridge Project. I/We also, propose that the findings and conclusions in the Report be rejected.

The Chairman said that he would take items 4. and 5. on the Agenda together.

On the proposition of Councillor Killilea, seconded by Councillor Welby, the Minutes of County Council Meeting held on 14th August, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman. The Notice of Motion under item 5 on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Killilea. He said that alot of questions relating to the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge had not been answered. He said that the results of the Study were not correct and should not be used against the project. The motion was seconded by Councillor Welby. Senator McCormack said that he supported the motion but disagreed with the fact that Members from one Party only signed the motion. He said that since the last Meeting, the new Quincentennial Bridge had been opened. It was a very fine structure and it brought to mind the fact that nobody was looking for a similar type structure for the Kilbeg/Knockferry crossing.

Senator McCormack said that having regard to the cost of the Quincentennial Bridge, an adequate bridge could be provided at Kilbeg/Knockferry for £1,250,000.

Councillor McHugh supported the previous speakers. He said he would like to see a Study done for a smaller structure and would like to see the Officials supporting it. Councillor Brennan said that the Study concentrated too much on costings and not enough on the social aspects. He said he would support the motion if the last sentence was deleted.

The County Manager said that he fully accepted that the Study was a proper and competent one, carried out by reputable and internationally recognised Consultants, and he wished to place this on record.

The Chairman declared the motion carried, Councillor Brennan dissenting.

Senator McCormack asked how did the Kilbeg/Knockferry project stand at this point. The County Manager said that the Estimates Meeting would be held soon and the matter could be raised then if Members wished.

Replying to further questions, the County Manager stated that it was Government policy to require Cost/Benefit Studies for this type of project.

### 1870 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Chairman stated that there were two ways of approaching this matter. He said that the Council could go through the Plan or go through particular areas which were causing concern, and devote some of the Friday meetings to it. Alternatively, the Council could wait until after the Estimates Meeting to see what time could be put into a Review of the Plan.

Senator McCormack asked if the County Manager would be making a statement regarding the cutbacks in local authority services. The Chairman replied that the circular letter from the Department would be put on the Agenda for the Monthly Meeting.

### 1871 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy Haverty & Family, Craughwell, Co. Galway.

Mr. Tommie Haverty & Family, Poulnaboney, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Mr. Sean Duffy, Milford, Creggs, Co. Galway.

Mr. John Molloy, Ballinlass, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Wice Son bran CHAIRMA

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# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

21u la Mean Fomhair, 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, 28u la Mean Fomhair, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH, Runai Sealadach.

### AGENDA

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 for retention and to continue use of premises for storage and repair of vehicles at Brierfield Stevens for Mr. Sean Dolan. (Planning Ref. No. 54185)."

Michael Kitt. Paddy McHugh. Martin Lynch.

- 2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 24th August, 1987.
  - (b) Special Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 11th September, 1987.
- Sale of house to Thomas & Delia Donlon, Gallagh,
   Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe. Section 83 Notice dated
   19th August, 1987, refers.
- 4. Circular dated 3rd September, 1987, from the Department of the Environment, re 1988 Estimates and fixing of date for Estimates Meeting.
- 5. Fix date for October Monthly Meeting.
- 6. Palace Grounds Tuam report herewith.
- 7. Provision of accommodation for Travellers Report herewith.
- 8. Air Pollution Act, 1987. Summary herewith.

### 9. Conferences:

- (a) Sport for All Conference Tralee October, 29, 1987 November, 1, 1987.
- (b) Conference on Lake, River and Coastal Pollution -Cork - 5th and 6th November, 1987.
- 10. Malicious Injury Decrees list herewith.
- 11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

## COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

## COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

- 12. That the County Council take immediate steps to alleviate flooding situation prevailing for long at Lackagh.

  (Details supplied)
- 13. That County Council have water tap connections inserted in Lackagh, Cummer and Kilmoylan Cemeteries.
- 14. That County Council inform me as to the current position regarding improvement works at Cartymore Corner. (Details supplied)

## <u>DEPUTY\_NOEL\_TREACY</u> - I will propose:

- 15. That Galway County Council erect single persons one-bedroomed and two-bedroomed dwellings at St. Laurence's Fields, Loughrea, in order to accommodate the many single people requiring same and that the existing Council housing sites at Gort Road, Loughrea, be disposed of forthwith in order to accommodate the commencement of a further housing development at St. Laurence's Fields.
- 16. That Galway County Council take immediate action to alleviate the constant flooding which is accummulating outside a house (details supplied) at Attimonmore South, Attymon, Athenry, and that soak pits and/or shores be laid if necessary in order to ensure that no further inconvenience is caused or damaged to this persons property, and that these works be carried out forthwith.

## DEPUTY\_NOEL\_TREACY\_AND\_COUNCILLOR\_MATT\_LOUGHNANE - We will propose:

- 17. That the Council discuss the Woodford Water Supply Scheme.

  COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH I will propose:
- 18. That Galway County Council discontinue trying to charge people for a refuse collection service they do not use.
- 19. What progress has been made by Galway County Council on the Williamstown Sewerage Scheme since the revised Preliminary Report was approved by the Department.
- 20. That Galway County Council carry out improvements at Cloonminda Crossroads on the main road from Glenamaddy to Ballymoe.

## COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

- 21. That Galway County Council erect new traffic route lighting in Ardrahan this year and re-site monument to near water pump at Ardrahan.
- 22. That Galway County Council commence as soon as possible new water scheme at Kinvara.
- 23. Galway County Council erect a local authority dwellinghouse for applicant (Details supplied) as quickly as possible family in urgent need of housing.

## AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL - Molaim:

24. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae comharthai ag an Ceibh ag an Sruthan Bui, Leitirmoir, agus an balla ar an droichead ansin a ath-thogail.

- 25. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae solas poibli ag Leitirmeallan, Co. na Gaillimhe.
- 26. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae demountables do Mary Daly, Derryglass, Leitirmoir, agus do Tomas Breathnach, Ross, Leitirmoir.

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

28. That Galway County Council dispand the recently appointed Tuam Palace Grounds Committee, and return the responsibility to Tuam Community Council, so that the excellent work done by that Committee over the past four years can be continued, and that the wishes of the vast majority of the people of Tuam in this respect be taken into account.

### COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose:

- 29. That Galway County Council restore fully the footpaths in the Town of Loughrea which were left unfinished following telephone cable laying.
- 30. That appropriate steps, including erection of signs, be taken to prevent the indiscriminate dumping in front of the homes of named persons at Middle Third, Oranmore.

### COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

- 31. That the augmentation of the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme which has been forced to ration water all summer be included in the plans to extend the water supply from the Ballinasloe source south of Ballinasloe.
- 32. That a supply of water be restored immediately to the village of Blacksticks, Eyrecourt, who were left without water all summer because of pollution of the County Council hand-pump (the local Engineer had the handle of the pump removed to stop people using it).
- 33. That the County Engineer carry out a survey of the Gurteenaveela/Carrowkeel road in Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, (a distance of about 2 miles) and draw up an estimate of the cost of making it safe for road users, such estimate to include -
  - (a) cost of land purchases,
  - (b) cost of earth removal (ditches), etc.
  - (c) cost of re-fencing,
  - (d) cost of widening the carriageway, and that a phased programme of development be introduced from 1988 onwards.

### COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

- 34. That this Council take urgent steps to improve the Glentraig Road, Cornamona, which had been damaged by recent heavy rain.
- 35. That this Council clean roadside drains on parts of the Glenhowhan Road, Ballinafad, which has been causing flooding onto the road and damaging the surface.
- 36. That the very high grass be cut down in the Glann Burial Ground as same has not been attended to for some time.

### AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose:

37. That Galway County Council take over and declare public and maintain the road from the western end of the new bridge at Muickenagh, Camus, to the County Road serving Muickenagh Village.

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F Claim Amount of Decree including costs.		£10,931,30	£464.37	£200.00	£927.30	009,13	
Amount of Claim		10,000	£558.25				
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	Name and Address	Rev. Eamon Casey and Gonsignor James accoughlin, The Cathedral, GALWAY.	Sean Devaney, 16 St. Ignatius Terrace, Fairhill, Galway.	Patrick Kelly, Cloonahinch, Woodlawn	Bernard O'Halley Hain St., Loughrea.	Patrick Kelly, Cloonahinch, Woodlawn & Killaan	

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	Amount of Decree including costs.	£3741.21	£6,829.73	£1,661.75	£6,023.51	5		
	Amount of Claim	£10.614	£5,384.00	£1,790.00	££15,000			
DECREES	Area of Charge	County at large	County at large	County at large	County at large			
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		Jamage to property	Damage to	Damage to	Works damaged			
	Name and Address	Conservation Foam Bonders Ltd., 4 Knapton Tce., Jun Laoghaire	Bord Telecom Eireann	Ostan Cheathru Rua, Carraroe, Co. Galway.	Lindell Construction Company Ltd., Carrowmoneash, Oranmore	*		

## COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE. (GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings, Prospect Hill, GALWAY.

19th August, 1987.

REF NO. 63/7/1438

TO:- EACH MEMBER.

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

The particulars are as follows:-

LAND ACQUIRED FROM: - Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Donlon, Gallagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

LOCATION: - Gallagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Thomas & Delia Donlon, of Gallagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £11,972.

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

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

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

T. KAVANAGH,
A/COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; M. Tierney, Senior Executive Engineer; Miss M. Flynn, Executive Planner; Messrs. T. Coughlan and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1872 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Tom O'Donoghue, Law Agent, on the recent death of his mother.

1873 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Senator Nioclas O'Conchubhair, a vote of congratulations was passed to the Carraroe Intermediate Football Team on winning the Intermediate Championship.

On the proposition of Senator McCormack, a vote of congratulations was passed to the Annaghdown Team on winning the Senior County Football Title.

On the proposition of the Chairman, a vote of welcome was passed to Dr. Cassidy on his appointment as Archbishop of the Tuam Diocese.

1874 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54185 - APPLICANT: SEAN DOLAN:

The 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 Brierfield (Stevens) on N63 - the main Galway to Roscommon Road, East of Horseleap Crossroads.

HISTORY:

There have been four planning applications on this site (three plus the current application.

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Mr. Dolan lives on an immediately adjacent site which formed a fifth application in this field. The five planning applications are detailed as follows:-

Ref. No. 25299: On the site the subject of this planning application, planning permission was granted in 1977 to Mr. Bernard Dolan with an Enurement Clause. This house was not built.

Ref. No. 25301: Planning Permission on immediately adjacent site (same field) was granted to Mr. Sean Dolan, also with an Enurement Clause. This house was built and is the current applicant's residence.

Ref. No. 34593: Permission granted on this site to Mr. Sean Dolan for the erection of a haybarn. In 1985, it was noted by planners that the "haybarn" was being used for storage and repair of vehicles. A letter issued to Mr. Dolan requesting cessation of usage in August, 1985.

Ref. No. 51120: Permission for change of use from haybarn to store for storage and repair of vehicles was refused to Mr. Sean Dolan. Following an inspection of the site in February 1987, an Enforcement Notice was served on Mr. Sean Dolan for unauthorised use of the lands and the structure thereon (the storage and repair of motor vehicles and parts thereof) on 19th March, 1987.

Ref. No. 54185: (Current application) to retain and continue use of premises for storage and repair of vehicles.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site and structure are on the National Secondary Road where the maximum speed limit applies. The proposed development is commercial and only commercial development with special fully substantiated claims for location on routes will be considered.

### RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 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.
- The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan which requires that development along this National Secondary Route be limited to essential housing category and to commercial or industrial or institutional development with special fully substantiated claims for location along such route (County Development Plan P.267, Table 25B).
- (3) The proposed development would, if allowed, create a precedent for other like development along the National Secondary Route."

The County Engineer stated that the carriageway at this point was only 17 ft. wide. He said that the road carried a large volume of traffic which travelled at high speeds, and while he could not say that there was a specific traffic hazard, nevertheless, the development constituted a potential traffic hazard. If this type of development became a precedent, it would result in National Secondary Roads becoming development roads.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Kitt. He said that the applicant was unemployed and consideration should be given to people who wished to make a living beside their homes. He said there was good road clearance at the site and did not think it would create a traffic hazard. Only a small number of vehicles would be repaired and would not cause a nuisance. Councillor McHugh said that the development already existed and that the structure was back behind the house and there was adequate parking space. Senator Hussey said that the Council should look at this type of application sympathetically. He said that a dwellinghouse where the occupiers would be using a number of cars could create as great a traffic hazard as this development. He agreed there must be some restrictions and would be against the storage of old cars on the site.

Replying to Councillor J. Burke about site vision, the County Engineer said that if a car emerged from the site while another vehicle was travelling at high speed, there was a risk of accident. He said that the design width for a National Secondary Roads is approximately 24 feet.

Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be refused and was seconded by Councillor J. Burke.

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

FOR:

Clr. U. Burke, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan,
Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M.
Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator
N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Raftery,
Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan and J. Burke.

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

### 1875 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Minutes of the following Meetings were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 24th August, 1987.
- (b) Special Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 11th September, 1987.

Arising out of Minute No. 1855, the Chairman informed Senator McCormack that no new Notice of Motion was submitted.

In relation to Minute 1865, Councillor Mannion asked if there was any response from Galway Corporation relating to the Civic Reception for the Galway Hurling Team. The Acting Secretary stated that a letter was written to the Town Clerk and that no reply was received to date. He said that a letter had been received from the Ard Stiurthoir of the G.A.A. apologising for for not forwarding some Tickets for the Members.

Referring to Minute No. 1867, Councillor U. Burke stated that the information requested by the Planning Office had been supplied, and he asked why the Section 4 was not on the Agenda. He was informed that the Section 4 Resolution would be on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting in October.

Referring to Minute No. 1838, Senator O'Conchubhair asked if information was yet available about the granting of a connection from the Lettermore Water Supply to a group scheme. The Acting Secretary stated that the Contractors who supplied the Plant for the Lettermore Scheme had been asked if it was capable of supplying more water and a reply was awaited. Senator O'Conchubair asked that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting in October.

Councillor Mannion said that he had asked that an item be placed on the Agenda for the appointment of a representative from the Western Regional Tourism Organisation on the Rinville Park Committee. The Chairman asked that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the October Meeting.

## 1876 - SALE OF HOUSE TO THOMAS AND DELIA DONNELLAN, GALLAGH, CASTLEBLAKENEY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of house to Thomas and Delia Donnellan, Gallagh Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, in accordance with Notice served under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended which has been circulated to each Member."

### 1877 - 1988 ESTIMATES AND FIXING OF DATE FOR ESTIMATES MEETING:

The County Manager referred to Circular dated 3rd September, 1987, from the Department of the Environment, which had been circulated to each Member. He said that Circular letter did two things -

- (a) It set out the Rates Support Grant for 1988.
- (b) It set the dates for the holding of Estimates Meetings by Local Authorities.

He said that together with the Finance Officer and Officials, he was in the process of preparing the Estimates and would continue with that process. This would take a further three weeks and allowing for Statutory Notices, etc., he suggested that the earliest date for an Estimates Meeting would be the 6th November. Replying to Councillor Mannion, the County Manager stated that the Rates Support Grant for 1987 was £9,456,400.

Senator McCormack said that the Council was facing a serious shortfall and would be unable to keep services going. He felt the Council should discuss the serious situation which existed. The Chairman said that the County Manager was in the process of preparing a total picture for the Council and he would rather wait for that than discuss the matter piecemeal. Councillor U. Burke said that plenty of time should be allowed for discussion on the Estimates in view of the fact that the Estimates were being prepared in advance of the financial year. He asked if it was true that there would be no new houses built next year and that changes were afoot as regards Housing Loans. Councillor J. Burke said he had heard rumours about 100 Redundancies.

The County Manager stated that the Council was in a totally new financial situation. He was working on the figures with the staff and every service and source of Revenue had to be examined, and this would take time.

He said that it was not correct to say that there would be Redundancies as this could not be decided until the full picture emerged. He said that no information was available in regard to Capital Allocations.

Councillor McHugh proposed that discussion on the Estimates be deferred until the Estimates are prepared. He proposed that the Estimates Meeting be held on the 9th November. This was seconded by Councillor Welby and agreed.

## 1878 - FIXING OF DATE FOR OCTOBER MEETING OF THE COUNCIL:

It was agreed that the October Meeting of the Council be held on Monday, 19th October.

### 1879 - PALACE GROUNDS, TUAM:

At the request of Councillor Ryan, the Chairman agreed to take Notice of Motion No. 28 in conjunction with this item.

The County Manager referred to his report dated 18th September, 1987, which had been circulated to each Member, regarding the Palace Grounds, Tuam. He outlined the history of the development of the Palace Grounds and the funds that had become available through Youth Employment Grants and Social Employment Schemes. He had now prepared a proposal for formulising the arrangement with the Community Council. This would involve entering into a yearly Contract with them and this could be done under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts. He also referred to the fact that the Palace Grounds was one of the projects included in the Tuam Environmental Interpretative Programme which took into account the report of Mr. Bowe, Landscape Architect. The Community Council's annual work programme would be agreed with the County Manager who would bring them to a Committee of the Council consisting of the members of the Tuam Electoral Area. The County Manager said that his proposals were acceptable to the Tuam Community Council and he recommended them to the Council for acceptance.

Councillor Finnegan proposed that the County Manager's proposals be accepted. He said they were well balanced and took into account the feelings of various interested parties. Councillor Ryan seconded Councillor Finnegan's proposal. He said he was seconding the proposal on the basis (a) that there would be no co-options to the Committee (b) that the annual works programme would be brought before the Committee for discussion. Councillor Ryan thanked the County Manager for his efforts in trying to resolve the problem relating to the Palace Grounds in Tuam. Councillor J. Burke and other members welcomed the County Manager's report. The Chairman declared Councillor Finnegan's motion carried, including the two conditions mentioned by Councillor Ryan.

### 1880 - PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS.

Mr. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager referred to report dated 22nd September, 1987, which had been circulated regarding the settlement of travellers. He said that the Minister for the Environment had requested each local authority to prepare a progress report on the settlement of travellers in its area and have the report considered by members at their September Meeting. He said that the Council had a satisfactory record for the settlement of travellers. A total of 155 families had been housed in standard housing in various areas throughout the County. The most recent survey showed that there were still 78 families on the roadside, 34 of which have expressed a preference for housing and the remaining 44 seek halting sites. Mr. Gleeson went through the proposals for the various areas listed in the report.

Councillor U. Burke objected to the proposed site in Portumna. He said that if facilities were being provided, proper facilities should be provided and that a dump site was not the proper location. He said that Portumna Town Development Company had brought the Town to within 4 points of winning the National Tidy Towns Competition and the Council was now proposing to locate a halting site in the most scenic area. He said that the provision of sites was 100% subsidised and that a proper site should be provided. He said there were alternative sites and suggested the workhouse site. He said that the dump site was damp and wet and it was only being proposed because the travellers had gone back there from another location.

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Councillor McHugh asked if the proposal for Holmes Hill would be brought back before the Council before a site is acquired. Referring to the Headford Road site, he said it was high handed of the Corporation to proceed with this proposal without the courtesy of consulting the County Council. He said that it was an unsuitable site to locate travellers. It was on an approach road to the City and would contravene the development plan for the same reasons as are put forward when Section 4 resolutions are proposed for sites in this area. Councillor Ryan proposed that a Meeting of the joint Committee on travellers be held as soon as possible. Councillor Lynch said that if the vacant council houses in the Ballydavid Area were repaired, it would help the situation in Athenry.

Councillor Mullins referred to the fact that Ballinasloe Town was not included in the report. He said that travellers were parking where they liked in Ballinasloe and mentioned the areas around the Library and Town Hall. He said the travellers were causing serious problems and the parents of pupils would not put up with it for very much longer. Councillor J. Burke said that there was a lack of commitment from Councillors to provide sites for travellers. He asked that a regular progress reports be submitted. He said that wandering animals were causing major problems and that it was time to enforce conditions relating to the keeping of animals and dogs. Councillor McDonagh asked if consultation would take place with the local people relating to the sites at Holmes Hill and Carrowbrowne. Councillor M. Fahy said that the lay-byes at Kiltiernan and Lisatuna were occupied by travellers during the summer and he proposed that the lay-byes be closed. Councillor J. Molloy asked if the Corporation would have to apply for planning permission for the Carrowbrowne site. He said that the sites selected by the Corporation were in the environs of the City.

Mr. Gleeson said that the location of sites and the settlement of travellers was always a very difficult one. He said he would like the Council's general support to the proposals being put forward. It seemed obvious from the response of members that they wished to provide fully serviced sites properly managed and maintained. In regard to consultation, he said that if everybody was to be consulted and their agreement sought, little or no progress would be made. He said the Council was in constant consultation with the traveller representatives through our Social Workers. He said that the Corporation would have to apply for planning permission for the Headford Road site. In relation to Portumna, he said that the site was in the Council's ownership and it would be screened and fully developed to the highest standards. In relation to Holmes Hill, he said that this would come back before the Council before a site is acquired. Referring to Councillor Lynch, he said that the houses in Ballydavid needed some repair and there seemed to be some reluctance on the part of travellers to stay there. He said the provision of sites in Ballinasloe would be a matter for the Ballinasloe Urban District Council. Replying to Councillor J. Burke he said that periodic reports could be prepared and that specific staff had been assigned to the task of selecting sites in order to speed up progress.

Mr. Gleeson asked the members for their support in moving forward with the proposals outlined.

Councillor McHugh proposed that the Council ask the Corporation not to proceed with the Headford Road site until the planning application is decided. Deputy Molloy said that he wished to propose a direct negative to Councillor McHugh's proposal. He said the Corporation had numerous meetings before deciding on final proposals and that a high number of travellers had been housed in Galway City. He said the Corporation's proposal for the site on the Headford Road was for a transcient site and not a permanent site. It was part of an overall plan and it would be impossible for the Corporation to omit the site when it formed an integral part of the plan. He felt part of the problem was that Councillors were not prepared to come to grips with the issue and as a result officials were trying to impose solutions on them. He said there should be more openness and that the Corporation had succeeded because of the co-operation between the members and the officials.

Councillor Joyce asked that the Council maintain its full complement of three social workers. Deputy Treacy said that the members were anxious to make progress with the settlement of travellers. He said he would like to know more about the particular sites for the Tuam Area. He agreed with Councillor U. Burke about the unsuitability of the Portumna site. He felt there were other locations in Portumna where the good will of the people would be forthcoming. He also disagreed with the proposed site at Killimor. He said National Primary or Secondary Roads were not the proper location for sites. Councillors U. Burke and Loughnane also disagreed with the Killimor site. Councillor Finnegan said that more specific details would be required in relation to the sites in Tuam.

The Chairman said it was clear that the members wished to have a Meeting of the Joint Committee as soon as possible and this would be done. He also asked that by monthly reports be submitted. Councillor J. Burke then proposed that the Council adopt the report in principle. This was seconded by Councillor Joyce subject to a further report being submitted with more specific details in relation to sites. Councillor Joyce said that if local communities can come up with alternative sites, these should be considered.

The Chairman said that the report was adopted in principle subject to the reservations mentioned in relation to some of the sites. He said that the report would be circulated to the members of the Joint Committee. He said that the Joint Committee could consider Councillor McHugh's proposal in relation to the Headford Road site and if he was not satisfied the matter could be brought up at Council level again.

1881 - AIR POLLUTION ACT 1987.

The Chairman decided to defer this item to the next planning meeting.

1882 - MEETING OF ALL IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE IN KILKENNY
ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1987.

On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan it was agreed to nominate the following members to attend the Meeting of the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee held in Kilkenny on 25th September, 1987.

Clr. Callanan, Clr. Walsh and Clr. Welby.

1886 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with Item 10 on the Agenda, was noted.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

1887 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING SITUATION PREVAILING FOR LONG AT LACKAGH - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Laffey's house is one of a number of new houses built in recent years and the former drainage of the road has been affected. There is no simple solution to the problem. Minor works will be carried out in the area which should alleviate the problem."

1888 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE WATER TAP CONNECTIONS INSERTED IN LACKAGH, CUMMER AND KILMOYLAN CEMETERIES - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Water taps are already installed in my burial grounds and are generally provided if a public water main exists in the vicinity, or in the event of only a group water supply scheme gaining permission from the Trustees of the group. It is proposed to install taps in Kilmoylan, Lackagh and Cummer Burial Grounds."

1889 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL INFORM ME AS TO THE CURRENT POSITION
REGARDING IMPROVEMENT WORK AT CARTYMORE CORNER - MOTION
BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The estimated costs of carrying out the proposed improvements are £6,250 exclusive of the costs of land acquisition and towards which there are no provisions in the current year's programme of work. The work is considered suitable for funding under a Notice of Motion Scheme. The only funds allocated towards the work are £2,000 by yourself."

Councillor McDonagh made an appeal to have some works done at this dangerous corner.

1890 - SITES AT ST. LAURENCE'S FIELDS AND GORT ROAD, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The Council have housing sites at Gort Road, Loughrea, which are considered ideally suitable for the provision of old people's dwellings as these sites are located conveniently to the Town Centre. The Council recently tested the market to establish a price for the sites, and the prices offered resulted in the Council reassessing the situation. It was found that a number of old person's dwellings could be located on the sites and having regard to the ideal situation, it is felt that the best possible use of the sites is to erect old person's dwellings on them."

1883 - NATIONAL HOUSING AND PLANNING CONFERENCE IN HARROGATE - 28TH-

On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Senator Hussey and Councillor J. Molloy be nominated to attend the Conference in Harrogate. ON the proposal of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, it was agreed that Councillor Mannion be nominated to attend the Conference in Harrogate.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail nach raibh se sasta leis an run seo toisc go bhfuil gantannas airgead ann le h-aghaidh tithiochta agus seirbhisi eile.

1884 - SPORT FOR ALL CONFERENCE - TRALEE - 29TH OCTOBER TO 1ST NOVEMBER 1987.

On the proposal of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, it was agreed to nominate Councillors Finnegan and McHugh for this Conference. On the proposal of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed to nominate Councillor Lynch to attend the Conference.

1885 - CONFERENCE ON LAKE, RIVER AND COASTAL POLLUTION - CORK - 5th AND 6TH NOVEMBER, 1987.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, the attendance of Councillor O'Morain at the Conference was agreed.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the attendance of Councillor J. McDonagh at the Conference was agreed.

Deputy Kitt proposed Councillor Loughnane as the third delegate to attend the Conference. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan. Councillor Mannion proposed Senator McCormack as the third delegate. A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR LOUGHNANE: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy,
P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey,
Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M.
Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane,
P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator
N. O'Conchubhair, Councillor
M. O'Morain, and Deputy N. Treacy.

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FOR SENATOR McCORMACK:

Councillors J. Burke, U. Burke, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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The Chairman declared declared Councillor Loughnane as the third delegate to attend the Conference.

Deputy Treacy said that there was an urgent need for single person's one bedroomed and two bedroomed dwellings in Loughrea. He said the sites at Gort Road, Loughrea, were not suitable for this purpose and he proposed that they be sold for private development. He said the sites were idle for a number of years and a good price had been offered for them. Senator O'Conchubhair seconded Deputy Treacy.

Councillor U. Burke said the Council should not be entering into the speculative market and said that he would not support the proposal. He said that any development on the sites by the Council should be to proper standards. Councillor Loughnane asked if the money from the sale of the sites could be used to build houses.

Mr. Gleeson replied that the Capital monies for house building was 100% subsidised and that it would not be proper to use other funds for this purpose. He said the sites were ideally not proposed to dispose of them.

After further discussion, Mr. Gleeson agreed to examine the matter again.

- THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ALLEVIATE THE CONSTANT FLOODING WHICH IS ACCUMMULATING OUTSIDE A HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) AT ATTIMONMORE SOUTH, ATTYMON, ATHENRY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The flooding is on the roadway outside a recenty constructed house. The space between the carriageway and the road in front of the house has been surfaced and the level raised which prevents surface water from the carriageway draining to the road verge. As the problem has arisen due to the above development, the Council is considering what action can be taken against the land owner and developer to have the matter rectified."

Deputy Treacy said that serious flooding was occurring at this location, at the other side of the road from the house. He said that it was not the fault of the person who constructed the house and may be the result of a blocked drain. He asked the County Engineer to re-examine the matter. The County Engineer agreed to do this.

1892 - THAT THE COUNCIL DISCUSS THE WOODFORD WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY AND COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy and Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"During the middle of August, there were a number of major bursts on the 3" diameter rising main between the source and the Reservoir on the Woodford Water Supply Scheme. As a result, the water supply was interrupted for long periods. While repairing the bursts, it became apparent that some sections of the 3" asbestos main were in poor condition especially those sections in wet peaty soil. The outer layers of the wall of these pipes showed evidence of corrosion leading to weakening of the wall of the pipe and eventually causing a burst. The inner walls of these pipes were still in good condition.

At a meeting with the residents of Woodford on the 20th August, it was explained to them that there is no danger to health from asbestos cement watermains.

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Asbestos pipes have been used nationally, and internationally for many years, and there has never been any doubt as to their acceptability. It was explained to the residents that it would be desirable to replace the 3" rising main because of the risk of further bursts and the difficulty of locating bursts in such bad ground. A proposal for the replacement of the rising main was included in the Small Schemes for 1987 but no allocation of funds was made available.

It was agreed with the residents to discontinue the use of the river adjoining the source to augment the supply during drought periods."

Councillor Loughnane said that the water in Woodford had been cut off several times without warning and the people were very resentful about this. The water pipes were 40 years old and if the outer walls of the pipes showed evidence of corrosion, the same would happen to the inside of the pipes. He said that the people of Woodford were of the opinion that there was a health hazard and he asked that the pipes be replaced as soon as possible. He said that the people did not want river water to be used to augment the source. Deputy Treacy said that the scheme was an old gravity system and had cost very little in maintenance. He said that the people should get adequate notice of cut offs and the people now wanted the scheme replaced. There were two Council houses without a water supply and the scheme should be extended to these houses. Councillor U. Burke supported Councillor Loughnane and Deputy Treacy.

Mr. Gleeson explained the position as set out in the reply to the Notice of Motion and said that a proposal for the replacement of the rising main was included as a small scheme for 1987. He also said that the question of an improved water supply for the two Council houses was investigated and a group scheme was the recommended solution.

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

- THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DISCONTINUE TRYING TO CHARGE PEOPLE FOR A REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE - MOTION BY CLR. TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"A survey has been completed recently on the extent to which the refuse collection service has been availed of along the collection routes in the County. A detailed analysis of the survey is being undertaken at present and will be available in the near future.

The following general conclusions may, however, be made:

- (i) A number of persons along the routes in rural areas do not avail of the service. The Council is prepared to consider, on an individual basis, the waiving of the charge for the service in respect of such persons along such rural routes who are able to establish to the satisfaction of the Council that they are not availing of the service.
- (ii) In relation to towns and villages, the service is shown to be availed of to a very large extent.

Charges will, therefore, continue to be payable in towns and villages where the refuse collection service is specifically laid on to service these Centres.

A complete review of the whole refuse collection arrangement is being undertaken at present, and a further report will be brought before the Council shortly."

The Chairman decided to defer this Notice of Motion to the next Meeting.

1894 - WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The Preliminary Report for this scheme has been approved and the next step is the acquisition of the necessary lands for the siting of the Treatment Plant so that Contract Documents for the scheme may be prepared.

Arrangements are now being made to acquire the necessary lands in this case. The owner of the land selected as a site for the Treatment Works is not agreeable to allow the Council to enter on the land to carry out the necessary surveys and trial holes. The Council will have to resort to legal proceedings regarding its power of entry in this case, and arrangements are in train to proceed on these lines."

- THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENTS AT CLOONMINDA CROSSROADS ON THE MAIN ROAD FROM GLENAMADDY TO BALLYMOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"It would be desirable to improve this Tee junction. There are no funds available for this work which is estimated to cost £20,000."

- THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT NEW TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING IN ARDRAHAN THIS YEAR AND RE-SITE MONUMENT TO NEAR WATER PUMP AT ARDRAHAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"There are no funds available in the current year for these works."

- THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMMENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE NEW WATER SCHEME AT KINVARA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"We await the sanction of the Department of the Environment to seek Tenders for the Scheme."

- THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT A LOCAL AUTHORITY DWELLING-HOUSE FOR APPLICANT (DETAILS SUPPLIED) AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"This applicant has been approved in principle for a rural house and the transfer of the necessary site is being arranged. There are no funds in the current year to build any additional rural houses. This application will be considered on a priority basis in 1988 in the light of finances made available."

1899 - GO gCUIRFEADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE COMHARTHAI AG AN CEIBH
AG AN SRUTHAN BUI, LEITIRMOIR, AGUS AN BALLA AR AN DROICHEAD
ANSIN A ATH THOGAIL - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Deanfar na h-oibreacha seo comh luath agus is feidir
san ath bhliain 1988."

1900 - GO gCUIRFEADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE SOLAS POIBLI AG LEITIRMEALLAIN - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"De bharr staid airgeadais an Comhairle, nil muid in ann aon solas poibli a chur ar fail i mbliana."

1901 - GO nDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DEMOUNTABLES TO MARY DALY,
DERRYGLASS, LEITIRMOIR, AGUS DO TOMAS BREATHNACH, ROSS,
LEITIRMOIR - MOLADH O'N COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Deiseoidh an Comhairle Chontae na demountables do na daoine seo comh luath agus feidir."

1902 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RESTORE FULLY THE FOOTPATHS IN THE TOWN OF LOUGHREA WHICH WERE LEFT UNFINISHED FOLLOWING TELEPHONE CABLE LAYING - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Two sections of footpath, which have been temporarily restored, are awaiting final restoration. One section is along Dunkellin Street/Mob Hill and the other at Station Road. Agreement has been reached with Bord Telecom in relation to the extent of final restoration along Station Road but we are still in negotiation with regard to the extent of final restoration necessary on the Dunkellin Street/Mob Hill section."

1903 - THAT APPROPRIATE STEPS, INCLUDING ERECTION OF SIGNS, BE TAKEN
TO PREVENT THE INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING IN FRONT OF THE HOMES
OF NAMED PERSONS AT MIDDLE THIRD, ORANMORE: - MOTION BY
COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Signs will be erected at above location."

1904 - AUGMENTATION OF THE LAURENCETOWN/EYRECOURT GROUP WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The total demand to serve proposed group water supply schemes in the above areas together with the existing Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Scheme is 322,390 gallons of water per day. It is possible to make a supply of water equivalent to this demand available from the Ballinasloe Water Supply Scheme, and Ballinasloe Urban District Council

"would be agreeable to make a supply available subject to certain conditions including a condition that improvement works be carried out to the Treatment Plant at an estimated cost of £84,000. These works would be carried out by Ballinasloe Urban District Council as a major capital scheme.

In addition to the improvement works at the Treatment Plant in Ballinasloe the following Trunk Mains are required to facilitate the development of the group schemes proposed.

- (a) 4,200 m x 250 mm diameter gravity Trunk Main from the Garbally Trunk Main to Ballinure Junction.
- (b) 2,250 m x 200 mm diameter trunk main from Ballinure along the Laurencetown Road.
- (c) 1,500 x 200 mm Trunk Main from Ballinure to Pumping Station on the Kiltormer Road.

The total estimated cost of the provision of the Trunk Mains at (a) to (c) above is £312,000 and this work would be carried out by the County Council as a major capital scheme.

The position, therefore, is that the carrying out of works at an estimated cost of £396,000 is required to facilitate the development of group water supply schemes in the area concerned. Such major works are, as you are aware, subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment and funded by way of capital allocation from Central Funds. The Council has submitted a proposal on the above lines to the Department of the Environment seeking approval to the preparation of Contract Documents for the works involved. Ballinasloe Urban District Council have made a similar proposal in relation to its required improvement works.

Before Galway County Council and Ballinasloe Urban District Council are in a position to indicate their formal agreement to any proposals for the development of group schemes in the above areas, Departmental approval to the Council's proposals will be required together with a firm indication that the necessary capital money will be available to finance such proposals. Any new major projects undertaken by the Council are, as you are aware, subject to consideration in the light of the Council's priority list for major schemes and the overall availability of finance for such schemes."

1905 - THAT A SUPPLY OF WATER BE RESTORED IMMEDIATELY TO THE VILLAGE OF BLACKSTICKS, EYRECOURT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James

"The handle of the pump was removed by County Council staff earlier this year following water quality tests which indicated that the well had been polluted. Subsequently, a nearby private well was found to be polluted. A series of tests are now being carried out on the Blacksticks hand pump and if these prove satisfactory the handle of the pump will be replaced within the near future."

1906 - THAT THE COUNTY ENGINEER CARRY OUT A SURVEY OF THE GURTEENAVEELA/ CARROWKEEL ROAD AT CLONTUSKERT, BALLINASLOE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

> The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"This road County Road No. 555 is approximately 1.9 miles long and has an average carriageway width of 9 ft. with the # mile section nearest to the Aughrim end being badly overgrown with hedges and a number of sections with bad bends of total length 1 mile. The estimated cost of widening this road, removing or easing these bends and providing a new surface where needed will be £230,000.

There are no funds available or likely to be available in 1988 for this work."

1907 - THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE URGENT STEPS TO IMPROVE THE GLEANTRAIG ROAD, CORNAMONA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas

"Funds are not available for carrying out the necessary repair work to the County Road at Gleantreague."

- THAT THE COUNCIL CLEAN ROAD AND DRAINS ON PARTS OF THE GLENHOWHAN ROAD, BALLINAFAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"This work will be carried out as soon as possible."

1909 - THAT THE VERY HIGH GRASS BE CUT DOWN IN THE GLANN BURIAL GROUND - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

> The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Funds are not available for carrying out the above work."

1910 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE OVER AND DECLARE PUBLIC AND MAINTAIN THE ROAD FROM THE WESTERN END OF THE NEW AT MUICKENAGH, CAMUS, TO THE COUNTY ROAD SERVING MUICKENAGH VILLAGE: -MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

> The Acting County Secretary stated that a reply will be available for the next Meeting.

1911 - SMYPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Miss Una Hynes, Cross Street, Athenry. Mr. Joe Toher, Ardrahan, Co. Galway. Mr. Mark Kellehan, Gortnamona, Headford.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBHITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

MISSINGRE CHAIRMAN

19.10.87 DATE (approved 19.10.87)

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY - 25TH AUGUST, 1987

PRESENT:

Chairman: Clr. Mark Killilea, M.E.P.

Clrs. P. Finnegan; Ml. Fahy; J. Joyce,

M. Lynch, J. Mannion

Mr. T. Kavanagh Ms. H. Bygrove Ms. M. Moloney

The Chairman thanked the members for their words of appreciation at the last meeting.

In considering the Minutes it was agreed that they be amended in so far as the allocation to Druid was concerned. Members agreed that Druid should be asked what venues in the county they propose to visit before finalising the amount of their grant.

The allocation of the 1987 Arts Grant was then discussed and it was agreed to make the following interim recommendation. (Total Grant £18,000)

Writer in Residence	.£2,000
Clifden Community Arts	£2,000
Cross St./High St. Festival	- 200
Poetry Co-Op	- 500
Salmon Publication	- 700
Galway Arts Festival	- 800

Regional Arts Committee prog. £3,750 (Theatre Person in Residen Education Prog. Loughrea

(Theatre Person in Residen Education Prog. Loughrea Community Proj. Kinvara Horse & Bamboo Music Programme; Ceol an Iarthair; Arts Events Brochure; Jazz Duo Etc.)

TOTAL..... £9,950

The members agreed to request Galway Corporation to submit a copy of their Arts Grant allocation for 1987.

Clr. Joyce informed the meeting that it was hoped to turn the Town Hall in Ballinasloe into a Community Arts Centre. The Arts Council were not in a position to help with the funding. Clr. Joyce suggested that the Arts Committee might agree to an allocation for the work of refurbishing the building. It was pointed out that under the Arts Act only performances could be funded.

The Committee proposed that Mr. Adrian Munnelly, Director, of the Arts Council be invited to the next meeting on 18th September, 1987. To facilitate his attendance it was proposed that the meeting be held in U.C.G. where the Arts Conference "Partnership" was being held.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBHITTED

APPROVED 4 CONFIRMED

VIJBOW ORE CHAIRMAN

19!10.87 DATE (approved 87)

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL ARTS COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY - 25TH SEPT. 1987

PRESENT:

Chairman:

Clrs.

Clr. Mark Killilea, M.E.P.

P. Finnegan; M. Fahy; J. Joyce;

M. Lynch; Ml. O'Morain.

Mrs. T. Kavanagh Ms. H. Bygrove Ms. M. Moloney

Ms. Rita Ann Higgins, the Writer in Residence attended at 4 p.m. to meet the members and to outline her programme of work during her residence. She told the Committee that besides the Library readings, she was working on a project with people from the Peadar O'Donnell Unemployed Centre. This involved writing a play relating to various people who apply for assistance to a Community Welfare Officer. She hoped to visit the Tyrone Guthrie Centre to put the finishing touches to the play. She had also arranged to hold workshops on creative writing in schools in Clifden and Ballinasloe.

The members wished her success and she then left the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 25th August, 1987 were approved.

Clr. M. Lynch proposed a vote of sympathy to Una Hynes, Cross St., Athenry, on the death of Mr. C. Howley.

Clr. M. O'Morain made reference to the abolition of the Regional Development Organisations and proposed that negotiations be opened to ensure the continued employment of the Arts Officer.

The Chairman advised him that the County Manager was in contact with the Arts Council in this regard and said that a full report would be available for the next meeting.

The remainder of the 1987 Arts Grant allocation was then discussed and the following were agreed for recommendation to the Council.

Galway Theatre Workshop (Tour in Co. Galway)	£ 1,000
National Youth Theatre	200
Connemara Wildlife - Art Exhibition	400
Theatre in Schools Project - Gort	500
Cois Claddagh Choir(Tour of Clifden, Tuam, Ballinasloe, Gort)	550
TOTAL	2,650

### Position to-date:

BALLANCE: 5,400

Ms. Bygrove advised the Committee that the Arts Council would be assessing applications from the Regions in the near future and advised that details of events should be submitted as soon as possible. It was agreed that Ms. Bygrove would submit details of events for transmission to the Arts Council.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in a months time.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED +

CONFIRMED

MILISTADOR CHAIRMAN
19.10.87 DATE (appended)

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

2u la Deire Fomhair, 1987.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, an 9u la Deire Fomhair, 1987, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH, Runai Sealadach.

### A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Kevin McKeigue, Sheepwalk, Kiltormer, for Petrol Station and Garage at Gortnahorna, Clontuskert. - Planning Ref. No. 54741."

Ulick Burke. Michael Mullins. Michael P. Kitt.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to John Donoghue for a new road opening at Sruffane, Carraroe, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 54674."

Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Tom Welby. Micheal S. O'Morain.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

- 3. Lettermore Water Supply.
- 4. Woodford Water Supply.
- 5. Air Pollution Act, 1987.
- I.P.A. Course for Chairman/Vice-Chairman of Local Authorities - 22/23 October, 1987.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY OCTOBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor P. Finnegan.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs J. Howlett, Deputy County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; T. Coughlan, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

- RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 54741 - APPLICANT:

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

## "LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at the junction of Regional Route 355 (Ballinasloe/Portumna) and County Road 557 to Kiltormer approx 3 miles south of Ballinasloe.

## PREVIOUS HISTORY:

Ref. NO. 54287: Similar proposal refused to this applicant, who did not appeal the decision.

## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a junction of a major road and a busy County Road at a bend on the major road where there is a very restricted sight distance due to the close proximity of a business premises to the inside of the bend. The sight distance available at the bend is only 90 metres whereas the minimum required stopping distance is 190 metres making it seriously deficient.

A business premises located here would attract turning movements at this junction, which would otherwise proceed along the major road without stopping, which would give rise to a serious accident from right turning movements off the major road in particular.

A trial hole was excavated to assess the suitability of the site for the treatment of effluent and the Western Health Board has advised that the site is not suitable.

Details of his proposed bored well water supply were also sought but he has not submitted same.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. The proposed development would create a serious traffic hazard located as proposed at a busy road junction (Regional Route 355 with County Road) on a stretch of road where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic in the area.
- 2. The proposed site is unsuitable for the satisfactory disposal of effluent."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The County Engineer said that the two main objections to the application were (a) traffic hazard (b) unsuitability of the site for the treatment of septic tank effluent. He said the site was located on a junction of a major road and a busy County Road at a bend on the major road where there is very restricted sight distance. It appeared from the drawings that the entrance would be off the minor road but a business premises located on this site would attact turning movements which could give rise to serious traffic accidents. In the opinion of the County Medical Officer the site was unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent.

Councillor U. Burke said that this application was different from the previous application which was refused. He emphasised that the entrance would be off the minor road and that there would be no entrance off the main road and this was the reason why the original application was not appealed. He said that all the roadside hedge at the site will be removed and this will dramatically improve sight distance and improve safety at the junction. As regards the trial hole which was dug, Councillor Burke said that this worked sufficiently for a considerable time but it was not inspected for at least a month at which time water had collected in it which was not unusual. He said that the majority of the people availing of the facility would be coming from the Laurencetown direction and that the entrance would be kept as far as possible away from the junction. There were warning signs at the junction. The building would also be set back as far as possible.

The County Engineer said that a septic tank has to work in wet weather as well as dry weather. He said the removal of the hedge would be of little or no advantage. A vehicle coming from Ballinasloe to Portumna crossing over to the filling station created a potential for an accident so the removal of the hedge did not improve sight distance in this respect. In his opinion the present proposal created a specific traffic hazard and he urged the members not to approve it. In reply to Councillor Brennan, he said that the entry was approximately 35 feet from the main road line and the station would be set back 45 ft. approximately.

Councillor Brennan said that while the petrol station would be a very good facility for local people, the junction was definitely a dangerous one. He asked how much land the applicant owned and if the petrol station could be sited further back the minor road. The County Engineer said that if it was moved further up the Kiltormer Road that he would have no objection to it. Councillor Brennan proposed that the application be deferred. He then proposed that the application be refused but there was no seconder.

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

1913 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 54674 - APPLICANT : JOHN DONOGHUE.

Senator O'Conchubhair proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. This was seconded by Councillor Welby.

This resolution was previously discussed at Meeting on 11th September, 1987, and the Deputy County Manager submitted the following further report which had been circulated to each Member.

"The proposal has been examined again following discussion at the September Planning Meeting.

Traffic travelling from Carraroe towards Galway come into view approximately 50 metres from the access point. The minimum stopping sight distance for this Regional Route is 190 metres and consequently there would be a very inadequate distance for emergency braking at this location.

An improvement in sight distance could be affected by bringing the access point close to the North Eastern road boundary of the site but there would still be substandard sight distance and the proposal could not be recommended.

The indications are, as expressed in an earlier letter to the Planning Authority, that the applicant requires this to be a second access to his guesthous and does not intend to close the existing access."

The County Engineer said that the house for which the second entrance is proposed, is built at a bad location and was granted permission in the early days of planning. He said the house was built on top of a rock outcrop and has been upgraded to a guesthouse. He said that the existing entrance was dangerous and while the proposed entrance might sightly improve access for traffic coming from the Costello direction, apart from this it was creating another dangerous access. It was duplicating an already bad entrance and would create a specific traffic hazard and he would have to object to it.

Senator O'Conchubhair said that the existing entrance was dangerous and there were two accidents there. He said the proposed entrance would be veering away from the house and that the applicant would provide a roundabout to improve turning movements. He agreed that the applicant wished to retain the existing entrance but said that the proposed entrance would be safer than the present one. He asked if a temporary permission could be given. Councillor Welby said that the present entrance was dangerous and that the proposed entrance would not be as dangerous.

The County Engineer said that the house appeared to be built on the wrong site. He said that if the applicant extended the proposed entrance road further along in the north east direction and came on to the main road at right angles, it might be a much better solution. He strongly advised that the applicant would get technical advice as to how a proper entrance road could be provided which would be safer and perhaps cheaper in the long run. He said the applicant's advisors could consult with the Council.

Senator O'Conchubhair agreed to defer the resolution to allow the applicant investigate an alternative solution.

Mr. Howlett said that the County Manager will consider the views put forward by the members in relation to application number 54741 and as a specific traffic hazard was mentioned, he may refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor for advise.

## 1914 - LETTERMORE WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Howlett informed Senator O'Conchubhair that following a request for a supply of water from the Lettermore/Tiernea public scheme to supply the Lettercallow Group Water Scheme, the pumping plant on the public scheme was examined with a view to increasing the capacity to meet the additional demand. There was a request for 22,000 gallons for the group and it would not be possible to supply this amount of water. The pump suppliers, Messrs. Roche & McConnell have been asked to carry out an examination of the pumping plant and it is understood from a preliminary examination that it may be possible to supply from 10,000 to 15,000 gallons of water extra. A firm recommendation is awaited from the pump suppliers and any improvements to the pumps would involve expenditure which would have to be provided for in next year's Estimates.

Senator O'Conchubhair said there were three group schemes involved, Ross/Lettercallow, Lettercallow North, and Lettercallow/Derreenglass. He said that it was important that sufficient water be available for the three schemes. Mr. Howlett said that there was a limit to both the amount of water available and the pumping capacity of the plant, and that the Council was awaiting this information. It was agreed to put the matter on the Agenda for the October Monthly Meeting.

## 1915 - WOODFORD WATER SUPPLY:

Mr. Howlett stated that all the information which the Council had in relation to the Woodford Water Supply was made available to the Members at the last meeting. He said that the Council had stopped using the second source. Councillor U. Burke asked if there was any progress with the proposal to replace the watermains particularly from the source to the Reservoir. Mr. Howlett replied that this was submitted to the Department as a small scheme but no allocation had been approved for Small Schemes during the current year. Councillor U. Burke asked that the matter be taken up again with the Department. He also asked that the river supply source be disconnected and that another alternative source be investigated.

## 1916 - AIR POLLUTION ACT, 1987:

Mr. Howlett referred to the report dated 22nd September, 1987, and the summary of the Air Pollution Act, 1987, which had been circulated to each Member. He said that the Minister had made an Order bringing the majority of the Sections into force from the 1st September, 1987. The Local Authorities responsible for implementing the Act were County Councils and County Borough Corporations. One important Section of the Act was Section 24 which imposes an obligation on the occupier of any premises other than a private dwelling to use the best practicable means to limit, and if possible, to prevent emissions of pollution into the atmosphere from their premises. Part 111 provides for a licensing procedure for industrial plant but this part has not yet been brought into force. Mr. Howlett stated that the operations under the Act were somewhat similar to those under the Water Pollution Act. As regards the practicality of the new legislation, Mr. Howlett stated that there appeared to be no immediate problem in the County area. Galway Corporation would be responsible for implementing the Act in the City area unless an agreement was made whereby the County Council would take over the function. He said that no specific staff had been recruited or no equipment had been acquired as yet, and the implementation of the Act would be dealt with in the Environment Section.

Councillor Brennan said that he was aware of one Plant from which there was a nauseating odour. He said that it could be very costly for some existing Plants to change their operations in order to avoid emissions which cause pollution and he proposed that the Department be asked to make grants available for that purpose. This was agreed. Councillor U. Burke said that the Government had scrapped An Foras Forbartha which was the only Body which had the resources to tackle air pollution. He said the Council had not got the resources to implement the Act and he proposed that a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment about An Foras Forbartha enquiring if it would be replaced. This was seconded by Councillor Lambert and agreed.

# 1917 - I.P.A COURSE FOR CHAIRMAN/VICE-CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES 22ND/23RD OCTOBER, 1987:

On the proposition of Councillor Molloy, seconded by Deputy Kitt, it was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor O'Morain, and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Finnegan be nominated to attend this Course.

## 1918 - 1987 TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME:

Mr. Howlett referred to the 1987 Tenant Purchase Scheme which had been circulated to each Member. He said that the scheme was on the same basis as the previous scheme. He said the original all-in cost of the houses were up-dated, and discounts would be allowed in respect of the £2,000 new house grant, Rates and period of tenancy. He said about 20 houses were being purchased under the previous scheme. Details of the scheme would be sent to all tenants.

Councillor U. Burke said that the system for working out the sale price of local authority houses was unfair. He said there was a drop in the price of private dwellings, and this was no reflected in the price of local authority houses under the Tenant Purchase Scheme and that tenants in some instances were being seriously penalised. Deputy Kitt suggested that tenant purchasers be allowed carry out the necessary repairs themselves and get a reduction in the purchase price. Councillor Lambert asked if ordinary tenants carried out small repairs, would the Council recoup the cost.

Mr. Howlett replied that the Council had to abide by the terms of the national scheme. He said that because of the Council's limited resources, it was unable to carry out minor repairs to houses and tenants should look after these themselves. Councillor Joyce referred to a house in Eyrecourt where smoke was escaping to the attic. He asked that the fault be repaired immediately as was promised already. Councillor Joyce agreed with Councillor U. Burke that the purchase price of local authority houses was too high and they were not worth the money. He proposed that the Department be asked to agree to a limit over which the sale prices would not exceed the original all-in cost.

The Chairman referred to the necessity for some local authority tenants to have extensions built to their houses and he proposed that the Department be asked again to provide finance for this purpose. This was agreed. A proposal by Councillor U. Burke to ask the Department to restore new house grants (Builder's Grant) was also agreed.

## 1919 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES:

Councillor Walsh referred to a request which he had made previously that L.I.S. roads which had got into a very bad state of repair be allowed to be redone after a specific number of years.

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He referred specifically to an L.I.S. road at Cloonlara North (J. Timothy).

Deputy Kitt said he understood the Minister agreed that L.I.S. Roads could be redone if they were in a very bad state of repair and if the circumstances of the beneficaries would not allow them to repair the road themselves. Mr. Howlett agreed to examine the case referred to by Councillor Walsh.

### 1920 - NOTICES OF MOTION:

The Chairman allowed Councillor Walsh to raise the three Notices of Motion which appeared under his name on the Agenda for the previous Meeting.

The first motion referred to charges for refuse collection where the person charged was not availing of the service. He said there was no justification for this and that it was morally wrong. He was supported by Councillor Ryan. Mr. Kavanagh, Acting Secretary, stated that a full survey of the refuse collection service had been carried out. An analysis of the survey was being undertaken at present and the decisions arrived at so far were that charges will continue to be payable in all towns and villages where a refuse collection service is provided. In rural areas, the Council is prepared to consider on an individual basis the waiving of a charge where the Council is satisfied that the person is not availing of the service.

The second motion related to Williamstown Sewerage Scheme. Councillor Walsh said that the sewerage problem in Williamstown was very bad and he asked that the provision of the Sewerage Scheme be expedited.

The third motion related to the carrying out of improvements at Cloonminda Crossroads on the main road from Glenamaddy to Ballymoe. The written reply which had been given to Councilor Walsh indicated that it would cost £20,000 to improve this T-junction. Councillor Walsh said that the estimate of £20,000 was exhorbitant and he said he was only requesting that a much smaller job be done.

## 1921 - CLONTUSKERT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Councillor Joyce asked that this item be put on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting and the Chairman agreed that this would be done.

### 1922 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mr. Francis Fahy, Lackagh, Turloughmore, Co. Galway, on the recent death of his mother.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBHITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

MISSOW TORES CHAIRMAN

27.11.87 DATE

## Minute Book.

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE (Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

13u la Deire Fomhair, 1987.

### CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

#### A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gailimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 19u la Deire Fomhair, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN, Runai.

### AGENDA

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 decide to grant Permission to John Donoghue for a new road opening at Sruffane, Carraroe, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 54674."

Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Tom Welby. Micheal S. O'Morain.

- 2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Monthly Meeting held on 28th September, 1987.
  - (b) Arts Committee Meeting held on the 25th August, 1987.
  - (c) Arts Committee Meeting held on the 25th September, 1987.
- Sale of house to Patrick Healy, Clarinbridge. -Section 83 Notice dated 21st September, 1987, refers.
- 4. Sale of house to Patrick & Marie Carter, Wormhole, Roscahill. - Section 83 Notice dated 6th October, 1987, refers.
- 5. Request from Western Regional Tourism Organisation to appoint two of its members to Rinville Park Committee.
- 6. Lettermore Water Supply.
- 7. Clontuskert, Kellysgrove, Kiltormer, Laurencetown/ Eyrecourt Group Water Supply Schemes.
- 8. Report on Analysis of Water Quality in County Galway.
- 9. Sligo County Council/I.P.A. Joint National Conference "Protecting the Environment" Sligo 19-20 November, 1987.

- 10. Coiste Gaeilge Comhdhail Reigiunach i Rath Cairn, Co. na Midhe. 4-6 Nollag, 1987.
- 11. Malicious Injury Decrees.
- 12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

## COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

### (a) Adjourned:

### COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose

- 13. That the County Engineer carry out a survey of the Gurteenaveela/Carrowkeel Road in Clontuskert, Ballinasloe, (a distance of about 2 miles) and draw up an estimate of the cost of making it safe for road users, such estimate to include -
  - (a) cost of land purchases;
  - (b) cost of earth removal (ditches, etc.)
  - (c) cost of refencing;
  - (d) cost of widening the carriageway and that a phased programme of development be introduced from 1988 onwards.

### AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - Molaim:

- 14. That Galway County Council take over and declare public and maintain the road from the western end of the new bridge at Muickenagh, Camus, to the County Road serving Muickenagh Village.
  - (b) Other Motions received:

### COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

- 15. That the County Council carry out improvements at Corofin (Details enclosed).
- 16. That the County Council declare road at Ballinvoher a public road. (Details enclosed).
- 17. That the County Council take steps immediately to alleviate flooding problem at Ballyglass. (Details enclosed).

### COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH - I will propose:

- 18. That Galway County Council prepare a Development Plan for Moycullen Village incorporating speed limits, footpaths, traffic route lighting, pedestrian crossing, etc., and make application to the Department of the Environment for funding of the development works as a matter of urgency.
- 19. That Galway County Council carry out road widening at road leading to house (details enclosed) at Mirah, Turloughmore.
- 20. That Galway County Council carry out edging works at the road leading from Lydacan to Cregmore School. This is a very busy road accommodating cars, taking children to and from school. Cars at present meeting have difficulty in passing.

### COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH - I will propose:

- 21. That the Galway County Council please tell me why the Gloves West Water Scheme is being held up for a connection to the Athenry Town Supply.
- 22. That Galway County Council put a footapth from the New Housing Estate in Ballydavid, Athenry, to meet up with the other footpath in Caheroyan, that is over the Railway Bridge. As there are quite a number of kids going to school and this road is very dangerous.

## COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: (Continued)

23. That the Galway County Council would please put a public convenience in the New Cemetery in Athenry as the cemetery is one mile outside the town and older people are taken short from time to time. And also put a water supply there for people maintaining graves.

## COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will ask:

24. The total amount of (a) travelling, (b) subsistence monies paid to each County Council for attendance at County Council Meetings, travelling abroad, sub-committee meetings, etc., from June 1986 to June 1987.

## COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose;

- 25. When do the County Council propose to complete the development at Derrymoyle, Oughterard. It is very important that this work is carried out before the next tourist season.
- 26. When will the new gate be hung between the Oughterard Park and the Cow Park, cattle grazing on the cow park are now wandering onto the public road because of this opening.

## COUNCILLOR MARK KILLILEA - I will propose:

27. That road signs be erected at Streamstown Cross and Moyard Cross indicating the direction of Cleggan/Claddaghduff Villages.

## COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

28. That Galway County Council erect "Go Slow" signs at Shanaglish Village - to slow down traffic to safeguard local children in the area.

## COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

- 29. That the Social Employment Scheme for Laurencetown be allowed to go ahead.
- 30. That the Social Employment Scheme for Eyrecourt wall building programme be allowed to go ahead.

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ALICIOUS

	Amount of Decree including costs.	11,031.96	£2997.50	£218.23	£1,066.25	2646.25	
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DECREES	Area of Charge	County at large	County at large	County at large	County at large	County at large	
MALICIOUS DAMAGE	Particulars of Claim	Damage to property	Damage to Property	Damage to Property	Damage to property.	Damage to Property	
	Name and Address	Patrick Geraghty,	Martin Darcy Ltd., Western Rent a Van, Tuam Road, GALWAY.	Mattew Healy, Oughterard.	Patrick Kilkelly, Shanclough, Kinvara.	Joseph Walsh, Skeaghbeg, Headford.	77.0

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor M. O'Morain.

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, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. MacDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillor M. Mullins, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Walsh.

Officials:

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

### 1923 - MOLADH COMHBHRON:

Do mhol an Cathaoirleach, Micheal Uasal O'Morain, run comhbhron do baintreach agus chlann Darrach O Cathain, Ceoilteoir Traidisiunta, a fuair bas le deanai.

### 1924 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor Martin Lynch, a vote of congratulations was passed to the Athenry Senior Hurling Team on winning the County Championship.

On the proposition of Councillor P. McHugh, a vote congratulations was passed with Regan's Pub, Cloonboo, on becoming the Regional Winner in the Pub of the Year Awards.

## 1925 - PLANNING PERMISSION - E.S.B. TRANSFORMER STATION AT RECESS (REFERENCE NO. 54086)

Deputy R. Molloy asked if Planning Permission had been granted to the E.S.B. for the provision of a Sub-Station at Recess. He stated that the development being carried out was not in accordance with proper planning and development and that Planning Permission would not be granted for the erection of a private house in the area concerned. The County Manager gave the following report:

"This application was received by the Planning Authority on the 18th March, 1987. The planning notice was inserted in the Irish Independent on Wednesday, 4th March, 1987.

The decision to grant planning permission issued on the 14th May, 1987. One number condition was attached which related to peripheral planting. There were no objections or appeal and the grant of planning permission issued on the 22nd June, 1987. Work commenced on site immediately afterwards and has now progressed to the stage where the steel uprights are in position and ready for all of the transforming equipment to be added.

The site is adjacent to the Cashel junction on the Galway to Clifden roadway. At this point, the 38KV line from Screebe crosses the main road and there are major pylons at either side of the roadway. The 10KV line runs along the North of the public roadway and the 38KV line and the 10KV line cross at this location. The existing pylon on the north of the road is the proposed connection point for a new 38KV line from Oughterard. The present 38KV line is the only one serving the entire Connemara area west of Oughterard, hence the need for a back up supply from Oughterard in the future.

Early this year, the E.S.B. received a request for a large electrical load in the area and it became necessary to boost the existing local 10KV supply from the 38KV line to accommodate this new demand in conjunction with the existing local demands. Before lodging the planning application, the E.S.B. discussed the matter with the Planning Officer in view of the location of the transformer in an amenity area. The possibility of putting the complex in a more secluded spot was considered but this would involve the location of a number of 38KV masts to connect the new line with the existing lOKV line. This would necessarily result in further damage to visual amenity as well as very considerable development costs, including a new roadway which would itself have an impact on the landscape.

The chosen location makes little or no impact from the Galway approach, but is visible for approximately 400 metres from the Clifden or Carna approach routes. It is slightly elevated over road level but backgrounded by higher ground to the rear. It is in the foreground of views of the Maumturk Mountains and there will be some diminution of the views but it is felt that the planting scheme to be implemented will lessen the incongruity of the development. At present, the location is criss-crossed with 38KV, 10KV and telecom lines with the 38KV masts being very dominant.

While a refusal of the application was considered, on balance, it was decided to grant Permission in the interests of the common good."

In reply to Deputy Molloy, Mr. L. Kavanagh, Planning Officer, stated that there had been discussions with the E.S.B. regarding the proposal and the decision to grant Permission had been made based on a considered judgement of the situation.

1926 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54674 - APPLICANT: JOHN DONOGHUE:

The Council agreed, on the proposal of Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair, that this resolution be withdrawn.

### 1927 - MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, and agreed that the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 28th September, 1987, be adopted.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, and agreed that the Minutes of the Arts Committee Meeting held on the 25th August, 1987, be adopted.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, and seconded by Councilor John Mannion, that the Minutes of the Arts Committee Meeting held on the 25th September, 1987, be adopted.

### 1928 - SITES AT GORT ROAD, LOUGHREA:

Deputy Noel Treacy referred to the reply which he had received in response to his Notice of Motion at the September Meeting of the Council proposing that the Council dispose of sites at Gort Road, Loughrea. He stated that the price tendered for the sites was very high and stated that the Council should dispose of the sites.

Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that the Council proposed to erect old person's dwellings on these sites which were near the Town Centre. The sanction of the Department of the Environment had been received recently to the employment of an Architect to prepare a design for the sites. The sites had been in the ownership of the Council for a considerable time and were originally part of large sites attached to old County Council houses. He considered that the sites should be used for the provision of old person's dwellings as they were ideally located and there was a demand for these type of houses in Loughrea.

Deputy Noel Treacy stated the Council had adequate lands for Council housing in St. Laurence's Fields and that it had not advanced any proposals for the development of Council houses on these sites at Gort Road until after public Tenders had been invited. He stated that one of the people who had submitted a Tender was a young married man in need of a house. He proposed that the Council dispose of the sites at Gort Road. Deputy Treacy's proposal was seconded by Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair.

Councillor U. Burke stated that the sites in question were in Council ownership for a long time and were part of the Council's land bank in Loughrea. He stated that the sites were very suitable for the provision of old person's dwellings and that the Council should not become involved speculatively in the disposal of these sites. He stated that he would not support any proposal to dispose of the sites.

In reply to Councillor Loughnane, Mr. Howlett stated that the sites had been advertised to test the market and the Council had re-assessed the situation following the receipt of Tenders. A survey on the need for old person's dwellings in Loughrea had shown that there was a demand for these type of houses in the town. In reply to Councillor Joe Brennan, the County Manager stated that if the Council passed a resolution proposing that the Council dispose of the sites, he would agree to disposing of them subject to the usual legal requirements. If the Council passed a resolution to retain the sites, he would be satisfied to retain them and construct old person's dwellings on them. In reply to Councillor Joe Burke, who asked if new Tenders would be invited, the County Manager stated that this matter would be considered after the Council had made its decision. The County Manager stated that a resolution agreeing to the disposal of the sites would only be an agreement in principle at this stage, and that the Council would have to go through the legal formalities of issuing a Section 83 Notice to Members.

This Notice would give details of the history of the sites and of the compensation being received. A formal proposal would be placed on the Agenda for a Council Meeting in due course.

In reply to queries from the Council, Mr. J. Howlett stated that the Council had other lands at St. Laurence's Fields available for the provision of Council housing. In reply to queries from Councillors as to where proceeds from the sale of the sites would be spent, the County Manager stated that this matter could be examined when the Section 83 Notice was being considered.

A vote taken after 5.00 p.m. for or against Deputy Treacy's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR:

Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Clrs.
M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Clr.
J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M.
Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N.
O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P.
Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy.

(14)

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

(13)

The Chairman declared Deputy Treacy's proposal carried.

### 1929 - PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS:

In reply to Councillor J. McHugh, the County Manager stated that the proposals of Galway Corporation in relation to a halting site at Carrowbrowne was a statement of their intention, and this statement had been brought before the County Council as part of the report on the accommodation for travellers in the County Area. The development of the site at Carrowbrowne would require Planning Permission and he was satisfied that any development proposed would be carried out in accordance with proper planning and development.

The County Council had decided to refer its report to the Joint Committee on Travellers and this Committee provided an opportunity for a coming together of representatives of the County Council and the Corporation. The Council noted that a meeting of the Joint Committee would be arranged in the near future and that a report would be submitted after that meeting to the County Council.

### 1930 - CHARGES FOR REFUSE COLLECTION:

Deputy R. Molloy stated that he had received a number of complaints from persons who had received bills for refuse collection and had never availed of the service. He asked that the matter be clarified. He was supported by Councillor Tiarnan Walsh who referred to the Notice of Motion which he had submitted at a previous meeting asking that the Council discontinue charging people on the routes of collection services who were not availing of the service. A number of Councillors supported the motion of Councillor Walsh. The County Manager referred the Members to the reply which had been given to Councillor Walsh in reply to his Notice of Motion. He stated that the Council was prepared to consider on an individual basis the waiving of the charge for the service in respect of persons along rural routes who were able to establish to the satisfaction of the Council that they were not availing of the service. In relation to towns and villages, where the refuse collection service . was specifically laid on, the Council would continue to levy charges in respect of towns and villages served irrespective of whether the service was availed of by individual people or not.

Deputy Michael Kitt stated that people who had been granted waivers in previous years were still getting bills. Deputy Fahey referred to cases where commercial rates had been charged and where the charges should only be in respect of domestic premises.

The County Manager stated that any errors made in charges could be corrected without any difficulty. There were no circumstances, however, in which a general waiver could be given but persons in rural areas not availing of the service could be considered on an individual basis, and he was agreeable to examine these cases. In the case of towns and villages, the service was laid on specifically and was costing the Council money to provide a door to door service. Charges would have to be paid by all people served in such circumstances. The charges were set up within a legal framework, and the Council had power to make the charges. The charges were embodied in the adoption of the annual budget and the Council was not in a position to implement any changes proposed in the current year. A full report on the refuse collection service would be brought before the Council when considering the Estimates for 1988. Persons claiming waivers would have to apply on an annual

basis for the waiving of the charges as circumstances of

persons being waived could change from year to year.

### 1931 - WOODFORD WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Councillor Matt Loughnane stated that the water supply in Woodford was still unsatisfactory and he proposed that the Council make a special case to the Minister for the Environment for funds to replace the defective main serving the town. He was supported by Councillor Ulick Burke and Deputy Frank Fahey. The County Engineer stated that the most recent breakdown in the water supply had been caused by a machine operator who had inadvertently broken the pipe. The Council staff had worked over the weekend and the latest information was that the repairs had been carried out and that the Reservoir was filling again. The County Engineer agreed that the rising main was susceptible to damage. A proposal to replace the main had been made under the Small Schemes Programme for 1987 but no allocation had been received. Mr. J. Howlett had indicated that the Council had sought finance under the Small Schemes Programme for the replacement of the defective mains but that no allocation had been received in 1987.

### 1932 - SALE OF HOUSE AT CLARINBRIDGE:

It was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house to Patrick Healy, Clarinbridge, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 21st September, 1987, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which has been circulated to each Member of the Council."

### 1933 - SALE OF HOUSE AT MOYCULLEN:

It was proposed by Senator P. McCormack, seconded by Councillor Ulick Burke, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house to Patrick & Marie Carter, Wormhole, Roscahill, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 6th October, 1987, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which has been circulated to each Member of the Council."

1934 - REQUEST FROM WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION TO APPOINT TWO OF ITS MEMBERS TO RINVILLE PARK COMMITTEE:

Councillor J. Mannion proposed that the Council appoint one nominee of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation to the Rinville Park Committee. Councillor Mannion stated that he understood that a similar proposal would be made at a Meeting of Galway Corporation requesting that the Corporation also appoint one nominee of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation. This would result in an addition of two Members to the Committee. Councillor Michael Ryan seconded Councillor Mannion's proposal. Councillor Mannion's proposal was supported by Councillors Matt Loughnane and Deputy Frank Fahey.

Deputy R. Molloy proposed that no further Members be appointed to the Rinville Park Committee as there were already 14 Members on the Committee. The Committee, he stated, were responsible for a small sum of money and there was no justification for an increase in the membership at this time. Deputy Molloy's proposal was seconded by Councillor Joe Burke. A vote taken on Councillor Mannion's proposal resulted as follows:

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

(22)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, J. Lambert, Deputy R. Molloy, and Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

(4)

The Chairman declared Councillor Mannion's proposal carried.

1935 - TIERNEA/LETTERMORE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - LETTERCALLOW GROUP WATER SCHEME:

The Council noted the following report which had been circulated to each Member:

"The additional water required to serve the above group schemes would be 8,000 gallons per day. The pumps on the Lettermore Public Water Supply Scheme are in need of improvements and overhaul. By increasing the size of the pump impellers, the output of the pumps could be significantly increased. The screens at the intake are also in need of replacement. The total estimated cost of overhauling the pumps and replacing the screen is £6,000.

If the above remedial work was carried out, it would be possible to provide a water supply for the proposed group scheme at Lettercallow. It is proposed to seek the aproval of the Department of the Environment by way of a special grant so that the group scheme development would be facilitated."

Senator Nioclas O'Conchubhair welcomed the report and stated that it would now be possible for the group scheme to go ahead with the design of the scheme.

## 1936 - CLONTUSKERT, KELLYSGROVE, KILTORMER, LAURENCETOWN/EYRECOURT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES

Councillor J. Joyce welcomed the report and stated that it offered an opportunity to serve the areas involved with an adequate supply of water. He proposed that the Council request the Minister for the Environment to meet a deputation to request that the necessary monies be made available to allow the works necessary to facilitate the group schemes to go ahead. Councillor J. Callanan seconded Councillor Joyce's proposal and it was agreed to request the Minister to meet a deputation from the Council. Councillor Mullins asked that the deputation be arranged as soon as possible. Deputy Noel Treacy stated that the Council's submission had been received in the Department of the Environment and that further information would be required in due course.

### 1937 - REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER QUALITY IN COUNTY GALWAY:

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to the Special Meeting of the Council to be held on the 13th November, 1987.

1938 - SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL/I.P.A. JOINT NATIONAL CONFERENCE "PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT" - SLIGO - 19-20 NOVEMBER, 1987:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Ulick Burke, and agreed that the attendance of Councillor Joe Lambert be approved.

It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce, and agreed that the attendance of Councillors Joe Callanan and Peter Raftery be approved.

## 1939 - COISTE GAEILGE COMHDHAIL REIGIUNACH I RATH CAIRN, CO. NA MIDHE - 4-6 NOLLAG, 1987:

Ar mholadh an Teachta Micheal Ceit agus cuidiu an Comhairleoir Seamus Seoighe, socraíodh go rachadh na Comhairleoirí Padraic Mac Aodha agus Sean O Maollaí chuig an Comhdhail.

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir Micheal O'Riain agus cuidiu an Comhairleoir Sean O Mainnin, socraíodh go rachadh an Comhairleoir Iarlaith MacDonnacha chuig an Comhdhail.

### 1940 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with Item 11 on the Agenda were noted.

### 1941 - REPAIRS TO DUNMORE BRIDGE:

The County Engineer informed the Members that emergency repairs had to be carried out to the bridge at Dunmore. He hoped that the works would be carried out within the next week. He had been in touch with the Department of the Environment who had agreed to make the necessary finance available for the cost of the improvements in 1988. The cost involved was of the order of £20,000.

### 1942 - LETTER OF THANKS - MR. PETER KEARNS:

The Council noted a letter from Mr. Peter Kearns, former Assistant County Manager, conveying his thanks to the Members and Staff of the Council for their good wishes and participation in the Presentation to him on the occasion of his Retirement.

### 1943 - CONFERENCES:

The Council approved of the attendance of Councillor Jarlath McDonagh at the Housing Conference in Harrogate from the 28th-30th October, 1987, instead of Councillor John Mannion. The Council also agreed to the attendance of Councillor John Mannion at the Conference in Cork on the 5th and 6th November, 1987, on Lake, River and Coastal Pollution instead of Councillor Jarlath McDonagh.

## 1944 - HOUSING LOANS - CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT:

Senator P. McCormack referred to a difficulty which had arisen in relation to the certification of work for the purposes of payment of a housing loan. The applicant concerned had been informed that the building constructed was not constructed in accordance with Planning Permission, but was unable to ascertain from the Council's Engineer what was wrong with the actual construction.

The County Engineer stated that there was a legal consideration for Council's Engineers in relation to these cases. The Engineer's function was to certify that the work had been carried out properly so that the loan could be advanced. The Engineer could point out what was wrong with any construction not complying with Council requirements but he was not in a position to advise on how any defects should be rectified. The County Engineer indicated that if applicants constructed houses in accordance with Council requirements, there would be no problems. It was agreed that Senator McCormack would submit the details of the case he was referring to to Mr. Howlett for investigation.

### COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

# 1945 - GURTEENAVEELA/CARROWKEEL ROAD IN CLONTUSKERT, BALLINASLOE: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"This road County Road No. 555 is approximately 1.9 miles long and has an average carriageway width of 9 ft. with the 4 mile section nearest to the Aughrim end being badly overgrown with hedges and a number of sections with had bends of total length 4 mile. The estimated cost of widening this road, removing or easing these bends and providing a new surface where needed will be £230,000.

There are no funds available or likely to be available in 1988 for this work."

Councillor J. Joyce stated that this stretch of road was a very dangerous one and asked that some money be provided to carry out improvements. He suggested that the bushes might be cut and one bend removed per year over a period. The County Engineer stated that he would consider Councillor Joyce's request in the light of the Estimates for 1988. The monies provided for County Road strengthening and the monies required to carry out improvements on roads such as these was not available.

# 1946 - ROAD AT MUICKENAGH: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"At present, this road does not meet the standards required to be declared a County Road. In addition, County Road Maintenance allocations in recent years have not been adequate to provide satisfactory maintenance to the existing County Roads and any additions to the County Road mileage would be to the detriment of County Road Maintenance as a whole. It is recommended that this road should not be declared public."

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that this matter be reconsidered as a number of school children were using the road. It was agreed that the County Engineer would prepare an estimate of the cost of bringing the road up to standard for the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

1947 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENTS AT COROFIN (DETAILS ENCLOSED) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The area in question is private property and the Council has no authority to carry out any improvement works thereon. Any proposals for improvement works which satisfy Council requirements will be supported and encouraged."

1948 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL DECLARE ROAD AT BALLINVOHER A PUBLIC MCDONAGH:

- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Due to severe restrictions on monies for maintenance of County Roads, taking in charge of this road is not recommended."

1949 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE STEPS IMMEDIATELY TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING PROBLEM AT BALLYGLASS (DETAILS ENCLOSED) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The road drainage system at Ballyglass has been inspected and found to be in good working condition. The flooding problems referred to, arose from heavy summer storms. Such storms can tax the capacity of most drainage systems, and any resultant flooding is of a temporary nature. The matter will be kept under review."

1950 - DEVEROPMENT PLAN FOR MOYCULLEN VILLAGE - MOTION BY CLR.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Proposals for the extension of the 30 m.p.h. speed limit in Moycullen are presently with the Minister for the Environment. The speed limit will be extended when the Ministerial Order is received.

The E.S.B. are presently preparing a traffic route lighting scheme for Moycullen which will be forwarded to the Department of the Environment for approval. The scheme will be provided if funds are made available for same.

A survey will be undertaken in Moycullen Village to assess whether a pedestrian crossing is warranted.

Footpaths will be provided depending on the allocation of funds from the Department of the Environment."

1951 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT ROAD WIDENING AT ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE (DETAILS ENCLOSED) AT MIRAH, TURLOUGHMORE:
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. McHUGH:

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

"The road in question at Mirah, Turloughmore, is a narrow County Road serving two houses and lands.

There are no funds available from County Road Maintenance to widen this road."

1952 - ROAD FROM LYDACAN TO CREGMORE SCHOOL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. McHUGH:

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

"This is County Road 125 and removal of earthen banks is desirable. There are no funds available under County Road Maintenance to undertake this work in the current year."

1953 - GLOVES WEST WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"This group previously requested a supply of 30,000 G.P.D. from the Council's raw water source at Athenry and an allocation was agreed. However, since then the Council's augmentation borehole has silted up with the result that there is at present inadequate capacity during drought conditions, therefore, the Council cannot now supply the group.

It is recommended that the group should seek an alternative source and it is understood that the groups early plans included a proposal to sink their own borehole and that they did obtain specialist advice regarding this.

The group should reconsider these proposals. The Council's Sanitary Services Section will assist as far as possible with advice."

1954 - PROVISION OF FOOTPATH FROM THE NEW HOUSING ESTATE IN BALLYDAVID, ATHENRY, TO CAHEROYAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The road in question is of restricted width and at the railway bridge it only measures 6.2m. between the parapets. Roadside grass margins were removed to improve traffic flow and accommodate particularly the commercial traffic using the road. The construction of a footpath is not recommended because of the effects on road capacity.

In regard to safety, the road is located within the 30 m.p.h. limit, and there is no known record of any traffic accidents in recent times. Furthermore, there are no funds available."

1955 - PUBLIC CONVENIENCE IN THE NEW CEMETERY IN ATHENRY - MOTION
BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

.The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The provision of a public convenience at the New Cemetery is not recommended on grounds of costs, the limited benefits from only occasional use, maintenance and exposure to vandalism in a relatively isolated area. The area is not serviced by the public sewer and there is no satisfactory means of sewage disposal. A water supply is dependant on making a connection with a private group water supply scheme. There is no public water supply scehem in the immediate area. The provision of a supply can be considered for inclusion in the 1988 Work Programme."

- 1956 THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF (a) TRAVELLING, (b) SUBSISTENCE MONIES
  PAID TO EACH COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY
  COUNCIL MEETINGS, TRAVELLING ABROAD, SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS,
  ETC., FROM JUNE 1986 TO JUNE 1987: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR
  JOE BURKE:
  - It was agreed to adjourn the above Motion to the next Meeting.
- 1957 <u>DEVELOPMENT AT DERRYMOYLE</u>, <u>OUGHTERARD</u>: <u>MOTION BY COUNCILLOR</u>

  THOMAS <u>WELBY</u>:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"A total sum of £8,726 was spent in 1984 on work on an Amenity Scheme at Derrymoyle. It was agreed then that Bord Failte were prepared to contribute a maximum of £4,000 towards the cost of the development.

It was originally intended that half of the roadway, and the piers, slipways, etc. relating to this section of roadway, would be constructed under Phase 1 in 1984 and Phase 11 would be carried out at a later date.

However, when work commenced in November, 1984, the water level in the lake was so high that the piers and slipways could not be constructed. It was, therefore, decided to construct all of the roadway including the turntable. It was hoped that a further allocation would be provided in 1985 to construct the proposed slipways and piers. However, no further funds were provided for the project."

1958 - NEW GATE BETWEEN THE OUGHTERARD PARK AND THE COW PARK - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The carpark at Oughterard was developed under a Social Employment Scheme. The gate to be erected at the entrance to the field, at the rear of the carpark is being manufactured at present. The gate will be erected soon after delivery."

1959 - THAT ROAD SIGNS BE ERECTED AT STREAMSTOWN CROSS AND MOYARD CROSS INDICATING THE DIRECTION OF CLEGGAN/CLADDAGHDUFF VILLAGES: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARK KILLILEA:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Mark Killilea:

"There is an existing sign at Streamstown Cross indicating Claddaghduff (there is no sign indicating Cleggan here). There is an existing sign at Moyard Cross indicating Cleggan (there is no sign indicating Claddaghduff here). Also there is a sign at Cleggan Cross indicating Cleggan. It is felt, therefore, that Cleggan and Claddaghduff are both adequately sign posted from the National Secondary Route."

1960 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT "GO SLOW" SIGNS AT SHANAGLISH VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The road through Shanaglish is very winding and it would be of benefit to have "Go Slow" signs erected here. These signs will be erected in the near future."

1961 - THAT THE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR LAURENCETOWN BE ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The Council is awaiting approval from the Department of Labour regarding commencement of the above scheme."

1962 - THAT THE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR EYRECOURT WALL BUILDING PROGRAMME BE ALLOWED TO GO AHEAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"An application has been submitted to the Manpower Office requesting approval for this scheme."

### 1963 - CORRESPONDENCE:

A copy of each of the following correspondence was circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (1) Letter from Monaghan Urban District Council re protest to An Bord Telecom at the abolition of a fixed charge for local telephone calls and the introduction of a metered charging system for same.
- (2) Letter from Monaghan Urban District Council dated 22nd September, 1987, regarding a request to the present Government to review and postpone the Extradition Legislation which it proposes to adopt in December 1987.
- (3) Letter from Waterford County Council dated 5th October, 1987, re opposition to the gradual elimination of Bodies such as the ACOT and Health Committees and Regional Development Organisations.

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1964 - <u>SYMPATHY</u>:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Celcus sheridan, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.

Mr. P.J. Canney & Family, Kinvara West, Kinvara. Mr. John Flaherty, Abbert, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam.

Mr. & Mrs. Liam Kavanagh, 12 Riverview, Woodquay, Galway.

Mrs. Julia Wade, Cuilmona, Moylough.

The McGath Family, Two-Mile-Ditch, Castlegar, Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

CHAIR HAN

27. 11. 87 DATE

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28th October, 1987.

### 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 Monday, 9th November, 1987, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN, RUNAI.

### AGENDA

- Consideration and adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1988.
   (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith.)
- 2. Determination in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses adopted of the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1988.
- 3. Making of Charges for Water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1988, up to and including 31st March, 1989.
- 4. Making of Charges in respect of Refuse Collection by Galway County Council from Domestic premises for the period 1st April, 1988, up to and including the 31st March, 1989.
- Making and Sealing of Demand on Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

IN THE CHAIR:

1987.

Councillor M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahcy, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, 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, Councillor M. Mullins, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Kavanagh, and A. Fleming, Administrative Officers; T. Murphy, C. Wallace, T. Coughlan, and P. Commins, Senior Staff Officers; and E. Stewart, Executive Engineer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1965 - The Chairman condemned the recent bombings in Enniskillen which had left 11 people dead and many people injured. The Members joined with the Chairman in expressing the Council's condemnation of this atrocity. On the proposition of Councillor J. Mannion, the Members passed a vote of sympathy with Councillor Michael Mullins on the death of his uncle, Mr. William Mullins, and with Councillor Jarlath McDonagh on the death of his aunt, Mrs. Mary Grady.

On the proposition of Councillor Martin Lynch, the Council passed a vote of congratulations with the Athenry U-21 Team on winning the County U-21 Hurling Championship.

#### 1966 - DATES OF MEETINGS OF COUNCIL:

On the suggestion of the Chairman, the Members agreed that the adjourned Estimates Meeting would be held on Friday, 13th November, 1987. It was agreed that if necessary, the Estimates Meeting would be further adjourned from the Meeting of the 13th November, 1987, to the 23rd November, 1987. It was also agreed that the November Monthly Meeting of the Council would be held on Friday, 27th November, 1987.

Councillor Mark Killilea asked that a list of the Garages carrying out M.O.T. Tests in connection with the taxing of trucks be made available by the Motor Tax Office. It was agreed that a list would be made available.

### 1967 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1988:

The Members considered the Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st December, 1988, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member in accordance with the statutory requirements.

STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING ON 9/11/'87

The County Manager submitted his report dated 27th October, 1987, to the Meeting, a copy of which had also been circulated to each Member. The necessary statutory requirements in relation to the giving of notice of the Estimates Meeting had been complied with.

The County Manager indicated in his report that the amount of Rates Support Grant for 1988 was as follows:

GRANT	1988 ALLOCATION	1987ALLOCATION_	DECREASE
	£	£	£
Domestic Rate Relief Grant	2,499,600	2,904,900	405,300
Grant in lieu of Rates on Land	5,636,800 8,136,400	6,551,500 9,456,400	914,700 1,320,000

The reduction of £1.320M. was 14% of the 1987 Allocation.

The Departmental Circular in respect of the 1988 Estimates, FIN 21/87 of 3rd September, 1987, which had already been circulated to Members, had set out the following perameters:-

Local Authorities were required to operate within the limitations of their 1988 Income and this must be the basis of their approach to the adoption of Estimates for the year.

Councils must ensure that Estimates adopted should provide for expenditure levels which are matched by realistic estimates of income.

Arrears of statutory demands for Supplementary welfare and Arterial Drainage must continue to be provided for. Rate Grant allocations would be reviewed during 1988 by reference to the action taken by the Council on this matter.

Councils deficits and borrowing requirements must not be increased.

It would be appreciated that all provision for Expenditure during the year, irrespective of the services or standards that may be desirable, must match the amount of available income. As a consequence of this requirement, any reductions from the levels of Revenue set out in the Estimate would require corresponding adjustments under other expenditure or revenue headings.

The County Manager set out the following summary of the estimated income for 1988 included in the Estimate. The figures had been divided into two figures:-

- A Income which is determined by Government or is consequent to and dependent on particular types of Expenditure (e.g., Higher Education Grants) and which cannot be increased locally to provide extra funds for expenditure to be determined locally.
- B Income which is determined locally and which can be amended either -
  - (i) upwards to provide extra funds for further desired expenditure, or,
  - (ii) downwards, in which case particular net expenditure reductions of the same amount must be identified.

## SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED INCOME - 1988

Details	CLASS A	CLASS B
	£	£
Rate Support Grants	8,136,400	
Rates levied by the Council		1,663,810
Loan Charges Subsidy	6,126,185	
Road Grants	4,966,000	
Local Improvement Schemes	400,000	
Higher Educ. Grants recoupment	1,987,510	
Urban Contribution U.D.C.	136,300	
Galway Corporation Compensation	1,480,385	
Ministerial Grant - Co. Boro Sta	tus 160,000	
Housing Loan Repayments	3,739,300	
Superannuation	394,560	
Housing Rents & Annuities	34,500	500,000
Charges for - Water		1,005,570
Planning	120,000	
Refuse Collection		250,000
Burials		40,000
Fire Service		15,000
Library		50,000
Sheep Dipping		78,500
Meat Inspections		10,005
Employment Schemes Recoupment	1,000,000	
Motor Tax Recoupment	260,000	
Credit Balance	150,000	
State Grants for other Services	501,195	
Sundry Debtors & recoupables	556,895	
TOTALS	30,149,230	3,612,885

The above figures include:

Water

COMBINED TOTAL .....

- (a) estimated amounts in respect of Road Grants and Local Improvement Schemes pending notification of allocations for 1988. These amounts are contra items also appearing on Expenditure side;
- (b) continuation of existing arrangements in respect of compensation from Galway Corporation re boundary extension and County Boro Status pending the Minister's determination, and
- (c) increases over 1987 levels in amounts levied locally as follows:-

Rates 7½% increase to rate of £23.27.

50% increase bringing public domestic supply to £90 per house.

. Waste Disposal (a) Refuse Collection £55 per house

(b) Dump Charges - at total of £20,000.

£33,762,115

Burial Fees 100% to £60 per single plot and £120 per double plot.

Library Fees Yield of £50,000 as against £22,000 in 1987.

Housing Rents

Rents are estimated to yield a sum of £500,000 as against £433,360 in 1987.

The County Manager indicated in his report that provision had been included for pay increases for all grades along the lines recently agreed with the Public Service. The Voluntary Redundancy Package approved by the Government had been communicated to Council employees. At the time of preparing the Estimate, the Manager was not in a position to make a specific offer to any employee. The situation, however, would be examined in the light of enquiries made by staff on the one hand and the need to maintain essential services on the other hand. When this exercise was finalised, a report would be presented to the Minister for the Environment. Accordingly, the Estimate had been compiled on the basis that provision must be made for remuneration which was contractually and legally binding. Any voluntary retirements resulting in savings in 1988 under the headings remuneration, would be earmarked as a priority for transfer to County Road Maintenance. The County Manager advised of the following staff reductions in Officer Grades.

#### VACANCIES UNFILLED

	Resignations	Career Breaks	Total
Clerical/Administrative Engineering/Technical	3 3	10	13
Fire Service	1		
		TOTAL	21

Vacancies occurring during the year would be filled only if they were "Key" posts and in that regard, only one post in 10 vacancies could be regarded as being in the "Key" category. Officers allowed Career Breaks or Officers on leave, including Maternity Leave, would not be replaced during the year. It would be apparent from the Estimate provision that there would not be sufficient funds to provide remuneration for the full year for the Council's workforce. The final position in that regard would not be ascertainable until the Council's Road Grants and Capital Allocations are issued. The extent to which the Voluntary Retirement Package would appeal to the workforce was uncertain at this stage. It would be apparent, however, that unless a substantial number of voluntary retirements occurred, there would be a problem in relation to the continuity of employment, but quantification was not possible at this point in time.

The County Manager indicated in his report that a solution was being implemented in relation to the Rate/Revenue Collectors. The implementation of the revised full-time collector system was deemed vital to the proper management of the Council's finances. It was essential that income was brought to account at the earliest possible time and that measures necessary to effect collection were taken as required. Income estimated but not realised would require reduction of expenditure during the year to ensure that expenditure matched actual Revenue.

Provision had been made in this year's Revenue Estimate for salaries which in previous years were chargeable to schemes in the Council's Housing and Sanitary Services Capital Programme. This had become necessary because of the large reduction in the scale of activity in the Capital area. The remuneration of 11 Officers including Engineers, Draughtsmen and Clerks-of-Works were involved.

In relation to staff conditions generally, a global reduction of 20% of the 1987 level had been effected in relation to travel and subsistence allowances.

Details of the proposed scale of new charges for water and collection of refuse were set out in the Appendices to the County Manager's Report. The Council were informed that it would be necessary for the Members to determine by resolution the level of charges for domestic services. The County Manager's Report gave the following details in relation to the various Programmes in the Estimate of Expenses:

# PROGRAMME 1 - HOUSING AND BUILDING

Provision for repair and maintenance of local authority houses is set at £200,000, a reduction of £70,000 on 1987 level. Having regard to the amount of funds available to the Council, it is considered necessary to reduce the level of repairs to be carried out by the Council to those involving the structural fabric of the house and to encourage tenants to contribute by arranging for routine maintenance and painting.

Pensions and Gratuities show an increase of £34,800 over 1987 figure, -- this includes provision for known retirements due in 1988.

Included in this Programme is a sum of £48,800 which allows for Loan Repayments of £41,700 in respect of Capital Expenditure of £500,000 on Hard Stands. A similar amount is provided on the Income side reflecting a 100% recoupment of such Loan charges.

On the Income side, Revenue from Housing Rents is increased to  $\pounds500,000$  in accordance with the provisions of the revised Rents Scheme as set out in Appendix "A" to the County Manager's Report.

The combined figure of Income from Housing Loan Repayments amounts to £3,739,300. The Council is committed to expenditure of a similar amount for repayment of borrowings used to finance Housing Loan issues. It is essential, therefore, that the Income is brought to account and action under the Housing legislation will have to be taken against defaulters.

### PROGRAMME 2 - ROADS, TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY

A separate report on the implications of the Estimates on the Roads Programme is presented by the County Engineer.

The Estimate, as presented, includes Road Grant figures in anticipation of the official allocation and may require amendment. However, as the figures appear on the Expenditure and Income sides, any change has no effect on the amount of Revenue to be levied locally.

The provision of £150,000 for Public Lighting does not allow for any new lights and may entail the non-replacement of some failed lights during the year to ensure that the total of£150,000 is not exceeded.

The Council has commenced and will continue discussions with the E.S.B. to ascertain the best means of curtailing future outlay on public lighting to this year's provision.

### PROGRAMME 3 - WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE

### Water Supplies

The cost of maintenance is estimated at £1,030,000, an increase of £30,000 over 1987.

Provision for improvement works is contained to £10,000. The figure required to implement the list of desirable improvements recommended by the County Engineer would be in excess of £400,000.

The net cost of Loan Charges for Water Supplies included in the Estimate is as follows:

Loan Charges for Public Schemes (2,413,085) (3,603,905) Less Subsidy (3,605,820) Net Cost to Council (3,605,820) (3,605,820) (3,605,820)

This sum allows for payments in respect of amounts already borrowed, projected Capital draws for Schemes in progress, and Capital borrowings for new schemes limited as follows:

Public Schemes - Loan charges for one half year only on Capital borrowings of £500,000

Group Schemes - Loan charges in amount of £25,000 (gross) in respect of Capital borrowings of £200,000.

To provide for any further Capital borrowing, it will be necessary to either further curtail expenditure or increase income by the amount in question. Considering that each element of Capital borrowing commits the Council to continued payment of loan charges over the repayment period of the loan, the question of the capacity of the Council to incur such charges against future years Revenue must be raised.

Approval to each Capital borrowing offered by the State should make provision for the financing of the consequent loan charges.

Each £1 million borrowed incurs in the first year of repayment (assuming Interest at  $10\frac{1}{2}\%$  and 60% Subsidy) a net cost of £55,000.

The age structure of Sanitary Services Capital borrowings in the County means that only a very limited amount of relief is available at present, from loan redemptions. The net amount paid as final instalments on loans expiring in 1987 was £2,810.

The proposed level of Water Charges (full list of which is set out in Appendix B) are set to yield £1,005,570 as against a figure of £771,750 for 1987.

The direct cost(exclusive of Overheads) of Water Supply is assessed at a net figure of £2,053,565.

Any reduction in the proposed level of charges can only be achieved by a corresponding reduction in net expenditure or a corresponding increase in other income.

### Sewerage Schemes

Operation costs are confined to 1987 figure of £180,000. I have not been able to allow any funds this year for improvement works.

Loan Charges under this heading amount to £539,970 of which £519,970 is committed in respect of Capital already borrowed and borrowings required for completion of Moylough and Gort Schemes. The balance of £20,000 is the only provision I can make for repayment of Capital borrowings for new starts.

# PROGRAMME 4 - DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROL

Expenditure and Income in respect of the Regional Development Organisation is excluded this year consequent to the Minister's announcement of the winding up of that Body.

The provision for the Regional Tourism Organisation shows a reduction of £9,630 on the 1987 figure.

On the income side, the expected Revenue from Planning Charges is set at £120,000 based on the current level of activity.

### PROGRAMME 5 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

collection service.

The total estimated cost of the Fire Service is £1,162,310, an increase of £12,310 over the 1987 provision. The cost to the Council of fire call-outs in the Estimate is kept at the lowest estimated level. This cost is of course dependent on the number of fires occurring.

Statistics show that almost 50% of the total fire calls in the County relate to chimney fires. Adequate chimney sweeping by householders would eliminate the need for a great number of the calls.

It is intended to publicly advise householders of the dangers and costs involved in not giving adequate attention to chimney sweeping. It this is not successful in reducing the incidence of such call-outs, it will be necessary to charge the householders in question the actual cost of each call-out.

I have reduced the provision for monitoring and enforcement of Pollution Control which includes the Council's share of the costs of the Castlebar Laboratory by £6,060 on the 1987 figure.

No provision is made on the Income side this year in respect of refuse collection service in the Corporation area as it is anticipated that the Corporation will now provide the collection service.

Burial Fees are estimated to yield a total of £40,000 on the basis of the revised charges. This equates with the expenditure provided for provision of new Burial Grounds. It will be difficult for the Council to provide adequate funds for the provision of new Burial Grounds as the need arises, and the time is now opportune to proceed on the basis of a local contribution towards the cost of acquisition and development.

Domestic Refuse Service

In last year's Estimate statement I advised the Council of my intention to review the domestic refuse service. Firstly, Council members asked me to consider whether a charge should be levied where the service was not utilised. Secondly, I undertook to examine the desirability of privatising the

The question of charges has to be considered in the context of the cost of running the service and the revenue derived from charges. The Council has had considerable and unnecessary difficulty and cost in the collection of domestic refuse charges. The situation has been affected by the general climate of opposition to charges which has been widely articulated over recent years. At the same time, the public appear to be willing to pay for private collection services. There is a question, therefore, as to firstly, what service the Council should continue to give, and secondly, the charges to be levied for that service. Heretofore the Council has collected in rural areas in the course of travelling between Towns and Villages. On these routes some people availed of the service and those not availing of the service have requested to be relieved of charges. The question of allowing that relief should not arise in 1988 if the Council ceases to serve the rural areas. However, if the Council is to continue collecting in Towns and Villages the cost of collection must be recovered through charges so as to obviate the need for subsidising the collection service. In that situation and allowing for waivers and uncollectable charges I estimate that the charge per house for 1988 should be £55. The fixing of the charge for 1988 should be made by the Council at the Estimates meeting.

On the question of privatising the collection of refuse I have to advise that efforts are in hands to ascertain if this could be effectively put in place from the 1st Jan. 1988. In any event, the Council must reduce its activity in this area to make progress towards elimination of subsidisation of the service which is arising largely because of the difficulty and the cost of collecting charges. Accordingly, I propose to withdraw from collection of rural areas from the commencement of next year. Talks with Operators in the private sector indicated a readiness

and willingness from that quarter to service areas vacated by the Council. Because of the need to ensure a service in Towns and Villages the Estimate is constructed to show the cost of doing this on the Expenditure side with matching Revenue on the Revenue side. In the meantime, enquiries are continuing to ascertain the willingness and the capability of the private sector to take over collection in Towns and Villages. If this cannot be achieved by the 1st January, 1988, it would have to be deferred until 1st Jan. 1989 because any expenditure by the Council for even part

of the year must be matched by Revenue from charges. In regard to privatisation, I wish to advise that Council vehicles are available under terms to be agreed to private operators. 4 Trucks are in use, including I purchased in 1975; one in 1976; and 2 in 1980.

The latter machines could have 2 to 3 years of further useful life. Those purchased in 1975 and 1976 together with 2 older (1973) standby trucks are of little value. Having regard to earlier comments I do not propose replacement purchases. If the Council has to continue a collection service in Towns and Villages in 1988, and if the vehicle fleet has to be supplemented for a period, this can be done by short-term hiring of vehicles. Progress in relation to matters under review will be reported during the Estimates meeting, but, in any event, a further report on this matter will be presented to the Council before the end of the financial year.

In order to have satisfactory private refuse collection it is important that the collection objectives should be clearly stated. The Council will facilitate private collectors operating in Co. Galway, provided: -

- (a) their collection service is well and efficiently organised;
- (b) that the service does not cause a litter problem; and
- (c) that they utilise Council dumping facilities in accordance with Council regulations.

Accordingly, persons proposing to use Council Dumps will do so under a Permit issued by the Council. The Permit will stipulate the conditions to be observed and the charge to be levied for the service. Charges will be related to the volume of material handled but subject to a minimum of £500. The charge levels proposed will not represent the economic cost of providing and maintaining dumping facilities. Private collectors will be expected to structure their charges in a way which will allow relief to persons benefiting under the County Council Waiver Scheme.

### PROGRAMME 6 - RECREATION AND AMENITY

The composite estimate for swimming facilities shows a reduction of £7,885 on 1987 provision. This will entail postponement of improvements to Tuam Pool and maintaining of contributions towards running costs of Tuam and Ballinasloe Pools at 1987 levels.

The Library Service provision in amount of £728,230 is £144,520 less than 1987 Estimate. Part of this is attributable to the non-replacement of Library Staff and a reduction of £51,375 in the amount available for book purchases.

Due to the non-filling of staff vacancies, problems will arise in providing the existing number of service hours per week to the public. Methods of coping with this situation are being examined by the County Librarian at present.

I have also directed the County Librarian to devise a revised system of charges to yield £50,000 in 1988 so that the Book Fund can be maintained at £100,000. A shortfall in this Income will necessarily reduce the funds available for new books.

Corrib Navigation Trustees have been requested to contain their demand to 85% of 1987 figure.

Amenity Grants are reduced from £41,500 to £20,000 but the agreed commitments in respect of Clonfert and Tuam Cathedrals are included.

# PROGRAMME 7 - AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE

#### Arterial Drainage:

A further sum of £100,000 is included in respect of elimination of arrears under this heading. It has been proposed to 0.P.W. that a sum of £100,000 be paid each year from 1987 to 1990 inclusive (1990 being the last year for payment of Western Health Board arrears re Supplementary Welfare Allowances). The balance due would then be cleared over the following two years. The 0.P.W. agreement to this proposal is awaited.

Pensions and Gratuities payable in respect of V.E.C. Officers are increased because of known retirements coming due in 1988. 50% of expenditure under this heading is recouped from Department of Education.

The Joint Drainage District Boards have been put on notice that the demands for 1988 should not exceed 85% of 1987 demands.

The balance remaining due to the Western Health Board under the provisions of the Supplementary Welfare Allowances system as at 31/12/1987 will be £1,045, 787.22. The provision for 1988 is £348,595. A similar amount will be paid in 1989, leaving a balance of £348,597.22 to clear the account in 1990.

## PROGRAMME 8 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

Expenditure on Courthouses is estimated at £55,750 which excludes any provision for Maintenance and Repairs.

Expenditure under Property Damage should be phasing out now due to legislative changes but Court Decrees will continue for some time in respect of malicious damage prior to the operative date (15th July, 1986), and I have included provision for the equivalent value of produce of 10p in £1. Only expenditure over 20p in £1 qualifies for State recoupment.

Expenditure on Foreign Travel is included at £1,000 as against £6,000 for 1987.

No provision is included for Loan Charges in respect of the proposed extension to the County Buildings. This work is being deferred.

### PROGRAMME 9 - SUPPORT SERVICES

The total, under this heading, which is distributed proportionately among the Eight Programme Groups shows a reduction of £141,155 on the 1987 figure.

The County Manager stated that he was aware of the difficult task facing Members at this year's Estimate process. In the light of the limited resources available to the Council, it was essential that strict control was operated in respect of all expenditure and that income levied was brought to account as early as possible. All Officers were aware that the maximum value possible must be obtained from the expenditure of the Council's reduced resources and the public must accept that services could only be provided to the level to which the funds available to the Council permitted.

In reply to Deputy R. Molloy, Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer, indicated that the total figure for travelling expenses for Officers in the 1988 Estimates was £280,000 which was 80% of the 1987 figure.

Councillor Joe Brennan stated that he did not agree with the proposals in the Estimate of Expenses to increase charges for services and stated that the Council should limit any increase to 3% across the board.

In reply to Councillor J. Mannion, the Chairman indicated that it was proposed to hold a Special Meeting to deal with Roads matters.

Councillor Mark Killilea stated that there were serious financial restraints at every level and that the Council's Estimates for 1988 contained some shocking news. He queried the provisions under the various headings for miscellaneous expenditure and cost of administration and stated that these costs were extraordinary high. If Rates and Charges were being increased, there should be an improvement in the service and it was unfair to ask the public to pay higher charges for the same service. He stated that the Council should review its administration costs. The County Manager stated that explanations could be given of how the administration costs under the various Programmes were made up. He referred the Members to Page 30 of the Estimates where details of support services were set out. The total set out in this schedule was apportioned over the various Programmes. Councillor Ulick Burke stated that he could not support the increases proposed in the Estimate of Expenses. He referred to the cuts in relation to Public Lighting and to the 100% increase in charges for Burial Ground plots. He said that the burden on small businesses was exceptional in that in addition to paying Rates, they also had to pay for water supply and refuse collection. He stated that some of the proposals were anti-rural in that the refuse collection was being cut off in the rural areas. The public lights would not be replaced and no new rural houses were being built. He said that the Council Members should unite and demand additional funds from Central Government.

Councillor Burke referred to a case of a tenant who had received a registered letter in respect of arrears of rent and that he had a receipt showing that the arrears had been paid. It was agreed that this matter would be checked.

Councillor Burke stated that the provisions in relation to voluntary redundancy appeared vague in that the Manager was not in a position to make any firm offer. He also asked what would happen if a large number of staff availed of the Redundancy Package and the Council were left with an inadequate number of staff. Councillor Burke referred to the amount of loan charges paid by the Council and asked if the Council could negotiate more favourable rates for banking facilities with commercial lending agencies. In reply to Councillor Burke, the County Manager indicated that the major loans are borrowed from the Local Loans Fund and that it would not be of benefit to negotiate new banking facilities. Councillor Burke referred to the recent Circular regarding allocation of funds to local authorities for Housing Loans and to the proposal that applicants now seek loans in the first instance from Commercial lending agencies. He stated that the Council had always provided a good service in the issue of loans to qualified applicants who are now being required to seek loans from private sources.

Senator P. McCormack referred to the various lack of resources available to local authorities. He stated that Councillors were being inundated with complaints regarding repairs to roads and that the public should be informed that there was no money available to repair the roads. Applicants should be informed that they had little chance of a local authority house and that there was reduced monies for Housing Repairs in 1988. He referred to the inadequacy of the provision for essential repairs where the Council had a long waiting list. Senator

McCormack enquired regarding the list of lights which had been approved and had not been provided. He also stated that Local Improvement Schemes were being held up because the temporary staff which had been engaged in the preparation of estimates had been let go.

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Councillor Joe Brennan referred to the provision for the accommodation for travellers. He stated that he had heard that each unit in a Hardstand could cost around £25,000 and that the Council should provide standard houses for the travelling families involved. He asked if the number of defaulters on the repayment of S.D.A. Loans was on the increase. He also asked if the Council would be fixing the charges for the privatisation of the refuse service. He referred to the new Rent Scheme and asked if a man with a wage of £125 per week with 6 children would be paying £16 per week.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that the increases in charges for water and refuse and for commercial rates were unacceptable. He found it difficult to understand the format of the Estimates and stated that charges should not be increased because Government Grants had been reduced by 14%. Councillor Burke asked that details of the number of employees as at January 1987 and as at the present time, be made available. He stated that the reduction of £70,000 in Housing Maintenance was not acceptable to tenants.

Councillor Burke referred to the collection of arrears of rent and stated that some tenants did not see a Rent Collector from month to month. He asked if any additional monies collected in arrears would be put back into Housing Repairs. He referred to a case where a tenant had paid a substantial amount of arrears on the understanding that certain repairs would be carried out to his house and asked why the repairs had not been carried out.

Councillor Burke asked that details of the Notice of Motion Monies available to Councillors be clarified for the Roads Meeting. He referred to the allocation for the provision of new Burial Grounds and stated that the Council were carrying out elaborate works when extensions were being provided including the plastering and painting of walls. He asked why it was necessary to do this when funds were not available for tensions to Burial Grounds. He stated that Social Employment Schemes should be used for the clean-up and maintenance of Burial Grounds which would result in a saving of Council funds on maintenance.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that the Council should decide on the level of increases which it would make and that the amounts becoming available as a result of increases should then be distributed throughout the Programmes. He was personally opposed to the proposed increases.

Mr. E. Lusby explained the format of the Estimates of Expenses which he stated had been compiled in accordance with statutory procedure.

Senator T. Hussey asked how much was outstanding in respect of Water Charges and Refuse Collection Charges. He asked also regarding the position on defaulters of Housing Loans. He asked that the Council's Rent Scheme be reviewed to ensure that there was equal treatment for unemployed persons with sizeable income and wage earners with low incomes. He stated that the Council should consider the employment of private Contractors for certain roadworks and welcomed the idea of private Contractors for the Refuse Collection Service if savings could be achieved.

In relation to the Voluntary Redundancy Package, he asked if it was possible to re-arrange staff from other areas so that the Council's workforce will not be the only area affected.

Councillor Michael Mullins stated that he was totally opposed to the increases proposed and would only support increases in line with the current rate of inflation. He said that persons in the P.A.Y.E. category and small businesses were already overtaxed. Councillor Tiarnan Walsh referred to the huge increases in charges for refuse and water and stated that farmers and businesses would be badly affected. It was becoming increasingly difficult for small farmers to live on their farms and people did not have money to pay the increased charges. He stated that the Council should go back to the Government and request additional funds. Councillor James Joyce referred to the rate in the pound for miscellaneous services as shown on page 5 of the Estimates. He stated that the figure of £9.50 was very high and referred to another County where the figure was substantially lower for this service.

The County Manager explained how this rate was calculated. He stated that a substantial amount of the Rate levied in this programme presented the shortfall in the Rate Support Grant. The deficit arising had to be accounted for in accordance with the format of the Estimates and when the calculations were completed, there was a shortfall of around £2.7 million between what the Rateable Valuation multiplied by the Rate in the pound would yield as against the amount of Rate Support Grant actually received from Central Funds. This shortfall represented an equivalent of £9.33 of the Rate shown for Miscellaneous Services.

Councillor J. Joyce asked that details be produced on what the position would be if the following increases on the 1987 figures were implemented:

- (1) £5 increase on Water Charges.
- (2) New rate of £50 for Refuse Charges.
- (3) £10 increase on Burial fees.
- (4) Increase in Rates of  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  which would be equal to the rate of inflation.

The County Manager agreed to prepare the details requested by Councillor Joyce.

- It was agreed that the following information would also be obtained -
- (1) The total payments for rented accommodation by the Council.
- (2) Details of V.E.C. Pensions.
- Details of all Council Pensions.

## 1968 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. John Ford, 2 Montpelier Terrace, Sea Road, Galway. Mr. John Morris, Carheens, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The Chairman, with the agreement of the Members, adjourned the Estimates Meeting to 3.00 p.m. on Friday, 13th November, 1987.

# COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Your Ref.



BOSCA POIST UIMHIR 27, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, CNOC NA RADHARC, GAILLIMH.

Telephone: (091) 63151 Ext.....

9th November, 1987.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 13th November, 1987, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,

### AGENDA

- (1) Consideration and adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1988. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report already circulated).
- (2) Determination in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses adopted of the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1988.
- (3) Making of Charges for Water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1988, up to and including 31st March, 1989.
- (4) Making of Charges in respect of Refuse Collection by Galway County Council from Domestic premises for the period 1st April, 1988, up to and including 31st March, 1989.
- (5) Making and Sealing of Demand on Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

# 1969 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1988:

The Members continued the consideration of the Estimates of Expenses, 1988.

Councillor P. Finnegan stated that the worst increases proposed were in relation to Water Charges where an increase of 50% was proposed in respect of each charge. In reply to a query was proposed in respect of each charge. In reply to a query raised by Councillor Finnegan, Mr. E. Lusby explained that the provision in the Estimates for Water Charges had taken the provision in the Estimates for waivers at the rate of the proposed account of applications for waivers at the rate of the proposed new charges.

Councillor Finnegan stated that the Council should examine the quality of water being supplied if charges were being increased. He referred in particular to the water supply in Tuam. He would like to see a reduction in the charges proposed for water supply and more monies being made available in the Roads Programme.

Councillor Michael Ryan stated that he did not agree with the Estimates as proposed. He said that a 50% increase was a substantial one in relation to Water Charges. He referred to the situation in the Moylough/Kilkerrin/Clonberne Scheme where the charges system in relation to farm troughs had resulted where the charges system in relation to farm troughs had resulted in enlarged demand for water charges. He stated that one in enlarged demand for water charges. He stated that one farmer had received a bill for £300 and that if the Council farmer had received a bill for £300 and that if the Council agreed to the new charges, it would mean that that same man agreed to the new charges, it would mean that that same man agreed to paying £450 in respect of Water Charges in 1988.

Councillor Ryan stated that it was unfair to ask the people of County Galway to subsidise the shortfall in Government support grants and that he would not support an increase of 50% in Water Charges. Councillor Ryan asked in relation to the provision of new rural houses by the Council and of the position in relation to the Council Loans.

Different aspects of the Estimates:

Deputy Michael Kitt stated that other Counties had also received reduced Grants similar to Galway. Deputy Michael Kitt queried the provision for Miscellaneous in the Estimates which resulted in a rate in the pound of £9.5087. The County Manager explained how this rate was calculated. He stated that a substantial amount of the Rate levied in this programme represented the shortfall in the Rate Support Grant. The deficit arising had to be accounted for in accordance with the format of the Estimates and when the calculations were completed, there was a shortfall of around £2.7 million between what the Rateable Valuation multiplied by the Rate in the pound would yield as against the amount of Rate Support Grant actually received from Central Funds. This shortfall represented an equivalent of £9.33 of the Rate shown for Miscellaneous Services.

Deputy Kitt stated that there should be closer liaison between the various Bodies dealing with pollution control to avoid duplication of effort by the staff of the Bodies involved. In relation to the new loans procedure, Deputy Kitt stated that he understood that all loans on hands would be dealt and that the new arrangement would apply from the 1st December, 1987. He stated that Local Authorities were heavily involved in the issuing of loans and the guarantee envisaged in the new arrangements would be helpful. Deputy Kitt welcomed the proposal that tenants would be required to carry out some repairs on their houses. He asked regarding delays in the allocation of Council houses that were vacant, and if such allocations were being held up pending the carrying out of repairs which were very minimal in some cases.

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Councillor Joe Callanan stated that there was a danger in the new loan scheme that the Building Societies would get all the good clients and that the Council would be left with the clients which had been refused loans by the Building Societies. He stated that the Council should pursue defaulters more promptly. He also stated that the Council's Purchase Scheme should be a better one whereby houses could be sold at cheaper prices. He asked for a breakdown of the expenditure and the maintenance of Burial Grounds and asked if the Voluntary Redundancy Package had been offered to all the Council Staff. He stated that Water Charges should be increased by the level of inflation and that there should be no increase in relation to water troughs.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that he was not happy with the increase in Water Charges. He asked the position regarding the provision of new Local Authority houses and stated that all of the existing house improvement schemes such as Essential Repairs and the scheme of the Western Health Board should be all administered by the one body.

Councillor Matt Loughnane thanked the Finance Officer for the supplementary documentation which had been circulated to Members.

Councillor Loughnane stated that there was a huge cutback in the maintenance of County Roads and that there were also serious cutbacks on minor works to water and sewerage schemes. Clr. Loughnane stated that the various headings in the Estimates should be examined with a view to getting the maximum benefit from works which are subsidised by the Government such as Disabled Persons Grants and Essential Repairs. He asked if the County Manager could give any indication of the numbers of staff which might avail of the Redundancy Package.

Martin Lynch stated that he was not in favour of Clr. additional charges on small businesses. He asked if it would be possible to have water and refuse charges collected weekly from local authority tenants when they were paying their rent. He also stated that there should be an automatic waiver each year for old age pensioners who had already been approved for a waiver without the necessity of having to apply each year.

Deputy Noel Treacy stated that it should be appreciated that there were difficult times for local authorities. He stated that the major parties in the Dail had agreed to the Government's Book of Estimates which made provision for the cutbacks. He stated that the Government wished to involve the private sector in the issue of loans for house building and that interest rates on borrowing had been reduced in recent times. He asked what a 4% increase in the Rates would yield.

Councillor Mark Killilea M.E.P., stated that the Council should look at its administration costs as he considered they were far too high.

The County Manager stated that in relation to expenses, there were a number of items which had been included under Administration in the Estimates. The two biggest figures were in respect of salaries and pensions, and there was nothing he could do about the provision in relation to pensions. In relation to the Voluntary Redundancy Package, he stated that it had been circulated to all the members of the staff and he expected that interested staff would be making responses shortly. There had been a number of tentative enquiries, but based on enquiries to date, there did not appear to be a large number of Officers involved.

He stated that each case would be considered on its merits and that he was prepared to take a broad and generous view of each application received as long as the provision of essential services by the Council was not put in jeopardy. He had made provision in the Estimates for remuneration which was legally due and if savings were achieved, such savings would be transferred to County Road Maintenance. The Government had undertaken to refund the lump sum and severance payment of the package but if Officers with long service availed of the package, the Council would be paying half the amount of existing pay to such people in pension. In relation to other aspects, the County Manager indicated that he had cut the travelling expenses provision by 20% for 1988. Cuts had also been implemented in relation to the cost of running of offices and of the Computer Department.

In relation to the cost of Burial Grounds, the County Manager indicated that it would be difficult to provide adequate funds for the provision of new graveyards. The provision for maintenance covered the cutting of grass and some other maintenance within the available resources. In relation to increased Revenue, the County Manager stated that if the Council were not prepared to give the increases proposed by him, then further cuts would have to be implemented on the expenditure side.

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The Tables circulated to the Members gave details of the yield from Rates and Water Charges.

In relation to Water Charges, the County Manager stated that the yield from the Charges was only equal approximately to the cost of maintenance and did not cover any of the costs for the Capital aspects of the scheme. The subsidy of 40% on loan charges was not sufficient to enable the Council to continue its Capital Programme at existing levels, and a limit on the amount of Capital which the Council could take on in respect of new works had to be determined.

The County Manager stated that the Circular from the Department of the Environment set out the details regarding the new arrangements for the issue of Housing Loans. He stated that the Council would have to look carefully at the applicants for Council Housing Loans in the future and that their ability to repay any loan issued would have to be fully assessed.

In relation to Public Lighting, the County Manager stated that no provision had been made for new lights.

The County Manager stated that no allocation had been received in relation to new starts on the Council's House Building Programme and the scale of activity was considerably less than in previous years. The salaries of the staff involved on the Building Programme were reflected in the salaries bill on the Revenue side. The County Manager indicated that a number of Clerk-of-Works from the Housing Capital Section were now collecting Revenue. In relation to Water Charges, the County Manager stated that the same scale of charges applied to all schemes throughout the County. It was proposed in the scale of charges for 1988 to give some relief to those farmers with a large number of troughs.

In relation to Water Pollution control, the County Manager stated that the County Council was the control authority. The Council worked closely with other agencies involved and a structure had been established whereby duplication of effort would be eliminated and resources would be pooled.

### 1970 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Peggie Forde, Dunkellin Street, Loughrea. Mrs. Maureen Kelly, Carrowrevagh, Dunsandle, Kiltulla, Athenry.

The Chairman, with the agreement of the Council, adjourned the further consideration of the Estimate of Expenses, 1988, to Monday, 23rd November, 1987.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Subnitted, Approve & Confirmed.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

10 u la Samhain, 1987.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 13th November, 1987 commencing after the adjourned Estimates Meeting which will be held at 3.00 p.m. on the same day.

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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 decide to grant Planning Permission to Philip O'Reilly, Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe - Planning Ref. No 55073

Michael Ryan

Tiernan Walsh Tom Hussey.

OTHER BUSINESS.

- (2) Disposal of Plot of Land with Demountable Factory thereon at Killaloonty, Weir Road, Tuam, to Bontex Ltd., in accordance with Section 83 Notice dated 21st October, 1987 (already circulared).
- (3) Report on Analysis of Water Quality in County Galway (Copy already circulated).
- (4) County Manager's Proposal to make a Tree Preservation Order in respect of an Area at Cloughballymore, Kilcolgan Co. Galway. (Details enclosed).

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. MacDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1971 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55073 - PHILIP O'REILLY:

> The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Senator T. Hussey.

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 12 miles from Clonkeen on the Cloonkeen to Glenamaddy County Road.

### SITE HISTORY:

Ref. no. 54727: Permission was granted for a house on this site 5 weeks ago. There were a number of conditions attached to the Permission and the applicant visited the Planning Office and indicated his disapproval of a number of them, principally the building line, the location of the access and the floor level stipulated.

# PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

There is no objection in principle to a house on this site subject to the normal County Development Plan requirements. Since the site is at a junction of two County Roads, the building line requirements is 14 metres from the boundary of either road. The site map shows this distance from the southern County Road but shows a distance of not less than 8 metres from the eastern County Road.

The applicant, when visiting the Planning Office, said he wanted to have his vehicular access on the junction, as originally shown on the previous application. The documents now lodged do not show such a location and it is not clear whether he has changed his mind on the point and now accepts the condition imposed on the earlier application, i.e., that the access be at the western end of the site (away from the junction). It is very important that the access be at the western end

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of the site as there is a pronounced "bump" on the road which leaves a very restricted sight distance at the eastern extremity of the site and would make it very hazardous for a driver emerging from the site at this point.

There would be no major objection to an adjustment of the floor level towards meeting the applicant's wishes.

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Permission be granted subject to the building line stipulations of the County Development Plan and subject to the vehicular access being located at the western end of the road frontage."

Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, stated that a specific traffic hazard would exist if the applicant was allowed to locate the entrance at the junction of the two roads involved. He indicated that Planning Permission had already been granted to the applicant with the condition that he construct an entrance at the western end of his site. It was agreed that further consideration of this resolution would be adjourned to allow consultation to take place between the applicant, the Councillors who had submitted the Section 4 Resolution and the Planning Officer.

- DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND WITH DEMOUNTABLE FACTORY THEREON AT KILLILOONTY, WEIR ROAD, TUAM, TO BONTEX LTD.:

> It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 27th November, 1987.

1973 - REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER QUALITY IN COUNTY GALWAY:

It was agreed to adjourn consideration of this matter to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 27th November, 1987.

1974 - TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - CLOUGHBALLYMORE, KILCOLGAN:

It was agreed to ajourn consideration of this matter to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held on the 27th November, 1987.

SUBITIED, Approved & Confirmed.

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