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TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara:

You are requested to attend the Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 23rd November, 1987, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

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A G E N D A

- (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 for 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 THE ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Cllrs. J. MacDonag P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Dep. 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; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; P. Martin, S.E.E.; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; T. Murphy, T. Coughlan, P. Commins, C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officers; and R. Curley, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1975 - ESTIMATES OF EXPENSES - YEAR 1988:

The Council resumed consideration of the Estimates of Expenses for the year 1988. The Chairman indicated that the Council would have to consider the Road Transportation and Safety Programme of the Estimate. He suggested to the Members that the Council deal with the provisions in the Estimates under the various sub-headings but that discussion on individual roads be deferred to the Roads Meeting. Deputy Molloy stated that Councillors should be entitled to discuss details in relation to the Roads Allocations as it would be difficult to agree on global allocations without dealing with individual road matters. The County Manager stated that pages 10 and 11 of the Statutory Estimates dealt with the Road Transportation and Safety Programme. The County Engineer had circulated a document setting out details of the Road Grants from the Department of the Environment for 1988, and it was necessary to amend the Estimate figures to take account of the actual Road Grants being allocated. The County Engineer's Report gave details in respect of each category of road.

Mr. E. Lusby gave details of the amendments necessary to the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 on the Road Transportation and Safety Programme. He also gave details of the amendments necessary on the Income Section of the Road Transportation and Safety Programme and indicated that as all the amendments were contra entries involving full recoupment, the overall proposed rate in the Estimates was not affected. Mr. Lusby detailed the amendments as follows:

Expenditure:

<u>Programme Group</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	
		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
		£	£
2.1.1.	National Primary Roads Upkeep	546,000	576,000



Programme Group	Details	Amendment	
		From £	To £
2.1.2	National Secondary Roads Upkeep	855,000	825,000
2.2.1.	National Primary Roads Improvement	500,000	315,000
2.2.2.	National Secondary Roads Improvement	300,000	405,000
2.2.4.	Regional Roads and Special Grants	200,000	335,000
2.2.7.	Local Improvement Schemes	400,000	409,000
<u>Income:</u>			
2.9.1.	National Primary Road Upkeep	546,000	576,000
	National Secondary Road Upkeep	855,000	825,000
2.9.2.	National Primary Road Improvement	500,000	315,000
	National Secondary Road Improvement	300,000	405,000
	Regional Roads and Special Grants	200,000	335,000
2.9.5.	Local Improvement Schemes	400,000	409,000

Deputy Michael Kitt proposed that the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 be amended in accordance with the foregoing. This was seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan and agreed.

In reply to Deputy Michael P. Kitt, the County Manager stated that the provision for Councillors' Notice of Motion Money was included in the County Roads allocation. It had always been provided for in County Roads. He stated that he would be asking the Council to consider the question of Notice of Motion Money when the Estimate had been adopted and the matter could be discussed at a Roadworks Meeting.

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh stated that the Notice of Motion Money should be retained as individual Councillors could do useful works on County Roads with their own allocation. He stated also that the estimates prepared in some cases were very large and referred to a case which he had submitted where the Council's estimate was £25,000 and a Private Contractor had submitted an estimate of £2,500 for the work involved. Councillor Ulick Burke stated that the Council should make a decision to retain Notice of Motion Money. Senator T. Hussey stated that the Council should provide an allocation in respect of Notice of Motion monies at the same level as 1987. He was supported by Councillor Finnegan. The Chairman stated that it appeared to be the unanimous decision of the Council that the Notice of Motion money allocation be retained at the 1987 level.

The County Engineer, in reply to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, stated that it was unfair to make comparisons in relation to estimates without affording him an opportunity to examine the details involved. It was agreed that the matter could be discussed further at the Roads Meeting.

Councillor T. Welby asked if Notice of Motion Money could be allocated by Councillors to County Roadworks. The County Engineer stated that the traditional arrangement had been that Notice of Motion money was spent on new roads which were taken over, but that in recent years, some Councillors were allowing their Notice of Motion money to be spent on existing County Roads as it was not possible to take over additional roads within the the finances available. The County Engineer stated that there was a substantial allocation available under

the Local Improvement Schemes whereby non-public roads could be improved.

Senator P. McCormack stated that there appeared to be undue delays in getting Estimates for Local Improvement Schemes. He referred to a case on which he had made representations and where an application had been with the Council for a considerable time and an inspection had not been carried out yet. The County Engineer undertook to investigate this case. He stated that the Council had made offers to the value of £1 million in Local Improvement Schemes and that the allocation for 1987 was £409,000. There were certain delays involved as applications were all coming in together and that in addition to an Engineering Report and Estimate, there was administrative work involved in processing schemes. He stated that any scheme that had been applied for would be accommodated within the 1988 Allocation.

In reply to Councillor Michael Fahy, the County Manager stated that Notice of Motion money could not be used to supplement local contributions in respect of Local Improvement Schemes.

In reply to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, who asked if there were employment implications in the Estimates as presented, the County Manager referred the Members to the Section of the County Engineer's report dealing with County Roads which stated that the allocation provided in the Estimates represented 39% of his requirement. The figures in the Estimate did have employment implications and it remained to be seen how many Members of the outdoor staff availed of the Redundancy Package. If 100 employees accepted the Package, this would go a long way to resolving the employment issue. There would also be implications for employment depending on the way Councillors would spend any Notice of Motion money allocated to them.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that it was important that the situation regarding Redundancy among the staff be clarified before the Estimates were adopted. Councillor Killilea stated that he had asked the Manager to look at administration costs as they appeared to be very high.

Councillor J. Joyce referred to the allocation for Burial Grounds and referred to the position in relation to the provision of an entrance to the Doon Burial Ground, Eyrecourt. He stated that a landowner had put a lock on a gate which facilitated entry to the Burial Ground and asked that a proper access and parking facility be provided at this location as a matter of urgency.

Amendments to Estimate of Expenses 1988:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan that the Estimate of Expenses 1988 be amended as follows:

- (a) Reduction on proposed level of Rate increase over 1987 level from 7½% to 4%.
- (b) Reduction in proposed level of Water Charges increase over 1987 level from 50% to 25%.
- (c) Increase of £10,000 in the proposed provision for Tourist Promotion.
- (d) Reduction of £78,335 on the proposed provision for ACOT Demand.
- (e) Net reduction of £143,585 in the provision for Salaries and Pensions being the estimated reduction under this heading resulting from the Government Voluntary Retirement Package.



- (f) Reduction in Water Charges for Troughs in farm supplies
- (i) to £40 for 1st Trough
  - (ii) to £25 for 2nd Trough
  - (iii) to £10 thereafter.

Councillor Joe Brennan proposed the following amendments to the Estimate of Expenses 1988 -

- (a) Reduction on proposed level of rate increase over 1987 level from 7½% to 3%.
- (b) Reduction in proposed level of Water Charges increase over 1987 level from 50% to 25%.
- (c) Reduction in maintenance for Local Authority Housing of £100,000.
- (d) Deletion of provision for Foreign Travel of £1,000.
- (e) Reduction in the provision for the Waiver Scheme for Charges of £150,000.
- (f) Reduction in demand of Office of Public Works of £100,000.
- (g) Reduction in the provision for Members' Travelling Expenses of £16,950.

Councillor Brennan stated that the Council should also examine ways in which the cost of postage should be reduced by leaving post to be collected by Councillors on a weekly basis. He also stated that the Department of Justice should be required to pay the cost of Courthouses and stated that the provisions in relation to Staff Training, Arbitration Schemes, and Local Appointments Commission should be reduced.

Councillor O'Connor supported Deputy Kitt's proposal. He asked that the Council give special attention to the repair of Local Authority Houses particularly where old people were living alone and demountables and asked that a priority list of repairs be established in 1988. He stated that tenants should be asked to carry out minor repairs to their houses.

Councillor Mark Killilea, M.E.P., supported Deputy Kitt's proposal. He did not agree with Councillor Brennan's proposal that the provision for Housing Maintenance be reduced. He was in favour of increasing the provision in respect of the Council's contribution to Ireland West as proposed by Deputy Kitt. In relation to Courthouses, he proposed that the Council recommend that 3% of all fines collected in the County be made available to maintain Courthouses. He stated that there should be a priority listing for Housing Repairs and that the financial circumstances of tenants should be taken into account.

Councillor Matt Loughnane supported Deputy Kitt's proposal and stated that as there was already a cut of £70,000 in Housing Repairs over the 1987 provision, he would not agree to any further cutbacks in this allocation.

Councillor Joe Callanan supported Deputy Kitt's proposal. In reply to Councillor Callanan, the County Manager stated that it appeared from enquiries made that it would not be unreasonable to provide 65% of the 1987 figure in respect of the demand from ACOT in view of the changes which were occurring in relation to that Body.

Councillor Callanan stated that the provision for the improvement of water supplies was very low and asked that the Council consider the improvement of water sources in certain cases.

Councillor P. Finnegan supported Councillor Brennan's proposal to reduce the provision for Housing Repairs. He asked if a saving could be made in relation to waiving of charges for Water Supply and that such saving should go towards the control of Water Pollution.

Dúirt an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail go raibh "demountables" ar fud an Chontae i droch stait agus nar togadh aon teach i gConnamara ar feadh blianta. Dúirt se go raibh dabhach uisce gan deisiu i dteach amhain ar feadh 7 seachtaine agus go raibh an teach sin gan aon uisce ar feadh an treimhe sin.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that he did not agree with reduction in the provision for housing maintenance. He stated that the Rate Support Grant was being reduced by over 14% and that with a 4% inflation rate, the Council had 18% less to spend in the current year. He stated that the Council should cut its Printing and Postage and examine its telephone bill. He stated that the Council should hold only one meeting a month and stated that savings should be made under the provision for office accommodation and audit fees.

Councillor P. McCormack stated that he was not agreeable to an increase of 25% in Water Charges. He asked what the reductions would be if the Council went for a 3% increase in Water Charges and stated that he would only support a 3% in such charges. He queried the figure in respect of Burial Grounds and stated that the Council should not pay the £100,000 allocated for the Office of Public Works. He also referred to the cost of office accommodation and asked the up-to-date position in relation to the refuse collection service. He asked how much it would cost to keep the refuse collection charges at 3% and stated that there was no way in which he would support an increase of 25% in Water Charges.

Councillor F. Glynn stated that the cutbacks were never as severe and referred to the fact that the Government was not recouping the full shortfall on Rates for land and domestic premises. He stated that the Council should look at whether two meetings per month were necessary. He stated that the Council should request the Government for full reimbursement of the Rates Support Grant. He was not in agreement with the refuse charges in respect of non domestic premises whereby a charge of £145 would be payable in respect of the collection of 5 bags of refuse.

Councillor J. Joyce supported Deputy Kitt's proposal. He asked regarding the privatisation of the Refuse Collection Service and did not agree that Housing Repairs provision should be reduced. He stated that there was an absolute need for the Reform of the Local Government System and stated that the Minister for the Environment was drawing up proposals regarding the financing of Local Authorities. He stated that the Minister should be requested to press ahead with the introduction of the necessary legislation. He enquired regarding the prizes under the Tidy Towns Competitions.

Senator Tom Hussey stated that he supported Deputy Kitt's proposal. He stated that in relation to the refuse collection service, the Council should consider not privatising it as remote areas would not be collected. He asked that the Officials of the Council discuss with the workers ways in which the service might be improved as workers had indicated that they were prepared to identify persons who were availing of the service and not paying.



Councillor Michael Fahy stated that he was not in favour of any further cutbacks in the provision for attendance at Meetings, and that he supported Deputy Kitt's proposal. Councillor Michael Ryan stated that he was not in favour of a 25% increase in Water Charges and asked that the Council examine the manner in which charges were made in respect of farms.

It was proposed by Councillor Tiarnan Walsh and seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh that a deputation consisting of the M.E.P., the Oireachtas Members of the Government on the Council and the Chairman, be sent to the Minister for the Environment to seek funds to make up the shortfall which would allow the Council to adopt an Estimate providing for an increase of 3% in Rates and Charges.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that he was not in favour of a reduction in the provision for Housing Repairs but agreed that tenants should do minor repairs. He asked what facilities were now available to the Council instead of the facilities provided by An Foras Forbartha.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that Local Authorities were vulnerable to the decisions of the Minister for the Environment of the day in relation to the allocation of Rates Support Grants. He stated that the reductions were savage in the current year and he was opposed to any proposal to transfer the burden of higher taxation to local authorities. He suggested that a 3% increase in Rates and Charges should be implemented. It was proposed by Deputy R. Molloy and seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, that the Rates and Water Charges for 1988 be confined to a 3% increase over the 1987 levels and that the resulting shortfall in the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 be made up by reductions in statutory demands such as the Health Board and the Office of Public Works.

Councillor Michael Mullins stated that he would not support the increases in charges proposed by Deputy Kitt but would support an increase of 3% in Rates and Charges.

Deputy Noel Treacy stated that he supported Deputy Kitt's proposal. He stated that the Department of the Environment had taken over the function of An Foras Forbartha and that the experts employed by An Foras had now been taken into the Department and that the same service would be available from the Department of the Environment.

The County Manager replied to a number of the queries raised. He stated that the provision for Staff Training was relatively small and that the provision in respect of the Local Appointments Commission was a statutory demand which he expected would be reducing in future years.

In relation to the repairs of houses, the County Manager stated that the Council would be establishing priorities in relation to the carrying out of repairs and that tenants would be required to carry out small repairs themselves. He stated that he was in favour of the proposal to restore the provision for the Council's contribution to Ireland West to the 1987 level. He stated that there was a provision of £10,000 for minor improvements to Water Supplies and that there was no source to increase that provision. In relation to the ACOT demand, he stated that with the reduction in staff as a result of the rationalisation programme, 65% of the 1987 provision might be a reasonable figure to provide for as the Council's contribution in 1988.

The County Manager referred to his Statement in the Estimates regarding the refuse collection service. He stated that the Council had difficulty in collecting the charges for the service and that the Council were examining the possibility of privatising the service from the 1st January, 1988. Proposals for the privatisation of the service have been received and he would be bringing a report to the Council when these proposals had been examined. As regards negotiating with the workers to improve the collection service, he agreed that this matter could be examined further before a final decision was made but he did not see the workers employed on the service being able to collect the charges. There was no scope for any extension of the present service and any service being provided by the Council in 1988 would only be in respect of towns and villages on a self financing basis.

As regards employment, the County Manager stated that there were serious implications for employment and that an analysis of the full effects of the reduced allocations available would be carried out after the numbers availing of the Redundancy Package became known.

As regards maintenance of graveyards, the County Manager stated that 60% of the provision went on Caretaker wages and that the rest went on minor improvement works.

In relation to the Demand of the Office of Public Works, the County Manager stated that the Council could not eliminate that provision from the Estimates. The amount provided was an instalment of the total amount due and the Council's allocation in respect of Rates Support Grant was contingent on the Council paying off the arrears due. The County Manager stated that he would be examining ways in which expenditure on postage and telephones could be controlled. The County Manager gave details of the office accommodation provision in the Estimate. He stated that he had not been able to provide for the office extension which had been agreed by the Council earlier in the year. In relation to the services provided by An Foras Forbartha, he stated that the details in relation to the management and funding of the Laboratory in Castlebar had not yet been finalised.

The County Manager gave details of the financial implications of Deputy Kitt's proposal. He referred to the reduction proposed in relation to salaries and pensions and stated that he had indicated in his Estimates Statement that any savings achieved as a result of the Redundancy Package might go to County Roads. He stated that if Deputy Kitt's proposal was adopted, it should be clear to Members that that figure would not be available to increase the County Roads provision. He felt that about 15 Officers would avail of the Redundancy Package which would result in a saving to the Council. He would be prepared to accept Deputy Kitt's proposal in relation to the reduction in the Estimates for salaries but if the figure proposed was not achieved, there would have to be curtailments under other headings during 1988 and the provision for County Roads would have to be looked at again in that light.

The County Manager undertook to examine the charges in respect of troughs. He stated that provision had been made in the Estimates only for a refuse collection service in towns and villages and that these areas would be collected on a weekly basis. The Council would be asked to fix charges for the weekly collection service at this Meeting. He agreed to examine the guidelines in relation to the waiver scheme.



At this stage of the Meeting, the Chairman put the resolution proposed by Deputy R. Molloy and seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, to the Meeting.

Deputy Molloy's proposal was that the Rates and Water Charges for 1988 be confined to a 3% increase over the 1987 levels and that the resulting shortfall in the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 be made up by reductions in statutory demands such as the Health Board and the Office of Public Works.

A vote taken on Deputy Molloy's proposal resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Mullins, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

(11)

**AGAINST:** Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillors M. O'Morain, and T. Welby.

(16)

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

The Chairman declared Deputy Molloy's proposal lost.

The Chairman then put Councillor T. Walsh's proposal which had been seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh to the Meeting.

Councillor Walsh's proposal was that a deputation consisting of the M.E.P. and the Oireachtas Members of the Government on the Council, and the Chairman be sent to the Minister for the Environment to seek funds to make up the shortfall which would allow the Council to adopt an Estimate providing for an increase of 3% in Rates and Charges.

A vote taken on Councillor Walsh's proposal resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, F. Glynn, 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.

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**AGAINST:** Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, Deputy M. 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.

(15)

The Chairman declared Councillor Walsh's proposal lost.

The Chairman then put Deputy Michael Kitt's proposal to the Meeting which had been seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan. Deputy Kitt's proposal was that the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 be amended as follows:

- (a) Reduction on proposed level of Rate Increase over 1987 level from 7½% to 4%.
- (b) Reduction in proposed level of Water Charges increase over 1987 level from 50% to 25%.
- (c) Increase of £10,000 in the proposed provision for Tourist Promotion.
- (d) Reduction of £78,335 on the proposed provision for ACOT Demand.
- (e) Net reduction of £143,585 in the provision for Salaries and Pensions being the estimated reduction under this heading resulting from the Government Voluntary Retirement Package.
- (f) Reduction in Water Charges for Troughs in farm supplies
  - (i) to £40 for 1st Trough
  - (ii) to £25 for 2nd Trough
  - (iii) to £10 thereafter.

Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer, explained to the Meeting that the amendments proposed by Deputy Kitt to the Estimates of Expenses for 1988 would give rise to consequential amendments in respect of the apportioned administration expenditure figures in each of the 8 Programmes in addition to the figure for Domestic Rate Relief Grant shortfall, and would alter the figures on Table B1 showing the calculation of the Rates in the Pound for general charges. It was then proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, that the Estimate of Expenses for the year 1988 be amended as follows:

(a)

EXPENDITURE

Programme Group	Details	Amendment	
		From	To
1.8.2.	Apportioned Administration	577,820	510,570
2.8.2.	Apportioned Administration	498,880	474,600
3.8.2.	Apportioned Administration	310,280	274,170
4.3.6.	Tourist Promotion	11,880	21,880
4.8.2.	Apportioned Administration	20,360	18,810
5.8.2.	Apportioned Administration	116,340	112,340
6.8.2.	apportioned Administration	94,230	88,140
7.1.1.	A.C.O.T. Demand	223,820	145,485
7.8.2.	Apportioned Administration	129,040	127,990
8.8.2.	Apportioned Administration	36,805	33,550
8.9.9.	Domestic Relief Grant Adjustment	2,794,320	2,623,700
Support Services	Remuneration of Officers	731,755	538,170
	Pensions and Gratuities	178,130	228,130

(b)

INCOME

3.0.1.	Charges for Water	1,005,570	847,280
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(c) TABLE A in accordance with the amendments listed hereunder

TABLE A OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1988.

ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING ON 23/11/'87

Programme Group	Programme	Amendments
1. Housing and Building	1.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	Expenditure provision from £1,200,250 to £1,133,000
2. Road Transportation and Safety	2.2. Road Improvement	Expenditure provision from £2,910,000 to £2,974,000
	2.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	Income provision from £2,910,000 to £2,974,000 Expenditure provision from £3,170,730 to £3,146,450.
3. Water Supply and Sewerage	3.1. Public Water Supply Schemes	Income provision from £2,755,235 to £2,596,945
	3.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	Expenditure provision from £640,000 to £603,890.
4. Development Incentives and Control	4.3. Other Development and control	Expenditure provision from £77,140 to £87,140.
	4.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	Expenditure provision from £20,360 to £18,810.
5. Environmental Protection	5.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	Expenditure provision from £214,580 to £210,580.
6. Recreation and Amenity	6.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	Expenditure provision from £109,530 to £103,440.
7. Agriculture, Education Health & Welfare	7.1. Agriculture	Expenditure provision from £523,270 to £444,935.
	7.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	Expenditure provision from £129,040 to £127,990.
8. Miscellaneous Services	8.8. Administration and Miscellaneous	Expenditure provision from £88,875 to £85,620.
	8.9. Domestic Relief Grant Adjustment	Expenditure provision from £2,794,320 to £2,623,700.

AND the Amendment of Table B1 of the Estimates of Expenses for year ending 31st December, 1988, to the figures set out as follows -

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TABLE B1: CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR GENERAL CHARGES FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR 1988

ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING ON 23/11/'87

Programme Group	Estimated Gross Revenue Expenses	Estimated Revenue Income	Estimated Net Revenue Expenses	Net Amounts Chargeable			County Health District		Rate in the Pound	
				As Separate Charges (Table C)	B'Sloe U.D.C.	Galway Boro	To County Health District	Estimated Balances at 1/1/88 (CR)		Amounts to be levied
1. Housing and Building	9,648,840	9,155,430	493,410	-----	-----	-----	493,410	-----	1.6502	
2. Road Transport and Safety	10,273,805	8,770,170	1,503,635	-----	52,256	-----	1,451,379	150,000	4.3524	
3. Water Supply and Sewerage	5,026,245	4,053,625	972,620	-----	-----	-----	972,620	-----	3.2529	
4. Development Incentives and Control	471,735	330,295	141,440	-----	1,885	-----	139,555	-----	4.6667	
5. Environmental Protection	2,141,640	1,550,825	590,815	-----	35,311	-----	555,504	-----	1.8579	
6. Recreation and Amenity	1,972,465	1,705,220	267,245	-----	16,972	-----	250,273	-----	.8370	
7. Agriculture Education Health Welfare	3,260,685	2,880,615	380,070	-----	28,581	-----	351,489	-----	1.1755	
8. Miscellaneous Services	3,442,480	771,935	2,670,545	-----	1,295	-----	2,669,250	-----	8.9274	
ALL PROGRAMME GROUP TOTALS	36,237,895	29,218,115	7,019,780	-----	136,300	-----	6,883,480	150,000	6,733,480	122.52

11.



Senator P. McCormack proposed that the amendments proposed by Deputy Kitt be not agreed and this was seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan.

A vote taken for or against Deputy Kitt's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea (MEP), 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.

(15)

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

(14)

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried, and stated that the Estimate of Expenses for 1988 had been amended in accordance with the foregoing resolution of Deputy Kitts.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1988 AS AMENDED:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan:

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1988, as amended, as set out in Tables A, B1, and D of the said Estimate of Expenses as amended."

Senator P. McCormack proposed that the Estimate of Expenses as amended not be adopted and this was seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan.

A vote taken for or against Deputy Kitt's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea (MEP), 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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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, F. Flynn, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

(13)

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried and stated that the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1988, as amended, had been adopted by the Council.

Determination of the Rates in the Pound to be levied.

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan:

"That Galway County Council hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1988, as amended, and adopted, the rates set out in Column 10 of Table B1 as amended and Column 7 of Table D, to be the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1, and in Table D, for the financial year ending on the 31st December, 1988."

Senator P. McCormack proposed that Rates in the pound as proposed by Deputy Kitt not be adopted and this was seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan.

A vote taken for or against Deputy Kitt's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea (MEP), 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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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, F. Glynn, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

(13)

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried and the prescribed Certificate was then signed.

MAKING OF CHARGES FOR WATER SUPPLIED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan:

"That in accordance with Section 65 (a) of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962, as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charges be made for water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1988, up to and including 31st March, 1989, such charges to be payable in two equal instalments, the first instalment payable on 1st April, 1988, and the second instalment payable on the 1st July, 1988:

	<u>CHARGE</u>
	£
Any Domestic Premises where water is used for Domestic purposes	75



CHARGE

£

Group Water Supply Schemes where such Schemes are in existence for 10 years or less

Any domestic premises where water is used for domestic purposes 37.50

Group Water Supply Schemes where such Schemes are in existence for over 10 years

Any domestic premises where water is used for domestic purposes 60 "

Senator P. McCormack proposed that the Water Charges for Domestic Purposes as proposed by Deputy Kitt be not agreed and this was seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan.

A vote taken for or against Deputy Kitt's proposal for the making of charges for water supplied for domestic purposes resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea (MEP), Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Rattery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

(15)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, F. Glynn, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. MacDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan and T. Walsh.

(13)

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGE IN RESPECT OF REFUSE COLLECTION FOR DOMESTIC PREMISES:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 - 1964, and having regard to the provisions of the Scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, a charge of £55, be made 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, such charge to be payable on 1st April, 1988."

It was proposed by Senator P. McCormack and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that the Charge for Domestic Refuse Collection as proposed by Deputy Kitt, be not agreed.

A vote taken for or against Deputy Kitt's proposal for the making of a charge in respect of refuse collection for domestic purposes, resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea (MEP), Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. Rattery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

(15)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, F. Glynn, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. MacDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

(13)

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried.

DEMAND ON BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan and resolved:

"That the Statutory Demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for the year ending 31st December, 1988, be sealed and signed."

The Demand was then sealed and signed.

1976 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Desmond Healy, Briarhill, Castlegar.  
Val & Madeline Keaney, Gowla, Cashel.  
Mrs. Agatha Mahon & Family, Rashane, Ardrahan.  
Mrs. Moylan & Family, Crushoa, Kinvara.  
Mr. Paddy Cannon, Raherdeen, Kiltulla, Athenry.  
Mrs. Mary Martyn, St. Cleran's, Craughwell.  
Mrs. Peggie Forde, Dunkellin Street, Loughrea.  
Mrs. Maureen Kelly, Carrowrevagh, Dunsandle, Kiltulla, Athenry.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED!

*Michael Finnegan* CHAIRMAN

*18th Nov 1987* DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u la Samhain, 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 h-Aoine, an 27u la Samhain, 1987, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI CHONTAE.

A G E N D A

1. Resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:  
  
"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Philip O'Reilly, Park West, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe. - Planning Ref. No. 55073."  
  
Michael Ryan. Tiarnan Walsh. Tom Hussey.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:  
  
(a) Special Meeting held on 9th October, 1987.  
(b) Monthly Meeting held on 19th October, 1987.  
(c) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 9th November, 1987.  
(d) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 13th November, 1987.  
(e) Special Meeting held on 13th November, 1987.
3. Overdraft Accommodation for quarter ending 31st March, 1988.
4. 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 circulated).
5. Disposal of house at Ryehill, Monivea, to Mr. Bernard Keary in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended. - Section 83 Notice already circulated.
6. Consider date for December Monthly Meeting.
7. Amenity Grants 1987. (Booklet enclosed)
8. Arts Grants 1987.
9. Report on Analysis of Water Quality in County Galway. (Copy already circulated)
10. Malicious Injury Decrees - List herewith.
11. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

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(a) Adjourned:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR - I will propose:

12. 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.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will ask:

13. 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.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

14. That the County Council surface dress road now in bad repair at Rathfee, Turloughmore.
15. That the County Council carry out immediately vital improvement work at Liscaninaune. (Details enclosed).
16. That the County Council utilise Social Employment Schemes to carry out the much needed improvement works at Corofin. (Details enclosed).

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL - Molaim:

17. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae demountable go Cait Bn. Ui Chadhain, Doiringlas, Leitirmoir, comh luath agus is feidir.
18. Ce mheid lion ti ata ag feitheamh ar titheacht i gConnamara agus ce mheid acu siud ata ceadaithe.

19. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae bothar Leitircaladh, Leitirmoir, is gearr nach mbeidh aon duine e a usaid.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

20. That a sum of money be made available in next year's Estimates for the easing of the dangerous bend at Brendan Naughton's House, Abbeypark, Clontuskert.
21. That a sum of money be made available in next year's Estimates for easing the dangerous junction at Salmon's Cross, Prosepect, Eyrecourt.
22. That the problem of access to Doon Graveyard, Eyrecourt, be now resolved.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY - I will propose:

23. That from the 1988 allocation for strengthening of County Roads that a section of road from the Canal Stage towards Roundstone Village, also a section west of Maam Bridge towards Leenane, both of the above sections are desperately in need of strengthening.
24. That the following County Roads be surface dressed in 1988, Lettermorenacaille, Glentrague, and Ardnageeha.
25. That the broken down gullet be repaired which is leading to the O'Malley houses and others at Sheanakeela.



COUNCILLOR P. MAC GLOINN - I will propose:

26. That in view of the widespread public concern and the legal Political and human implications of the 1986 Extradition Act, that Galway County Council pass a motion calling on the Government to have the Act repealed.

DEPUTY R. MOLLOY - I will propose:

27. That a road from Barnanoraun Bridge to Paddy Mannion's house be taken in charge.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

28. That Galway County Council give urgent attention to the sewerage treatment plant at Cloonarkin Drive, Oranmore, and that the County Council continue to service this sewerage plant until new sewerage scheme is operated in Oranmore.

29. That Galway County Council surface footpath on road approaching from Labane to Ardahan Village Council Estate to Ardahan Village - to provide safety for children coming from school.

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT - I will propose:

30. Why work on the Rakerin Cemetary, Gort, was discontinued as there is a big demand for plots.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

31. That sites where Planning Permission has been granted, which has expired, be exempt from the regulation in the new County Development Plan stipulating a minimum 1/2 acre site size.

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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
O'Malley Construction Laurel Park, Newcastle	Damage to property	County at large	£1,500.00	£1,104.50
Higgins Garage Ltd. Headford Rd., Galway	Damage to equipment	County at large	£15,000.00	£8,035.66
Fred Hartley, 77 Atherton St., St. Helens, Merseyside, England.	Damage to property	County at large	£1,100.00	£294.75
D. O'Sullivan Print Supplies Ltd., Western Industrial Estate, Dublin 12.	Damage to vehicle	County at large	£149.48	£302.23



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

REF NO:- 63/10/1448

DATE:- 29th October, 1987.

COPIES TO:- EACH MEMBER - & - MR. E. GLEESON, CO. SECRETARY.

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 owed by the Council to a tenant.

The particulars are as follows:-

LAND ACQUIRED FROM:- Bernard Keary, Ryehill, Monivea, Athenry, Co. Galway.

LOCATION:- Ryehill, Monivea, Athenry, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £9,595

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.

SIGNED:- E. GLEESON,  
CO. SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; R. Faherty, and R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

1977 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55073  
- APPLICANT: PHILIP O'REILLY:

The County Manager indicated that, following discussions between the applicant, the Councillors proposing the resolution, and the Planning Officials, Planning Permission had now been granted in this case subject to certain conditions which were acceptable to all concerned.

1978 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor John Molloy, the Minutes of the following Meetings were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Meeting held on 9th October, 1987.
- (b) Monthly Meeting held on 19th October, 1987.
- (c) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 9th November, 1987.
- (d) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 13th November, 1987.
- (e) Special Meeting held on 13th November, 1987.

1979 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1988:

It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of Overdraft amounting to £3 million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 31st March, 1988, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

1980 - DISPOSAL OF PLOT OF LAND WITH DEMOUNTABLE FACTORY AT KILLALOONTY, WEIR ROAD, TUAM, TO BONTEX LTD.:

It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor Molloy, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the disposal of a plot of land measuring approximately .180 hectares with a demountable factory 4,500 square feet in size situated in the townland of Killaloonty and the Electoral



Division of Tuam Rural, to Bontex Limited under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, Notice of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council on 21st October, 1987

1981 - DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AT RYEHILL, MONIVEA:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael P. Kitt, seconded by Cllr. J. Callanan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house to Mr. Bernard Keary, occupied by him at Ryehill, Monivea, Athenry, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 29th 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 had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

1982 - DATE FOR DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING:

It was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor P. McHugh, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, that the December Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council be held on Friday, 18th December, 1987.

It was agreed, on the proposition of Councillor J. McHugh, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, that a Roads Meeting would be held on the 11th December, 1987, after the Planning Meeting. The County Manager indicated that he also wished to bring a report on the Refuse Collection Service in the County to that Meeting.

1983 - AMENITY GRANTS 1987:

The Council considered the allocation of Amenity Grants in respect of 1987. A booklet had been prepared by the County Development Officer and had been circulated to each Member setting out details of the Grants recommended. In addition to the Grants set out in the booklet, the County Secretary indicated that the following Amenity Grant Applications should also be considered :-

The County Secretary stated that the Council had agreed to consider a contribution of £10,000 towards the acquisition and development costs incurred by the Samaritans of a house at Nun's Island, Galway. The Council had agreed at its Meeting of the 12th September, 1986, to pay £5,000 in 1986. A figure of a further £5,000 had been included in the 1987 Estimates, and a formal resolution of the Council was now necessary to pay the £5,000 allocated for 1987. The Council agreed that the grant of £5,000 as provided in the 1987 Estimates should be paid.

The County Secretary informed the Members that an application for an Amenity Grant had been received from Tuam Unemployed Self Help Group who had set up a Centre in Tuam which was providing facilities and amenities for the unemployed in the Tuam area. He suggested that the Council might consider the payment of a grant of £1,000 to the group as an amenity grant. The Council agreed that a grant of £1,000 should be paid to the group.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Senator T. Hussey, and agreed that the following Amenity Grants be paid:

Applicant Body	Amount £
Ballymoe Handball Club	200
Killimordaly Hurling Club	800
Coiste Ionad Pobail Chill Chiarain	500
Barna Residents Group	200
Westrail (Tuam) Ltd.	800
Glinsk Community Council	800
Comharchumann Bearna Teo.	600
Cappataggle Community Centre Committee	600
19th Galway C.B.S.I., Athenry	300
Connemara Environmental Education Centre	200
Ballinasloe Town Hall Executive Committee	1,200
Cloonfad & District Gun Club	600
Oranmore Community Centre Committee	300
Portumna Tidy Towns Committee	350
Monivea Community Council	800
Portumna & District Development Co. Ltd.	500
Caltra Sportsfield Committee	300
Ross Errily Sports Centre Committee, Headford.	300
Kiltullagh Development Committee	650
Samaritans, Nun's Island, Galway.	5,000
Tuam Self Help Group	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,000</b>
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The County Secretary, in reply to a number of Councillors, indicated that he would check the position in relation to certain Centres around the County which had been raised by individual Councillors.

1984 - ARTS GRANTS 1987:

The Council adopted the Minutes of the Arts Committee Meeting of the 23rd November, 1987. The Minutes set out the allocation of the Arts Grant for 1987, as recommended by the Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, and seconded by Councillor Joe Callanan, and agreed that the following Arts Grants be paid in 1987:

	£
Writer in Residence	2,000
Clifden Community Arts	2,200
Cross Street/High Street Festival	200
Poetry Co-Op	500
Salmon Publication	700
Galway Arts Festival	800
Regional Arts Committee Programme	3,750
Galway Theatre Workshop (Tour in County)	1,000
National Youth Theatre	200
Connemara Wildlife Art Exhibition	400
Theatre in Schools Project - Gort	500



Gort Arts Group .....	200
Druid .....	4,000
Cois Claddagh Choir Tour (Clifden, Tuam .. B'sloe & Gort)	550
Cois Claddagh - Commissioning of new Composition .....	1,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>18,000</u>
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1985 - REPORT ON ANALYSIS OF WATER QUALITY IN COUNTY GALWAY:

The Council considered the Annual Report on pollution in County Galway, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. Mr. R. Faherty outlined details of the report to the Meeting.

Deputy Michael Kitt stated that there were a number of Bodies involved in the control of pollution and he welcomed the proposal that formal arrangements were now being established under the County Council to co-ordinate the efforts of all the Bodies concerned. Deputy Kitt referred to the fact that pollution was being caused by a Meat Factory in County Mayo, and asked what action Galway County Council could take in relation to this matter. He also asked the position in relation to the Ballyharda River where a fish kill had occurred during the summer of 1987. He welcomed the fact that the Minister for the Environment was proposing new legislation in relation to Water Pollution.

Councillor Joe Lambert stated that he took exception to having farmers blamed for all of the pollution which was occurring as there were other sources of pollution also.

Councillor Frank Glynn referred to the pollution in the Dalgin River at Milltown. He stated that the water supply in the area was being polluted. He also referred to the unsatisfactory situation regarding the Nanny River in Tuam where he stated the Tuam Sewerage Scheme was causing pollution. He referred also to the position which pertained in relation to the Belmont Group Water Supply Scheme.

Senator Tom Hussey stated that pollution problems would give rise to serious loss of Revenue in the County if tourist amenities became polluted. He stated that farmers could unknowingly cause pollution in some cases and that ACOT had a role to play in advising farmers. He referred to the unsatisfactory situation regarding the Tuam Water Supply Scheme.

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh stated that farming organisations were now adopting a very responsible attitude in relation to pollution problems. Farmers were being more aware of the problems that could arise and ACOT had an advisory role in these matters. He referred to the unsatisfactory situation regarding the water supply in the Town of Tuam and asked what the prospects were of improving the situation.

Councillor Michael Ryan stated that it was important that an inspection of the County be carried out and that the appropriate agencies should co-operate in endeavouring to avoid sources of pollution.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that the Council should become very strict and severe in dealing with pollution problems. The Council should re-act strongly and implement the full

severity of the Law when complaints regarding pollution were made to it. Councillor Burke also asked regarding the position of the Tuam Water Supply Scheme and stated that the present situation was very unsatisfactory as Tuam was a major town in the County. He asked if the County Manager has completed his investigations into the current position of the Water Supply in Tuam.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that the report was confirming that there were certain levels of pollution in the County and he asked what follow-up action the Council intended to take in relation to the pollution problems identified.

Senator P. McCormack stated that the report acknowledged that there was pollution in Headford and he asked what steps the Council would be taking to eliminate such pollution.

Councillor Matt Loughnane expressed concern regarding the Kilcolgan River and referred to the inadequate treatment works at the Council's Sewerage System in Loughrea. He stated that there were persistent pollution problems downstream from the Golf Course.

Councillor Jarlath McDonagh referred to the River Clare and asked that some formal steps be taken to deal with pollution problems in Claregalway and the Grange River. He asked if the Council would be taking over Group Schemes in the Lackagh, Grange and Carraheigue area in 1988.

Councillor J. Joyce stated that he was perturbed to see that there was evidence of pollution in Eyrecourt as the source of the water supply scheme was right beside the stream involved.

The Chairman stated that the Council should examine the sheep dipping units around the County which are often constructed near river banks and were sources of pollution.

In reply to the queries raised, the County Manager stated that the Minister for the Environment had chaired a Cabinet Committee of various interests involved in dealing with pollution, and new legislation was being drafted at present. He stated that the Minister had asked that task forces be established with the co-operation of ACOT and the farm development agencies to make a survey of potential sources of pollution in each County. He had arranged to meet the two agencies concerned on Monday, 30th November, 1987, to establish what resources could be allocated to the carrying out of the surveys required. The surveys would be detailed and time consuming and a common survey form requiring 8 pages of information on each location visited had been drafted by the Department of the Environment. The task was a major undertaking and the help and co-operation of all concerned including the members of the public, would need to be forthcoming. It was proposed to endeavour to establish likely sources of pollution initially and the Manager stated that he was inviting publicly rural communities to come forward and help the Council in identifying sources of pollution. He hoped that the job involved would be done on a co-operative basis with interests involved with a view to establishing any sources of pollution by co-operation rather than through legal processes. The Council were appointing an Engineer to co-ordinate the work of the Task Forces and the Council would initiate surveys in the catchment areas of the Abbert and Grange Rivers. In reply to Councillor Loughnane, the County Manager indicated that he hoped that local interests would come together at local meetings and identify possible sources of pollution in consultation with the Council's Engineer.

Mr. R. Faherty replied to queries raised by individual Councillors.



In reply to a number of Councillors, Mr. R. Faherty stated that there was no connection between the condition of the water supply in Tuam and the pollution problems in the River Nanny which was downstream of the water supply source. The water supply in Tuam was being tested and monitored on a regular basis and was suitable for drinking purposes. Councillor Tiarnan Walsh proposed that the Minister for the Environment be requested to receive a deputation from Galway County Council so that a request for the necessary Capital Allocation could be made to the Minister for the improvement of the Tuam Water Supply Scheme. Councillor Joe Burke supported Councillor Walsh and stated that in view of the condition of the water supply in Tuam, that the Council should make every effort to improve the supply. He proposed that the County Manager be requested to initiate proceedings against the Minister for the Environment because adequate funds had not been allocated to improve the situation in relation to water supply and the sewerage scheme in Tuam. A number of Councillors proposed that other areas be also included for discussion if a deputation was going to the Minister for the Environment. It was agreed, on the suggestion of the Chairman, that the Council request the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation from the Council to seek funds to alleviate the problems in relation to the water supply and sewerage scheme in the Town of Tuam specifically and that other areas requiring finance for sewerage schemes be also included on the Agenda for discussion with the Minister.

The County Manager indicated that there would be certain legal difficulties in initiating proceedings against the Minister for the Environment.

Mr. R. Faherty stated that the Tuam Sewerage works were overloaded but that the Clare River recovered rapidly from any effects of the sewerage scheme downstream of the outfall from the works. Mr. Faherty stated that he had examined the Headford Sewerage Scheme personally and he was satisfied that there was no pollution from the works finding its way into the Corrib. Lough Corrib was very well monitored and it had been established that the condition of the lake never went below E.E.C. standards.

1986 - ENTRANCE TO DOON BURIAL GROUND, EYRECOURT:

At this stage of the Meeting, Councillor James Joyce, with the consent of the Chairman, proposed a Notice of Motion in his name, that the problem of access to Doon Graveyard, Eyrecourt, be now resolved. The County Secretary read the following report:

"The position in this case is that the Council constructed a road as a continuation of an Irish Land Commission Road in 1963 up to a point near but not adjoining the boundary of the Burial Ground.

There is a gateway at the end of the road leading on to private property through which people go when visiting the Graveyard. The owner of the land involved has been objecting to the public going through his lands.

An old right-of-way exists to the graveyard by another route. This right-of-way is not in good repair and is not used by the public.

The Council have been endeavouring to negotiate with the landowner for the purchase of a portion of land to provide a proper access and carparking facilities for the Burial Ground, but negotiations over a long period of time have been unsuccessful.

The Council are at present carrying out the necessary enquiries in the Land Registry to establish the precise ownership of the lands in the vicinity of the Graveyard. It is expected that these enquiries will be concluded in the near future.

When ownership of the lands concerned have been clarified, the Council will consider proceeding, if necessary, by Compulsory Purchase Order, to acquire the lands needed to develop a proper access and carparking for the Burial Ground."

Councillor James Joyce stated that the deputation of residents in the Doon and Eyrecourt area were present at the meeting to express the unsatisfactory situation in this case. Councillor Joyce outlined the background to the problem which had arisen. He stated that there was a problem in relation to access since the early 1960s and the situation had become intolerable in recent weeks. A Mass had recently been organised in the Burial Ground and the local landowner had complained that the lock on his gate had been broken.

He asked that the Council take immediate steps to provide proper access and carparking facilities to the Burial Ground and proposed that the Council acquire sufficient land to provide the roadway and carpark from an adjoining landowner. A number of Councillors supported Councillor Joyce's proposal. Mr. Edmond McCormack, a spokesman for the residents, outlined the problems for the local people. He stated that people were not able to get in to visit the Burial Ground and asked that the Council resolve the problems involved as a matter of urgency. He asked that the Council acquire land from the adjoining landowner and provide sufficient carparking space for 60 cars.

Mr. J. Howlett stated that the Council were anxious to have the matter resolved and that they would be given the full market value for any land being acquired. The question of rights-of-way and land ownership in the area are being examined at the moment and no effort would be spared to resolve the problem. Mr. Howlett stated that the conditions being imposed by the landowners concerned were impossible for the Council to meet and he stated that any discussions regarding land values could take place privately with the land owners.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

1987 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE OVER AND DECLARE PUBLIC AND MAINTAIN THE ROAD FROM THE WESTERN END OF THE NEW BRIDGE A MUICKENAGH, CAMUS, TO THE COUNTY ROAD SERVING MUICKENAGH VILLAGE: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"This road is 500 metres long and the estimated cost of works required to bring it up to a standard suitable for adoption as a public road is £11,375.00. It is not possible to provide this finance from the Council's County Road Maintenance Funds when there is such a high mileage of existing County Roads in the area needing attention."

1988 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE DRESS ROAD - NOW IN BAD REPAIR AT RATHFEE, TURLOUGHMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:



"The road in question at Rathfee, Turloughmore, is a County Road. There are no provisions for surface dressing of County Roads in the current year's programme of roadworks.

Surface repairs will be carried out under normal routine maintenance, as resources permit."

- 1989 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATELY VITAL IMPROVEMENT WORK AT LISCANINAUNE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"This road - C.R. 148 - is basically in good condition other than poor drainage. Poor drainage arises from three factors:-

- (a) Road levels relative to land levels.
- (b) Agricultural activities giving rise to a deposition of soil on road.
- (c) The discharge of surface water on to road from farm yards.

There are no funds available for this work."

- 1990 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL UTILISE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES TO CARRY OUT THE MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT COROFIN: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"I do not feel that any further car parking is required at Corofin Church. There is already ample car parking in the vicinity of the Church. In addition to this, there is no land available to the County Council for the provision of extra car parking. In view of above, it is not proposed to make application for a Social Employment Scheme."

- 1991 - GO nDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DEMOUNTABLE GO CAIT BN UI CHADHAIN, DOIRINGLAS, LEITIRMOIR: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Tugadh an freagra seo leanas do'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O' Tuathail:

"Togtar deasachain tithe in ord pranach. Se costas measta na h-oibre seo £600 agus ta suil agam gur feidir an obair a chur in gcionn go luath sa bhliain nua."

- 1992 - CE MHEID LION TI ATA AG FEITHEAMH AR TIGHEACHT I gCONNAMARA AGUS CE MHEID ACU SIUD ATA CEADAITHE: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Tugadh an freagra seo leanas do'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Ta 90 iarrataisi ar laimh againne. Doibh siud ta 50 ceadaithe agus ta an fuilleach faoi bhreitheamh."

- 1993 - GO nDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE BOTHAR LEITIRCALADH, LEITIRMOIR: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Tugadh an freagra seo leanas do'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Ni feidir an bothar seo a dheisiu i mbliana toisc easpa airgead. Deiseofar an bothar i 1988 de rear mar a bheidh airgead ar fail."

- 1994 - EASING OF DANGEROUS BEND AT BRENDAN NAUGHTON'S HOUSE, ABBEYPARK, CLONTUSKERT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"A sum of £40,000 to £50,000 is required to improve the road at Naughton's House. Sight distances could be improved by expending £10,000 but this would only be of limited value.

Improvement works on Regional Roads are normally done by direct Department of Environment Grants but no provision has been made in the 1988 Allocations for such improvements."

- 1995 - EASING OF DANGEROUS JUNCTION AT SALMON'S CROSS, PROSPECT, EYRECOURT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"It is unlikely that money will be available in 1988 for this work."

- 1996 - THAT FROM THE 1988 ALLOCATION FOR STRENGTHENING OF COUNTY ROADS THAT A SECTION OF ROAD FROM THE CANAL STAGE TOWARDS ROUNDSTONE VILLAGE ALSO A SECTION WEST OF MAAM BRIDGE TOWARDS LEENANE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"These will be considered when the detailed Roads Programme is being prepared following receipt of Road Grants."

- 1997 - THAT THE FOLLOWING COUNTY ROADS BE SURFACE DRESSED IN 1988 - LETTERMORENCILLE, GLENTRAGUE, AND ARDNAGEEHA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Surface dressing of these non-strategic County Roads will depend on finance being made available in the 1988 Estimates. There was no surface dressing on County Roads in 1987 due to lack of funds. Present indications are that there will be no funds for surface dressing in 1988."

- 1998 - THAT THE BROKEN DOWN GULLET BE REPAIRED WHICH IS LEADING TO O'MALLEY HOUSES AND OTHERS AT SHEANAKEELA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"A new bridge is required at Shanakeela and work commenced this week."

- 1999 - THAT A ROAD FROM BARNAORAUN BRIDGE TO PADDY MANNION'S HOUSE BE TAKEN IN CHARGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The road from junction with N.59 to Barnaoraun Bridge (but not including the bridge) is in charge of Galway County Council. The bridge is substandard and would not qualify for adoption by the County Council. The road from the bridge to Paddy Mannion's house is one



mile in length and because of its poor condition, it would not qualify for adoption by the County Council. The estimated cost of repairing the road to an acceptable standard is £30,000. The estimated cost of erection of a new bridge is £50,000."

2000 - SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT CLOONARKING DRIVE, ORANMORE:  
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The question of sewerage disposal at Cloonarkin Drive is at present being considered by our Solicitor under the Planning Acts in view of correspondence from the builder by whom it was constructed.

The Council has intervened to prevent nuisance arising but funds available for this purpose are limited.

The final resolution of the sewerage problems in the area must await progress with the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme.

The present position in relation to the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme is that the Galway Corporation have agreed to allow the Council pump the sewerage from Oranmore into the City network. The Council's Consultant has been asked to prepare a Preliminary Report with a view to proceeding with this option."

2001 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE FOOTPATH ON ROAD APPROACHING FROM LABANE TO ARDRAHAN VILLAGE COUNCIL ESTATE TO ARDRAHAN VILLAGE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"A gravelled path on the existing grass margin will be provided to allow children to walk in safety along this section. This section of National Primary Road will be re-aligned in due course when monies are provided."

2002 - RAKERIN CEMETARY, GORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"The allocation in respect of improvements to Burial Grounds for 1987 has been fully expanded at this stage. Further works at an estimated cost of £1,000 are necessary to develop the burial ground extension to a stage where grave spaces could be allocated.

It is hoped that the necessary works will be carried out early in 1988 and arrangements may then be made for the allocation of graves in a portion of the extension."

2003 - THAT SITES WHERE PLANNING PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED, WHICH HAS EXPIRED, BE EXEMPT FROM THE REGULATION IN THE NEW COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN STIPULATING A MINIMUM 1/2 ACRE SITE SIZE:  
- MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"Normally, Permission is granted on sites in respect of which a previous Permission existed but has lapsed. There are exceptional cases, however, where it is felt that there will be serious damage to the visual amenity of the area, where the status of the road fronting the site may have been upgraded or where there may have been a number of houses and septic tanks constructed

on adjoining sites making further development undesirable on public health grounds..

Each case would have to be assessed on its present merits taking account of the current County Development Plan."

2004 - CORRESPONDENCE:

A copy of each of the following correspondence was circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (a) Letter dated 5th November, 1987, from the Irish Vocational Education Association, and enclosures, regarding abolition of certain un-named VECS.
- (b) Letter dated 12th November, 1987, from the Department of the Environment regarding restoration of the "Builder's" Grant.
- (c) Letter dated 30th October, 1987, from Department of the Environment regarding An Foras Forbartha.
- (d) Letter dated 27th October, 1987, from Department of the Environment regarding Air Pollution.

2005 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy Quinn, Inverin, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Anna Cooney, Kiltulla, Athenry.

2006 - 1986 EXTRADITION ACT:

At this stage of the Meeting, Councillor P.F. Glynn, with the agreement of the Chairman, proposed the following Notice of Motion which appeared in his name on the Agenda:

"That in view of the widespread public concern and the Legal, Political and human implications of the 1986 Extradition Act, that Galway County Council pass a motion calling on the Government to have the Act repealed."

Councillor P. Glynn asked the Members of the Council to support the motion proposed by him. He stated that there was sufficient legislation available to deal with cases of Extradition in the existing legislation. He referred to recent cases which cast doubts on the standard of justice available to Irish people in Britain and stated that if Capital Punishment still applied in Britain, the people involved in the present review of the Birmingham bombing case would not now be alive.

Councillor P. McHugh seconded Councillor Glynn's motion. He stated that the Courts in Northern Ireland were being constantly criticised for the standard of justice available. He also stated that there were doubts regarding the standard of justice available in the British Courts.

Senator T. Hussey stated that he did not agree that the Notice of Motion should be passed at this point in time. The issue involved was an emotive one and legislation was being put through the Dail at present proposing safeguards in relation to the operation of Extradition. Essential safeguards were now being written into the legislation and the Attorney General would have powers to examine cases for Extradition. At this stage of the Meeting, a number of Councillors endeavoured to speak. The Chairman indicated that in view of the interruptions, he was adjourning the Meeting.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael J. Moran* CHAIRMAN  
18th Nov 1987 DATE



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24th November, 1987.

TO EACH MEMBER OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS/

A Chara:

A Meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers will be held  
in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway,

on Tuesday, 1st December, 1987,

at 3.30 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

- (1) Consideration of Report which has been referred to Committee  
by Galway County Council on the provision of Hardstands  
at various locations in the administrative area of Galway  
County Council. (Copy enclosed)

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS HELD AT THE COUNTY  
BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 1ST DECEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR:

Deputy F. Fahey.

PRESENT:

Members:

Councillor U. Burke, Mr. P. Conneely,  
Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty,  
Mrs. S. Gately, Sr. B. Keane, Councillors J. Lambert,  
A. Lupton, J. Mannion, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh,  
Mrs. B. McKenna, Mrs. C. McNamara, Mr. N. Power,  
Councillors P. Raftery, P.O'Tuathail, T. Walsh,  
T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager,  
P. Canney, Executive Engineer, Ms. B. Cowley,  
Ms. M. Forde (Social Workers), Mr. T. Coughlan,  
Senior Staff Officer.

Apologies were received from Deputy M. Kitt and Ms. M. Byrne.

The Chairman explained that a meeting of the Committee had not been held recently, due to the re-organisation of Local Authorities within the County, and the fact that recommendations regarding Hardstands were being put to the members of the County Council. The County Council have now decided that the Joint Committee should consider the proposed sites and make recommendations to the County Council.

Mr. Howlett outlined the position in relation to each of the proposed sites, as circulated to the members of the Council on the 22nd September, 1987. He informed the members of the Committee that the following recent developments had taken place.

Tuam: Land in the ownership of the Land Commission at Toghermore is being investigated.

Holmes Hill: A Compulsory Purchase Order can now be made but the majority of Travellers have now left, and it is uncertain if, and when, they will return.

Portumna: Two alternative sites have now been identified in addition to the proposed site at Shannon Road.

Athenry: Travelling families in Athenry have been interviewed, and have indicated that they wish to be housed, rather than accommodated on a Halting Site.

Councillors Fahy and Lambert proposed that the Travellers at Coole Park

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be facilitated and informed the meeting that a large number of travellers in South Galway are also traders. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the first priority must be to provide Halting Sites for Travellers, who are indigenous to the area.

Mr. N. Power referred to the problem of Travellers in Ballinasloe, stating that the proposed location for a Halting Site is unsuitable, and that the County Council should give land to the Urban Council for the provision of Group Housing. Mr. Howlett stated that he was not aware of a request made to the County Council for land and that the Ballinasloe Urban Council is an independant Housing Authority. The Joint Committee can, however, make recommendations.

Councillor U. Burke stressed the need for consultation with local interests, before selecting sites, and stated that any Halting Site constructed should be properly serviced with a full-time care-taker and back-up services. Councillor Burke also considered that any serviced site constructed should prove to be a show-piece, which would alleviate the fears of people who do not understand what Halting Sites are. The proposed design of the serviced site at Killimor was then circulated to the meeting.

Councillor P. McHugh objected to the proposed site at Carrowbrowne, due to the fact that he considered it to be a traffic hazard and a health hazard. Councillor Lupton informed the meeting that the Corporation has advertised for tenders for three sites and outlined the steps taken by the Corporation to ensure that the sites would be of the highest possible standards. She requested that the Committee support the Carrowbrowne site. Councillor McHugh appealed to the Committee to oppose the proposed site at Carrowbrowne. It was decided to await the decision on the planning application for the site.

Councillor Raftery requested information regarding the proposed site at Ballygar, and was informed by the Manager that no objection was raised to the proposal at the County Council meeting, but there have since been objections from a Traveller housed adjacent to the proposed site, and there appeared to be dissention among the Travellers proposed for resiting. The matter is now under consideration, pending the investigation of the objection. Mrs. McNamara informed the meeting that she did not think the Travellers would move to Toghermore, as they wished to stay in the Bog Road/Cloonthue Road area. Councillor Finnegan requested that an effort be made to find suitable land and that local people be informed that small sites are proposed. Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that he would be glad to consider any local proposals about the location of sites.

Mrs. McKenna requested information regarding the provision of a site at Portumna, and was informed that two alternative locations have now been identified, and the site on Shannon Road will not proceed if alternatives can be found. The Manager stated that he would like the Committee to examine these proposals. The Chairman asked for recommendations regarding the provision of serviced sites. Councillor Burke suggested that a priority list of two sites be recommended to the County Council. Mr. Howlett suggested that Killimor, Portumna and Ballygar should be considered for priority. Councillor Burke proposed that Killimor and Ballygar, being one site in the North of the County and one site in the South, be adopted for priority and requested that Mr. Howlett meet a deputation from Portumna before proceeding with the Portumna site. The Chairman proposed that members of the Committee inspect

sites at Tullamore and Portlaoise.

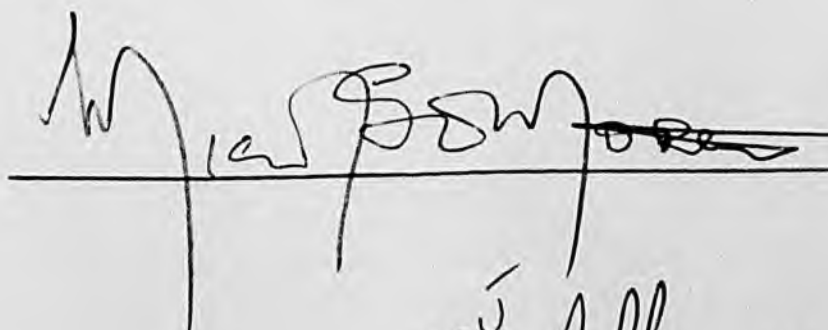
It was agreed that the following recommendations be made to the County Council.

1. That serviced sites be provided at Killimor and Ballygar on the sites already selected.
2. That proposals for the siting of further Hardstands be prepared and brought before the Committee.
3. that Ballinasloe Urban District Council be requested to consider a Group Housing Scheme on County Council land, adjacent to where the Travellers are presently situated.

Mr. Howlett informed the meeting that the recommendations would be brought before the County Council and that the Committee would be informed of the Councils decision. The Chairman requested that drawings of the proposed sites be available for the County Council meeting. Councillor Burke requested a report on the provision of an increased level of Social Workers support for Travellers who have been housed, to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan and seconded by Councillor T. Walsh that the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers held on the 17th January, 1986 be adopted. The meeting then terminated.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN  
 18<sup>th</sup> July 1987. DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

4u la Nollag, 1987.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De h-Aoine, an 11u la Nollag, 1987, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
Runai Chontae.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for a house to Malachy Hanley - Planning Reference No. 54857 - dwellinghouse at Lackaghmore."

J. McDonagh. John Molloy. Martin Lynch.

2. Road Works Scheme for year ending 31st December, 1988. (Copy enclosed)
3. Report on Refuse Collection.
4. County Manager's Proposal to make a Tree Preservation Order in respect of an Area at Cloughballymore, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway. (Details already circulated.)

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

7th December, 1987.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

The following resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, has been received, and will be considered at the Special Meeting of the Council on Friday, 11th December, 1987, at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI CHONTAE.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA FOR SPECIAL MEETING ON 11/12/'87

- 1 A "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse in the townland of Tully to Mrs. Sally McConn, Main Street, Ballygar. - Planning Reference No. 55242."

Peter Raftery. Tom Hussey. Michael Kitt.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke,  
J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn,  
Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy  
M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane,  
M. Lynch, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy,  
Deputy R. Molloy, 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;  
E. Lusby, Finance Officer;  
E. Gleeson, County Secretary;  
S. McMahon, R. Killeen, P. Martin,  
Senior Executive Engineers;  
T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer;  
and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer.

2007 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54857 -  
APPLICANT: MALACHY HANLEY:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor John Mannion and seconded by Councillor John Molloy. The County Manager submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The proposed site is located on the Galway/Roscommon National Secondary Route approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile South West of Turloughmore and on a stretch of road where the 60 m.p.h. speed limit applies.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 54579: Outline Planning Permission was originally sought for four dwellinghouses in June '87 on lands fronting the N.S. Route including this site. This application was refused in August. The applicant was Nora McTigue who claimed to own the site in question and also other lands to the rear.

Planning Ref. No. 54859: This application was in respect of one of the sites included in planning application no. 54579 but this time a claim for a replacement house was made. This application was granted to Nora McTigue.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The current application is from Malachy Hanley who has a farm in Carnmore and is stated to be a cousin of Ms McTigue.

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In reply to a request for further information, he said that the house was for his 70 year old uncle who lived with him in Carnmore but who would "mind stock" on this holding.

This does not establish a genuine housing need for a brother, sister, son or daughter as is required by the Development Plan. There is already an old house which is occupied by Ms. McTigue alone and a newly permitted one which is not yet built.

The earlier application for four sites would indicate that the intention was to sell some or all of the sites.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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 Chapter 25, Table 25 B of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the housing needs of farm holders families. Such a need has not been substantiated in this case."

The County Engineer stated that no indication had been received from the applicant that the existing house was going to be demolished. The application appeared to be an attempt to get planning permission for the purpose of selling the site involved. The County Engineer stated that he felt that if this Permission was granted, further applications could be received for Planning Permission in the same area. The road was narrow along the frontage of the site involved and the site was located outside the speed limit area. It would be an extremely dangerous practice to allow Planning Permission in respect of the site involved which would generate a further entrance in the area. He recommended to the Council that Permission not be granted.

As no amendment was proposed, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

008 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55242 -  
APPLICANT: MRS. SALLY McCONN:

The Council were informed that further information had been requested in this case and that the resolution would be brought back for further consideration when this information had been received.

009 - ROADWORKS SCHEME FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1988:

The County Engineer read his report dated 20th November, 1987, dealing with the Roadworks Scheme for the financial year from the 1st January, 1988, to the 31st December, 1988, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. A number of Councillors thanked the County Engineer and his staff for the preparation of the Report.

Senator T. Hussey referred to the shortfalls in relation to Roadworks. He stated that Local Authorities were facing a financial crisis and there was need for a proper system of financing for Local Authorities. Senator Hussey asked in relation to the construction of bridges at Bullaun and Dunmore, whether the work would be carried out by Council staff or by Contractor.



Senator T. Hussey stated that the western part of the County appeared to be getting considerably more allocation of money than the eastern part of the County.

In reply to Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair, the County Engineer stated that the reduction of Grants on the Oranmore By-Pass would have a direct consequence for employment as 11 men had been employed on the Oranmore By-Pass and would now have to be absorbed in the general workforce.

Councillor J. Lambert asked for details regarding the Redundancy Package.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that the Council should consider transferring the funds available from the National Primary Roads to the County Roads for a year or two in order to improve the standard on the County Roads. Councillor P. McHugh proposed that approval of the Minister for the Environment be sought to transfer Road Grants from National Primary and National Secondary Roads to County Roads for one or two years. The County Engineer explained that it was the Department of the Environment who funded National Primary and National Secondary Roadworks and the Department of the Environment dictated where the money should be spent on these roads. The Council had submitted a long list of projects indicating the areas requiring attention. The County Engineer stated that it was very necessary to keep the National Roads well maintained and to keep the skid resistance up on roads where there were high volumes of traffic and large numbers of heavy vehicles. The likelihood was that an accident on a National Primary Road could have much more serious consequences than on a County Road and the dropping of Maintenance on these roads for two years would be critical. The Council had set a seven year cycle of maintenance and he could see problems in changing the Council's programme even if the transfer of funds were possible. The County Engineer stated that the strengthening Grant for County Roads was a very valuable Grant and if this level of Grant could be maintained for a number of years, a lot of important work could be done.

Councillor T. Welby stated that he welcomed the allocation of monies to the roads in the Connemara areas. Some of the roads involved were in a very bad condition and he proposed that the Minister for the Environment be requested to receive a deputation from Galway County Council to seek a special allocation for County Roads. Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair seconded Councillor Welby's proposal - the deputation to consist of the Oireachtas Members and the Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Michael Ryan referred to a bridge at Cloonkell in the Clonberne area where a lot of heavy lorries were drawing sand in the area. Councillor Ryan also referred to a bridge at Cloondahamper which he stated collapsed last summer. Barrels had been provided there but had now been removed. He asked that the wall be put back on the bridge. Councillor Ryan also asked if people living on County Roads would be allowed to carry out maintenance works themselves and if the Council would provide tar and chips.

Councillor P. McHugh asked regarding the possibility of carrying out works on the Galway to Headford Road and also on the Regional Road, Tuam to Headford.

Councillor Joe Callanan welcomed the strengthening Grants for Roads in his area. He referred to the Cappataggle/Kilrickle road which he stated was in urgent need of improvement.

Senator O'Conchubhair referred to roads in his area which were in urgent need of attention. He stated that there was need

to control weights of vehicles using some of the roads. He referred to the road at Cuan na Luinge where he stated money might be made available from Roinn na Gaeltachta. He asked that the County Engineer provide some money for that road.

Councillor Martin Lynch referred to the road adjacent to the Mart at Athenry where there was congestion on Mart days. Councillor Lynch stated that the Mart Management would be prepared to make a contribution to the improvements necessary and that the land would be available free of charge. Councillor Lynch was supported by a number of Councillors. The Chairman suggested that Councillor Lynch ask the Mart Management to submit any proposals they had to the County Engineer for consideration.

Councillor Lynch referred to a factory involved in the processing of hides adjacent to Kilchreest. He stated that a soakage pit had been constructed near the roadway adjacent to the school and that there was a terrible smell from the effluent coming from the factory. He asked that this matter receive immediate attention.

D'iarr an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail an raibh na deontaisí ar fail don Chomhairle fabhrach i gcomparáid le Chontae eile. D'iarr se freisin mar gheall ar an tuarascail ar na boithre i gConnamara a bhí ullmhaithe maidir le forbairt "aquaculture", agus a raibh aon deontaisí ar fail feasta chun chuidiu leis na ceisteanna ar aithint sa tuarascail.

Councillor P. McCormack stated that there had been serious reductions in the level of Grants in 1988 as compared with the 1984 figures. Councillor McCormack asked when the National Secondary Road at Cloonboo Cross would be completed. He also asked if bog roads would qualify under the Local Improvement Schemes.

Councillor Joe Brennan referred to the reduction in the level of Road Grants and asked how much discretion the Council had in the spending of Grants. Councillor Brennan also stated that the privatisation of works by the Council would have to be considered as there was no way that the Council would get work done in some areas if there were no men in the areas. He proposed that the Council discuss the question of privatisation of Roadworks and other services at a future meeting.

Councillor T. Walsh stated that there was urgent need to provide a stop sign in Glenamaddy where the four roads met. Councillor Walsh also referred to a flooding problem at Ballincurry/Glinsk. He asked that the problem in the area be resolved without legal proceedings, if possible. Councillor Michael Fahy referred to a number of roads which he stated were in urgent need of repairs. He stated that the Maree Road leading to Luggaun near M. Forde's house had very large potholes and was in need of attention. He also stated that there were roads in the Ardrahan area which needed immediate attention.

Councillor P. Finnegan stated that roads in the Milltown Area were particularly hard hit by the financial shortages and that the Council should be allowed to spend some of the National Primary Grants on County Roads. Councillor J. Joyce stated that difficulties would arise if all the men in certain areas opted for redundancies. He stated that it would be unfair to ask the men remaining to travel long distances and that it was a big drawback to an area not to have a local man for maintenance work. Councillor J. Joyce stated that he had been requesting improvements at two bends, one at Naughtons, Clontuskert, and another at Sammons on the Portumna/Eyrecourt road, where the landowners were willing to co-operate with the Council. Deputy Michael Kitt referred to the proposed improvements at Bunowen Bridge, and stated that there was need for adequate signposts when the work was being carried out.



Councillor Ulick Burke stated that the Council should prepare the necessary designs for improvements to the Hearnesebrook road. He also stated that improvements should be carried out by the provision of hardshoulders at Cappataggle. Councillor Loughnane referred to a number of roads which needed attention in his area.

Councillor J. Mannion stated that he deplored the cuts in the County Road allocations and questioned the wisdom of spending £50,000 on advance design.

The County Engineer replied to a number of the queries raised. He stated that it was regrettable that surface dressing on County Roads had to be eliminated but in view of the financial restrictions, there was no alternative. He stated that it was proposed to construct the bridges referred to in his report by Contract as specialist work of underpinning was required.

In relation to the Bunowen Bridge, he stated that work would start in mid 1988 and that the construction period would be about 9 months. A decision on whether to proceed by direct labour or Contract would be made early in the New Year. The roads involved will be closed for a considerable length of time and any diversions necessary would be well signposted.

In reply to Councillor Lambert, the County Engineer stated that the Council would require about 90-100 Redundancies by the 1st January, 1988. About 45 men had applied for the Redundancy Package as at the date of the Meeting and any shortage in monies for wages would have to be met by temporary lay-offs.

The County Engineer stated that there was no finance available to remove bends and the money available would have to be spent on maintaining existing roads. The County Engineer stated that there were serious risks involved in allowing members of the public to carry out works on public roads and the Council could not authorise such arrangements. The County Engineer stated that he would investigate the soakpit problem referred to by Councillor Martin Lynch immediately. The County Engineer stated that the level of Block Grant compared favourably with other Counties. In reply to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, the County Engineer stated that the land owner had blocked the drain at Glinsk and the Council were proceeding against him. In reply to Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair, the County Engineer stated that a Clerk was available in the Costello Office on the Thursday and Friday of each week.

The County Engineer stated that he hoped to prepare designs in the current year for improvement works at the Aughrim/Cappataggle road and the Ballinasloe By-Pass. These were National Primary Routes and offered the only possibility for getting Grants in the immediate future. The County Engineer stated that there were no prospects of any grants becoming available in the foreseeable future for the improvement works on the Hearnesebrook road.

2010 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE:

The County Manager informed the Members that he wished to bring a progress report in relation to the refuse collection service before the Council. In his Estimates statements of 1987 and 1988, he had indicated that he was investigating the feasibility of privatising the service. In the 1988 Estimates, no provision had been made for a collection in rural areas and the service proposed was in respect of towns and villages on a self financing basis.

The Council had invited publicly offers from private individuals. A number of proposals had been received and the outcome of the Council's examination was that there were firms in the County who were available to provide a county wide service.

He had made no decision in the matter yet and he proposed talking to the Trade Union representing the men on the refuse collection service early in the coming week. He did not want to come to a conclusion regarding the matter until he had discussions with the Unions and he would not finalise any revised arrangements until he had informed the Council. He understood that the Unions had certain ideas about the present service and he would deal with any suggestions made.

The County Manager replied to queries raised by Members. He stated that the Council would wish to see properly equipped and managed firms taking over the refuse collection service and did not wish to have small badly organised operators involved. A number of Councillors stated that there were further people interested in submitting proposals for additional areas and that some of the people who had submitted proposals wished to submit revised proposals to cover additional areas. The Chairman suggested that Councillors should ask the people concerned to submit their revised proposals immediately.

The County Manager indicated that no decision had yet been taken but that the most capable firms had indicated that they were interested in carrying out a service only if they were allowed to cater for the whole County.

011 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

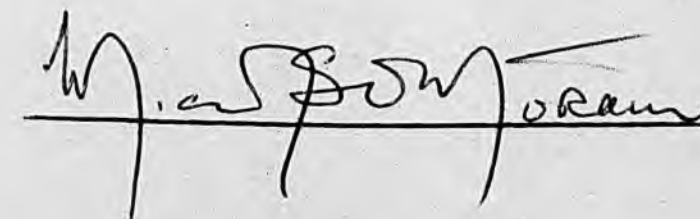
Mrs. Tom McHugh, Cloonkeen, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Mullen, Boyounagh, Glenamaddy.  
Mr. James Broderick, Ballintemple, Castlegar, Galway.

012 - COUNTY MANAGER'S PROPOSAL TO MAKE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER IN RESPECT OF AN AREA AT CLOUGHBALLYMORE, KILCOLGAN, CO. GALWAY:

It was agreed that consideration of this item would be adjourned to a future Meeting of the Council.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

25th Jan 1988 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae  
GAILLIMHE.

11u la Nollag, 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 h-Aoine, an 18u la Nollag, 1987 ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN.  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.
  - (a) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 23rd November, 1987
  - (b) Monthly Meeting held on 27th November, 1987.
2. Disposal of house at Currywongan, Kylemore, Co. Galway to Mrs. Bridget Mannion in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended - Section 83 Notice dated 24th November, 1987 already circulated.
3. Applications for Remission of County Rates from the following:-
  - (a) S. O. Canavan Teo.
  - (b) Fuinneoga Chonamara Teo.
  - (c) Tairgi Miotail Rosmuc Teo.
  - (c) Bakery Tray Manufacturers Ltd.
4. Consideration of Recommendations of Joint Committee on Travellers held on 1st December, 1987 - Copy of Minutes attached.
5. Malicious Injuries Decrees - List Attached.
6. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:-

(a) Adjourned:-

7. COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE - I will ask.  
I will ask 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.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION (Continued).

(b) Other Motions received.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE - I will propose

8. That footpaths in Loughrea Town be fully repaired following works by Bord Telecom.
9. That a Signpost for Loughrea be erected at Killiland Cross and that 'no Dumping' signs be erected on the wide grass margin at the same location.
10. That a proper road be constructed from the main road to the gate of Quansboro Cemetary, Killimor.

COUNCILLOR MARK KILLILEA M.E.P - I will propose:-

11. That Galway County Council make arrangements for satisfactory parking facilities for tractors and trailers at Abbey Trinity Carpark, Tuam.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY - I will propose.

12. That a report be given on the reason for the delay in providing new county council house for the applicant (Details enclosed).
13. That a report be given on the reason for the delay in providing new County Council house for applicant. (Details enclosed).

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose.

14. That Galway County Council carry out repairs to a road leading from Corgary National School to Doonwood.
15. That a Stile be provided by Galway County Council at Fohenagh Graveyard.

SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK & COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH -  
We will ask:-

16. What is the present position re the proposed Kilbeg Knockferry Bridge, and what is the position re the money included in 1987 Estimates for this project.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:-

17. That the County Council do limited clearance work at Gortadubha, Lachtgeorge (Details herewith).
18. That the Council now take steps to alleviate flooding problem at Corbally (Details herewith).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I wish propose:

19. That Galway Council Council fillpotholes on County Road leading to Michael Forde's house at Luggane, Clarinbridge and surface the bad areas of this road.

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

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Bord Telecom Eireann Thomas Welby, Loughgannon, Roscahill, CO. GALWAY.	Damage to Kiosk	County at large	£350.00	£491.45
Michael Farragher, Mausrevagh, Headford, Co. Galway.	Damage to property	County at large	£8,755.00	£4,711.75
Michael Tighe, Galway Rd., Tuam	Damage to vehicle	County at large	£2,000	£2,361.37
		County at large	£30.00	£82.60

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

14th December, 1987.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

The following resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, has been received and will be considered at the Monthly Meeting of the Council on Friday, 18th December, 1987, at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI CHONTAE.

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA FOR MONTHLY MEETING ON 18/12/'87

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Philip Mortimer for the retention of structure to extend and convert same to fishing gear and food store at Foher. - Planning Reference No. 54925."

Thomas Welby.      John Molloy.      Michael Fahy.

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*Minute Book*

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 1987.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, 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); M. Tierney, S.E.E. (Housing); E. Lusby, Finance Officer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; D. Barrett, and T. Coughlan, Senior Staff Officers.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2013 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - APPLICANT: PHILIP MORTIMOR: PLANNING REF. NO. 54925:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the Eastern shore of Killary Bay Little in the Townland of Foher.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Mr. Mortimer initially moved a caravan into the site. The Planning Authority informed Mr. Mortimer that this was unauthorised development, but he ignored the letter. He continued to live in the caravan and built a blockwork extension to the rear, again without Planning Permission. Untreated sewage was piped directly into the sea across the road.

PLANNING REF. NO. 51157:

Planning Permission was refused by the Planning Authority and by An Bord Pleanala for retention of the house and extension of same - same applicant. The reasons for refusal were damage to the visual amenity of the area and public health hazard.

An Enforcement Notice was served on the applicant last May requiring him to remove the building and restore the lands. He has not complied with the notice to date, and the present application is to extend the building and use it to store fishing gear and fish food.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Representations have been made that the store is to be an adjunct to the permitted fish farm west of Rossroe Pier at the end of the same road. This would allegedly shorten the journey for trucks in that they could be off-loaded at this building and the loads could be brought to the fish farm in smaller lots.

The fish farm applicants in their submission for Planning Permission specifically stated that it was vital to have

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their storage compound adjacent to the sea cages on the grounds of costs, security and hygiene. Permission was granted for a large store on their site and a condition was included that an agreed sum of money be paid to the Planning Authority towards the cost of improving the public road to meet the increased vehicular traffic. The sum of money has yet to be agreed.

It is not accepted that this building which it is sought to retain will be a necessary part of or a particular advantage to the fish farm. The application would seem to be an attempt to get round the Enforcement Notice and retain the structure, despite the previous adjudication of the Planning Authority and the Appeals Board that the building would be detrimental to the visual amenity of the area.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development is located in an area of outstanding scenic amenity and would, if permitted, seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area because it would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The proposed development for retention of an unauthorised structure would, if permitted, contravene a previous decision of the Planning Authority under Planning Reference No. 51157 and, on Appeal, by An Bord Pleanala, Ref. PL 7/5/71766 to refuse permission for retention of the same structure and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The development of the proposed storage facility would, in the absence of any basic sanitary facilities, constitute substandard development which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Councillor John Molloy. The County Engineer stated that the applicants in requiring Planning Permission for the Fish Farm specifically stated that it was vital to have their storage compound adjacent to the sea cages on the grounds of costs, security and hygiene. He did not accept that the building which was being sought, was necessary to serve the Fish Farm as a store. More importantly, the applicant could not provide a septic tank or any other satisfactory system and the development could give rise to a public health hazard in such circumstances.

Councillor T. Welby stated that Mr. Mortimer had lived in the caravan referred to in the report for about 6 years. He had now moved to reside in his father's house and the caravan would be removed. The shed was required to store fishing gear and fish food, and to facilitate large trucks who would leave material at the store for further transportation to the Fish Farm by smaller trucks. Councillor Welby stated that no septic tank was needed for the store and that Planning Permission had been granted to Letterfrack Co-Op for a store which had no toilet facilities. Councillor Welby stated that there would not be anybody living in the structure when constructed.

The County Engineer stated that the storage being provided was very limited relative to the needs of the Fish Farm.



There were a number of bad bends on the road to the store and any truck that could negotiate the bad bends could go all the way to Rossroe Pier. He did not see the need for the store to serve the fish farm in such circumstances.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that Planning Permission not be granted in this case. 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.

2014 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, the Minutes of the Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on the 23rd November, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 27th November, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

2015 - SALE OF HOUSE AT CURRYWONGAN, KYLEMORE, TO MRS. BRIDGET MANNION:

The Members agreed to adjourn further consideration of this item to the Monthly Meeting of the Council to be held in January 1988. The County Secretary informed the Members that the purchaser had queried the purchase price in this case.

2016 - REMISSION OF RATES - S. O. CANAVAN TEO:

It was proposed by Councillor Micheal O'Morain, seconded by Deputy Michael P. Kitt, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the Rates leviable in respect of the factory at Carraroe South, occupied by S. O. Canavan Teo., in respect of the local financial years 1987-1989, inclusive, in accordance with Section 26 of Udaras na Gaeltachta, Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

2017 - REMISSION OF RATES - FUINNEOGA CHONAMARA TEO:

The County Secretary indicated that an application had been received for remission of rates in this case but that as the firm had changed its location since the date of application, remission of rates no longer applied in respect of the premises for which remission had been applied for.

2018 - REMISSION OF RATES - TAIRGI MIOTAIL ROSMUC TEO.:

It was proposed by An Comhairleoir Micheal O'Morain and seconded by Deputy Michael Kitt, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of two-thirds of the rates leviable in respect of the factory at Turloughbeg, Rosmuc, occupied by Tairgi Miotail Rosmuc Teo., in respect of the local financial years 1980-1989, inclusive, in accordance with Section 26 of Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate Certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

2019 - REMISSION OF RATES - BAKERY TRAY MANUFACTURERS LTD.:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Deputy Michael Kitt, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Acts, 1969-1981, hereby remit two-thirds of the rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the premises at Cappacur, Tynagh, occupied by Bakery Tray Manufacturers Ltd., the remission to have effect in respect of the local financial years 1986-1995, inclusive, the appropriate certificates under the Acts having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

2020 - SETTLEMENT OF TRAVELLERS:

The Council considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Tuesday, 1st December, 1987. The Members also considered a report dated 16th November, 1987, from Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager. In his report, Mr. Howlett outlined the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Travellers, as follows:

- (1) The Committee were anxious that a start be made on the development of serviced sites, and it is recommended that clearance should be given for the development of Killimor and Ballygar.
- (2) It was indicated at the Meeting that the Council would not proceed with the original site designated for Portumna as an alternative site was available. A deputation from Portumna will be received after Christmas when the alternative sites will be discussed.
- (3) With regard to the situation in Ballinasloe, it is understood that the Ballinasloe Urban District Council have now agreed to proceed with a group housing scheme to accommodate travellers at Poolboy. In the meantime, a demountable dwelling is being supplied to the Urban Council for an urgent case on the strict understanding that this will be used as a temporary measure pending the provision of permanent accommodation.
- (4) Following a discussion on proposed development by the Galway Corporation on the Headford Road, it was agreed that this matter should be resolved on the basis of a Planning application to the County Council.
- (5) It is proposed to take action on two further recommendations of the Committee, i.e.:
  - (a) Recommendation that the sites should be developed to a high standard has been considered, and in view of the fact that it has been found that the cost per unit for serviced sites is greater than the cost of housing and that the normal housing procedures will have to be followed, an application is being made to the Department for approval to the employment of the Architect who has been designing housing schemes for the Council.
  - (b) The recommendation of the Committee that a 'model site' be inspected has already been followed in the context of special problems that were arising about the accommodation of separate extended families on a site. These problems appear to be capable of solution if the site is designed in a particular manner.

In reply to Councillor Joe Burke, Mr. Howlett indicated that the site selected on the outskirts of Tuam does not meet with the approval of the Committee and the Council were continuing its own investigations in the selection of a site for Tuam.

In reply to Councillor Joe Callanan, the Assistant County Manager indicated that Ballinasloe was the Housing Authority for the



Urban District of Ballinasloe. He understood that the Urban District Council had agreed to proceed with a group housing scheme at Poolboy and that the possibility of the provision of a site for transient travellers was being considered.

In reply to Councillor John Molloy, Mr. Howlett indicated that Galway Corporation would require Planning Permission for the development of the site at Carrowbrowne.

A number of Councillors referred to the problems in relation to travellers in Ballinasloe and asked that the Council take whatever measures were necessary to deal with the problem of travellers in the town.

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that the traveller problem at the entrance to Coole Park should be alleviated. He also referred to the problem of travellers at a lay-by near Kiltiernan.

Councillor Matt Loughnane stated that he did not agree that the site proposed at Killimor should be proceeded with. He proposed that the Council not proceed with Killimor at present. He was supported by Deputy Michael Kitt who stated that as the Council were receiving a deputation from residents in the Portumna area early in January, that a deputation be received from the Killimor residents on the same date to discuss the Killimor site. It was agreed that the deputation from the residents of Killimor be received by the Assistant Manager early in January 1988.

Councillor Joe Burke referred to the inadequacy of the legislation to deal with traveller problems and proposed that the Law Agent be requested to prepare a report for the consideration of the Council, such report to deal with inadequacies in the legislation at present.

2021 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with item No. 5 on the Agenda, were noted.

2022 - NEW ASSISTANT CITY AND COUNTY MANAGER:

The County Manager informed the Members that a new Assistant City and County Manager had been recommended by the Local Appointments Commission to fill the vacancy arising from the retirement of Mr. Peter Kearns. The new Assistant Manager was Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, Millbrook, Ballyclough, Limerick, and he would be taking up duty on the 4th January, 1988.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2023 - THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF (A) TRAVELLING, (B) SUBSISTENCE MONIES PAID TO EACH COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR ATTENDANCE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS, TRAVELLING ABROAD, SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS, ETC., FROM JUNE 1986 TO JUNE 1987: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The above Notice of Motion was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke. Councillor Joe Brennan seconded Councillor Burke's proposal. The Chairman declared the Motion carried and it was agreed that the details requested by Councillor Burke would be made available to him.

2024 - THAT FOOTPATHS IN LOUGHREA TOWN BE FULLY REPAIRED FOLLOWING WORKS BY BORD TELECOM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The restoration of any remaining footpaths in Loughrea is still under negotiation between Bord Telecom and Galway County Council."

2025 - THAT A SIGNPOST FOR LOUGHREA BE ERECTED AT KILLILAND CROSS AND THAT "NO DUMPING" SIGNS BE ERECTED ON THE WIDE GRASS MARGIN AT THE SAME LOCATION: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The signpost will be erected when funds are available. There would not appear to be a need for a "No Dumping" sign at present at this location. However, the situation will be kept under review and if the need arises, a sign will be provided."

2026 - THAT A PROPER ROAD BE CONSTRUCTED FROM THE MAIN ROAD TO THE GATE OF QUANSBORO CEMETERY, KILLIMOR: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"A right of way measuring 12 ft. wide and approximately 80 yards long has been acquired from the landowner, Mr. William Treacy. The estimated cost of fencing this right of way and constructing a gravelled walkway is £1,350. It is hoped to have this work carried out in 1988."

2027 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SATISFACTORY PARKING FACILITIES FOR TRACTORS AND TRAILERS AT ABBEY TRINITY CARPARK, TUAM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARK KILLILEA, M.E.P.:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Mark Killilea:

"Barriers were erected at the entrances to the Abbeytrinity carpark in order to control the use of these facilities. The Council is satisfied that advantage would be taken of the removal of such controls even if removed for only a short period of a few hours.

The provision of parking is a matter for the Co-Operative Mart. Provision for parking of tractors/trailers could be reserved in the Mart's own carpark to the front of the Mart building. There is also ample open space for parking at the rear around the Vicar Street entrance."

2028 - THAT A REPORT BE GIVEN ON THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN PROVIDING NEW COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSE FOR APPLICANT (DETAILS ENCLOSED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The transfer of the site in this case will shortly be completed. There are no funds at present to provide any new houses. This applicant's application will be considered on a priority basis together with other approved applicants when finance becomes available."

2029 - THAT A REPORT BE GIVEN ON THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN PROVIDING NEW COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSE FOR THE APPLICANT (DETAILS ENCLOSED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The applicant was approved for housing in April 1984 and a site was approved for the construction of a rural house in May 1984. The Purchase Agreement was sent to the applicant for completion on the 15th June, 1984, but in January, 1985, the applicant requested that an alternative site be investigated. The alternative site was approved and the Purchase Agreement was sent to the applicant in March, 1985. The completed Purchase Agreement was returned to the Council on the 4th February, 1986. As the Vendor's



signature was not witnessed, the Purchase Agreement was returned to the applicant's Solicitor on the 10th February, 1986. The witnessed Purchase Agreement was returned to the Council on the 22nd September, 1987. Requisitions of Title were sent to the applicant's Solicitor on the 28th September, 1987, but to date, there has been no reply.

Construction of a house for the applicant cannot commence until the site has been transferred and finance is available."

- 2030 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO A ROAD LEADING FROM CORGARY NATIONAL SCHOOL TO DOONWOOD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The road in question here is County Road No. 422 from Corgary National School to its junction with County Road No. 419 in the Townland of Doonwood approximately one mile long.

There are no funds available to surface dress this type of road (i.e. County Roads) in 1988. The existing potholes will be filled before the Christmas break, weather permitting."

- 2031 - THAT A STILE BE PROVIDED BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AT FOHENAGH GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"A stile will be provided at Fohenagh Graveyard out of the 1988 Allocation for "Burial Ground Upkeep".

- 2032 - KILBEG/KNOCKFERRY BRIDGE - MOTION BY SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK AND COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Senator Padraic McCormack and Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"At the Council Meeting of the 11th September, 1987, the Council by resolution decided not to adopt the "report on Cost/Benefit Study" pertaining to the proposed Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project. The County Manager informed the council that it was Government Policy to require Cost/Benefit Studies for this type of project and he also placed on record that the study was a proper and competent one carried out by internationally recognised consultants. The present position is that there are no funds available to the Council for this project.

A sum of £25,000 was provided in the 1986 Estimates by resolution of the Council at the meeting of the 20th December, 1985, "to carry out the relevant studies in relation to the Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project. The £25,000 was made available by deducting £12,500 each from the Tuam and Oughterard Engineering Area allocations for County Road Maintenance for 1986. A sum of £14,375 was paid for the Cost/Benefit Studies and the remainder of the £25,000 reverted to County Road maintenance in the Tuam and Oughterard Engineering areas."

- 2033 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL DO LIMITED CLEARANCE WORK AT GORTADUBHA, LACHTGEORGE (DETAILS ENCLOSED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The junction is the intersection of County Road Nos. 147 and 148. Limited clearance work of grass trimming has been carried out."

- 34 - THAT THE COUNCIL NOW TAKE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE FLOODING PROBLEM AT CORBALLY (DETAILS ENCLOSED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The Council is now aware of a flooding problem in Corbally, Cumber, Tuam. The matter will be kept under review and if necessary, remedial works will be carried at the earliest opportunity."

- 2035 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FILL POTHOLES ON COUNTY ROAD LEADIN TO MICHAEL FORDE'S HOUSE AT LUGGANE, CLARINBRIDGE, AND SURFACE THE BAD AREAS OF THIS ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Surface repairs were carried out recently. The road is in need of surface dressing. Due to lack of funds, there was no programme for surface dressing carried out in 1987. There are no provisions in the 1988 Road Works for Surface Dressing County Roads."

- 2036 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mrs. Margaret McHugh, Tycooly, Caltra, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*Michael J. O'Riain* CHAIRMAN

25th January 1988 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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

31st Dec. 1987

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh De h-Aoine, an 8u la Eanáir, 1988 ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH  
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 & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Ms. Wendy Byrne, c/o Gavin's Flats, Tuam, for a dwellinghouse at Carrownagurraun, Tuam - Planing Ref. No. 54055.

Patk. J. Finnegan; Ml. Kitt; Tom Hussey; Noel Treacy

2. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Peter Curran for the erection of a house at Pollagh. Planning Ref. No. 55291.

Padraic McCormack; Tom Welby; John Molloy.

3. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to James Maxwell for the erection of a house at Ardfry. Planning Ref. No. 55110.

Padraic McCormack; Frank Fahey; Martin Lynch.

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NOTICE OF MOTION

4. DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

That sites where Planning Permission has been granted, which has expired, be exempt from the regulation in the new County Development Plan stipulating a minimum  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre site size.

5. Tidy Towns Awards.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 8TH JANUARY, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal 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, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2037 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, the Members passed a vote of sympathy with Councillor Joe Lambert on the recent death of his wife. All the Members associated themselves with the vote of sympathy.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, the Council passed a vote of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Mr. Bernie Gannon, former Staff Officer with Galway County Council. The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff associated himself with the votes of sympathy.

Councillor J. Lambert thanked the Members and the Officials for their expressions of sympathy.

The Council adjourned for a short period as a mark of respect.

2037A - NEW ASSISTANT CITY AND COUNTY MANAGER:

On resumption, the County Manager introduced Mr. Donal O'Donoghue Assistant City and County Manager, who had taken up duty on the 4th January, 1988. The Chairman and the Members welcomed Mr. O'Donoghue to Galway, and Mr. O'Donoghue thanked Members for their words of welcome.

2038 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54055 - APPLICANT: MS. WENDY BYRNE:

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 after the further information had been received.

9 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55291 - APPLICANT: PETER CURRAN:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located off the Galway/Moycullen National Secondary Route N. 59 on the bend at the recently completed realignment at Pollagh.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 46559: Planning Permission was refused for four houses on lands which include the present site. The Planning Authority's decision was appealed to An Bord Pleanala but the Appeal was subsequently withdrawn.

Planning Ref. No. 52241: Planning Permission granted by Section 4 Motion of the Council for one of the above 4 houses on a site adjoining the present one - applicant: P. Darcy.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a National Secondary Route with an access on a bend on the recently realigned section. The access is via a farm accommodation track which is to be improved to cater for the proposed housing development on this former farm holding. As was pointed out in the report on the previous Section 4 Motion, it would appear that the intent is to obtain the maximum number of houses on this land regardless of County Development Plan Policy of discouraging groups of houses in the rural hinterland of Galway City and regardless of the need to restrict new traffic accesses on to National Routes in the interests of traffic safety.

The applicant lives in Galway City and has not made any housing need claim.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development is located with an access onto a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said route, thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development is located with an access onto a National Secondary Route where it is the stated policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to particular cases of substantiated housing need. No such need exists, and the proposed development if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area."



The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Padraic McCormack and seconded by Councillor T. Welby.

The County Engineer stated that the proposed development would be situated adjacent to an area where new roadworks had been carried out on the Moycullen Road. The proposal was an attempt to develop sites off a farm lane.

Planning Permission had already been granted by Section 4 Motion for one of the sites in the area and there appeared to be an attempt to get Planning Permission for 4 sites by stealth. The County Engineer stated that the proposal was a regressive one and that no matter what developments would be carried out, there would still be vehicular entry on to the National Secondary Road. The development would ultimately lead to increased demand for further services including milk lorries, Council refuse collection and school traffic. The development proposed would be quite dangerous providing as it did for an access on to the National Secondary Route, close to a bend which has recently been realigned. There was a high concentration of vehicular traffic on this National Secondary Road and there were high accident risks involved. No housing need claim had been made.

Councillor T. Welby stated that he had requested prior notice in relation to the decision in this case. He also stated that there would be no further Planning Applications for the development of further sites at this location. There was an existing entrance there already and he proposed that Planning Permission be granted in this case.

In reply to Councillor Joe Brennan, the County Engineer stated that the house which was the subject of the Section 4 Motion under Planning Reference No. 52241, had not yet been built. Councillor Joe Brennan proposed that in view of the accident risk as outlined by the County Engineer and the fact that no housing need existed, that Planning Permission not be granted in this case. There was no seconder for Councillor Brennan's proposal and as there were no further amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

2040 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55110 - APPLICANT: JAMES MAXWELL:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the Ardfry Peninsula, Maree, Oranmore, across the Bay from and south of the Sailing Centre.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 8269: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and by the Minister on Appeal for two houses on a larger site which includes the present site - applicant: P. Reilly.

Ref. No. 8656: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority, but granted by Minister on Appeal for one house on the larger site as above - applicant: P. Reilly.

Ref. No. 15493: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority, but granted by Minister on Appeal for two houses on the larger site - Applicant: Mr. Jim Maxwell. These houses were subsequently the subjects of applications for Approval by two other persons. One of the houses has been built. The other Permission has lapsed.

Ref. No. 38195: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala for two houses on the present site - Applicant: Mr. Jim Maxwell.

Ref. No. 44093: Approval granted to Ref. No. 8656 above - Applicant: Mr. Jim Maxwell. This lapsed on the 31st October, 1983, and two subsequent applications were lodged in order to revive it, Ref. No. 53245 and the present one.

Ref. No. 53245: Permission refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala for one house on the present site - Applicant: Mr. Jim Maxwell.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

While many of the roads in Maree have become ribbonised with housing development, this particular peninsula has remained comparatively free of non-local housing and the Planning Authority has sought to maintain its open character in the interests of visual amenity and to prevent a build up of septic tanks in an area which is of particular importance to the Shellfish Industry. The sequence of Planning Applications on this site and on the adjacent land holding, of which this site was originally part, demonstrates that the development was speculative and not related to the housing needs of local farmholders.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed site is lowlying and bounded on two sides by the foreshore and would be unable to satisfactorily accommodate a septic tank and percolation area in accordance with the requirements of the County Development Plan (Appendix B) and would, therefore, be liable to give rise to a health hazard.
2. The proposed development would result in an excessive concentration of housing development in an unserviced rural area and would be unduly dominant in a prominent location and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Senator Padraic McCormack and seconded by Councillor Thomas Welby. In proposing the resolution, Senator Padraic McCormack stated that approval had already been granted under Planning Ref. No. 44093. This Approval had expired in a short time. The applicant had carried out preparatory work in relation to the development of the site but was caught by the expiration of the Approval.



The County Engineer stated that he was of the opinion that a septic tank would not function on the proposed site. It was a condition of the Development Plan that a percolation area must be at least 300 feet from the shoreline. The site involved was only 200 feet across from shoreline to shoreline, and in such circumstances, he could not see how a septic tank would work on the site involved. The County Engineer stated that the Outline Permission granted by the Minister under Planning Reference No. 8656 was in respect of a larger site and the present application was in respect of a smaller site. The County Engineer pointed out that the Outline Permission under Planning Ref. No. 8656 was granted by the Minister on appeal and that Approval under Planning Ref. No. 44093 was subsequently granted on foot of the Minister's decision.

Senator Padraic McCormack stated that as Planning Permission had already been granted in respect of the site, he could see no reason why Planning Permission would not be granted in respect of the present application.

Councillor Joe Brennan asked if there was a possibility that the applicant could get a larger site. He also asked if a housing need had been claimed. The County Engineer indicated that no housing need had been claimed. Councillor Joe Brennan proposed that Planning Permission not be granted in this case. There was no seconder for Councillor Brennan's proposal and as there were no further amendments, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

2041 - COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

Councillor T. Welby asked if a Review of the Development Plan would be undertaken. He referred to a discussion at a previous meeting in connection with a Planning Application for a Golf Course at Glenloe Abbey, Kentfield, Bushypark.

The County Manager stated that it was not clear what aspect of the Plan was to be reviewed in the light of Councillor Welby's query. The Council had recently emerged from a review of the current County Development Plan after a total of 18 Meetings which were held to consider that Plan. Councillor Welby stated that he had made proposals that any relative coming back to build on a site off the family lands should be accommodated. The County Manager stated that the definition of relative for the purposes of the County Development Plan had been extended in the current Plan and the terms of the Plan were being implemented.

2042 - NOTICE OF MOTION:

Deputy Frank Fahey proposed the following Notice of Motion:

"That sites where Planning Permission has been granted, which has expired, be exempt from the regulation in the new County Development Plan stipulating a minimum ½ acre site size."

The following report was issued to Deputy Fahey:

"Normally Permission is granted on sites in respect of which a previous Permission existed but has lapsed. There are exceptional cases, however, where it is felt that there will be serious damage to the visual amenity of the area, where the status of the road fronting the site may have been upgraded or where there may have been a number of houses and septic tanks constructed on adjoining sites making further development undesirable on public health grounds.

Each case would have to be assessed on its present merits taking account of the current County Development Plan."

The County Manager indicated that normally Permission was granted on sites on which a previous Permission had been granted but which had expired but the grant of Permission was not automatic in each case as new circumstances might have altered the position since the original grant of Permission. Deputy Frank Fahey stated that he would submit details of cases which he wished to have considered in accordance with the terms of his Motion.

2043 - TIDY TOWNS AWARDS 1987:

The Council were informed that a total of 28 entries were received for the Tidy Towns 1987 Competition. The result of the competition and the distribution of prizes were as follows:

<u>CATEGORY A</u>	<u>LARGER TOWNS</u>
	£
1. Mountbellew	600
2. Portumna	450
3. Tuam	350
4. Ballinasloe	250
5. Gort	200
6. Clifden	150

<u>CATEGORY B</u>	<u>SMALLER TOWNS AND VILLAGES</u>
	£
1. Kinvara	450
2. Spiddal	350
3. Headford	300
4. Milltown	250
5. Laurencetown	225
6. Barna	175
7. Menlough	150
8. Craughwell	100

The Council agreed with the awards as outlined above and a number of Councillors paid tribute to the efforts of the Communities involved.

Deputy Michael Kitt asked that some money be provided for a Tidy Towns Competition in 1988 and requested that the County Manager examine the possibility of making a sum available for the competition out of the appropriate Programme in the Estimates. The County Manager agreed to examine the position.

2044 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - 26TH PAY ROUND:

The County Manager informed the Council that details of the Agreement on Pay in the Public Service - 26th pay Round had been received from the Department of the Environment. The agreement provided for the revision of remuneration for all Council staff and employees and the County Manager gave details of the agreement to the Council. He indicated that the cost of the first phase of the increase based on current manning levels was of the order of £239,000.

It was proposed by Councillor Ulick Burke, seconded by Clr. James Joyce, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council approve of the County Manager's proposal to increase the remuneration of Officers and Employees of Galway County Council in accordance with the terms of the Agreement on Pay in the Public Service - 26th Pay Round with pro rata increases for part-time employees."



2045 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - ARBITRATION AWARD TO GRADE 11 OFFICERS:

The County Manager informed the Members that the Council had received details of an Arbitration Award providing for the revision of the salary scales for the Grade of Clerk/Typist, Grade 11. The revision of the remuneration fell to be considered in accordance with the 1986 Pay Agreement which provided for the implementation of the award on a phased basis. The County Manager gave details of the Arbitration Award to the Members.

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

"That Galway County Council approve of the County Manager's proposal to increase the remuneration of Clerk/Typist Grade 11 Officers in accordance with Arbitration Report No. 123, such increase to be implemented in accordance with Clause 3.3 of the 1986 Pay Agreement and as set out in Circular E.L. 16/87 of the 24th November, 1987, from the Department of the Environment."

2046 - DOMESTIC REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE:

The County Manager referred to previous reports which he had brought to the Council regarding the Domestic Refuse Collection Service. He stated that following a number of meetings with the Trade Union representing the men involved on the refuse collection service, he had agreed to continue to collect the domestic refuse on an experimental basis and on the basis that any collection service provided by the Council would be on a self financing basis. The conditions agreed with the Unions were that the number of collection lorries would be reduced from 4 to 3 and that the number of workers on each lorry would be reduced from 5 to 4 except during the days when collections were being carried out in Tuam and Loughrea. The vehicle being dropped was the vehicle serving the Galway area at present and revised schedules would come into effect on the 18th January, 1988. Details of the revised schedules would be made available to the Members and some areas being served at present on a weekly basis would be served in the future on a fortnightly basis. It was necessary that the Members fix by resolution a charge for the fortnightly collection service and he was proposing a charge of £30 for the fortnightly collection service. The County Manager further indicated that the Council would be enforcing the collection of charges in the current year and the public would have to realise that if the charges were not paid, the Council could not continue to maintain the service. A number of Councillors welcomed the proposals outlined by the Manager. Councillor Joe Burke stated that the Council should consider making a special type of bag available for the purposes of refuse collection. Councillor J. Joyce stated that the question of waivers should be examined and stated that most people would not object to paying some charge for the service. He stated that Social Employment Schemes should be organised to clean up unsightly areas caused by indiscriminate dumping. Councillor T. Walsh referred to indiscriminate dumping which was occurring in his area. The County Manager indicated that where proof was available in relation to indiscriminate dumping, the Council would institute proceedings. Councillor T. Welby referred to an area near Kilmilkin Old School in the Corr area. He asked that arrangements be made in relation to the collection of refuse from Mr. Hans Mies. Councillor Welby stated that he would submit details of the case and asked that it be examined further.

Making of Charge in respect of Refuse Collection on a fortnightly basis for domestic premises:

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 - 1964, and having regard to the provisions of the Scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, a charge of £30, be made in respect of Refuse Collection by Galway County Council for collections made, on a fortnightly basis, from domestic premises for the period 1st April, 1988, up to and including the 31st March, 1989, such charge to be payable on 1st April, 1988."

2047 - COST OF REMOVAL OF BENDS:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh referred to a statement which he had made at a previous meeting when he had complained that a price he had received for the removal of a bend by the Council was ridiculous and that a Contractor could carry out the work involved for 1/8 of the cost. Councillor Walsh stated that the details of the costings had been explained to him and that the cost given was for a complete road improvement job at the location involved. He accepted the prices given and regretted any inconvenience caused to the Engineering Staff.

2048 - HOUSING APPLICATION - KENNY FAMILY:

Councillor Ulick Burke referred to the problems encountered by the Kenny Family of Clonmoylan, Ballyshrule, Ballinasloe, whose house had been burnt down recently and who had applied to the Council for re-housing. He asked that the family's case be examined as a matter of urgency. He was supported by Deputy Noel Treacy.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Micéal Bowyer CHAIRMAN

25th March 1988 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

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Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

19u la Eanair, 1988.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 25u la Eanair, 1988, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnana.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:-
  - (a) Special Meeting held on 11th December, 1987.
  - (b) Monthly Meeting held on 18th December, 1987.
  - (c) Special Meeting held on 8th January, 1988.
2. Sale of house at Currywongan, Kylemore to Mrs. Bridget Mannion in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended. - Section 83 Notice dated 15th January, 1988, already circulated.
3. Local Loans Fund (Amendment) Act, 1987.
4. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - list attached.
5. I.P.A. Conference "Nuclear Reactors and the Irish Sea - The Facts" - 26/27 February, 1988, in Talbot Hotel, Wexford. - Details enclosed.
6. Irish Salmon Growers Association Conference in Clifden - 5th/6th February, 1988. - Details enclosed.
7. Consider letter dated 4th January, 1988, from Steering Committee c/o National Council for the Aged regarding National Day on Ageing - 16th October, 1988. (Copy enclosed)
8. Malicious Injury Decrees. (List enclosed)
9. Business submitted by the County Manager.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

10. That the Council fill potholes on road through and adjacent to Cloonina Village. (Details enclosed)
11. That the County Council inform me as when they see, going on current allocation of funds, etc., the '88 approved rural houses - issued on 9th May, 1986 - all complete. (Details enclosed)
12. That the County Council inform me of the current position regarding new Social Employment Schemes under the jurisdiction of the Council and other similar queries. (Details enclosed)
13. That this Council clean road side drains so as to prevent flooding during periods of heavy rain, along parts of a stretch of road between Tully village and entrance to Renvyle Hotel.
14. That better marking be carried out on stretches of the N.59 Road west of Moycullen at Drimcong. Motorists have complained that during nights which were foggy recently, that it was almost impossible to drive over this section of road which has no lines at all.
15. That the streets of Clonbur Village be cleaned on a regular basis which the residents are entitled to as the majority of them are Rate payers.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

16. That this Council accept all charges levied to be paid on a weekly basis particularly our own tenants.
17. That this Council should change the Roundabout at Ballygaddy Road to a T junction as there are persistent accidents at this roundabout.
18. That Galway County Council appoint a Dog Warden. There is a Dog Warden in Co. Mayo where 700 stray dogs were put down. There is a Dog Warden in Dublin where 3,500 dogs were put down. The cost of the appointment should be self supporting.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT - I will propose:

19. That repairs be carried out on the Doonane Road from Hoade's Bridge through Ballybane to the head of the Doonane road.
20. That grass verges be removed from Gordon's Supermarket, Menlough to Menlough G.A.A. Pitch, and that the existing stone wall be repaired.
21. That Galway County Council will relieve flooding on the Fohenagh Road. (Details enclosed)

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

22. That flooding on the County Road at Keelogue (Meelick), Eyrecourt, be alleviated by the making of a drain to allow the water make its way to the River Shannon.



COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH - I will propose:

23. That Galway County Council take immediate action to provide additional burial ground in Dunmore. There is no space available to present for graves in Dunmore, and some people are forced to bury their dead in neighbouring parishes.
24. That Galway County Council request the Government to change the policy of taxing all farmers on accounts, and re-introduce the system of a Land Tax of £10 per adjusted acre as proposed in the Farm Tax Bill, 1985.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY - I will propose:

25. That Galway County Council request Ballinderreen Group Water Scheme give a water supply to the Helebert Family, Cloughballymore, Kilcolgan. This family are in dire need of water supply.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

26. That the Council carry out works to prevent flooding opposite Michael Donnellan's house at Caherfinisker, Athenry.
27. That grass margins be removed to provide a passing point on the road from Bookeen Cross to Dunsandle Station, Athenry.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
GALWAY.

REF NO: 63/2/702

DATE: 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 1988.

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:- Mrs. Bridget Mannion, Currywongan, Kylemore, Co. Galway.

LOCATION:- Currywongan, Kylemore, Co. Galway.

Person to Whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Bridget Mannion,

of:-

Currywongan, Kylemore, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,060.

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.



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

## DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Notice is hereby given that Galway County Council at a meeting to be held not less than one month from the date of publication of this Notice will consider the making of a declaration that the following roads shall be Public Roads.

Area	From	To	Metres
Milltown	C.R. 267 in Townland of Springfield	towards P. Connaughton's house in townland of Gortdrisagh	76
Gort	C.R. 314 in Townland of Caheradoo	M. Murphy's house, Caheradoo	140
Loughrea	M.R. 380 in Townland of Earlsparck	towards Mullins House, Earlsparck	230
Loughrea	Brackloonbeg, Bullaun, Loughrea	towards J. J. Deely's	100
Portumna	C.R. 566 Ardraigur	towards T. Callegy's House, Ardraigur	380
Portumna	C.R. 566 in Townland of Lisaniska South	P. Campbell's house, Lisaniska South	310
Tuam	R.332 in Townland of Addergoole	P. Fahy's house in Townland of Addergoole	70
Tuam	Walsh's house in Townland of Beaghmore	C.R. 157 in Townland of Beaghmore	92
Milltown	C.R. 252 Cashel Townland	P. Gannon's house in Townland of Cashel	328
Clifden	Road from Co. Road No. 3 in the Townland of Moorneen	Courhoor Lough in Townland of Moorneen	100
Gort	N.66 in Townland of Cuilmore	Hehira House, Cuilmore	222
Athenry	Co. Road 188 in Townland of Ahapouleen	towards Stephen Niland's house in Townland of Ahapouleen	50
Gort	Road from Regional Road 400 in Townland of Knocklawrence, Tubber	towards Mrs. A. O'Brien's gable in Townland of Knocklawrence	297
Gort	C.R. 348	J.J. Coen's gate in Townland of Ballycahalan	608
Portumna	C.R. 597 in Townland of Tiranascragh	the Wood in Townland of Tiranascragh	680
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Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Michael Corbett, 293 Corrib Park, Newcastle, Galway.	Damage to property	County at large	£6,000	£1,547.33
Michael Casey, Lr. Galway Rd., Loughrea.	Damage to motor vehicle	County at large	£3,000	££2,800
Bord Telecom Eireann, Eracknagh, New Inn, Ballinasloe.	Damage to poles	County at large	£500	£369.67



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor M. O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Callanan, J. Burke, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, 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. 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; D. O'Donoghue, Assistant City and County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; D. Barrett, and C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officers.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2049 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

Do mhol an Chomhairleoir Micheal O'Morain run comhbhron le Chlann agus gaolta de Tomas Mac An Ri, Sean-Chathaoirleach agus ball de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe, a fuair bas le deanai. Cuidigh an Seanadair Tomas Hussey leis an run comhbhron.

All the Members 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. Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, also associated himself with the vote of sympathy.

Votes of sympathy were also passed with the relatives of the following who had died recently:

Mr. Seamus Scott, Member of Roscommon County Council.  
Mr. Joseph M. Mooney, Member of Sligo County Council.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. P.J. Naughon, Bothar Bui, Carraroe.  
The Shiel Family, Allykeolaun, Kylebrack, Loughrea.  
Mr. Thomas Roache, Emone, Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam.

2050 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of the Chairman, the Members passed a vote of Congratulations with Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair on the recent birth of a son.

2051 - VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO GALWAY:

The Chairman informed the Members that it was his privilege as Chairman of the County Council to have met the Australian Ambassador to Ireland on Friday, 22nd January, 1988. He proposed that the Council write to the Ambassador and thank him for inviting the Chairman to meet him on his visit to Galway.

Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair referred to the recent visit of Congressman Donnelly of the United States to Galway. He stated that the Members of the County Council should have been invited to meet the Congressman when he was being met by the Members of Galway Corporation. The Chairman indicated that he had been invited to meet Congressman Donnelly but was unable to do so as the visit of the Australian Ambassador coincided with the visit of Congressman Donnelly. Senator McCormack stated that there was better co-operation between the Corporation and the County Council than in the past and that the Chairman of the County Council was now invited to all appropriate occasions in the Corporation.

2052 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Martin Lynch, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 11th December, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman. It was agreed that Senator McCormack's name should be added to the list of Members present. On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Council held on the 18th December, 1987, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan, the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on the 8th January, 1988, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

2053 - SALE OF HOUSE AT CURRYWONGAN, KYLEMORE, TO MRS. BRIDGET MANNION:

It was proposed by Councillor T. Welby and seconded by Deputy Frank Fahey, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house to Mrs. Bridget Mannion, Currywongan, Kylemore in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 15th January, 1988, 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 had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

2054 - LOCAL LOANS FUND (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1987:

The County Manager outlined details of the provisions of the Local Loans Fund (Amendment) Act, 1987, a summary of which had been circulated to each Member. He stated that revised arrangements would apply from the 1st January, 1988, in respect of financing of approved Capital Projects, servicing of the Council's Capital Debt and Government Subsidy towards cost of loan charges. The County Manager indicated that the Capital cost of approved works under Capital Programmes which were subsidised would be met in the future by 100% Capital Grants and not by borrowing as heretofore. The Council's liability for Loan Charges in respect of unpaid Capital borrowings from the Local Loans Fund for projects



under the Programmes would be written off. No changes would be effected in respect of Council borrowings to fund housing loan advances and loan charges would continue to be payable by the Council in respect of Capital borrowings remaining unpaid to non Exchequer sources. No further subsidisable borrowing from non-Exchequer sources would be approved after the 31st December, 1987, and any approved projects after that date would be met by Capital Grant. The County Manager indicated that the new arrangements would alleviate the restrictions placed on the Council on the repayment of loan charges for new projects. Any new projects would now be financed by way of Capital Grant but the Council would still be liable for the maintenance of any new major schemes provided. The County Manager replied to queries raised by Members of the Council.

2055 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Senator P. McCormack and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby declare to be public roads the roads set out as follows:

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Senator P. McCormack asked regarding a road C.R. 107 in the Townland of park to Martin Maloney's house which he had submitted for consideration. He was informed that this road would be placed on the next list for Declaration of Public Roads.

2056 - KILTEVNA CHURCH - CARPARK:

Councillor T. Walsh stated that he had submitted a proposal under Notice of Motion money to have improvements carried out to a carpark at Kiltевна Church. He had been informed that the work proposed was not eligible for Notice of Motion Money. He stated that the Church was being used by the public and asked that the matter be reconsidered.

2057 - I.P.A. CONFERENCE "NUCLEAR REACTORS AND THE IRISH SEA - THE FACTS" - 26/27 FEBRUARY, 1988, IN TALBOT HOTEL, WEXFORD:

It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, and agreed that the attendance of Councillors John Molloy and T. Welby be approved at this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert, and agreed, that the attendance of Councillor Jarlath McDonagh be approved at this Conference.

2058 - IRISH SALMON GROWERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN CLIFDEN - 5TH/6TH FEBRUARY, 1988:

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, seconded by Senator T. Hussey, and agreed that the attendance of Councillors Matt Loughnane and Michael Fahy be approved at this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, and agreed that the attendance of Senator P. McCormack be approved at this Conference.

2059 - NATIONAL DAY ON AGEING - 16TH OCTOBER, 1988:

A copy of a letter dated 4th January, 1988, from the Steering Committee of the National Council for the Aged was circulated to each Member stating that the 16th October, 1988, had been designated as National Day on Ageing in Ireland by the Minister for Health. Local Authorities were asked to promote a positive attitude to ageing and the elderly and the assistance of the Council was requested in ensuring the success of the first National Day on Ageing. The County Manager indicated that the letter was being brought before the Members and that any Councillor wishing to have any proposals considered by the Council might submit them to the County Secretary.

2060 - TIDY TOWNS COMPETITION, 1987:

The Council were informed that the presentation of the Tidy Town Awards for Galway County Council would be made by the Chairman on the 29th January, 1988, at 4.00 p.m. in the Council Chamber in the County Buildings. Any Member wishing to attend was welcome.

2061 - SANITARY SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT:

The County were informed that the Sanitary Services Progress report would be considered by the Council at its Meeting of the 12th February, 1988.

2062 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with Item No. 8 on the Agenda, were noted.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2063 - THAT COUNCIL FILL POT HOLES ON ROAD THROUGH AND ADJACENT TO CLOONINA VILLAGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Clooninagh village road, C.R. 205 is considered to be in reasonable condition. A road from Clooninagh Village linking with C.R. 206 is in very poor condition, but is not a public road. Improvements to the non-public road could be considered under a Notice of Motion funded scheme or Local Improvement Scheme."

2064 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INFORM ME AS TO WHEN THEY SEE, GOING ON CURRENT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, ETC., THE 88 RURAL HOUSES - ISSUED ON 9TH MAY, 1986, ALL COMPLETE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:



"The total allocation for 1987 for new starts was £230,000 which was sufficient to build 12 rurals and resite 13 demountables. There was also an allocation of £120,000 which was sufficient to build 6 rurals. Late in 1987, a supplementary allocation of £87,000 was received in respect of the emergency provision of demountables. This was sufficient to purchase 15 new demountables and resite 6. At present, there are 2 rural houses in progress, both of which are substantially complete. The Council is awaiting a Capital Allocation for the commencement of further houses. The Council has included 100 rural houses in its claim for Capital Allocation for 1988 at an estimated cost of £1.6 million."

Councillor McDonagh referred to the lack of Capital Funds being made available for the provision of additional houses. He asked that the question of allocation be taken up with the Department of the Environment to ensure that the Council could continue its house building programme. He was supported by a number of Councillors. Mr. J. Howlett stated that the Council had submitted its claim for Capital Allocation for 1988. Details of housing need had been sent to the Department as part of the annual review of Capital requirements and the Council were awaiting a Capital Allocation for the construction of houses in 1988.

- 2065 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL INFORM YOU OF THE CURRENT POSITION REGARDING NEW SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE COUNCIL AND OTHER SIMILAR QUERIES (DETAILS ENCLOSED):  
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"No approvals to new schemes or to the continuation of existing schemes are coming through for the past four to five months. To date, we have a total of 24 schemes involving a total of 144 participants, awaiting approval to start, and a total of 10 schemes, involving 72 participants, awaiting approval to start, and a total of 10 schemes, involving 72 participants, awaiting approval for continuation.

Total number of participants on the Council's Social Employment Schemes has fallen from around 208 in February, 1987, to around 102 at the moment."

Councillor McDonagh stated that he regretted the Union embargo in relation to the issue of approval for new Social Employment Schemes. He proposed that the County Council adopt the following resolution:

"That the County Council regrets the Unions embargo on the issue of approval to the starting of new Social Employment Schemes and that the Council request the Unions involved to withdraw their objections so that all Social Employment Schemes proposed by the Council can go ahead immediately."

Councillor F. Glynn referred to an anomaly regarding the eligibility of small farmers to be employed on Social Employment Schemes and proposed that an addendum be added to Councillor McDonagh's resolution as follows:

"That the Council request the Department of Labour to widen the scope of the Social Employment Schemes to remove any anomalies regarding the employment of small farmers on such schemes."

A number of Councillors supported the proposal of Councillor McDonagh and the amendment proposed by Councillor Glynn and the resolution as amended was passed unanimously.

Councillor Joe Callanan stated that the Council should examine the supervision on such schemes. Councillor Mullins also stated that the supervision of Social Employment Schemes should be brought under Council Supervisors.

The County Manager stated that a lot of good work had been done under the Social Employment Schemes but that the Trade Union movement had a veto on what schemes could be approved. The Unions were seeking written guarantees that no lay-offs of employees would arise before giving their approval to the start of new Social Employment Schemes. Galway County Council were not in a position to give that guarantee as the question of lay-offs of employees depended on the number of employees availing of the Voluntary Redundancy Package and the availability of funds to maintain employment for the remaining work force.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that schemes organised by Community Groups were unable to get the same level of contribution towards the cost of materials as in local authority organised schemes and he asked that this matter be taken up with the Department of Labour.

- 2066 - THAT THIS COUNCIL CLEAN ROADSIDE DRAINS SO AS TO PREVENT FLOODING DURING PERIODS OF HEAVY RAIN ALONG PARTS OF A STRETCH OF ROAD BETWEEN TULLY VILLAGE AND ENTRANCE TO RENVYLE HOTEL:  
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"This work will be carried out as soon as possible in 1988."

- 2067 - THAT BETTER MARKING BE CARRIED OUT ON STRETCHES OF THE N.59 ROAD WEST OF MOYCULLEN AT DRIMCONG: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"White lining will be carried out as early as weather permits in 1988, on sections of this road which were surface dressed in 1987. It was not possible to do this white lining in 1987 due to lack of finance."

- 2068 - THAT THE STREETS OF CLONBUR VILLAGE BE CLEANED ON A REGULAR BASIS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The streets of Clonbur Village are cleaned after every Fair Day. There are 10 Fairs held here per year. Present funding does not allow for more frequent cleaning."

- 2070 - THAT THIS COUNCIL ACCEPT ALL CHARGES LEVIED TO BE PAID ON A WEEKLY BASIS PARTICULARLY OUR OWN TENANTS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"I wish to inform you that all aspects of Revenue Collection including the possibility of weekly payment particularly for Council tenants is being reviewed in the context of re-organisation of Revenue Collection and the appointment of full-time Revenue Collectors as outlined to the Council at the Estimates Meeting."



"It is hoped that the review will be completed by the 1st April, 1988, when the 1988 Accounts for water and refuse charges will be issued. In the meantime, any persons encountering difficulty with the payment of charges and wishing to make any arrangements regarding the payment of outstanding charges are free to put proposals to the Council and every effort will be made to facilitate them."

2071 - THAT THIS COUNCIL SHOULD CHANGE THE ROUNDABOUT AT BALLYGADDY ROAD TO A T JUNCTION: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"This is the intersection of the Ballygaddy Road with the National Primary Route N.17. Details are being finalised for the development of the intersection into a priority junction and the work is expected to be carried out early in the new year."

2072 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL APPOINT A DOG WARDEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"The Council is in the process of appointing three part-time Dog Wardens for the County. They will be based in Tuam, Loughrea and Oughterard. They will be attending a Training Course during week commencing 25th January, 1988, after which they will be appointed."

Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair asked that the question of stray donkeys in the Connemara Area be examined.

2073 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT ON THE DOONANE ROAD FROM HOADE'S BRIDGE THROUGH BALLYBANE TO THE HEAD OF THE DOONANE ROAD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The road in question is County Road No. 427 in the Townland of Ballybaun. Surface repairs will be carried out under routine maintenance in the near future."

2074 - THAT GRASS VERGES BE REMOVED FROM GORDON'S SUPERMARKET, MENLOUGH G.A.A. PITCH AND THAT THE EXISTING STONE WALL BE REPAIRED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The length of the Regional Road from Messrs. Gordon's Supermarket to Menlough G.A.A. pitch measures 600 yards. The road in cross section includes an 18 ft. wide carriageway with a 4 ft. wide footpath on the south side and a 3 ft. wide grass margin on the opposite side.

Removal of the grass margin and replacing with suitable hardcore filling material is estimated to cost £1,600.00.

There are no provisions in the Estimates to carry out this work and the proposal is not considered a priority particularly in view of the pending closure of the playing field.

The repair of roadside walls is a matter for the landowner(s)."

Deputy Michael Kitt stated that there were a number of houses in the area and asked that the Council re-examine the position in relation to priority in this case.

2075 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WILL RELIEVE FLOODING ON THE FOHENAGH ROAD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"Very extensive flooding has occurred at this location in recent weeks. The general land here is flat and the drainage of the road depends on the adjoining field drains being kept clear. These drains run at right angles to the road and connect to the adjoining river, which is a tributary of the Ahascragh or Clonbrock River.

We are examining the legal position with regard to the maintenance of those drains and if we are empowered to pursue the landowners in question to carry out these required maintenance works we will do so."

2076 - THAT FLOODING ON THE COUNTY ROAD AT MEELOGUE (MEELICK) EYRECOURT BE ALLEVIATED BY THE MAKING OF A DRAIN TO ALLOW THE WATER MAKE ITS WAY TO THE RIVER SHANNON: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The recurrent flooding on this section of road will be alleviated in the near future. The flooding is being caused by damage which occurred to an existing shore during the laying of the underground Bord Telecom cable. The County Council are having ongoing discussions with the Bord Telecom on this matter.

2077 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BURIAL GROUND IN DUNMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"Efforts to obtain suitable land for a burial ground in Dunmore over the past number of years have been unsuccessful.

It is proposed to continue our investigations in 1988 for suitable land to provide an additional Burial Ground in Dunmore."

Councillor F. Glynn stated that he was not satisfied with the efforts made by the Council to obtain suitable land in Dunmore. He was supported by Senator T. Hussey who stated that the lack of grave spaces were causing problems. He stated that there was land for sale some time ago and that the Council should have considered buying it. The County Manager stated that the Council were unable, for a number of years, to meet all the requirements in relation to extensions and new Burial Grounds. He undertook to examine the position in Dunmore in accordance with priority and finance available.

2078 - THAT THE COUNCIL REQUEST BALLINDERREEN GROUP WATER SCHEME TO GIVE A WATER SUPPLY TO THE HELEBERT FAMILY, CLOUGHBALLYMORE, KILCOLGAN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The Council have received a number of representations regarding this case. The position is that due to the limitation of the source of supply (Clarinbridge Water Supply) a supply of 150 gallons per day only can be made available."



The Helebert Family house is located at a distance of 500 metres from the end of the Toreen/Tarrea Group Water Supply Scheme and the cost of the pipeline extension is estimated at £3,750.

There are no funds available to the Council to extend the pipeline. The Agreement of the Group Scheme would be required if the extension is to be carried out on a private basis."

Councillor Michael Fahy stated that there was a health problem in the family concerned and he asked that the Council request the Group Scheme to give a supply to the family concerned. Councillor Fahy was supported by Councillor Loughnane and Councillor Lambert. Councillor Fahy asked that Officials of the Council meet this family to discuss the problem. The Chairman suggested that the Councillors interested in the case arrange to have Officials of the Council meet the family to discuss the problem.

2079 - THAT THE COUNCIL CARRY OUT WORKS TO PREVENT FLOODING OPPOSITE MICHAEL DONNELLAN'S HOUSE AT CAHERFINISKER, ATHENRY: -  
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Flooding on C.R. 381 opposite Mr. Michael Donnellan's house at Caherfinisker, Athenry, is due to silting up of the outlet, which in turn is due to the agricultural type of traffic using the road.

Remedial works entailing the construction of silt trap with gully and chamber, will be constructed shortly."

2080 - THAT GRASS MARGINS BE REMOVED TO PROVIDE A PASSING POINT ON THE ROAD FROM BOOKEEN CROSS TO DUNSANDLE STATION, ATHENRY:  
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The road from Bookeen Cross to Dunsandle Station, Athenry, C.R. 434 is a typical County Road with no unduly large vehicles using it.

There are no provisions in the 1988 Road Works Programme to carry out this work. Expenditure under County Road Maintenance must give priority to the maintenance of the road surfaces whilst funds remain scarce."

2081 - FARMER TAXATION:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh proposed the following Notice of Motion which appeared in his name on the Agenda:

"That Galway County Council request the Government to change the policy of taxing all farmers on accounts, and re-introduce the system of a Land Tax of £10 per adjusted acre as proposed in the Farm Tax Bill, 1985."

In proposing his Notice of Motion, Councillor Walsh stated that the system of a Land Tax on adjusted acres was an easy system to operate and farmers would know in advance what their tax liabilities would be. The necessity to keep detailed accounts, and employ Accountants would be eased and the cost of collection would be less than the present system. He stated that the survey of lands should be completed so that definite information in relation to adjusted acreage would be established. The completion of the survey would be of enormous help in determining eligibility for a number of benefits and legislation could be introduced to fix the limits of tax per adjusted acre.

Councillor Walsh's motion was seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan who stated that the resolution should, if passed, be sent to the Taoiseach, Minister for Finance, and the Minister for Agriculture. Councillor Ryan stated that the smaller farmers did not want to keep Accounts and that the Land Tax was a much easier system to operate.

Councillor Joe Callanan proposed an Amendment to Councillor Walsh's Motion as follows:

"That Galway County Council request the Government to change the policy of taxing all farmers on Accounts and to introduce an option system for five years of either Land Tax or Tax on Accounts."

Councillor Callanan stated that his amendment would be more beneficial to farmers who could opt every five years for one system or the other but who could not change within the five year period having opted for one of the systems proposed. He asked that the Council support the amendment.

Councillor Killilea supported Councillor Callanan's amendment. He stated that he was not in favour of placing a tax of £10 per acre on all farmers both large and small as some of the smaller farmers would not be in the tax net at all. Following a further discussion in which a number of Councillors spoke in favour of both the motion and the amendment, Councillor T. Walsh indicated that he was prepared to accept the amendment on the basis that if it could be achieved, the best results might be obtained for farmers. He doubted that the Government would agree to two systems but he was prepared to allow a period of three months to see what progress could be made on the amendment proposed. He stated that the terms of the amendment proposed by Councillor Callanan should be conveyed to the Government immediately and that if no progress was made within a three month period, he would re-introduce his original Notice of Motion again. The Council agreed to submit the terms of Councillor Callanan's amendment to the Government.

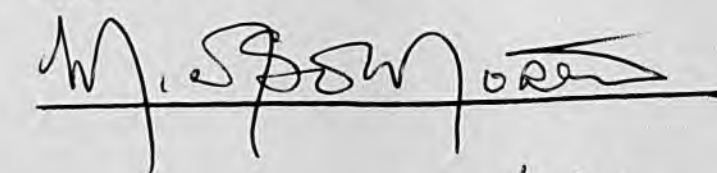
2082 - CORRESPONDENCE:

Copies of the following letters were circulated to each Member:

- (1) Letter dated 4th January, 1988, from Ardee Town Commissioners re distribution of money from the National Lottery.
- (2) Letter dated 14th January, 1988, from Ennis Urban District Council re Health Services.
- (3) Letter dated 7th January, 1988, from Kerry County Council re abolition of County Committee of Agriculture.
- (4) Letter dated 14th January, 1988, from Sligo County Council re Controls on Travelling and Subsistence Expenses.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

22/2/88 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

5u la Feabhra, 1988.

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 h-Aoine, an 12u la Feabhra, 1988, ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Ms. Wendy Byrne, c/o Gavin's Flats, Tuam, for a dwellinghouse at Crrownagurraun, Tuam. - Planning Ref. No. 54055."

Patrick J. Finnegan. Ml. Kitt. Tom Hussey. Noel Treacy.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Anthony O'Toole of Cushmeigmore, Furbo, for the retention of dwellinghouse and septic tank and erection of Granny Flat at Cushmeigmore. - Planning Ref. No. 54924."

Tom Welby. Paddy McHugh. Frank Fahey.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Kevin Lally, c/o Michael Lally, Cregganna More, Oranmore, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Cregganna More. - Planning Ref. No. 55317."

Mark Kilillea. John Molloy. T. Welby. Frank Fahey.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Thomas Geraghty of Main Street, Headford, for the construction of a dwellinghouse and services at Balrickard. - Planning Ref. No. 46735."

Paddy McHugh. Michael Kitt. Jarlath McDonagh.

OTHER BUSINESS:

5. County Manager's proposal to make a Tree Preservation Order in respect of an Area at Cloughballymore, Kilcolgan, Co. Galway. (Details enclosed)
6. Sanitary Services Schemes Progress Report - Details enclosed.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

7. That the County Council extend County Council Group Water Scheme from Cregmore towards Moorepark to facilitate 8 new applicants.
8. That the Council extend the water scheme to Turloughmore, Lackagh, Knockdoe and Carraghy.

SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

9. To ask the Council what steps have they taken regarding the installation of pumps in the Crosswood Group Water Scheme at Headford. These pumps are necessary in order to allow the Council to join the Crosswood mains pipe to Headford Town Supply and to augment the supply there.
10. That Galway County Council proceed with the connection of the water mains from the Cloughanover Group Scheme to the Headford Town Supply and there are a number of group schemes awaiting this connection.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL - Molaim:

11. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae filter ceart ar an gcoras uisce ag Tir an Fhia, Leitirmoir. Cuireadh airgead ar fail sna Meastuchain '86 chun an obair seo a dheanamh - nior deanadh riamh e.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose:

12. What steps are being taken by Galway County Council to ensure that Tuam Town gets a satisfactory water supply at the earliest possible time.
13. Will this Council take any action this year to prevent pollution of the water supply such as happens from time to time in different water supplies in the County.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

14. That Galway County Council provide an alternative water supply for houses at Convent Road, Woodford. (Details supplied)

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 12TH FEBRUARY, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Callanan, 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. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; D. O'Donoghue, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, and B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineers (Planning); F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; A. Fleming, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer (Planning); and E. Gleeson, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2083 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54055 - APPLICANT: MS. WENDY BYRNE:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor P.J. Finnegan, and seconded by Senator Tom Hussey.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in a small partly completed estate consisting of two completed houses and six sites in Carrownagarraun, Tuam, off the Dublin Road. (There were four additional sites with direct and independent access to the public road.)

PLANNING HISTORY:

There are over 20 applications referring to part or all of the estate. The following is a selected list of the most relevant.

Ref. No. 20212: Outline Planning Permission was originally granted to a Mr. Dempsey on Appeal by the Minister in April 1976. No conditions were attached to the Outline Planning Permission.

Ref. No. 23380: Approval for site works was granted to Mr. Dempsey in December 1976. Condition No. 1 required the developer to enter into a covenant with the Council binding him to the completion of the estate. Condition No. 4 required that an indemnity be included in any contract for sale of any part of the lands for the completion of the works.

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During the subsequent years, Mr. Dempsey duly signed the required covenant, apparently sold most or all of the sites but retained ownership of the estate road, open space and services. Two houses were completed and occupied on sites opposite the site which is the subject of the current application. However, the access road, public open spaces and services were not completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority and it is estimated that the outstanding work would require funds in excess of £10,000. The access road in particular is in poor condition being untarmaced and badly potholed.

The original Outline Planning Permission expired in November 1983 and with it the various approvals for the individual sites. The Planning Authority has resisted the reactivation of permission for development on the individual sites until a resolution of the problem of the unfinished services has been achieved.

Ref. No. 49821: Permission for the erection of a Meeting Hall for the Tuam Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses on the proposed site was refused in May 1985 on the grounds of incompatibility with the residential character of the area. There were no proposals for the completion of the estate.

Ref. No. 50553: This was an identical application to Planning Ref. 49821 on the proposed site and was refused for identical reasons by Galway County Council and An Bord Pleanala.

HISTORY OF ENFORCEMENT:

There has been a protracted and complicated history of enforcement to achieve the completion of the estate, the main elements of which are as follows:

In 1976, Mr. Dempsey signed the covenant concerning the completion of the estate services and apparently proceeded to sell off the individual sites singly and in groups. In subsequent years, Mr. Dempsey constructed a road base, concrete footpaths, drainage and some other services but failed to complete the estate to the Council's satisfaction.

In 1984, Mr. Dempsey was served with an Enforcement under Section 35 of the 1963 Planning Act requiring him in effect to complete the estate to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

In June, 1984, he was convicted and fined in Tuam District Court for his failure to comply. The fine was £60 and costs and expenses were assessed at £70.

In October 1986, Mr. Dempsey was again convicted for failure to comply with the terms of the enforcement notice and was fined £200 and £65 costs.

In December 1987, Mr. Dempsey was again convicted and fined £400 and £50 costs.

On a recent inspection of the proposed site, it was noted that development had commenced namely the completion of the house foundations and the laying of two course of blockwork. The Council wrote to the applicant on



2nd February of this year informing her that the Planning Authority regarded this as Unauthorised Development and requesting a cessation of work unless and until planning permission had been obtained.

THE CURRENT APPLICATION:

The current application was lodged on 13th March, 1987, by Miss Wendy Byrne who is described as the owner of the site. In April 1987, Further Information was sought in which her proposals for the completion of the estate were requested. And she was informed that the Council would not be willing to permit any further development until the access roadway and services were completed to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

The applicant replied on 18th January, 1988, indicating that she was the owner only of the site and had no proposals for the completion of the estate.

An objection has been lodged against this application by a third party.

CONSIDERATION:

All permissions on the estate have withered and the Planning Authority are reluctant to grant Permission in this case on the grounds that -

- (a) all attempts to date to ensure the completion of the estate have been unsuccessful.
- (b) any new development would cause further deterioration in the present poor condition of the estate roadway and services.
- (c) no proposals or undertakings have been submitted by the applicant for the completion of the estate.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because the access road is incomplete and in serious disrepair, and the traffic which would be generated by further development on this incompleated estate would cause further deterioration of the road and place at risk the safety of road users already resident there.

The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located on an estate which is seriously substandard in its facilities and services."

Councillor P. Finnegan stated that the present application was by a person who had bought a site in the estate concerned. She had been asked to submit further information in relation to her proposals for the completion of the estate and the Council had indicated that it would not be willing to permit any further development until the services and roadway were completed. Councillor Finnegan stated that he felt the applicant was entitled to build a house on the site which she had bought. The question of the completion of the road and services was a matter for another person and it was unfair to ask her regarding her proposals for the development of the road. Councillor Finnegan stated that he felt the present applicant had no function in relation to the development of the road.

In relation to the roadway, Councillor Finnegan stated that he would wish that the Council would do something about the completion of the road as the people living on the road were suffering. The onus was on the Council to ensure that the road was completed and all parties concerned should come together with a view to bringing this long standing problem to a conclusion.

Senator Hussey stated that it was unrealistic to impose on the present applicant the cost of the development of the road. He agreed that it was important to get all concerned to come together with a view to resolving all the outstanding issues.

The County Manager stated that the Council's request for Further Information to the present applicant was extremely important to her as it called attention to the need to have the question of roads and services to the site clarified. He found it difficult to understand how the applicant would have bought and paid for a site without making proper arrangements regarding the completion of services to it. He referred to the history in relation to the planning problems on this estate and stated that the Council could not allow a developer to sell sites without any conditions as to services remaining on such developer. The applicant in this case should acquaint herself regarding her rights and the obligations on the developer as otherwise she would be taking on problems for the future. In normal circumstances, a person would buy a site subject to conditions that roads and services would be provided.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that the problems in relation to this estate were outstanding for a long time and he accepted that the Council were doing their utmost in endeavouring to make the developer complete the estate. He asked that the Section 4 resolution before the Council be postponed as he understood that the developer concerned was selling land and that a solution to the problems might be possible in the near future.

Councillor P. Finnegan stated that he was agreeable to postponing the resolution and asked that all the parties concerned including the Council come together to resolve the problems. The County Manager stated that the Council had an enforcement role in relation to the development concerned and would consider any proposals put to it. A meeting could be arranged if necessary. It was agreed that the Section 4 Resolution would be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

2084 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54924  
- APPLICANT: ANTHONY O'TOOLE:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Thomas Welby and seconded by Councillor John Molloy. 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 coast road (R.336) approximately 0.25 miles to the east of the Connemara Coast Hotel.

PLANNING HISTORY:

23167 - Permission refused on this site for one dwelling-house in May 1977. Applicant: Anthony O'Toole and application was based on a claim for a new farm house.



Application refused because (a) site was located on a dangerous bend on a busy tourist route where sight distance was poor and development would therefore interfere with road safety and (b) proposed development would prejudice future road realignment.

26934 - Outline Permission refused on this site for one dwellinghouse by the Planning Authority on appeal to An Bord Pleanala in September 1978. Applicant: Anthony O'Toole. Application refused because the development would prejudice the future realignment of a heavily trafficked tourist and commuter route.

32930 - Permission refused for extension to dwellinghouse and installation of septic tank on 14/9/79 by Planning Authority. Appeal to An Bord Pleanala withdrawn 4/5/81. Applicant: Anthony O'Toole. Application refused because the development proposed would prejudice the future realignment of a dangerous bend where sight distance was restricted.

39033 - Permission granted for retention of extension and renovations to existing dwellinghouse and construction of a septic tank on this site in November 1981. Applicant: A. O'Toole.

42234 - Permission refused by the Planning Authority and on Appeal to An Bord Pleanala for a dwellinghouse on this site in April 1983. Applicant: Mr. A. O'Toole.

Application refused because (a) interference with road safety due to the location of the proposed development on a heavily trafficked tourist and commuter route where sight distance was deficient and (b) injury to visual amenities due to location of proposed development on coastal side of public road and by reason of its design.

47665 - Permission granted for dwellinghouse by Section 4 direction on this site in June 1984. Applicant: Mr. A. O'Toole.

#### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed development would result in the construction of a third dwelling unit within the curtilage of an existing dwellinghouse on a site which is slightly greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre. In his reply to further information received on 23/10/'87, applicant claims that the proposed self contained unit is for his mother. This unit contains 2 bedrooms, kitchen/dining and bathroom. There are 5 bedrooms in applicant's dwellinghouse. In addition, there is an existing self contained unit on the site which applicant claims is occupied by his sister.

The proposed extension which would be located within 20 ft. of the edge of the regional road (R.336) would by reason of its design and scale, be extremely obtrusive particularly when viewed on approach from the East or West. An objection has been lodged to the proposed development.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal recommended as follows:-

1. The proposed development which would result in the construction of a third dwelling unit within the curtilage of an existing dwellinghouse on septic tank drainage would result in the over development of the site and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The proposed development by reason of its bulk, design and in close proximity to the public road would be an extremely obtrusive feature especially when viewed on approach from the East and West, it would be seriously injurious to the areas visual amenities and, as a consequence would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The County Engineer stated that the application which was the subject of the Section 4 was an awkward one. He referred to the history as set out in the report and stated that the road in the area had to be re-selected to accommodate the plans which this man had and for which Planning Permission had been granted by Section 4 Resolution in June 1984. The County Engineer stated that the cost of relocating the road would put the Council to expense in the future. The County Engineer stated that the proposal appeared to be more than a Granny Flat and that its provision, in addition to the house and the extension would amount to three dwellings on a site of approximately a half acre in size. The County Engineer stated that the development proposed appeared to be for the provision of accommodation greater than the needs of the applicant and could possibly be for Bed and Breakfast type development.

Senator Padraic McCormack asked why Permission was being sought to retain the dwelling if Permission had been granted for a dwellinghouse in June 1984. He sought clarification as to what Planning Permission the applicant was now seeking. The County Engineer stated in reply that the applicant did not build the house in accordance with the development permitted under the June 1984 Permission.

Councillor Thomas Welby stated that the Granny Flat was required for the mother of the applicant who was widowed and had no place else to live. The applicant who was a local man with a wife and two young children wanted to accommodate her and had difficulty in getting a site for a house. In relation to the proposal for the retention of the dwelling, Councillor Welby stated that the applicant was endeavouring to rectify the situation.

Senator Padraic McCormack stated that the applicant had got Permission for an extension to the Gate Lodge and subsequently for the dwellinghouse under Section 4 Resolution. He further stated that the applicant was confusing the situation by trying to add a Granny Flat to the Permissions already granted. Senator Padraic McCormack stated that he had no objection to the granting of permission to retain the dwellinghouse but was opposed to the construction of the Granny Flat. The County Engineer stated that if this Permission was granted, the applicant would have extensions at both sides of the existing house.

Deputy Robert Molloy asked if the Manager would comply with the direction contained in the Section 4 Resolution if it was passed. He referred to the Special Meetings which were held by the Council to consider Section 4 Resolutions and questioned whether Special Meetings should be held if the Manager was in many cases not complying with the Resolutions having sought legal advice. The County Manager indicated that if the Resolution as set out on the Agenda was passed, he would refer the application to the Law Agent before making a decision.



It was proposed by Senator Padraic McCormack and seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan that Planning Permission not be granted in this case.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the Resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, and T. Welby.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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Deputy Robert Molloy abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried by 12 votes for to 9 votes against.

2085 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55317 - APPLICANT: KEVIN LALLY.

It was agreed on the proposal Councillor M. O'Morain, Chairman, and seconded by Councillor John Molloy, that consideration of this Section 4 Resolution be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

2086 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 46735 - APPLICANT: THOMAS GERAGHTY:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Paddy McHugh and seconded by Deputy Michael Kitt. The County Manager submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Headford on the Galway/Headford/Castlebar National Secondary Route N.84.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been three previous applications on this site made by the Geraghty family, Planning Reference Numbers 43308, 43751 and 45334. All of the applications were refused by the Planning Authority and none was appealed.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

This application was submitted in September, 1983. Further information was sought relating to Essential Housing need and has only recently been submitted by the applicant. The applicant lives with his family in Headford Town. He states that he has been given this site by his brother who owns approx. 8 acres of land adjacent. There is no house on the land and no indication of the existing family house as requested in the Further Information. The proposed house is stated to be for the applicant's son who works as a salesman for a Galway City firm.

As the application could not be regarded as catering for the essential housing need of a farmholder's family as provided for in the Development Plan, i.e., son, daughter, brother or sister of farmholder, it is not in the categories of development permitted along the route.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

Councillor P. McHugh stated that the applicant in this case had originally thought that he would have to build a house but had subsequently got the ownership of a house. The applicant had been given the site by his brother who owned 8 acres of land in the area concerned. The applicant was the father of the person who wanted to build the house. Councillor McHugh referred to the reports before the meeting where it was stated that no indication of the existing family house was given by the applicant in response to the request for Further Information. Councillor McHugh stated that the onus was on the Council to seek clarification in relation to this matter. He did not accept that a traffic problem would be created as one house would make no difference at the location involved. Councillor McHugh stated that there was commercial development allowed almost opposite the site involved and the Council should consider moving out the speed limit beyond the site concerned.

The County Engineer stated that the Council normally checked the position in relation to second family dwellings. The application in this case was not for a second family dwelling and was contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan. The Council wished to discourage this type of development as ultimately, there could be a line of houses two miles long which would have to be served by milk lorries and other services such as delivery of coal. He was against this type of development in the interests of safety on the National Secondary Road.

As there were no amendments to the resolution proposed by Councillor McHugh, the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

2087 - CONDITION OF ROADS IN CARNA AREA:

At this stage of the Meeting, the Chairman allowed a spokesman from the residents of the Carna Area to address the Council on the condition of roads in the Carna Area.



Thug an Chathaoirleach cead don fear labhartha, Micheal Mac Oireachtaigh, iar-bhall den Chomhairle, caint don chruinniu. Ghabh an t-Uasal Mac Oireachtaigh buiochas don Chomhairle as ucht an deis seo, agus duirt se go raibh na boithre i gConnamara ag eiri nios measa go tapaigh.

Mr. Mac Oireachtaigh stated that the residents of the Carna area wished through peaceful protest to complain to the Council regarding the condition of roads in the Carna area. He stated that the people of the area felt neglected and that Councillors had no idea of how bad the roads in the area were. He quoted instances of where people had to let out passengers from cars to travel over certain parts of roads as exhausts were being torn off. He referred to the growing salmon farming industry in the area where alot of haulage by large trucks was involved on roads which were unable to cope with the volume of traffic being generated. He stated that roads were so bad in some areas that cars went around bends at the wrong side of the road thus increasing the risk of serious accidents. He referred to the lack of maintenance men on the roads and appealed to the Members of the County Council to agree to the following proposals:

- (1) Chun iarra ar an Aire Comhshaoil airgead a chur go leathtaobh chun boithri i gceantar Charna a chur ar comhchaighdean le boithri eile sa gCondae.
- (2) Chun cuireadh a thabhairt dona Chomhairleoiri Condae cuairt a thabhairt ar Charna go bhfeice siad fhein an staid ina bhfuil na boithri.
- (3) Go dtionolfai cruinniu den Chomhairle Chondae i gCarna le linn an treimhse ina mbeidh Micheal O'Morain - fear Charna ina Chathaoirleach ar an gComhairle.

Chuir an Chathaoirleach failte roimh an toscaireacht o Charna agus thug se buiochas don t-Uasal Mac Oireachtaigh ar son an oraid. Duirt se go raibh run aige cruinniu speisialta boithre a thionol gan ro-mhoill, chun diospoireacht a dheanamh ar staid n boithre sa Chontae, agus go raibh se sasta an cruinniu a thionoladh i gCarna.

Cuidigh an Chomhairleoir Nioclas O'Conchubhair le muintir Charna agus mhol se go rachadh toscaireacht chun an E.E.C. chun airgead a fhail i gcomhair feabhas a chur ar boithre an Chontae.

Councillor J. Mannion seconded Councillor O'Conchubhair's proposal. Councillor Welby proposed that a deputation of Oireachtas Members and the Chairman go to the Minister for the Environment to seek additional funds for County Roads. A number of Councillors expressed their support for the case being made by the Deputations from the Carna area.

The Council agreed that a meeting of the Council be held in Carna on the 11th March, 1988, at 3.00 p.m. to discuss roads matters.

2088 - PROPOSED TREE PRESERVATION ORDER ON LANDS AT CLOUGHBALLYMORE, KILCOLGAN:

The County Manager outlined details of his proposal to make a Tree Preservation Order relating to a group of trees adjacent to Cloughballymore Lough, located approximately one mile to the south east of the village of Ballinderreen on the lands surrounding the former African Missions College. The County Manager stated that the lands concerned were owned by a Mr. Lyons with whom Officials of the Council had had discussions. Mr. Lyons was agreeable to the proposal but had asked if the Council could reduce the width of the area shown. The County Manager indicated that the Council were in a position to facilitate Mr. Lyon's request. The Manager further stated that the making of Tree Preservation Order was an Executive Function but he wished to afford the Members an opportunity to make any comments in relation to his proposal before the Order was formally made. The County Manager replied to queries raised by Councillor Matt Loughnane and stated that the Council were not in a position to take on any compensation liabilities arising from the making of Tree Preservation Orders. The format of the present Order provided that no compensation would be payable. The Members agreed in principle with the County Manager's proposal to make the Tree Preservation Order in this case.

2089 - SANITARY SERVICES SCHEMES PROGRESS REPORT:

The Council considered the Sanitary Services Progress Report dated 5th February, 1988, of the Assistant County Manager, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Councillor Matt Loughnane referred to the proposal to carry out site investigations in connection with the Loughrea Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes. He stated that the cost involved was quite small relative to the overall cost, and urged that the Council contact the Department again with a view to getting approval to allow the work to commence. Councillor Loughnane also enquired regarding the proposed borehole for the Craughwell Water Supply and suggested that the Council staff prepare whatever preliminary plans were required in this case. Senator P. McCormack enquired as to the present position in relation to the Mid-Galway Stages 3 and 4 Schemes, and the Headford Sewerage Scheme. Senator McCormack also referred to the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme and asked if there were any indications if the Department of the Environment would accept the present proposals to connect to the City Sewerage System.

Deputy R. Molloy referred to the change in the manner of financing major schemes and stated that the Council should ensure that sufficient schemes were with the Department to enable the Council to make its case for additional allocations. Deputy Molloy referred to the Rosmuc Regional Regional Water Supply Scheme and asked if the Council would have to re-advertise for Tenders in this case. Deputy R. Molloy also asked if Tullycross could be included in Phase 1 of the Clifden Regional Water Scheme. In relation to the Oranmore Sewerage Scheme, Deputy Molloy asked whether the size of pipes being provided were to accommodate the Oranmore area only or whether sufficient capacity would be provided to enable the land between Oranmore and Galway City to be developed. Deputy Molloy also asked the position regarding the discharge point for the Kilronan Sewerage Scheme.

Councillor P. Finnegan referred to the need for urgent improvements in the Tuam Water Supply Scheme and the need to provide a new Sewerage Scheme in Williamstown. Senator T. Hussey enquired in relation to the Dunmore Water Supply Scheme. Councillor T. Walsh also referred to the need to expedite the provision of the Williamstown Sewerage Scheme. He referred to his proposal



at a previous meeting that the Minister for the Environment be requested to receive a deputation to discuss the Tuam Water Supply Scheme. He expressed his disappointment at the Minister's reply dated 25th January, 1988, and stated that the Council should make arrangements to meet Mr. Ger Connolly, T.D., Minister for State. The Chairman indicated that the necessary arrangements would be made.

In reply to Councillor O'Tuathail, the County Manager stated that the Council were aware of the position in relation to a small Hatchery at Glenicmurrin lake. The Council would be concerned if any enlargement was proposed, but the present operations would not have a major effect on the lake.

In reply to Councillor O'Tuathail, the County Manager indicated that the Council had a Priority List requiring a Capital Allocation of £100 million for the provision of new Water Supply and Sewerage Schemes throughout the County. The Department were being kept fully informed of the Council's requirements and returns in relation to the Council's requirements were being submitted on a quarterly basis.

Councillor Joe Burke asked that the Council carry out the improvements necessary at Millstream Park, Tuam, as he was of the opinion that there was little point in requiring the builder concerned to have the work carried out. In reply to Cllr. J. Burke, who asked about the Tuam Water Supply Scheme, the County Manager stated that a number of alternatives had been examined but that the only solution to the problem was the scheme already proposed using the Corrib River as a source. Senator Wick burke asked that the Woodford Water Supply Scheme receive immediate attention. Councillor J. Joyce referred to the need for a Sewerage Scheme at Laurencetown where he stated the provision of further housing was being held up. He also asked that the Council expedite the augmentation of the Clontuskert Water Scheme Extension.

Mr. J. Howlett replied to some of the queries raised by Councillors.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

- 2090 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL EXTEND COUNTY COUNCIL GROUP WATER SCHEME FROM CREGMORE TOWARDS MOOREPARK TO FACILITATE 8 NEW APPLICANTS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"A supply of water is not available from the Brierhill/Carnmore/Lisheenavalla Group Scheme to provide for a Group Scheme near Moorepark on the Monivea Road which is outside the limits of the Brierhill Scheme.

A supply of water is available from the existing Mid-Galway Group Water Supply Scheme 150 mm. diameter pipeling at Caraun/Belleville but it would require the laying of a new water main for a distance of 3½ miles along the Monivea Road. The planned supply for the Moorepark area is from the proposed Mid-Galway Zone 3 (Knocknacreeva Reservoir) from Oranmore, for which the Preliminary Report has been submitted to the Department of the Environment.

The recommended option of connecting to the Mid-Galway Zone 3 Water Supply Scheme must await the approval of the Scheme by the Department of the Environment."

- 2091 - THAT THE COUNCIL EXTEND WATER SCHEMES TO TURLOUGHMORE, LACKAGH, KNOCKDOE AND CARRAGHY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Any further extensions from the recently completed Mid-Galway Stage 2 Council Trunk Main at Waterview is a matter for Group Schemes Section of the Department of the Environment.

It is understood that the Waterview/Turloughmore Group and the Knockdoe Group have submitted proposals to the Department of the Environment. However, the Department of the Environment has not yet referred the proposals to the Council."

- 2092 - WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF PUMPS IN THE CROSSWOOD GROUP WATER SCHEME AT HEADFORD: - MOTION BY SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Senator Padraic McCormack:

"The provision of increased capacity pumping plant must await the completion of the taking over of the Group Scheme Pumhouse and trunk main by the Council. The Council has been trying to implement the terms of the agreement with the Group whereby the Scheme would be handed over to the Council on request with all necessary Wayleaves, etc. The Group has not responded to the Council's correspondence sent through its Law Agent with a view to finalising the take over of the Scheme. Efforts will continue to have this matter resolved at the earliest possible date."

- 2093 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEED WITH THE CONNECTION OF THE WATERMANS FROM THE CLOUGHANOVER GROUP SCHEME TO THE HEADFORD TOWN SUPPLY: - MOTION BY SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Senator Padraic McCormack:

"The 200 mm diameter watermain connection from the Crosswood Group Water Scheme (at Cloughanover) to Headford Town Supply is completed.

The provision of the necessary increased capacity pumping plant must await the completion of the taking over of the Group Scheme Pumhouse and trunk main by the Council.

The Council has been trying to implement the terms of the agreement with the Group whereby the Scheme would be handed over to the Council on request with all necessary Wayleaves, etc. The Group has not responded to the Council's correspondence sent through its Law Agent with a view to finalising the take over of the Scheme. Efforts will continue to have this matter resolved at the earliest possible date."



- 2094 - GO RCUIRFEADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE FILTER CEART AR AN GCORAS UISCE AG TIR AN FHIA, LEITIRMOIR: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Ta £3,000 curtha ar fail sna Meastuchain i mbliana chun screan a chur sa gcoras uisce i Tir an Fhia. Deanfar an obair seo chomh luath agus is feidir i mbliana, mar phairt den sceim oibre ata le socru go gairid."

- 2095 - WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TO ENSURE THAT TUAM TOWN GETS A SATISFACTORY WATER SUPPLY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PATRICK FINNEGAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Patrick Finnegan:

"Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme Stage 1 is now eighth on the Priority List adopted at the Council Meeting on the 5th December, 1986. The Scheme would involve taking water from the Corrib and would require a very substantial increase in Capital Allocation before it could be undertaken. The Preliminary Report was approved in June 1986 and it is hoped to have the Water supplies Proposal to abstract water from the Corrib presented to the Council in March. In order to enhance the prospects of making progress, studies have been going on to see if there are less expensive alternatives. In addition, all aspects of the proposal to provide water from the Corrib are being examined with a view to reducing the cost of the Stage 1 Scheme to a maximum. No satisfactory alternative, however, has been found to date."

- 2096 - WILL THIS COUNCIL TAKE ANY ACTION THIS YEAR TO PREVENT POLLUTION OF THE WATER SUPPLY SUCH AS HAPPENS FROM TIME TO TIME IN DIFFERENT WATER SUPPLIES IN THE COUNTY: - MOTION BY CLR. PATRICK FINNEGAN.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Patrick Finnegan:

"As part of a National Campaign to eliminate the pollution of rivers and streams by agricultural effluent, Galway County Council has commenced a survey of landowners in the County.

The survey will proceed on a river catchment basis and will be a systematic survey to identify potential sources of agricultural pollution from inadequate slurry and silage effluent storage and disposal arrangements, and other shortcomings in farmyard layouts. Where pollution risks are discovered, the Environment Section of the Council will initiate follow-up procedures and monitor the situation to ensure that pollution risks are eliminated.

The first river catchment to be surveyed is the Abbert River and the survey commenced in the Corofin Area on the 18th January, 1988. It has now covered a triangular area from Corofin to Horseleap Cross to Monivea with approximately half the catchment, and approximately 450 holdings surveyed.

The catchment of the Grange will be surveyed next, and the survey will proceed generally northwards from there to the County border.

The survey is being carried out in co-operation with the Western Regional Fisheries Board, the Farm Development Service, and with the full backing of the I.F.A. Full co-operation is being received from the landowners in connection with the carrying out of the survey.

In addition to the above, the Council will continue its programme of water pollution control as carried out by the Environment Section of the Council."

- 2097 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY FOR HOUSES AT CONVENT ROAD, WOODFORD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The two tenants of the County Council Cottages at Bolag, Woodford, have been seeking a connection to the Woodford town water supply for some time. This option is not feasible because of the costs involved and the Council have no funds available for this work.

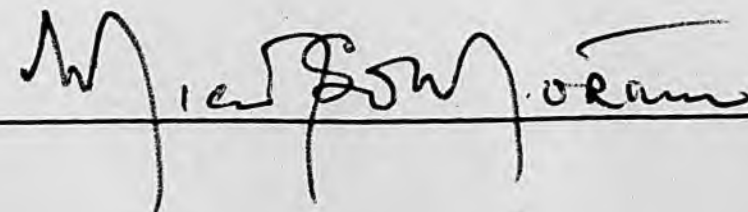
The only viable solution to this problem as previously stated in my reply to your Notice of Motion in 1986 on the matter is the provision of a water supply by the formation of a group water scheme with the likely source for this scheme being the County Council borehole at Bolag. The Council has made every effort to promote this group scheme but to date, there has been no response from the people in the area."

- 2098 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mr. Martin Connolly, Ballymana, Craughwell, Co. Galway, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Maudie Keane.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

 CHAIRMAN

28/3/88 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u la Feabhra, 1988.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 22u la Feabhra, 1988, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of Monthly Meeting held the 25th January, 1988.
2. Overdraft Accommodation for quarter ended 30th June, 1988.
3. Saoraidi Calaiochta ag an gCaladh Mor, Inis Meain.
4. Letter dated 25th January 1988 from Town Clerk, Galway Corporation regarding appointment of 2 Nominees of Western Regional Tourism Organisation to Rinville Park Committee -- Copy enclosed.
5. I.P.A./L.A.M.A. Conference - 'Financing Local Government - is there a better way', in Kilkenny on 8th and 9th April, 1988 -- Details enclosed.
6. National Tree Week, 1988 -- 6th - 13th March, 1988.
7. All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting in Portlaoise -- 10th March, 1988 -- Details enclosed.
8. Malicious Injuries Decrees -- Details enclosed.
9. County Manager's Business.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

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COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH - I will propose:

10. That the County Council fill potholes at least at Caheravoola (Details enclosed).
11. That the County Council carry out with a view to remedying inspection of flooding position now pertaining at Lachtgeorge. (Details enclosed).
12. That the County Council carry out even slight improvement work at Cashla to help view. (Details enclosed).

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

13. That the Galway County Council put back the collection of refuse in Athenry to Wednesday. Because the County Council has started collecting the refuse on a Friday - as you know Friday is Market Day in Athenry and there are alot of lorries parked in the Town - selling calves, etc., and this makes it impossible for refuse lorry to get through the town to collect refuse.
14. That the Galway County Council look for a site to build a swimming pool in Athenry, and make provisions for the building of the swimming pool in next year's Estimates. (1989)
15. That Galway County Council retar the road from Maree Hill to Clarenbridge and remove the bad entrance to this road at Maree, as it has been over 20 years since this road has been tarred. It think its overdue to tar and chips.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE: - I will propose:

16. That a portion of the £40,000 provided in the Roads Scheme for the Laurencetown/Banagher Road be spent on the easing of the very dangerous bend at Liam Broderick's house in Esker, Banagher.
17. That the Council eliminate the regular flooding which occurs on the Laurencetown/Banagher Road between J. Salmon's house and R. Burn's house, between R. Burn's house and Mary K. Corcoran's house and at the bend near Mary K. Corcoran's house.

SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

18. That Galway County Council make provisions to provide adequate parking at Cregg Cemetery, Corrandulla.
19. That the carrying out of work on Local Improvement Road Schemes be carried out by private tender to achieve a better return for money being allocated to these roads.
20. That Galway County Council take steps to provide carparking at Cregg, Corrandulla, as there is always serious traffic hazards experienced there on days of funerals.

COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN: - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council take immediate steps to complete the extension to Kilclooney and Addergoole graveyards, Milltown, at an early date.
22. That the grass margins from Naughton's house, Kilaphrosogue, to Kilclooney Bridge be removed as an interim improvement measure on this very narrow section of National Primary Road.



COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

23. That surface repairs be carried out at Raheen Road, Athenry.
24. That the hill at Ballygurrane, Athenry, be eased and that the road shoulders at the same location be hard topped.
25. That the Presiding Officer at Polling Booths be empowered to accept claims for inclusion in the subsequent Register of Electors from people arriving at the booth only to learn of their omission from the current Register.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

26. Go gcriciondh an Comhairle Chontae an L.I.S. ag an Rinn, An Cheathru Rua. Ta an t-airgead aitiul bailithe agus socriodh praghas. Anois, ta se fagtha leath-cricionnaithe.
27. Go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae duine go lan-aimsireach san oifig ag Casla, Conamara.
28. Go gcriciondh an Comhairle Chontae an droichead ag Cladnagh, An Cheathru Rua, le clocha gearrtha in ait na blocanna straihgan ma ata faoi lathair.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

29. That this Council carry out immediate remedial and ancillary works adjacent to two houses (Details supplied) where constant regular flooding is occurring, on the main National Primary Road at Mail Road, Cappataggle, and creating a grave personal nuisance to the householders affected, to motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike; that the reasons for this flooding, the work to be carried out and the time scale involved, be outlined in details and that immediate attention be given to this serious situation.
30. That Galway County Council carry out immediate and other ancillary works to terminate the serious constant regular flooding occurring outside houses (details supplied) at Creagh Road, Ballinasloe, which is a continuous inconvenience to householders, landowners, motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and hospital patients: and that the reasons for same, the works to be carried out and the time scale for same be outlined in detail, and that if necessary, this Council liaise with Ballinasloe Urban District Council and the Western Health Board to ensure a permanent termination of this situation from re-occurrence.
31. That immediate action be taken to alleviate the serious difficulties being encountered by motorists close to the Hill of Aughrim and adjacent to a house (details supplied) that this action should include termination and prevention of any water accumulating or flowing from the Hill of Aughrim down along this stretch of road which is making the road dangerous for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike and that these works would be carried out forthwith.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

32. That Galway County Council immediately erect traffic lights at the Weir Road, Tuam, as committed by the County Engineer midway through 1987.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY: - I will propose:

33. That immediate repairs be carried out to the road leading to Ardmore Pier, Kilkerrin, Co. Galway.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY (Continued)

34. That Galway County Council take in charge the four public lights at Castleview Park, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
35. That an access road be constructed into Carrowbrowne Cemetery and that adjoining land be acquired for future extension.

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

36. That Galway County Council cleans the blocked drain at Beechlawn, Ballinasloe, which runs parallel with road leading to Council Dump so as to alleviate the flooding to land in this area. The drain is being blocked by scrap, etc., which is being accumulated by Travellers who are living here.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: - I will propose:

37. That this Council acquire a suitable site for a Reservoir in the area near the existing storage area on the National Park lands at Letterfrack so as to provide a suitable source of water supply for Letterfrack, Tullycross, Tully, Renvyle, and surrounding areas, and if such a site is not obtained by agreement, that Compulsory Purchase powers be used for same.
38. That the following works be carried out on the Glanagimla Road, that roadside drains be cleaned so as to prevent water coming out on the road, also that the work started on the retaining wall along the river bank during 1987 be completed without further delay.

39. How many Engineers are employed by the County Council of all grades at present.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH: - I will propose:

40. That Galway County Council carry out road maintenance as a matter of urgency on all County Roads in the parish of Moycullen with special attention to be given to the Toreeny Road, Drumavoughane, Drunavey Road, Curragh Road, Corcullen Road and Lissagurane Road.
41. That Galway County Council cut briars and hedges in North Galway particularly on the Culleen/Headford Road, Glenrevagh to Balroebeck Road, Beaghmore to Caherlistrane Road and the Crossursa to Bohercuill Road.
42. That Galway County Council complete the Local Improvement Scheme at Roscahill, Ref. 66/82 to include all items scheduled in their offer to the group, in particular:-
  - (a) construction of turntable;
  - (b) 2,670 sq. yds. surface dressing (incl. turntable).

COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT: - I will propose:

43. I, or someone on my behalf will request Galway County Council take in charge the public lights at Castleview Park, Kinvara.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH: - I will propose:

44. That Galway County Council treat as urgent the need to find a solution to a road flooding problem in the townland of Esker near Glenamaddy. (Details supplied).



COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN: - I will propose:

- 45. That this Council object to the termination of the County Galway Local Health Committee.
- 46. What is the position regarding the erection of signs as promised by letter to Ballymacward Community Council on June 19th last? Has any provision been made for road markings requested by the Community Council?

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FEBRUARY 1988

DECREES

DAMAGE

Name and address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Brothers of Charity, Clarenbridge, GALWAY.	Damage to property	County at large	£250.00	£275.75
O'Malley Construction, 15 High St., Galway.	Damage to property	County at large	£9,341.30	£8,302.43
Flannery's Motor Inn, Dublin Rd., Galway.	Damage to Motor Vehicle	County at large	£1,340.85	£522.00
Mellows College, Athenry, Co. Galway.	Damage to property	County at large	£400.00	£238.60
P.J. Curley, 25 Hollygrove, Renmore	Damage to Vehicle	County at large	££1,600	£986.05



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, Senator U. Burke, Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Cllr. J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. 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; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; D. O'Donoghue, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; and T. Kavanagh, Administrative Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2099 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on the 25th January, 1988, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

2100 - SYMPATHY:

Ar mholadh an Seanadóir Nioclás O'Conchubhair, cuidigh an Chomhairle le run comhbhron a ghlacadh le Muintir Mac Donnachadha, Maimin, Leitirmoir, ar bas Sean Seosamh Mac Donnachadha a badh go tubaisteach le deanai.

Votes of sympathy were also passed with the following:

Mrs. Anna Kenny, Main Street, Eyrecourt.  
Mrs. Thomas Coleman, Lismany, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Eamonn Donnelly, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Terence Mac Donnachadha, Maimin, Leitirmoir.

2101 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposal of Councillor Ulick Burke, the Council passed a vote of congratulations with the new Bishop Elect of Clonfert, Fr. John Kirby, President of St. Joseph's College, Garbally Park, Ballinasloe.

On the proposal of Councillor Martin Lynch, the Council passed a vote of congratulations with the Athenry Hurling Team on reaching the All-Ireland Hurling Clubs Final.

2102 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1988:

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

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 1988.

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"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of Overdraft amounting to £3 million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 30th June, 1988, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

2103 - SAORAI DI CALAIOCHTA AG AN GCALADH MOR, INIS MEAIN:

Duirt an Runai go raibh litir faighte ag an gComhairle o Roinn na Gaeltachta a ra go mbeadh Roinn na Gaeltachta sasta deontas lanchostais nach rachaidh thar £575,000 a chur ar fail chun a chumas d'oifig na nOibreacha Poibli piara agus tonnchosc nua a thogail ag an gCaladh Mor, Inis Meain, ar choinnioll go mbeadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe sasta glacadh le curam cothbhala na n-oibreacha tar eis a ndeanta. Duirt an Runai go raibh an litir os comhair an Chomhairle agus moladh go nglacadh an Chomhairle curam na h-oibreacha fe choimead nuair a bheidh siad críochnaithe go sasuil.

Ar mholadh an Seanadóir Nioclás O'Conchubhair agus cuidiu an Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail, d'aontaigh an Chomhairle go nglacadh siad le curam cothbhala na n-oibreacha tar eis a ndeanta.

2104 - RINVILLE PARK COMMITTEE:

The Council considered a letter dated 25th January, 1988, from the Town Clerk of Galway Corporation. The Corporation's letter was in reply to a County Council proposal that two nominees of the Western Regional Tourism Organisation be appointed to the Rinville Park Committee. The Town Clerk's letter indicated that Galway City Council had considered the proposal and had resolved that it be referred back to the Rinville Park Committee for their recommendation and consideration in the first instance. It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Deputy Michael P. Kitt, and agreed that the County Council's decision as taken at the Council Meeting of the 19th October, 1987, should stand.

2105 - I.P.A./L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE - 'FINANCING LOCAL GOVERNMENT - IS THERE A BETTER WAY' IN KILKENNY ON 8TH AND 9TH APRIL, 1988:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, and seconded by Councillor Micheal O'Morain, and resolved that the attendance of Councillors J. Joyce and P. McHugh at this Conference be approved. It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert and agreed that the attendance of Councillor John Mannion at this Conference be approved.

2106 - NATIONAL TREE WEEK 1988:

The Council noted that the week commencing the 6th March, 1988, has been designated National Tree Week. The Council were informed that tree planting arrangements on the same lines as carried out in 1987, would be implemented in 1988. An initial tree planting ceremony would commence at Rinville on Monday, 7th March, 1988, and the Mayor of Galway Corporation and the County Council Chairman would attend. Smaller local ceremonies would be implemented throughout the County and details would be circulated to the Members.

2107 - ALL-IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING IN PORTLAOISE: 10TH MARCH, 1988.

It was agreed on the proposal of Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair, that the attendance of Councillors Joe Callanan and T. Welby be approved at that meeting. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, that the attendance of Councillor Tiarnan Walsh be approved at that Meeting.



2108 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES:

The list of Malicious Injury Decrees circulated with Item No. 8 on the Agenda, were noted.

2109 - SANITARY SERVICES - CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1988:

The County Manager indicated that the Sanitary Services initial Capital Allocation for 1988 was £377,600. Details of the breakdown of the allocation were circulated to each Member by the Assistant County Manager on the 22nd February, 1988. Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair enquired regarding the provision of an extra Reservoir on Inishmaan to improve the storage of water on the island. It was agreed on the request of Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair to have this matter placed on the Agenda for discussion at the next Monthly Meeting.

2110 - NEW QUINCENTENNIAL BRIDGE:

Councillor Michael Ryan referred to the fact that traffic and funerals from the Regional Hospital were unable to turn right onto the new Bridge off Newcastle. Councillor J. Mannion proposed that Galway Corporation be requested to examine the feasibility of providing a roundabout at the junction leading on to the new bridge. A number of Councillors supported the view that traffic should be allowed to turn right on to the bridge off that road. A number of Councillors also asked that the Corporation be requested to improve signposting at the junctions in the vicinity of the new bridge to indicate clearly the diversions required. It was agreed to take the matter up with the Corporation.

2111 - ROAD FUND ALLOCATIONS:

Councillor Ulick Burke referred to an Interview on Radio na Gaeltachta with the Minister for the Environment on that morning. Councillor Burke stated that the Minister should be requested to clarify statements made by him regarding the condition of roads in County Galway and the availability of funds to carry out the necessary improvements to roads. Senator P. McCormack supported Councillor Burke, and stated that if sufficient monies were available to the Council, the roads could be improved but the monies available were totally inadequate for the works necessary.

Do mhol an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail go nglacadh an Comhairle leis an run ag caonadh an Aire Comhshaoil as ucht an raiteas a dhein se ar Radio na Gaeltachta faoi deontaisí bothar agus staid na boithre i gCondae na Gaillimhe. Cuidigh an Comhairleoir U. de Burca leis an run o'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail.

Ag freagairt do cheisteanna o na Comhairleoirí, duirt an Bainisteoir Chontae nach raibh se feasach ar an raiteas a dhein an Aire Comhshaoil. Bhi eolas ag an Comhairle ar an ganntanas airgead i gcomhair oibreacha bothar, agus tugadh tuairisc ar na ganntanaisí sin ag an Cruinniú Meastachain den Chomhairle.

Do mhol an Teachta Nodhlaig O'Treasaigh go rachfaidh an Comhairle i gcoinne an run o'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail. D'aontaigh an Comhairleoir Seamus Seoighe leis an leasu o'n Teachta O'Treasaigh.

The County Engineer gave details of the road strengthening grants available to the Council in 1988, and indicated the procedure regarding the spending of these allocations.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. for or against the resolution proposed by Councillor P. O'Tuathail, resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. MacDonagh, J. Mannion, Deputy R. Molloy, Clrs. M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, and T. Walsh. (12)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. Kitt, Councillors P. McHugh, J. Molloy, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillor M. O'Morain, and Deputy N. Treacy. (12)

As the result of the vote yielded an equality of votes, the Chairman gave his casting vote against the resolution and declared the resolution lost by 13 votes against to 12 votes for.

The Council agreed with a resolution proposed by Councillor F. Glynn and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that discretion be left to local authorities to dispense the Road Grants available for County Roads as they saw fit.

2112 - COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 11TH MARCH, 1988, IN CARNA:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor John Mannion that the time of this Meeting be fixed at 4.00 p.m.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

2113 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL FILL POTHoles AT LEAST AT CAHERAVOOLA (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The road at Caheravoola, Cumber, is C.R. 134. Surface repairs have been carried out and the road is considered to be in good order."

2114 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT WITH A VIEW TO REMEDYING INSPECTION OF FLOODING POSITION NOW PERTAINING AT LACHTGEORGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

Councillor McDonagh was informed that the area involved had been examined and would require to be inspected further during wet conditions. The matter would be kept under review.

2115 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT EVEN SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT WORK AT CASHLA TO HELP VIEW: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The bend in question is on County Road No. 177 at about 3 miles north west of Athenry. It is a quiet County Road and the bend is typical for County Roads in the area. Easing the bend would be desirable but no funds have been allocated for this work. It is not recommended to do this work at this point in time. Estimated cost is £3,500."



2116 - COLLECTION OF REFUSE IN ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The County area of Galway was serviced by four refuse collection vehicles in the past. In order to achieve economies, only three refuse collections are in operation at present.

The truck based in Galway which used to service Athenry has been withdrawn and the Tuam based truck now services the Town of Athenry.

A refuse collection service on Wednesday in Athenry would be desirable as there are marts held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and a market in The Square on Friday.

However, the Tuam truck has in the past collected refuse in Tuam Town on Wednesday and it is felt more appropriate to leave the Tuam arrangements as they were and to choose the next most appropriate day for Athenry. Friday is the next least busy day in Athenry.

The present refuse collection arrangements and routes are experimental and are being kept constantly under review over the next few months. Any serious problems in relation to collection of refuse in towns will be examined in details with a view to arriving at the best possible collection arrangements within the resources available."

Councillor Martin Lynch stated that there was a calf market in Athenry on each Friday. He asked that the Council consider bringing the collection forward to Wednesday in any review being undertaken of the present arrangements.

2117 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL LOOK FOR A SITE TO BUILD A SWIMMING POOL IN ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"I wish to inform you that the provision of a swimming pool would fall to be financed by way of Capital Allocation. Because of the present serious financial restrictions, there is not finance available for either the acquisition of a site or the provision of a Swimming Pool in Athenry."

2118 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RETAR THE ROAD FROM MAREE HILL TO CLARENBRIDGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The road in question is County Road No. 191. It is almost 3½ miles long and badly needs surface dressing. There was no County Road surface dressing in 1987 and there will be none in 1988. The estimated cost of surface dressing this road would be £30,000 at to-days prices.

The "Y" shaped junction requires improvement. To provide adequate visibility, it would be necessary to re-locate about 75 yards of stone wall and also to re-locate a storage shed and extend the carriageway near the junction. The estimated cost of providing the required visibility at this junction is £9,000. The work necessitated to improve this junction would be very worthwhile but there are no funds available to do this work in 1988."

Councillor Lynch asked that the Council endeavour to allocate money to this project and consider the provision of stone walls instead of block walls.

2119 - THAT A PORTION OF THE £40,000 PROVIDED IN THE ROADS SCHEME FOR THE LAURENCETOWN/BANAGHER ROAD BE SPENT ON THE EASING OF THE VERY DANGEROUS BEND AT LIAM BRODERICK'S HOUSE IN ESKER, BANAGHER:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The funding referred to is a grant of £40,000 provided for the strengthening of strategic County Roads C.R. 582 between Laurencetown and Banagher. C.R. 582 finishes at Esker Cross, i.e. Esker Old School and the bend referred to is between Esker Cross and Banagher on R.356. This money is provided for strengthening of existing routes and not for the improvement of the alignment of these routes."

2120 - THAT THE COUNCIL ELIMINATE THE REGULAR FLOODING WHICH OCCURS ON THE LAURENCETOWN/BANAGHER ROAD BETWEEN J. SALMON'S HOUSE AND R. BURN'S HOUSE BETWEEN R. BURNS'S HOUSE AND MARY K. CORCORAN'S HOUSE AND AT THE BEND NEAR MARY K. CORCORAN'S HOUSE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"There are three different locations referred to -

- (a) The first location refers to a periodic flood in a hollow in the road between Salmons and Burns houses. Watercuts have been opened here which can reduce the flooding but not altogether eliminate it. There is no natural outfall for this flooding as the land is higher or level with the road at both sides. It is intended to look into the matter further to attempt to relieve it.
- (b) It is intended to open watercuts here which should relieve the small degree of flooding here.
- (c) At the bend near Mary K. Corcoran's house, it is intended to relieve this by cleaning nearby drains and this work will be carried out in the next few weeks."

2121 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE PROVISIONS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PARKING AT CREGG CEMETERY, CORRANDULLA: - MOTION BY SENATOR PADRAIC McCORMACK:

This Notice of Motion is similar to Notice of Motion No. 20 on the Agenda. The following report was given to Senator McCormack:

"Parking of vehicles at Cregg Cemetery, Corrandulla, is not considered a problem of any significance. The road leading to the Cemetery C.R. 148 is sufficiently wide to permit roadside parking, and burials are few."

Senator McCormack stated that he was not satisfied with the reply given. The County Manager indicated that the reply given was the position in the context of the lack of funds available to the Council for this type of work.



- 2122 - THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF WORK ON LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ROAD SCHEMES BE CARRIED OUT BY PRIVATE TENDER: - MOTION BY SENATOR PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Senator Padraic McCormack:

"The return for money on Local Improvement Schemes is satisfactory under the present system of carrying out the work by direct labour and I would not recommend any change. Also, the L.I.S. Allocation has a vital input into keeping staff in employment throughout the year."

Councillor McCormack stated that he was not satisfied that the return for money under the present system of carrying out of Local Improvement Schemes was satisfactory. He referred to a scheme on a road near Oughterard - file no. 386, - where the cost of the job was estimated at £12,439. A local contribution of £1,866 had been paid. He had seen the road and the work carried out himself, and he stated that there was not £12,439 worth of work done on the road. He also stated that works set out in the estimate for the job had not been done. He stated that a local Contractor had indicated to him that he would do the job at a far less cost and he was convinced that the projects should be put out to Public Tender.

The County Engineer stated that he resented the allegations made by Senator McCormack. He stated that if jobs were to be advertised for Tender, detailed specifications for the work to be carried out would have to be prepared which would put up the cost on the local people concerned. It was unacceptable to say that local Contractors could carry out the work at less cost than the County Council in the absence of detailed specifications and prices. Councillor McCormack asked that this matter be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council.

- 2123 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO COMPLETE THE EXTENSION TO KILCLOONEY AND ADDERGOOLE GRAVEYARDS, MILLTOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

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

"It is proposed to carry out works to both graveyards mentioned in 1988. These works consist of -

- (a) Completion of the concrete block boundary wall at Addergoole graveyard.
- (b) Part completion of the extension to Kilclooney graveyard so as to make extra grave spaces available. Present budget does not allow for full completion."

- 2124 - THAT THE GRASS MARGINS FROM NAUGHTON'S HOUSE, KILAPHRASOGUE TO KILCLOONEY BRIDGE BE REMOVED AS AN INTERIM IMPROVEMENT MEASURE ON THIS VERY NARROW SECTION OF NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P.F. GLYNN:

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

"This proposal is not considered feasible. The adjoining land on one side is below the level of the road and removal of the grass margin and opening up road to traffic would cause instability to the road structure.

The grass margin on the opposite side is very narrow and the additional road width gained by its removal would not be significant."

Councillor Glynn stated that the road was hollow at this location and that the tyres of cars had cut into the ditch. He asked that the County Engineer examine the matter further with a view to carrying out some interim improvements.

- 2125 - THAT SURFACE REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT AT RAHEEN ROAD, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The tarring of the pipe trench for a group water scheme on this road will be carried out as soon as weather permits."

- 2126 - THAT THE HILL AT BALLYGURRANE, ATHENRY, BE EASED AND THAT THE ROAD SHOULDERS AT THE SAME LOCATION BE HARD TOPPED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"While the improvements recommended are desirable, no monies are available to carry out the work which is estimated to cost up to £10,000."

Councillor Matt Loughnane stated that the work in the vicinity of Athenry had been unfinished on the Ballygurrane Road, and he proposed that the work be now completed. He was supported by Councillor Martin Lynch who stated that the road was in bad need of repair. The County Manager indicated that the funds were not available to carry out the work involved.

- 2127 - THAT THE PRESIDING OFFICER AT POOLING BOOTHS BE EMPOWERED TO ACCEPT CLAIMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE SUBSEQUENT REGISTER OF ELECTORS FROM PEOPLE ARRIVING AT THE BOOTH ONLY TO LEARN OF THEIR OMISSION FROM THE CURRENT REGISTER: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"It is the responsibility of local authorities to compile the Register of Electors in accordance with the Electoral Act, 1963, and Galway County Council employ Compilers to do the field work for this operation. A Draft Register is produced on the 1st December each year and the public are invited to inspect this Draft To ensure that it is correct, and they are given an opportunity to make claims to effect any amendments they feel are necessary.

The primary function of the Presiding Officer in a Polling Booth at an Election is to ensure that everybod who comes to the Polling Station to vote is entitled to do so. Except at Local Authority Elections, the Presiding Officers appointed to Polling Booths are not employees of the Registration Authority and, therefore, have no obligation to carry out functions in relation to the updating of the Register of Electors. Nevertheless, if Presiding Officers have time available to take note of complaints received regarding omissions from the Register and these are forwarded to the County Council, they will be taken into consideration when the subsequent Register is compiled."



2128 - GO gCRIOCHNODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE AN L.I.S. AG AN RINN, AN CHEATHRU RUA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Deineadh amach gurb e £14,055 an meastachan costais ar an sceim. Leis an meid sin airgead, deineadh 456 slat de bhoithre agus ta 144 slat fos le deineadh.

De reir Sceim na Boithre Aise, ta cumhacht ag an Comhairle Chontae an meid ata ins an chead meastachan a chaitheamh. I gcas nach leoir an tsuim sin chun an obair go leir a chríochnu, nil aon cumhacht ag an Comhairle Chontae a thuille airgead a chaitheamh ar an sceim.

Mas mian leis na daoine ata pariteach sa sceim iarratas a chur isteach ar a thuille airgead chun an sceim a chríochnu, deanfaidh an Comhairle breathnu ar an iarratas ach ni folair cunamh aitiul breise agus cead a fhail on Roinn Comhshaoil."

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail go raibh se mi-shasta leis an freagra a fuair se. Duirt se gur socraigh an Comhairle an obair a dheanamh agus ba cheart an obair a chríochnu.

The County Engineer stated that a wall had been built in this case instead of a fence which had resulted in additional cost.

Deputy R. Molloy stated that if money had been spent on different work, the local people concerned should not have to pay for this additional work. He asked if there was a legal contract in this case and requested that the Council get legal opinion on this matter. It was agreed that legal opinion would be sought.

2129 - GO gCUIRFEADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE DUINE GO LAN-AIMSIREACH SAN OIFIG AG CASLA, CONAMARA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Ta dha rud ag cur isteach ar an bpost sin a lionadh:

(a) Ni feidir postanna a lionadh toisc go bhfuil lanchosc i bhfeidhm.

(b) Ganntanas airgid do tuarastail agus pa.

Bionn an oifig oscailte dha la sa seachtain agus nilimid in ann feabhas a chur ar sin."

Duirt an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail nach raibh se sasta leis an freagra. Cuidigh an Comhairleoir Nioclas O'Conchubhair leis. Cuireadh in iul don Chomhairle nach mbeadh se ar chumas an post a lionadh toisc go bhfuil lanchosc i bhfeidhm earcaiocht foireann.

Deputy R. Molloy proposed that the Council give public notice of the times when the Clerical Officer would be available in the Costello Office. It was also suggested that the Council consider the provision of a telephone answering machine, and this was agreed.

2130 - GO gCRIOCHNODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE AN DROICHEAD AG CLADNACH, AN CHEATHRU RUA, LE CLOCHA GEARRTHA IN AIT NA BLOCANNA STRAIGHEAN MAR ATA FAOI LATHAIR: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR P. O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Ta se beartaithe ag an Comhairle Chontae obair saoirseacht chloiche a chur in ait na blocanna. Cuireadh an obair seo leis na ballai ata ar thaobh an bhothar faoi lathar."

2131 - FLOODING ON MAIN NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD AT MAIL ROAD, CAPPATAGGLE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The flooding at this location is being caused because the existing piped drainage system has over the years become silted and blocked by debris. The Council has in the last two weeks and are at present taking action to alleviate the problem by removing the existing pipes. This has resulted in the immediate prevention of further flooding. It is further proposed to place roof slabs on the existing concrete trench which formerly housed the pipes. A decision on the extent of this work in the current year is to be taken in the light of available finances."

2132 - FLOODING OUTSIDE HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) AT CREAGH ROAD, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The flooding at this location on the Taughmaconnell road is caused mainly by the run-off from the adjoining Western Health Board property which is at a higher level than the roadway. The estimated cost of draining this whole area by piping the run off through Western Health Board property to the adjoining River Suck is £26,000. As this proposed work would benefit the road drainage the County Council would be prepared to share a small proportion of this cost but it would be expected that the bulk of the cost would be borne by the Western Health Board.

The Western Health Board were contacted in relation to this problem but no agreement was reached with regard to the proportioning of the cost involved. Even if agreement were reached in the current year, it is doubtful if any funds could be spared from our maintenance monies as these are the principle source of our labour costs and are necessary to maintain employment."

Deputy Treacy asked that every effort be made to arrange that the Health and the County Council make provision for this work in their Estimates for 1989.

2133 - ROAD IMPROVEMENTS CLOSE TO THE HILL OF AUGHRIM AND ADJACENT TO A HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The Notice of Motion which was received on 15/2/'88 is being examined and a report will be available for the next Meeting."

2134 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY ERECT TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE WEIR ROAD, TUAM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"The planning of lights at this junction is in progress. However, the cost is of the order of £20,000 and no provision has been made in the Estimates for this work in 1988. The erection of these lights is a very worthwhile objective."



Councillor Joe Burke stated that he was not satisfied with the reply and that the County Engineer had given a commitment that these lights would be erected early in 1988 at the latest. He did not accept the reply given.

The County Engineer stated that he had made no commitment regarding the provision of the traffic lights concerned which were estimated to cost £20,000, as no allocation had been made available to fund this work. The County Manager stated that no Official would be allowed to give a commitment in the absence of available funds to carry out any project. Councillor Burke insisted that a commitment had been made regarding the provision of the lights but the County Engineer repeated that he had made no commitment. He had checked the records available to him and no commitments had been given regarding the provision of the lights. In any event, no commitment could be given in the absence of available finance.

2135 - THAT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE ROAD LEADING TO ARDMORE PIER, KILKERRIN: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"Surface repairs can only be carried out to the road leading to Ardmore Pier, under routine maintenance and as resources permit. There are no funds available to carry out major repair works."

Deputy R. Molloy stated that repairs were urgently necessary on this road as it was being used by lorries carrying meal and fish to the Fish Farms located in the area. He had been approached by local people in the matter. He asked if the Council could obtain any grants from Roinn na Gaeltachta and if any special attempts were being made to get monies to improve roads in the area to facilitate aquaculture development.

The County Manager stated that the Council had prepared a report on the requirements for improvements to roads to provide an adequate infrastructure to facilitate the aquaculture industry in Connemara. These reports had been forwarded to the Department of the Environment and to the Department of Fisheries and Forestry, and he understood that a case was being made for the allocation of E.E.C. funds for these roads.

2136 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IN CHARGE THE FOUR PUBLIC LIGHTS AT CASTLEVIEW PARK, KINVARA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Robert Molloy:

"The above lights have already been taken in charge."

2137 - THAT AN ACCESS ROAD BE CONSTRUCTED INTO CARROWBROWNE CEMETERY - MOTION BY DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to deputy Robert Molloy:

"The access road to Carrowbrowne Cemetery is over lands owned by the late Mr. Corcoran who died intestate in 1987. Hence the difficulties in regularising title to and improving the access road. Similar difficulties prevail in extending the Cemetery.

Negotiations will proceed with the Solicitors dealing with Mr. Corcoran's estate to acquire land, construct access road and extend Cemetery."

Deputy Molloy referred to the delay in carrying out the necessary works and stated that he had raised this matter some time ago.

He asked that the Council pursue the matter immediately with a view to achieving improvements.

2138 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEANS THE BLOCKED DRAIN AT BEECHLAWN, BALLINALSOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS MICHAEL MULLINS, JOE BRENNAN, JAMES JOYCE, JOE CALLANAN, AND DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was given to Councillors Michael Mullins, Joe Brennan, James Joyce, Joe Callanan, and Deputy Michael P. Kitt:

"The situation is as described above. It is a very expensive operation to clean the drain referred to with an excavator and is something which has to be dealt with frequently. Cleaning operations can only be carried out as normal maintenance funds will allow. In any event, this drain is reblocked with scrap each time it is cleared. Arrangements will be made to have the area cleared as soon as possible."

The Councillors, who submitted this Notice of Motion, referred to the problems which existed and stated that Mr. Kelly, the local land owner, was entitled to have this drain cleared. Mr. J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager, stated that Ballinasloe U.D.C. were proceeding with the National Building Agency regarding the provision of accommodation for the Travellers and he hoped that when this matter had been concluded that there would be no further camping or temporary dwellings at the location involved. It was agreed that the Council examine if legal action could be taken in this case.

2139 - THAT THIS COUNCIL ACQUIRE A SUITABLE SITE FOR A RESERVOIR IN THE AREA NEAR THE EXISTING STORAGE AREA ON THE NATIONAL PARK LANDS AT LETTERFRACK: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The present source of supply for Letterfrack, near the existing storage tank in the National Park, is inadequate as a source of water supply for the area described.

The Preliminary Report for the Tully/Letterfrack/Clifden area is with the department of the Environment and the recommended source is Lough Nahillion."

Councillor T. Welby stated that the people of the area had an inadequate water supply scheme, and that it appeared that the provision of the Regional Scheme could take a number of years. In reply, Mr. J. Howlett indicated that the source in Letterfrack was inadequate as a source of water supply for all of the area described. It had originally been proposed to construct a small scheme under the Small Schemes Programme but no allocations had been received in the last couple of years. Even if the Council acquired the site, only a limited supply could have been made available. The ultimate solution to the water supply problems in the area was the provision of the Regional Scheme.

2140 - IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GLANAGIMLA ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Works on the Glanagimla Road will be carried out in the near future and will include the cleansing of roadside drains and continuation of the retaining wall along the river bank."



Councillor Welby stated that the works were urgently required at this location and he asked that they be dealt with immediately.

2141 - HOW MANY ENGINEERS ARE EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ALL GRADES AT PRESENT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Number of Permanent Engineers employed	.....	37
Number of Permanent Planners	.....	3
Number of Temporary Engineers	.....	Nil
Temporary Resident Engineer	.....	1

One of the Permanent Engineers will be leaving the Council's employment on 8th March, 1988. This will represent a reduction of 14 in the number of Engineers / Planners employed by the Council at 31/12/'86."

2142 - ROAD MAINTENANCE IN THE PARISH OF MOYCULLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

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

"The maintenance of all County Roads will continue to be carried out on a priority basis, as required, and as resources permit. The listed roads in the parish of Moycullen are not considered to be strategic County Roads. However, surface repairs will be carried out under routine maintenance in due course."

2143 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CUT BRIARS AND HEDGES IN NORTH GALWAY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

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

"The cutting of roadside hedges and briars would absorb much needed County Road Maintenance Funds. The maintenance and preservation of the roads structure is a priority and cutting back of briars cannot be considered whilst funds remain restricted."

2144 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPLETE THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME AT ROSCAHILL REF. 66/82: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

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

"The Local Improvement Scheme at Roscahill, Ref. 66/82 was carried out in November/December 1986. The allocation of £8,301 was insufficient to complete the work specified. Expenditure cannot exceed the approved allocation, even if the work specified remains incomplete. Outstanding works include the construction of a turntable and surface dressing complete. The estimate of costs for such works is £5,500. The completion of these works could be considered under a new allocation for a further scheme subject to an additional local contribution and subject to the approval of the Department of the Environment."

Councillor P. McHugh stated that he was not satisfied with the reply given and that the scheme had been underestimated by 60%. He stated that it was unfair to seek additional contributions from the participants and asked that the legal advice regarding Local Improvement Schemes deal with this scheme also.

2145 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IN CHARGE THE PUBLIC LIGHTS AT CASTLEVIEW PARK, KINVARA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"The above lights have already been taken in charge."

2146 - ROAD FLOODING PROBLEM IN THE TOWNLAND OF ESKER NEAR GLENAMADDY (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The road in question is C.R. 264 and the most serious flooding occurs on the section located alongside the parameter of Pollagarraun Lake in Esker. The land rises sharply on the opposite side and relief from flooding can only be achieved by raising the level of the road by an average height of 21" over a distance of 100 yds.

The estimate of costs for carrying out the work is £4,500 for which there is no provision in the current year's work programme. The work is suitable for consideration under a Notice of Motion scheme and is most desirable."

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh stated that all the factors in relation to this case had not been taken into account in the report. He stated that if the road was raised, the amount of water displaced could affect a farmer's yard and winter house adjacent to the location involved which might cause problems for the farmer. There was a total of 8 families involved along the road and the only means they had of getting to their homes was a 7 mile detour when the road was flooded. He asked that further investigations be carried out regarding problems that might arise if the road was raised. He was supported by Councillors M. Ryan, J. Burke, and P. Finnegan. Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, stated that this matter had been examined and that a solution proposed was the building up of the road by a couple of feet with large stones. It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Walsh, that the Council Engineers discuss the matter with adjoining landowners with a view to reaching a solution to the problem.

2146 - THAT THIS COUNCIL OBJECT TO THE TERMINATION OF THE COUNTY GALWAY LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN:

Councillor J. Brennan stated that he objected to the termination of the County Galway Local Health Committee as the Meetings of the Committee afforded an opportunity to Members to raise local issues and to send motions to the Health Board. The Council had only 6 representatives on the Western Health Board and Members would now not have the opportunity to discuss local matters. Councillor Brennan proposed the following resolution:

"That a reasonable amount of time be allocated to discuss health matters relating to County Galway; that motions be forwarded from the County Council to the Western Health Board - to be supported by the Galway representatives on the Health Board, and that they report back to the Council on their deliberations within a reasonable time, and that Health Board Officials be invited to discuss specific matters to Meetings."

Councillor Joe Burke seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal. Councillor Finnegan stated that the resolution as proposed was a policy matter and he considered that it was not appropriate to make a decision on the matter without notice having already been given in the usual way. He suggested that Councillor Brennan submit the matter as a Notice of Motion for consideration at the next Monthly Meeting of the Council.

2147 - REQUEST FOR ROAD SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS BY BALLYMACWARD COMMUNITY COUNCIL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Brennan:

"The signs will be ordered immediately. The lining will be carried out under this year's white lining programme."



2148 - CORRESPONDENCE:

Copies of the following letters were circulated to each Member:

- (1) Copy of letter dated 20th January, 1988, from Monaghan Urban District Council re the closure of the Sellafeld Nuclear Processing Plant.
- (2) Copy of letter dated 29th January, 1988, from Birr Urban District Council re Social Employment Schemes and Casual Trading.
- (3) Copy of letter dated 3rd February, 1988, from Donegal County Council re appointment of member of the Nuclear Energy Board to the proposed new Radiation Protection Institute.
- (4) Copy of letter dated 9th February, 1988, from the Office of the Minister for Agriculture and Food re resolution passed by the Council on Farmer Taxation.
- (5) Copy of letter dated 12th February, 1988, from the Office Taoiseach, re resolution passed by the Council on the question of land tax or tax on accounts in relation to farmers.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

*M. J. Moran* CHAIRMAN

28/3/88 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

4u la Marta, 1988.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins

An Halla Pharoiste, Carna,

De h-Aoine, an llu la Marta, 1988,

ar a 4.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Planning Permission to Ms. Wendy Byrne, c/o Gavin's Flats, Tuam, for a dwelling-house at Carrownagurraun, Tuam. - Planning Ref. No. 54055."
 

Patrick J. Finnegan. Ml. Kitt. Tom Hussey. Noel Treacy.
2. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Kevin Lally, c/o Michael Lally, Cregganna More, Oranmore, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Cregganna More. - Planning Ref. No. 55317."
 

Mark Killilea. John Molloy. T. Welby. Frank Fahey.
3. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Paddy Ford for the retention of entrance to dwellinghouse at Moyvella. - Planning Ref. No. 55499."
 

Padraic McCormack. Michael Fahy. Noel Treacy. Martin Lynch.

Other Business:

4. Talamh ar Inis Oirr a dhiol chuig Udaras na Gaeltachta chun Aerstráice a thogail. - Seoladh, cheana fein, Fogra d'reir Alt 83 ar an 29u la Feabhra, 1988.
5. Report on Regional and County Roads. - Copy attached.



COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

6. That the County Council issue me with information on County Council work on road through Ballina Bog to Ballyglunin. (Details enclosed).
7. That the County Council replace sign at Cartymore Cross with updated new sign. (Details enclosed).
8. That the County Council have potholes repaired in the Tuam Engineering Area. (Details enclosed).

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

9. That flooding be relieved at Kiltulla, Athenry, between Finn's and McInerneys.
10. That a hardshoulder be constructed along the N.6 at Coldwood, Craughwell (Details enclosed) or an interim safety measure that the Board of Management of Coldwood N.S. be permitted to construct a sanded footpath on the inner side of the grass margin.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

11. That the Galway County Council put large children crossing signs of the roads at Coldwood N.S. as this is a very fast road and the childrens lives are in danger going to and from school.
12. That Galway County Council put up children crossing signs on the road from farmyard to Rockfield, Athenry, as there are alot of new houses built on this road - that says there are alot of children using the road, and as the road is very narrow, the signs would be a big help to the children playing.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY - I will propose:

13. That Galway County Council carry out immediate remedial works to alleviate the constant regular flooding occurring at Killimor Road, Tynagh, between two houses (details supplied) that these works be carried out forthwith, that the Council specify the works to be carried out and any other relevant information.
14. That Galway County Council carry out immediate repairs to the road (details supplied) that the present pipes across the road be replaced by pipes in order to take the accumulating water and that any other ancillary works necessary on this road be carried out in order to improve it and make it passable and that these works be carried out without delay.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY - I will propose:

15. That the lands at Kiltiernan, Ardrahan which was owned by Sean Kilraine and are held in bond by the Council in respect of the housing estates at Beech Grove, Oranmore, and Cloonarkin Drive, Oranmore, be released immediately to Mr. Kilraine.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

16. That Galway County Council repair a road leading from Cloonabricka, Ballinamona, on to Rookhill and flooding be relieved on this road.
17. If a 12 midnight closing time applies on all Planning Permissions for "take-aways" in County Galway.

DEPUTY ROBERT MOLLOY: - I will propose:

18. That immediate repairs be carried out to the road leading from Mike Walsh's house at Aille, Inverin, to Jimmy Carr's house.
19. That urgent repairs be carried out to the road leading from the Main Road to Nicholas Byrne's house at Claremount, Oughterard, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH: - I will propose:

20. That Galway County Council remove dangerous wall in order to improve visability at John Smith's house, Bawnmore, Corrandulla. (Details enclosed).

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD  
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P.J. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Clr. J. Joyce, Deputy M.P. 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'Conchubair, Councillors P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; D. O'Donoghue, Assistant City and County Manager; J. Howlett, Assistant County Manager; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.(Planning); M. Tierney, and F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineers; T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; T. Kavanagh, A. Fleming, Administrative Officers; B. Kennedy and T. Coughlan, Senior Staff Officers; and Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2173 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT  
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55412  
- APPLICANT: THOMAS O'BRIEN:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Ulick Burke and seconded by Councillor Martin Lynch. The County Manager submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member:

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the N6 Galway to Dublin National Primary Road approximately 3 miles west of Loughrea.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 53676: Permission was refused to Mr. Thomas O'Brien for retention of use of land for deposit of vehicles and sale of parts on the grounds of:-

1. Danger to public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.
2. Creation of an unsightly feature which would detract from the visual amenity of the area.
3. Contravention of the County Development Plan.

A resolution under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, was passed at a meeting of Galway County Council held on the 22nd May, 1987, directing that Planning Permission be granted in this case. The Deputy County Manager, on the advice of the County Solicitor, decided to refuse Planning Permission on 25th May, 1987.

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The applicant lodged on appeal with An Bord Pleanala. By decision dated 16th October, 1977, planning permission was refused by An Bord Pleanala.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located adjacent to the National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit applies, with an entrance opening onto a non-public lane which serves an existing dwellinghouse, commercial development and lands. The County Development Plan limits commercial development along the National Primary Road to alterations or extensions to existing uses, a category of development which does not apply in this case. Furthermore, the use of the site as a car compound apparently for the storage and dismantling of scrapped vehicles is unsightly, particularly on the edge of a busy National Primary Road in full view of road users. The hard shoulder of the National Primary Road has also been used for the parking of vehicles advertised as being "For Sale".

An Enforcement Notice under Section 31 of the 1963 Planning Act was served relating to this development. The Notice required that the use of the land for the scrapping etc. of vehicles be discontinued, that all vehicles and scrap be removed from the land and that the land be re-instated. Legal proceedings were instituted on foot of the Notice. A plea of guilty was entered at Loughrea District Court on 10th December, 1987, and the applicant undertook to comply with the Notice by 9th March, 1988.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. The development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road. In addition, the development would militate against the objectives of the Planning Authority to:-
  - (a) preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the road so that it can fulfill its function as a through road for heavy traffic.
  - (b) protect the public investment in the National road network.
2. The development by its nature would be an unsightly feature on a National Primary Road in full view of road users and would detract from the visual amenity of the area.
3. The development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 25, Table 25A) which limits commercial development along the National Primary Road to alterations or extensions to existing uses, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

Councillor Ulick Burke, in proposing the resolution, stated that this application differed from the previous application in two or three important ways. The site now proposed by



the applicant was not fronting onto the National Primary Road but had access onto a minor road which was also used by a Garage, several landowners, and one householder. The proposed site had been reduced from the size submitted under the previous application. The applicant had entered into a Contract which would ensure that the site would not be allowed to become unsightly and there would be regular removal of cars which had been partially dismantled by him and which would be of no further use. The applicant proposed to provide screening around the Compound while cars were being stored for collection. Councillor Burke stated that the applicant's sole way of living was through the business which he proposed to carry on. Councillor Burke referred to the statement in the report referring to vehicles being advertised for sale by the applicant and stated that the only car which the applicant sold was one which was owned by his family and that at no time are cars for sale on an on-going basis. The applicant had given great consideration to his new application and proposed to provide fast growing trees.

The County Engineer stated that the submission of this Section 4 Resolution contravened the agreement among the parties regarding the submission of Section 4 Resolutions on National Primary Routes. There was little difference between this application and the previous application which had been refused on Appeal by An Bord Pleanala. There was evidence also of a certain amount of repairs to cars being carried on.

The County Engineer stated that the main issue in relation to the application was that this development would create additional usage of the National Primary Road. The adjacent garage had been granted by Section 4 Resolution and this application would disimprove the situation further. The location of the development was on an extremely fast and dangerous stretch of road where speeds well in excess of the legal limit applied. There was a serious risk of accident which could have fatal consequences. The road referred to was a private laneway leading into a garage for which Planning Permission had been granted by Section 4 Resolution. All the traffic going into the site would have to turn off the National Primary Road onto this existing lane and there could be a conflict of movement where the garage and this proposed development would be using the same entrance. The usage of the entrance would be increased by this development and there could be slow moving vehicles transporting damaged cars, etc., to this development. If the Permission was granted, the major asset of the National Primary Road would not be protected and the development would contravene the County Development Plan. There was also the risk that the Department of the Environment would reduce grants for National Primary Road development to the Council if this type of development were allowed.

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that the entrance from the site did not come on to the National Primary Road but on to what was a public road being used by a Garage, landowners and another house. The other Garage had nothing to do with the present application. Councillor Joe Lambert supported Councillor Ulick Burke. Councillor Loughnane stated that the private by-road was used by a Garage, a house, and the applicant had a right-of-way to use it. He stated that the width of the road was 20 feet and that two vehicles could pass on it. The County Engineer stated that the road referred to was not a public road and that the type of vehicle entering onto it from the National Primary road would be slow moving and he was advising the Council strongly against adding to the hazards on National Primary Roads. Councillor Joe Burke stated that there are many County Roads in the County which were only 10 feet wide with entrances on to the National Primary Road and asked why this road which was 20 feet wide, was not acceptable in this case.

The County Engineer stated that the Council were trying to prevent an increase in dangerous turning movements on the National Primary Route.

There were no amendments proposed to the resolution and the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

2174 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55688  
- APPLICANT: SEAN KENNY:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Ulick Burke and seconded by Councillor Martin Lynch. The County Manager submitted the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member:

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the N6 National Primary Road o the Galway side of the level crossing at Craughwell.

HISTORY:

Planning Ref. No. 31819: Outline Permission for erection of National School. Further Information requested. Not received to date. Applicant: Rev. Martin McDonagh.

Planning Ref. No. 38521: Permission refused for joinery workshop. Applicant: Mr. Pat Finnerty.

Planning Ref. No. 38537: Outline Permission refused for dwellinghouse. Applicant: Mr. Pat Finnerty.

Planning Ref. No. 49485A: Outline Permission refused for dwellinghouse. Applicant: Mr. Joseph Connolly.

Planning Ref. No. 49486: Permission refused for filling station. Applicant: Mr. Joseph Connolly.

Planning Ref. No. 50076: Outline Permission refused for dwellinghouse. Applicant: Mr. Joseph Connolly.

Planning Ref. No. 50077: Permission refused on appeal by Bord Pleanala for erection of petrol service station. Applicant: Mr. Joseph Connolly.

Planning Ref. No. 55000: Permission refused for erection of dwellinghouse. Applicant: Mr. Sean Kenny.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the N6 National Primary Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies on the Galway side of the level crossing on the outskirts of the village of Craughwell. Permission was refused to the applicant on the 9th February, 1988, for the erection of a dwellinghouse on the site, Planning Ref. No. 55000. During the course of that application, it was stated that the applicant was engaged to the daughter of the owner of the site, Mrs. Anne Bane.



Further Information was requested and it was established that Mrs. Bane owned additional lands at Moyvilla on which a dwellinghouse could be erected with frontage onto a minor County Road.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road. In addition, the development would militate against the objectives of the Planning Authority to:-
  - (a) preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the road so that it can fulfill its function as a through road for heavy traffic.
  - (b) protect the public investment in the National Road network.
2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 25, Table 25A) which limits development along this road to those where essential family housing need exists, a category of development which does not apply in this case as alternatives exist."

Councillor Ulick Burke stated that the proposed development was to provide a second family dwelling as the applicant was to be married to the daughter of the owner of the land. The Council had failed to accept that it was a second family dwelling and he wished to point out that it was not possible for the applicant to use the alternative lands referred to at Moyvilla. Councillor Burke stated that the alternative lands suggested were beside the ruins of an ancient monument at Moyvilla. It was the only portion of land suitable for farming as the other lands in the area were not suitable for farming. The application in this case was for a second family dwelling. He stated that the mother was prepared to give a site to her daughter to enable her to build a house. Councillor Burke also stated that the speed limit in the Craughwell area should be extended outside the site of the proposed development. Councillor Martin Lynch stated that the applicant had gone to a lot of expense to establish the lands in her name. The owner of the land was a widow who wished to have her daughter living near her. Councillor Lynch also stated that the speed limit should be moved beyond the site as the site was in a building area adjacent to Craughwell. The applicant was working in Loughrea and it was not appropriate to suggest that he build a house at Moyvilla. The area, which was the subject of the application, was in a built up area near Craughwell Village and Craughwell School. Deputy Kitt and Councillor Michael Fahy supported the resolution.

Mr. P. Flood, County Engineer, outlined the requirements of the Development Plan in relation to second family dwellings. He stated that the lands on the minor road had been checked and that Planning Permission had been granted in respect of a site on this road but had not been availed of. This application was in respect of development on the National Primary Road and the submission of the resolution was in contravention of the agreement between the parties in relation to the submission of Section 4 Resolutions for development on National Primary Roads. There were a number of reasons

why Planning Permission should not be granted and all of the reasons which he had outlined in relation to the Section 4 resolution in respect of Thomas O'Brien's application applied in this case also. The development in this case was quite close to the level crossing and the development would diminish the capacity of the National Primary Road to accommodate fast moving traffic. The development would increase the risk of serious accident and would generate additional traffic as coal lorries and milk lorries would be turning into the site. Each turning had the potential for a serious accident on a National Primary Road and he strongly objected to Planning Permission being granted in this case.

Councillor Joe Burke stated that the alternative land was 4 miles away and the Council were being unreasonable in the definition of relative for second family dwelling. The County Engineer stated that he understood that the daughter was living with her mother at present and if a house was built by her on the minor road, she would be living nearer her mother. Councillor Ulick Burke stated that that particular site was for another member of the family and was not available to the applicant.

There were no amendments proposed to the resolution and the Chairman declared the resolution as set out on the Agenda carried.

2175 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, the Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 12th February, 1988, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor John Molloy, the Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 22nd February, 1988, were adopted and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Matt Loughnane stated in relation to the Minutes of the 12th February, 1988 that he had proposed that the Preliminary Report for the Craughwell Water Scheme be prepared by the Council's own Engineers, this had been seconded by Councillor Martin Lynch. Councillor Loughnane requested that this amendment be recorded and this was agreed by the Council.

2176 - CLOSING HOURS OF TAKE-AWAYS:

Deputy Michael Kitt referred to a reply which he had received to a Notice of Motion at the Council Meeting of the 11th March, 1988, relating to closing times for Take-Away food premises. He referred to the paragraph in the report which stated that should Take-Aways be situated away from residents, there would be no reason to restrict opening hours. Deputy Kitt stated that the limit of a 12 midnight closing time which was being imposed as a condition of Planning Permission by Galway County Council was unfair. He referred to a number of cases which had been referred by the Council to the High Court and regretted that no notice that the Council were so doing had been served on the people involved. Deputy Kitt quoted the proposed changes in the liquor laws whereby later opening hours would be allowed and asked that the Council review its policy in relation to closing times for Take-Aways. He stated that some of the people concerned had made application for Planning Permission to extend the closing times and he asked that an early decision be made by the Council on these applications.



Senator T. Hussey supported Deputy Kitt and stated that the closing time of 12 midnight was a disaster and that the businesses would be of no use if they could not operate after 12 midnight. Senator Hussey stated that mobile canteens would move in and operate during late hours on a unregulated basis.

Councillor Michael Ryan supported the previous speakers and stated that he was disappointed that a person in Moylough had been brought to the High Court without any Official of the Council calling on him beforehand. The business in Moylough gave a good service and was available late at night to lorry drivers during the Beet Campaign. There were three people employed in the business and the best trade was done late at night. During Carnival times, mobile vans moved in and left the areas unsightly. These areas had to be cleaned up by the Carnival Committee on the following day.

Deputy Noel Treacy supported the previous speakers and proposed that the proposed new changes in Licensing Laws be taken into account by the Council in determining closing time for these types of business.

Councillor Martin Lynch stated that he was in the business himself and stated that the best business was done late at night. He referred to the case in Glenamaddy where a person had invested £110,000 in the business and was employing 6 people. The business had been operating for three years and there had never been an objection. Councillors Joe Burke and Joe Callanan also supported the previous speakers. The County Manager stated that the people involved were in breach of conditions of Planning Permission and the Council had to take the necessary proceedings. As a result of the proceedings, new applications had been made and these would be considered on their merits. Late opening hours could result in endless trouble to neighbours of these businesses and the Council were applying normal trading hours as it was considered unreasonable to disturb neighbours. He would consider the points made by the Council in dealing with the Planning Applications.

Councillor F. Glynn suggested that Councillor Lynch should get together with his colleagues and draw up a list of guidelines which the Council might consider. Councillor Glynn was supported by Deputy Kitt.

Mr. T. O'Donoghue informed the Council that the High Court was the most efficient way of enforcing the Planning Law and gave details of the procedure involved. He stated that undertakings had been given by some of the applicants stating that they would not breach the Planning conditions until the new applications had been processed, and the matter had been adjourned by the High Court until July. Mr. O'Donoghue stated that all premises had been inspected prior to the High Court proceedings and all the persons involved had been treated in the same way. The Chairman stated that it was the decision of the Council that Councillor Lynch and other Councillors and persons interested should come together and make a submission for the consideration of the Council in relation to this matter.

2177 - TEMPORARY STRUCTURES FOR FARMING OF MUSHROOMS:

Councillor Ulick Burke asked that the question of fees in respect of Planning Applications for temporary structures for the farming of mushrooms be placed on Agenda for discussion at the next Meeting of the Council and that a report be prepared in relation to the regulations governing this matter. This was agreed.

2178 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55499: PADDY FORDE, MOYVILLA, ORANMORE:

Senator P. McCormack referred to the Section 4 Resolution which had been passed in relation to the granting of Planning Permission to Mr. Paddy Ford, Moyvilla, Oranmore, for the retention of an entrance to his dwellinghouse. Senator McCormack referred to the fact that the County Manager had sought legal advice and on the basis of the advice had not complied with the Section 4 Resolution. Senator McCormack referred to the Law Agent's advice which stated that where there was a direct conflict of opinion between the County Engineer and Councillors on a matter of Engineering expertise, it was the Law Agent's view that the opinion of a detached expert, namely, the County Engineer, must prevail.

Senator McCormack stated that before he had signed this Section 4 Resolution, he had visited the site and he was convinced that if the entrance was closed, a serious accident would be caused. He referred to an earlier case which he stated was similar under Planning Reference Number 31685 on which a Section 4 Resolution had been passed in May 1979, and for which Planning Permission had subsequently been granted. He asked for clarification in relation to the matter and stated that the Council could not have one law for one applicant and another law for another applicant. He stated that it appeared that Councillors' opinion counted for nothing, and having seen the site, he was convinced that if that entrance was closed, a far more dangerous situation would arise which could lead to a serious accident. The County Manager stated that there appeared to be a serious misconception in the minds of some Councillors as to the granting of Planning Permission as directed by Section 4 Resolution. He stated that when he was deciding on a Planning Permission, he was acting in a quasi judicial capacity and his decision had to be based on facts consistent with the Law. He was obliged to take the professional view of the County Engineer into account in dealing with applications, and each case must be dealt with objectively on its merits. In the case of Section 4 Resolutions, he took careful account of statements made by Councillors and in some cases, new information might be brought to light by Councillors. He did not refer all Section 4 Resolutions passed directing that Planning Permission be granted to the Law Agent, but if Councillors wished him to do so, he could arrange accordingly.

The County Engineer stated that he had visited the site and that he always visited sites which were the subject of Section 4 Resolutions for Planning Permission. He had stated that if the applicant in the Moyvilla case was agreeable to use one or other of the entrances, this could be considered but the applicant had made no proposals in this regard. He was not in a position to comment at the Meeting on the other case referred to by Senator McCormack as the area involved was now in the extended area of Galway Corporation and the files on the case had gone to the Corporation.

2178 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED FOR 1988/89:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, that Mr. John Molloy be appointed as the Council's nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited for 1988/89.



It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Martin Lynch, that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh be appointed as the Council's nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited for 1988/89.

A vote taken on the two proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor 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, and Clr. T. Welby.

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FOR COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Senator P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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The Chairman declared Councillor John Molloy appointed as the nominee of Galway County Council to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited for 1988/1989.

2179 - REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION 1987:

The Statement for County Rate Collection for 1987 which was circulated to each Member was noted.

2180 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1986:

The Council considered the Abstract of Accounts 1986, details of which were circulated to each Member. The Council were informed that the total Revenue Expenditure for 1986 was within the amount adopted by the Council at its Annual Estimates Meeting and the question of Ministerial approval to excess expenditure did not arise. There were excess expenditures over Estimates under some headings which were covered by savings under other headings, and in order to meet the legal requirements for voting adequate expenditure for each specific heading, the Council's approval was sought to the expenditure amounts listed below.

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, and resolved:

"That the Council approve of the following excess expenditure in respect of the financial year ended 31st December, 1986, such excess expenditure to be met from increased income and expenditure savings in other Programmes:

Table with 2 columns: Programme description and Amount (£). Rows include Road Improvement (306,295), Land use - Planning (6,084), Administration and Miscellaneous (1,220), Waste Disposal (42,051), Swimming Pools (2,706), Parks, Open Spaces, etc. (126,248), Other Recreation and Amenity (1,456), and Administration and Miscellaneous (31,312).

2181 - RELOCATION OF MACHINERY YARD:

The County Manager informed the Council that agreement had been reached with Galway Corporation for the purchase of 0.611 Hectares of land and buildings having an area of 2596 square metres at Sandy Road, Galway. The land and buildings form part of the Complex acquired by the Corporation from G.T.P. Ltd. in 1986. The agreed price for the premises was £90,000 which would be payable to the Corporation in two instalments -

50% on signing of the Contract, and the remaining 50% on the 1st January, 1989.

The County Manager stated that the purchase of these premises would enable the Council to vacate the Machinery Yard/Store Complex presently located in a confined area behind the County Buildings and to relocate these facilities at Sandy Road. This matter had been discussed by the Members on a number of occasions and Members had asked that the area involved be vacated to facilitate future office extensions and carparking.

In reply to Councillor Michael Ryan, the County Manager stated that the Council would be formulating proposals in relation to a new Motor Tax Office in the near future. The Council agreed with the proposals to relocate the Machinery Yard as outlined by the County Manager.

2182 - 1988 TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME:

The Council considered the 1988 Tenant Purchase Scheme, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, seconded by Deputy Michael P. Kitt and agreed that the 1988 Tenant Purchase Scheme be approved.

Mr. J. Howlett outlined details of the Scheme to the Members and stated that details of the scheme would be circulated to each tenant within the next week or so.

Councillor P. Finnegan welcomed the terms of the new scheme and stated that it was important that the market values established by the Council be realistic. A number of Councillors welcomed the scheme and Mr. J. Howlett replied to queries raised. A number of Councillors asked that greater consideration be given to long term Social Welfare recipients in accepting them for Tenant Purchase. Mr. J. Howlett stated that in relation to market values, each case would have to be taken on its merits and each applicant who was in receipt of Social Welfare would also have to be dealt with on his/her merits.

Senator Nioclás O'Conchubhair asked that the Council write to the Department of the Environment and request that the discount in respect of new House Grants in Gaeltacht areas be increased to £3,000 in line with the amount of Grant available for new houses in the Gaeltacht. It was agreed that this matter would be taken up with the Department of the Environment. Mr. J. Howlett stated that houses would be sold on market value which would be determined by the Council. The Council would consider engaging independent Valuers to establish market value for houses where necessary. Houses would be sold in their existing condition and market value would not be determined in accordance with updated all-in cost as in previous schemes.

2183 - HOUSE CONSTRUCTION ALLOCATION 1988:

Details of the House Construction allocation made to Galway County Council for 1988 as set out in Circular Letter No. N3/88 dated 21st March, 1988, from the Department of the Environment, were circulated to each Member. The Council noted the allocation and it was agreed that this matter could be considered further at the next Housing Meeting.



2184 - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES - LEGAL ADVICE:

The Council considered the Legal Advice of the Law Agent in relation to Local Improvement Schemes dated 3rd March, 1988, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member with the Agenda. This matter had arisen as a result of queries raised by a number of Councillors in relation to Local Improvement Schemes at a previous meeting.

Senator P. McCormack stated that the Legal Advice just stated the present position and did not solve the problems raised by him. He referred to the Scheme at Barnagorteeny which he had raised at a previous Meeting and which had not been completed. He repeated his earlier proposal that Local Improvement Schemes be given out to Tender.

The County Engineer stated that he had visited the location of the Local Improvement Scheme referred to by Senator McCormack. An item had been stated in the Estimate for blasting but no blasting had taken place. A large amount of rock had, however, been taken out by a jack hammer. The road involved was a mountain road and work on the road proved difficult as some materials had to be taken up the road in stages. He was satisfied that the money spent was spent well and the base of the road which had been provided was sound.

Councillor J. Joyce referred to a location in his area which had been flooded and he was hoping that some improvements could be carried out under a Local Improvement Scheme. It was agreed that Councillor Joyce should submit the details of the case for consideration by the Council.

Councillor P. McHugh stated that the Legal Advice did not deal adequately with the queries raised by him. He referred in particular to Clause 8 of the terms and conditions and asked that this matter be further clarified.

In reply to queries raised, Mr. T. O'Donoghue, Law Agent, stated that once the agreed sum had been expended on a Local Improvement Scheme, no further funds could be spent by the Council. There was no obligation on the Council to complete the full amount of the works if the estimate as originally prepared proved inadequate and the Council were tied entirely to the amount of allocation specified for each particular scheme.

Mr. J. Howlett replied to a number of queries raised by Councillors and it was agreed that the memorandum of the Department of the Environment dealing with the regulations governing Local Improvement Schemes would be circulated to each Member.

2185 - DATE FOR ROADS MEETING:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Joyce, and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, that the Council fix the 6th May as the date for the Special Roads Meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, and seconded by Senator P. McCormack that the 11th April be fixed as the date for the Special Roads Meeting. On a show of hands, Councillor Ryan's amendment was defeated by 8 votes against to 7 votes for. On a show of hands, Councillor Joyce's proposal was agreed by 8 votes for to 7 votes against. The Chairman declared that the date for the Special Roads Meeting would be the 6th May, 1988.

2186 - INISHMAAN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

A report on this matter had been requested by Senator Nioclas O'Conchubhair at a previous meeting. The following report was given to the Council:

"The present position in relation to the Inishmaan Water Supply Scheme is that apart from restriction on use during periods of drought, the existing storage capacity is sufficient for present needs.

The provision of an additional reservoir is on the Council's Priority List for the provision of major water schemes and sewerage schemes.

The estimated cost at present prices is £183,000.

The next stage is to acquire a site for the Reservoir, and the Council will be initiating the necessary land acquisition as soon as possible. The construction of the Reservoir will depend on the availability of Capital Allocation."

Senator O'Conchubhair asked that the land acquisition be expedited.

2187 - SPIDDAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Senator Nioclas O'Conchubhair requested that a report be brought to the Council at the Council Meeting of the 25th April, 1988, in relation to the Spiddal Water Scheme dealing with lands which were flooded. This was agreed.

2188 - PROPOSAL UNDER THE WATER SUPPLIES ACT, 1942, FOR COSTELLOE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME  
PROPOSED SOURCE - GLENICMURRIN LOUGH:

It was proposed by Senator Nioclas O'Conchubhair, seconded by Councillor Micheal O'Morain, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from a lake known as Glenicmurrin Lough situated in the Townlands of Derrykyle and Knockadoagh in the District Electoral Division of Kilcummin (Galway); Muckanaghkillew in the District Electoral Division of Kilcummin (Oughterard); Lettermuckoo in the District Electoral Division of Camus; and Derrynea in the District Electoral Division of Crumpaun in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of providing a supply of water for the Costelloe Regional Water Supply Scheme to serve the region described in the schedule hereto, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as the "Costelloe Regional Water Supply Scheme", hereby make this Proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such supply of water from the said lake known as Glenicmurrin Lough, sufficient for the requirements of the said region.

The whole of the said supply is to be taken from the said lake at an intake point situated near the south eastern extremity of Glenicmurrin Lough and in the Townland of Knockadoagh, shown on Drawing No. 11/4/23, made for the purpose of the said scheme by Messrs. P.J. Tobin & Company, Consulting, Civil and Structural Engineers, 22, Eyre Square, Galway.

Only part of the water in the said lake is to be taken.

The maximum rate at which it is proposed to take water is 12,600 c.m. per day when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The highest winter level recorded on the lake is 29.27 m. O.D. and the lowest summer level recorded is 28.28 m. O.D. i.e., a variation of 990 mm. It is proposed



to control the lake within a 600 mm band with an upper control level of 29.05 m. O.D. and a lower control level of 28.45 m. O.D.

As an ancillary operation it is proposed to construct a barrage across the Cashla River at the south western extremity of Glenicmurrin Lough shown on Drawing Nos. 11/4/67, 11/4/68 and 11/4/69. The barrage will incorporate adjustable gates to control the lake within the stated levels of 29.05 m. O.D. and 28.45 m. O.D. and will also include a fish pass to allow for the passage of fish at all times across the structure. The cill level on the storm weir of the barrage will be at a level of 29.05 m. O.D.

An intake pipeline and pumping station will be constructed at the proposed abstraction point at the south eastern extremity of Glenicmurrin Lough and water will be pumped from there to a high level Water Treatment Works at Derrykyle.

SCHEDULE

REGION TO BE SERVED

<u>Townland</u>	<u>District Electoral Division</u>
Ballintleva, Ballynahown South, Banraghbaun South, Cartron, Cartronlahan, Derroogh South, Derrykyle, Inveran, Keeraunagark South, Knockadoagh, Minna, Rossaveel, Tonacrick, Tully.	Kilcummin (Galway)
Barraderry, Carrowroe North, Carrowroe South, Carrowroe West, Clynagh, Derrynea, Keeraunbeg.	Crumpaun
Annaghvaan Island, Bealadangan, Lettercallow, Lettermore.	Lettermore
Furnace, Knock, Lettermullan, Maumeen, Teeranea.	Gorumna

and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this Proposal."

2189 - PROPOSAL UNDER THE WATER SUPPLIES ACT, 1942, FOR TUAM REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME PROPOSED SOURCE - LOUGH CORRIB:

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, and seconded by Councillor P. McHugh, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from a lake known as Lough Corrib situated in the Counties of Galway and Mayo for the purpose of providing a supply of water for the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme to serve the areas described in the schedule hereunder, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts, 1878 to 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as the "Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme", hereby make this Proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such a supply of water from the said source known as Lough Corrib, sufficient for the requirements of the said region. The whole of the said supply is to be taken from the said lake at an intake point situated in Ballinduff Bay in the townlands of Luimnagh East and Luimnagh West.

This abstraction point is shown on Drawing No. W.O. 1/080687 made for the purpose of this order by Messrs. Ryan Hanley & Company, Consulting Engineers, The Villa, The Crescent, Galway.

Only part of the water in the said lake is to be taken. It is proposed to abstract the water at a maximum rate of 50,000 cubic metres per day when the scheme is fully developed ultimately.

The estimated lowest summer level of the lake is 8.29 metres O.D. The water will be taken from the lake through a raw water intake chamber constructed on the lakebed together with intake appurtenances and pipework to a lakeshore based pumping installation and a substantial access walkway from shore to chamber will be constructed at a level above the maximum recorded lake level of 9.72 m. O.D. The water shall be pumped at a maximum rate of 50,000 cubic metres per day. The catchment area discharging rain water to Lough Corrib measures 3,111 sq. km. The lake itself has an area of 170 sq. km. and has a storage capacity of 3,400,000 cubic m per 20 millimetre depth. It is considered that the taking of 50,000 cubic metres of water per day from the lake would have no measurable effect on the level of the lake.

SCHEDULE

REGION TO BE SERVED

DISTRICT ELECTORAL DIVISION

Killursa	Killeany	Ballinduff
Kilcoona	Donaghpatrick	Beaghmore
Annaghdown (Galway)	Liscananaun	Claregalway
Annaghdown (Tuam)	Killower	Kilshanvy
Lackaghbeg	Kilmoylan	Ballinderry
Cummer	Claretuam	Belclare
Killererin	Ballynapark	Abbey West
Kilbennan	Killeen	Foxhall
Deerpark	Headford	Tuam Rural
Tuam Urban	Addergoole	Milltown
Doonbally	Dunmore (South)	Carrowrevagh
Levally	Hillsbrook	Moyné
Abbey East	Cooloo	

and that the Seal of the Council be affixed to this Proposal."

2190 - REPORT ON AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1987:

The Council noted the report on the Audit of Accounts for the Galway Vocational Education Committee for the three years ended 31st December, 1987.

2191 - NATIONAL PLANNING CONFERENCE 1988 - 7TH/8TH APRIL, 1988, IN CORRIB HOTEL, GALWAY:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Senator P. McCormack and agreed that the attendance of Councillor Tiarnan Walsh be approved at this Conference.

It was proposed by Deputy Noel Treacy, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh and resolved that the attendance of Councillor P. Raftery be approved at this Conference.



It was proposed by Deputy Noel Treacy, seconded by Councillor J. Joyce and agreed that the attendance of Councillor P. McHugh be approved at this Conference.

Senator P. McCormack asked that the Organisers of the Conference be requested to allow any further Members to attend as observers. The County Secretary stated that this matter could be taken up with the organisers but that the Council were restricted by Ministerial Order to paying the Registration Fee and Expenses of the three Councillors.

2192 - JOINT LIBRARY CONFERENCE 1988 - BELFAST - 18TH/21ST APRIL, 1988:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh and agreed that the attendance of Councillor John Molloy be approved at this Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Michael Mullins and agreed that the attendance of Councillor John Mannion be approved at this Conference.

2193 - I.F.H.P. CONFERENCE - THE HAGUE - MAY 15TH-20TH, 1988:

It was agreed that no nominations would be made by the Council for attendance at this Conference.

2194 - L.A.M.A. CONFERENCE - KILKENNY 8TH/9TH APRIL, 1988:

It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Deputy Noel Treacy, that the attendance of Councillor P. Finnegan be approved at this Conference instead of Councillor J. Joyce who indicated that he was unable to attend.

2195 - SYMPATHY:

Ar mholadh an Comhairleoir Micheal O'Morain, do ghlac an Chomhairle run comhbhron le clann Mairtin O Direain, File agus Scriobhneoir o Oilean Arainn.

Deputy Noel Treacy proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Liam Kavanagh, Planning Officer on the recent death of his father.

Councillor Matt Loughnane proposed a vote of sympathy with Mr. Paddy & Mrs. Anne Cooney, Knockatoher, Kiltulla, Athenry, Co. Galway, on the recent death of Mr. Dominic Cooney.

Councillor Michael Kitt proposed a vote of sympathy with the family of the late Edward Kenny, Cross Street, Loughrea, who died recently.

All the Members associated themselves with the votes of sympathy.

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

A vote of sympathy was also adopted with Mr. Michael J. Finnerty, Clough Cross, Curteen, Ballinasloe, on the death of his Aunt Miss Brigid M. Finnerty.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

2196 - FLOODING CLOSE TO THE HILL OF AUGHRIM: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"A report covering all the matters in your Notice of Motion is being prepared at present and a reply to your Notice of Motion will be available for the next Meeting of the Council."

2197 - LANDS AT KILTIERNAN, ARDRAHAN, - SEAN KILRAINE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"NOTICE OF MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY RELATING TO LANDS AT KILTIERNAN EAST, CO. GALWAY, PROPERTY OF SEAN AND PATRICIA KILRAINE, WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF A CHARGE, REGISTERED WITH THE LAND REGISTRY IN FAVOUR OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Charge was provided by the above named developers in order to comply with the requirements of Condition No. 2 of Planning Approval Register No. 20725 granted on 3rd May, 1976, for a housing development at Oranmore, now known as Cloonarkin Drive. The Condition requires that the developer provide an acceptable security to ensure the construction, satisfactory completion and maintenance until taken in charge by the County Council, of services to the development.

The Deed of Charge executed by the above named developers, provided that they will pay to the County Council, on demand, the sum of £9,000 or such additional sum as may be required in the event of their failure to provide, satisfactorily complete, and maintain the services until taken in charge by the County Council and the Charge was provided as security in support of that undertaking.

The roads and footpaths servicing the housing estate have been taken in charge by the County Council but the sewage treatment plant has not. The treatment plant has not been provided and maintained to the satisfaction of the County Council.

A statutory notice under the Public Health Acts was served on the developers in 1984, requiring them to take measures to abate a nuisance arising because the sewage treatment plant had failed to function properly and an Order was obtained in the District Court on 21st August, 1984, requiring the developers to take appropriate measures to abate the nuisance.

The developers failed to take the necessary measures and the County Council took emergency measures to abate the nuisance in the interests of public health. The County Council has continued, since 1984, to take measures as necessary to prevent a public health nuisance arising from the treatment plant serving a nearby housing estate which is also the responsibility of the developers. These measures include the continued payment since 1984 of electricity charges for current consumed in the operation of these treatment plants.

Demands for reimbursement of the Council's expenditure in these cases have been made on the developers but no payment has been received. Direct expenditure to 31st December, 1987, in respect of the treatment plant at



Cloonarkin Drive amounted to £20,638.09 and the corresponding expenditure in relation to the other treatment plant was £1,689.27.

In view of the foregoing and because the sewage treatment plant serving Cloonarkin Drive requires to be brought up to a proper standard, the County Council would not be entitled to release the charge on the lands at Kiltiernan East."

2198 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT A PUBLIC LIGHT OUTSIDE BALLYMANA CHURCH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"There is no provision in the 1988 Estimates for any additions to the public lighting system."

2199 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE YOU AN UP-TO-DATE POSITION OF THE KINVARA WATER SUPPLY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The tender for Production Wells is approved and work has commenced on the access road to the Borehole site at Lougharragh South.

Contract documents for the Civil Works including pumphouse Reservoir and pipelines sent to the Department in 1986 and we await approval to seek Tenders."

2200 - PROVISION OF PLAYGROUND IN TOWN OF ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"No provision has been made in this year's budget for this item and there will be no spare funds from any other source this year. The provision of playgrounds implies considerable liability on the part of the Council regarding potential accidents, and consequently claims, and this should be taken into consideration. Insurance conditions requires regular safety inspections and logging of same. Financial provision will be required for such inspection and for regular maintenance."

2201 - CORAS CEART EISILTE AG SRUTHAN, AN CHEATHRU RUA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Ta coras eisilte ag an gCeathru Rua cheana fein agus mar phairt don choras sin, ta tronc dha mhile ar fhad a scaoilean eisealt neamh-coraithé isteach i gCuan Cashla in aice le Ce Sruffaun.

Deanfar macnamh ar aon tairiscinti eile ag tabhairt san aireamh Ord Pranach an Chomhairle Chontae, agus an meid airgead ata ar fail do phriomh oibreacha searachas."

2202 - SCEIM UISCE ROS MUC - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh do'n Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Tar eis tuarascal a chur faoi bhraid an Comhairle Condae i Marta 1987, chun sceim teoranta le costas meastaithe 1.8 milliun, a choinneadh cuid de na sean meadar-uisce agus nach mbeadh ann ach trasna farraige amhain in ait dha thrasnu, agus shocraigh na Comhairleoiri Condae cead le haghaidh an sceim ar fad a lorg on Roinn, de reir an tuiriscint a fuair an Comhairle Condae ar an 23/8/1985 (lan costas faoi lathair meastaithe ag £2.65 milliun). Cuireadh an sceal faoi bhraid an Roinn."

2203 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT EXAMINATION WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING CROSSROAD SIGN POSTING AT BELCLARE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The junction is the intersection of County Roads Nos. 152 and 153 in the Townland of Carheens. Traffic travelling from Castle Hackett in the north west or from Cumber in the south east must yield at the intersection as indicated by statutory sign Nos. 116 (major road ahead) which are in place. Yield signs and road markings are also clearly visible."

2204 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SEEK EXTENSION TO THE ENCLOSED LIST OF S.E.S. SCHEMES (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"All Social Employment Schemes in the Headford Area are ongoing and are due to expire in August or September 1988. Decisions on whether to apply for continuations on all S.E.S. are taken only a relatively short time before the expiration date, when they can be taken in light of progress made during the life of the scheme, and outstanding work remaining to be done at that time. Applications for continuations would be premature at this stage.

The River Walk Scheme was a Youth Employment Scheme which is no longer in existence."

2205 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT DRAINAGE WORK AT MOYCULLEN (details supplied): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The roadside drains, the maintenance of which is the responsibility of Galway County Council, will be cleaned in the near future."

2206 - BUILDING OF RURAL HOUSES: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"I wish to inform you that the Council have received details of the Capital Allocation for House Construction for 1988 on the 21st March, 1988, and the details have been submitted by the Assistant County Manager to each Member.

The allocation includes a provision of £395,000 for rural houses and demountable houses and the number of new starts to be undertaken with this money is governed by a formula set out in page 2 of the Circular. It states that the number of new starts that maybe undertaken must be limited to that number which will allow 50% of the total all in cost to be financed from the allocation of £395,000. The



provision of houses in accordance with the terms of the allocation will be undertaken in accordance with priority cases of urgent need and the programme for the provision of rural houses in 1988 is being prepared at present."

- 2207 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PERMIT NOTICE OF MOTION MONEY TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING WHERE COMMITMENTS WERE GIVEN IN 1986 BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"Notice of Motion Money may not be used for the provision of new Public Lighting. There is no provision of new public lights in the 1988 Estimates. The extinguishment of existing public lights is now considered necessary in order to reduce the costs of Public Lighting maintenance and a Schedule of such lights to be extinguished is being considered.

Increased running costs arising from the provision of new lights cannot be sustained within the current financial restrictions on the Council."

- 2208 - THAT 6 NEW HOUSES BE BUILT IN LAURENCETOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"I wish to inform you that the Council's initial allocation for construction of houses in 1988 has been received on the 21st March, 1988, and details of this allocation has been circulated to each Member by the Assistant County Manager. No provision has been included in the allocation for the construction of schemes of houses in this allocation. The degree of urgency for further housing in Laurencetown is not as great as the need to provide urgently needed rural houses throughout the County. Any further housing development in Laurencetown will also have to be considered in the light of adequate sewerage facilities to serve an additional scheme."

- 2209 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ELIMINATE THE SERIOUS DAMAGE BEING DONE TO HOUSE NO. 63/9/206 AT LISDOONAUN, EYRECOURT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"This house has been vested since 1972 and the problem first came to light in 1983. The Council could not, in any way, be held responsible for this problem."

- 2210 - FLOODING PROBLEM ON THE WOODFORD/SCARIFF ROAD AT BOLAG TOWNLAND, WOODFORD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"This work has already been completed as part of normal maintenance."

- 2211 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR, RENEW AND RESURFACE THE ROAD LEADING THROUGH ENGLISHTOWN, KILTORMER, BLLINASLOE, OFF THE MAIN KILTORMER ROAD NORTHWARDS: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"This road CR 529 is a stop and County Road, a spur off the main section of CR 529 and is approximately 2/3 mile long. due to the lack of funding for County Roads it will not be possible to carry out any work on this road with the exception of normal tarpatching maintenance and opening of watertables."

- 2212 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY REPAIR, RENEW, RESURFACE AND TAR THE ROAD LEADING FROM ADRIGOOLE CEMETERY THROUGH CARRONTHOMAS INTO CLOONAGH: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The estimated cost of repairing, renewing and resurfacing the road from Adrigoole Cemetery into Cloonagh is £30,000. There are no funds available to carry out this work. The road is a relatively minor road, and its repair is not considered a priority in the present financial circumstances."

- 2213 - THAT A SIGN INDICATING SCENIC ROUTE BE ERECTED AT THE JUNCTION LEADING TO ROUNDSTONE AT BALLINAFAD ON THE CLIFDEN ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"A scenic route sign will be erected at the above location in the near future."

- 2214 - CHILDREN CROSSING SIGN AT ROUNDSTONE SCHOOL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Statutory Sign No. 125, advance warning sign of school ahead, will be erected at the head of the road leading to the school in Roundstone as requested."

- 2215 - WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY PAID OUT TO MEMBERS OF INTERVIEW BOARDS FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS? - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"I wish to inform you that it will require alot of research work to extract this information and the information will not be available for the Meeting of the 28th March, 1988. The extracting of information of this nature stretching back over 7 years will be costly in terms of staff resources, and I wish to enquire if it would be satisfactory to you to produce the information for a lesser period of say the last 3 years. On hearing from you, I will deal with the matter further."

- 2216 - WHAT MONIES ALLOCATED FOR ROADWORK PROJECTS IN THE MOYCULLEN AREA FROM JUNE 1985 TO DATE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"There is no Moycullen Engineering Area but Moycullen is included in the Oughterard Engineering Area. To enable research to be carried out on your question, it would be helpful if you could identify the schemes or projects you have in mind."



2217 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EXTEND THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE CHURCH ROAD, MOYCULLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The Road Traffic (Speed Limits)(County Borough of Galway and County of Galway) Regulations, 1987, came into effect on 2nd November, 1987.

The 1987 Regulations revised the Speed Limits on the N 59 through the village of Moycullen. However, the speed limit on the Church Road has not been amended.

The County Council will propose the revision of the Speed Limit on the Church Road to be included in the next review."

2218 - EXTENSION OF CLOUGHANOWER GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Efforts to purchase land at a reasonable price for Cloughanower extension proved unsuccessful. The Donaghpatrick Burial Ground is 3 miles (approximately) distant from Cloughanower Burial Ground and has 1,500 (approximately) grave spaces left. It is considered that the Donaghpatrick Burial Ground will cater for the needs of the Cloughanower area for the present.

No monies have been allocated this year for improvements to the existing Burial Ground. Investigations will be carried out to see if some improvements could be carried out to the existing Burial Ground and entrance out of Burial Ground upkeep, or under the Social Employment Scheme."

2219 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE ITINERANTS FROM ENTRANCE AT COOLE PARK, GORT, TO A SUITABLE SITE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The Council are trying to identify a suitable site at present in the Coole Park area for the provision of a Hardstand to accommodate the Travellers located at the entrance to Coole Park."

2220 - THAT THE COUNCIL TAKE IN CHARGE THE ROAD FROM MOYGLASS IN LOUGH ATORICK ROAD TO THE LOUGH ATORICK/WOODFORD ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"It is not recommended that this road be taken in charge as it is not up to the required width (11 ft. wide) along its entire length."

2221 - CORRESPONDENCE:

Copies of the following letters were circulated to each Member:

- (1) Letter dated 2nd March, 1988, from the Office of the Minister for Finance re farmer taxation and the proposal that an option system i.e., Land Tax or Tax on Accounts, be introduced.
- (2) Letter dated 3rd March, 1988, from Athlone Urban District Council re Fishing Licence Fees.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

22u la Marta, 1988.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 28u la Marta, 1988, ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

E. O'GLIASAIN,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Permission to Thomas O'Brien to retain a car compound at Clostoken, Loughrea. - Planning Ref. No. 55412."

Ulick Burke. Michael Fahy. Martin Lynch. Michael Kitt.

2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Meeting of 12th February, 1988.
- (b) Monthly Meeting of 22nd February, 1988.

3. Appointment of nominee to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited for 1988/89.
4. Report on Rate Collection 1987. (Report enclosed).
5. Abstract of Accounts, 1986. (Report enclosed)
6. Relocation of Council's Machinery Yard.
7. New Tenant Purchase Scheme for Local Authority Houses. (Details enclosed).
8. Local Improvement Schemes - Legal Advice. (Copy enclosed).
9. Fix date for Roads Meeting.
10. Inishmaan Water Supply Scheme - provision of additional storage Reservoir.

Submitted, approved and confirmed  
W. J. Donohoe Date 25u Aibreán 1988  
Chairman



11. Making of Proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942, to take a supply of water from Glenicmurrin Lough for Costelloe Regional Water Supply Scheme. - Details enclosed.
12. Making of Proposal under the Water Supplies Act, 1942, to take a supply of water from Lough Corrib for the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme. - Details enclosed.
13. Report on Audit of Accounts of the County Galway Vocational Education committee for the three years ended 31st December, 1987. (Copy enclosed).
14. National Planning Conference 1988 - 7th/8th April, 1988, in Corrib Hotel, Galway. - (Details enclosed).
15. Joint Library Conference 1988 - Belfast - 18th/21st April, 1988. (Details enclosed).
16. I.F.H.P. Conference - The Hague - May 15th-20th, 1988. (Details enclosed).
17. Malicious Injury Decrees - List enclosed.
18. Business submitted by the County Manager.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

19. That immediate action be taken to alleviate the serious difficulties being encountered by motorists close to the Hill of Aughrim and adjacent to a house (details supplied) that this action should include termination and prevention of any water accumulating or flowing from the Hill of Aughrim down along this stretch of road which is making the road dangerous for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians alike, and that these works would be carried out forthwith.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY: - I will propose:

20. That the lands at Kiltiernan, Ardrahan, which was owned by Sean Kilraine and are held in bond by the Council in respect of the housing estates at Beech Grove, Oranmore, and Cloonarkin Drive, Oranmore, be released immediately to Mr. Kilraine.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council put a public light outside Ballymana Church. There is already a pole and a transformer outside the gate so there is only need to put up a fitting there. Because at night or early morning, there are steps leading up to the Church and it can be very dangerous for old people.
22. That the Galway County Council give me an up-to-date position of the Kinvara Water Supply.
23. That the Galway County Council provide a playground in the Town of Athenry as there is a public park there at the moment. But there is no facilities in the park for children to play and I was wondering if the Council could provide some savings, roundabouts, etc., and make the children of Athenry happy.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

24. Ceard a tharla don mholadh a deanadh maidir le meastuchan a ullmhu le coras ceart uisce ag Sruthan, An Cheathru Rua. An bhfuil an obair seo idir laimhe?
25. Cen staid ina bhfuil sceim uisce Rosmuc ag a bpointe seo. Socraíodh go mbeadh se ar Clar an Chomhairle Chontae go rialta maidir leis an dul chun cinn a bhi dha dheanamh.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

26. That the County Council carry out examination with a view to improving crossroad sign posting at Belclare. (Details supplied).
27. That the County Council seek extension to the enclosed list of S.E.S. schemes and inform me what is the current position on specific proposals. (Details supplied).



COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: (Continued)

28. That the County Council carry out drainage work at Moycullen as outlined. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR JOE BRENNAN: - I will propose:

29. That a reasonable amount of time be allocated to discuss health matters relating to County Galway; that motions be forwarded from the County Council to the Western Health Board - to be supported by the Galway representatives on the Health Board and that they report back to the Council on their deliberations within a reasonable time and that Health Board Officials be invited to discuss specific matters to meetings.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will ask:

30. Galway County Council if any money has been made available by the Department of the Environment to build rural houses in this country. I am aware of extremely urgent cases which cannot be continually disregarded.
31. That Galway County Council permit Notice of Motion money to be used for public lighting where commitments were given in 1986 by Galway County Council. I note that Castleview Park, Kinvara, has recently been taken in charge.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE - I will propose:

32. That six new houses be built on the Council's housing site in Laurencetown to cater for the housing needs of the people of the area.
33. That the County Council eliminate the serious damage being done to house no. 63/9/206 at Lisdoonaun, Eyrecourt, by a watercourse or spring which is under the house, despite the fact that this is a vested house.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

34. That Galway County Council take immediate action to alleviate the recurring flooding problem on the Woodford/Scariff Road at Bolag Townland, Woodford, that the culvert which should be taking this water and which has collapsed be restored to a functioning capacity immediately, and that the other ancillary works be carried out to eliminate this difficulty, that the date that these works will be commenced and the cost thereof be included also.
35. That Galway County Council repair, renew and resurface the road leading through Englishtown, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, off the main Kiltormer road northwards, serving six houses and several farms and that the drains along this road be cleaned immediately and the bushes, briars, etc., on the roadside be cut forthwith.
36. That Galway County Council immediately repair, renew, resurface and tar the road leading from Adrigoole Cemetery through Carronthomas into Cloonagh, a distance of circa 2 miles which is urgently needed as this road is in a disgraceful situation, the dates on this work will be done, the amount of money being allocated to same and any other relevant information.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: - I will propose:

37. That a sign indicating scenic route be erected at the junction leading to Roundstone at Ballinafad on the Clifden Road.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: (Continued)

38. Due to fact that the Roundstone School is located on a side road in the village and that over 100 children attend it, I am requesting that a sign be erected at the top of the road to warn motorists of children crossing.
39. What is the total amount of money paid out to members of Interview Boards for the past seven years.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH: - I will propose:

40. What monies allocated for roadworks projects in the Moycullen area from June 1985 to date were subsequently reallocated to other areas? - What amounts of money were involved? To which areas they were reallocated? For what reasons? On whose authority?
41. That Galway County Council extend the speed limit on the Church Road, Moycullen.
42. That Galway County Council purchase additional land to facilitate the extension of Cloughanower Graveyard and also that improvement works be carried out to the existing graveyard particularly to improve the dangerous entrance. There are no graves available in the existing graveyard.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

43. That Galway County Council acquire a suitable site to accommodate the Travellers located at present at entrance to Coole Park, Gort.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

44. That the Council take in charge the road from Moyglass in Lough Atorick road to the Lough Atorick/Woodford Road. This is a link road at Tourleitra.

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Name and Address  Patrick Jennings, 27 Long Walk, Galway.	Particulars of Claim  Damage to equipment and property	Area of Charge  County at large	Amount of Claim  £20,000	Amount of Decree including costs.  £15,617.56
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MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREE

MARCH MEETING

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT HALLA PAROISTE, CARNA, ON FRIDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1988.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Micheal O'Morain.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, 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, Senator N. O'Conchubhair, Councillors P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; D. O'Donoghue and J. Howlett, Assistant County Managers; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, County Secretary; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); R. Killeen, S.E.E.; D. Barrett, and C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officers.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

2149 - Chuir an Chathaoirleach, An Chomhairleoir Micheal O'Morain failte roimh na Comhairleoiri agus baill den foireann go dti Carna. Ghabh se leithséal o'n Teachta Nodhlaig O Treasaigh, Aire Stat; agus Comhairleoiri Seosamh O Callanan, Seosamh de Burca, agus Marc Killilea, nach raibh in ann bheith i lathair.

Duirt se gur la stairiul e seo do fein bheith i gceannas cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe sa Hall Pharoiste a raibh ina teach scoile uair amhain agus ait in ar chuaig se ar scoil ann.

2150 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 54055  
- APPLICANT: MS. WENDY BYRNE:

The Council were informed that the County Manager had decided to grant Planning Permission in this case.

2151 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 55317  
- APPLICANT: KEVIN LALLY:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Frank Fahey, and seconded by Councillor John Molloy.

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

"The site is located on the Galway to Limerick National Primary Road, N.18, approximately 2 miles south of Oranmore.

HISTORY:

Ref. No. 50253: Permission was refused to Mr. Kevin Lally for erection of a dwellinghouse



on the grounds of creation of a traffic hazard on a National Primary Road and contravention of the County Development Plan which limits development along this road to the family housing needs on local landowners who have no alternative sites available on minor roads, a category of development which does not apply in this case as suitable alternative sites are available on minor County Roads nearby.

Ref. No. 51148: Permission was refused to Mr. Kevin Lally for a dwellinghouse on similar grounds to Planning Ref. No. 50253.

Ref. No. 53801: Permission was refused to Mr. Kevin Lally for a dwellinghouse on similar grounds to Planning Ref. No. 50253.

Ref. No. 54878: Permission was refused to Mr. Kevin Lally for a dwellinghouse on similar grounds to Planning Ref. No. 50253.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit applies. The applicant has been refused permission on four previous occasions for a dwellinghouse on this site for the reasons outlined under Planning Ref. No. 50253. The applicant has made a claim for a second family house on this site but suitable alternative sites are available on nearby minor County Roads.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Primary road where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road. In addition, the development would militate against the objectives of the Planning Authority to:-

(a) preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the road so that it can fulfill its function as a through road for heavy traffic.

(b) protect the public investment in the national road network.

2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 25, Table 25A) which limits development along this road to the essential family housing needs of local landowners, a category of development which does not apply in this case as suitable alternative sites are available on nearby minor County Roads."

The County Engineer outlined the case history of this application and stated that Planning Permission had been refused on four previous occasions in respect of this site, and on similar grounds in each case.

The County Engineer stated that the site was located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Primary Road from Galway to Limerick. Any additional development along this National Primary Route would minimise the capacity of the road to facilitate traffic movement for which it was intended. He stated that there were a number of houses with accesses onto to the road in the vicinity of this site and further development would continue this trend and increase the risk of serious accident. Road speeds at the location involved were very often above the legal limits and there would be service vehicles using the premises for the delivery of coal, milk, and bringing children to school. The County Engineer stated that he was strenuously opposed to the granting of Permission in this case as it would increase the risk of serious accident at the location involved.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that this particular application was on the list which had been exempted from the agreement among the parties on the Council in relation to Section 4 resolutions for Planning Permission on National Primary Roads. He stated that the house proposed in the application would replace an old house which had been knocked down and was now partially disused. The old house was the house of the applicant's Grandmother and there were also three other houses near the site. Deputy Fahey stated that an existing entrance would be used as was used for the two other houses and that no new additional entrance would be created. He stated that this case was a genuine one of a second house on the family farm and he proposed that Planning Permission be granted.

In reply to Councillor Joe Brennan, the County Engineer stated that suitable land was available to the applicant on a minor County Road quite adjacent to the site which was the subject of the Section 4 resolution. The minor road involved was a public road.

Deputy Frank Fahey stated that the alternative land available was quite a distance down the minor road and the applicant did not want to build a new house there. There was an old house on the present site.

Councillor Michael Ryan stated that the present proposal was for the replacement of an old house and asked if there would be problems if the applicant decided to reconstruct the existing house. The County Engineer stated that there were only butts of walls existing on the site and that what was there could not be regarded as an old house.

In reply to Deputy Frank Fahey, who referred to a lay-by in the vicinity, the County Engineer stated that a lay-by was there did not exist in the area - only an area of part mud, part grass/ The County Engineer stated that he had no information in relation to the application other than that the applicant proposed to provide an access directly onto the National Primary Road. Such an access would create a serious traffic hazard because of the fast moving traffic on the road.

The County Manager stated that this case was one which the Council had declared would not be in breach of the parties agreement regarding the submission of Section 4 resolutions on National Primary Routes.

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