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road but this was not easy and would be very expensive. He recommended that Permission be refused.

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy McCormack and seconded by Councillor Mannion. In reply to Councillor Brennan, the County Engineer said that the Outline Permission for 7 houses was refused by the Council but was granted by the Minister on Appeal. The Approvals were granted in 1979.

The County Engineer read the objection lodged by Mrs. Maureen Thornton complaining that water drains on the land, the subject of the application, were blocked and thereby, causing flooding on her land. The County Engineer said that because of the previous approvals, the proposed reasons for refusal did not refer to septic tank problems. Councillor O'Morain said that all villages in West Galway had surface water problems. Councillor Welby said that he understood that the culvert under the road was blocked and this was causing the surface water problem.

Councillor Brennan said that the Planning Officer's objections seemed to relate to the road and road traffic, and asked if the development could be pushed back to make the road wider at that point. The County Engineer replied that the adjoining land could not be moved back. Councillor O'Tuathail said that the development would cause a traffic hazard if granted. He said it was hazardous entering onto that road and he would have fears for the people living in the houses and who would have to go in and out. He said that 6 houses was excessive. The County Engineer referred again to the high volume of traffic on the road and the speed at which it travels. He said there would also be vehicles servicing the houses and all the turning movements would create a traffic hazard.

A vote taken for or against the resolution resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor J. Lambert, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors P. McHugh, J. Mannion, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby.

(14)

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

(3)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

**3570 - MAKING OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - EXTENSION OF TIME:**

The Chairman said that it was not proposed to proceed with the Making of the County Development Plan because it was intended to adjourn the Meeting. He said it would be necessary for the Council to pass a resolution extending the

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time for the Making of the Plan. It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Brennan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council, having undertaken a Review of the County Development Plan made on the 27th May, 1985, for the County Health District of Galway excluding the Scheduled Towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea, and Tuam, and excluding the Environs of the Towns of Tuam and Loughrea, and having determined that the said Review cannot be completed within the period prescribed for such Review, direct that an application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend the prescribed period to 30th June, 1990, in accordance with Section 20 (1A) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 43 1(f) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976."

**3571 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY AND ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

Mhol on Cathaoirleach run combhron do chlann Cardinal O Fiaich agus do Daneal O Barread agus a chlann. The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the family of the late Cardinal O Fiaich and to Dan Barrett, Senior Staff Officer, Planning Office, and his family on the tragic death of his son. He said that the late Cardinal O Fiaich was a great leader of the Catholic Church. He loved all things Irish and was a great Ambassador of Ireland. He was a renowned Scholar and had a deep love of Irish history and culture. He extended sympathy to the three Bishops in County Galway, Archbishop Cassidy, Bishop Casey, and Bishop Kirby.

The Chairman said that the death of Tommy Barrett at such a young age was a great shock and tragedy for Dan Barrett and his family. He hoped that the many talents which Tommy Barrett displayed and the fullness of life which he enjoyed would help Dan Barrett and his family to cope with their dreadful loss.

The Resolution was seconded by Councillor Ryan and all the Members present joined in the expressions of sympathy and paid tribute to the special qualities of both deceased and extended deepest sympathy to their families.

Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, joined in the expression of sympathy to the relatives of Cardinal O Fiaich and to Dan Barrett and family.

Following a prayer, the Meeting adjourned.

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

John Mollay CHAIRMAN  
25/6/90 DATE

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**(Galway County Council)**

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

22u la Bealtaine, 1990.

**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, ar De Luain, an 28u la Bealtaine, 1990, ag tosnú ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,**  
**RUNAI SEALADACH.**

**A G E N D A**

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Conor Uasal O hAodha, for the erection of a licensed premises and ancillary facilities at Donaree, Cappataggle, Ballinasloe, on Planning Ref. No. 60238, Co. Galway.

Noel Treacy. Ulick Burke. Michael Mullins.  
James Joyce. Joe Callanan.

2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Special Council Meeting held on 20th April, 1990.
  - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 30th April, 1990.
3. Revision of Remuneration for Clerk/Typists.
4. Appointment of nominee for 1990/91 to Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd.
5. Overdraft accommodation for quarter ending 30th September, 1990.
6. Fix date for Annual Meeting.
7. Grant of £350,000 for storm damage to bridges, culverts and other roadworks - report attached.

8. Loughrea Sewerage Scheme - report herewith.
9. Nomination of two representatives to An Foram ar Iascfheirmeoireacht (fishfarming) set up by Udaras na Gaeltachta. - Copy of letter dated 9 Bealtaine, 1990 from Udaras na Gaeltachta, enclosed.
10. Local Government Reform.
11. Malicious Injury Decrees.
12. Business submitted by the County Manager.

**COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION**

**COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:** - I will propose:

13. That Galway Council Council erect a sign to inform people that they are approaching the road to Ballymoe.
14. **COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:** - I will propose:  
That the County Council on Claregalway/Oranmore Road erect signpost. (Details supplied.)
15. That the County Council have signpost updated at Lachtgeorge. (Details supplied.)
16. That the County Council have suitable inscription placed on ancient landmark at Cartymore, Athenry. (Details supplied.)

**COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:** - I will propose:

17. That fingerboard signs for Ballinakill be erected at Convent Corner, Loughrea, Leitrim Cross, Kennedys Cross and Daniels Cross.
18. That as a safety measure the hill at Caheronaun, Loughrea, on the town side of the junction with Bohernagaddy Road, be eased.
19. That footpaths be repaired at Ennis Road, Gort, and also that the N6 be repaired at the same address.

**COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:** - I will propose:

20. That Galway County Council put the £80,000 that was included in the Estimates for the Local Elections to be used to resurface all the roads in Athenry Town and put a new footpath from Madden's Forge to the New Cemetery in Athenry.
21. That Galway County Council remove all stop signs that are right on the edge of a road coming up to a T-Junction, as people that are driving don't have time to see these signs, and therefore, cause a lot of accidents and deaths no later than last week. Could the signs be put, about 50 yards from the junctions.

**DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:** - I will propose:

22. That Galway County Council repair, renew and resurface a road (details supplied) that the bushes, briars and weeds, etc., on this road be cut forthwith and that any necessary improvements be carried out. That the works to be carried out to be outlined hereafter and the date in which they will commence also.

**DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:** - I will propose:

23. That Galway County Council immediately renew, repair, and resurface a road (details supplied) that the bushes, briars, weeds, etc., on same be cut forthwith and that other improvements be carried out also and that the necessary improvements and works to be carried out to be outlined hereafter and the dates in which they will commence. (Details supplied.)
24. That Galway County Council repair, renew and resurface a road (details supplied) that the bushes, briars, weeds, etc., on this road be cut and removed immediately, that the date in which these works be carried out be outlined hereafter and the relevant works be carried out also. (Details supplied.)

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

25. That immediate repairs be carried out to the road at Briarfort, Williamstown, which was badly damaged by recent flooding.

**COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:** - I will propose:

26. That the Council enter into negotiations with the O.P.W. re the siting of new Reservoir at Letterfrack at the site of the existing one or at an area in agreement with Office of Public Works to serve the needs of Letterfrack and Dawros. So as to provide a proper water supply for these areas which is urgently required for the local need and also to cater for tourism in the area.
27. What is the reason for the delay in taking over and fencing off the land for the extension to Omev Island Burial Ground. The existing Burial Ground is now all taken up and any future burials will have to take place outside the area.
28. I will ask the total number of staff employed by the County Council on 1st January, 1980, and 1st January, 1990, broken down into the following grades - Management, Administrative, Clerical, Engineering, other professional and technical, supervisors, Craftsmen, Lorry, Van and Plant Drivers, General Operatives, Other Servants.

**DEPUTY P. McCORMACK:** - I will propose:

29. That Galway County Council organize a FAS Scheme or a Social Employment Scheme to carry out work on a cemetery named. (Details supplied.)
30. That a major surface dressing be carried out on the Clooniff Road, Moycullen, which is in a very bad state and has been severely damaged during flood damage over the past winter, and I am asking that monies from the storm damage grant be allocated especially to this road and have proper work carried out on it.

**DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:** - I will propose:

31. That a major surface dressing be carried out on the Cremlin Road, Cornamona, which is in a very bad state and has been severely damaged during flood damage over the past winter, and I am asking that monies from the storm damage grant be allocated especially to this road and have proper work carried out on it.

**DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:** - I will propose:

32. That an estimate be prepared to repair a road leading to the house of a person (details supplied) and to allow this road to be repaired under County Councillors' Notice of Motion Money.

**AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:** - I will propose:

33. That Galway County council repair the Council house of Mrs. Bridget McDonagh, Maumeen, Lettermore.
34. That Galway County Council repair Ross Island Road, Carraroe, and the bridge sides which have fallen - children going to school nearby fell into the water.
35. That Galway County Council erect "No Dumping" signs at all beaches and piers.

**COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:** - I will propose:

36. That Galway County Council carry out repair works on roads that were damaged by the flooding in South Galway this Spring - as soon as possible. (Details supplied.)
37. That Galway County Council remove, if possible, and improve visibility at T. Junction Hallians Cross, Keamesella, Kilcolgan, where a recent fatal accident occurred.
38. That Galway County Council install hardshoulders from Kiltiernan National School to Ardrahan on the National Primary Road - as this road is presently very dangerous for children to walk.

**COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:** - I will propose:

39. That the equipment in the Children's Playground in Eyrecourt be replaced with new equipment over a period of time.
40. That a report be got from the Fire Chief and the water department of the Council on the recent failure of the County Council Water Supply in Eyrecourt to provide sufficient water pressure to fight a fire in a store at the back of Michael Earner's public house.
41. That the Meeneen Road from Muckenagh Crossroads towards the Sheebeen Pub in Ballycrissane be surface dressed this summer as it is in a dreadful state.

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MAY MEETING		MALICIOUS DAMAGE		DECREES	
Name and Address	Particulars of Claims	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.	
Fr Eamon McInerney Chairman/Secretary School Board Moycullen.	Damage to School Building and Contents	County of Lurge	£80,000	£23,986.87	

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25th May, 1990.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara:

The following Item will be considered at the Council Meeting to be held in the County Buildings, on Monday, 28th May, 1990, at 3.30 p.m.

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T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,  
RUNAI.

S U P P L E M E N T A R Y    A G E N D A

9. (A) Theme Town Concept for Gort.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH MAY, 1990.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor J. Molloy.  
(b) Councillor J. Joyce.

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, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; R. Killeen; S.E.E.; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.; B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning); F. Gilmore, Acting Senior Executive Engineer; A. Fleming, Administrative Officer; C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3572 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 60238 - APPLICANT: CONOR UASAL O HAODHA:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at the junction of the National Primary Route No. 6 (Galway/Dublin) with County Road no. 479 at Donaree, Cappataggle.

PREVIOUS PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 8234: Permission refused for house and filling station. Applicant: J. O'Reilly.

Ref. No. 38893: Outline Permission granted for 2 no. houses on northern section of this site - Applicant: J. O'Brien.

Ref. No. 50398: Outline Permission granted for 1 no. house on part of this site. Applicant: J. O'Reilly.

Ref. No. 59088: Permission refused for licenced premises, appeal withdrawn. Applicant: C. O hAodha.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The County Road (onto which the proposed development is to exit) is very lightly trafficked, and is barely passable for vehicular traffic. The junction of the County Road and the N6 is located on the blind side of a brow on a hill on the N6 and the combination of this and a significant increase in traffic negotiating the junction will pose a traffic hazard at this location.

The site itself is a very elevated one with a commanding view to the west and the development would be highly visible and command the attention of traffic going eastwards and it would seem to be deliberately located to attract this passing trade.

The road serving the site is a minor local road carrying very low volumes of traffic and its character and utility would be radically altered by the proposed development resulting in movements of traffic to and from the National Route, much of it during the hours of darkness and the strong probability of parking along the National Primary Road margins at peak times. Further intensification by way of extensions to cater for social functions are quite likely to occur giving rise to more off-site parking and greater utility of this junction.

The area is adequately served by licenced premises which are located within the speed limits of built up areas, the nearest being two and a half miles west in Kilrickle and 3 miles east in Aughrim.

It is also likely that the residential amenity of the adjacent house will be adversely affected by the noise associated with traffic movements to and from car park which overlooks its rear garden.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would create a serious traffic hazard because the proposed access is onto a County Road, close to its junction with the national primary route. The intensification of use at this junction associated with this development would create a serious traffic hazard because the proposed junction is located where the maximum speed limit applies, on a fast stretch of national primary route with restricted visibility in a south westwards direction.

2. The proposed development would create a serious traffic hazard because visibility at the proposed access onto the County road is restricted.

3. The proposed development would seriously interfere with the residential amenities of the existing adjacent house because of its close proximity to it in this

undeveloped rural area."

The County Engineer added that he had visited the site more than once. It was located on the Galway/Dublin National Primary Route and on many occasions, the speed of traffic exceeds the legal limits and often reaches 70-80 miles per hour. He said that additional turning movements onto the minor road would seriously increase the accident risk. In the past two months, about 10 fatalities had occurred on National Primary Routes in County Galway, some of which could be attributed to developments of the type proposed. He said that the site was virtually on the National Primary Route and that such routes should be preserved as traffic routes. He said that if Permission is granted, the risk of a serious accident would be high in view of the increased turning movements, etc.

Deputy Treacy proposed the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said it was a meritorious proposal, and that Permission for three similar developments had been granted on the Ballinasloe/Galway Road. He said the site was located in the heart of a rural area with no similar development. He said the State was spending alot of money on tourism promotion and that this development would serve touristic needs. He said he accepted that no matter what development is permitted, they all help to create traffic hazards. He said the development would be located in an historic townland, and there was no objection from the adjoining landowner. Provision for parking facilities was set out in the Plan. He said there was no need to worry about people parking on the National Primary Route as this would not happen. He said that the minor road was narrow and difficult and the proposed development would widen and improve access to that road. He said there was congestion on the road last year at the time of a funeral, and the proposed development would help it. He said the development should be looked at in the broadest way, and that proper planning and development would be served by it.

Councillor Joe Burke said that he was opposing the granting of Permission. He said the point made by the County Engineer about recent fatalities in County Galway was correct. He said that in the case of the Tuam Road where a number of fatalities occurred, there was no brow of a hill and still people were killed. He said that if the Council granted Permission, it would be doing a disservice to the people who would frequent the licensed premises.

Councillor U. Burke seconded the resolution set out on the Agenda. He said that the development would enhance the location and improve the situation at the junction. He said it was unbelievable that 10 fatalities would be mentioned in connection with this application. He said a request had been made that the section of the road at this point be realigned. He did not agree that the junction of the County Road and the N6 was located on the blind side of a brow on a hill on the N6, and said that the development itself was not at a junction of a National Primary Route. He said that

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adequate carparking facilities was proposed and this meant that there would be no need to park on the National Primary Route. In his opinion, the development improves beyond doubt the access onto the National Primary Route and he said he supported the development. Deputy Treacy said that Permission had been granted for three houses on the property and the present application is in substitution for these.

The County Engineer said that the site actually touches the National Primary Route and that traffic would be exiting onto the National Primary Route and with traffic travelling at very high speeds, an unacceptable risk would be created. Referring to the comment that cars would not park on the National Primary Route, the County Engineer said that in the case of some licensed premises on the Tuam Road where carparking facilities are provided, a lot of parking takes place on the National Primary Route itself. Councillor Brennan said that the National Primary Route was a very fast stretch of road and the turning movements that would be created by vehicles exiting onto the National Primary Route would create a death trap. In reply to Senator Hussey, the County Manager said that only the National speed limits were in operation at the location. Councillor Glynn said that the worst fatalities in the County this year occurred outside Public Houses. He said that the Council would have to act responsibly in dealing with this application. He said that National Primary routes which were supposed to be national assets were being turned into death traps. Deputy Treacy said that only about 50% of people frequenting the licensed premises would be coming off the National Primary Route. The County Engineer said that he did not agree with this particularly if the development is to serve tourism.

A vote taken for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors U. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

(19)

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

(4)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

3573 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the Minutes of the following Meetings were adopted and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 20th April, 1990.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 30th April, 1990.

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Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Loughnane asked if any progress had been made with the appointment of Litter Wardens. The County Manager said that the part-time Dog Wardens were not interested in this work and the Council was looking at other options. Councillor J. Burke said that the worst problems arose outside of the hours 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

3574 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR CLERK/TYPISTS:

The Acting Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister for the Environment had been received to a salary increase for Clerk/Typists of approximately 6%. This followed an agreement between the Local Government Staff Negotiations and the Local Government and Public Services Union. The increase would be applied in accordance with the terms of Clause 3.3. of elaboration of Clause 3 of the Agreement on Pay in the Public Service, which meant that payment of 40% of the increase would apply from the 1st July, 1989, a further 30% from 1st April, 1990, and the balance from 1st October, 1990. The cost for a full year would be approximately £24,500. It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of salary increase to Clerk/Typists as outlined by the Acting Secretary and approved by the Minister for the Environment."

3575 - APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE FOR 1990/91 TO THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED:

Deputy Kitt proposed Councillor J. Molloy as the Council's nominee for 1990/91. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan. Councillor Ryan proposed Councillor Lambert, and this was seconded by Councillor McDonagh. A vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY:

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

(13)

FOR COUNCILLOR J. LAMBERT:

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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The Chairman declared Councillor J. Molloy nominated as the Council's representative on Irish Public Bodies Mutual

Insurances Ltd., for 1990/91.

3576 - EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT - 6TH-9TH JUNE, 1990 AT U.C.G.:

A number of Councillors said that more than three Members should be allowed to attend the Conference because it was being held in Galway. They said that many other Local Authorities send more than three delegates. The County Manager said that under the Local Conferences Order, 1947, the number of Members was limited to three, and the Local Government Auditor had instructed that the terms of the Conference Order was to be adhered to. The Members said that five Members should be permitted to attend, and that approval for same should be sought from the Minister for the Environment. On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that Councillor Callanan and Councillor O'Conchubhair be nominated to attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, it was agreed that Councillor Ryan be nominated to attend the Conference. It was also agreed that Councillor Finnegan and Councillor Mannion be nominated to attend the Conference if approved by the Minister, otherwise they were nominated as substitutes.

On the proposition of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the following resolution was passed for submission to the Minister for the Environment:

- (a) That the Local Conferences Order, 1947, which allows only 3 Members of a Local Authority attend a Conference be amended in order that the number permitted to attend be in proportion to the number of Members on the Local Authority.
- (b) That when a Conference takes place within the administrative area of a Local Authority, that the number permitted to attend be at the discretion of the Local Authority."

Councillor U. Burke said that it was also important that Officials attend Conferences pertaining to their work.

3577 - EUROPEAN MOVEMENT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS 1990 - 22ND-23RD JUNE, 1990 - TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillor J. Molloy and Councillor M. Fahy be nominated to attend this Conference. On the proposition of Councillor U. Burke, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that Councillor M. Lynch be nominated to attend this Conference.

3578 - OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1990:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of Overdraft to the extent of £3 million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 30th September, 1990, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

3579 - FIXING OF DATE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Acting Secretary stated that in accordance with the Local Election Regulations, 1965, the Annual Meeting of the Council would have to be held between the dates 20th June, 1990, to 18th July, 1990, inclusive. On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, it was unanimously agreed that the Annual General Meeting be held on Friday, 6th July, 1990.

3580 - GRANT OF £350,000 FOR STORM DAMAGE TO BRIDGES, CULVERTS, AND OTHER ROADWORKS:

Report of Acting Secretary dated 22nd May, 1990, giving full details of proposals for spending the £350,000 grant received from the Department in respect of flood damage was submitted.

Deputy Fahey asked why the Kilamore area, which was subject to severe flooding, was not included. The County Engineer said that the flooding at Kilamore was a different problem. The flooding was still in existence when the details had to be submitted to the Department, and it was not possible to see if damage had been done. It was really a drainage problem and was very complex and flooding may not occur again for 50 years. Deputy Fahey said that if the short section of road where the Bailey bridge was erected, was raised, it might solve the problem. The County Engineer said that the raising of the road could cause further problems and that the Council had not forgotten about it, and would keep it under review. Councillor O'Conchubhair said that Ross Island Road was not included in the list of works to be done. He said that the road was in a dangerous condition, and appealed that something be done with the sides of the road. The County Engineer said that the Council was only able to claim grants for roads that were damaged by the flooding and these were subsequently inspected by an Inspector from the Department. The grant only represented a portion of the cost of the flood damage. Councillor O'Morain supported Councillor O'Conchubhair. Deputy McCormack welcomed the grant from the Department although it was only about one-third of the amount claimed. He agreed with the County Engineer's recommendations. Councillor Joyce also welcomed the grants and mentioned the flooding which resulted from the Shannon in the Portumna Area. He said that there were so many areas in the Portumna Area flooded that many of them had not been visited. Councillor O'Morain mentioned a house which had been cut off as a result of flooding and storm damage, and to which an ambulance could not gain access. He also referred to the erosion of the beach at Dogs Bay. Senator Hussey said that he would agree with the County Engineer's proposals provided the road to Glenamaddy Burial Ground was repaired from the redistribution of the funds for Local Elections. Councillor M. Fahy said that he was not satisfied with the allocation for South Galway where many people were marooned



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during the flooding. He also supported Deputy Fahey in relation to Kilmore and asked that remedial action be taken. Deputy Kitt said he hoped Ballyforan Bridge would have been included. He said the Group Scheme being planned there was turning out to be very expensive and he asked how would the pipes be brought across the bridge. Councillor Welby welcomed the County Engineer's proposals. Councillor O'Tuathail complained that Costello was the only area omitted from the Grants and was informed by the County Engineer that the Council had to prove to the Department that the damage was caused by the February flooding, and that while the Costello Area did not benefit from the flood grants, it did benefit substantially from the storm damage grants. Councillor Walsh referred to a flooding problem in Glenamaddy and hoped that work would now commence out of funds already provided. Councillor Finnegan welcomed the additional grants. He mentioned the flooding problems at Knockatee and Briarsfort, Williamstown.

The County Engineer explained again that the grant money would not solve flooding problems and was merely to repair damage caused by floods. He said that some areas suffered more than others and the Milltown and Oughterard Areas had the most damage. He said that the problem at Kilmore was a flooding problem which may not occur again. In relation to the Group Water Scheme at Ballyforan, he said that he would be recommending that the pipe be strung along the bridge.

Deputy McCormack proposed that the County Engineer's proposals be accepted. This was seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed. Senator Hussey said that he was objecting to this unless the proposals in reply to Notice of Motion No. 20 were agreed. The Chairman said that this was a separate matter and would be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting. He declared the County Engineer's proposals carried.

3581 - LOUGHREA SEWERAGE SCHEME:

It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Meeting.

3582 - NOMINATION OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO AN FORUM AR IASCFHEIRMEQIREACHT (FISHFARMING) SET UP BY UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillor O'Conchubhair and Councillor O'Morain be nominated as representatives on the Forum. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was agreed that Councillor McDonagh be nominated to An Forum.

3583 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, it was agreed that the question of Local Government Reform be considered at a Special Meeting of the Council on the 15th June, 1990. This was agreed. It was also agreed that any information or guidelines, or recommendations in

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relation to Local Government Reform be circulated.

3584 - SUB-REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEES TO MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT FRAMEWORK (STRUCTURAL FUNDS):

The Chairman informed the Meeting that he had received a letter from the Minister for Finance stating that the Community Support Framework which will govern the use of the E.E.C. Structural Funds over the period to 1993, provides for the establishment of Sub-Regional Review Committees. The letter stated that the Government had considered the composition of the Committee, and had decided that each County Council, County Borough Council, and other Local Authority with a population in excess of 15,000 should be represented by its Chairperson and one other Member. The letter accordingly invited the Chairman to participate and to arrange for the Council to nominate an additional Member to serve on the Committee (each appointment would be for a period of one year, i.e., co-terminous with the office of Chairperson, and would have to be renewed accordingly).

In reply to some questions, the County Manager stated that the invitation to participate in the Review Committee came from the Minister for Finance, and it was limited to the Chairperson and one other Member. Deputy Kitt proposed Councillor Finnegan as the Council's second representative. Councillor Ryan proposed Councillor Mannion as the Council's second representative. Councillor Ryan, Deputy Fahey and other Members felt that the Council should have three Members on the Committee because of the size of the County. It was agreed to put this request to the Minister for Finance.

Councillor Joyce proposed that the Minister for Tourism be requested to make available immediate funds from the Structural Funds for the Interpretative Centre at Aughrim in order to have it ready for Easter 1991. This was agreed.

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT.

3585 - THEME TOWN CONCEPT FOR GORT:

At the request of Deputy Fahey, the Chairman allowed members of the Gort Integrated Rural Development Association to address the Meeting. Mr. Michael O'Grady then addressed the Meeting. Mr. O'Grady said that his Committee were members of the Integrated Rural Development Organisation, and their aim was to enhance the lot of the people of Gort and South Galway through growth and employment, the improvement of the quality of life and the development of the resources of the region. He said that they would expect support from the County Council and thanked Mr. Callagy and Mr. Forde for their help to date. He said they had employed O Cuimin Associates to prepare plans and submissions of their proposals. Mr. O Cuimin then gave an outline of the Plans to the Meeting referring to the important history, cultural and tourist attractions of Gort and the surrounding areas.

Ms. Mary Larkin then addressed the Meeting and gave some details of costings. She referred to Bord Failte's Theme Town Concept and said that the proposals for Gort and surrounding area provide an excellent basis for consideration under Bord Failte's Theme Town Concept. She said that 75% of the costings would be expected to come from Structural Funds and further assistance from the Local Authority.

Deputy Fahey said that Bord Failte had agreed in principle to the proposals and he would like quick progress to be made with the Plans. The County Engineer said that to his knowledge, the road proposals in the Plan had not been agreed. The County Manager said that the initiative of the group was to be lauded and that the scheme was very attractive and everybody would like to see the final details of the scheme worked out and agreed. He said that an agreed proposal would have to be worked out with the County Engineer and his staff, and then submitted to Bord Failte. He suggested that Mr. O Cuimin have discussions with the County Engineer and then go forward quickly from there. The question of a contribution from the Council could be discussed at a later date. Councillor Joyce, Acting Chairman, and other Members congratulated the Deputation on their initiative. Deputy Fahey said that Structural Funds could become available this year and it was very important that agreement be reached quickly.

Ms. Larkin thanked the Chairman and Members for receiving the Deputation and a copy of the Gort Centre Study was then presented to the Acting Chairman by Mr. Winston.

**3586 - COMBAT POVERTY PROJECT:**

The County Manager informed the Members that the E.E.C. Commission had approved a project proposal by Connemara West to participate in the third E.E.C. Programme to combat poverty. The project would be E.E.C. funded and only two projects were approved for the country as a whole. He said that Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, Assistant County Manager, would be working with Connemara West on the project.

**3587 - REVIEW OF COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANISATION:**

The County Manager said that for some time, he had been considering the desirability of having a Study done of the Council's organisation. He said that the Institute of Public Administration had now agreed to do such a Study and that they had agreed to do it as part of the Training Package which the Council contributes towards. At the end of the Study they would prepare a report on the review of the organisation. The staff had agreed to take part in the review. The Members welcomed the proposal.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

**3588 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT SIGN ON APPROACH ROAD TO BALLYMOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"An advance directional sign will be erected at the above location in the near future."

**3589 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON CLAREGALWAY/ORANMORE ROAD ERECT SIGNPOST (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Sign post at the above location will be erected as soon as possible."

**3590 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE SIGNPOST UPDATED AT LACHTGEORGE (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The sign in question has been updated."

**3591 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE SUITABLE INSCRIPTION PLACED ON ANCIENT LANDMARK AT CARTYMORE, ATHENRY. (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The erection of sign post at the above location is not recommended from a traffic safety point of view."

**3592 - THAT FINGERBOARD SIGNS FOR BALLINAKILL BE ERECTED AT CONVENT CORNER, LOUGHREA, LEITRIM CROSS, KENNEDYS CROSS AND DANIELS CROSS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"A sign will be erected for Ballinakill at Cregg Cross, (Kennedy's Cross) in the near future. There are no funds available for provision of signs at remaining locations."

**3593 - THAT AS A SAFETY MEASURE THE HILL AT CAHERONAUN, LOUGHREA, ON THE TOWN SIDE OF THE JUNCTION WITH BOHERNAGADY ROAD BE EASED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:**

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

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"There are no funds available in the current year to carry out this work."

- 3594 - THAT FOOTPATHS BE REPAIRED AT ENNIS ROAD, GORT, AND ALSO THAT THE N6 BE REPAIRED AT THE SAME ADDRESS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Footpaths will be repaired at the above location as soon as possible. Surface dressing will be carried out on N6 at above location under the current year's surface dressing programme."

- 3595 - USE OF £80,000 IN THE ESTIMATES FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The County Engineer recommends that the £80,000 be used as follows:

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(1) Footpaths in Athenry	20,000
(2) Street surfacing in Athenry	8,000
(3) Raheen Road, Athenry. (To complete works)	10,000
(4) Ardsalough Village (Mt. Bellew area) (Road damaged by floods)	10,000
(5) Inishboffin Roads	21,000
(6) Road to Glenamaddy Burial Ground (Regional Road)"	19,000

- 3596 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE ALL STOP SIGNS THAT ARE RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF A ROAD COMING TO A T-JUNCTION. COULD THE SIGNS BE PUT, ABOUT 50 YARDS FROM THE JUNCTIONS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"Stop signs are located at junctions in accordance with the approval of the Commissioner of the Garda Síochána. Normally each sign is located at the point of greatest visibility at each junction. It would be extremely difficult and expensive to contemplate moving every sign as all junctions in the County would have to be surveyed.

There is a sign no. 110 - which can be placed 50 metres or so back from a junction indicating that there is a major road ahead and this might be helpful where visibility is restricted at the junction.

If there are any particular junctions which you require examined, the County Engineer will do so if you bring them to his attention."

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- 3597 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR, RENEW AND RESURFACE A ROAD LEADING INTO CRAUGHWELL VILLAGE, LAURENCETOWN, FOR SEAMUS HYNES AND OTHERS, THAT THE BUSHES, BRIARS AND WEEDS, ETC. ON THIS ROAD BE CUT: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Improvement works are presently being carried out."

- 3598 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY RENEW, REPAIR AND RESURFACE A ROAD LEADING INTO LISANANEY VILLAGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"It is hoped to have a report on the above available for the next Meeting."

- 3599 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR, RENEW AND RESURFACE A ROAD LEADING FROM THE PUMP AT CLONLAHAN, KILTORMER NORTHWARDS THROUGH CARTRON TO HURNEY'S FORGE CROSSROADS, THAT THE BUSHES, BRIARS, WEEDS, ETC. ON THIS ROAD BE CUT AND REMOVED IMMEDIATELY - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The above works will be attended to later on in the year as grant jobs must get priority at this particular time."

- 3600 - THAT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE ROAD AT BRIARFORT, WILLIAMSTOWN, WHICH WAS BADLY DAMAGED BY RECENT FLOODING: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

"Necessary repairs will be carried out to the above roads as soon as possible."

- 3601 - THAT THIS COUNCIL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING THE SITING OF NEW RESERVOIR AT LETTERFRACK ON THE SITE OF THE EXISTING ONE OR AT AN AREA IN AGREEMENT WITH O.P.W. TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF LETTERFRACK AND DAWROS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"Under the 1984 Small Schemes a proposal was made to construct a new Reservoir adjacent to the existing Reservoir at Diamond, Letterfrack, as an improvement on the existing public water scheme.

After extended discussions with the O.P.W. we received a letter dated 11.12.84 refusing Permission.

The present proposal is to supply Letterfrack from the proposed Regional Scheme from Lough Nahilion. We await approval of the Preliminary Report."

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- 3602 - WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THE DELAY IN TAKING OVER AND FENCING OFF THE LAND FOR THE EXTENSION TO OMEY ISLAND BURIAL GROUND:  
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"The development of the extension to the Omev Island Burial Ground will be carried out in 1990.

There are still some grave spaces available in the existing burial ground."

- 3603 - TOTAL NUMBER OF STAFF EMPLOYED BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ON 1ST JANUARY, 1980, AND 1ST JANUARY, 1990, BROKEN DOWN INTO GRADES: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

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

"Numbers employed at 31st December, 1980 and 1989:

	1980	1989
Management	5	5
Administrative	26	26
Clerical and Others	146	124
Engineers	33	30
Other Technical	24	28
Supervisors	41	29
Craftsmen	28	18
Drivers	90	49
General Operatives	504	265
Others	64	52 "

- 3604 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANIZE A FAS SCHEME OR A SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME TO CARRY OUT WORK ON DONAGHPATRICK CEMETERY, CAHERLISTRANE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"A Social Employment Scheme for the carrying out of works at the Donaghpatrick/Kilcoonagh/Abbeytown Burial Grounds was recently approved by FAS."

- 3605 - THAT A MAJOR SURFACE DRESSING BE CARRIED OUT ON THE CLOONIFF ROAD, MOYCULLEN: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"As the above road was not damaged during February flooding, it is not possible to include same under Flood Damage Grants. However, works could be carried out if Councillors N.O.M. funds were made available."

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- 3606 - THAT A MAJOR SURFACE DRESSING BE CARRIED OUT ON THE CREMLIN ROAD, CORNAMONA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY P. MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Works at the above location are presently in progress."

- 3607 - THAT AN ESTIMATE BE PREPARED TO REPAIR A ROAD LEADING TO THE HOUSE OF MARTIN AND ANNE BIRCH, CASTLEGAR, AHASCRAUGH, BALLINASLOE, AND TO ALLOW THIS ROAD TO BE REPAIRED UNDER COUNTY COUNCILLORS' NOTICE OF MOTION MONEY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITTI:

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

"The matter is being examined at present and an estimate will be forwarded within the next few weeks."

- 3608 - THAT THE COUNCIL REPAIR THE COUNCIL HOUSE OF MRS. BRIDGET McDONAGH, MAUMEEN, LETTERMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"An inspection of the above house has revealed that repairs are necessary to the windows, front and rear doors. These are, however, not considered urgent, due to the shortage of funds and will be dealt with in order of priority.

The house does not have a bathroom or toilet but is included in a list of houses for which the Council is seeking funds for the installation of bathrooms/toilets."

- 3609 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR ROSS ISLAND ROAD, CARRAROE, AND THE BRIDGE SIDES WHICH HAVE FALLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"The estimated cost of carrying out strengthening and repair works at the above location is £20,000. However, there are no funds available for this work in the current year."

- 3610 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT "NO DUMPING" SIGNS AT ALL BEACHES AND PIERS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"No Dumping" signs are erected at black spots for

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illegal dumping. Signs are always erected with the eventual removal when the nuisance abates. This is because such signs are themselves unsightly and are often used as a focal point for dumping. It is, therefore, not recommended that signs be erected generally or on beaches or piers."

3611 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT REPAIR WORKS ON ROADS THAT WERE DAMAGED BY THE FLOODING IN SOUTH GALWAY THIS SPRING: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Pothole repairs were carried out to roads at above location when flooding receded. However, further works will be carried out to road at Tierneevan under the flood damage programme."

3612 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE, IF POSSIBLE, AND IMPROVE VISABILITY AT T JUNCTION HALLIANS CROSS, KEAMESELLA, KILCOLGAN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Minor works will be carried out at the above junction later in the year as priority must be given to the carrying out of grant jobs at this stage."

3613 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INSTALL HARDSHOULDERS FROM KILTIERNAN NATIONAL SCHOOL TO ARDRAHAN ON THE NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The provision of hard shoulders on National Routes is 100% exchequer funded. It is not possible to carry out works at this location in the current year as no funds were provided by the Department of the Environment."

3614 - THAT THE EQUIPMENT IN THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN EYRECOURT BE REPLACED WITH NEW EQUIPMENT OVER A PERIOD OF TIME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"There are no funds available for this work in the current year."

3615 - WATER SUPPLY IN EYRECOURT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"At present, the village of Eyrecourt is served by an

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old public supply which consists of a 4" cast iron pipe network. The source of supply is a spring well and pressure is provided by means of a pressure tank. The source is not capable of catering for increased flows of water which may be required in the event of a fire.

The Council did apply for monies in 1984/1985/1986 and 1987 under the Small Schemes Programme to provide a terminal reservoir capacity 228 m (50,000 gallons) and 1500 metres of 100m rising main along with alterations to the existing pumping plant at an estimated cost of £50,000. However, no monies were made available.

Provision has been made in the approved design for Clontuskert Group Water Scheme to serve the Lawrencetown/Eyrecourt area.

The Council is examining the possibility of carrying out short term improvements which might help the situation."

3616 - THAT THE MEENEEN ROAD FROM MUCKENAGH CROSSROADS TOWARDS THE SHEEBEEN PUB IN BALLYCRISSANE BE SURFACE DRESSED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The road in question needs strengthening and reshaping. The estimated cost of carrying out the works is £8,000. However, there are no funds available in the current year."

3617 - CORRESPONDENCE:

Copies of the following correspondence were circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (a) Letter dated 25th April, 1990, from Corporation of Sligo re closure of Clogherevagh College of Domestic Science in Sligo.
- (b) Letter dated 3rd May, 1990, from the Galway West Constituency Council of the Labour Party re establishment of a permanent Gallery and Collection first for the exhibition and conservation of works of art by Galway-based artists or otherwise of special Galway interest later for housing a representative general collection for the enjoyment and cultural advantage of the people of Galway and visitors to the Galway region.
- (c) Letter dated 16th May, 1990, from Westmeath County Council re legislation to be introduced by the Government to allow for the use of photographs of candidates on ballot papers for Local, National and Euro Elections etc.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED  
John Malloy CHAIRMAN  
25/6/90 DATE

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**(Galway County Council)**

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

Iu la Meitheamh, 1990.

**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, Gaillimhe, ar De h-Aoine, an 8u la Meitheamh, 1990 ag tosnu ag a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,**  
Runai Sealadach

**A G E N D A**

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission for the erection of two garages at Tawnaghmore. Applicant: Jim Burke. Planning Ref. No. 61046."  
Mark Killilea. Michael Ryan. P. Finnegan.
2. Making of County Development Plan.
3. Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations - Explanatory Notes already circulated.
4. Rural Development Conference - County Westmeath V.E.C. - 21st 23rd June, 1990. (Details enclosed)

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1990.**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor John Molloy.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Members:**

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, Councillors P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea, MEP, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh.

**Officials:**

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); B. Callagy, Senior Executive (Planning); A. Comer, Draughtsman, Technician; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer (Planning); and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

**3619 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:**

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, the Council passed a vote of sympathy with the family and relatives of the late Mr. Dermot Forde, father of Mr. Noel Forde, Executive Engineer, Gort Area.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, the Council passed a vote of sympathy with the family and relatives of the late Patrick Dolan, father of Ms. Patricia Dolan, of Galway County Council's Housing Section.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Killilea, MEP, the Council passed a vote of sympathy with the Dermody Family, Kilconly, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. John Varden, Rathfee, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Bridget O'Neill, Glencroft, Leenane, Co. Galway.

The County Manager expressed sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the Council's staff with the families and relatives of all the deceased.

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3620 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, the Council passed a vote of congratulations with Fr. Iomar Daniels, Mount Carmel Crescent, Loughrea, on his Ordination to the Priesthood.

3621 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61046 - APPLICANT: JIM BURKE:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by MEP Killilea and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan. MEP Killilea stated that the applicant, Mr. Jim Burke is a member of the Burke family of Claretuam, a very respectable family who have given great service both to County Galway and to the Country. Referring to the history of Planning Applications on the site of the application under consideration, he stated that the history given does not refer to the site proposed to be developed. The site in question is a site comprising one acre adjoining Mr. Burke's dwellinghouse. He stated that the purpose of the application was to provide a facility whereby Mr. Burke could garage his buses beside his dwellinghouse rather than parking them beside the public road. There is a long lay-by at this location which the County Council has used for the parking of its trucks and for the deposit of road making materials. He stated that the site is perfectly located from the point of view of traffic safety because there is a view for one mile along the public road on each side of the entrance to the site. He suggested that the proposed development would improve the situation from the point of view of traffic safety since it would enable Mr. Burke to park his buses on his own property rather than on the side of the public road.

The County Engineer referred to the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the County Council prior to the Meeting:

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Galway/Tuam National Primary Route approximately eight miles south of Tuam.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 7134: Permission for a dwellinghouse was refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal in 1971 - applicant: Mr. James Hynan. Reason: Traffic hazard.

Ref. No. 16912: Outline Planning Permission for two dwellinghouses refused on grounds of traffic hazard by the Planning Authority and on appeal. Applicant: Mr. John Ford 1974.

Ref. No. 22995: Outline Planning Permission for one dwellinghouse refused on grounds of traffic hazard by Planning Authority and on appeal. Applicant: Mr. J.

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Forde (1977).

Ref. No. 26779: Planning permission for one dwellinghouse refused on grounds of traffic hazard. Applicant: Mr. S. Forde (1978).

Ref. No. 28726: As per 26779 (1979)

Ref. No. 32459: One dwellinghouse permitted subject to access being taken from adjacent County Road. Applicant: Mr. S. Forde (1979)

Ref. No. 45922: Change of house plan granted 1983 - Applicant: Mr. M. Fahy.

Ref. No. 48438: Change of house plan granted 1984. Applicant: Mr. S. Forde.

Ref. No. 48779: Change of house plan granted 1984. Applicant: Mr. S. Forde.

CONSIDERATION:

Planning Permission (Ref. No. 32459) was originally granted on this site for a dwellinghouse on the basis that the access from the site would be taken from the County Road to the south. However, the gateway was erected some 80 ft. from the junction. The access is, therefore, directly onto the National Primary Route, on a dangerous bend and in proximity to a junction with a County Road.

The applicant originally proposed to create a new independent access through the existing dwellinghouse gateway. This would aggravate an already unsatisfactory access. The proposed development is for a bus garage. These vehicles are slow moving and cumbersome. The location of the access on a bend is particularly unsuitable for such vehicles and the turning movements that would result.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development onto a junction of the National Primary and a County Road would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.'

The County Engineer informed the Members that the site map circulated with the report was the map originally submitted by Mr. Burke with his Planning Application and showed a direct access from his site to the National Primary Route. He stated that Mr. Burke had subsequently submitted a revised

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site map showing an access at the apex on the southern end of the site. He stated in reference to MEP Killilea's comments on the planning history of the site that the applicant had included in his application an area of lands which included his dwellinghouse and adjoining lands on which he proposed to locate the garages for his buses. The history of planning applications as set out in the report is, therefore, relevant to the site shown in the Planning application. He stated that there is a long history of applications for planning permission for a dwellinghouse on the site referred to in Mr. Burke's planning application, and that the history culminates with a grant of Permission for one dwellinghouse which was granted on the basis that the entrance to the site would be taken from the adjoining County Road. He stated that the situation in relation to the proposed development is further complicated in that there is no clear definition between the edge of the hard shoulder of the National Primary Route and a gravelled area which the applicant refers to as a parking area. He stated that the parking area referred to was probably the former public road and that the applicant should construct a wall to define the boundary between his property and the hard shoulder of the National Primary Route.

The County Engineer stated that the development involving the construction of the dwellinghouse now occupied by Mr. Burke had not been carried out in accordance with Planning Permission because a means of access from the dwellinghouse had been constructed directly onto the National Primary Route and that the applicant should be compelled to provide that the access from his dwellinghouse would be on to the minor road as provided for in the Planning Permission.

He informed the Members that while the driver of a vehicle emerging from Mr. Burke's site would have extensive vision both to the right and to the left, a driver travelling on the National Primary Route in either direction would not have the same vision. He pointed out that vehicles travel on the National Primary Route at speeds of 70 or 80 miles per hour and he informed the Members that during the previous two months, there had been at least 10 fatalities on National Routes in the County and that many of the accidents which had occurred had been related to turning movements. He recommended to the Members that the Permission not be granted in this case because it would introduce turning movements on the National Primary Route. The vehicles entering and leaving Mr. Burke's site would be buses which are slow moving vehicles and this would create a hazard in the circumstances pertaining in this case where vehicles travelling on the National Primary Route do not have good visibility at this point. He stated that in view of the history of the Tuam Road in the matter of fatalities, it behoves all persons concerned to ensure that no further risks are created. He, therefore, strongly recommended to the Members that the Permission not be granted in this instance.

The County Engineer informed the Members that even if they were to suggest that an access to the proposed development would be provided on to the minor road, the location of the

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site is such that an access so close to the National Primary Route could not be approved. Referring to the Permission granted for Mr. Burke's dwelling house, he pointed out that while the Permission had been granted on the basis of an access to the minor County Road, the access which had been constructed is virtually a direct access onto the National Primary Route. He also informed the Members that a Traffic Count had recently been taken on the Galway/Tuam Road at a location north of the village of Claregalway and that this had revealed that 9,000 vehicles per day were using the road and that 30% of these were commercial vehicles ranging from 17 to 20 tonnes. He stated that a high percentage of these would be articulated vehicles such as fuel trucks and because of the numbers of vehicles involved, the addition of turning movements by slow moving vehicles, such as would be involved in the proposal under consideration, would greatly increase the risk factor relating to this application.

Councillor M. Ryan stated that he had looked at the site earlier in the day and that it was essential that the Burke Company would have protection and cover in which to store their buses. He stated that there is nothing in the County Development Plan that would debar a person from protecting his property and that Mr. Burke could only protect his coaches by constructing the garages as proposed in the application under consideration. If he is not permitted to erect these garages, he will have to incur the expense of employing a Watchman to secure the safety of the buses.

Referring to the County Engineer's comments regarding an access from the site on to the minor road, he stated that Mr. Burke's property has a frontage of 35 metres along the minor road which can be used to create such an access. He also stated that Mr. Burke had constructed a paved area comprising approximately half an acre and that there is adequate sight distance from the property along the National Primary Route. With regard to the County Engineer's comments on the number of accidents, he stated that he too was concerned about accidents but that he considered that the majority of fatal accidents are due to speed and overtaking and that it is seldom that people are killed while entering onto the National Primary Route. He considered that the Burkes are very enterprising and provide a great public service and that they deserved the support of the County Council.

MEP Killilea stated that he had raised the matter of the junction at this location before the Burkes had purchased the property, the subject of the current planning application. He had asked the former County Engineer to erect signs in order to define the edge of the hardshoulder. He welcomed the County Engineer's observation that the edge of the hardshoulder should be defined and suggested that it could be so defined by the painting of a line or the placing of reflectors along the boundary. He suggested that the erection of a wall would restrict the view of persons coming onto the National Primary Route from the minor road.

He stated that he could recall only one accident at this



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location when a man was struck by a van during a fog. He agreed with the County Engineer that vehicles travel at high speeds on the National Primary Route and stated that for this reason, Mr. Burke should be permitted to provide facilities for parking his buses adjacent to the house where he lives rather than having them parked on the hardshoulder of the public road. He suggested that the Council should discuss this problem with the Burke family who were a reputable family and that the County Council would find them easy to deal with.

Councillor Brennan asked if only one bus or a number of buses were involved in this instance and he suggested that if only one bus was involved that Mr. Burke would be entitled to park it beside his house without the necessity for obtaining Planning Permission.

The County Engineer stated that Burkes had 10 or 12 buses at Claretuam and MEP Killilea stated that they had double that number.

Councillor Brennan stated because there would be a number of buses involved, he would not favour the proposal.

In reply to the point made by Councillor Ryan, the County Engineer stated that the Council had taken measurements and that Mr. Burke's property does not have a frontage of 35 metres on the minor road and that he would have to cross the old public road in order to gain access to the present National Primary Route.

Councillor J. Burke stated that if a vote were to be taken, he would vote against the proposal. He believed that the suggestion made by MEP Killilea was a good one and the County Council should discuss the matter with Burkes with a view to resolving their problem. He stated that the Council would be negligent to disregard the County Engineer's advice but that the County Council would also be negligent in not doing everything possible in order to help them to alleviate their problems.

The County Engineer stated that the County Council is not negligent in this matter. He stated that the County Council is dealing with a Planning Application which has been submitted to them, and that in his opinion, there is no way in which a safe entrance can be provided at the location in question for the number of buses which will be using it. Buses are cumbersome vehicles that take time to cross the road and because of the turning movements and the speed of traffic at this point, there would be an increased risk of accidents. He pointed out that the location is only 100 yards from the Anbally Inn where there is another sequence of crossing incidents occurring and where there was a fatality. It behoves all concerned, therefore, to avoid creating further risks.

In reply to a point made by MEP Killilea, he stated that it is not sufficient to mark the edge of the hardshoulder with a

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line and that vehicles must be prevented from crossing onto the National Primary Route.

Councillor Finnegan stated that the County Engineer is overstating the traffic hazard. He stated that buses would leave the site in the morning and that there would be very little movement of buses during the daytime. He stated that he passes the site frequently and has very rarely seen buses and that he considered that the access would be used only once per day in most cases.

Councillor J. Burke stated that the Planning Application raises the issue that the Burkes are business people trying to resolve a problem and that it would be common sense to meet them and to try to resolve it.

The County Manager stated that the County Council Officials would be willing to meet them if they so wished but it would not be possible to forecast the outcome of such a meeting.

MEP Killilea stated that Mr. Burke could park his bus on the roadside at any time and he asked that the County Engineer would discuss the problem of the access with Mr. Burke. He suggested that the resolution under discussion should be passed and that the County Engineer should discuss the matter with Mr. Burke afterwards.

A vote taken for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Killilea, MEP, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

(15)

**AGAINST:** Cllrs. J. Brennan, J. Burke, and P. O'Tuathail.

(3)

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

Councillor M. Fahy referred to a case where a Permission had been granted by Section 4 approximately 10 years previously and had expired. He stated that a new planning application had been made and that the County Council was objecting to the grant of Permission on the same grounds as before. He had thought that there was a rule that once Planning Permission had been granted, there would be no objection to granting Permission again in the case of a new application.

The County Manager stated that the Law required the County Council to have regard to the proper planning and development of the area and that no other rule applied. He had previously informed the Members that in dealing with any planning application, he would consider the fact that a Permission had previously been granted, but if he received a

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report, that a serious problem existed in any particular case, he would have to take account of this.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed that where a planning permission had been granted and had expired, Permission should be granted in the event of a new application for a similar development on the same site.

Councillor J. Lambert seconded this proposal.

Councillor J. Burke stated that it would be inconsistent for the Council's Officials to grant Planning Permission where they previously opposed such a grant.

The County Manager stated that to act in accordance with the proposal made would be totally illegal and that the Council would have no power to do so. The County Council must abide by the provisions of the Planning Act in deciding on planning applications and if the Council were to go on record as wanting to decide on Planning applications in that way, the Council's credibility would be seriously undermined.

3622 - MAKING OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager stated that the process of the review of the County Development Plan had now progressed to the final stage which is the adoption of the Plan. The review had been on the Agenda for 8 Meetings of the County Council and the various Sections of the Plan had been fully discussed at 6 meetings of the County Council. Application had been made to the Minister for the Environment for sanction to an extension of the period within which the review must be completed to the 30th June, 1990, and while sanction had not yet been received, it was expected that this would be forthcoming. The review did not include the plans for the scheduled towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea and Tuam, which with the exception of the Loughrea Plan were due for review by 28th April, 1991, the Development Plan for the town of Loughrea being due to for review before 8th June, 1992.

The County Council had received four submissions with respect to the Draft Plan and the Planning Officer's observations on three of these had been circulated to the Members. The fourth submission had been received on the day prior to the Meeting, a copy of the submission had been handed to Members at the Meeting, and the Planning Officer would give his observations on that submission to the Members.

Councillor Loughnane stated that in view of the fact that all the Members of the County Council who were Dail Deputies could not be present at the Meeting. The adoption of the Development Plan should be deferred to the next County Council Meeting. He considered, however, that the matter could still be discussed by the Members present.

He asked what type of By-Pass was proposed for the Town of Loughrea and he stated that the Development Plan should have a policy with regard to roadside tree planting. He stated

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that such planting was a continuous issue from the point of view of public liability and fire hazard. A County Development Plan which does not have a policy relating to the planting of trees within 100 metres of the public road is deficient and provision should be made for it.

Councillor Loughnane stated that Members were aware of the contribution made to Rates by the Commercial and Industrial Sector and he suggested that the Council should adopt a positive policy to grant Permission for such development. He stated that there is far more encouragement for commercial and industrial development within the area of Galway Corporation than there is in the rural area, and that the adoption of a positive policy for the encouragement of such development in the rural area would increase the County Council's income from Rates.

He stated that Councillors when discussing Section 4 Resolutions at a County Council Meeting should have the power to correct any inaccurate information given by the applicant in a Planning Application as the record of the Council's discussion in the matter becomes part of the Planning Application. This was necessary because planning applicants may sometimes submit improperly completed applications.

He stated that the County Council must adopt a policy with respect to the transportation of heavy loads on County Roads. He was aware of a situation in his Electoral Area where considerable damage was being done to the public road by forestry traffic. He had been informed that one load of timber could cause more damage to the public road than 1,000 cars. He suggested that the County Council should be enabled to impose a charge where such damage was done, or alternatively, to prevent such heavy vehicles from using the road. If commercial enterprises cause damage to the public roads, they should be made to pay for such damage.

Councillor U. Burke stated that the area of the Shannon Basin has great potential for development and that the County Council should acknowledge this. Global areas had been designated in the Development Plan as areas of high amenity but within these, there are areas that can be developed and areas that cannot. He stated that while it might be difficult to operate, the County Council should adopt a reasonable policy with a view to ensuring that the potential of this area for development is realised. Emigration is at its highest in this area and it should, therefore, be given special recognition. The area has huge potential for development and the encouragement of such development would help to reduce emigration.

Referring to the Planning Application Form currently in use by the County Council, he stated that the same form had been in use since 1973, and that it was time to revise it. He stated that there is an ambiguity in the latter half of the first page of the Planning Application Form and that a lay person could enter the wrong information inadvertently.

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He suggested that the Development Plan should have a special section dedicated to farm development. Officers of Galway County Council were scouring the County looking for polluters and unnecessary fear was being brought to bear in the matter. There is need for far greater liaison between the County Council and the Officers of the Department of Agriculture, and all concerned must be conscious of the costs involved when preparing plans for Farm Development and less elaborate and more functional measures should be proposed. The County Council should liaise with the Department of Agriculture with a view to achieving this. The regulations with regard to agricultural development should be condensed into one chapter in the Development Plan and a copy of this sent to the Local Agricultural Officers. He stated that in one case, Galway County Council's requirements had cost a farmer £30,000.

Councillor U. Burke also stated that he wished to have the situation with regard to a By-Pass of Loughrea clarified.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that a decision on the adoption of the Development Plan be deferred to the next County Council Meeting. The proposal was seconded by Councillor M. Ryan and agreed.

Councillor O'Morain referred to the first paragraph in the Chapter of the Draft Plan relating to tourism development, which, he said, purports to direct tourism development into towns and villages such as Carraroe, Roundstone, etc. He asked the Council to consider what such a policy could have done to Connemara and suggested that it would have eliminated such development as the Zetland Hotel, Ballynahinch Castle, Kylemore Abbey, etc. He objected to this as a policy of the County Council and asked that it be reworded or deleted totally.

He stated that the Council would have to examine the question of the designation of areas of scientific interest in the Development Plan. The designation of such areas could be used to object to development, and he had been informed that no compensation would be payable where Permission was refused on the basis of the location of the development in an area of scientific interest.

Referring to the matter of speed limits, he stated that there had been an increase in vehicular traffic in the Gaeltacht in recent years due in particular to fish farming developments. He asked that the Council would try to have a speed limit imposed on traffic through the village of Kilkieran.

Councillor O'Morain referred to a proposal by a number of Gaeltacht parishes to erect signs identifying the townlands in each parish in order to engender local community pride. He suggested that provision for this should be made in the Development Plan as the present situation was such that Planning Permission or a Licence would be required for such signs and a fee of £40 would have to be paid in respect of each application for a sign.

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The County Manager stated in reply to the matters raised by Councillor O'Morain that areas of scientific interest were not referred to in the Planning Acts but if such areas were designated by the appropriate Department of State, the County Council would have to take cognisance of such designation.

With regard to the erection of signs identifying townlands, he stated that this is not so much a question of the Development Plan as a question of the provisions of the Planning Acts. If any community wants to erect such signs, the County Council would examine their proposals to see what can be done.

Councillor Joyce complimented the Planning Staff on the Draft Development Plan which had been produced and stated that it included many things the Members had wanted to include. He was glad to see the various Sewerage Schemes which had been mentioned in the Plan and hoped that they would go ahead as planned. He considered that a strong effort should be made to service every town and village in the County particularly when there was a possibility of obtaining E.E.C. Funds for this purpose. He enquired if the Plan provided for facilitating the provision of dwellinghouses for landowners and their families where the lands adjoined Regional Roads.

Mr. Callagy stated that provision had been made for people with small holdings of land adjoining Regional Routes and that the provision was confined to the farmholders and the Members of their families.

Submissions received from Members of the public with respect of the draft of the proposed Development Plan, copies of which together with the Planning Officer's comments thereon, had been circulated to each Member of the County Council prior to the Meeting were considered as follows:

Submission No. 1 - Letter dated 12th April, 1990, from Ann Flaherty:

Councillor Brennan, referring to the objections set out in this letter, stated that he had great sympathy for a person who had bought a site and had paid for it, and he suggested that the County Council should consider using the Material Contravention procedures in the Planning Acts in order to help such people.

The County Manager stated that this lady is objecting to the reclassification of the road for development control purposes. The Council could not agree to change this classification simply to enable a person who had bought a site without Planning Permission to obtain such Permission. The case had been made to the County Council on a number of occasions in the past that people who had inherited sites should, therefore, get Planning Permission on those sites. In this instance, the claim is being made that a Permission should be granted because the person concerned has bought the site. The Council is concerned with Development Control policy in the interests of traffic safety and while every

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effort would be made to accommodate individual applicants, this could only be done if the provisions of the Development Plan, which were there in the interests of the common good, so permitted.

In reply to a query from Councillor Loughnane, the County Engineer stated that the classification of the road had not changed. It is still a Regional Road but the provisions of the Plan relating to control of development adjoining the road have been changed.

Councillor Loughnane stated that there is now so much traffic on this road that he would like to see it reclassified, and funded as a National Route.

The County Engineer stated that the County Council would be making a special case to the Department of the Environment for funds for this road which carries approximately 4,000 vehicles per day, and is expected to carry higher volumes of traffic in future. He expressed the opinion that in view of the high volumes of traffic involved, the road might attract as much funding from Central Government as if it were a national route. In reply to a query from Councillor McHugh, he stated that a planning application had been made by Ms Flaherty who appeared to be under the impression that she would have been entitled to obtain Planning Permission if the Development Controls, the subject of her objection, did not apply. There is no guarantee that she would get Planning Permission even if these controls were not in place.

It was agreed that Submission No. 1 was noted.

Submission No. 2 - Document dated April 1990, from Bearna Residents Association:

The County Manager referred to the Planning Officer's comments which had been circulated to the Members with this submission which covers all the points raised by the Residents Association. He pointed out that housing density referred to in the submission is relevant to a serviced area and that there is no public sewerage in Bearna at present. With regard to the proposed Bearna By-Pass road, he pointed out that such a By-Pass road is at present being considered by the County Council which would be some miles to the north of Bearna village, and that as recommended by the Planning Officer, the By-Pass as shown in the present Draft Plan should be retained and could serve as an inner ring road in the longer term.

Mr. B. Callagy, replying to a question by Councillor McHugh, stated that there are 12 acres within the village plan area designated for community facilities.

The Chairman stated that there is a problem of erosion of the cliff at Silver Strand which should be examined.

It was agreed that the submission from the Bearna Residents Association was noted.

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Submission No. 3 - Letter of 7th March, 1990, from Mannion, Aird and Company, Solicitors, Clifden:

Councillor Brennan stated that he had heard that the area in which the proposed Clifden Airport was to be located had been designated an area of scientific interest, either by the County Council or by the Board of Works, after the planning application had been made. He asked if it were possible to change this designation.

The County Manager stated that the designation of area of scientific interest was a matter for the State and if an area were so designated by the State, the County Council would have to take this into account. He considered that no amendment of the Draft Plan was necessary in this instance. In reply to a query from Councillor U. Burke, he stated that if the Members wished to put their views relating to areas of scientific interest to the Office of Public Works, the matter can be put on the Agenda for a future County Council Meeting to give the Members an opportunity to discuss the matter and to give its views.

It was proposed by Councillor U. Burke that this matter be placed on the Agenda for a future County Council Meeting.

It was agreed that the submission from Mannion, Aird and Company, Solicitors, was noted.

Submission No. 4 - Letter dated 7th June, 1990, from Meitheal - Galway Diocesan Development:

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fahy, it was agreed that consideration of this submission should be deferred to the next County Council Meeting.

The County Engineer, referring to queries raised by Members with regard to the proposed Loughrea By-Pass, stated that he had been asked to prepare a report on the matter for the County Council. The Members had asked that the Council would talk to as many people as possible regarding its proposals, and this was done. The matter had also been discussed with the Department of the Environment and the discussion had been reasonably satisfactory. The Council wished to talk with the local people again before coming back to the Members with a report. In reply to a query from Councillor Loughnane with regard to the provision of a fly-over on the Bullaun Road, he stated that the Council had received a commitment from the Department of the Environment to the provision of a fly-over in the long term but not in the short term. This would be one of the matters which the Council would discuss with the local people.

Councillor Loughnane stated that there was a great disparity between the treatment given to the east of the country and that given to the west in the matter of the allocation of road funds. He stated that the fly-over should be provided now so that a proper job would be done on the By-Pass.

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The County Engineer stated that all these matters would be incorporated in the report to be brought before the Members.

Councillor Ulick Burke welcomed the County Engineer's proposals in the matter.

Mr. B. Callagy, replying to matters raised by the Members in the course of the discussion, stated that the Draft Plan encourages commercial and industrial development and that the correct policy in the matter is to seek to locate such development in areas where services exist to facilitate such development. The inclusion of a Development Policy in the Plan for the purpose of generating additional Rates Revenue would not be in accordance with the Planning Acts. With regard to the question of tree planting, he stated that since this did not normally require Planning Permission, the inclusion of policies in the Plan would not be appropriate.

With regard to the points raised with respect to the tourism potential of Lough Derg, he stated that access to the lake from County Galway is very limited, and there are only two roads which lead to it. While the area is designated an area of high amenity, the Draft Plan is flexible in the matter of development control and it also contains a policy for the encouragement of tourist related development. He also referred to a Study which had recently been carried out involving SFADCO and representatives from Local Authorities whose areas bounded Lough Derg.

The County Manager stated that the exercise referred to by Mr. Callagy had resulted in the publication of a Brochure and that a copy of the Brochure would be circulated to the Members for the area in question. The County Council would welcome any suggestions that anybody wished to make in relation to the improvement or enhancement of the amenities of the area. He stated that Portumna is the main centre on the Shannon and that there is not much access elsewhere in County Galway. The Council had provided many facilities in Portumna such as the Fire Station and the Library and had co-operated to the fullest extent with the Office of Public Works in relation to the improvements being carried out by them at Portumna Castle. He stated, in reply to a comment made by Councillor Joyce that he would be disappointed that anyone would think that the County Council had neglected this area as it had not.

Councillor U. Burke asked if a letter had been written to Coillte Teoranta regarding interference with the amenity of the Forest Park at Portumna from the felling and removal of trees.

The County Manager stated that the Council had been informed by Coillte that they had replaced all the walkways at the Forest Park and that there are now more Walks than ever before.

Councillor U. Burke stated that the Wildlife area in the Forest Park had been eliminated and should be restored.

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The County Manager, referring to the matters raised with regard to farm development, stated that the County Council had had discussions with the Farm Development Service and that what the County Council had set out to do in relation to pollution from farm developments was to try and enlist the co-operation of farmers in the matter. Meetings had been held with the I.F.A. and Farmers Representatives and there had been a very favourable reaction to the way in which the Council had dealt with the matter. The County Council could not plan development proposals for farmers as it would have to adjudicate on such proposals when planning applications were made and had gone as far as it could go in the matter.

Councillor Callanan stated that problems arise with many planning applications in that sketches and drawings are done by the Farm Development Service for farmers and submitted to the County Council for planning permission but people are then told that the sketches are not acceptable and that proper plans are needed. He suggested that the County Council should talk to the Farm Development Service in this matter.

The County Manager stated that the Council would contact the Farm Development Service.

Councillor Loughnane suggested that a Youth Employment Scheme be initiated for the purpose of erecting signposts giving directions to amenities available in Woodford.

3623 - ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS:

Explanatory notes relating to the provisions of these Regulations had been circulated to the Members and were noted.

3624 - RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE - COUNTY WESTMEATH V.E.C. - 21ST-23RD JUNE, 1990:

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor J. Lambert, it was agreed that Councillors U. Burke and J. Brennan should attend the Conference.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Joyce, it was agreed that Councillor McHugh would attend also.

3625 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, the Council passed a vote of congratulations with Councillor Jarlath McDonagh on his achievement of the award of G.A.A. Clubman of the Year.

3626 - AVAILABILITY OF MONIES FOR DEMOUNTABLE DWELLINGS:

Councillor J. Burke asked if it were true that the County Council had no monies available for the erection of demountable dwellings or for other emergency housing accommodation.

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The Acting Assistant Manager, Mr. Gleeson, stated that monies allocated for the current year were not sufficient to enable the Council to provide demountable houses. He stated that the Council had sought Permission from the Department of the Environment to use capital resources but that permission was refused. He stated that notwithstanding this, if a real emergency arose, the County Council would have to deal with it.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

James Joyce  
CHAIRMAN

23rd July, 1990  
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

8th June, 1990.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

A Special Meeting of Galway County Council will be held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 15th June, 1990, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH.  
Runai Sealadach

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Local Government Reform - Documentation enclosed.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 15TH JUNE, 1990.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor John Molloy.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; T. J. O'Donoghue, Law Agent; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3618 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:

Report dated 7th June, 1990, of County Manager had been circulated to all the Members together with the documentation mentioned therein. The Chairman said that this was a very important Meeting for Members to put forward their views in relation to Local Government Reform which he hoped would be taken into account by the Minister. The County Manager said that his report was circulated as a discussion document to help Members in their deliberations and did not include everything. He said there were three issues to be considered -

- (a) Areas.
- (b) Powers and functions.
- (c) Finance.

During the discussion which followed, the following proposals were made by Councillors.

Local Government Areas:

- (1) That Local Government based on the existing County system be retained.
- (2) That Town Commissioners and Urban District Councils be retained and that the procedures be simplified to allow Town Commissioners become Urban District Councils.

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- (3) That provision be made for the establishment of District Councils.
- (4) That County Galway be divided into two, East Galway and West Galway to take into account the uniqueness of West Galway including Connemara, Gaeltacht, Udaras na Gaeltachta, etc.
- (5) That Regional Government be recommended only if powers are devolved from Central Government and that Members are elected to the Regional Authority.
- (6) That new local authorities should not be set up just for the sake of doing so, they would be too costly and could result in talking shops.
- (7) That Members of Local Authorities should not be Members of the Oireachtas and the number of Committees on which they serve should be limited.
- (8) That some portion of local authority membership be reserved for validly elected representatives of local organisations which have no form of local government.
- (9) That the election of Members to Committees be on some form of proportional system.
- (10) That vacancies on local authorities be filled by way of By-Elections.
- (11) That provision be made for County Councillors who are elected by voters in urban districts to have some form of relationship with the Urban District Council.

Functions of Local Authorities:

- (12) That services now administered by State or other Agencies which are suitable for administration by local authorities be transferred to local authorities.
- (13) That the ultra vires rule be abolished to enable local authorities to carry out whatever functions are necessary for the betterment and in the interests of the inhabitants of the area.
- (14) That the principle of subsidiarite apply i.e., that all functions would be devolved down to the lowest form of local government unit capable of performing such functions.
- (15) That the Law be clarified in relation to Section 4 Resolutions as they apply to Planning.
- (16) That the functions of various authorities be well defined with no overlapping of functions.

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- (17) That the concept of a one-stop shop be accepted whereby Members of the public can at local level go to one central location and transact all their public service business needs.
- (18) That a simpler system be introduced to enable local authorities adopt their own by-laws.
- (19) That if Bodies such as the National Roads Authority and Environmental Protection Agency are to be established, they should not be given local authority functions, instead they should act as support to local authorities.
- (20) That the full discharge of the following services be transferred to local authorities:
- (a) Group Water Schemes.
  - (b) All housing grants.
  - (c) Courthouse Maintenance including funding.
  - (d) Maintenance of piers, harbours and public buildings (funding to be provided).
  - (e) Arterial Drainage (funding to be provided).
  - (f) Waterways, parks, open spaces, (funding to be provided).
  - (g) Coastal protection (funding to be provided).
  - (h) Certain tourism functions, sporting, cultural and recreational services (funding to be provided).
  - (i) Local Land Registry functions.
  - (j) Administration of social employment schemes.
  - (k) Licensing of boats.
- (21) That community health functions be transferred back to local authorities.
- (22) That the role of local authorities in relation to economic development be strengthened.
- (23) That Sheep Dipping, Coroners and Inquests, and Animal Health could more appropriately be provided by other Bodies.
- (24) That additional local authority offices be allowed to issue Motor Tax and Driver Licences.

The Members were undecided in relation to Primary Education, Police, Social Welfare.

Financing of Local Authorities:

The Members said that the financing of local authorities was the most important issue facing local government review, and that the present role of local authorities was meaningless due to financial restrictions. The following points were made:

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- (25) That Galway County Council was not getting a fair share of national taxation.
- (26) That the Council should be allowed to retain all Motor Tax and get a reasonable percentage of Income Tax.
- (27) That the introduction of additional taxes at this point and time would be difficult.
- (28) That it was unfair that Galway County Council has to introduce charges while no charges are applied in Dublin.
- (29) That there is too much central control over local authorities and that central government should give Block Grants to local authorities to be used at their own discretion.

Miscellaneous:

- (30) That the voluntary role of the Councillor should continue but that provision should be made to enable Chairpersons and Councillors to perform their functions effectively without financial loss.
- (31) That any changes in local government be introduced in stages over a period.

The Council also suggested that the Minister be requested to receive a deputation in order that the case for reform could be put forcefully.

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Joyce, it was agreed that the Minister for the Environment be requested to receive a deputation as a matter of urgency in order to progress the Clontuskert Group Water Supply Scheme.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

James Joyce  
Chairman

23rd July 1990.  
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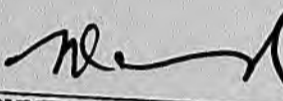
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara:

Please note that the Monthly Council Meeting arranged for Monday, 25th June, 1990, at 3.30 p.m. will now take place at 11.00 a.m. on the same day.

Mise, le meas,

  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

22u la Bealtaine, 1990.

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, ar De Luain, an 25u la Meitheamh, 1990, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Special Council Meeting held on 8th June, 1990.
  - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 25th June, 1990.
  - (c) County Arts Committee held on 2nd May, 1990.
2. Revision of Remuneration - Clerical Officers.
3. Agreement with Roscommon County Council re repairs to Mount Talbot Bridge - report attached.
4. Sale of houses to the following tenants:
  - (a) Mrs. Catherine Nee, Lehenagh, Cashel, Co. Galway.
  - (b) Patricia & Gerard Hannon, 32 Tullyvoheen, Clifden.  
- Notices dated 6th June, 1990, already circulated.
5. 5th International Conference of Nuclear Free Zone Local Authorities - Glasgow - 8th-12th November, 1990. - Copy of details attached.
6. Douglas Hyde Conference - St. Nathys College, Ballaghaderreen - 20th-21st July, 1990. - Copy of Details attached.
7. Meeting of Sheep Dipping Committee of 5 Connaught Counties - Lifford - Friday, 29th June, 1990. -
8. Making of County Development Plan.
9. Draft Tourism Plan for Lough Derg - already circulated.

10. Proposals for use of £80,000 in Estimates for Local Elections. - Report attached.
11. Loughrea Sewerage Scheme.
12. Local Government Reform. -
13. Malicious Injury Decrees. - List herewith.
14. Business submitted by the County Manager.

**COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION**

**(A) Adjourned from previous Meeting:**

15. **DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:** - I will propose:

That Galway County Council immediately renew, repair, and resurface a road (details supplied) that the bushes, briars, weeds, etc., on same be cut forthwith and that other improvements be carried out also, and that the necessary improvements and works to be carried out to be outlined hereafter, and the dates in which they will commence.

**(B) Other Motions received:**

- COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:** - I will propose:

16. That the County Council highlight entry to Corofin and have "Black Spot" danger sign erected adjacent to "Anbally Inn" - Tavanagh.
17. That County Council have urgently needed improvement works carried out on road at Gortacleva, Claregalway. (Details supplied).
18. That the County Council have landmark inscribed. (Details supplied).

- COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:** - I will propose:

19. What is the present position of the Kinvara Water Scheme?

- COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:** - I will propose:

20. That pedestrian crossings be provided convenient to the Health Centre and Schools at Ennis Road, Gort, and also at a spot convenient to the Post Office, Gort.
21. That the open drain be piped and covered close to the second phase of the Council Estate, Crowe Street, Gort.
22. That repairs be carried out to the following roads:  
Dunsandle Cross, Athenry, to Bookeen; Bookeen Cross to Dunsandle Station and the road to Lecarrow Village, Craughwell; also the road past P. Haverty's house at Lissaniska, Killimor.

- DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:** - I will propose:

23. That Galway County Council carry out the necessary improvement in order to alleviate the flooding outside houses (details supplied) that the works to be carried out be outlined hereafter, the date in which they will commence and any other relevant information.
24. That Galway County Council erect proper signs on the signpost at the junction of the Woodford/Portumna/Whitegate Road c.400 yards from Woodford on the Mountshannon Road and that these

signs contain indications for Portumna, Gurteeney, Whitegate, and Mountshannon, and Woodford itself, that these signs be erected forthwith and that the Council outline thereafter when this work will be carried out as this is causing major difficulty for travellers and tourists in the Woodford area.

25. That Galway County Council immediately cut the bushes, briars and weeds, and repair and renew all potholes on the road leading to a village (details supplied) that works be carried out immediately, that the Council outline hereafter when they will be done and the works to be carried out and any other relevant information.

**DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:** - I will propose:

26. I wish to have the Doorus East to Doorus West Road included as a road, where some of the £304,000 road flood damage grant could be spent.
27. That a bad bend on the Banna Road at Bushypark be removed between Joe Walsh's house and Michael Mitchell's house.
28. That yellow lines be put on the new hard shoulder from Toneroc to Clarenbridge.

**DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:** - I will propose:

29. That Galway County Council blacktop a road leading to the house of a person (details supplied) in County Galway.

**COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:** - I will propose:

30. That Galway County Council give me an up-to-date report on the condition of the drinking water in Craughwell, as there is complaints that there is alot of dirty water coming out of the taps in the houses in Craughwell.

**COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:** - I will propose:

31. That Galway County Council grant a road opening licence to the Ballymana Group Water Scheme, Craughwell - which they are awaiting for months.
32. That Galway County Council install a slush door at Water Bridge, Curnrue, Kinvara - as soon as possible.
33. That Galway County Council erect new gates in co-operation with C.I.E. at Gortavoher, Tubber, Level Crossing, as soon as possible.

**COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:** - I will propose:

34. Explain the reason for the delay of three months in discharging the charge on the Deeds of (name and address enclosed) to Galway County Council on his loan no. 4122 after the loan was discharged and his cheque cashed by the County Council - that the Council adequately compensate the person for the loss incurred by this delay of approximately £740.

**COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:** - I will propose:

35. (a) Provide me with the result of the survey carried out regarding the traffic flow at the top of the town of Headford and that the Council outline the works to be carried out to improve the traffic situation and the timescale for same.

(b) Make arrangements for the appointment of a lolly-pop person for Headford.

36. Purchase land for the extension of Cloughanower Graveyard and that works be immediately carried out to improve the dangerous existing entrance.

**COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:** - I will propose:

37. That the County Council carry out the necessary repairs to City Courthouse without delay, which are the subject of a dispute between the Staff Union and the Department of Justice, because of the terrible conditions under which they are working in, the nature of the dispute is that no post is going out and no photo copying of folios, etc., also that a copy of the Engineer's report on the building be made available to the Members.

38. That the tourism signs provided by Bord Failte for the Oughterard and Clifden Areas be put up immediately.

39. That emergency repairs be carried out to the Rusheenduff Road Renvyle and also the road at Glassalawn, Renvyle, and broken down gullet by Peter Walsh's house, Glassalawn.

**AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:** - I will propose:

40. What is the present position regarding Regiona Road between Ridges house and Derrynea Courthouse. Are plans ready? and if so, please enclose copy of same.
41. That Galway County Council have crash barriers erected at the bend on the County Road at Maumeen Pier, Lettermore.
42. What is the present position regarding public toilets for Doilin Beach, Carraroe?

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JUNE 1990

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
WELLPARK PROPERTY COMPANY LTD.,	DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	COUNTY AT LARGE.	£28,330.00	£20,692.13

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1990.

**IN THE CHAIR:** (a) Councillor J. Molloy.  
(b) Councillor J. Joyce.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Members:** As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

**Officials:** Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning); D. Barrett, and T. Coughlan, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3627 - **MINUTES:**

On the proposition of Councillor U. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan, the Minutes of the following Meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 11th May, 1990.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 28th May, 1990.
- (c) County Arts Committee held on 2nd May, 1990.

3628 - **REVISION OF REMUNERATION - CLERICAL OFFICERS AND ANALAGOUS GRADES:**

The Acting Secretary stated that the sanction of the Minister for the Environment had been received to a salary increase for Clerical Officers and analagous grades following an Arbitration Award. The increase would be applied in accordance with the terms of Clause 3.3. of Elaboration of Clause 3 of the Agreement on Pay in the Public Service which meant that payment of 40% of the increase would be paid with effect from the 1st July, 1989, a further 30% from the 1st April, 1990, and the balance from the 1st October, 1990. The cost of implementing the award for 1990 was estimated at approximately £41,500, provision for which had been made in the Estimates.

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

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"That Galway County Council hereby approve the payment of a salary increase to Clerical Officers and analagous grades as outlined by the Acting Secretary and approved by the Minister for the Environment."

3629 - AGREEMENT WITH ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING REPAIRS TO MOUNT TALBOT BRIDGE:

Report dated 15th June, 1990, from Acting County Secretary was circulated to each Member. The report stated that Mount Talbot Bridge which straddled the Galway/Roscommon border on a National Secondary Route was in need of repairs. Approximately 80% of the bridge was in County Roscommon and a grant of £100,000 has been provided to Roscommon County Council for the strengthening of the bridge. It had been agreed between the two Councils that Roscommon County Council would arrange to have the work carried out by Contract subject to an agreement being completed between the two Councils under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955. On the proposition of Councillor Raftery, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was resolved that Galway County Council enter into the following agreement with Roscommon County Council:

"AGREEMENT made the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1990, between GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL and ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL pursuant to Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, for the purposes of carrying out remedial works to Mount Talbot Bridge comprising a bridge strengthening contract to be completed in the current year on National Secondary Route N.63 at Mount Talbot.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL being of opinion that it would be more convenient that its powers and functions in relation to the carrying out the remedial works on Mount Talbot Bridge should be performed by Roscommon County Council and ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL BEING able and willing to perform such functions both Councils hereby agree this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1990 as follows in accordance with a Resolution passed by Galway County Council at its meeting on the \_\_\_\_\_ and by Roscommon County Council at its meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL hereby agrees pursuant to Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, and every other power in that Act enabling to transfer to ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL all its powers, functions and duties in relation to the carrying out of remedial works comprising a bridge strengthening contract to be completed in the current year to Mount Talbot Bridge.

ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL hereby agrees to perform the powers and functions being transferred and further agrees to keep Galway County Council informed of its proposals and progress in the exercise of powers and functions so transferred.

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IN WITNESS HEREOF both Councils affix their Official Seals:"

3630 - SALE OF HOUSES:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale to the following tenants of the houses occupied by them in accordance with the terms of notices dated 6th June, 1990, 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:

Mrs. Catherine Nee, Lehenagh, Cashel, Co. Galway.  
Patricia and Gerard Hannon, 32 Tullyvoheen, Clifden."

3631 - 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONE LOCAL AUTHORITIES - GLASGOW - 8TH/12TH NOVEMBER, 1990:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair, it was agreed that Councillor J. Molloy and Councillor J. Callanan attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was agreed that Councillor M. Lynch would also attend the Conference.

3632 - DOUGLAS HYDE CONFERENCE - BALLAGHERREEN - 20TH/21ST JULY, 1990:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Senator Hussey, it was agreed that Councillor Welby and Councillor Raftery attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that Councillor J. McDonagh also attend the Conference.

3633 - MEETING OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE OF 5 CONNAUGHT COUNTIES - LIFFORD - 29TH JUNE, 1990:

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Lynch, it was agreed that Councillor Mannion attend the Sheep Dipping Meeting in Lifford on 29th June, 1990. On the proposition of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Senator Hussey, it was agreed that Councillor Welby and Councillor J. Callanan also attend the Sheep Dipping Meeting on 29th June, 1990.

3634 - MAKING OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The Council resumed consideration of the making of the County Development Plan. The County Manager advised the Members that three submissions had been dealt with at the previous Meeting. The only other submission was from Meitheal which related to the listing of the old Catholic Church at Oranmore for preservation in the Plan and a decision on this was

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deferred from the previous meeting. He said that another item arising from the last meeting, which had to be considered, was Councillor O'Morain's dissatisfaction with the policy of encouraging development into Centres.

Mr. Callagy said that the Church in Oranmore was surveyed by An Foras Forbartha and the roof was found to be of architectural importance. He recommended that the Church remain listed in the Plan until a further survey is carried out, and in the meantime, any planning application could be treated on its merits. The Council agreed that the Church should remain listed in the Plan for the present.

Councillor O'Morain asked if an old bridge at Goroman, Recess, was listed for presentation in the Plan. The County Engineer replied that the bridge was not listed in the Plan. He said it was the remains of an old arch bridge on the Old Clifden Road, and was on private property. He said it would be examined and considered for preservation. Councillors O'Conchubhair and O'Morain referred to paragraph 9.2.(11) which defines areas of high scenic amenity, and said that the definition was too vague. They said that too many applications were being refused on amenity grounds. The County Manager said that the Council granted Permission for a very high percentage of applications and every month, a very large number of Permissions were granted for single houses. He said that the Development Plan has been watered down at every review since the first plan was adopted. He said that some applications are refused because of septic tank problems and the Members should bear in mind that the Council is also the enforcing authority under the Water Pollution Act. He said the Council had spent at least 6 meetings reviewing the Plan, and it was now ready for adoption. Councillor U. Burke said that when people come to the Council for Planning Permission, they seem to get a negative response and that the Council should go out and do a good public relations job. The County Manager said that the Council would arrange a Seminar to which Architects and Designers would be invited and the Council's policies explained to them. Councillor O'Morain said that the Council's policy seemed to be to put an end to single rural houses. The County Manager said that this was not correct and that the plan had to be taken in its entirety. The Council always had a policy of encouraging development into villages, but there was also a facility for single rural houses. In reply to Councillor O'Conchubhair about the experiment by Eolas in relation to septic tanks, the County Manager said that a report would be available at the next Meeting. He said the County Medical Officer was also considering it.

Councillor O'Tuathail said that the Council seemed to have a blanket restriction in scenic areas and that the areas should be more defined. Mr. Callagy said that there were two classifications - (a) areas of outstanding scenic amenity and, (b) areas of high scenic amenity. He said that these areas were defined in the relevant maps and the principles and guidelines applied were set out in the Plan. He said that housing need was also considered. Deputy McCormack said that an applicant should not be refused Permission if he

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wanted to sell a site in order to raise funds to carry out improvements to his own house. He said that such a need was greater than the need for group houses for tourist purposes. Deputy McCormack said that he was objecting to paragraph 9.2.3.(11) of the Plan in regard to beneficial tourism development, and said that all such applications should come before the Council for decision.

Councillor Welby said that he would like to see some consideration given to applications from people coming home from abroad who may be distant relatives of landowners. He suggested that where they submit a site containing one or two acres, they should get consideration. Mr. Callagy replied that such applicants might be considered under paragraph 9.2.3.(1). Deputy McCormack said that he had experienced an application on the Headford Road being refused where the applicant owned the site for 14 years. He said that the length of ownership should be taken into account. Councillor Loughnane said that provision should be made in the Plan for emigrants returning home. The County Manager explained that the Plan could not be constructed to cater for such a policy.

Councillor Joyce requested that Planning Officers be a bit more flexible in operating the Plan. He said that applicants wishing to carry out improvements are often confronted with difficult planning conditions which are hard to understand. He asked for clarification as to whether Permission was needed for temporary signs on the roadside. The County Engineer said that certain signs could be exempt, and said that the signs referred to by Councillor Joyce were probably in the City area. Councillor Ryan said that he was aware of people who had bought sites on the Claregalway/Oranmore Road, and were now in a position to go ahead, but the status of the road had been upgraded, and their applications refused. The Chairman said that he was aware of a similar case. The County Engineer said that the road carried a Class 11 classification before it was reclassified to Class 1, and therefore, there was never a guarantee that Permission would be forthcoming. Councillor Ryan referred to the hazard caused by people erecting very strong lighting on front of premises along busy roads.

Councillor O'Morain enquired if the deletion of the clause relating to beneficial tourism development on page 88 would result in a material alteration, and the County Manager replied that it would. Deputy McCormack asked that the Clause be deleted and was supported by Councillor O'Morain. Councillor McHugh said that the Clause should be left in the Plan in order to cater for good tourism applications, and he suggested that the wording might be rephrased. Councillor Mannion agreed that the Clause should remain in the Plan, but asked if such applications could be brought before the Council. The County Manager said that the Council would be given an opportunity to express their views on such applications.

COUNCILLOR JOYCE TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT.

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Deputy Fahey said that there was need for the Council to have such a Clause in the Plan. He said that other Counties such as Wicklow, Kerry and Cork were benefiting from tourism because their Development Plans had a policy which catered for tourism. He said that when Developers discover that the Development plan does not cater for tourism developments, they go elsewhere. He said it would be short sighted to delete the Clause from the Plan, and said that the Council would be closing the door to major tourist developments. He appealed to Deputy McCormack to allow the Clause remain in the Plan. The County Manager said that unless there was a Clause in the Plan which would give developers some prospect of getting Permission, they would not commit themselves to preparing expensive plans, etc., and would go elsewhere. Deputy McCormack said that he would have no objection to developments consisting of three to four houses, but would have difficulty with large developments, if they did not come before the Council.

Councillor McHugh then proposed that the Clause headed BENEFICIAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT be amended to read as follows:

The Planning Authority will consider housing or other beneficial tourism development in particular locations in amenity areas where adequate screening is available to assimilate the development into the landscape. This proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt. Deputy McCormack proposed an amendment to the effect that the Clause be omitted from the Plan. This was seconded by Councillor Lambert.

A vote taken on Deputy McCormack's amendment resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, and Councillor P. O'Tuathail.

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**AGAINST:** Councillors J. Brennan, U. Burke, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor M. Fahy, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, N. O'Conchubhair, P. Raftery, and M. Ryan.

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The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The Chairman declared Councillor McHugh's motion carried on the same voting.

A list of amendments to the Draft Plan prepared by the Planning Officer for the purpose of correction and clarification was circulated to the Members on the 5th June, 1990. The changes did not constitute a material alteration of the Draft. It was proposed by Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Callanan, and agreed that the Draft Development Plan for the County Health District of Galway (excluding the environs of the towns of Tuam and Loughrea) be amended as

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follows:

Page	Line No.	Amendment	Description
7	17, 18	Add, Delete	Teagasc
11	Add as No. 4		To protect atmospheric quality from pollution from unacceptable levels of emissions of dust, smoke, odour, noise
19		Delete	Page repeated in Plan
24	16-19	Rephrase	The specific type of improvement works proposed are set out in Table A. The location of the proposed improvement works are set out in Table 3B and illustrated in Maps 3A, 3B and 3C. The requirements of the Connemara area have been extracted from Table 3B and set out separately in Table 3C. Proposed Bridge and Pier improvements to serve the aquaculture industry have been included in Table 3C. Contract Documents have been submitted to DOE and approval to advertise for tenders is awaited (January 1990) for the schemes listed in Table 3E.
26	5	Add	Schemes at Planning Stage - January 1990 - Water Supply Schemes.
27	16-17	Add	Clean unpolluted throughout zone 4
	28	Delete	After several years of satisfactory operation initially the existing Tuam Water Supply has unexpectedly experienced serious problems in respect of taste, colour, odour, etc. It is operating at full capacity and water is not available for the proposed large scale agricultural industry.
	29	Delete	will gross raw sewerage discharges and fishing area
	31	Delete	
	39	Add	
30	6	Delete	
	7	Delete	
	19	Delete	

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Page	Line No.	Amendment	Description
31	6	Add Delete	angling centre The septic tanks in the village are causing pollution.
		Add	A public sewerage scheme is needed in the interests of public health due to the density of septic tanks and to geology of the area
	15	Delete	of the Environment including
	17-18	Rephrase	Private effluent treatment in existing housing estates are unsatisfactory
37	last line	Add	Inishboffin Coastal Protection 200,000
38	4 and 5	Add	"The following programme was submitted for the five year period 1989-1993 for E.C. Structural funds. It is largely dependent on the allocation of these funds for its implementation.
40	6	Rephrase	Coastal Water Management Plan
62	12,13	Rephrase	"The majority of planning applications for development in rural areas are for 'one-off' houses. In the vast majority of cases, despite the efforts of the Planning Authority, these buildings are badly sited and badly designed
	last line	Rephrase	Extremely frustrating delays caused by inadequate planning submission have been common".....
63	3	Delete & rephrase	
	14	Restructure	Section 7.2.3 inserted before (iii) in page 63 "The Planning Authority will require that the design quality of all buildings in rural areas shall conform to acceptable architectural standards, so as to harmonise with their immediate surroundings in accordance with (a) principal factors set out in 7.2.1(ii); (b) the

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			guidelines set out in appendix A, (c) the recommendations in the Teagasc publication "Farm Buildings in the Environment".
68	10 8-11	Delete Rephrase	"In the interests of visual amenity of rural areas, the Planning Authority will require that buildings are properly located on their individual sites and satisfactorily assimilated into the landscape in respect of ground contours and screened by planting schemes where necessary, all in accordance with the guidelines in Appendix A."
	After 70 72 8 81 8.2.9	Add Delete Delete & Rephrase	Map 7A "Environs of" Site Access Roads "Site access roads and driveways shall have gradients not exceeding 1 in 50 for a minimum distance of 15 metres (50 ft.) from the line of the required roadside boundary fence."
	Table 8A 16	Add	to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority General
	82 3 84 9 93 12-15	Delete Delete Rephrase	"Under the provisions of Article 11 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 1977, exempted development as set out in the Third Schedule of these Regulations is no longer exempted in respect of buildings on this list."
94	9	Add	Development control in Urban Areas will be treated under two headings Buildings and Land Use "Guidelines" as a heading Paragraph Heading Fully Serviced Areas
99 100	7 8	Add Add	"Having regard to the probable high development density in these areas (particularly septic tank
101	22	Rephrase	



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Page	Line No.	Amendment	Description
			concentrations) minimum site size shall be 0.4 hectare with 37 metre road frontage."

(ii) Beneficial Tourism Development - Paragraph 9.2.3(ii), Page 88 to read as follows:

The Planning Authority will consider housing or other beneficial tourism development in particular locations in amenity areas where adequate screening is available to assimilate the development into the landscape.

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

"That Galway County Council, having prepared a draft of a proposed County Development Plan; having sent copies of the prescribed documents to the prescribed authorities, having published the required notices, having considered the objections and representations made to the Draft Plan, and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts, 1963, to 1990, hereby resolve that a County Development Plan be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Plan published on 19th January, 1990, as amended at this Meeting, and that the Official Seal of the Council be affixed to the said Plan including the said amendments.

The said draft consists of the following written statements and the relevant maps as amended at this Meeting:

The Draft Plan for the County Health District of Galway excluding the scheduled towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Loughrea, and Tuam, and the Environs of the Towns of Tuam and Loughrea as defined in the said Draft Development Plan."

3635 - RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with the wife and family of the late Paddy Kelly, Somerset, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

3636 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY RENEW, REPAIR AND RESURFACE A ROAD LEADING INTO LISSANANEY VILLAGE: -  
MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The above road requires strengthening, and the estimated cost of carrying out this work is £15,000. However, there are no funds available for this work in the current year. Bushes, briars, etc. were recently cut."

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3637 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHT ENTRY TO COROFIN AND HAVE "BLACK SPOT" DANGER SIGN ERECTED ADJACENT TO "ANBALLY INN", TAVANAGH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"2 new advance directional signs were recently erected at this location.

It is hoped to have a finger post sign erected in the near future."

3638 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE URGENTLY NEEDED IMPROVEMENT WORKS CARRIED OUT ON ROAD AT GORTACLEVA, CLAREGALWAY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The problem of maintenance on this road is exacerbated by the depositing of muck and dirt on the roadway by farmers. The main offender has been requested to take corrective action and to cease polluting the public road."

3639 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE LANDMARK INSCRIBED AT CARTYMORE CROSS, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The erection of sign post at the above location is not recommended from a traffic safety point of view."

3640 - WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE KINVARA WATER SCHEME? - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE LAMBERT:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Lambert:

"Work on the provision of a new scheme is now in progress and it is expected that water from the new scheme will be available towards the end of the year."

3641 - THAT PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS BE PROVIDED AT ENNIS ROAD, GORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNAME:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughname:

"A survey will be carried out in September 1990 to establish the need for a pedestrian crossing at the Health Centre and Schools on the Ennis Road, and a survey will be carried out in July 1990 to establish the need for a pedestrian crossing at the Post Office."

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- 3642 - THAT THE OPEN DRAIN BE PIPED AND COVERED CLOSES TO THE SECOND PHASE OF THE COUNCIL ESTATE, CROWE STREET, GORT:  
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNAME:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughname:

"The Department of the Environment were requested in 1989 to have the above works included under the Gort Sewerage Scheme. However, the Department rejected this proposal.

The Council will endeavour to carry out the works from its own resources, funds permitting."

- 3643 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE FOLLOWING ROADS: DUNSANDLE CROSS, ATHENRY TO BOOKEEN, BOOKEEN CROSS TO DUNSANDLE STATION AND THE ROAD TO LECARROW VILLAGE, CRAUGHWELL; ALSO THE ROAD PAST P. HAVERTY'S HOUSE AT LISSANISKA, KILLIMOR: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNAME:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughname:

"Repairs will be carried out to the following roads: Dunsandle Cross, Athenry to Bookeen, Bookeen Cross to Dunsandle Station and the road to Lecarrow Village, Craughwell. The road past P. Haverty's house at Lissaniska, Killimor, requires reconstruction and there are no funds available to carry out these works in the current year."

- 3644 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE FLOODING OUTSIDE HOUSES OF MR. NOEL KELLY AND MRS. GABRIELLE LARKING, GORTNAGAPPA, KILTORMER, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The necessary works will be carried out as soon as possible."

- 3645 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT PROPER SIGNS ON THE SIGPOST AT THE JUNCTION OF THE WOODFORD/PORTUMNA/WHITEGATE ROAD C. 400 YARDS FROM WOODFORD ON THE MOUNTSHANNON ROAD AND THAT THESE SIGNS CONTAIN INDICATIONS FOR PORTUMNA, GURTEENEY, WHITEGATE AND MOUNTSHANNON AND WOODFORD ITSELF: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"There are no funds available at present for erection of the above signs. However, if funds become available later in the year the signs will be erected."

- 3646 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY CUT THE BUSHES, BRIARS AND WEEDS AND REPAIR AND RENEW ALL POTHOLES ON THE ROAD LEADING TO P. HAVERTY'S, LISSANISKA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

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The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"There are no funds available in the current year for the carrying out of the above works.

However, briars and bushes could be cut if Councillors Notice of Motion Funds were provided."

- 3647 - THAT THE DOORUS EAST TO DOORUS WEST ROAD BE INCLUDED AS A ROAD WHERE SOME OF THE £304,000 ROAD FLOOD DAMAGE GRANT COULD BE SPENT: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The above location is included in the flood damage programme recently approved by the Council and works to the value of £9,000 will commence in the near future."

- 3648 - THAT A BAD BEND ON THE BARNIA ROAD AT BUSHYPARK BE REMOVED BETWEEN JOE WALSH'S HOUSE AND MICHAEL MITCHELL'S HOUSE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The road in question appears to be the Ballagh Road. As this road is in the County Borough area, the matter should be taken up with Galway Corporation."

- 3649 - THAT YELLOW LINES BE PUT ON THE NEW HARD SHOULDER FROM TONEROE TO CLARINBRIDGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Yellow lines will be provided at the above location during the current year."

- 3650 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL BLACKTOP A ROAD LEADING TO THE HOUSE OF DENIS RYDER, CLOONAGH, DUNMORE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY M. KITT:

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

"The above road requires strengthening. The estimated cost of carrying out this work is £25,000. However, there are no funds available in the current year."

- 3651 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE AN UP-TO-DATE REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE DRINKING WATER IN CRAUGHWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"All recent tests by the Health Board have been satisfactory. We will examine the water tower for any

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signs of sediment and clean if necessary. Secondly, we will scour out mains at dead ends if necessary."

- 3652 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GRANT A ROAD OPENING LICENCE TO THE BALLYMANA GROUP WATER SCHEME, CRAUGHWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The Trustees of the above group water scheme were informed in letter dated 13th March, 1990, that the estimated cost of road restoration was £116,596. The Trustees consider this estimate to be excessive and their Consultants, John Mooney & Associates are to arrange a meeting with Council Officials, with a view to agreeing an alternative route for the pipeline and to reduce the estimated cost.

The Trustees have not submitted the relevant forms and details required in letter of 13th March, 1990.

Accordingly, it is not possible to issue a road opening licence until all the above matters are attended to by the Group Scheme organisers."

- 3653 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INSTALL A SLUSH DOOR AT WATER BRIDGE, CURRUE, KINVARA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Slush door will be provided within the next 2 months."

- 3654 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT NEW GATES IN CO-OPERATION WITH C.I.E. AT GORTAVOHER, TUBBER, LEVEL CROSSING: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"A draft agreement submitted by Irish Rail is being examined by the Council at present, and it is hoped to have same finalised in the near future."

- 3655 - ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION OF THE DELAY IN DISCHARGING THE CHARGE ON THE DEEDS OF A HOUSE THE SUBJECT OF A COUNTY COUNCIL LOAN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"There was not a delay of three months in dealing with this matter and discharge was completed within the normal time."

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- 3656 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE THE RESULT OF THE SURVEY CARRIED OUT REGARDING THE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE TOP OF THE TOWN OF HEADFORD AND THAT THE COUNCIL OUTLINE THE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION AND THE TIMESCALE FOR SAME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Survey was carried out on 25/5/1990. The count was made on all road branches leading into the centre of the town. It extended over an 8 hour period and consisted of a count of 9 different classes of vehicles. There was no count made of pedestrian crossings.

The survey confirms that the main traffic flows occur on the Headford to Galway Road and on the Headford to Shrule Road, i.e., National Secondary Route N84. The flow in the Headford to Claran Route is approx. 36% of the flow on the National Secondary Route. Traffic flow on the Headford to Con Routes is approx. 54% of the flow on the National Secondary Route. In all cases, the main vehicle class is the motor car. On the National Route, goods vehicles including agricultural tractors account for approx. 15% of total traffic.

The measure taken by the Council to improve safety of this intersection includes the following:

1. The erection of a second stop sign on the approach from Shrule.
2. The erection of 2 large advance signs indicating major roads ahead on the approach from Shrule.
3. New road markings on the approach from Shrule.
4. Surface dressing of carriageways.

It is not proposed to carry out any further works.

It is not considered that pedestrian crossings warrant any particular measures. Pedestrian crossings relate mainly to school children arising during school hours or school times.

Difficulties at this intersection arise from the fact that the National Route N84 which goes through a 90 degree bend does not have a right of way."

- 3657 - PURCHASE LAND FOR THE EXTENSION OF CLOUGHANOVER GRAVEYARD AND THAT WORKS BE IMMEDIATELY CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE DANGEROUS EXISTING ENTRANCE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH:

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

"The Council has been unable to acquire land for the extension to Cloughanover Burial Ground at a reasonable price. Efforts to acquire suitable land at a reasonable cost are continuing."

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- 3658 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO CITY COURTHOUSE WITHOUT DELAY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"A decision whereby the Government would assume responsibility for Courthouse maintenance is anticipated. The programme of works will not be finalised until that matter is clarified."

- 3659 - THAT THE TOURISM SIGNS PROVIDED BY BORD FAILTE FOR THE OUGHTERARD AND CLIFDEN AREAS BE PUT UP IMMEDIATELY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"Two finger post signs have been erected in the Clifden area. One additional finger post sign and one large sign 8 ft. long will be erected shortly."

The erection of Bord Failte signs in the Oughterard area will be undertaken in the near future."

- 3660 - THAT EMERGENCY REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE RUSHEENDUFF ROAD, RENVYLE AND ALSO THE ROAD TO GLASSALAWN, RENVYLE, AND BROKEN DOWN GULLET BY PETER WALSH'S HOUSE, GLASSALAWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"The Rusheenduff road is not in charge of the Council, accordingly, the Council are precluded from carrying out repairs to same. However, the work may qualify for inclusion under a Local Improvement Scheme and appropriate application forms should be completed and returned to the Council as soon as possible."

The gullet at Peter Walsh's house, Glassalawn, will be repaired within the next few weeks. Routine maintenance will be carried out on the road at Glassalawn as resources permit."

- 3661 - WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING REGIONAL ROAD BETWEEN RIDGES HOUSE AND DERRYNEA COURTHOUSE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"A design was prepared in the 1970s for this section of R336 Regional Route."

However, due to increased traffic and revised design standards, these plans will have to be upgraded. This work will be carried out in the near future."

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- 3662 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE CRASH BARRIERS ERECTED AT THE BEND ON THE COUNTY ROAD AT MAUMEN PIER, LETTERMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"There are no funds available in the current year for provision of barriers at the above location."

- 3663 - WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING PUBLIC TOILETS FOR DOILIN BEACH, CARRAROE? - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"Galway County Council intends building a public toilet at Carraroe in 1991 as part of its on-going beach development programme intended to promote tourism in the County. The Council is now trying to acquire the necessary lands on which to build the public toilet."

- 3664 - CORRESPONDENCE:

Copies of the following correspondence were circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (1) Letter dated 22/5/1990 from Leitrim County Council re case of Pauline Drumm and take up matter with the French Authorities.
- (2) Letter dated 14th June, 1990, from Cork County Council re setting up of Department of Rural Affairs and appointment of a full Minister to that Department.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

James Joyce  
CHAIRMAN

23rd July 1990.  
DATE

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)**

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
**GAILLIMH**

27u la Meitheamh 1990

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

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae ar De h-Aoine an 6u la Iúil, 1990, ag tosnu ag **8.00 a chlog** sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**T. O CAOMHANAIGH,**  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

**A G E N D A**

1. Election of Chairman for 1990/91
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for year 1990/91.
3. Appointment of three representatives on the County Councils' General Council for year 1990/91.
4. Appointment of County Libraries Committee.
5. Appointment of National Monuments Advisory Committee.
6. Appointment of Higher Education Grants Committee.
7. Appointment of Sheep Dipping Committee.
8. Appointment of Finance Committee.
9. Nomination to Regional Advisory Council of Teagasc.

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28th June, 1990.

ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ON FRIDAY, 6TH JULY, 1990.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 14, I hereby order that the Annual Meeting of Galway County Council shall be held at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 6th July, 1990.

*John Malloy*

J. MOLLOY,  
CHAIRMAN,  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 6TH JULY, 1990, AT 8.00 P.M.**

**IN THE CHAIR:** (a) Councillor J. Molloy.  
(b) Councillor J. Joyce.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Members:** As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

**Officials:** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Deputy City and County Manager; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

**3665 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:**

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Corcoran & Family, Ballyloughane, Galway.  
Fr. Niall Foley, Garbally College, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Callaghan (Snr.), Gurteenaveala, Clontuskert, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. M. Cogavin, Gurteen, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Aideen Coffey, "An Chaoi-Ordha", Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.

**3666 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS:**

On the proposition of Councillor Lynch, the Council passed a vote of congratulations to the Irish Soccer Team on their performance in the World Cup.

**3667 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 1990/91:**

Deputy Kitt proposed that Councillor J. Joyce be elected Chairman of Galway County Council for the year 1990/1991. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan. As there were no further proposals for the Election of Chairman, the Chairman declared Councillor Joyce elected as Chairman of Galway County Council for 1990/1991.

Councillor Molloy thanked the Members and Officials for their co-operation during the year and reviewed some of the work which had been done. The Members paid tribute to Councillor

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Molloy for the manner in which he carried out the duties of Chairman during his term of office. They also congratulated Councillor Joyce on his election as Chairman. Mr. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager, also paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Molloy, and also congratulated Councillor Joyce on his election.

Councillor Joyce then took the Chair and was invested with the Chain of Office.

Ghabh an Comhairleoir Seoighe buiochas do na Comhairleoiri as ucht e a thoghadh mar Cathaoirleach. Dúirt se go ndeanfadh se a dhícheall dualgaisi an oifig a comhlionadh chomh maith is feidir leis i rith na mbliana. Councillor Joyce thanked his proposer and seconder and all the Members for his unanimous election. He said he hoped to emulate the work of his predecessors, and hoped to serve with dignity, good judgement and humour. D'iarr se ar na Comhairleoiri usaid a bhaint as an Gaeilge comh minic is feidir toisc go raibh an Comhairle ag freastal ar an Ghaeltacht. Councillor Joyce mentioned a number of schemes which he would like to see progress during the year. He congratulated the Galway Senior Football Team and the Irish Soccer Team on their success. He hoped for peace and an end to violence in our country.

**3668 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR YEAR 1990/1991:**

It was proposed by Deputy Fahey, seconded by Senator Hussey, that Councillor M. Loughnane be appointed Vice-Chairman for 1990/1991.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, that Councillor J. Lambert be appointed Vice-Chairman for 1990/1991.

There were no other proposals. A vote taken resulted as follows:

**FOR COUNCILLOR LOUGHNANE:**

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

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**FOR COUNCILLOR LAMBERT:**

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

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Councillors Glynn and O'Tuathail abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared Councillor Loughnane elected as Vice-Chairman of Galway County Council for 1990/1991.

Councillor Loughnane thanked his proposer and seconded and the Members for electing him as Vice-Chairman. Councillor Lambert congratulated Councillor Loughnane on his election.

3669 - APPOINTMENT OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES ON THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1990/1991:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that the three outgoing Members be re-appointed to the County Councils' General Council for the year 1990/1991.

The Chairman declared -

Councillor Micheal O Morain, Carna.  
Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan.  
Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.

appointed as representatives on the County Councils' General Council for 1990/1991.

3670 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that all the outgoing Members of the County Libraries' Committee be re-appointed for 1990/1991.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 30 Members of the County Libraries' Committee for 1990/1991:

No.	Member
(1)	Andy Clohessy, Maree, Oranmore.
(2)	Tomas O'Maille, Rosmuc.
(3)	Conor Gavin, Dunmore, Tuam.
(4)	Clr. Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
(5)	Clr. John Mannion, Clifden.
(6)	Dep. P. McCormack, 3, Renmore Park.
(7)	Clr. John Molloy, Coolough, Casltegar.
(8)	Clr. P. McHugh, Beaghmore, Belclare P.O.
(9)	Clr. J. Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
(10)	P.D. Ryan, Derrymullen, Ballinasloe.
(11)	Padraic Mac Donnacha, Rossaveal.
(12)	Peter Conroy, Monivea.
(13)	Clr. P. Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
(14)	Clr. P. Raftery, Ballygar.
(15)	Eamon King, Glann, Oughterard.
(16)	Clr. M. Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
(17)	Leo Hallissey, Renvyle, Connemara.
(18)	Joseph Burke, Principal, Voc. School, Tuam.
(19)	Charles Mullen, Bridge Street, Portumna.
(20)	M.J. Molloy, Milltown.
(21)	Gerald Bartley, Ballinaboy, Clifden.

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- (22) Martin Fallon, Turloughmore.
- (23) Clr. Michael Mullins, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
- (24) Mrs. Kathleen Fallon, Kilgarve, Creagh, B'Sloe.
- (25) Clr. Ml. Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan.
- (26) Toddie Byrne, Kinvara.
- (27) James McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
- (28) Clr. M. Lynch, The Square, Athenry.
- (30) Clr. T. Walsh, Ardeevan, Williamstown.
- (31) Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.

3671 - APPOINTMENT ON NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that Councillor Martin Lynch replace Mr. Oscar Gantley as a Full Member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee, and that the other Members be re-appointed. This was agreed.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Senator Hussey, that Councillor P. McHugh, replace Mr. D.J. Murphy, R.I.P. as an Honorary Member. This was agreed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members of the National Monuments Advisory Committee, Full Members and Honorary Members, for 1990/1991:

Full Members:

- (1) Mr. Michael O'Neill, Tully, Renvyle.
- (2) Clr. Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (3) Mr. Toddie Byrne, Kinvara.
- (4) Clr. Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry.
- (5) Clr. J. Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
- (6) Clr. T. Welby, Oughterard.
- (7) Mr. Tom Fanning, Dept. of Archaeology, U.C.G.
- (8) Mr. Aidan Lardner, Turloughmore.
- (9) Mr. Hubert Bermingham, Dunmore.
- (10) Mr. Martin Joyce, N.T., Aughrim, Ballinasloe.

Honorary Members:

- (1) Dr. Tony Claffey, Vicar Street, Tuam.
- (2) Clr. P. McHugh, Belclare, Caherlistrane.
- (3) Mr. Larry Kilcommins, Creggs.
- (4) Prof. Thomas O'Neill, U.C.G.
- (5) Mr. Tom Kenny, Ballygar.
- (6) Rev. J. Kelly, P.P., Ardrahan.
- (7) Mr. Thomas Creaven, Fairgreen, Tuam.
- (8) Mr. Michael Conneely, Culicar, Monivea.
- (9) Rev. P.K. Egan, P.P., Portumna.
- (10) Mr. Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea.
- (11) Prof. Etienne Rynne, U.C.G.
- (12) Rev. Martin Coen, C.C., Craughwell.
- (13) Mr. Garry O'Lochlainn, 63 Cruachan Park.
- (14) Mr. Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam.
- (15) Mr. Frank Burke, N.T., Abbey.
- (16) Mr. Eoin Kennedy, 27, Hollygrove, Lisbeglawn, Renmore, Galway.

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- (17) Mr. Paul Gosling, Dept. of Archaeology, U.C.G.
- (18) Mrs. Mary McDonagh, 15 Devon Gardens, Salthill.
- (19) Micheal Uas Breathnach, Voc. Sch. Gort.
- (20) Mr. M.J. Molloy, Milltown.

**3672 - APPOINTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE:**

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that all the outgoing Members of the Higher Education Grants Committee be re-appointed for 1990/91. As a result of the foregoing, the following are the persons appointed to Higher Education Grants Committee for 1990/91:

Higher Education Grants Committee

- (1) Mr. Martin McHugh, 21 Seaman Drive, Riverside.
- (2) Fr. Dermot Maloney, Pres. St. Jarlaths College Tuam
- (3) Mr. Pat Gilmore, Carrownagurraun, Dublin Rd. Tuam.
- (4) Mr. Seamus Donoghue, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy.
- (5) Clr. Ml. Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (6) Clr. Peter Raftery, Ballygar.
- (7) Clr. P. McHugh, Beaghmore, Belclare P.O. Tuam.
- (8) Clr. J. Lambert, Ballyturn, Gort.
- (9) Mr. Sean O'Neachtain, Baile an Domhnaill, Spiddal.
- (10) Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Cussane Cross, Athenry.
- (11) Clr. James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
- (12) Mr. Tom Boyle, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
- (13) Mr. Micheal O'hOgain, Caltra, Ballinasloe.
- (14) Clr. Ml. Mullins, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
- (15) Mrs. Lily Broderick, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.
- (16) Tomas O Muineachain, Uasal, Carraroe.
- (17) Caoimhghin O Maicin, Uasal, Rosmuc.
- (18) Mr. Pierce O'Malley, Cregg, Oughterard.
- (19) Mr. Thomas Connolly, Market Street, Clifden.
- (20) Mr. Patrick Clancy, Glann, Oughterard.
- (21) Clr. Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla, Athenry.
- (22) Mrs. Mary Fahy, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
- (23) Mr. Paddy Grealish, Rindifin, Gort.
- (24) Mr. Jimmy McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
- (25) Clr. Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry.

**3673 - APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE:**

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that all the outgoing Members of the Sheep Dipping Committee be re-appointed for 1990/91. As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members of the Sheep Dipping Committee for 1990/91:

Sheep Dipping Committee

- (1) Mr. Joe Ribbon, Cloonluane, Renvyle.
- (2) Mr. Michael Conneely, Tulicar, Monivea.
- (3) Clr. Ml. Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (4) Dep. P. McCormack, 3 Renmore Park.
- (5) Clr. T. Walsh, Ardeevan, Williamstown.
- (6) Clr. John Mannion, Clifden.

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- (7) Mr. Paddy Ruane, Carnmore, Oranmore.
- (8) Clr. J. Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- (9) Clr. J. Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar.
- (10) Clr. P. Raftery, Ballygar.
- (11) Mr. Ml. Gilhooley, Cussane Cross, Athenry.
- (12) Sen. T. Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy.
- (13) Clr. P. Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
- (14) Clr. T. Welby, Oughterard.
- (15) Mr. Richard King, Corrandulla.
- (16) Mr. Tom Joyce, Gorumna, Recess.
- (17) Mr. Thomas O'Dea, Mountain South, Athenry.
- (18) Clr. J. McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (19) Mr. Mark Canavan, Glann, Oughterard.
- (20) Clr. Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan.

**3674 - APPOINTMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1990/91:**

The Finance Committee consists of the Chairman of the Council, plus 8 Members. It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that the Chairman of the Council (Councillor Joyce) and the 8 outgoing Members be re-appointed to the Finance Committee. This was agreed. As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members of the Finance Committee for 1990/91:

Finance Committee

- (1) Clr. James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
- (2) Clr. T. Welby, Oughterard.
- (3) Clr. J. Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- (4) Senator T. Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy.
- (5) Clr. M. Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla, Athenry.
- (6) Clr. M. Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (7) Clr. J. Mannion, Clifden.
- (8) Clr. J. McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (9) Clr. P. O'Tuathail, Lettermore.

**3675 - NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF TEAGASC:**

Deputy Kitt proposed that Councillor Callanan be nominated to the National Advisory Council of Teagasc. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan. Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillor T. Walsh be nominated and this was seconded by Deputy McCormack. Councillor Walsh withdrew his name and the Chairman then declared Councillor Callanan as the Council's nominee to Regional Advisory Council of Teagasc.

**3676 - JULY PLANNING MEETING:**

As there is a Meeting of the Western Health Board on Friday, 13th July, it was agreed that the Planning Meeting on the 13th July, commence at 4.00 p.m. instead of 3.00 p.m.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*James Joyce* CHAIRMAN  
27/8/90 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

6u la Iuil, 1990.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De h-Aoine, an 13u la Iuil, 1990, ag tosnú ag a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH.  
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for dwellinghouse (dormer bungalow), garage and septic tank at Frenchfort, Oranmore, to Tom O'Connor, at 19 Beechwood Park, Ballybane, Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 61596."

John Molloy. T. Welby Matt Loughnane.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant full planning permission for retention of domestic store and retention of workshop and manufacturing store at Ballyloughaun, Gort, to Mr. Eamon Cummins. - Planning Ref. No. 61166."

Matt Loughnane. T. Welby. J. Callanan. J. Lambert.

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3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for a dwellinghouse and septic tank to Mr. Patrick Grath, Frenchfort, Oranmore, Co. Galway, at Frenchfort, Oranmore, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 61287."

Michael Fahy. Matt Loughnane. T. Welby.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of serviced dwellinghouse, garage, septic tank in the townland of Lisheenageesha, to Kevin Penny. - Planning Reference No. 61725."

McHugh. J. Molloy. P. McCormack. J. McDonagh.

5. MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - Application for Caravan Park and change of use of existing structure to toilets/shower and extension of septic tank in the townland of Gortaha to Ian Johns. - Planning Ref. No. 60521.

6. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1990. - Copy of explanatory memorandum attached.

7. Local Government Reform. - Draft submission.

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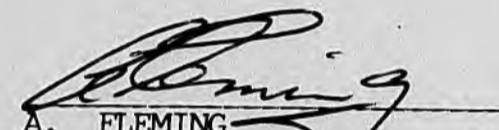
TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

RE: Council Meeting on Friday, 13th July, 1990.

A Chara:

Please note that the Council Meeting on Friday will commence at 4.00 p.m. instead of 3.00 p.m. This was decided by the Council at its Meeting on Friday, 6th instant.

Mise, le meas,

  
A. FLEMING,  
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.  
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT  
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 13TH JULY, 1990.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor James Joyce.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Members:** As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahey, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby.

**Officials:** Messrs D. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Acting Asst. County Manager; D. Barrett, S.S.O. (Planning) and A. Fleming, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3677 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTRY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61596 - APPLICANT : TOM O CONNOR.

The following report which was read by the County Engineer had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

Location

The proposed development is located on the National Primary Route N. 6 outside Oranmore village and before the roundabout.

Planning History:

49064 : In 1984 an application for permission to erect a dwellinghouse on this site was lodged, but not quite the same boundaries. Applicant Mr. P. Finnerty. Permission was refused.

57982 : In 1988 an application for outline permission for eleven dwellinghouses was lodged on a much larger site which included the site in question. Applicant Mr. M. Grealish. The application was withdrawn.

58079 : In 1988 an application was lodged for outline permission for seven dwellinghouses on the same site as on file no 57982 and which includes the site in question. Permission was granted, with a stipulation in condition no. 2, that single storey dwellings only be

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erected on sites 4, 5, 6 and 7. The site in question is site no. 4. Applicant was Mr. M. Grealish.

60708 : In 1990 an application for permission to erect a dormer type dwelling on site no. 4 was submitted by Mr. T O'Connor. This application was refused.

Planning Consideration

The site adjoins the rear curtilage of an adjacent house to the west and a 2 storey house would overlook this curtilage and diminish its residential amenity. In one of the earlier applications a householder visited the Planning Office and indicated his objection to any development which would overlook his back garden. A condition requiring single storey houses on sites 4 to 7 was imposed and not appealed.

The proposed development is contrary to condition no. 2 of planning ref. 58079 which states that any development on the site in question (site no. 4) should be single storey only. The application is for a dormer type dwellinghouse. The house on site no. 7 has been constructed in compliance with the condition. The condition was included to protect existing residential amenity and not to impose undue restriction on house designs in the area. Any developer would have been quite clear as to this restriction before buying the site and to give an ad hoc permission to break this restriction now would be to discriminate against the people who have already built their house in accordance with the permission on site no. 7 and possibly other people who have bought sites 5 and 6 with the intention of building single storey houses thereon and also to permit overlooking of the back garden of the existing house to the west.

Recommendation

Refusal is recommended as follows :

The proposed development would injure the residential amenity of an adjacent dwellinghouse because it would overlook its rear garden curtilage from 1st floor windows and thereby intrude on its privacy.

The County Engineer stated that there was no great point of principle involved here. There is already a grant of planning permission in respect of a bungalow and there is a bungalow built on site no. 7. The applicant wishes to build a dormer bungalow on the site and there is an objection from an adjoining landowner. He states that the building of a dormer bungalow on this site could be interpreted as a break of trust with the adjoining landowner considering the planning history in respect of this site. It was noted that the time could be extended in the case of this application.

Councillor Molloy stated that there is a two storey dwelling on the opposite side of the road already and that there were

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alot of dormers on the road. He considered that a dormer bungalow was the most suitable building to be built at this particular location considering other development in the area. It is noted that the applicant had the option of extending the time limit in this case and it was agreed that consideration of the application would be adjourned until the next Meeting.

3678 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61166 - APPLICANT: EAMON CUMMINS:

The following report which was read by the County Engineer had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the main Galway/Gort National Primary Route approximately two miles north of Gort.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 6413: Planning Permission was granted for a dwellinghouse to Mr. J. Quinn in 1969 on the basis of a housing need claimed. The site was later sold. In 1986, preliminary investigations concerning an alleged unauthorised workshop were carried out by the Planning Authority. Despite being written to the development did not cease.

PLANNING CONSIDERATION:

The proposed development is located at the rear of a permitted dwellinghouse and takes its access directly onto the National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies. The County Development Plan, Table 25A, specifically prohibits this type of commercial development along the National Routes in the interests of traffic safety since there is a clearly established relationship between the number of accidents along public roads and the number of accesses to the said roads. The degree of seriousness of the accidents relates to the speed of travel along the Route, which in the case of National Routes would generally be near or above the maximum speed limit. It is in the public interest to restrict any further accesses to the National Routes to those which are essential and also to restrict any intensification of use of any existing access such as is proposed here.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a National Primary

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Route where the maximum speed limit applies, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the Route.

2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 25, Table 25A of the County Development Plan which restricts commercial land industrial development along this Route in the interests of traffic safety."

The County Engineer added that he recommended that this application be refused because of the speed and high volume of the traffic particularly commercial and heavy goods vehicles which constituted a large percentage of the traffic, and also turning vehicles which pose a serious threat of accidents even death to both the general public and occupiers and users of the entrance. He stated that the risk that this commercial development generated was unacceptable and he strongly recommended that it be refused. He pointed out that the applicant was written to in 1986 and he did not cease to continue operating. He also pointed out that an Enforcement Notice was served in January, 1990.

Councillor Loughnane question whether this was a commercial development. The question was also asked if there was a time limit in which Councils must act in respect of unauthorised developments.

Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager stated that there were difficult procedures with regard to the enforcement of planning control legislation and that he would have to examine this case before a detailed answer could be given.

Councillor U. Burke stated that there was an anomaly whereby Rates were collected for commercial developments which were not authorised under the Planning code.

Mr. Foley, Solicitor for the applicant, was given Permission by the Chairman to address the Meeting. He stated that the business began in a garage in 1976. In 1983, the applicant applied for Planning Permission to build a shed. He then began to use the shed to build fitted kitchens and wardrobes since October 1983. He stated his client had received no notice until January 1990. He acknowledged that the development was off a National Primary Road but he stated that it was not a manufacturing unit nor could it be considered a commercial premises in the sense that customers did not come to look at the product and buy it. He stated that his client received orders on the phone and by way of referral. He also stated that there is now no sign erected advertising the business. He stated that the only traffic being generated by the development was as follows:

- (1) Domestic.
- (2) Employees numbering 5 including the applicant and his wife.

He stated that if Planning Permission was not granted that

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his client would be forced to close the business resulting in loss of jobs. He also stated that his client had looked for a suitable premises in Gort but failed to acquire them.

The County Engineer stated that the applicant's Solicitor had admitted that there is a business going on and he also pointed out that a sign erected there had been removed, and replaced temporarily, and has now been removed again. The applicant has been in business since 1983, and was written to by the Council in 1986, but no reply was received. He also stated that the applicant received a verbal warning in connection with the enterprise. He stated that the applicant has to import raw materials and remove the finished product from his premises. The County Development Plan specifically prohibits any such development. The purpose of National Primary Roads is to allow traffic to move freely between the main centres of population in safety.

Councillor Loughnane stated that the applicant could not afford to be without the premises. Councillor Brennan stated that he strongly objected to people disregarding the Law. He stated that the applicant was written to, visited, and spoken to, and an Enforcement Notice was served in January 1990. He stated the applicant was ignoring the Planning Laws and setting a bad example for others.

A vote taken for or against the Resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors U. Burke, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, and T. Welby.

(12)

**AGAINST:** Councillor J. Brennan.

(1)

Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh, abstained from voting.

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

**3679 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61287 - APPLICANT : PATRICK MCGRATH.**

The following report which was read by the County Engineer had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

**"Location**

The proposed development is located approximately 1 1/4 mile from Oranmore village, down a by road to Frenchfort House, off the National Primary Route N6 Oranmore to Loughrea.

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Planning History

Ref. No. 32762 : In 1979 an application for outline permission for the erection of a dwelling house on a site just north and adjacent to the site in question was lodged by a Mr. M. McGrath. The application was refused by An Bord Pleanála on the grounds that the site was on a corridor of land to be reserved for a proposed new Galway City road network.

Ref. No. 35460 : In 1980 an application for planning permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse on the same site as above by Mr. M. McGrath. Permission was refused.

Ref. No. 37667 : In late 1980 permission was sought again by Mr. M. McGrath on the above site for the erection of a dwellinghouse. Permission was granted.

Ref. No. 47962 : In 1984 outline permission was sought by Mr. P. McGrath for the erection of a dwellinghouse on the site in question which is just south and adjacent to the site mentioned on the previous files. Permission was granted by Section 4 motion of the Council.

Consideration

The site is lowlying, subject to winter flooding and adjoins interconnecting springs thus making it liable to cause pollution of ground waters and surface water. A trial hole which was dug on this site in connection with a previous application indicated limestone bedrock close to the surface. The Western Health Board examined the trial hole and recommended refusal.

Recommendation

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would be seriously injurious to public health because the proposed septic tank and percolation area would be located too close to a lowlying area containing several springs and because of the slope of the site in the direction of this area there would be a serious danger of pollution of the spring well and the underground water table."

The County Engineer pointed out that this site is in a different location to the one for which planning permission was approved and is near the stream. He was recommending a refusal in this case as the septic tank will not be able to operate properly and will result in the pollution of springs and surface water. Councillor Fahy asked that if the applicant submitted suitable alternative proposals for dealing with the septic tank effluent would the County Engineer recommend the granting of planning permission. The County Engineer stated that he would first have to see the new submission and it was agreed that consideration of this

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application would be deferred until the next Planning Meeting on 10th August, 1990.

360 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61725 - APPLICANT: KEVIN PENNY:

The following report which was read by the County Engineer had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located close to the shoreline of Lough Corrib on a minor stop end road approximately two and half miles southwest of Headford.

PLANNING HISTORY:

60627 - Permission refused for house - applicant: Mr. K. Penny. No appeal.

61112 - Permission refused for house - applicant: Mr. K. Penny. No appeal.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an area of Outstanding scenic amenity on the eastern shoreline of Lough Corrib. Development control policy as expressed in the previous County Development Plan and re-iterated in the present plan, is to restrict development in those vulnerable and lightly developed areas, to the essential housing needs of farmholders families. This is to protect the highly scenic landscape, the recreational amenity of the area and to prevent sources of pollution close to important waterbodies such as Lough Corrib.

The present proposal has already been refused twice. No housing need has been claimed and the applicant has an address in Jersey.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area because it would be located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity close to the shore of Lough Corrib and it would contribute to the erosion of the scenic and environmental amenity of the area and of its recreational potential.

2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 9.2 of the County Development Plan which restricts development in this area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity to the essential housing needs of farmholders families, a category of which does not apply in this case."

Councillor McHugh referred to the refusal for Planning

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Permission in respect of the above applicant on two previous occasions for which there was no appeal. He stated that on the first occasion, the applicant did not think that there would be any problem regarding Planning Permission, and on the second occasion, he stated that the application was refused before he himself had received Prior Notice. He stated that although the applicant has an address in Jersey, his aunt was from the area. He also stated that the County Council has a demountable dwelling on a field across the road from the proposed development.

Councillor Loughnane stated that a nephew is a permitted relationship as per 9.2.3 of the County Development. The County Engineer stated that the development was close to the shoreline of Lough Corrib on a minor road, and development here was restricted to essential housing need. He stated that no claim for housing need had been made by the applicant. Councillor Loughnane stated that essential need should include persons who have close relatives living in the area and who wish to return home. Councillor Brennan stated that in view of the fact that the applicant is living in Jersey and it appears that this is a holiday home, he would be voting against the resolution. He stated that if it could be substantiated that he was returning and living permanently at home, and had an aunt living in the area, he would support the proposal. Councillor O'Tuathail stated that he supported Councillor Brennan as he considered building of holiday homes was a blight on the shores of Lough Corrib which was a great tourism asset. A vote taken for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors U. Burke, M. Fahy, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, M. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

(15)

**AGAINST:** Councillors J. Brennan, and P. O'Tuathail.

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

3681 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN - APPLICATION FOR CARAVAN PARK AND CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING STRUCTURE TO TOILETS/SHOWER AND EXTENSION OF SEPTIC TANK IN THE TOWNLAND OF GORTAHA. PLANNING REF. NO. 60521. APPLICANT: IAN JOHNS.

The following report which was read by the County Engineer had been circulated to each member of the Council.

"Location of Site:

The site is located close to the Banks of the River Shannon at the Eastern Outskirts of Portumna and within the Boundary of the Town Plan.

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Planning History:

The previous planning history on the site relates only to the permission for the dwellinghouse in which the applicant lives and which was at the time related to the management of the Emerald Star Line Marina.

Planning Considerations:

The area was zoned for agriculture/amenity in the 1985 development plan and is now zoned for agriculture in the recently adopted plan.

The site adjoins the Emerald Star Marina and shares its access with the marina on to the adjacent National Secondary Route within the 40 m.p.h. speed limit of Portumna Town. It is generally well screened from views from the public road and the river itself. There are drains along the Northern and Southern boundaries which lead to the canal.

The proposal is for the installation of 17 no. caravan stands with central toilet and washing facilities. Initially the applicant proposed the use of a septic tank but has indicated his willingness to install a sewage treatment plant which will produce an effluent to the standard of 20 mg/litre B.O.D. and 30 p.p.m. suspended solids. The latter treatment would be the likely standard required by the Councils Environmental Department in the Licence which would be necessary under the Water Pollution Acts.

An examination of the existing gateway access would indicate that it would not be adequate to cater safely for the towing of caravans to and from the site. In his reply to a request for further information the applicant has stated that he will be prepared to improve the entrance. Should permission be granted a condition should be applied requiring such an improvement before any development commences.

Appendix K of the County Development Plan requires a density of not more than 16 caravans per acre on a serviced site. The site is approximately 1 acre in area and the density as such is in close accordance with the development plan.

The proposal was deemed to be a material contravention of the 1985 Plan when it was submitted because the zoning restricted development to existing agricultural use. The present Plan provides for "limited amenity uses" in such areas.

Recommendation:

Grant Permission subject to the following conditions:

1. Development shall not commence pending the receipt

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of a licence under the 1977 Water Pollution Act.

Reason : In the interests of Public Health.

2. Development shall not commence pending the improvement of the vehicular access at its junction with the national Secondary Route. Details of such improvement shall be agreed in writing with the Planning Authority or in default of same by An Bord Pleanala.

Reason : In the interests of public safety.

3. The development shall not contain any more than 17 no. caravans at any one time and shall not be otherwise occupied by tents of dormitory vehicles without Planning Permission.

Reason : To provide for acceptable accommodation standards in the interests of health and amenity.

4. Refuse litter and other debris shall be collected regularly, stored in covered secure containers and deposited at the municipal dump at least weekly.

Reason : In the interests of health and amenity.

5. Before any development commences on the site proposed to be developed, the developer shall pay a contribution of £1,012 to the Planning Authority.

Reason : So that the developer shall pay an equitable portion of the cost of the services which facilitate the development."

The County Engineer stated that the reason he was recommending this particular development was that Portumna is a high tourist amenity and this particular development is adjacent to the boating marina and the development would create additional employment and generate additional demand. It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor U. Burke that the proposed material contravention of the County Development Plan be approved. Councillor Loughnane welcomed the County Engineer's report and in particular the strict sanitary conditions that the Council were insisting on. He stated that Portumna is a first class tourist area and this represented a vote of confidence. He also stated that the Festival was opening today and this was an opportune time to approve the motion. Councillor U. Burke congratulated the officials of the Council and stated that the applicant had received good advice and guidance in connection with his proposed development. The development would be of benefit to East Galway and the shores of Lough Derg, was ideally located beside the Emerald Star Line. He stated that because of the consultation that took place there was no need for a Section 4 and agreement had been reached regarding the treatment plant. Councillor Joyce stated that he wished to join in, in wishing the applicant well. Mr. D. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager said that he wished to

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acknowledge the comments made and congratulated the Tidy Towns Committee in Portumna for the way in which the town was looking.

It was proposed by Councillor U. Burke and seconded by Councillor Joyce:

"That having considered the Planning Application made by Ian Johns for permission for development of caravan park and change of use of existing structure to toilets/shower block and extension of septic tank in the townland of Gortaha - Planning Register No. 60521, and having considered the report of the County Engineer in the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 29(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, hereby require that a decision to grant Permission be made in the case of this application."

A vote taken for or against the resolution resulted as follows:

FOR : Councillors J. Brennan, U. Burke, M. Fahey, Sen. T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Thuathail, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby. (19)

AGAINST : Nil.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

Councillor J. Joyce, Chairman, stated that in future in accordance with Standing Orders that an item would be included on the Agenda called Chairman's business where urgent and important matters might be discussed by the Council provided he was given details of the item prior to the Meeting. Councillor Loughnane asked that every effort be made to circulate the Councillors with reports as early as possible as the speed of postal delivery varied and it is important that Councillors have time to consider the reports.

Councillor O'Morain asked that the following motion be adopted by the Council:

"That Galway County Council calls on the Departments of the Marine and Justice to make every effort to eliminate farm poaching of salmon on the West Coast of Ireland"

He said that there was genuine worry on the West Coast regarding the devastation caused by poaching which not only effected the fishing industry but also the tourism industry. He stated that there was a wall of net eliminating the natural flow of salmon to the West. The motion was seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair and resolved.

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3682 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1990.

It was agreed that a report be made available from the Law Agent for the next Planning Meeting on the implications of this new legislation with particular reference to areas of scientific interest.

3683 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

Mr. D. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager, stated that the document before them was based on various proposals which had been agreed by the Council. Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that he had made a suggestion regarding an authority for Connemara. He would like some reference to be made to this in the document. Councillor McHugh stated that he would like the word "could" to read "should" in the document where appropriate so as to make a positive statement. He said that he was of the opinion that the local authority should be

empowered to raise its own finance locally. Councillor Loughnane considered the term "town and its hinterland" should encompass a sizeable area so that the entire county would be covered by such units. Following discussion it was agreed that Councillor O'Conchubhair's sentiments regarding a separate authority for Connemara would be mentioned in the covering letter attached to the document. It was then proposed by Councillor Brennan and seconded by Councillor Mannion and resolved that the Draft document be approved.

3684 - SUB-REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain and seconded by Councillor McHugh that Councillor Finnegan be nominated.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor McDonagh that Councillor Mannion be nominated.

A vote on the issue resulted as follows :

FOR COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN : Councillor M. Fahey, Sen. T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, and T. Welby. (9)

FOR COUNCILLOR MANNION : Councillors Brennan, U. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan and T. Walsh. (10)

The Chairman declared Councillor Mannion as being elected.

3685 - PEAT BASED FILTERS FOR DOMESTIC SEPTIC TANKS.

It was agreed that the item on Peat Based Filters for Domestic Septic Tanks would be considered at the ordinary monthly meeting in August.

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3686 - MEETING OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE OF 5 CONNACHT COUNTIES - CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO. - 25TH MAY 1990.

It was proposed by Councillor Molloy and seconded by Councillor Mannion and resolved that Councillors J. Mannion, T. Walsh, J. Molloy and J. Callanan attend the Sheep Dipping Meeting in Castlebar, Co. Mayo on 25th May, 1990.

3687 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY

Votes of sympathy were adopted with the following :  
Mrs Anne Wallace, Market Hill, Clifden, Co. Galway on the death of her husband Mr. Patrick Wallace.  
Mr. Christy Small & Family, Parkmore, Castlegar, Galway on death of his wife Ann.  
The Wall Family, Kiltullagh, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

James Joyce  
CHAIRMAN

27/8/90  
DATE



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE**  
**(Galway County Council)**

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

17u la Iuil, 1990.

**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, ar De Luain, an 23u la Iuil, 1990, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

**A. FLEMING,**  
**RUNAI SEALADACH.**

**AGENDA**

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:  
"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Hugh O'Donnell for the retention of access road and path at Gowlan, Clifden. - Planning Ref. No. 61113."  
Thomas Welby. John M. Mannion. John Molloy.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to enter into negotiations with the O.P.W. re the improvement and extension of the Letterfrack Water Supply Scheme."  
Thomas Welby. John M. Mannion. Micheal S. O Morain.
3. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:  
(a) Special Council Meeting held on 8th June, 1990.  
(b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 25th June, 1990.  
(c) County Arts Committee held on 11th July, 1990.
4. Approval of Arts Grants 1990 - Recommendations attached.
5. Sale of house to Padraic and Breda McDonagh - Section 83 Notice dated 20th June, 1990, already circulated.

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Sale of house to Michael Mitchell - Section 83 Notice dated 4th July, 1990, already circulated.

Sale of plot of land at Carraroe South to Martin O Connor - Section 83 Notice dated 24th November, 1988, already circulated.

Proposals for use of £80,000 in Estimates for Local Elections - report attached.

Loughrea Sewerage Scheme.

Bord na Gaeilge Seminar - Gaoth Dobhair - 28/30 Mean Fomhair, 1990. - Documentation attached.

Application for remission of Rates under Udaras na Gaeltachta and I.D.A. Acts:

- (a) Noctech Ltd., Polkeen, Ballintemple.
- (b) Oilean Mara Teo., Teeranea.

Malicious Injury Decrees - list already circulated.

Business submitted by the County Manager.

Business submitted by the Chairman.

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

15. That the County Council have deady dangerous tree removed at Cregboy. (Details supplied).
16. That the County Council take steps to ease longstanding flooding problem at Knockdoe. (Details supplied).
17. That the County Council in conjunction with S.E.S. Scheme create carpark facilities at Claregalway. (Details supplied).

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

18. That a pedestrian crossing be erected in Craughwell Village as crossing the street there is very dangerous because of the speed of cars on this National Primary Route.
19. I will ask for a full report on the quality of the Craughwell Water Supply, as taken from the Craughwell River, and also an investigation into the possibility that raw sewage is being allowed from the Loughrea Sewerage Scheme into a river which is a contributory to the Craughwell River.
20. What steps the County Engineer proposes to take to investigate and complete the deterioration of the road at Rosscahill, for about a mile long stretch in the townland of Loughgannon, which was tarred and resurfaced last year, but now has completely disintegrated, and also what steps are being taken to rectify this problem, also the total expenditure to date on this stretch of road.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council immediately sanction the relocation of a pumphouse for a group water scheme (details supplied), if the Council will outline if they are aware of the serious pollution affecting this scheme, the action they propose to take pertaining to this situation, and if the Council will outline in detail the works to be carried out, when they will be sanctioned, when they will commence, the cost of same, and any other relevant detail.
22. That Galway County Council take immediate and proper action to prevent any encampment, parking, etc., on an open public space on a very important roadway. (Details supplied.)
23. An immediate reievew of Polling Stations, Polling areas, etc. be carried out by Galway County Council, vis. a vis. its responsibility to the people of County Galway, that the type of review to be carried out be outlined hereafter, that a period for submissions from interested parties be allowed, and any other relevant information pertaining to this review be outlined hereafter.

COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

24. That works be carried out at Hylands Cross, Masonbrook, Masonbrook, Loughrea, to eliminate the traffic hazard which exists at that location especially for vehicles exiting from the Killteskill Road, and turning right towards Rafarm; the line of erosion for such vehicle drivers being virtually non-existent.
25. That the County Manager indicate a definite starting date for the building of pumping station and ancillary works to provide water supply from Loughrea Lake to Kilnadeema Group Water Supply Scheme.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN: - I will propose:

26. That the Council erect traffic warning sign at Abbert, Abbeyknockmoy. (Details supplied)

COUNCILLOR M. FAHY AND DEPUTY F. FAHEY: - We will propose:

27. That Galway County Council repair footpath on the Loughrea Road, Gort, as soon as possible.

COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR: - I will propose:

28. For what reason the £1,000 amenity grant is not paid to the Lettermore Football Pitch.
29. That Galway County Council give a full report re demountable dwelling - name and address supplied.
30. That Galway County Council request the Minister for the Environment, P. Flynn, to grant £1,000,000 to Regional and County Roads in Connemara.

COUNCILOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

31. That Galway County Council please tell me why the water in the town of Athenry is turned off at 12.00 midnight every night, because the people that have factories and work a 3 shift system, find that the water turned off at night causes major problems to their machinery and to the staff that have to work all night.
32. That Galway county Council please tell me what plans are for extending the Cemetery in Athenry, as the cemetery is nearly filled to capacity.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: - I will propose:

33. That this Council acquire land beside the Ballinakill Burial Ground for an extension to the Burial Ground which is urgently required.
34. That this Council erect 2 ordinary lights on the Bunowen Pier without any further dealy.

**COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:** - I will propose:

35. What is the present position re the intake pipe for the Cornamona Water supply and the results of the proposed survey that was to be carried out regarding same.

**COUNCILLOR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:** - Molaim:

36. Ba mhaith liom fhail amach ce dfhiar, no ce thug cead don Chomhairle Chontae bothar a dheanamh sios go dtí an loch ag Carrick West, cornamona. Molaimse go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Chontae an talamh príomhadach seo ar ais mar a bhi, agus go nglanfaidh an tobar fíor uisce trasna an bhothar - ata trialaithe ag an Comhairle Chontae.
37. Go gcuirfaidh an Comhairle Chontae duine ar fail le sraideanna na Cheathru Ruaidh a scuabadh/glanadh ar a laighead uair amháin sa tseachtain - ta an droch bhail ar an sraibhaile faoi lathair - ta co-oibru aitiul ar fail chun an obair seo a chuir i gcrích.

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**MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23TH JULY, 1990.**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J. Joyce.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Members:** As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

**Officials:** Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager; J. Harrold, Arts Organiser; and A. Fleming, Acting Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

**3688 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY**

Councillor M. Fahy stated that he wished to offer his condolences to the families of the bereaved who died in the recent tragic car accident on the Gort Road. A number of Councillors stated that they wished to be associated with Councillor Fahy's remarks and it was agreed that as a mark of respect the Council would adjourn the meeting for 5 minutes.

**3689 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61113 APPLICANT : HUGH O'DONNELL.**

The Meeting then resumed and Councillor Mannion stated that he was withdrawing the following 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 Hugh O'Donnell, for the retention of access road and path at Gowlan, Clifden - Planning Ref. No. 61113."

**3690 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - RE THE IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION OF THE LETTERFRACK WATER SUPPLY SCHEME.**

Councillor Welby stated that there was a poor water supply in this area for a number of years. He stated that the people in the area wanted the supply to be improved and extended to further areas which required water. He said that there was a good community spirit in the area and the Regional Scheme that was proposed would not be implemented for quite some

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time. Councillor O'Morain said he supported Councillor Welby and stated that he was alarmed at the O.P.W. policy as set out in their letter of 11th December, 1984, in which they refused Galway County Council permission to build the reservoir on National Park lands. He said that he was concerned that the old 1978 County Development Plan was used to back up this policy. He stated that he could not understand how 7,000 acres could not assimilate a water tank. Councillor Mannion stated that the people of Dawros were waiting for water for over 20 years. He stated that he was of the opinion that the OPW may now be softening their approach to the matter. Deputy McCormack stated that he also wished to support the motion and stated that the people in the area were not properly being catered for and in his opinion human habitation can often help to protect the wild life. Councillor Brennan stated that he had recently attended a rural development meeting. The policy set out in the letter circulated to the members was similar to views expressed by an economist at the meeting. He stated that the policy seemed to be based on decisions made outside the country. It was then proposed and resolved "that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to enter into negotiations with the O.P.W. re the improvement and extension of the Letterfrack Water Supply Scheme."

**3691 - MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion and seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved that the Minutes of the following meetings be approved:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 8th June, 1990.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 25th June, 1990.
- (c) County Arts Committee held on 11th July, 1990.
- (d) Special Council Meeting held on Friday, 15th July, 1990, on Local Government Reform.

**3692 - APPROVAL OF ARTS GRANTS 1990.**

Councillor Finnegan welcomed the Arts Co-ordinator's report, he stated that the scheme would be of benefit to both new and existing groups. He welcomed the allocation of £500 being set aside for the Tuam Brass Band and he hoped that more might be north and east Galway. Deputy Kitt congratulated Mr. Harold on his report and also suggested that additional monies might be spent in north and east Galway. Councillor J. Burke asked what proportion of the monies were going to Galway City and Councillor McHugh asked what criteria were used in deciding the grant allocations. Mr. Harold then addressed the meeting. He stated that grants given to organisations that were based in the City were assessed purely on their impact on the County. He stated that none of the money was allocated to the City and gave as an example the Arts Festival which benefits people from all over the County. He stated that only city based groups which were working towards the County (out reach) were considered for grant assistance. He also stated that Na Fainne has given

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performances in Connemara and the Aran Islands and the Reaction Theatre Group has performed in East Galway. With regard to the perceived imbalance between organisations based in the City and the rest of the County, he stated that he was only in a position to consider applications made under the scheme. He then considered each individual application based on the track record of the group concerned and its potential. Councillor O'Morain stated that the grants given to the Druid and Fainne were helping them to come out to the county and give professional performances. Councillor McHugh asked if it was necessary that the group be professional. Mr. Harold replied that it was an advantage if there was a professional element and involved something more than a hobby e.g. professional director etc. In reply to Councillor O'Conchubhair, Mr. Harold stated that heritage centres were not funded from the arts grant. Councillor Lambert stated that he was disappointed with the £200 allocated to Gort. Mr. Harold explained that there was a limited amount of money available and that he understood that the Gort Arts Group were reasonably happy with the allocation. The Deputy County Manager, Mr. D. O'Donoghue welcomed the report and stated that it would help to boost the arts in the County. It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan and seconded by Councillor Mannion and resolved that the arts organiser's report be approved.

**3693 - SALE OF HOUSE TO PADRAIC AND BRED A MCDONAGH, COROFIN, TUAM, CO. GALWAY.**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Loughnane and seconded by Councillor Lynch, and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Corofin, Tuam, to Padraic and Breda McDonagh, 12 Mylespark, Corofin, Tuam, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 20th June, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

**3694 - SALE OF HOUSE AT LISSYBRODER, DUNMORE, CO. GALWAY.**

It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt and seconded by Councillor T. Hussey, and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Lissybroder, Dunmore, Co. Galway, to Michael Mitchell, Garrafrauns, Dunmore, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 4th July, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

**3695 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT CARRAROE SOUTH.**

Deputy P. McCormack stated that this case involved the Council selling back a site which was in the middle of landowners holding. He stated that in the circumstances the Council should sell the site for £100 as originally

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requested. Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that he supported this proposal. Deputy McCormack stated that the landowner might be prepared to compromise for a figure of say £250. Mr. A. Fleming, Acting County Secretary, stated that the Council were asking for £500 as it was considered reasonable for the site in question and also considering the fact that the Council had incurred expense in demolishing a dangerous structure on the site and regularising the situation regarding title. It was agreed that the matter would be postponed until the question of the price being asked for the land was resolved.

**3696 - PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE £80,000 IN ESTIMATES**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Lynch and seconded by Councillor T. Walsh that the proposals for the expenditure of £80,000 as set out in the County Engineer's report of 18th June, 1990, which was circulated to the meeting, be adopted.

Deputy M. Kitt proposed the following amendment which was seconded by Councillor M. O'Morain that "each item in the County Engineer's report be reduced by £5,000 and that each Councillor be allocated an additional £1,000 each". Councillor M. Lynch stated that there was a serious need for improving the footpaths in Athenry as they had been seriously neglected. He stated that the streets had not been surfaced for 15 years. Senator T. Hussey stated that he would like to see the £19,000 in respect of the road to Glenamaddy Burial Ground and the £10,000 in respect of the Ardsloagh village Road spent in full but that he had to accept the democratic decision and he hoped that the remaining money would carry out very useful work in the areas concerned. Councillor T. Walsh said that he wished to support the County Engineer's recommendations and stated that when he was at a funeral recently in Glenamaddy, the hearse had to be brought on a tractor and trailer and the mourners had to wear wellingtons. He stated that an increase in the carparking area was also required but at the very least work should be carried out on the road. Councillor P. Finnegan suggested that money be diverted from courthouses to help reduce the deficit caused by the amendment. Deputy P. McCormack queried the amendment and he was informed that what was intended was £5,000 reduction in each item, not a pro-rata reduction of each job. Councillor M. O'Morain suggested that Councillors might allocate their notices of motion money to the works in question. Councillor Loughnane asked whether the notice of motion money might be spent on public lighting. Councillor Ryan stated that the estimates had already been worked out for the jobs and they should be left as per the County Engineer's report.

Mr. D. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager, stated that the County Engineer's report represented the most effective way of spending the money. He reminded the Councillors that notice of motion allocations had already been adjusted upwards. The County Engineer pointed out that by reducing the budgets in question by a flat £5,000, certain projects, particularly the smaller ones, would not be feasible. In particular he referred to the £8,000 set aside for Athenry

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streets, he stated that a budget of £3,000 in this case would be no use. He also referred to the additional problems that were proposed if notice of motion limits increased and the money used to take in charge additional roads. He pointed out that the Council cannot afford to maintain the roads that it has and taking in charge additional roads mileage would simply make the matter worse. He referred to the fact that this year in his Roads Programme, there is no job listed for less than £5,000 in the interest of economy as it was a very false way of spending money. He considered it likely that next year no job will not be listed for less than £10,000.

This item was then voted on and resulted as follows:

FOR : Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy and Councillor T. Welby. (15)

AGAINST : Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. Ryan and T. Walsh. (9)

**3697 - LOUGHREA SEWERAGE SCHEME.**

It was agreed that this item be proposed until the next meeting.

**3698 - BORD NA MONA SEMINAR - GAOTH DOBHAIR - 28/30 MEAN FOMHAIR, 1990.**

It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved that Councillors N. O'Conchubhair and M. O'Morain attend the Seminar.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ryan and seconded by Councillor M. Lynch and resolved that Councillor McDonagh attend the seminar.

**3699 - REMISSION OF RATES - NOCTECH LIMITED, POLKEEN.**

It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt and seconded by Councillor M. Ryan and resolved :

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of 2/3 of the rates levied in respect of the premises at Polkeen, Ballintemple, Galway, occupied by Noctech Limited in respect of the years 1st January, 1982 to 31st December, 1991 in accordance with Section 26 of the Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act have been issued by Udaras na Gaeltacht."

**3700 - REMISSION OF RATES - OILEAN MARA TEO.**

It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt and seconded by Councillor

M. Ryan and resolved :

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of 2/3 of the rates levied in respect of the premises at Teeranea, occupied by Oilean Mara Teo., in respect of the years 1st January, 1990 to 31st December, 1999, in accordance with Section 26 of the Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act have been issued by Udaras na Gaeltacht."

**3701 - MALICIOUS INJURY DECREE**

The Malicious Injury Decree circulated with Item 12 on the Agenda was noted.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER.

**3702 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME 1990**

It was proposed by Councillor M. O'Morain and seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan and resolved that grants for higher education in accordance with the local authority's (Higher Education) Grants Acts, 1968, 1978 and 1990 be approved.

**3703 - SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS 1990**

It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy and seconded by Councillor J. Mannion that Sheep Dipping Orders 1965 to 1977, Galway County Council Sheep Dipping Regulations 1990 be approved.

**3704 - APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR 20 HOLIDAY HOMES IN THE TOWNLAND OF ERRISBEG - PLANNING REF. NO. 61703 APPLICANT - MR M. O CONNELL**

Mr. D. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager, stated that the report on the above application had been circulated to the Members for their information. He also stated that Draft proposals on local government reform prepared by the General Council of County Councils will be circulated to members for their information.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Councillor J. Joyce stated that he wished to take this opportunity to advise all road users of the dangers involved in drinking and driving. He stated that drivers of large vehicles should be particularly careful. Councillor M. Ryan welcomed the Chairman's statements. Councillor N. O'Conchubhair referred to the traffic bottleneck between Furbo and Spiddal, cars were parking on each side of the road.

Councillor Joyce informed the Meeting that Mr. E. Gleeson, Acting Assistant County Manager, has accepted an appointment as Assistant County Manager with Limerick County Council and as his last day working for Galway County Council would be

the 10th August, 1990, that this was the last meeting he will be attending. He stated that he found Mr. Gleeson to be very efficient and courteous. He was always approachable and helpful to Councillors. All Councillors at the meeting congratulated Mr. Gleeson individually and paid tribute to his work with Galway County Council since his appointment.

Mr. Donal O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager, stated that he wished to be associated with all the nice things that the Councillors had said about Mr. Gleeson and the Meeting was informed that Mr. Joe Gavin would shortly be accepting appointment as Assistant County Manager. Mr. Gleeson thanked everybody for their remarks and kindness shown to him. He stated that he had been very happy over the last five and half years working with Galway County Council.

**3705 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY**

Votes of Sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs Tom Donnellan, Shamotheello, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.  
Rev. Fr. Martin Hough, C.C., Gurteen, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs Katie Moloney & Family, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.]  
Mrs Brenda Winston, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.  
Mr Frank Flaherty & Family, Ruanemore, Ardrahan.  
Mr Michael Connolly, Main Street, Kinvara.  
Mr Barney Winston, Caherkelly, Ardrahan.  
Mr. P. J. Larkin, Dromore, Peterswell, Co. Galway.  
Doherty Family, Galway.  
Mrs B. Whelan, Magheranearla, Eyrecourt, Ballinasloe.  
Padraig O Faotain & A Bhean, Teach na Ceibheach, Rosabhill, Co. na Gaillimhe.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

**3706 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE DEADLY DANGEROUS TREE AT CREGBOY (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MCDONAGH.**

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

"the tree in question is located on a private road and the land owner involved has been requested to remove same."

**3707 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE STEPS TO EASE LONGSTANDING FLOODING PROBLEM AT KNOCKDOE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MCDONAGH.**

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

"the flooding in question is occurring at a localised sag in the public road, considerable run off water including water from private property is gravitating towards this low point. The drainage of the low lying area is difficult due to the high level of surrounding fields."

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The matter is under further investigation with a view to finding the optimum solution."

- 3708 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH S.E.S. SCHEME CREATE CARPARK FACILITIES AT CLAREGALWAY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MCDONAGH.

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

"this proposal is being examined at present. If the work is eligible for inclusion under an S.E.S. an application will be submitted to FAS in due course."

- 3709 - THAT A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE ERECTED IN CRAUGHWELL VILLAGE MOTION BY DEPUTY P. MCCORMACK.

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

"A survey would have to be carried out to determine if a pedestrian crossing could be provided at the above location. However, in the Councils opinion the location would not meet the minimum requirements."

- 3710 - THAT A FULL REPORT ON THE QUALITY OF THE CRAUGHWELL WATER SUPPLY AS TAKEN FROM THE CRAUGHWELL RIVER BE REQUESTED. MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK.

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

"All recent tests by the Health Board have been satisfactory. The water tower has recently been cleaned and the mains scoured. The provision on the new Loughrea Sewerage Scheme must await the approval of the Contract Documents by the Department of the Environment."

- 3711 - WHAT STEPS THE COUNTY ENGINEER PROPOSES TO TAKE TO INVESTIGATE AND COMPLETE THE DETERIORATION OF THE ROAD AT ROSCAHILL, FOR ABOUT A MILE LONG STRETCH IN THE TOWNLAND OF LOUGHGANNON - MOTION BY DEPUTY P. MCCORMACK.

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

"The Section of road referred to is 1 mile in length. The Road was strengthened during October 1989 under a 1989 road grant (N.59). A further 0.25 miles at Clydagh was also strengthened under the same grant. The total expenditure was £59,795 i.e. £47,836 per mile.

The work was satisfactory until May 1990 when exceptional hot weather caused the binder to bleed and picking of the surface occurred. Then potholes formed due to the "picking" have been repaired.

It is proposed to apply a bitumen macadam overlay to this section of road in September, 1990."

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- 3712 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY SANCTION THE RELOCATION OF A PUMPHOUSE FOR A GROUP WATER SCHEME (DETAILS GIVEN) - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

"that old Caltra Castleblakeney Ballymacward Group Scheme is at present served by two sources. The Caltra Castleblakeney section of the Scheme is supplied from a source near Cloonfee Bridge. The Ballymacward section is supplied from a source near Aloon Bridge. Results from this source indicate that the water is polluted.

The proposal to relocate the abstraction point upstream to a location at Hampstead, construct pumphouse and lay a new rising main to the existing reservoir is the subject of ongoing discussions with the Department of the Environment.

The proposed source would need to be tested for quality and quantity. To date the Department have not made this request. Funding for group schemes comes from the Department of the Environment."

- 3713 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE AND PROPER ACTION TO PREVENT ANY ENCAMPMENT, PARKING ETC ON AN OPEN PUBLIC SPACE AT RALLYCRISSANE, BALLINASLOE AFFECTING THE PROPERTIES OF THOMAS FEERICK, MRS JOSEPHINE MULLEN AND OTHERS - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy.

"the estimated cost of carrying out required works at above location is estimated at £5,000. However, there are no funds available in the current year."

Deputy N. Treacy stated that he hoped funds would be provided next year.

- 3714 - THAT AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF POLLING STATIONS, POLLING AREAS ETC. BE CARRIED OUT BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL. - MOTION BY DEPUTY N. TREACY.

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy.

"Work has started on a review of the polling scheme in operation in the administrative area of Galway County Council. The purpose of this review is to examine the polling arrangements in each polling district and revise the polling districts, if necessary, in the light of changed circumstances with regard to availability of suitable polling stations. A Draft Scheme is prepared in the first instance, embodying such amendments of the existing Scheme as is considered necessary. The Draft, and a summary of the proposed changes, is circulated to Dail Deputies, Dail Returning Officers for the area, and the members of each Local Authority, with a statement that any proposals for changes notified within a period of five weeks will be considered. Any public representative or member of the public may make submissions before the Draft is published and these will

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be taken into consideration."

Deputy Treacy welcomed the review and hoped it would result in reduced distances being travelled by voters.

- 3715 - THAT WORKS BE CARRIED OUT AT HYLANDS CROSS, MASONBROOK, LOUGHREA, TO ELIMINATE THE TRAFFIC HAZARD WHICH EXISTS AT THAT LOCATION. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE.

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

"The cost of carrying out improvements at the above location is estimated at £6,000. However, there are no funds available for same in the current year.

Removal of bends is not considered a priority while funds remain source.

The work could be carried out if Councillors N.O.M. were provided."

- 3716 - THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER INDICATE A DEFINITE STARTING DATE FOR THE BUILDING OF PUMPING STATION AND ANCILLARY WORKS TO PROVIDE WATER SUPPLY FROM LOUGHREA LAKE TO KILNADEEMA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE.

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

"It is intended that the council advertise for tenders in respect of Loughrea Phase 1 headworks immediately after the builders holidays.

Subject to Department of the Environment approval and grant allocation, it is expected that work will start on this project early in 1991."

- 3717 - THAT THE COUNCIL ERECT TRAFFIC WARNING SIGN AT ABBERT, ABBEYKNOCKMOY. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN.

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

"the location in question is a pick up point for the school bus and there are no statutory signs for such location."

The County Engineer in response to Councillor Ryan said he would examine the question again.

- 3718 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR FOOTPATH ON THE LOUGHREA ROAD, GORT. MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY AND COUNCILLOR M. FAHY

The following written reply was given to Deputy F. Fahey and Councillor M. Fahy:

"Footpath repairs at the above location will be carried out under the Gort Social Employment Scheme which recently commenced."

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- 3719 - PAYMENT OF AN AMENITY GRANT TO LETTERMORE FOOTBALL PITCH. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR.

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

"this matter has now been resolved and payment of the above mentioned grant is being made."

- 3720 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE A FULL REPORT RE DEMOUNDABLE DWELLING (DETAILS SUPPLIED) MOTION BY COUNCILLOR N. O CONCHUBHAIR.

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

"this demountable dwelling was inspected on the 20th July, 1990 and I am informed by the County Engineer that repairs are required in this case. The necessary repairs will be included in the Councils Maintenance Programme, subject to priority and availability of funds."

- 3721 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REQUEST THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT TO GRANT £1,000,000 TO REGIONAL AND COUNTY ROADS IN CONNEMARA.

Councillor O'Conchubhair, on advice of County Engineer that this request might be harmful as it only amounted to a fraction of the sum needed, withdrew the Notice of Motion.

- 3722 - TURNING OFF OF WATER SUPPLY IN ATHENRY TOWN. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH

The following written reply was given to Councillor Lynch:

"The water is turned off in Athenry at midnight every night because the total water demand in Athenry exceeds the capacity of the pumping system and the existing storage capacity is very small. The effect of increased development in the area has put a considerable strain on the existing system. It is intended to improve the water supply in Athenry by supplying water from the Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme, Zone 3. The Council is at present awaiting approval to the Preliminary Report from the Department of the Environment in respect of this proposal."

Councillor Lynch asked that the question of getting a supplementary supply from Mid West Co-Op be examined.

- 3723 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TELL WHAT PLANS ARE FOR EXTENDING THE CEMETERY IN ATHENRY. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. LYNCH.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Lynch:

"that negotiations are in progress for the acquisition of a suitable site in this case."



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- 3724 - THAT THIS COUNCIL ACQUIRE LAND BESIDE THE BALLINAKILL BURIAL GROUND FOR AN EXTENSION TO THE BURIAL GROUND. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TOM WELBY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Welby:

"the Council are at present seeking a suitable site for the proposed extension."

- 3725 - THAT THIS COUNCIL ERECT 2 ORDINARY LIGHTS ON THE BUNOWEN PIER. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Welby:

"erection of lights at the above location will be considered when the 1991 public lighting programme is being prepared."

- 3726 - PRESENT POSITION RE THE INTAKE PIPE FOR THE CORNAMONA WATER SUPPLY. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Welby:

"the present position regarding the intake pipe for the intake pipe for the Cornamona Water Supply is that a report has been requested from the Councils Consulting Engineers."

- 3727 - AN BOTHAR A DHEANAMH SIOS GO DTI AN LOCH AG CARRICK WEST, CORNAMONA. MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL.

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

"Tafar ag deanamh scrudu ar an abhar seo faoi lathair agus ba cheart go mbeadh freagra ar fail le haghaidh an chuid cruinniu eile."

- 3728 - GO GCUIRFAIDH AN CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE DUNE AR FAIL LE SRAIDEANNA NA CHEATHRU RUA A SCUABADH/GLANADH AR A LAIGHEAD UAIR AMHAIN SA TSEACHTAIN. MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL.

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

"ta orm a chuir in iul nach bhfuil aon airgead ar fail i mbliana, chun fear breise a phostu ar an gCeathru Rua, chun na sraideanna a ghlanadh."

- 3729 - CORRESPONDENCE

Copies of the following correspondence were circulated to each Member of the Council:

- (1) Letter dated 11th July from Clare County Council re an optional retirement age of 50 years be introduced for Teachers.

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- (2) Letter dated 11th July, 1990, from Clare County Council re request to the Minister for Agriculture to have cattle headage readings commenced immediately.

- (3) Letter dated 29th June, 1990, from Athlone Urban District Council re termination of mid week lotto game.

- (4) Letter dated 6th July, 1990, from Monaghan County Council re opposition and blockage of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd plan to bring its new cumbrian nuclear re-processing plant into operation.

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SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

James Joyce  
CHAIRMAN

27/8/90  
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

2u la Lunasa, 1990.

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, ar De h-Aoine, an 10u la Lunasa, 1990, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

A. FLEMING,  
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for dwellinghouse (dormer bungalow), garage and septic tank at Frenchfort, Oranmore, to Tom O'Connor, at 19 Beechwood Park, Ballybane, Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 61596."  
John Molloy. T. Welby Matt Loughnane.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission for a dwellinghouse and septic tank to Mr. Patrick McGrath, Frenchfort, Oranmore, Co. Galway, at Frenchfort, Oranmore, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 61287."  
Michael Fahy. Matt Loughnane. T. Welby.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant outline permission

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to Armin and Chrystal Veh for the erection of dwelling house and septic tank at Curraghduff West - Planning Ref. No. 61340."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Full Planning Permission for a dwelling house and septic tank at Shannafreaghoge, Furbo, Co. Galway, to Mr. Tom Burke, Newtown, Tyrellspass, Co. Westmeath - Planning Ref. No. 61299."

Michael Fahy. Thomas Welby. John Molloy.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant full planning permission to Mr. Brian Courcey, for the retention of his housing improvements at Rossadilisk, Cleggan, Co. Galway. Planning Ref. No. 61357.

John Mannion. Noel Treacy. Joe Callanan.

6. Lough Derg Plan. (Plan already circulated).
7. Areas of Scientific Interest (report to follow).
8. International Federation of Housing and Planning Conference - Dublin 24-28 September, 1990. (Documentation enclosed).

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 1990.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor James Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, F. Glynn, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Walsh.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer (Planning); and A. Fleming, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3730 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Kate McGrath, Glynsk, Cashel, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. P. Burke, Cahertubber, Athenry, Co. Galway.  
Mr. & Mrs. Con Dermody, Cooloo, Brierfield, Ballinasloe.  
Mr. Ned Donohue, Keade, Clonberne, Ballinasloe.  
Mrs. Noreen Murphy, Portumna, Co. Galway.  
Archbishop Joseph Cassidy, Archbishop of Tuam, on the deaths of Very Rev. Tony O'Toole, Islandeady, and Very Rev. G. Charles, P.P., Roundstone.

The County Manager stated that he wish to be associated with the votes of sympathy.

3731 - CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations were offered to the Galway Hurling Team in respect of their success in the Semi-Final of the All-Ireland.

3732 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61596 - APPLICANT: TOM O CONNOR.

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

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"Location

The proposed development is located on the National Primary Route N.6 outside Oranmore village and before the roundabout.

Planning History

49064: In 1984 an application for permission to erect a dwellinghouse on this site was lodged, but not quite the same boundaries. Applicant Mr. P. Finnerty. Permission was refused.

57982: In 1988 an application for outline permission for eleven dwellinghouses was lodged on a much larger site which included the site in question. Applicant Mr. M. Grealish. The application was withdrawn.

58079: In 1988 an application was lodged for outline permission for seven dwellinghouses on the same site as on file no. 57982 and which includes the site in question. Permission was granted, with a stipulation in condition no. 2, that single storey dwellings only be erected on sites 4, 5, 6 and 7. The site in question is site no. 4. Applicant was Mr. M. Grealish.

60708: In 1990 an application for permission to erect a dormer type dwelling on site no. 4 was submitted by Mr. T. O'Connor. This application was refused.

Planning Consideration

The site adjoins the rear curtilage of an adjacent house to the west and a 2 storey house would overlook this curtilage and diminish its residential amenity. In one of the earlier applications a householder visited the Planning Office and indicated his objection to any development which would overlook his back garden. A condition requiring single storey houses on sites 4 to 7 was imposed and not appealed.

The proposed development is contrary to condition no. 2 of planning ref. 58079 which states that any development on the site in question (site no. 4) should be single storey only. The application is for a dormer type dwellinghouse. The house on site no. 7 has been constructed in compliance with the condition. The condition was included to protect existing residential amenity and not to impose undue restriction on house designs in the area. Any developer would have been quite clear as to this restriction before buying the site, and to give an ad hoc permission to break this restriction now would be to discriminate against the people who have already built their house in accordance with the permission on site no 7 and possibly other people who have bought sites 5 and 6 with the intention of building single storey houses thereon and also to permit overlooking of the back garden of the existing house to the west.

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Recommendation

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would injure the residential amenity of an adjacent dwellinghouse because it would overlook its rear garden curtilage from 1st floor windows and thereby intrude on its privacy."

The County Engineer stated that he considered the building of a dormer bungalow here to be unjust to the other three applicants and the objector. Councillor Molloy stated that he did not agree that the dormer bungalow was looking into anywhere and stated that there was a two storey dwelling in front of the sites which was looking into the back of bungalows. He stated that he did not consider that the building of a dormer in this case would be out of character. He proposed that planning permission be granted.

A vote taken for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR : Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Dep. M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Dep. P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Dep. N. Treacy. (18)

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

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

**3733-RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61287 - APPLICANT : PATRICK MCGRATH.**

The following report which was read by the County Engineer had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"Location

The proposed development is located approximately 1 1/4 mile from Oranmore village, down a by road to Frenchfort House, off the National Primary Route N6 Oranmore to Loughrea.

Planning History

Ref. No. 32762 : In 1979 an application for outline permission for the erection of a dwelling house on a site just north and adjacent to the site in question was lodged by a Mr. M. McGrath. The application was refused by An Bord Pleanála on the grounds that the site was on a corridor of land to be reserved for a proposed new Galway City road network.

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Ref. No. 35460 : In 1980 an application for planning permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse on the same site as above by Mr. M. McGrath. Permission was refused.

Ref. No. 37667 : In late 1980 permission was sought again by Mr. M. McGrath on the above site for the erection of a dwellinghouse. Permission was granted.

Ref. No. 47962 : In 1984 outline permission was sought by Mr. P. McGrath for the erection of a dwellinghouse on the site in question which is just south and adjacent to the site mentioned on the previous files. Permission was granted by Section 4 motion of the Council.

Consideration

The site is lowlying, subject to winter flooding and adjoins interconnecting springs thus making it liable to cause pollution of ground waters and surface water. A trial hole which was dug on this site in connection with a previous application indicated limestone bedrock close to the surface. The Western Health Board examined the trial hole and recommended refusal.

Recommendation

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would be seriously injurious to public health because the proposed septic tank and percolation area would be located too close to a lowlying area containing several springs and because of the slope of the site in the direction of this area there would be a serious danger of pollution of the spring well and the underground water table. The Section 4 resolution was discussed by the Members at the County Council Meeting on 13th July, 1990, and the Members deferred the making of a decision on the matter.

A revised septic tank location 50 ft. north of the previous location was submitted for consideration on 19th July, 1990. The proposal was referred to the Western Health Board for inspection and recommendation and its report is as follows:

Re: Plan Ref. No. 61287.  
Outline Permission for Erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Frenchfort, Oranmore.

These proposals are not acceptable from a public health point of view for the following reasons:

- (1) A trial hole which was inspected on this site in connection with a previous application indicated limestone bedrock close to the surface. Limestone bedrock is not suitable for the treatment and

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disposal of septic tank effluent, as the jointed nature of bedrock, particularly of limestone, permits rapid movement of effluent into the groundwater without adequate purification.

- (2) The new location of proposed septic tank on site is:-
  - (a) located against the natural gradient of the site and
  - (b) located in excess of 20m from the proposed dwellinghouse.
- (3) Proposed means of disposal of septic tank effluent has not been indicated. Soakpits are not acceptable as a means of disposal of septic tank effluent and percolation areas must be designed and constructed in accordance with Galway County Council standards for septic tank drainage systems and S.R. 6 of 1987 including distance requirements from springs and wells.
- (4) A surface water stream which is a watercourse during periods of heavy rainfall flows from north to south through the centre of this site.
- (5) This site is immediately adjacent to springs and the site is liable to flooding during the winter months.

Footnote: This entire area was flooded during the periods of heavy rainfall last winter."

The County Engineer stated that Refusal was recommended because no proper means of effluent disposal has been put forward.

Councillor Michael Fahy referred to an Outline Planning Permission which had previously been granted to the applicant. He stated that the site in question was not flooded in winter contrary to the report of the Western Health Board, and that Planning Permission would not be sought if flooding had ever occurred. He stated that the applicant and his Architect had studied the site and considered it to be suitable. He stated that the septic tank effluent was the only objection to granting Planning Permission, and that the applicant's brother who lived adjacent to the site had no problem with his septic tank.

Councillor Loughnane stated that Planning Permission had been granted in 1980 and the ground conditions had not changed since that date.

The County Engineer pointed out that the Planning Permission granted refers to a different site. He agreed that there were houses built adjacent to the site but pointed out that there were springs and a stream going through this site.

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Councillor Burke pointed out that there was a direct conflict of evidence between Councillor Fahy's information that the site was not subject to flooding and the report from the Western Health Board.

The County Engineer pointed out that irrespective of whether the site was flooded last year or not, it was still not suitable for reception and disposal of septic tank effluent. With regard to Planning Permission granted in 1984 by Section 1, the County Engineer pointed out that this was granted against the Health Board's advice.

Councillor Brennan stated that the Council should be very careful about an application for Planning Permission where the Health Board had warned that it would result in pollution.

Deputy McCormack stated that Frenchfort now had a public water supply scheme and that this should be taken into account.

The County Manager stated that regardless of the water supply situation, it was illegal to pollute groundwater. Councillor Loughnane stated that it was inconsistent to grant Planning Permission to an adjacent site and not this one as the same ground conditions existed.

Councillor Burke stated that the Council should be concerned about the protection of the environment.

Councillor Fahy stated that the Architect was of the opinion that this site was no different from other adjacent sites.

The County Engineer stated that from visual observations this site was quite different from adjacent sites and was visibly wet where springs and stream are located. A vote taken for or against the Resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillor M. Loughnane, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors P. McHugh, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, and Deputy N. Treacy. (13)

**AGAINST:** Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Lambert, and P. O'Tuathail. (4)

Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh, abstained from voting.

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

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3734 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61340. APPLICANT: ARMIN AND CHRYSAL VEH.

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each member.

"Location

The site is located on the Glann Road Oughterard, approximately 6 miles from Oughterard.

Planning History

60615: Outline permission refused on this site in April 1990. Applicant -Mr. & Mrs Armin & Chrystal Veh.

Planning Consideration:

The site is located in an area of outstanding Scenic Amenity as designated in the County Development Plan. The area is relatively unspoilt, is one of the most scenic areas in Connemara. Permission in such areas is only granted where an essential housing need can be shown to exist. No housing need exists in this case as applicants have no connections in the area and are German residents. This proposal if permitted would be a blatant contravention of the provisions of the County Development Plan in relation to housing need.

Recommendation:

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where it is the general policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to cases of essential housing need. No such need exists in this case and the proposed development if permitted would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The proposal would contribute to a proliferation of single house development in an unspoilt highly scenic tourist route on the shores of Lough Corrib. The development would not be capable of being assimilated into this sensitive amenity area and would be injurious to the amenity value of the area. The proposal therefore would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

The County Engineer stated that this was one of the most scenic areas in Connemara and was unspoilt with only a few dwellings located in the area. He stated that there was no family need claim in this case.

Councillor Loughnane stated that the fact that the applicant

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was a German resident was irrelevant and this information should not have been included in the report. Councillor Brennan stated that he was basically opposed to this application as there was no housing need claimed. He said that he was concerned however that there might be conflict between refusing this planning permission and a previous material contravention particularly if it was proposed to screen the development concerned.

The County Manager stated that the material contravention referred to by Councillor Brennan was in respect of a larger development which was aimed at developing the tourism industry and it is now catered for in the new Development Plan. Once off developments like the one being considered are a completely different matter. Councillor O'Tuathail stated that he considered single houses to be better than alot of grouped holiday homes. The County Engineer stated that all beauty spots would be destroyed if the Council continued to grant permissions for once off houses in areas such as this. Councillor O'Morain stated this was a 8 acre site and would be capable of being screened if there was only a single house involved and he was of the opinion that rather than destroying the amenities of the area, single houses in fact improve them. He stated that under existing policy cases like Kylemore Abbey and Ballynahinch Castle would not now adays be granted planning permission.

A vote taken for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahey, P. Finnegan, Sen. T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Dep. M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Dep. P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Dep. N. Treacy, Councillor T. Walsh. (20)

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

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

3735 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955. PLANNING PERMISSION NUMBER 61299. APPLICANT: TOM BURKE.

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which has been circulated to each Member of the Council.

"LOCATION

Site is located on a county road approximately 2 miles north of Furbo.

Planning History

No planning history.

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Planning Considerations

The site consists entirely of peat and was waterlogged at the time of inspection. A trial hole inspection revealed the site to be totally unsuitable for the reception and disposal of septic tank effluent. A stream flows along the western site boundary and there are land drains throughout the site.

Recommendation

Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would be likely to give rise to a public health hazard as a trial hole inspection revealed the site to be unsuitable for the reception and disposal of septic tank effluent. The proposal therefore would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that the proposed building was adjacent to the applicant's brother house and that there was no other site available. He stated that the brother's house had been built around 1978 and had experienced no problems. The County Engineer stated that he had inspected the site in question and he did not see any house adjacent to it. Councillor M. Fahy stated that the proposed development would not be far from the applicant's brother house. Councillor J. Molloy stated that there were no problems in the area with septic tanks and that there was plenty of room for a septic tank. Councillor M. Fahy stated that development would be only 600 yards from the brother's house. Councillor J. Molloy stated that it was a stream not a river that was running through the site in question. Councillor Brennan asked if another location could be found and suggested that the decision should be postponed to allow for a site meeting.

The County Engineer stated that it was unlikely that a suitable location could be found on the site in question but there was a very large land holding indicated in the application for planning permission. Councillor M. Fahy stated that there was no other site available and that the land in question was given by the family to the applicant. Councillor Joyce stated that Councillor Brennan's proposal seemed reasonable. Councillor M. Fahy stated that he was not willing to accede to this request. Councillor P. McHugh stated that he knew nothing about this application but referred to the problem in general of declarations regarding larger land holding and the need to have this item clarified on the application form. The County Manager stated that the Council can only have regard to what the applicant states in his application and that we cannot assume that the applicant means something else. Councillor O'Morain stated that family land and the site in question were two different things. Councillor J. Molloy stated that the land in question is the same as the applicant's brother's and the decision should not be postponed. Councillor Lambert stated that he was seconding Councillor Brennan's proposal as he considered that the proposers of the motion had not got proper knowledge of the site.

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vote taken for or against the resolution as set out on the agenda resulted as follows :-

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Sen. T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Dep. M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery and Dep. N. Treacy. (12)

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

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

3736 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955. PLANNING PERMISSION NUMBER 61357. APPLICANT - BRIAN COURCEY.

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each member.

Site Location

Site is located adjacent to seashore and beach at Rossadillisk.

Planning History

Ref. No. 54013: Permission granted for reconstruction and extension of dwellinghouse on the proposed site in February 1988. Applicant Feichin MacFionnagh. Condition No. 1 of this permission required that proposed dormer windows on rear (i.e. west elevation were to be omitted and replaced by roof lights).

Ref. No. 60251: Permission granted for retention of renovations and extension in January 1990 on condition that the dormer window would be removed and replaced by roof lights. Applicant - B. Courcey.

Planning Considerations

The dwellinghouse is located in an exposed highly scenic location adjacent to the seashore and Rosadillick beach. The reconstruction and extension involved the provision of a new high pitched roof with first floor accommodation. The first floor accommodation was to be lit and ventilated by velux type roof lights on the front elevation and horizontal dormer window on the rear elevation. Condition No. 1 of planning permission ref. no. 54013 required that the dormer windows be omitted and replaced by roof lights. The development as constructed has a horizontal dormer window extending almost the length of the dwellinghouse with white P.V.C. sheeting between glazed areas. The dormer is located against a blue/black slated roof. The development as constructed is out of keeping with the traditional design features of the area and is an unsightly feature on such an exposed location adjacent to the seashore and a beach which is available for the use and enjoyment of the public.

Recommendation

Grant Permission subject to the following condition:

1. The dormer window on "front elevation" as indicated on drawings submitted shall be removed and replaced by roof lights.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and in the interests of maintaining traditional design characteristics in this sensitive high amenity area."

The County Engineer stated that this was a very sensitive area of sandy beaches between Cleggan and Claddaghduff. This particular one which was very attractive required that right renovations were carried out in a sensitive way. Councillor Mannion stated that he agreed with the County Engineer and acknowledged that the applicant had made a mistake in using white p.v.c. tiles. The applicant has now agreed with the condition that black slates be used and permission should be granted subject to this condition. Deputy Treacy stated that he had visited the site in question and the development consisted of renovating a previously derelict house and would be used as a family home in the future when the applicant retires. He considered that permission should be granted as the applicant was prepared to replace the white p.v.c. tiles with black slates. Deputy Kitt stated that the applicant had carried out the work in question. He had done it for practical reasons. He stated in view of the fact that the house would be occupied that planning permission should be granted. The County Engineer stated that the applicant did not build in accordance with planning permission. The replacement of the white p.v.c. tiles with black slates would improve the position but it would not resolve the problem. Councillor Brennan stated that it was difficult to have sympathy with the applicant as he was flaunting the planning conditions. The County Engineer stated that he considered the conditions that are attached to the planning permission were reasonable. Deputy Treacy stated that he considered that the development blended in with the local environment and credit should be given to the applicant for this. The County Engineer replied that careful consideration was given to the question of the conditions that were attached to the planning permission. Councillor Brennan asked if the applicant got a warning and the County Engineer replied that this Section 4 was before the Council as a result of a warning notice being served in this case.

A vote taken for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Sen. T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, Dep. M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Dep. P. McCormack, Councillors P. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Dep. N. Treacy, and T. Walsh. (20)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke. (1)  
The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

3737 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR HOLIDAY HOMES.

Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. read out a list of recent applications for the building of multiple holiday homes for the information of the Councillors. Councillor Loughnane stated that the Development Plan has now been changed and that applications for holiday homes could be dealt with without formality and need not be examined by the members except in the case of a Section 4. Councillor Joe Burke stated these types of developments would be more desirable if they were to be built in a built up area. It was agreed that the message to potential developers should be that the concept of a tourist attraction was desirable provided only that such development was properly controlled. Councillor Joyce stated that it had been envisaged when the Plan was being changed that it would attract more than simply applications for houses to rent and would include the provision of various facilities required by the tourism industry. He stated that he was of the opinion that many of these applications may simply be speculative without the necessary finance to have the work carried out. Councillor Loughnane suggested that many of the applications may be related to incentives under the B.E.S. scheme. Councillor Glynn stated that the Council while it was not against development in Connemara might have to look again at the Development Plan. He stressed that all development in this area must be strictly controlled particularly in view of the importance of tourism to the area. It should be in conformity with existing village structures in order to keep structural costs down such as roads, telephones etc. He also referred to the fact that many small rural towns were dying in the County and this concern was expressed by a number of other Councillors. The County Manager stated that the comments by the members had been very helpful on the matter. Councillor O'Morain stated that the Council should not lose sight of the fact that the final arbiter in connection with planning applications was An Bord Pleanala and he referred to a planning application in Cleggan where the County Council had granted planning permission for the building of a house. This decision was overturned by An Bord Pleanala after receiving objections from a third party who was from outside the area. Deputy McCormack stated that he was of the opinion that the plan should have been left as it was in order that each case might be considered by the Council as a material contravention. The County Manager stated the purpose of this exercise was to notify the Council of any applications coming before him. Concern was expressed by a number of members that the applications did not represent Connemara based enterprises and also the type of developments for which planning permission was being sought such as groups of houses for renting and caravan parks etc., which were not the most desirable type of development. The County Manager responding to a request for information stated that he was aware of two possible major developments which may result in applications being lodged with the Council and he will be happy to inform the Council as soon as the applications are made. Councillor Loughnane stated that there should be a special meeting to consider the decline of rural villages in County



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3738 - NEW LEGISLATION

The County Manager informed the meeting he was preparing memoranda in respect of three new pieces of legislation:-

- (a) Derelict Sites Act 1990
- (b) Water Pollution (Amendment) Act 1990
- (c) Planning and Development Act 1990.

He stated that these were important pieces of legislation and would require detailed analysis and he would report to the Council on them as soon as possible.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

3739 - AUGHIRM INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE

Councillor J. Joyce informed the meeting of the £255,000 for the provision of a £340,000 interpretative centre has been made available by the Minister for Tourism to Bord Failte. He stated that he wished to thank the elected representatives, the local committee, Galway County Council and Ireland West for the work that they had done in connection with the promotion of this project. He hoped that advertisements would be placed immediately for tenders and that the Centre would be open in time for the 3rd centenary of the Battle of Aughrim in 1991. Councillor Callanan stated that he wished to welcome the sanction of the grant by the Minister and he particularly wanted to thank the local committee in Aughrim for keeping the case alive over the years. Deputy Kitt stated that he also wanted to be associated with the Chairman's remarks. He wished to thank Mr. Seamus Brennan, Minister for Tourism, for allocating the finance. He stated that the Centre should be of particular interest to both visitors from the North and also for schools. Deputy Treacy stated that he wished to thank the various teams involved in making this project a success and also to thank Mr. Mark Killilea, M.E.P. for his efforts. A number of other Councillors stated that they wished to be associated with the opening of the project and in particular thanks were expressed in connection with the role of Martin Joyce in the project.

The County Manager stated that he wished to thank the Council for their remarks and he looked forward to the development of a tourist and educational centre in Aughrim. It should also be used to promote tourism at other locations in the general area. He also referred to the archeological survey that was being carried out and the fact that Martin Joyce's collection would be on display in the building. He stated that the building would be provided by Galway County Council and that Ireland West would be responsible for running the Centre. In addition to providing the building the Council will also be involved in setting out the building and interpreting the battle of Aughrim. He will be seeking assistance from the O.P.W., Bord Failte and other experts in this regard.

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3740 - LOUGH DERG AMENITY PLAN

Councillor Loughnane stated that at the meeting of the working group on 30th July, 1990, in Nenagh, in which he and Councillor Mullins was authorised by the Council to attend, it was agreed that a sub-committee of elected representatives would be established. It was proposed by Councillor Callanan and seconded by Councillor Mannion and resolved that Councillors M. Loughnane and M. Mullins be appointed to the Sub-Committee.

3741 - AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

The County Manager referred the Councillors to the report which had been circulated to each Member, in which the Law Agent had advised on the status of areas of scientific interest vis a vis the Planning Act. Deputy McCormack stated that practically one-third of Connemara had been designated an area of scientific interest without consultation or notification and that there had been no input from the local authority or elected representatives. The County Manager stated that if the Council wished he would write to the O.P.W. regarding the procedure and would also ask for consultation on any new areas being declared as areas of scientific interest. Councillor Ryan asked if all areas of scientific interest were confined to the west of the county. The County Manager stated that there is a map in the County Development Plan which shows present areas of scientific interest although there may be developments arising from increased environmental awareness which might add to the areas that were listed.

3742 - INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HOUSING AND PLANNING CONFERENCE - DUBLIN 24TH TO 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1990.

It was proposed by Councillor Kitt and seconded by Councillor Mannion and resolved that the following additional Councillors should attend the Conference :

Councillors J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, P. McHugh, M. Fahy, M. Ryan and J. McDonagh.

It was also agreed that the Council would send an appropriate number of Officials to attend the Conference.

3743 - SEPTEMBER MONTHLY MEETING.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ryan and seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved that the September Monthly Meeting will be held on the 2nd October, 1990.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Jane Joyce CHAIRMAN

2/10/90 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

20u la Lunasa, 1990.

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, ar De Luain, an 27u la Lunasa, 1990, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

A. FLEMING,  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

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 Permission to Padraic Higgins for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Drimcong. - Planning Ref. no. 61466."  
Thomas Welby. Tom Hussey. Michael Kitt.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Annual Meeting held on 6th July, 1990.
  - (b) Special Council Meeting held on 13th July, 1990.
  - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 23rd July, 1990.
3. Overdraft accommodation for quarter ending 31st December, 1990.
4. Peat based filters for domestic septic tanks. (Report already circulated.)
5. Loughrea Sewerage Scheme. (Report already circulated.)
6. Sale of land to Galway Corporation - Section 83 notice dated 14th August, 1990, already circulated.

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7. Sale of houses to the following:

- (a) Mrs. Eileen Comer, Lehinch, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.
- (b) Michael & Annie McDonagh, Ard East, Carna.
- (c) Joseph & Margaret Gordon, 10 Forest View, Mountbellew.
- (d) Martin Ridge, Kylemore, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
- (e) Paul Dunleavy, Mounthazel, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.

- Section 83 Notices already circulated.

8. Sale of plots of land to the following:

- (a) Catherine Tiernan & Thomas O'Brien.
- (b) Michael V. Mannion, c/o Albert Cummins, Sols., Athenry.
- (c) James & Maureen McDonagh, Upper Rossaveel.

- Section 83 notices already circulated.

9. Conference - Irish Salmon Growers Association - 12/13 October, 1990, - Connemara Coast Hotel. (Details enclosed).

10. Business submitted by the County Manager.

11. Business submitted by the Chairman.

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

12. That the County Council have unbroken white line placed on road at Knockdoe. (Details supplied).
13. That the County Council provide pedestrian lights at Claregalway, and traffic route lighting at Loughgeorge. (Details supplied).
14. That steps be taken immediately to have Grange Group Water Scheme connected to mid-Galway scheme. (Details supplied).

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

15. What steps can be taken to make safe, the very dangerous junction at the 12 Pins and the Pier Road, Bearna. It is an extremely dangerous crossing, a mini roundabout or traffic lights should be erected there in the interest of safety and parking restrictions should be enforced in that location.
16. That a controlled pedestrian crossing be erected or installed at Bearna School. There is a great hazard to children crossing the road.
17. That repairs be carried out to the footpaths in the immediate vicinity of Bearna Village to the West of the village.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

18. The works that Galway County Council have done to render safe the area outside Bon Secours Hospital, Tuam, and if any other improvements are contemplated in the future, in particular concerning the parking situation.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

19. That Galway County Council repair, renew and resurface a road (details supplied), that the Council outline when these works will be carried out, the works to be carried out, the date in which they will be done and any other relevant information.
20. That a house in County Galway (details supplied) be repaired forthwith, that the Council outline the reasons why it has not been done to date, and the fact that an inspection has taken place and a commitment was given and yet the work has not been carried out. The Council outline the work to be carried out, the date in which it will be carried out and any other relevant details.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council cut the bushes at Toolooban Road and the bushes on the Loughrea Road going in and out of Toolooban, Kiltullagh.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR: - I will propose:

22. That is the policy of Galway County Council regarding road signs in the Gaeltacht.
23. Would the County Engineer give a full report regarding the plans for Costello Regional Water Scheme, and what role will the Group Water Scheme in Cois Fharráige (from An Spideal to Tully, Ballinahown, have in this scheme - giving cost approx.).

24. That Galway County Council examine the surface on the County Road from Scanlon's house, Bealadangan, to Reamonn McDonagh's house.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

25. Go nglacfadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe go bhfuil deacrachtaí ag tionaontaithe airithe a gcuid cíos a ioc - ar tithi ar leis an Comhairle Chontae iad, agus go ndeanfaidh rud eigin leis an fhaidhb seo a reiteach.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: - I will propose:

26. That Galway County Council make the necessary arrangements to enable the approved Social Employment Scheme to commence immediately at Donaghpatrick Graveyard as the scheme has been sanctioned for a number of months now.
27. That Galway County Council urgently review the situation regarding the bridge at Claretuam with a view to making the bridge and approach to same safer for motorists and people living in the area. Immediate action is required to ensure that -
  - (i) Motorists drive at safe speeds (this may be achieved by having a corrugated surface).
  - (ii) That local residents lives are not endangered (this could be partly achieved by the erection of barriers outside the houses.)
28. Erect speed limit signs and warning signs at Tonagarraun Village, Corrandulla, to facilitate traffic control in this very built up village.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH: - I will propose:

29. Will Galway County Council please tell me when the work provided for in the Estimates to prevent storm water damage to houses in Glenamaddy is going to be done. (Details supplied).

Will Galway County Council inform me when the Square in Glenamaddy is going to be properly signed and made safer. (Details supplied).

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31. Will Galway County Council please inform me when it is intended to do the work on the Creggs Road, from Glenamaddy leading to the graveyard, and what it intends to do.

**COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:** - I will propose:

32. That Galway County Council remove bump on road at C.I.E. level crossing on the Ardrahan National Primary Road as a number of accidents occurred here at this crossing this summer.
33. When will Kinvara Water Supply Scheme be completed by the County Council and when is it expected Doorus Group Water Scheme will get extra supply from the new scheme, also when can areas like Cahernamadra, and Shanclough organise a group scheme from the main scheme.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GALILLIHE.  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

No. 13/082/1324

EACH MEMBER:

In pursuance of 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:- Gerard Comer;

Location: Lehinch, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mrs. Eileen Comer, of:- Lehinch, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,600

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 A. Fleming, A/Co. Secretary.

DATE:- 10th July, 1990.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Ref No. 037/0233

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:- Michael McDonagh (Dick)

Location: Ard East, Carna, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael & Annie McDonagh of:- Ard East, Carna, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £7,000

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

DATE:- 18th July, 1990.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

No. 13/140/2917

TO EACH MEMBER:

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

The particulars are as follows:

Land Acquired From:- Irish Land Commission.

Location: Mountbellew, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Joseph & Margaret Gordon, of:- 10 Forest View, Mountbellew, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £9,100.

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 A. Fleming,  
A/Co. Secretary.

DATE:- 23rd July, 1990.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.)

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

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Ref No. 0388

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:- Particulars cannot be ascertained but Council in possession since 1909.

Location: Kylemore, Laurecetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Mr. Martin Ridge, of:- Kylemore, Laurecetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £4,000

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 A. Fleming,  
A/Co.Secretary.

DATE:- 24th July, 1990.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

14th. August, 1990.

No. 11/146/2840

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.

The particulars are as follows:-

Land Acquired From:- Bridget Mannion, Baunogues, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Location:- Baunogues, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Paul Dunleavy of: Mounthazel, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price is £3,000.

The sale is subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

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.

A. Fleming,  
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

11th July, 1990.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

RE: PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT MOYCULLEN.

A Chara:

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

LAND AT: Gortyloughlin, Moycullen.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>Persons to whom land is Proposed to be sold.</u>	<u>SITE NO.</u>	<u>AREA OF PLOT/ HECTARES.</u>	<u>PURCHASE PRICE.</u>
Catherine Tiernan & Thomas O'Brien.	38	0.056 hectares	£1,850

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

A. Fleming,  
A/Co.Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

11th July, 1990.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

RE: PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT MOYCULLEN.

A Chara:

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

LAND AT: Gortyloughlin, Moycullen.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

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

<u>Persons to whom land is Proposed to be sold.</u>	<u>SITE NO.</u>	<u>AREA OF PLOT/ HECTARES.</u>	<u>PURCHASE PRICE.</u>
Patrick Fallon & Deena Murphy.	34	0.072 hectares	£1,850

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

The sites will be sold in fee simple.

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

A. Fleming,  
A/Co.Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

31st. July, 1990.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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

Land Acquired From:- Peter McDonagh, Clynagh, Carraroe, Co. Galway.

Location:- Rossaveel, Co. Galway.

Area:- .40 acres

To whom land is to be transferred:- James & Maureen McDonagh,  
Upper Rossaveel, Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:- £155.00

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

A. Fleming,  
Acting County Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.  
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Buildings,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL. 17th July, 1990.  
RE: Proposed sale of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.

A Chara:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, I have been requested by the Assistant County Manager to give you notice that it is proposed selling the plot of land, particulars of which are given hereunder:-

LAND

1 site for house at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area is given hereunder:-

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Annie J. Duffy, Villanova, Upper Salthill, Galway.

PERSON TO LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD.

SITE NO.

AREA OF PLOT:

Mr. Michael V. Mannion,  
c/o Albert Cummins,  
Solicitors,  
Athenry,  
CO. GALWAY.

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0.110 acres.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

Price.

£7,500

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

1. The site will be sold in fee simple.
2. The County Council will retain wayleaves in respect of watermains and sewers.

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

A. FLEMING.  
A/CO. SECRETARY.



MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH AUGUST, 1990.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J. Joyce.

**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, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

**Officials:** Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and A. Fleming, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3744 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61466 - APPLICANT: PADRAIC HIGGINS:

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**"LOCATION:**

Site is located off the Moycullen-Oughterard road approximately 1 mile west of Moycullen.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

33975 - Outline Permission refused for housing development on lands which included the proposed site in December 1979. Applicant: P. Higgins.

44550 - Outline Permission refused on the proposed site and three other sites for 3 no dwellinghouses in January 1983. Applicant: P. Higgins.

50562 - Outline Permission refused for dwellinghouse on the proposed site in September 1985. Applicant: P. Higgins.

51421 - Outline Permission refused on proposed and another site for two dwellinghouses in February 1986. Applicant: P. Higgins.

57635 - Outline Permission refused for dwellinghouse on the proposed site by Planning Authority and on appeal in April 1989. Applicant: P. Higgins.

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58389 - Outline Permission refused on the proposed site for dwellinghouse in March 1989. Applicant: P. Higgins.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The site is located on a private roadway which has access directly onto the National Secondary Road where the maximum speed limit applies. The traffic turning movements which would be generated by the proposed development onto the National Secondary Road would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along this route. No housing need exists in this case.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refusal is recommended for the following reason:

The site is located on a private roadway, which has access directly onto a National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies. The traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the National Route and the development would thus constitute a traffic hazard."

Councillor Welby stated that he was withdrawing this Section 4 Motion giving an opportunity to the applicant to submit a revised plan.

3745 **MINUTES:**

It was proposed by Councillor John Molloy, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, and resolved that the Minutes of the following Meetings be approved:

- (a) Annual Meeting held on 6th July, 1990.
- (b) Special Council Meeting held on 13th July, 1990.
- (c) Monthly Council Meeting held on 23rd July, 1990.

Councillor Thomas Welby referred to Minute No. 3690 of the Monthly Meeting held on the 23rd July, 1990. He stated that he wanted to put on record that the Deputy County Manager, Mr. O'Donoghue, had agreed to enter into negotiations with the O.P.W. regarding the provision of a Reservoir on the National Park in Letterfrack. He was informed by Mr. Fleming, Acting County Secretary, that the O.P.W. had been written to with a view to opening negotiations on the matter.

3746 OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 31/12/1990:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of Overdraft to the extent of £3 million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 31st December, 1990, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

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3747 - PEAT BASED FILTERS FOR DOMESTIC SEPTIC TANKS:

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

"The Members of the Council have requested an interim report on experiments being carried out on the use of peat based filters for domestic septic tanks. Experiments on the use of this system have been carried out on an on-going basis by Eolas (The Irish Science and Technology Agency) with a view to establishing its potential for use as a filtration system.

A copy of the documentation on the system developed by Bord na Mona is enclosed for your perusal. I enclose also copy of letter dated 9th May, 1990, from Eolas setting out their observations on the system.

It will be noted from the documentation that the purpose of the peat filter system is to further treat the effluent. However, the disposal of that effluent after the treatment process must still be satisfactorily dealt with. The peat filter system, therefore, does not offer a final solution for sites where there is no ground percolation such as cases of boggy sites or impermeable rock. It appears however to offer the possibility of discharge of waters where there is sufficient dilution in the receiving waters. This would be a change of policy from current guidelines and would require much more serious consideration.

The system might well be useful in cases where particular problems exist but it cannot be put forward as a generally acceptable solution in all cases where site conditions are unsatisfactory. Applications for planning permission incorporating the use of the system would have to be examined individually on the merits of each case. Applications would have to be accompanied by sufficient test data in support of the proposal.

The Eolas report of the 9th May, 1990, (pages 4 and 5) sets out the benefits and drawbacks of the system. It will be noted that certain chemical contaminants are removed from final effluent only to a lesser degree and that a complete removal of bacteria and viruses is not achieved. The system has also been considered by the C.M.O. and the Regional Laboratory in Castlebar and copies of the respective reports are enclosed.

While peat based filtration systems have not been long enough in use in Ireland to give a definitive opinion on their long term operational effectiveness, there is no doubt but that from a short term viewpoint, they do greatly improve the standard of the effluent.

No matter how well treated a sewage effluent is, there can be no absolute and total guarantees that bacteria or viruses are completely eliminated. It is for this reason that there must be: (a) adequate proven

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percolation in disposal on land or (b) adequate proven dilution in disposal to water from all final septic tank effluents whether they have the benefit of peat based filtration or not. This is a condition which has to be adhered to rigidly in all circumstances.

It has been indicated by Eolas that new recommendations on septic tank systems are soon to be published as a replacement of the 1975 I.I.R.S. recommendations which are currently used. The new recommendations will contain the comments set out in the last paragraph of page 6 and page 7 of the Eolas report of the 9th May, 1990.

Experiments in relation to this system are continuing and will be the subject of further review in due course. The use of the system can be reviewed further in the light of the new Eolas recommendations which are due later in the year.

This matter may be discussed further at the Planning Meeting of 13th July, 1990, and you should bring the enclosed documentation to the Meeting."

The County Engineer then referred to the Western Health Board Report of the 1st June, 1990, and read out the following:

"Despite the problems encountered with the Spiddal experiment, I am of the opinion that this system will have particular application to single dwellings subject to satisfactory disposal of final effluent. The development of this system is however still at the experimental stage, and I understand that it is the Company's intention to install peat fibre filters at Pearse's Cottage in Rosmuck and Peacocks at Maam Cross."

The County Engineer pointed out that the system was not getting blanket approval and is subject to the satisfactory disposal of the final effluent. He also referred to the report from the Castlebar Laboratory and stated that the system appears to be quite good, but again stresses that adequate soil percolation or dilution by surface waters must still be available to accept the discharge from this system. In summary, the system gives an improved quality of effluent but this might still contain viruses, etc., and there still must be a means of disposal. The system might be suitable for discharging to watercourses where there was adequate dilution and the new Eolas guidelines expected shortly might clarify the matter. Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that the basic problem in Connemara was the type of ground and that there were a lot of refusals in the South Connemara on the grounds that the sites were unsuitable for the treatment of septic tank effluent. Councillor Martin Lynch asked the County Engineer if there were regulations regarding the emptying of tanks attached to soilage beds, and he was informed that whereas there are no specific regulations, the tank must be emptied without causing pollution.

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Councillor Glynn stated he wished to take the opportunity to publicly congratulate two Council workers, Tommy Martyn and Jack Daly, for work they had done at Raheen Road.

Councillor McHugh stated that this package in his opinion did not appear to finally offer a solution to the septic tank problem. He found the report from the Health Officer to be the most helpful. The County Engineer stated that the dilemma here was that you must have some way of disposing of the liquid and the peat filter does not get over this problem. In reply to Councillor Loughnane, the County Engineer stated that the peat filter system worked by distributing the effluent over sections of peat, and when the effluent comes out at the bottom, it is somewhat more purified than the original effluent.

3748 - LOUGHREA SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Councillor Loughnane referred to the report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council, and referred to the fact that the pipes were occasionally being surcharged. He stated that occasionally raw sewage was making its way into the stream and this was a cause for great concern. He stated that farmers downstream of the plant had stated that their cattle were refusing to drink the water. He was of the opinion that the facts must be put on record and taken seriously. He stated that the provision of a modern sewage treatment works would, in addition to solving the pollution problem, provide employment during construction and also provide valuable infrastructure that would allow industry to develop in the town. Councillor U. Burke asked that there be a quick resolution to the problem and Senator Hussey stated that he fully endorsed the remarks made by Councillor Loughnane. Councillor Martin Lynch stated that he was concerned as the effluent was finishing up in the village of Craughwell and that people there had been forced to install filters on their taps. Deputy Michael Kitt stated that he also was particularly concerned about the pollution problem posed as a result of the inadequate sewage treatment plant in Loughrea.

The County Manager stated that the Sanitary Services Operational Programme would be published shortly and this should indicate when the building of the new plant would get the go-ahead. He stated that when this information was available, it would be appropriate to call a special meeting to consider the whole Sanitary Services Programme and decide what action was necessary.

3749 - SALE OF LAND TO GALWAY CORPORATION:

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the Corporation had nearly enough land to build the new access road to Roches Carpark onto Prospect Hill, but required an additional one-eighth of an acre approximately from Galway County Council to make the road function properly.

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

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That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land measuring 0.125 acres at Prospect Hill, Galway, to Galway Corporation, City Hall, College Road, Galway, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 14th August, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each member of the Council."

50 - SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert, and resolved:

That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Lehinch, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, to Mrs. Eileen Comer, Lehinch, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 10th July, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

51 - SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert, and resolved:

That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Ard East, Carna, Co. Galway, to Michael and Annie McDonagh, Ard East, Carna, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 18th July, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

52 - SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert, and resolved:

That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Mountbellew, Co. Galway, to Joseph & Margaret Gordon, 10 Forest View, Mountbellew, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 23rd July, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

53 - SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert, and resolved:

That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Kylemore, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, to Martin Ridge, Kylemore, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 24th July, 1990, under Section 83 of the

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Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

**3754 - SALE OF HOUSE:**

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Joe Lambert, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Baunogues, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, to Paul Dunleavy, Mounthazel, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 14th August, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

**3755 - SALE OF SITE:**

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of ground at Gortyloughlin, Moycullen, Co. Galway, to Patrick Fallon and Deena Murphy, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 11th July, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

**3756 - SALE OF SITE:**

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of ground at Gortyloughlin, Moycullen, Co. Galway, to Catherine Tiernan and Thomas O'Brien, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 11th July, 1990, under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

**3757 - SALE OF SITE:**

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of ground at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway, to Mr. Michael V. Mannion, c/o Albert Cummins, Solicitors, Athenry, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 17th July, 1990, under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

**3758 - SALE OF SITE:**

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor

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Jarlath McDonagh, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of ground at Rossaveel, Co. Galway, to James & Maureen McDonagh, Upper Rossaveel, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 31st July, 1990, under Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

**3759 - CONFERENCE - IRISH SALMON GROWERS ASSOCIATION - 12/13 OCTOBER, 1990. - CONNEMARA COAST HOTEL:**

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, that Councillors James Joyce and Micheal O Morain attend.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, that Councillor Lambert attend.

**3760 - AMENITIES/RECREATIONAL FACILITIES GRANTS SCHEME 1990:**

A list of projects in respect of which the Minister for the Environment has made Grant Allocations in connection with the Amenity/Recreational Facilities Grant Scheme, 1990, copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council, was noted.

**3761 - STRETCOURT PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:**

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

"That Galway County Council make a small scheme application in 1991, for the provision of additional water supply storage capacity."

**3762 - OFFICE ACCOMMODATION:**

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

"That The County Manager be requested to make arrangements to provide for improved office and carparking facilities for the convenience of the public, the Councillors, and staff of Galway County Council."

**3763 - SHEEP DIPPING MEETING:**

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, and seconded by Councillor Finnegan, that Councillors Callanan, and Welby attend Meeting on the 6th September, 1990.

It was proposed by Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, and seconded by Councillor Ulick Burke, that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh attend Meeting on the 6th September, 1990.

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3764 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Julia McHugh, Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.  
Mrs. Dolores Holland, Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Michael Connelly, Abbert, Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway.

3765 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE UNBROKEN WHITE LINE PLACED ON ROAD AT KNOCKDOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"This is a straight section of the N17 and there are 2 County Roads (No. 149) joining it at this location forming a 4 Cross Roads.

The N17 is straight at this location and there are hard shoulders on both sides. All statutory signs are in position on the N17 and on the County Roads. There is currently a broken white line on this stretch of road (where the maximum speed limit applies) which is considered to be appropriate for this location."

3766 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN LIGHTS AT CLARE-GALWAY, AND TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING AT LOUGHGEORGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Pedestrian lights have been provided at Claregalway. Approval for a traffic route lighting scheme for the Loughgeorge area was refused by the Department of the Environment in May 1987. There are no further proposals for traffic route lighting at this location."

3767 - THAT STEPS BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO HAVE GRANGE GROUP WATER SCHEME CONNECTED TO MID-GALWAY SCHEME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"It is proposed to have a supply of water to this group scheme via Lisheenavalla Group Water Scheme and via Carnmore No. 2 Group Water Scheme which is fed from Brierhill Reservoir. The daily water requirements would be in the region of 12,000 gallons. The Council have written to Galway Corporation requesting this additional allocation."

3768 - DANGEROUS JUNCTION AT THE 12 PINS AND THE PIER ROAD, BARNA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

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"Surface dressing was recently carried out at the above junction. White lines and double yellow lines will be provided in the coming weeks in accordance with the recommendations of the Garda Siochana."

3769 - THAT A CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE ERECTED OR INSTALLED AT BARNNA SCHOOL: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"A detailed survey was carried out at the above location earlier this year and the number of crossings would not warrant the provision of a pedestrian crossing."

3770 - REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS AT BARNA VILLAGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Minor surface repairs will be carried out in the current year to the footpaths in Barna."

3771 - IMPROVEMENTS OUTSIDE THE BON SECOURS HOSPITAL, TUAM: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"There are no plans to carry out any further improvement works at the above location. However, a no parking box will be painted on the road in the near future."

3772 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR, RENEW AND RESURFACE THE ABBEYLANDS ROAD AT EYRECOURT, BALLINASLOR: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Minor repairs were recently carried out at this location. There are no funds available in the current year to carry out further works."

3773 - THAT A HOUSE IN COUNTY GALWAY - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"An inspection has been carried out and the repairs which are necessary are not considered to be of highest priority will be included in the schedule for September, subject to the availability of funds."

3774 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CUT THE BUSHES AT TOOLOOBAN ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin

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Lynch:

"Hedge cutting at the above locations will be carried out within the next few weeks."

3775 - WHAT IS THE POLICY OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING ROAD SIGNS IN THE GAELTACHT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"Statutory road signs in the Gaeltacht are erected in Irish only as required by statutory regulations. Tourist information signs are erected in both Irish and English."

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that there would be no problem if the maps showed the Irish names. A short discussion followed in which a number of Councillors expressed concern at the Irish versions of number place names, it was agreed that the logainmneacha coimisiuns list of place names would be made available to the Councillors for their comments.

Councillor O Morain also made a number of suggestions regarding signposting of South Connemara and the County Engineer asked him to put his suggestions on paper and he would look at them.

3776 - COSTELLO REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"The proposed source of supply for the Costelloe Regional Water Supply Scheme is Glenicmurrin Lake. A water supplies proposal for the abstraction of an increased quantity (over the previous order) was published and objections are being dealt with. Following confirmation of the order the acquisition of lands can proceed for the scheme. The scheme will supply the coastal strip from Inverin to Gorumna Island including Carraroe. The present supply for the area is from Loughaunwillin, Carraroe, and is inadequate.

There is also a proposal to connect the Spiddal Scheme to the Costelloe Scheme by a trunk main from Spiddal to Rossaveal. This trunk main could be constructed in advance of the Costelloe (Glenicmurrin) scheme and would provide a supply for the existing Knock/Inverin Group Scheme and for the Rossaveal area. A preliminary report for this trunk main was submitted to the Department of the Environment and we await approval."

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3777 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EXAMINE THE SURFACE ON THE COUNTY ROAD FROM SCANLON'S HOUSE, BEALADANGAN, TO REAMONN McDONAGH'S HOUSE: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"The matter is being investigated at present and it is hoped to have a reply available for the next meeting."

Councillor O Conchubhair stated that there were quite a few accidents including a fatality at this location and whereas it may not have been the fault of the surface, it was definitely not helping. He stated that the drivers had no control at a bad bend on this section of road in wet weather. He also suggested that a chevron sign might be put up outside McDonagh's house.

3778 - GO NGLACFADH COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLINHE GO BHFULL DEACRACHTAL AG TIONAONTAITHE AIRITHE A GCUID CIOS A IOC - AR TITHI AR LEIS AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE IAD, AGUS GO NDEANFAIDH RUD EIGIN LEIS AN FHAIDHB SEO A REITEACH: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

Tugadh an freagra seo leanas don Chomhairleoir Peadar O Tuathail:

"Ag tagairt don mholadh faoin abhar thuas luaite, scrudofar casanna ar leith agus deanfar breithiunas ortha de reir tuillteanas an chas."

Councillor O'Tuathail stated that there was a variety of different reasons why people found themselves unable to pay arrears of rent, and asked that they be dealt with sympathetically.

3779 - BOTHAR SIOS GO DTI AN LOCH AG CARRICK WEST, CORNAMONA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

Tugadh an freagra seo leanas don Chomhairleoir Peadar O Tuathail:

"Ta an Comhairle Chontae ag diospoireacht faoi lathair leis an uinear mar gheall ar an abhar thuas luaite."

The County Engineer stated that Council regretted entering on the land without getting the consent of the owner which was due to a misunderstanding regarding the fact that the lands were in private ownership. The works carried out were intended to provide amenities in the area and the Council were now in contact with the owner of the lands with a view to resolving the matter.

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- 3780 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO ENABLE THE APPROVED SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME TO COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY AT DONAGHPATRICK GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"FAS have been requested to submit list of eligible participants for the above S.E.S. Interviews will be arranged on receipt of same."

- 3781 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL URGENTLY REVIEW THE SITUATION REGARDING THE BRIDGE AT CLARETUAM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The provision of a corrugated surface at above location is not appropriate as the bridge in question is located on the National Primary Route N.17. The provision of barriers is being considered at present."

Councillor McHugh stated that he was not happy with the reply and stated that a lot of accidents were being caused here because of people speeding and that there had been five deaths in the last 8 years. He considered that the provision of a corrugated surface should be given full consideration and that there was one on the road to Dublin. He also considered that there should be a turn-off sign and by-road close to this location on which there were three houses located, and which a number of landowners and fishermen used. He also considered that the footpath should be removed and the houses in the vicinity protected. The County Engineer stated that he was not aware of the by-road. He stated that he had studied the location himself and had seen cars overtaking on the continuous white line. He stated that he had contacted the local engineer with a view to providing a double white line with studs, and no overtaking signs, plus a hardshoulder end sign. The question of providing crash barriers was being looked at. He pointed out that the footpaths could not be removed as they were provided in the 40s/50s and were cantilevered. They could not carry traffic. It was not possible, he pointed out to improve the bridge as it was part of a wider by-pass problem, and it was likely that the new bridge would be at a different location. He pointed out that most accidents were not road related accidents and could probably have been avoided if the signs had been obeyed. The speed limit was not being observed and there was quite an amount of bad driving. Councillor Tiarnan Walsh stated that he also was concerned and stated that the signs should be designed to shock people who are travelling at very high speeds, and the bridge was not dangerous if they travelled slow. Councillor Michael Ryan stated that he wished to support Councillor McHugh's Notice of Motion and welcomed the County Engineer's suggestion of a double white line and stated that much of the problems were related to the speed at which people travelled,

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and perhaps, the erection of a sign a quarter of a mile from the bend indicating a dangerous bridge might be erected. With regard to the corrugated surface, the County Engineer stated that in the case of Lucan, it was an experiment and was intended to slow people down as they approach the Roundabout. In the case of Tuam, it was outside the speed limit area and he personally would not recommend it. Councillor Finnegan stated that he supported Councillor McHugh, and he considered that the County Engineer's recommendation was a good start. Councillor Joe Burke stated that people disregarded the signs and he suggested that a fore warning sign would be welcome together with a narrow bridge sign. He recommended that barriers be provided to protect the houses, and that the County Engineer should also look at the Headford road. Councillor Jarlath McDonagh stated that the Loughgeorge junction and here were particularly dangerous. The speed limits were being blatantly broken and would welcome any engineering proposals to improve safety, or any educational programme that might make people more aware of the dangers.

- 3782 - THAT SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AND WARNING SIGNS BE ERECTED AT TONAGARRAUN VILLAGE, CORRANDULLA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Provision of speed limits and additional signs at the above location is not considered necessary."

- 3783 - STORM DAMAGE TO HOUSES IN GLENAMADDY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH:

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

"It will not be possible to carry out the above works until the final quarter of the year as priority must be given to the carrying out of road grant jobs."

- 3784 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INFORM YOU WHEN THE SQUARE IN GLENAMADDY IS GOING TO BE PROPERLY SIGNED AND MADE SAFER: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH:

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

"All statutory signs and road markings are in place at the above location. There are no proposals to erect any further signs."

Councillor T. Walsh stated that he would not be happy with the provision of statutory signs only. He stated that he had been in contact with the Local Engineer's Office for the last three years regarding this matter. The County Engineer undertook to have another look at the situation.

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- 3785 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PLEASE INFORM YOU WHEN IT IS INTENDED TO DO THE WORK ON THE CREGGS ROAD FROM GLENAMADDY LEADING TO THE GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH:

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

"Damaged wall and footpath will be repaired at above location as soon as possible.

There are no funds available in the current year for the raising of the road."

Councillor T. Walsh stated that he would be anxious that extra carparking space be made available outside the graveyard gate.

- 3786 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE BUMP ON ROAD AT CIE LEVEL CROSSING ON THE ARDRAHAN NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"C.I.E. have proposed to carry out repairs to this Crossing on the 16/10/1990."

- 3787 - KINVARA WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"It is planned to have the scheme substantially completed in October 1990.

An additional supply will be available to the Doorus Group on completion of the scheme. Group Water Schemes like Cahernamadra and Shanclough can now proceed to organise."

- 3788 - CORRESPONDENCE:

(1) Copy of letter dated 27th July, 1990, from Tipperary SR County Council re closure of sub post offices.

(2) Copy of letter dated 23rd July, 1990, from Clare County Council re maintenance of the Ennis v. Galway Mayo and Ennis v. Limerick Railway Line.

(3) Copy of letter dated 3u Lunasa, 1990, from Leitrim County Council re sponsorship of sport for the youth of the country.

(4) Copy of letter dated 7th August, 1990, from Donegal County Council re disbandment of the so called U.D.R. pending total British disengagement from the six occupied Counties.

(5) Copy of letter dated 7th August, 1990, from Donegal County Council re restoration of the Regional Development Organisation.

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(6) Copy of letter dated 7th August, 1990, from Donegal County Council re abolition of regulations that applicatns for home loans having to submit letters of refusal from financial institutions.

(7) Copy of letter dated 2nd August, 1990, from Tipperary N.R. County Council re condemnation of atrocities committed by the I.R.A.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Jane Joyce  
CHAIRMAN

21/10/90  
DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

7u la Mean Fomhair, 1990.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De h-Aoine, an 14u la Mean Fomhair, 1990, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

A. FLEMING.  
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission for house and septic tank at Lackaghbeg to Patrick Fleming. - Planning Ref. No. 61223."  
Tom Hussey. Padraic McCormack. Peter Raftery.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Laurence Molloy for erection of house and septic tank at Deereemeel. - Planning Ref. No. 61697."  
Padraic McCormack. John Mannion. John Molloy.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Egan for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Coscorrig, Loughrea. - Planning Ref. No. 61359."  
Ulick Burke. Martin Lynch. Matt Loughnane.

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4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant permission to Michael Hourigan, No. 6 Inchagoill Road, Newcastle Road, Galway, for house and septic tank at Curra, Moycullen. - Planning Ref. No. 61326."

Nioclas O'Conchubhair. John Molloy. Thomas Welby.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Michael Edgeworth for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Gortnashangaun. - Planning Ref. No. 61277."

Thomas Welby. Padraic McCormack. John Molloy.

6. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Joseph Fahy for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Kylebroughlan. - Planning Ref. No. 59756."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Nioclas O'Conchubhair.

OTHER BUSINESS:

7. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1990. - Report to follow.
8. Lough Derg Amenity Plan. - Details already circulated.
9. National Tourism Seminar - West County Hotel, Ennis, Co. Clare. - 12/13 October, 1990. (Details enclosed.)
10. All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting - Aras an Chontae, Rahass, Tralee, Co. Kerry, - 13th September, 1990. (Details enclosed.)

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1990.

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J. Joyce.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**Members:** As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P.F. Glynn, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

**Officials:**

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer (Planning); and A. Fleming, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3789 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61223 - APPLICANT: PATRICK FLEMING.

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**"LOCATION:**

The site is located on the Galway/Roscommon National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies a half mile northeast of Lackagh Church.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

Ref. No. 10647: Outline Planning Permission for 3 houses on the proposed site and two adjoining sites applied for by Mr. Anthony Qualter in 1977. Planning Permission granted for one house only by the Planning Authority. All three dwellinghouses refused on appeal to the Minister.

Ref. No. 12739: Permission granted to A. Qualter for replacement of old house.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The site is located on a National Secondary Route outside the 40 mph speed limit of Lackagh Village.

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Development along the Route is restricted so as to avoid a proliferation of vehicular access which would increase the risk of serious traffic accident. There has been an ongoing pressure for housing and commercial development along this section of road.

The only permissible category of housing development which the County Development Plan allows is the essential housing need of farmholders families which includes a son, the landowner and as such is not in the qualifying category.

There is an old derelict house on site which has not been lived in for many years and which would seem to be the old house for which the replacement house was granted to Mr. A. Qualter immediately adjoining it to the northeast.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refusal is recommended as follow:

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 Secondary 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 -

- (a) to 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) to protect the public investment in National road network.

2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 8, Table 8.B of the County Development Plan which restricts development on this Route to the essential housing needs of farmholders families, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

The County Engineer stated that the road was quite narrow for a National Secondary Road with a high number of accesses and resulting turning movements. He stated that although he was not aware of serious accidents at this location, there was a serious risk and any further access was to be avoided. There was no special reason for granting Planning Permission as the applicant does not qualify on the grounds of family need.

Deputy Michael Kitt stated that he wished to support the motion. Councillor Brennan asked why there was so much development at this location and he was informed by the County Engineer that there were historical reasons for this. He was also informed that no house was built on Planning

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Permission No. 12739. Councillor Brennan asked if Permission would now be granted in the case of ref. no. 12739, and he was informed that this Permission which relates to Permission for a house in lieu of a derelict house was not considered to be relevant. The County Engineer reiterated that strict controls were needed because of accident records. Councillor Lambert stated that he thought the Council was being too strict now as there were a lot of permissions granted in previous years. He stated that the Council could not be responsible for accidents as they were caused by the way people were speeding today. He considered that it was unfair that Planning Permissions were granted in previous years and being refused now because the requirements were stricter. The County Engineer replied that all that could be considered is the requirements of the current County Development Plan and the proper planning and development of the area.

A vote taken for or against the Resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors U. Burke, J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

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**AGAINST:** Councillor J. Brennan. (1)

Councillors J. Mannion and M. Ryan abstained from voting.

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

3790 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61697 - APPLICANT: MR. LAL MOLLOY.

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**"LOCATION:**

The site is located on the Glann Road approximately 2 miles north west of Oughterard.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

60424 - Outline Permission refused on the proposed site in February 1990. Applicant: Mr. Lal Molloy.

61061 - Permission granted on basis of second family claim for dwellinghouse in July 1990, with an access strip running directly through the proposed site. Applicant: Mr. Kieran Tierney.

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**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS**

The site is located on the Glann Road in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity as designated in the County Development Plan. Permission for housing development in such areas is limited to the essential housing need of local landowners and their families. No such housing need exists in this case. The site is in an elevated, exposed location overlooking Lough Corrib and would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape. The site has no public road frontage.

In addition, the site now includes a strip of land which formed an access to a site to the rear on which Permission Ref. No. 61061 was recently granted to a Kieran Tierney. A grant of Permission in the present situation will adversely affect, and may render inoperable, permission ref. no. 61061.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

1. The site is located in an area of outstanding scenic amenity where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to cases of essential housing need. No such need exists in this case and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The site is in an elevated location overlooking Lough Corrib in an area of outstanding scenic amenity with views of special amenity value and the proposed development would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would not be capable of being assimilated into its surroundings. The development would obstruct views, the preservation of which is an objective of the County Development Plan and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Deputy McCormack stated that he was withdrawing the motion and Councillor Mannion agreed.

3791 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61359 - APPLICANT: PATRICK J. EGAN.

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**"LOCATION:**

The proposed development is situated in Loughrea between the Old Galway Road and the North (Lakeside Road).

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PLANNING HISTORY:

- 27629: Outline Planning Permission for 3 dwelling-houses - Refused in June 1978. Applicant: Mr. Patrick Egan.
- 29417: Outline Permission granted for 1 house on southern area of site. December 1978. Applicant: Mr. P. Egan.
- 28718: Outline Permission refused for 1 house on a smaller portion of southern area of site. August 1978. Applicant: Mr. P. Egan.
- 30369: Outline Permission refused for 1 house on northern area of site. February 1979. Applicant: Mr. P. Egan.
- 34087: Outline Permission refused for two dwelling-houses in January 1980 by Planning Authority. Decision was appealed and subsequently granted by An Bord Pleanala by Order dated 6th October, 1980.
- 54640: Planning Permission granted for 1 house (2 applied for) by Planning Authority in June 1988 and by An Bord Pleanala by Order dated 17th May, 1988. Applicant: Mr. P. Egan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an area which is zoned residential in the Loughrea Town Development Plan. The site has an extensive frontage (approx. 48 metres) along the minor road which runs north/south along its boundary. However, its depth is very substandard and does not allow for the building line requirements of the development plan or the prescribed rear garden space of 11 metres. The rear building line will only be 4 metres from the boundary of the adjacent site which at present is vacant but which is likely to be built upon in the short term. In such an event, the rear of the house on Site A as proposed would be in too close a proximity to the rear garden of another house and there would be inadequate rear garden/yard space for the required residential amenity of the house on Site A.

A single dwellinghouse on the combined sites A, B would be in keeping with the general housing densities in the area particularly along the Lake Road. It would also give adequate open space about the house and would prevent intrusion on the curtilage of adjacent property which would adversely affect its amenity and value.

RECOMMENDATION:

One house only be permitted on the combined sites A and B."

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Councillor Loughnane asked if the application was outside the town boundary and he was informed by the County Engineer that it was inside the town boundary and zoned Residential. Councillor Ulick Burke stated that the road referred to as the lake road in the report was in fact the Gort Road. The site is inside the town boundary and on a suitable site on a quite road. The County Council owns land adjacent to the sites which consists of backlands of old Council houses. He considered this to be an ideal development which will enhance road. He stated that An Bord Pleanala decision granting Planning Permission for 2 houses should be taken into account. The problems were not as serious as in report and land adjacent to site was owned by Galway County Council and unlikely to be developed. The County Engineer stated that the ownership of adjacent lands was not relevant to report. The last planning permission granted by An Bord Pleanala was in respect of a suitable development of the site. The site is too small for 2 houses and would spoil site at the back of the site. Councillor Ulick Burke replied that this was not consistent with other planning permissions granted in the Town. He stated that all the back gardens in Fahy Gardens which are shown on the map were adequate. Councillor Brennan asked about the size of the house as this would be relevant. The County Engineer replied that even the smallest house would not work in this case.

Councillor O'Morain asked how this site would compare with other sites shown on the map as he was not familiar with location. The meeting was informed that site "A" is 20 m x 25 m approximately. Councillor Ulick Burke replied that there were smaller houses on the Gort Road. Deputy Noel Treacy stated that development would assist the satisfying of the town housing need. The development was on a narrow road and conditions attached to planning permission regarding setback would actually improve road.

A vote taken for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors U. Burke, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

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AGAINST: None.

Councillor J. Brennan abstained from voting.

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

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3792 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61326 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL HOURIGAN:

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**"LOCATION:**

The site is located on the shores of Lough Corrib approximately 2 miles northeast of Moycullen.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

Ref. No. 7899: Permission granted for one house to William Hourigan in 1970.

Ref. No. 57537: Permission refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala for a house to William Hourigan.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The site is located on the shoreline of Lough Corrib in an area which is designated as of Outstanding Scenic Amenity in the County Development Plan, where development is restricted to the essential housing needs of farmholders families.

The applicant is not a member of a farmholders family. His father obtained Planning Permission on a lightly modified site in 1970 when development control policy was not as restrictive in this area and when pressure for holiday home development was light. Subsequent development plans in 1979, 1985 and 1990 have imposed restrictions in view of the erosion of the scenic amenity of areas such as this in the Corrib hinterland by holiday home development and housing for people who commute to work in Galway City.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development is located in an area which is listed in the County Development Plan as being of Outstanding Scenic Amenity and where development is limited to cases of essential housing need. No such need exists and the proposed development, therefore, if permitted, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that planning permission was granted in 1970, and subsequently, refused due to a change in the County Development Plan. The application should properly be granted as this was a genuine case and applicant was being treated unfairly.

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The County Engineer stated that application had been turned down by both Galway County Council and An Bord Pleanala. It is difficult to justify reversing such a decision without a change of circumstances.

In reply to Councillor Brennan, the Council was informed that the applicant indicated he lived in Newcastle in Galway.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that the son intended moving out there.

Councillor Brennan stated that he would have sympathy with this case. The County Manager stated that the Permission that was granted on the site was 20 years ago.

A vote taken for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

**FOR:** Councillors J. Brennan, U. Burke, J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

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**AGAINST:** None.

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

3793 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61277 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL EDGEWORTH.

Meeting informed that Planning Permission was being granted on basis of housing need.

3794 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 59756 - APPLICANT: JOSEPH FAHY.

The County Engineer read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

**"LOCATION OF SITE:**

The site is located a half mile from Moycullen Village on the Moycullen/Spiddal Road.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

Ref. No. 34949 - Application for house by Mr. T. McDonagh. No decision.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The site is located outside the Planning boundary of