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Moycullen Village on a site which is boggy in nature and rises away from the public roadway. A trial hole test was carried out on site and this verified the peat subsoil. There were a number of land drains throughout the site, which was waterlogged in places and a stream flowed along the roadside boundary.

The Western Health Board has recommended that the site should be refused on public health grounds.

RECOMMENDATION: Refusal is recommended as follows:

The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health as a trial hole inspection revealed the site to be unsuitable for the treatment and disposal of septic tank effluent. The proposed development, therefore, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The County Engineer informed the Meeting of an objection received by an adjoining landowner to this application. Councillor Welby stated he was withdrawing the motion. Councillor Molloy agreed.

3795 - **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS:**

The Chairman said he wished to thank the Council for the co-operation they had given in connection with the purchase of Cluain Mhuire for a new County Buildings and also to thank the Officials for conducting the successful negotiations. The transaction is subject to Planning Permission and Contract.

The County Manager stated that the Members understood the background and the reasons which included serious congestion in existing accommodation and the seriously defective Motor Tax accommodation. In this regard, the council had been in contact with the Department of the Environment in relation to the rapid deterioration of the building and the urgent need for a solution. There are also serious problems with accommodation in Engineering Design in the Lower Yard and the Housing and Environment Sections. There is a need to bring all Council operations together such as the sections that are housed at Woodquay. The Unions had been complaining regarding the conditions of the accommodation. The Manager stated that he wished to thank the Council for their support in the transaction. He stated he was satisfied the building on the 6 acres that was being purchased would be suitable for the Council's needs. Work has started on the application for Planning Permission for change of use. The staff have been officially informed. The move was welcomed by individual councillors who also expressed their appreciation of the work done by the County Manager and his team.

3796 - **TIDY TOWNS:**

Councillor Ryan stated that he wished to congratulate Mountbellew on winning the Tidy Towns. The town was only

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One mark short of winning the Regional Competition. A number of other Councillors said they wished to be associated with the remarks and also wished to congratulate Portumna and other towns in the County who received high marks. The County Manager said that he wished to join in the remarks and stated that as the commitment was increasing each year, he hoped to see a Galway town winning a National award soon.

3797 - **NEW ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES:**

Deputy McCormack stated that he wished to protest against the splitting up of the County by the Boundary Commission which he claimed was contrary to its frame of reference. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment and the Boundary Commission stating Galway County Council's objection to the breaching of the County boundary.

3798 - **ALL IRELAND FINAL:**

The Chairman said that on behalf of the Council he wished to congratulate the Galway Hurling Team on a very sporting All-Ireland Hurling Final. The team was an inspiration to the youth. He also said that a letter should be sent to the Mayor of Galway thanking him for the hospitality he showed to the Chairman of the County Council who was invited to speak at the welcoming home stand, and invited to the function. He also wished to thank the County Manager, Civil Defence and all others associated with the Cathedral Square Reception. Councillor J. McDonagh said he wanted on behalf of the County Board to be associated with the remarks. The County Manager said that he also wished to join in the congratulatory remarks.

3799 - **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1990:**

The County Secretary's report was noted and it was decided that it would be considered further at the next Planning Meeting.

3800 - **LOUGH DERG PLAN:**

Councillor Loughnane stated that Councillor Mullins and himself were nominated to attend the Meeting of the Working Group in Ennis. It was decided that Galway should host the next Meeting on 25th October. The upgrading of the Portumna/Scariff road to National Secondary status was recommended at the meeting. He said that there was £25m of private development funds available if the right environment could be provided and there was urgent need for action regarding the water quality in Lough Derg. Councillor Mullins said he supported the upgrading of the road and that it would be necessary to provide some funds in the 1991 Estimates to support the action plan. Councillor Loughnane stated that the plan should explicitly note the economic benefits that would derive from the proposed development. It was agreed that the plan would be approved in principle.

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3801 - NATIONAL TOURISM SEMINAR - WEST COUNTY HOTEL, ENNIS - 12/13 OCTOBER 1990.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan, and agreed that Councillors Nioclas O'Conchubhair and Peter Raftery attend the above Seminar.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, and agreed that Councillor Michael Ryan attend the above Seminar.

3802 - ALL-IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING - ARAS AN CHONTAE RAHASS, TRALEE, CO. KERRY. - 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1990.

It was proposed by Councillor J. Joyce, seconded by Councillor M. Loughnane, and agreed the Councillors J. Callanan and T. Welby attend the above.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Mannion, and agreed that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh attend the above.

3803 - TRAVELLERS AT CRAUGHWELL:

Councillor U. Burke asked that action be taken regarding the illegal building erected by Travellers outside Craughwell Village.

Councillor Loughnane asked that a report be prepared giving an up date on Social Employment Schemes similar to Sanitary Services progress report.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:


CHAIRMAN

22/10/90
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

24u la Mean Fomhair, 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 Mairt, an 2u la Deire Fomhair, 1990, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
(a) Special Council Meeting held on 10th August, 1990.
(b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 27th August, 1990.
2. Sale of house to Michael & Annette Hennelly, Lurgan, Caltra Ballinalsoe. - Notice dated 27th August, 1990, already circulated.
3. Sale of house to Richard & Kathleen Keane, Woodquay, Tuam. - Notice dated 5th September, 1990, already circulated.
4. Sale of house to Gerard & Kathleen Furey, Ballynastuckaun, Ballyglunin, Tuam. - Notice dated 21st September, 1990, already circulated.
5. Sale of plot of land to Teresa McDonald, 28, St. Colman's Terrace, Gort. - Notice dated 7th September, 1990, already circulated.
6. Sale of plot of land to Mr. Michael Delaney and Mrs. Mary O'Mahony. - Notice dated 23rd August, 1990, already circulated.
7. Sale of plot of land to Mr. Timothy Coyne, Park, Athenry. - Notice dated 4th September, 1990.
8. Fix date for Estimates Meeting.

9. Revised proposals for additional Roads Allocation of £80,000 (Local Elections) - County Engineer's reports herewith.
10. People of the Year Awards 1990 - any recommendation to be submitted in writing.
11. Local Government (Water Pollution) (Amendment) Act, 1990. - Report to follow.
12. Conference - "Sewage Disposal - Where do we stand?" - Imperial Hotel, Cork. - 8th and 9th November, 1990. (Details enclosed).
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.
14. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR: - I will propose:

15. That Galway County Council examine the surface on the County Road from Scanlon's house, Bealadangan to Reamonn McDonagh's house.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

16. That the County Council carry out road strengthening operation utilising the new Department allocation of funds on Caherlea Road, Claregalway, which is in a dire need of repairs.
17. That the County Council inform when Social Employment Scheme is starting and what is causing the excessive delay. (Details supplied).

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

18. When the plans for the proposed bye-pass at Bearna Village will be commenced.
19. That street lighting for Bearna be included in next year's Estimates for public lighting.
20. That Galway County Council carry out works to generally improve the appearance of the Piers at Knockferry, Collinamuck, Cornelistrum and Gortmore, all in the Collinamuck, Rosscahill area.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

21. That road repairs be carried out on a road (details supplied) and after easing of bends that chain link fencing be provided to improve sight distance because of the large number of accidents on this road.
22. That Galway County Council would provide a footpath at a location. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE: - I will propose:

23. That the road crossing at the Railway Station in Ballinasloe be levelled and modernised as it is in very poor condition.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

24. That Galway County Council surface and tar County Road. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

25. That Galway County Council remove sewerage from septic tank at Council Estate, Clarinbridge, and carry out repairs on same so as to prevent a further health hazard in the area.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

26. That the County Manager bring the Council up to date on the provision of extension to car park at Barrack Street, Loughrea.
27. That speed limit signs be erected at Gurty Madden Village, Loughrea.
28. That the handpump at Kylemore, Abbey, Loughrea, be restored to working order.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

29. I will enquire from Galway County Council when it is intended to construct the Dublin Road Relief Road to the Station as this road will relieve all congestion at the Town Centre. It is extremely urgent.

COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY: - I will propose:

30. That Galway County Council request the Department of the Environment to provide money to upgrade the public lighting in the town of Ballygar to traffic route standard.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

31. That Galway County Council immediately repair and renew a house in County Galway (Details supplied). That the Council outline the reasons why these works have not been carried out to date, works to be carried out and the date in which they will be carried out and any other relevant information.
32. That Galway County Council pipe and drain adjacent to a property (details supplied) in order to alleviate the flooding on this road, that the bushes on the same road be cut and removed immediately as a matter of extreme urgency, that the dates in which these works would be carried out would be outlined hereafter. The details of the work to be carried out and any other relevant information.
33. That Galway County Council immediately repair a house in County Galway (details supplied), that the Council outline the repairs to be carried out, the reasons why they have not been concluded, the date in which they will commence and any other relevant information.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: - I will propose:

34. That Galway County Council provide car parking facilities at Claretuam Graveyard to prevent further road blockages at funeral times.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: - I will propose:

That Galway County Council carry out immediate improvement works to the entrance of Cloughanover Graveyard so as to ensure easy and safe access to same.

That Galway County Council carry out improvements to the Headford Sewage Treatment Plant to prevent any further pollution of the lake or rivers in the area.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN: - I will propose:

That the County Council take immediate steps to improve the roads in the Killasolan area, and to cut roadside hedges - now very dangerous to the public.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

That Galway County Council write to the Minister and ask him to make special concessions regards to Councillors parking in the City as there are many offices in the City that a Councillor has to call on from time to time. What I would suggest is something like a Doctor has to read as such (Councillor on call). This is to prevent him getting alot of parking tickets which he can't afford to pay.

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

3. That Galway County Council immediately carry out improvement work on Russeltown Road (near Milltown). This is a busy road and there are thirty houses on it. It is in urgent need of repairs.
4. That Galway Council carry out improvements on the road leading to Kilkerrin Graveyard.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH: - I will propose:

4. That Galway County Council carry out improvement work on Pollea Road near Williamstown. One side of this narrow road has subsided as a result of a group water scheme pipe been put there some years ago. It is now so bad that the batteries of some cars have been damaged.

COUNCILLORS JARLATH McDONAGH, PETER RAFTERY, AND PATRICK FINNEGAN: - We will propose:

43. That the County Council implement safety proposals at entry adjacent to Dunmore Community School. (Details supplied).

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR: - I will propose:

44. That Galway County Council examine Carraroe Village so that it may be kept tidy and clean after weekends and during the summer. Carraroe is a busy as Clifden and Spiddal, and should be cleaned on a regular basis.

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref No. 11/143/2881

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 Hennelly, Senior,

Location: Lurgan, Caltra, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Michael & Annette Hennelly, of:- Lurgan, Caltra, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £6,400.

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 T. Kavanagh,

DATE:- 27th August, 1990.

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

No. 17/194/2048

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:- Richard T. Keane,

Location: Woodquay, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Richard & Kathleen Keane, of:- Woodquay, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £8,500

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 Mr. A. Fleming,
A/Co. Secretary.

DATE:- 5th September, 1990.

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.)

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Ref No. 17/205/1808 MK/MR

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:- Mary Daly,

Location: Ballynastuckaun, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway.

Person to whom House is Proposed to be Sold:-

Gerard & Kathleen Furey, of:- Ballynastuckaun, Ballyglunin, Tuam, Co. Galway.

The sale will be in fee simple.

The sale price after making appropriate deductions is £5,260

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 Tom Kavanagh,
A/Co. Secretary.

DATE:- 21st September, 1990.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

7th. September, 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:- Lord Gough, Gort, Co. Galway.

Location:- St. Colman's Terrace, Gort, Co. Galway.

Area:- 0.207 acres

To whom land is to be transferred:- Teresa McDonald,
28 St. Colman's Terrace, Gort,
Co. Galway.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:- £1 - nominal consideration.

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.

23rd August, 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:- Details not available by reasonable investigation, but Council in possession since 1938.

Location:- Caheroyan, Athenry, Co. Galway.

Area:- 0.080 acres.

To Whom land is to be transferred:-

Michael Delaney, 7' Balfour Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 4HP, England.
Mrs. Mary O'Mahony, 1' Elm Terrace, Woodford Green, Essex, England.

Consideration in respect of Disposal:- - exchange of plot containing 0.080 acres for plot containing 0.090 acres in the townland of Caheroyan.

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,
A/Co. Secretary.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

4th September, 1990.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

Proposed sale of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway.

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:-

Site:

Site for house at Cullairbaun, Athenry, Co. Galway - area given hereunder:-

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

John J. Duffy, Villanova, Upper Salthill, Galway.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD.	SITE NO.	AREA OF PLOT.
Mr. Timothy Coyne, Athenry, Co. Galway.	48	0.110 acres.

Consideration in respect of disposal:

Price:

£250

Other Covenants or Conditions in connection with Disposal:

- The site will be sold in fee simple.
- 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.

T. Kavanagh,
Acting County Secretary.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 2ND OCTOBER, 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, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, 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, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; A. Fleming, Administrative Officer; and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3804 - MINUTES:

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

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 10th August, 1990.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 27th August, 1990.

3805 - SALE OF HOUSE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of house at Lurgan, Caltra, Ballinasloe, to Michael and Annette Hennelly, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 27th August, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

3806 - SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Councillor P. Raftery, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of house at Woodquay, Tuam, to Richard and Kathleen Keane, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 5th September, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local

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Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

3807 - SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Councillor J. McDonagh, seconded by Deputy McCormack, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of house at Ballynastuckaun, Ballyglunin, Tuam, to Gerard & Kathleen Furey, in accordance with the terms of the Notice dated 21st September, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

3808 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Lambert, seconded by Councillor P. Raftery, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of plot of land at St. Colman's Terrace, Gort, to Teresa McDonald, 28, St. Colman's Terrace, Gort, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 7th September, 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."

3809 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of plot of land at Caheroyan, Athenry, to Michael Delaney, 7 Balfour Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 4HP, England, and Mrs. Mary O'Mahony, 1 Elm Terrace, Woodford Green, Essex, England, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 23rd 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."

3810 - FIXING OF DATE FOR ESTIMATES MEETING:

The County Manager informed the Meeting that the statutory time for holding the Estimates Meeting of the County Council was between the 1st October, and 16th November. On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, it was agreed that the Estimates Meeting would be held on Monday, 12th November, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The Chairman asked the Members if they wished to consider changing the time of the Council Meeting to be held on 12th October due to the fact that it was clashing with the Irish Salmon Growers Conference being held in the Connemara Coast Hotel. It was agreed to make no change in the time for the

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Meeting on 12th October.

3811 - ADDITIONAL ROAD ALLOCATION OF £80,000 (LOCAL ELECTIONS):

Copy of report dated 11th September, 1990, from the County Engineer, together with report dated 18th June, 1990, regarding the expenditure of £80,000 on road jobs had been circulated to each Member. The County Engineer said that when this matter was previously discussed by the Council, the Members decided to deduct £5,000 from each of the 6 schemes proposed. He said that this would have the effect of making some of the jobs unviable, such as reducing the street surfacing in Athenry from £8,000 to £3,000. The result would be that the Council would have to go back and finish the jobs some other time. He said that if only a sum of £50,000 was available to him, he would recommend that it be spent on the three schemes set out in his report, i.e.,

Raheen Road, Athenry.	-	£10,000
Inishboffin Roads	-	£21,000
Road to Glenamaddy Burial Ground	-	£19,000

He said the other jobs could be considered for next year's Estimates.

Councillor Lynch said that he was very disappointed with the reduction in expenditure for Athenry and asked the County Engineer if £10,000 would be sufficient for the road to Glenamaddy Burial Ground. The County Engineer replied in the negative.

On the proposition of Councillor Walsh, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that the County Engineer's recommendation be accepted.

Councillor Glynn asked if there was a minimum amount which a Councillor could allocate to a job from 'Notice of Motion Money'. The County Engineer said that he would like to see a minimum limit applied as it was uneconomic to mobilise a gang for a small job, and that small jobs don't rank for priority. Councillor Brennan said that small jobs should not be ruled out.

3812 - PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

The Chairman proposed that Mr. Martin Joyce, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, be nominated for the People of the Year Awards 1990. He said that Mr. Joyce had been Secretary of the National Monuments Advisory Committee for a number of years and had done excellent work in the preservation of National Monuments and getting them taken over by the Office of Public Works. He was also to the forefront in the proposed Interpretative Centre for Aughrim to commemorate the Battle of Aughrim. He also played a leading role in other organisations such as the I.N.T.O. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed. Many Members paid tribute to Mr. Joyce's work as did the County Manager.

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3813 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WATER POLLUTION) (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1990:

The Acting Secretary gave an outline of some of the main points in the new legislation. Some Members felt that this was a very important and serious piece of legislation and they would need more time to study it before having a discussion on it. Councillor Glynn said that a number of villages had sewage disposal problems, and he wondered how they would be affected by this legislation. He asked that the Council be brought up to date also in relation to air pollution.

It was agreed to defer this item to the next Meeting.

3814 - CONFERENCE - SEWAGE DISPOSAL - IMPERIAL HOTEL, CORK - 8TH/9TH NOVEMBER, 1990:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillors Welby and McHugh be nominated to attend this Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was agreed that Councillor T. Walsh be nominated to attend the Conference.

3815 - BORD NA GAELIGE SEMINAR - GAOTH DOBHAIR - 28/30 MEAN FOMHAIR, 1990:

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Raftery, the attendance of Councillor P. McHugh at the Seminar in Gaoth Dobhair from 28/30 September, 1990, was approved in lieu of Councillor O'Morain.

3816 - GALWAY/BOSTON VENTURES:

The Chairman referred to the recent Irish Trade Fair at Boston which he attended organised by the Galway/Boston Ventures Limited. He said that he wished to compliment everybody involved in the promotion. He was very impressed by the Exhibitors from Galway City and County, and particularly the strong presence from West Galway. It was a most successful venture and everybody worked very hard and attracted thousands of viewers to the Stands. The Chairman paid tribute to Mayor Flynn, and to the Co-Chairmen of the Boston/Irish Ventures, Messrs. Costelloe, and Donnellan for their help and co-operation. He also complimented the County Manager and the Mayor of Galway Corporation. The County Manager endorsed the Chairman's remarks. Councillor O'Morain suggested that the Director of Galway/Boston Ventures Limited and the County Development Officer might attend a Council Meeting later in the year to inform Councillors about the Boston Irish Trade Fair with a view to getting a better involvement from County Galway.

3817 - LAY-BY AT KILTIERNAN:

Councillors Molloy and Lambert and Deputies Fahey and McCormack raised the problem created by the parking of caravans at the lay-by at Kiltiernan. They said that the barrier erected by the Council was removed and damaged and

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there were about 9 caravans in the lay-by occupied by traders who were selling gates. The occupant of the house near the lay-by had been threatened by them and was in a distressed state. His walls were being knocked down and his stock were being followed by dogs. The matter had been reported to the Gardai. Deputy Fahey said that the County Council and the Corporation had been successful in taking action against traders during the summer and he would like to see similar action taken in this case. The County Manager agreed that this situation can create intolerable conditions for local people but said it was often difficult to do anything about it. He said that an inspection would be carried out to see what action, if any, could be taken.

Councillor Mullins asked that a meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers be held as soon as possible.

3818 - CLONTUSKERT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Councillor Brennan said that there was growing concern about the delay in getting the Clontuskert Group Water Supply Scheme off the ground. He said that the organisers had done all the ground work and had got Tenders for the Scheme and there seemed to be a hold up in the Department. He said the scheme also depended on the Ballinasloe U.D.C. Water Scheme being augmented and this was also awaiting Department approval. He asked that a joint Meeting between the County Council, Ballinasloe U.D.C., and the Department be held to "iron out" any remaining difficulties.

The Acting Secretary stated that a meeting would be arranged as soon as all the relevant information was available in order to have a worthwhile meeting. He said he understood that the Tenders for the Scheme had now been received by the Department from the Group and these were being examined. Councillor Brennan asked that an effort be made to try and have the meeting on the day of the next Council Meeting on 12th October.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

3819 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EXAMINE THE SURFACE ON THE COUNTY ROAD FROM SCANLON'S HOUSE, BEALADANGAN, TO REAMONN McDONAGH'S HOUSE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"Repairs have now been carried out to the above road."

Councillor O'Conchubhair asked that white lines be put on the road and that it be kept under review.

3820 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE SURFACE DRESSING CARRIED OUT ON CAHERLEA ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

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

3821 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME AT CAHERGOWAN CEMETERY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Approval to the Cahergowan Social Employment Scheme has not been submitted by FAS to date."

Councillor McDonagh asked that a check be made to see if the scheme was approved as it had been advised that it was.

3822 - WHEN THE PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED BY-PASS AT BARNA VILLAGE WILL BE COMMENCED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Proposals for traffic route revisions on the Barna Road (Regional Route R336) are presently under discussion with Galway Corporation."

Proposals for a by-pass of Barna Village will form part of these discussions"

3823 - THAT STREET LIGHTING FOR BEARNA BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Public lighting at Bearna will be considered when the 1991 Public Lighting programme is being prepared."

3824 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT WORKS TO GENERALLY IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE PIERS AT KNOCKFERRY, COLLINAMUCK, CORNELISTRUM AND GORTMORE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Knockferry and Collinamuck Piers only are the responsibility of Galway County Council. They are cleaned on a regular basis during the summer months. Funds are not available for improvement works."

3825 - THAT ROAD REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT ON A ROAD FROM THE KILKERRIN ROAD, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"There are a series of six tight narrow bends on this road and the sides of these bends are high banks which

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reduce the visibility considerably. The estimated cost of removing these bends is £5,000. There are no funds available at present for this work but should there be any maintenance monies available towards the end of the year, this work will be given due consideration."

- 3826 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD PROVIDE A FOOTPATH AT HILLCREST ESTATE, BALLINALSOE, TO DILLONS HOUSE, MOHER, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"The estimated cost of providing a footpath at above location is £11,000. However, there are no funds available to carry out the work in the current year."

Deputy Kitt asked that this motion be put back on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

- 3827 - THAT THE ROAD CROSSING AT THE RAILWAY STATION IN BALLINASLOE BE LEVELLED AND MODERNISED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The crossing surface has been repaired by Irish Rail recently. Improvements to the approaches are being considered at present by Galway County Council."

The Chairman said that he was pleased to hear that the Council was considering improvements to the approaches.

- 3828 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE AND TAR COUNTY ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"This road at Tooreen was recently patched but as far as we can ascertain, there is no house by the name of Maddens on this road."

- 3829 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE SEWERAGE FROM SEPTIC TANK AT COUNCIL ESTATE, CLARINBRIDGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The position is that recent maintenance has been carried out to the sewerage system in the above estate. It is now working satisfactorily and will be kept under review."

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- 3830 - EXTENSION TO CAR PARK AT BARRACK STREET, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The completion of the acquisition for the proposed extension to the existing car park at Barrack Street, Loughrea, is in the hands of the Council's Law Agent and is still being finalised."

- 3831 - THAT SPEED LIMIT SIGNS BE ERECTED AT GURTYMADDEN VILLAGE, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Speed limits for this village will be considered in the next review of speed limits in 1992."

- 3832 - THAT THE HANDPUMP AT KYLEMORE, ABBEY, LOUGHREA, BE RESTORED TO WORKING ORDER: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Repairs will be carried out to the pump in question in the near future."

- 3833 - WHEN IT IS INTENDED TO CONSTRUCT THE DUBLIN ROAD, TUAM, RELIEF ROAD TO THE STATION: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"Agreement has been reached with the land owners involved. However, the construction of the inner relief road is dependent on funds being made available by the Department of the Environment."

Councillor Burke asked the County Engineer to support the case for the Relief Road. The County Engineer said that he was preparing a submission for the Department and the Relief Road was included.

- 3834 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE MONEY TO UPGRADE THE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF BALLYGAR TO TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Peter Raftery:

"A design for this scheme will be requested from the E.S.B. The carrying out of this work will depend on the provision of funds and approval of the design by the Department of the Environment."

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- 3835 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY REPAIR AND RENEW A HOUSE IN COUNTY GALWAY (PATRICK KELLY, BALLINAGRIEVE, KILCHREEST): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"An inspection of the above demountable dwelling has been carried out. Repairs are necessary to the windows and external wall panels, painting is also required. These repairs are not considered urgent and immediate attention is not required. They will be included in a priority list for October and will be carried out subject to the availability of funds."

- 3836 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PIPE THE DRAIN ADJACENT TO PROPERTY OF EDWARD DOLAN, ENGLISHTOWN, KILTORMER, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"There are no funds available in the current year to carry out the above works."

Deputy Treacy asked that his request be re-examined to see if any funds could be made available.

- 3837 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY REPAIR A HOUSE IN COUNTY GALWAY (MRS. CARMEL CASSERLEY, 24 FAHY GARDENS, LOUGHREA): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Urgent Repairs have been carried out to this house, and it is considered that the outstanding items do not require immediate attention, with the exception of repairs to the toilet which is being attended to. The remaining items will be dealt with subject to priority and availability of funds."

- 3838 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE CAR PARKING FACILITIES AT CLARETUAM GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH:

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

"I wish to inform you that the Council has no land available for the provision of car parking facilities at Claretuam Burial Ground."

Councillor McHugh said that there was chaos at funerals at this graveyard and he asked that the Council arrange to acquire the necessary land for carparking.

- 3839 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE ENTRANCE OF CLOUGHANOVER GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH:

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

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"I wish to inform you that the Council is currently investigating the feasibility of providing a second entrance to Cloughanover Burial Ground."

- 3840 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HEADFORD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER POLLUTION OF THE LAKE OR RIVERS IN THE AREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

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

"A preliminary report for a new sewage treatment works for Headford was submitted to the Department of the Environment in November 1989."

We await Department sanction to prepare Contract Documents for the construction work."

Councillor McHugh asked that pending the construction of the full treatment plant, the Council carry out some improvement works in the meantime. The County Engineer replied that the Council did intend to carry out some improvement works as a holding measure.

- 3841 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO IMPROVE THE ROADS IN THE KILLASOLAN AREA AND TO CUT ROADSIDE HEDGES: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Ryan:

"The estimated cost of carrying out repairs to road in Killasolan village is £19,000. However, there are no funds available to carry out repairs in the current year. This road will be considered when the 1991 Road Works Programme is being prepared. There are no funds available for hedge cutting in the current year."

Councillor Ryan said that the job he was asking to have done was not as big as that set out in the reply. He said that the roads in the area had been neglected and the hedges were now very dangerous. The County Engineer agreed to re-examine the matter.

- 3842 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WRITE TO THE MINISTER AND ASK HIM TO MAKE SPECIAL CONCESSIONS REGARDS TO COUNCILLORS PARKING IN THE CITY AS THERE ARE MANY OFFICES IN THE CITY THAT A COUNCILLOR HAS TO CALL ON FROM TIME TO TIME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"There is no procedure in law whereby special concessions can be given to anybody in order to avoid payment of parking fees."

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- 3843 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORK ON RUSSELTOWN ROAD (NEAR MILLTOWN): - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS T. WALSH AND M. RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillors T. Walsh and M. Ryan:

"Pot hole repairs were carried out at the above location in the last few weeks."

Councillors Walsh and Ryan said that pothole repairs were not sufficient and asked that the road be considered for surface dressing next year.

- 3844 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENTS ON THE ROAD LEADING TO KILKERRIN GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS T. WALSH AND M. RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillors T. Walsh and M. Ryan:

"There are a series of six tight narrow bends on this road and the sides of these bends are high banks which reduce the visibility considerably. The estimated cost of removing these bends is £5,000. There are no funds available at present for this work but should there be any maintenance monies available towards the end of the year, this work will be given due consideration."

- 3845 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORK ON POLLEA ROAD NEAR WILLIAMSTOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

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

"The estimated cost of carrying out repairs to the above road is £3,500. There are no funds available at present. However, if funds become available towards the end of the year, repairs will be carried out."

- 3846 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL IMPLEMENT SAFETY PROPOSALS AT ENTRY ADJACENT TO DUNMORE COMMUNITY SCHOOL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The entry/exit is adequately covered by signs No. 125 (Children Crossing).

Improvement of sight distance at the College is very blind and the College Authorities should make plans to improve layout of same as this is their responsibility."

Councillor McDonagh said that since the two schools merged, the children have to cross from one school to another and this presents a dangerous situation. The County Engineer said that the main problem was caused by a wall on the College property. He agreed to re-examine the matter.

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- 3847 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EXAMINE CARRAROE VILLAGE SO THAT IT MAY BE KEPT TIDY AND CLEAN AFTER WEEKENDS AND DURING THE SUMMER: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"There are no funds available in the current year to employ an additional employee to carry out the above work."

Councillor O'Conchubhair said that Carraroe Village can be left in a very untidy condition after weekends, and that improved clean up arrangements were required. He was of the opinion that the local community would provide assistance and asked the Council to get in touch with the Parish Council.

- 3847 - CLOONMORE BRIDGE:

Councillor McHugh said that he would like to compliment the County Engineer on the work at Cloonmore Bridge. The County Engineer said that some further measures had to be taken. He said that the speed of traffic on the Tuam Road was very worrying.

- 3848 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Liam Mulrooney, Cloonlyon, Ballygar.
Mrs. Baby Nelly, Ashfield, Gort.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Jane Joyce
CHAIRMAN

22/10/90

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

Su la Deire Fomhair, 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 12u la Deire Fomhair, 1990, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai Sealadach

AGENDA

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 Turf Shed, Garage and stone front wall entrance from road - Carraghy, to Eamonn Burke, Carraghy, Claregalway. - Planning Reference Number 61621.

Jarlath McDonagh. Michael Ryan. Nioclas O'Conchubhair.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1990.
3. Review of Town Plans for Clifden, Gort, Athenry and Tuam.
4. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads. - List enclosed.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

**Declaration of Roads to
be Public Roads**

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

	From	To	Metres
Public Road	John Hardiman's house in Townland of Gortavoher	Jnc. with C.N. 529 for a distance of 220 metres towards Gortavoher	220
Public Road	Commencing at Mattie Grealish's house, Frenchfort	And going north west for a distance of 160 metres	160
Public Road	Lettermore Church	For a distance of 75 metres towards Lettermore Pier	75
Public Road	360 metres fro Jnc. with C.R. 473 along the road to Clonbrock Demesne	1010 metres to cattle grids at Clonbrock house	1010
Public Road	Road to Oranislund commencing at Junction of Co. Road 186	Northwards for a distance of 170 metres towards Longs house.	170
Public Road	N.353 in Townland of Ballyhugh	Back entrance to D. McGrath's house, Ballyhugh	26
Public Road	N.18 in Townland of Glenbrack	C. Daniel's house in Townland of Glenbrack	140
Public Road	C.H.444 in Townland of Brackloonbeg	Nevin's house in Townland of Brackloonbeg	192

Signed: A. Fleming
Acting County Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 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, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, M. Loughnane, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, and Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer (Planning); and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3849 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61621 - APPLICANT: RAMON BURKE.

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor J. McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan. The County Manager submitted the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION:

The proposed development is located on the Galway/Tuam National Primary Route approximately 4 miles north of Claregalway where the maximum speed limit applies.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. no. 14895: Planning Permission was granted for a dwellinghouse to Mr. M. Blurke in 1973.

CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant proposes to erect a store, garage and turf shed for domestic/farming use and the provision of a separate access to serve same. There is no difficulty with the erection of the building but the applicant proposes to create a new access onto the National Primary Route. This would be in conflict with the policy of the County Development Plan which restricts

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accesses along National Routes in the interests of traffic safety because of the established link between the number of accidents and the number of unrestricted vehicular accesses.

The applicant makes the case for a second access as there are two families sharing the house. However, it is not accepted that the existing access cannot serve the present yard facilities as well as the proposed dwelling, or, failing this, why a single new access cannot be constructed which will be convenient for both the dwellinghouse and shed. The present access could then be closed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed additional entrance is not considered necessary given that there is an existing access to the property and its construction would increase the number of traffic conflict areas and would thus constitute a traffic hazard.

2. The proposed development would be contrary to the policy of the County Development Plan which is to minimise the number of entrances onto the National Primary Route in the interests of maintaining the capacity of same."

Having read through the report, the County Engineer said the site was almost opposite Lydons Public House on the Tuam Road where there were other activities including petrol pumps, supermarket and a number of household entrances. He said that vehicles travel at very high speed on this road, and there have been a number of fatalities in the last year. A traffic count showed a figure of 5,412 and between 1988 and 1989, there was an increase of 8.3% as against a national increase of 3% to 4%. He said that there was no objection to the building of the shed.

Councillor McDonagh said that there would be no extra traffic as a result of the new access and it was not required for speculative development. He said the problem was that it was not possible to get from one side of the site to the other and there was no room behind the house. He asked if Permission would be granted for a second family dwelling and was informed by the County Engineer that a genuine application would be favourably considered. The County Manager said that he would have the application further investigated and the resolution was not put to the meeting.

3850 - DEPUTATION - FLOODING AT POLLEA, WILLIAMSTOWN:

The Chairman said that he had agreed to allow this matter be raised and he welcomed a deputation from the Pollea area. Councillor Finnegan said that the problem of flooding in the Pollea area was well known to Councillors in the Tuam

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Electoral Area. He said that the flooding which occurred annually prevented access to one house and flooded many acres of land. He said it was only possible to gain access to the house by tractor and box. A deputation had met Engineering Staff in the Council as a result of which the matter was referred to the O.P.W. However, the O.P.W. had indicated that it would be necessary to carry out a survey which would cost £2,500, which would not be funded by the O.P.W.. Councillor Finnegan said that the local people had got together with great community spirit and had collected a substantial amount of money which they were prepared to make available for carrying out drainage works but not for surveys. He said that the road was also flooded and that alterations would have to be carried out to bridges in order to cater for a bigger flow. He appealed to the Council to help the people solve this problem for once and for all and asked that the Council pay the cost of the survey if this was possible.

Councillor Walsh said that he also had raised this matter last spring as a result of which Mr. Killeen inspected the location, but said that it was not County Council responsibility but the Council would co-operate as much as possible. He said that he had also approached the Suck Drainage Committee without success. Senator Hussey and other Councillors supported the proposal to give whatever assistance was possible.

The County Manager said that flooding was a matter for the O.P.W. and he did not understand why the Council was being asked to get involved. He said there was obviously a serious problem for the people concerned and the Council would get in touch with the O.P.W. to see what they proposed to do.

3851 - PURCHASE OF CLUAIN MUIRE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS:

The Chairman referred to report dated 9th October, 1990, which had been circulated to Members giving details about the purchase of Cluain Mhuire. The Chairman thanked the County Manager for succeeding in purchasing Cluain Mhuire. He said that the purchase presented the Council with a wonderful opportunity to provide good modern office facilities for staff, public and Councillors, an opportunity which could not be let slip. All the Members present complimented the County Manager on negotiating the purchase. They appreciated the confidentiality necessary in the early stages of purchase and were pleased with all the details in the report. The Members said that the purchase represented very good value for money and would allow all the staff to be accommodated under one roof which would be of great benefit to everybody. The site was very accessible and there would be plenty of parking space for everybody, hence no reason to lock the front gate as is the case at the County Buildings. The Members asked that the best of facilities and technology be provided in the adaptation of the building, including facilities for disabled and that C.I.E. be approached with a view to providing a suitable bus stop.

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The County Manager thanked the Members for their comments and assistance in handling the difficult negotiations and particularly the Chairman. He then gave brief details of the existing accommodation at the County Buildings and the need to rent offices elsewhere. The present Motor Tax Office needs replacement and an extension to the County Buildings, which would include a Motor Tax Office, was under consideration. This extension would have cost over £1 million and would only solve part of the problem. The County Manager said that when Cluain Mhuire came on the market, he saw the potential of providing a first class headquarters from where the present and future functions of local government would be administered for the County of Galway. He said he would be proposing as Phase 11 of the development that the new Library Headquarters be constructed on the Cluain Mhuire site, (the existing premises is rented). The County Manager said that some of adaptation work would require Planning Permission from Galway Corporation and he had delegated that Planning function to Mr. Donal O'Donoghue. Some temporary borrowing arrangements may also be necessary.

The Chairman thanked the Redemptorists, Auctioneer, and others for being so helpful in the negotiations.

3852 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1990:

The Acting County Secretary gave a summary of the main provisions of the new Act, the most important points relating to extra protection for Planning Authorities against compensation claims.

Deputy Kitt said that the Council was charging high development contributions even where services had been handed over to the County Council. He mentioned in particular an extension to a school in Mountbellew and said that the development levy did not rank for grant assistance. He asked that this case be looked at, and this was agreed.

Deputy Kitt also referred to the situation where the Planning Office looks for Further Information at the end of the two month period and said that this was unfair to applicants. Councillors Callanan and Mannion supported Deputy Kitt particularly where a decision is not made until the end of the second two month period.

Councillor M. Fahy said that applicants should not have to wait 5 weeks for the final grant of Permission. It was explained that the final grant of Permission cannot issue until the Appeal period has expired.

Councillor Welby referred to a case where the Council had looked for a development levy in a rural area where there were no services. The County Manager said that if details were supplied, the case would be examined.

3853 - REVIEW OF TOWN PLANS FOR CLIFDEN, GORT, ATHENRY, AND TUAM:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Plans for the Towns of

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Clifden, Gort, Athenry, and Tuam, were due for review by the 28th April, 1991. He said that Loughrea Town Plan was not due for review until June 1992. He said that the Planning Officer had indicated that very few amendments appeared to be necessary to the Town Plans but that if Members wished to make any submissions, they should do so as soon as possible. The Acting County Secretary suggested that Committees be formed consisting of Members of the Electoral Areas of Connemara, Loughrea, and Tuam, to consider the Town Plans. This was agreed and also that meetings would be called as soon as Draft Plans were ready.

3854 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

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

"That the roads set out in the list of roads circulated with Item 4 on the Agenda be declared public roads, the statutory requirements regarding public notice having been complied with."

3855 - SHEEP DIPPING MEETING IN ATHENRY ON 23RD OCTOBER, 1990:

Notification was received from Roscommon County Council that a Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee for the 5 Counties of Connacht and Donegal was to be held in the Teagasc Office, Athenry, on Tuesday, 23rd October, 1990.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Raftery, that Councillors Callanan, and Welby attend the Sheep Dipping Meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Walsh that Councillor Mannion also attend the Sheep Dipping Meeting.

3856 - MMDS SYSTEM AT TONABRUCKY:

It was agreed that this item be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

3857 - NATIONAL TOURISM SEMINAR - WEST COUNTY HOTEL, ENNIS - 12/13 OCTOBER, 1990:

On the proposition of Councillor Mullins, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillor J. Mannion be nominated to attend the National Tourism Seminar at the West County Hotel, Ennis, on 12/13 October, 1990, instead of Councillor Ryan.

3858 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Martin Concannon, Ballinvoher, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED.

James Joyce CHAIRMAN

23/11/90 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

15u la Deire Fomhair, 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 22u la Deire Fomhair, 1990, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH.
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Special Council Meeting held on 14th September, 1990.
 - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 2nd October, 1990.
2. Sale of house to Patrick and Elizabeth McCabe - Notice dated 9th October, 1990, already circulated.
3. Sale of disused Reservoir site at Carraroe - Notice dated 25th September, 1990, already circulated.
4. Nomination of member to Western Regional Tourism Organisation for the year 1990/91.
5. Adoption of Scheme of Letting Priorities - Copy herewith.
6. Place-names (Irish Forms) - Copy of 1975 Order enclosed.
7. Water Pollution Act, 1990 - Air Pollution Act, 1987.
8. MMDS system at Tonabrucky - Planning Ref. No. 58705.
9. Nominations for "Local Heroes - Making a difference to the Environment" RTE Television Series - Copy of Department of the Environment letter dated 26th September, enclosed.
10. Social Employment Schemes.

11. Business submitted by the County Manager.
12. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

13. That Galway County Council would provide a footpath at a location (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

14. That the County Council inform on current position of carrying out road strengthening utilising the new Department allocation of funds on Caherlea Road, Claregalway.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

15. That the County Council seek to have speed limit extended at Lackagh and in the prevailing situation have much larger school sign put in place. (Details supplied).

16. That the County Council erect signpost at (Details supplied).

17. That the County Council now implement drainage proposals as promised at Mirah. (Details supplied).

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK - I will propose:

18. What is the present position concerning the application of Galway County Council for Structural Funds Grants for the erection of the Corrib Bridge at Kilbeg, Knockferry. Has a decision been made on this yet or what is the position with all the applications for Structural Funds which have been made to the Department of the Environment.

19. That a number of signs be erected on the road between Galway and Oughterard, indicating to the right, the distance of Lough Corrib from the Main Road.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN: - I will propose:

20. That Galway County Council take action on hedge cutting on County Roads in Newbridge area.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

21. That the County Manager bring me up to date on the proposed Social Employment Scheme for Douras Burial Ground.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY: - I will propose:

22. That funding be provided in the 1991 Estimates for the provision of footpaths in Oughterard Town.
23. What is the up to date position regarding the proposed talks between the County Council Officials and the O.P.W. regarding the Letterfrack and Dawros Water Supply.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY: - I will propose:

24. That this Council repair the potholes on the following roads in the Recess area -
Derravreada, Derrada, Caher, also Canower, Cashel.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

25. That this Council examine fully the flooding of the road and house at Jim Finnegan's, Liskea, Williamstown, and find a solution to prevent its recurrence.
26. That this Council pay the cost of the O.P.W. Survey on the effects of draining flooded lands at Pollea, Williamstown, and Curragh West, Dunmore (one project).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

27. That Galway County Council help to improve visibility at dangerous bend at Inchagoill, Clarinbridge, and also have same signposted. (Warning signs to slow down.)
28. That Galway County Council erect signs and have them erected at Caseys Cross, Four Crossroads, Clarinbridge, as soon as possible.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

29. What is the current position regarding the development of the new Cemetery at Dunmore.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS: - I will propose:

30. That Galway County Council make plans to extend the cemetery at Killaan, Woodlawn. Many new families in the area wish to obtain graves in the Cemetery and they cannot be facilitated.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

31. That Galway County Council carry out repairs and hedge cutting on the Derreen Road, Ballyforan, Ballinasloe.

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

32. That Galway County Council provide the finance required to complete the roadworks from the Crossroads at Drim, Lettermore, towards Lettermullen, this finance to be provided in Estimates being prepared for 1991.

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

33. That Galway County Council provide finance in the 1991 Estimates to upgrade the village of Carraroe - to provide a proper public lighting, repair the footpaths and walls, a proper street cleaning service every Monday, and the present position about the public toilets at Doilin Beach.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

34. That Galway County Council immediately replace a range for a person (details supplied), the reasons for the delay in having this work carried out, the date on which this work will be done and any other relevant information.

35. That Galway County Council carry out immediate repairs to a house (details supplied) that the repairs to be carried out be outlined hereafter, the date on which the works will commence, the reasons for the delay and any other relevant information.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY, COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH, AND DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK: - We will propose:

36. That Galway County Council recommend to the County Manager that full planning permission be granted to Mrs. Helena O'Keefe, Rockhill, Woodford, for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Cappagh, Woodford, on Planning Ref. No. 59925, Co. Galway.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY: - I will propose:

37. That a 30 m.p.h. speed limit be imposed at Maree, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLORS J. BRENNAN, J. BURKE, AND P. O'TUATHAIL: - We will propose:

38. That Galway County Council resolves to nominate Carmencita Medderman of 92 Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4, to be a candidate in the Presidential Election on 7th November, 1990, pursuant to Section 9 of the Presidential Election Act, 1937.

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25th September, 1990.

To: Each Member of Galway County Council

A Chara,

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

Land Acquired from: Possessory title

Location: Carraroe South

Area: 0.028 acres

To whom the land is to be transferred Martin O Connor,
Bothar Bui, Carraroe

Consideration in respect of disposal £250.00

This proposal will be considered at the next meeting of the council to be held after the expiration of 10 clear days from the date hereof.

Mise le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,

Runai Sealadach.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 1990.

IN THE CHAIR: 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, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors 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. D. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; R. Killeen, L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

385 RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Raftery, a resolution of sympathy was passed to the family of the late Mr. Cummins, Ballygar, whose son is an Engineer with Galway County Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, a vote of sympathy was expressed to Councillor Tim Quinn, Mayo, on the death of his brother, Sean Quinn.

On the proposition of Councillor U. Burke, a vote of sympathy was passed to the Hourigan family, Oldthort, Portumna, on the death of Philip Hourigan, brother of Billy Hourigan, Waterworks Caretaker, Portumna.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, a vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. Lal Fallon and family, Richmond, Clonberne, Ballinasloe, on the death of his wife.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Ms. Catherine Nolan, Killeroran, Ballygar.
Mr. Michael Hussey, Airglooney, Tuam.
Mr. Fergus Madden, River Street, Eyrecourt.
Mrs. Sean McCormack, Clonfert, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Seamus Keegan, Kilcroan, Ballymoe.

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3860 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Molloy, the Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway County Council held on the 14th September, 1990, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council held on 2nd October, 1990, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Callanan asked if there was any progress in relation to the Clontuskert Group Water Supply Scheme. Mr. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager, said that Ballinasloe U.D.C. was still awaiting approval to the augmentation scheme. Councillor Callanan asked that the Council's request for a joint deputation to the Minister for the Environment be reactivated and this was agreed. Councillor Mullins asked if the Council was ready to receive a deputation from representatives of the group scheme and Councillors in order to discuss a number of items. It was agreed that such a deputation would be received by Mr. J. Gavin at 4.00 p.m. on 2nd November, 1990.

Councillor Loughnane asked that the question of Group Water Schemes generally be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting, and this was agreed.

Referring to the question of speed limits, Councillor Loughnane proposed that the Department of the Environment be requested to review speed limits annually. The Acting Secretary stated that the Department of the Environment had indicated that speed limit reviews would only take place every five years and that it would be unreasonable to request annual reviews in view of the length of time it took to carry out a review. The Council agreed that an annual review be requested.

Councillor Lynch asked that the speed limit sign outside Athenry Boys School be moved a few yards as it was presently in a dangerous position.

Councillor U. Burke referred to Travellers parked at Craughwell and the damage being caused to walls, etc. He said that he had asked previously for details of the cost of the Social Employment Scheme work carried out there, and he asked that this matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting with full details.

3861 - SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy McCormack, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Woodford to Patrick & Elizabeth McCabe, 6, Woodford, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 9th October, 1990, under Section 83 of the

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Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

3860 - SALE OF DISUSED RESERVOIR SITE AT CARRAROE:

On the proposition of Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of disused Reservoir site at Carraroe South to Martin O'Connor, Bothar Bui, Carraroe, in accordance with Notice dated 25th September, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member."

3861 - NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION FOR THE YEAR 1990/1991:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, it was agreed that Councillor Welby be nominated as the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1990/1991.

3862 - ADOPTION OF SCHEME OF LETTING PRIORITIES:

Copy of Report from Mr. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, together with copy of Scheme of Letting Priorities as sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment had been circulated to each Member with the Agenda. On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Brennan, the following Scheme of Letting Priorities as sanctioned by the Minister was adopted by the Council:

"SCHEME OF PRIORITIES TO BE ACCORDED IN THE LETTING OF DWELLINGS PROVIDED BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

1. This Scheme of Priorities, made in pursuance of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1988, shall be used by Galway County Council (herein after referred to as the Council) as a means for determining the order of priority to be afforded, in the letting of dwellings, provided by the Council and of which they are the owner, to persons;

(a) who are, in the opinion of the Council, unable to provide accommodation from their own resources, and

(b) whose need for accommodation -

(1) has been established, through their inclusion in the most recent assessment made by the Council under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1988, or

(2) has been accepted by the Council, after the making of that assessment, for inclusion in the next such assessment.

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2. The Council may, from time to time, determine, as they see fit, to set aside for persons of such category or categories as the Council may decide, a particular member or proportion of the dwellings becoming available to the Council for letting. Where such a number or proportion is set aside, priority shall be afforded to the specified category in the letting of the dwellings.

The Council in applying the terms of this Scheme to any applicant, may if it considers it appropriate to do so, disregard that applicants present accommodation, if the Council has reason to believe that he has, deliberately or without good sufficient reason, remained in, or taken occupation of, unsuitable accommodation primarily to improve the applicants prospects of obtaining Council accommodation.

3. The Council shall obtain and have regard to a report from a Medical Officer of a Health Board if priority is claimed wholly or partly on medical grounds.

4. The following priority shall be accorded to the categories indicated hereafter:

- (1) Homeless (as defined in Section 2 of the Housing Act, 1988.
- (2) Living in accommodation that is unfit for human habitation as defined in Section 66(2) of the Housing Act, 1966, and the second schedule of that Act, or, is materially unsuitable for their adequate housing.
- (3) Living in overcrowded accommodation as defined in Section 63 of the Housing Act, 1966.
- (4) Medical and compassionate grounds.
- (5) Elderly persons.
- (6) Disabled or handicapped persons.
- (7) Sharing accommodation with another person or persons and who, in the opinion of the Council, have a reasonable requirement for separate accommodation.
- (8) Young persons leaving institutional care or without family accommodation.
- (9) In the opinion of the Council, not reasonably able to meet the cost of the accommodation which they are occupying or to obtain suitable alternative accommodation.

In making the first and any subsequent letting of a dwelling (other than a dwelling referred to in paragraph 2 above) to a person whose need for accommodation has been established through inclusion in an assessment, the

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Council, shall have regard to the family circumstances, existing accommodation conditions, income and length of time on the assessment list.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this scheme, the Council shall be entitled to allocate accommodation to a person in need, if such need arises from:-

- (a) an emergency, due to the destruction by fire, collapse or otherwise of their existing accommodation or,
- (b) other circumstances, that the Council deems to be of such emergency as to warrant rehousing.

5. Tenants of Council dwellings will not normally be considered for transfer to other Council dwellings except under the following circumstances:

- (1) Overcrowding.
- (2) Where elderly and other small households wish to surrender family type accommodation and move to smaller accommodation.
- (3) Medical/compassionate reasons.

To qualify for a transfer under the above headings, the following requirements shall be met:

- (a) Clear rent account.
- (b) Service and any other Charges paid.
- (c) Have kept their dwelling in a satisfactory manner.
- (d) Have complied with all conditions of their Letting Agreement.
- (e) Have no record of serious anti-social behaviour in their present dwelling.
- (f) Have been tenants of the present dwelling for at least two years.

In a case of emergency, the foregoing conditions will not apply.

Transfers between tenants of the Council and tenants of another housing authority may be permitted provided the conditions agreed between the two authorities for such transfers are met.

6. Succession tenancy in the event of death will be allowed to the surviving spouse in the case of a joint tenancy. Where both spouses have died or left the house, tenancy will normally be granted to the next member of the family provided that;

- (a) the person has continued to reside in the house throughout his/her lifetime and has been assessed for rent purposes,
or
- (b) the person, having left the house for a period, has

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been living in the house as a recognised sub-tenant for a period of at least two years prior to the death or departure of the tenant.

Where there are two or more surviving members of the family who meet the criteria at (a) or (b) above, a joint tenancy shall be granted by the Council.

7. Where an offer of accommodation, which in the opinion of the Council is considered reasonable, is made to the applicant and is refused, the Council may reduce the priority of that applicant.

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3865 - PLACE NAMES - IRISH FORMS:

A copy of the "Place-Names - (Irish Forms)(No. 1)(Postal Towns) Order, 1975" had been circulated to each Member. The Acting Secretary stated that at a previous Meeting, Members expressed disapproval at the Irish translation of some place names. He said the Council could, if they wished, make a submission to try and have some of the translations changed. Councillor Lambert said that the translation for Gort was incorrect and that the spelling of Kinvara was incorrect. The Chairman asked that the Members consider the list of place names and send any recommendations in to the County Secretary. He also asked that the list be circulated to the National Monuments Advisory Committee for their observations.

3866 - WATER POLLUTION ACT, 1990 - AIR POLLUTION ACT, 1987:

Documentation on the Local Government (Water Pollution) (Amendment) Act, 1990, was circulated and considered at a previous meeting of the Council. Memorandum dated 22nd September, 1987, on the Air Pollution Act, 1987, was circulated again for this Meeting. Mr. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager, explained the matters outlined in the Water Pollution Act memorandum. Councillor Lambert suggested that there should be no smoking in the Council Chamber. Councillor Callanan enquired about the Farm Survey and was told by the Deputy County Manager that a lot of good work had been done in co-operation with farmers but a lot more had yet to be done. Councillor U. Burke complained about the peat sedimentation in Lough Derg arising from Bord na Mona operations, and asked for reports on the quality of water in Lough Derg, and the public water supply in Portumna. The County Engineer said that the public water supply in Portumna was suitable for human consumption.

Councillor O'Tuathail questioned the Council's resources to monitor air quality from particular industries. The County Engineer said that under the Air Pollution Act, industries such as chemical industries would now require a discharge licence and would also have to submit an environmental impact assessment with their application. He said that the Council has an Environment Section with its own Laboratory and has also access to the Regional Laboratory in Castlebar, and if

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the need arose, the Council could employ an outside Agency for a particular task.

Councillor McHugh asked if the Council had sufficient staff and funds to complete the Farm Survey. The County Engineer replied that the Farm Survey could take several years to complete. The Council approached the task on a river catchment area basis giving priority to the most vulnerable areas. He said the Farm Survey would be on-going. Deputy Kitt asked that the Council take up with Bord na Mona the question of emptying out the peat beds.

3867 - MMS SYSTEM AT TONABRUCKY:

A Report on the Planning Permission granted to Cable Link (Galway) Limited, Reference No. 58705 was circulated to each Member with letter dated 11th October, 1990, from Acting County Secretary. Deputy McCormack said that the granting of Permission for a Microwave system of transmission was a very serious matter for the Council as Planning Authority, and the application may have been dealt with too lightly. He said he was relaying the fears of the public who heard experts warn of alleged health dangers at a public meeting in Seapoint. He said the Planning Permission was being breached in a number of ways. Deputy McCormack proposed that the Minister be asked to turn off the Mast until his experts prove that the operation of the Mast is not damaging to the health of the people. Councillor U. Burke seconded by proposal. Deputy Molloy said that the Minister had agreed to have his Officials meet the objectors with their experts. Deputy Fahey said that the Mast could not be monitored if it was switched off. He said that the Council had made its decision on the basis of the best advice available to it. He proposed an amendment to the effect that no action be taken until the Minister and his experts meet the objectors. A vote taken for or against Deputy Fahey's amendment resulted as follows:

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

(14)

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

(9)

Councillors Brennan, McDonagh, and Deputy Molloy abstained. The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

3868 - NOMINATIONS FOR "LOCAL HEROES":

Councillor O'Morain proposed that Comharchumann Sliogeisc Chonnamara, Coill Saile, Cill Chiarain, Connamara, be

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nominated for the Industry/Agriculture (Aquaculture) Section. This was seconded by Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair and agreed.

Deputy Treacy proposed that Sean Ryan and the Portumna Tidy Towns Committee be nominated and this was agreed.

Deputy McCormack proposed that Joe and Grainne Clune, 10 Ballyloughane Road, Renmore, Galway, be nominated, and this was agreed.

3869 - SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES:

A report dated 18th October, 1990, giving details of the Social Employment Schemes being operated by the Council was circulated. The Chairman and a number of Members congratulated the Council, local organisations, and Unions for their co-operation in getting Social Employment Schemes underway. They said that the schemes had transformed many areas of the County and great credit was due to all. Deputy McCormack referred to the scheme at Dogs Bay, Roundstone, and said that this was a major job and that more manpower and financial assistance would be required. He said that there were unemployed people available in Roundstone and he asked the Council to investigate the possibility of putting extra men on the scheme in order that the scheme would operate on a continuous basis rather than every alternate week. Councillor McDonagh said that he would like to see more liaison with the National Monuments Advisory Committee and asked if the schemes could be used to ease bends in the future. Councillor Ryan asked if footpaths in villages could be included. The County Engineer said that any type of roadworks would not be acceptable. Councillor Loughnane said that he was more concerned with the schemes that were not on the list circulated but were on the Waiting List. He referred to his Notice of Motion No. 21 and asked that the Council expedite the archaeological report from U.C.G. in order that the scheme could get under way. He asked for a report on other schemes which have not started.

Councillor U. Burke said that the Council should congratulate Ballinasloe Urban District Council on the excellent Social Employment Scheme work being done there. He said that alot of work could be done around Loughrea lake and off the Gort Road providing access to the lake, viewing areas, carparks, walks, etc. He proposed that a Social Employment Scheme be considered.

The Deputy County Manager said that this would be examined and also the proposal relating to Dogs Bay. He said that alot of good work was being done but difficulties did arise from the small amount of funds available under the schemes for materials, supervision, etc.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS:

3870 - MEETING WITH UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA:

Councillor O'Conchubhair referred to a previous request by

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Udaras na Gaeltachta for a meeting with the Council. He asked that the Council would now try and arrange a suitable date for such a meeting to take place in the County Buildings.

387 FLOODING:

Councillor Michael Fahy referred to the serious flooding which occurred in South Galway last year and said there were signs of further flooding now. He asked that top priority be given to the Ardrahan/Kilamore and Crannagh areas. He was supported by Councillor Lambert and Deputy McCormack.

The County Engineer said that flooding was not the Council's responsibility and only got involved where roads might be affected. Because of the serious flooding last year, the Council took some action and the matter would be kept under review. He said that the flooding of houses was a much wider matter.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

387 THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD PROVIDE A FOOTPATH AT HILLCREST ESTATE, BALLINASLOE, TO DILLONS HOUSE, MOHER, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael Kitt:

"The estimated cost of providing a footpath at above location is £11,000. However, there are no funds available to carry out the work in the current year."

387 THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL INFORM ON CURRENT POSITION OF CARRYING OUT ROAD STRENGTHENING UTILISING THE NEW DEPARTMENT ALLOCATION OF FUNDS ON CAHERLEA ROAD, CLAREGALWAY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Road strengthening of this location will be considered when the 1991 Road Works Programme is being prepared."

387 THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SEEK TO HAVE SPEED LIMIT EXTENDED AT LACKAGH AND IN THE PREVAILING SITUATION HAVE MUCH LARGER SCHOOL SIGN PUT IN PLACE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Extension of the speed limit at the above location will be considered when the next review of speed limits for the whole county takes place in 1992."

387 THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT SIGNPOST AT COROFIN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath

McDonagh:

"All statutory signs and finger post signs are in place at this location."

- 3876 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL NOW IMPLEMENT DRAINAGE PROPOSALS AS PROMISED AT MIRAH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"It is intended to lay the piping referred to subject to landowners agreement."

- 3877 - APPLICATION OF THE BRIDGE COMMITTEE FOR STRUCTURAL FUNDS FOR THE KNOCKFERRY TO KILBEG BRIDGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Application for Structural Funds for the Knockferry to Kilbeg Bridge was made by the Council as part of its general roads proposals. In addition, the Bridge Committee forwarded a copy of their plans to the Department of the Environment and also met Officials of the Department to discuss their proposal. The Council was subsequently contacted by the Department of the Environment and submitted its technical observations on the details of the report as submitted to the Committee. The Council is at present awaiting answers to queries raised in its letter on the matter. With regard to the question of the project being submitted to Brussels, it must be pointed out that individual projects are no longer sent to Brussels for approval but instead broad operational projects are agreed with National Governments. The Council has not been given any indication as to whether this project will receive funding or not."

Deputy McCormack said that he had received a letter from the Department of the Environment saying the problem rested with Galway County Council. However, he said he was satisfied that the Council included the scheme for Structural Funds and he hoped that the Department would pursue the matter.

- 3878 - THAT A NUMBER OF SIGNS BE ERECTED ON THE ROAD BETWEEN GALWAY AND OUGHTERARD, INDICATING TO THE RIGHT, THE DISTANCE OF LOUGH CORRIB FROM THE MAIN ROAD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"On the N.59 between Galway and Oughterard, there are five main routes (all County Roads) which lead to Lough Corrib. The first main route to Lough Corrib is from Moycullen Village. There is a sign in Moycullen

Village for Knockferry (which is a public pier). The second route is from Newtown and there is a sign here for Collinamuck Pier (a public pier). There are two other routes from Roscahill and Portacarron. It is not considered that signs are necessary at these locations. The fifth route is from Oughterard Town via the Pier Road. A new sign will be erected for Lough Corrib at this location as soon as possible."

Deputy McCormack said that the amenities of Lough Corrib should be publicised and that the roads leading to it should be signposted.

- 3879 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE ACTION ON HEDGE CUTTING ON COUNTY ROADS IN NEWBRIDGE AREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Ryan:

"There are no funds available for hedge cutting at the above location in the current year."

Councillor Ryan said that he was not too pleased with the reply. He said that the hedges were very overgrown in the Newbridge areas and it was in the Council's interest to have them cut to help the roads to dry, etc.

- 3880 - THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON THE PROPOSED SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR DOURAS BURIAL GROUND: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"An Archaeological report is presently awaited from U.C.G. in this case."

- 3881 - THAT FUNDING BE PROVIDED IN THE 1991 ESTIMATES FOR THE PROVISION OF FOOTPATHS IN OUGHTERARD TOWN: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"These works will be considered in the 1991 Roadworks Programme."

- 3882 - LETTERFRACK AND DAWROS WATER SUPPLY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"A meeting with O.P.W. Engineers was held on 18th September, 1990, when we agreed to re-examine the Council's proposal with a view to minimising the environmental impact. Our investigations are not yet completed."

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- 3883 - THAT THIS COUNCIL REPAIR THE POTHoles ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN THE RECESS AREA - DERRAVREADA, DERRADA, CAHER, ALSO CANOWER, CASHEL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The road at Derrada requires major repairs. However, there are no funds available to carry out this work in the current year."

Minor surface repairs will be carried out to the other roads mentioned above in order of priority and as resources permit."

- 3884 - THAT THIS COUNCIL EXAMINE FULLY THE FLOODING OF THE ROAD AND HOUSE AT JIM FINNEGAN'S, LISKEA, WILLIAMSTOWN, AND FIND A SOLUTION TO PREVENT ITS RECURRENCE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

"The above location will be monitored during flood conditions in order to determine if a solution can be proposed."

- 3885 - THAT THIS COUNCIL PAY THE COST OF THE O.P.W. SURVEY ON THE EFFECTS OF DRAINING FLOODED LANDS AT POLLEA, WILLIAMSTOWN, AND CURRAGH WEST, DUNMORE (ONE PROJECT): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

"The Council have written to the Office of Public Works asking the Commissioners to have the matter reconsidered."

Councillor Finnegan asked that this motion be left on the Agenda for the next Meeting, and this was agreed.

- 3886 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELP TO IMPROVE VISABILITY AT DANGEROUS BEND AT INCHAGOILL, CLARINBRIDGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The matter is being investigated at present and it is hoped to have a reply available for the next Meeting."

- 3887 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT SIGNS AND HAVE THEM ERECTED AT CASEY'S CROSS, FOUR CROSSROADS, CLARINBRIDGE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

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"The appropriate regulatory and warning signs are in place. One sign in poor condition is being replaced.

Permission is being requested from the Garda Authorities for the erection of a stop sign instead of the present yield sign. The grass bank on the east corner will be removed."

- 3888 - WHAT IS THE CURRENT POSITION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW CEMETERY AT DUNMORE? - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"A suitable site has been identified in Dunmore Demesne adjacent to G.A.A. Grounds on the Clonberne Road. Negotiations are now in hand with the Trustees of the Dunmore Demesne regarding the acquisition of the site by the County Council. If the Council is successful in obtaining title to the site in question, the development of the new burial ground can commence."

- 3889 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE PLANS TO EXTEND THE CEMETERY AT KILLAAN, WOODLAWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Mullins:

"The Council will investigate the need and feasibility of extending the cemetery at Killaan, Woodlawn, and we are in communication with the County Medical Officer on the matter."

- 3890 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT REPAIRS AND HEDGE CUTTING ON THE DERREEN ROAD, BALLYFORAN, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"There are no funds available for hedge cutting at the above location in the current year. Routine maintenance will be carried out in order of priority and as resources permit."

- 3891 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE THE FINANCE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ROADWORKS FROM THE CROSS ROADS AT DRIM, LETTERMORE, TOWARDS LETTERMULLEN, THIS FINANCE BE PROVIDED IN ESTIMATES BEING PREPARED FOR 1991: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"The above road will be considered along with others when the 1991 Road Works Programme is being prepared."

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Councillor O'Conchubhair said that it was very important that funds be provided in the Estimates for this road, and said that at least one mile of the road should be done from Hanley's Pub.

- 3892 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE FINANCE IN THE 1991 ESTIMATES TO UPGRADE THE VILLAGE OF CARRAROE - TO PROVIDE A PROPER PUBLIC LIGHTING, REPAIR THE FOOTPATHS AND WALLS, A PROPER STREET CLEANING SERVICE EVERY MONDAY - AND THE PRESENT POSITION ABOUT THE PUBLIC TOILETS AT DOILIN BEACH: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"Provision of public lighting and footpath repairs at the above location will be considered when the 1991 public lighting and roadworks programme is being considered. It is unlikely that street cleaning can be provided due to lack of funds. It is hoped to provide a public convenience at Doilin Beach in 1991, and application is being made to the Department of the Environment for appropriate funds."

- 3893 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY REPLACE A RANGE FOR MR. PATRICK SHIEL, DOORAS, LAURENCETOWN: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"I have been informed by the County Engineer that an inspection of the above demountable dwelling has been carried out, and a replacement range is not considered necessary. A new oven and firebricks are required, and these repairs will be carried out as soon as possible, subject to the availability of funds."

- 3894 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS TO A HOUSE TENANTED BY M.R. RYAN, 50 ATHENRY ROAD, TUAM, THAT THE REPAIRS TO BE CARRIED OUT BE OUTLINED HEREAFTER, THE DATE ON WHICH THE WORKS WILL COMMENCE, THE REASONS FOR THE DELAY AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"I have been informed by the County Engineer that an inspection of this house has been carried out, and that the house was found to be in a satisfactory condition. Minor repairs are necessary to the front door and window sash. These repairs will be carried out at an early date, subject to the availability of funds."

Deputy Treacy said that he had seen this house and repairs needed to be carried out including the replacement of the front door.

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- 3895 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RECOMMEND TO THE COUNTY MANAGER THAT FULL PLANNING PERMISSION BE GRANTED TO MRS. HELENA O'KEEFE, ROCKHILL, WOODFORD, FOR THE ERECTION OF A WELINGHOUSE AND SEPTIC TANK AT CAPPAGH, WOODFORD, ON PLANNING REF. NO. 59925, CO. GALWAY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY, COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH, AND DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy, Councillor Martin Lynch, and Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The site in this case is located adjacent to County Road No. 549 approximately 3 miles west of Powers Cross. The Environmental Health Officer has examined the trial hole excavated on the site and has reported that a high water table was evident with only 18 inches water clearance from the surface of the trial hole. Field drains at the boundary of the site also held a considerable amount of water and soil was of a heavy dauby nature. It was recommended, therefore, that the site was unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent, and that Permission should be refused."

The applicant, Mrs. O'Keeffe, states that the site is required for her son and his future wife, and that the reason it is proposed to build on the site is that it is not fit for agricultural use and that they wish to save the remainder of their holding for agricultural use.

Refusal of permission is recommended for the following reason:

The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health as the proposed site is unsuitable for the satisfactory treatment of effluent due to its waterlogged nature, as determined by trial hole excavation."

The motion was proposed by Deputy Treacy. He said he had examined the site and that the trial hole was inspected when there was high rainfall. He said it was a second family dwelling, and as Planning Permission had already been granted on an adjoining site, it was fair and equitable that Permission should be granted in this case also. Deputy McCormack seconded the Motion. The County Engineer said that the site was not suitable for the satisfactory treatment of septic tank effluent and Permission should not be granted. He said that under the new Water Pollution Act, there could be serious implications for the Council in consenting to do anything that would cause pollution. He said that the Council would give the applicant assistance in selecting another site.

- 3896 - THAT A 30 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT BE IMPOSED AT MAREE, ORANMORE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

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"The provision of a speed limit at above location will be considered when the next review of speed limits for the whole County takes place in 1992."

3897 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLVES TO NOMINATE CARMENCITA HEDDERMAN OF 92 UPPER LEESON STREET, DUBLIN 4, TO BE A CANDIDATE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON 7TH NOVEMBER, 1990, PURSUANT TO SECTION 9 OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ACT, 1937: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS JOE BRENNAN, JOE BURKE, AND PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Councillor Brennan said that he was aware that the motion was late. However, he wanted to raise the issue of the choice for Presidency not being wide enough and that the Political Parties should give expression to allowing individuals stand for Election.

3898 - CORRESPONDENCE:

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

(a) Letter dated 4u Deire Fomhair, 1990, from Leitrim County Council re increase in cattle and sheep headage payments for 1990.

(b) Letter dated 1st October, 1990, and enclosure from Ennis Urban District Council re 75th Anniversary of the 1916 Rising.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Jane Joyce CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY ARTS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 1990

PRESENT: Ctrs. J. Joyce, P. Finegan, J. Mannion, M. Lynch, M. Killilea and Ml. Fahy

Jas. Harrold, Arts Organiser
T. Kavanagh, A/County Secretary
M. Moloney, A.S.O.

In the Chair: Clr. J. Joyce

Minutes of meeting of 11th July, 1990 were agreed and signed.

The Chairman, Clr. J. Joyce, welcomed Clr. M. Killilea, M.E.P. to the meeting.

Clr. Killilea gave details of a new European Programme called a Cultural Action Programme to be implemented as part of the European Year of Tourism. He told the Committee that application forms were available from the Commissioners office in Dublin. The Committee could make a direct application for funds. Clr. Killilea submitted documentation to the Chairman in this regard, for circulation to members of the Arts Committee.

Clr. Ml. Fahy thanked Clr. Killilea for giving the Committee this information and the Chairman seconded his remarks.

Mr. J. Harrold informed the members that he proposed to have a Newsletter for circulation in December, 1990.

He also said that Paul Brennan, had left the county and would not be availing of the £1,000 grant allocated to him. After discussion the following alternative was agreed: -

Comhaircumann Inishere - Exhibition of Paintings.....	£750
Macnas- - - - For doing work in the County.....	£250
	<u>£1,000</u>

On the subject of the Writer in Residence J. Harrold said the Arts Council had recommended that we give employment for 6 months instead of 3. The Writer could conduct workshops, classes etc. This was agreed and the following provision was recommended:-

1990 Allocation.....	£1,500
1991 " ".....	2,000 (Provisionally)
	<u>£3,500</u>

The Arts Council would match the above sum. (Total £7,000)

Clr. M. Fahy told the Committee that the Traditional Music Festival in Gort was deferred until Spring so that grant of £750 was now available.

Clr. Killilea proposed this sum be given to the Claregalway Drama Festival Committee who had made application in 1988 and 1989 for grant aid to defray their expenses for the All Ireland Amateur Drama Festival. This was seconded by Clr. J. Mannion, and agreed.

Clr. M. Fahy asked the Committee to ensure that the Gort Committee got their grant in 1991 and this was also agreed.

The Chairman told the members that Ballinasloe would be celebrating the 850 Anniversary of the town and also the 300 Anniversary of the battle of Aughrim, in 1991. At a meeting in the town it was decided to set up a calander of events to promote the area. An Arts Sub-Committee was formed and it was hoped to run an Arts Week -- the date is not yet decided. The Chairman suggested that Druid be asked to perform in Ballinasloe during that week.

The Chairman then referred to the move to Cluain Mhuire and said it would be an ideal location to display paintings, sculpture etc. He had spoken to a representative of the National Gallery and they would be interested in such an exhibition.

Clr. M. Lynch suggested that a sculpture be erected in the grounds of Cluain Mhuire.

Clr. P. Finnegan said that a group in Tuam were interested in getting space in the new Library in Tuam for art displays, lectures etc. The Chairman suggested they contact the County Librarian in this regard.

Clr. J. Mannion suggested that J. Harrold invite the Arts Council's Regions Office to the next Arts meeting, and this was agreed.

J. Harrold suggested that condolences be sent to the families of Brian Thunder and B. O'Hehir, both of whom died recently.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

James Joyce CHAIRMAN

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

2u 1a Samhain, 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 9u la Samhain, 1990, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai Sealadach

AGENDA

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Larry Hurney for erection of house at Barnagorteeney. - Planning Ref. No. 61453."

P. McCormack. T. Welby. John M. Mannion.

2. "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 Eamon O'Conchubhair, Lacklea, Barna, Co. Galway, for a dwellinghouse. - Planning Ref. No. 51033."

Robert Molloy. Mark Killilea. Michael Fahy.

OTHER BUSINESS:

3. Lough Derg Amenity Plan.
4. Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION: Councillors Joe Callanan, James Joyce
Deputies Noel Treacy and Michael P. Kitt:

That Galway County Council confirm that a submission to the Department of the Environment has been made on behalf of the Clontuskert Group Water Supply accepting their tendered proposal as being proper and satisfactory for the provision of a water supply to be accepted as Phase 1 of a wider scheme incorporating Aughrim, Kiltormer, Laurecetown, and Eyrecourt.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY
COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 9TH
NOVEMBER, 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, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, M. Loughnane, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, and Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Acting County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineers; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer (Planning); and T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3899 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61453 -
APPLICANT: LARRY HURNEY.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy McCormack who said he was proposing the Resolution having regard to the previous Outline Permission granted on the site. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Ryan.

The following report was submitted by the County Manager which was circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION:

Site is located approximately 0.6 miles from the Oughterard - Glann Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 31645: Outline Permission refused for a dwellinghouse on a much larger site which included proposed site in May 1979. Applicant: John Earls.

Ref. No. 33499: Outline Permission refused on the proposed site in November 1979 for dwellinghouse. Applicant: Patrick Joyce.

Ref. No. 34131: Outline Permission granted by Section 4 direction on the proposed site in March 1980. Applicant: Patrick Joyce.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an elevated and exposed location in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity. It is the policy of the Planning Authority to limit housing development in such areas to the essential housing needs of local landowners and their families. Applicant does not come within this category of development. He stated that he bought the site some years ago but had to go to England to work. He now wishes to return to this area and build a house there.

In addition, a trial hole inspection revealed that the site is unsuitable for the reception and disposal of septic tank effluent, and the proposal, therefore, would be likely to give rise to a public health hazard.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. 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.

2. The proposed development would constitute disorderly backland development as the site has no public road frontage and taken together with existing and permitted development in the area it would constitute an undesirable increase in housing development in this unserved high amenity 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.

3. The site proposed to be developed is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to the essential housing need of local landowners and their families. Applicant does not come within these categories and the proposal, therefore, would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area."

Mr. L. Kavanagh, Planning Officer, went through the report. Councillor O'Tuathail asked if there was a housing need in this case. Mr. L. Kavanagh replied that housing development in this area is restricted to essential housing needs of local landowners and their families. This applicant was working abroad and wished to return to this area and build a house there.

Councillor Brennan asked if there was a lot of development along the Glann Road. Mr. L. Kavanagh replied that there

was a lot of development pressure on this road which was one of the highest scenic areas in Connemara. He said there were about three or four houses up this particular road and an application was made in the late 70s for 6 houses but did not include this site. Councillor J. Burke said that if the development would cause a public health hazard, it would be wrong to pass the Section 4 Resolution.

Deputy McCormack said that the applicant bought the site in 1980 with Outline Permission but was unable to build then. The applicant was now in a position to build and if he was not given Permission, his £6,000 would be written off and he would have to go back to England. Councillor Brennan said that he accepted that the applicant may have paid £6,000 for the site but he would have to vote against it because of the public health risk. He asked if the Council could do anything where an applicant genuinely spent money on a site. The County Manager said that the Planning Office look very carefully at planning applications where Permission previously existed, but he said a very serious question arose where there was any possibility of causing water pollution or a public health hazard. Under the new Water Pollution Act, the making of a decision by the Council could involve individual responsibility and he was getting legal advice on this aspect of the new legislation.

Councillor O'Tuathail asked what was the position about the Council pumping raw sewage out into the sea. The County Manager replied that the Council can only provide Treatment Plants for whatever schemes are funded by the Government. Sanitary Services Schemes on the Council's priority list exceeded £120 million in value. He said that the Government now had a scheme in place for tackling the situation. Councillor Glynn referred to a number of towns and villages waiting for schemes. Deputy McCormack remarked that there were only 14 or 15 Councillors present at the Meeting as it seemed to be clashing with a Conference and this posed a dilemma with regard to holding meetings on Fridays.

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

FOR: Councillor P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, M. O'Morain, and M. Ryan.

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

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As it requires 11 Members voting in favour to carry a Section 4 Resolution, the Chairman declared the resolution lost.

Councillor Glynn said there was no point in submitting

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Section 4 Resolutions as they were going to be rejected by the County Manager on legal advice, and he questioned the need for Planning Meetings. A number of Members said that it was never intended that the Friday Meetings would be limited to Planning matters and that other services, such as roads, housing, etc., should be discussed.

3900 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 51033 - APPLICANT: EAMON O'CONCHUBHAIR:

The Acting Secretary stated that this Planning Application was first received on the 20th September, 1985. A Section 4 Resolution was received on 21st October, 1985. The Section 4 Resolution was on the Agenda for Council Meeting on 8th November, 1985, and the Council was informed that Further Information had been requested and that the Resolution would be brought back before the Council when the information was received. A reply was received on 5th December, 1985, but further clarification was required and the excavation of a trial hole. He said that the Council was advised on 16th October, 1990, that the trial hole had been made and that it had now been inspected and reported on and the resolution was back on the Agenda. The Acting Secretary stated that Minister Robert Molloy had asked him to state that he (Minister Molloy) was surprised to see the Section 4 Resolution on the Agenda after such a long gap and that he wished to withdraw his name and disassociate himself from the Resolution.

The Acting Secretary also stated that objections to the Planning Application had been circulated to the Members. The Planning Officer's report had also been circulated.

As there was no proposer or seconder for the Resolution, the Resolution was not put to the Meeting. Later in the Meeting, Councillors Killilea and M. Fahy stated that they also wished to be recorded as withdrawing their names from the Resolution.

3901 - ESTIMATES MEETING:

The Chairman reminded the Members that the Estimates Meeting would be on the following Monday, 12th November, 1990. He asked the Members to study the Estimates before the Meeting and said he would like to deal with the Estimates section by section.

3902 - EXTRADITION OF DESSIE ELLIS:

On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor O'Tuathail, the following resolution was passed:

"That Galway County Council request the Government not to extradite Dessie Ellis to stand trial in England."

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3903 REQUEST BY COUNCILLOR RYAN:

Councillor Ryan referred to a statement in a newspaper alleged to have been made by Councillor Michael Fahy. He said the statement was totally unfounded and could not be let go unchallenged. He said he wished to give Councillor M. Fahy an opportunity to withdraw the statement. Other Fine Gael Councillors supported Councillor Ryan. When Councillor M. Fahy attended later in the Meeting, Councillor Ryan repeated the remarks he had made earlier in the Meeting. The Chairman said that the Council was not responsible for what appeared in newspapers.

3904 SHEEP DIPPING MEETING - TEAGASC OFFICE, ATHENRY:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed that Councillors Callanan and Welby attend a Sheep Dipping Meeting at the Teagasc Office, Athenry, on Tuesday, 20th November, 1990.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, it was agreed that Councillor Mannion attend the Meeting also.

3905 LOUGH DERG AMENITY PLAN:

The Acting Secretary stated that the Lough Derg Plan was circulated previously to Members and approved in principle at a meeting of the Council on the 14th September, 1990. Since then, a few meetings of the Lough Derg Working Group had taken place and some minor amendments were made. Mr. Callagy then gave a brief explanation of the Plan saying that it was a tourism study by Shannon Development for all the Bodies who have an interest in Lough Derg. It was not a statutory plan but did set out action to be taken in relation to various proposals. It had been adopted by Clare and Tipperary N.R. County Councils. The Group intended to request a meeting with the Minister to seek funds.

Councillor Loughnane said that this was a very important plan and of major interest to Galway County Council and the Portumna area in particular. He said the quality of the water in the lake was most important and that any deterioration should be arrested. He asked if there was any response from the Department of the Environment to the upgrading of the road to Whitegate to National Secondary status. Councillor Loughnane proposed the adoption of the Plan. This was seconded by Councillor U. Burke and agreed.

3906 DERELICT SITES ACT, 1990:

A Copy of an explanatory memorandum on the Derelict Sites Act, 1990, had been circulated to the Members with letter dated 5th November, 1990, from Acting County Secretary. The Acting Secretary gave a short summary of the Act as set out under the 8 items mentioned in the letter.

Councillor Loughnane said that this was a very important

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piece of legislation. He welcomed the setting up of a Register but was concerned about the cost of acquiring derelict sites. He hoped that abandoned cars would be dealt with and that Litter Wardens would be appointed as previously agreed. Councillor Finnegan also welcomed the new legislation. He said he hoped action would be taken in relation to a derelict site on the Dunmore/Ballyhaunis road which had hampered the efforts of a Tidy Towns Committee. Senator Hussey also welcomed the new Act and expected that the owners of derelict sites would be given sufficient time to deal with them before the Council would take further action. He recommended that the Council would take action against offenders who dump rubbish on the roadside. Other Councillors also welcomed the new Act. Councillor Lambert said that the owner of Take-Aways in Gort should be made clean up the streets. Councillor Glynn said that the granting of farm subsidies in England was conditional on farmers cleaning up any derelict sites on their property and suggested that a similar system should apply in this country. Also welcoming the new legislation, the Chairman said that it should be of benefit to towns and villages and he felt that owners would respond.

3907 - NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLORS CALLANAN, JOYCE, DEPUTY TREACY AND DEPUTY KITT RE CLONTUSKERT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, said that following a meeting with Members of the Council and group representatives, a letter was written to the Department of the Environment requesting the necessary funds to allow the Council lay the Trunk Mains. Mr. Gavin then read the letter.

Councillor Brennan welcomed the letter and hoped that there would be a quick response from the Department. Councillor Mullins said that the hold up seemed to be the commitment of funds and he asked the Oireachtas Members to give whatever assistance they could to secure funds. The Chairman said that the group would be willing to lay the mains under Council supervision as there could be a delay if the Council had to prepare plans. Mr. Gavin said that if the funds are provided there will be no delay on the Council's side.

3908 - WAIVERS - REFUSE COLLECTION:

Deputy McCormack asked for clarification about refuse collection waivers. He said there was an understanding given that the Waiver Scheme would continue to operate. The Chairman said that this matter could be discussed at the Estimates Meeting.

3909 - RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with the following:
Mrs. Pat Faherty & Family, Bothar na Sgrathog, Doire Iorrais, Rosmuc, Co. na Gaillimhe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED / APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Mark Conboy
CHAIRMAN

17/12/90

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

30u la Deire Fomhair, 1990.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 12th November, 1990, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration and adoption of Estimate of Expenses for year 1991. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith).
2. Determination in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses adopted of the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1991.
3. Making of Charges for Water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1991, up to and including the 31st March, 1992.
4. Making of Charges in respect of Refuse Collection by Galway County Council from Domestic premises for the period 1st April, 1991, up to and including the 31st March, 1992.
5. Making and Sealing of Demand on Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 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, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P.F. Glynn, 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, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillor T. Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; A. Fleming, Administrative Officer; T. Coughlan, D. Barrett, C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officers; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3910 - **VOTES OF SYMPATHY:**

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cheevers, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Rose Glynn, Drumharsna, Ardahan.
Mr. P. Carraig & Family, St. Joseph's Place, Ballinasloe.

3911 - **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:**

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman said that he would like to congratulate Mary Robinson on her Election as President of Ireland. He also congratulated President Hillery on the completion of two excellent periods in the Office of President. He commiserated with Brian Lenihan and Austin Curry having fought a staunch campaign.

Deputy McCormack agreed with the Chairman's sentiments. He said that Mrs. Robinson had advocated an open Presidency and he proposed that she be invited to address the Council in due course. This was seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed. Other Members associated themselves with the Chairman's sentiments.

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3912 **ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1991:**

The Council commenced consideration of the Estimate of Expenses for the year 1991, the Book of Estimates having been previously circulated to them. The Chairman thanked the County Manager and staff for the excellent reports and detailed breakdown of Income and Expenditure.

The County Manager then outlined details of the documents accompanying the Estimates. He said that the putting together of the Estimates was now a very difficult task. Since the abolition of Rates on domestic dwellings and land, it has not been possible to levy an adequate rate for all the Council services resulting in many things remaining undone. The County Manager said that the Estimate was compiled on the basis of a Rate increase of 4%, and a similar increase in the charge for water supply. The official notification from the Department of the Environment regarding the Rate Support Grant, which had been circulated to Members, urged the Council to pitch expenditure within reasonable levels and to live within it. On page 2 of his report, the County Manager set out details of the sources of income to meet the Council's Revenue Expenditure. As regards Capital Expenditure, the County Manager said that the figures shown were not strictly Budget figures as such, as the amount of Capital Expenditure would depend on whatever Capital Funds were made available by the Government. On page 3 of his report, the County Manager stated that he tried to show the limited range of resources available from Rates or Charges and the limited discretion. He said that the estimated income from Water Charges would not even cover the cost of maintenance of Water Supply Schemes. The County Manager explained that a number of fixed items had to be provided for in the Estimates such as Pensions, Salaries, Wages, Heating, Lighting, Loan Charges, etc., and that the level of increases inherent in such items used up alot of the Revenue Increase. A figure of 3% had been provided for wage and salary increases, but the actual increase would depend on the negotiations presently in progress. The County Manager said that one area of the Council's activity which caused a serious problem was the high maintenance costs of Capital projects. He said that the Council had a very important Capital Programme ahead and explained as an example that when the Tuam Sewerage Scheme is completed at an estimated cost of £7 million, the annual maintenance cost could be in the region of £130,000. This was a very onerous burden which was not acknowledged by the Government. It would be unsatisfactory if new Capital Works had to be maintained at the expense of other services such as roads. The County Manager said that for a considerable number of years, the Council had exercised strict control so as to ensure that expenditure on services remained within Budget. In order to be able to spend the amount of expenditure in the Estimate, the Council must ensure that the target on the Revenue side is achieved. He said that staff had been assigned to the Revenue function and had done a good job. The County Manager explained that the Road Grants had not yet been notified to the Council. Another example of the

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restrictions under which the Council is operating, was the fact that while the County Engineer requested a sum of £555,500 for non Capital improvements to Water and Sewerage Schemes in villages and towns, provision could only be made for £50,000 for Water Schemes and £30,000 for Sewerage Schemes. An attempt has been made to give extra attention to the environmental area and extra provision has been made for Dump Maintenance and Litter Control. The County Manager said that no official notification had been received regarding the suggested takeover by the State of Courthouse Maintenance.

Mr. Lusby, Finance Officer, then went through his report on the 8 Programme Groups. In relation to Housing Maintenance, he explained that it was necessary to increase this by twelve and a half per cent notwithstanding the reduction in the number of houses for Maintenance. In Programme Group 2 (Roads), a sum of £20,000 was provided for new Public Lighting. In Programme Group 4, the Council's contribution to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation is increased to £30,000. In Programme Group 5, the Fire Service which is an essential service shows an increase from £1,305,635 to £1,381,690. As 1990 was the last year for payment of arrears of Supplementary Welfare, there was no provision for this in the 1991 Estimate. Mr. Lusby explained that without the benefit of this relief in 1991, the balancing of the Estimate would have been very difficult. Mr. Lusby then explained the Support Services and how the cost of these is apportioned over the Programme Groups. In reply to Councillor O'Conchubhair, Mr. Lusby said that the Council was not in a position to claim back V.A.T. payments but would do a check to see what V.A.T. payments the Council made.

The Chairman reminded the Members that the Estimate of Expenses would have to be adopted within the Statutory period and suggested that the Council arrange dates to meet this requirement. Deputy Kitt proposed that the November Monthly Meeting of the Council be held on Friday, 23rd November, and that the final Estimates be on Monday, 26th November. This proposal was agreed. It was also agreed that consideration of the Estimates could be resumed after the Council Meeting on 23rd November.

Councillor Brennan asked if there was any indication of what Structural Funds would be coming to the County. The County Manager explained that any money from Structural Funds would come through State Grants and that it was the State that had prepared the operational programme showing how the Structural Funds would be used. Road Grants in recent years did include Grant Aid from Brussels.

The Chairman said that he expected the Structural Funds to give a boost to Council services and he referred in particular to the need for additional funds for Connemara Roads in order to provide proper access for tourism, etc. He proposed that the Council seek a deputation to the Minister for the Environment and Minister for Tourism for Structural Funds for this purpose. This was seconded by

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Councillor Mannion. A number of Members supported the proposal. Deputy McCormack said that it was very difficult to explain to people in Connemara how six or seven million pounds could be allocated to roads between Galway and Carnmore, and nothing for Connemara. Councillor U. Burke said that the Chairman's proposal could affect the Road Grant allocation for the rest of the County and he would not agree to it until after the Road Grant notification is received.

The County Engineer then went through his report on Road Services as set out in Appendix 2. Deputy McCormack proposed that the Galway/Carnmore/Claregalway road be upgraded to National Primary status. This was seconded by Councillor U. Burke. Councillor M. Fahy enquired if Ardahan was to be by-passed and was informed by the County Engineer that no By-Pass was proposed. If funds are provided, immediate attention would be given to the necessary land acquisition, etc. Councillor Lynch referred to the junction at Oranmore where a fatal accident occurred recently and asked if anything could be done to make it safer. The County Engineer said that no road factor caused the accident. He said the Council had arranged for an expert from the Environmental Research unit to examine the junction and a report is awaited. An option might be to close that junction.

Councillor Walsh said that the short section of National Secondary Road at Ballymoe was in very bad condition and needed improvement. The County Engineer replied that this section of road would require expenditure of £300,000, and if funds are provided, the Council will do the work. Councillor Walsh said that he would also like Kilnalag Crossroads, Williamstown, to be included and also adequate signs to make the junction at Glenamaddy Square safe. Councillor Loughnane said that the improvement works on the Bearnbrook Road was long outstanding and was very urgently needed. He said that if minor or stop end roads are not repaired, it will have a very bad affect on rural areas. He appealed to the Council not to delete the £20,000 provided for new public lighting. He also said that the Council should press for funds for bridge in Kilchreest. Deputy McCormack said that the message should be got across to the public that the Council has no possibility of satisfying the needs in relation to County Road Maintenance. He also asked a question as to whether the Council was getting value for money in relation to expenditure on roads. The County Engineer replied that he was satisfied that the Council was getting value for money. He said that the Council tries to spread the funds as wide as possible and there had been no reconstruction failure and he did not think that work would be done cheaper by Contract.

Councillor U. Burke said that it was time the Council prioritised major roadworks and kept to that priority. He asked if there was any progress in relation to the Loughrea By-Pass. He said that in some parts of the Loughrea and Portumna Engineering Areas, the only roadwork done was hedgecutting. He said that these roads would almost be

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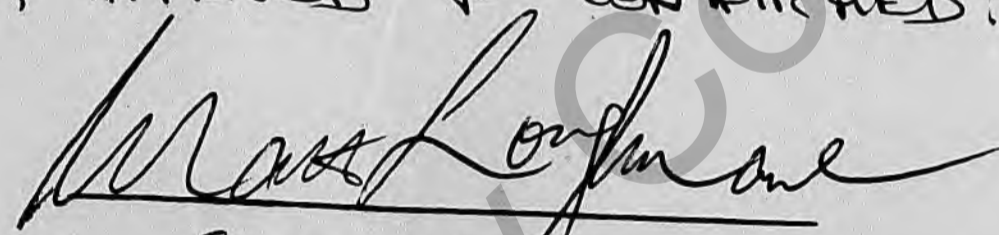
closed were it not for the trucks which pass over them, and that the Council should ensure that the verges are kept trimmed back by machine or otherwise. In relation to Loughrea By-Pass, the County Engineer said that a meeting would be arranged with the landowners shortly. Deputy Treacy said that there were a lot of bridges in the County needing attention. He also referred to the new road signs which are being erected, and said he could not understand why the new signs do not include all the names on the old signs. Councillor J. Molloy said that he would welcome the upgrading of the road to Galway Airport. He said that further work was also needed on the Moycullen Road, and on the Barna to Spiddal road. Councillor McDonagh said that the continuation of the alignment on the N.63 from Loughgeorge towards Roscommon was badly needed.

Councillor Finnegan referred to the road near Kilkerrin Burial Ground. He said that Councillors had allocated Notice of Motion money for this road, and expected that the Council would supplement the allocation. This did not appear to have happened and he would like the Council to allocate funds to it. Councillor Mullins agreed that improvements needed to be carried out to the N.6 between Aughrim and Cappataggle. He also referred to the demountable dwellings provided by the Council for the elderly and said it was a scandal that basic facilities such as toilets and hot water was not provided.

The Chairman thanked the Staff and Councillors for their contributions. He said he fully supported the Councillors desire for road improvements at Hearnbrook, Aughrim to Cappataggle Road, and progress on the Loughrea By-Pass. He said that good work had been done on hedgecutting in the Portumna and Ballinasloe Areas and urged that the landowners should finish the job by cutting the tops of the hedges which could not be reached during hedgecutting.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:


CHAIRMAN

17/12/90

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
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GAILLIMH.

16u la Samhain, 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 h-Aoine, an 23u la Samhain, 1990, ag tosnú ag a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH.
RUNAI SEALADACH.

AGENDA

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 for dwellinghouse at Stradbally East to Thomas Sullivan of Moneymore, Oranmore. - Ref. no. 61737.

Matt Loughnane. Michael Fahy. John Molloy.

Material Contravention of County Development Plan - application for permission for the erection of 8 dwellinghouses with associated roads and services in the Townland of Ballydavid South - Planning Register No. 61781 - Applicant: West of Ireland Development, c/o Mr. P.J. Shaughnessy, Prospect Hill, Maree, Oranmore, Co. Galway.

Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 12th October, 1990.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 22nd October, 1990.
- (c) Minutes of County Arts Committee Meeting held on 1st November, 1990.

Overdraft accommodation for quarter ending 31/3/1991.

5. Fix date for December Meeting.
6. Sale of house to John & Breege Costello, 24 Plunkett Park, Ballygar. - Notice dated 2nd November, 1990, already circulated.
7. Amenity Grants Scheme, 1990. -
8. Filling of vacancy on Arts Committee arising from resignation of Councillor Mark Killilea, MEP.
9. ICEM/CIE European of the Year Award.
10. Report on Group Water Supply Schemes.
11. General Council of County Councils increase of Council's Contribution to £2,000. - Copy of letter dated 2nd November, 1990, enclosed.
12. Craughwell Amenity Scheme.
13. Section 59 Agreement - Ferry Bridge, Finney, Claremorris.
14. Letter from Ballinasloe U.D.C. re 850 years celebration - nomination of Members to Steering Committee.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.
16. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

- COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:** - I will propose:
17. That this Council pay the cost of the O.P.W. Survey on the effects of draining flooded lands at Pollea, Williamstown, and Curragh West, Dunmore (one project).
- COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:** - I will propose:
18. That Galway County Council help to improve visibility at dangerous bend at Inchagoill, Clarinbridge, and also have same signposted. (Warning signs to slow down.)

(b) Other Motions received:

- COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:** - I will propose:
19. That the County Council erect signpost as per details supplied.
 20. That the County Council seek to have speed limit extended (details supplied).
 21. That the County Council utilise Social Employment Scheme at Beadford (details supplied).
- DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:** - I will propose:
22. What is the position throughout County Galway now with people approved for demountable houses as I understand there are a large number of those demountable houses vacant throughout the County and no move is being made to supply the people who are approved for demountables with same. This project seems to have come to a full stop and I am asking what is the cause for this.
 23. That a number of litter bins be erected in Clonbur Village as during the summer months litter is a very serious problem there, with an influx of buses and school children and tourists to Clonbur and to Peter Burke Centre - the village is not adequately catered for with litter bins. I will be proposing that a number of bins be erected.
 24. That in view of the bad conditions at Galway Courthouse and the very high estimate of carrying out those repairs. I will propose that Galway County Council pass a resolution, asking that the responsibility for financing of Courthouses be changed from Local Authorities to the National Exchequer.

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

25. That Galway County Council provide footpaths on the Regional Roads between Costello's pub and Tully R.C. Church.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

26. That Galway County Council immediately conclude the repairs to a house in Co. Galway (details supplied) the date on which these will commence and the works to be carried out and the reasons why they have not been concluded.
27. That Galway County Council immediately repair, relieve and alleviate the flooding being caused at a shore on a public roadway (details supplied) the date on which the works will commence, the works to be carried out and any other relevant details.
28. That Galway County Council immediately conclude the repairs to a house in County Galway (details supplied) the date on which these will commence and the works to be carried out and the reasons why they have not been concluded.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

29. That the County Manager inform the Council the up to date position on the provision of Burial Ground at Ballinacourty, Maree; in particular to confirm that land and access are available.
30. That works be carried out to the Middle Third Road, Maree, to give the residents of the thirteen houses affected access to their houses at times of the regular flooding which takes place.
31. That repairs be carried out forthwith to a dwelling (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

32. That Galway County Council erect signs to use By-Pass at Oranmore to help to alleviate traffic in Oranmore Village. Instead heavy traffic be compelled to use By-Pass Road.
33. That Galway County Council clean, surface and repair County Road leading to Patrick Coppinger's house at Crannagh, Gort.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY: - I will propose:

34. That a pedestrian crossing be provided on the road at O'Donnell's Bar, The Square, Gort.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS: - I will propose:

35. That Galway County Council provide a safe and adequate car park close to St. Jarlath's National School, Garbally, Benlough, Ballinasloe, so as to eliminate a major danger to pupils, parents, and teachers at the School.
36. That Galway County Council repair the road at Gortnavoher, Kiltormer, adjacent to Mr. J. Hardiman's which is in a state of serious disintegration.
37. That Galway County Council repair the Chapelfinnerty Road from the school house in Castlefrench. There are major bumps on this road for approximately a half mile due to road subsidence which is causing a major hazard.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH: - I will propose:

38. That Galway County Council give formal approval for laying of watermains at Tobberoe, Glinsk. This is a private scheme and the householders involved are in an impossible situation left without water.
39. That Galway County Council proceed with speed to get Williamstown Sewerage in operation as soon as possible.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

40. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae an bothar sios go dti an tharraige trasna o'n mBearaic i gCor na Ron, Indreabhan - ta an droch chaoi ar an mbothar seo faoi lathair.
41. Go dtogfadh an Comhairle Chontae droichead nua ag Foirnis, Leitirneallan. Ta an droichid ata ann faoi lathair contuirteach agus ta se ag cur stop le forbairt ar an tionscail feirmeoireacht eisc sa gceantar, agus ta se ag cur beatha daoine i mbaoil.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: - I will propose:

42. Provide a public light at Headford on the laneway from the New Estate to the Main Street.
43. Ensure that the barrier over the right-of-way to Cregg Graveyard is removed immediately to enable the public gain unhindered access to the graveyard and that the County Council provide me with details of the existing rights-of-way to the above graveyard as the public are continually experiencing difficulty gaining access.
44. Provide additional warning signs on the approaches to Corrandulla National School to warn drivers of the dangers.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

45. That repairs be carried out to a road (details supplied).

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16th November, 1990.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara:

The following item will be considered at the Council Meeting to be held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Friday, 23rd November, 1990, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

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

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for house, garage and septic tank to Michael Coyne, at Breanloughane. - Planning Ref. No. 61630."

John Molloy. Michael Fahy. Patrick Finnegan.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1990.

THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, Councillors 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.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and A. Fleming, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

39 SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. George McWilliams, Church Hill, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Tully, Kilbeg, Williamstown, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Rose Glynn & Family, Drumharsna, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

39 RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61737 - APPLICANT: THOMAS SULLIVAN.

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 National Primary Route N18 on the Kilcolgan side of Clarenbridge and just south of the lands owned by the Brothers of Charity.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 6736: In 1969, an application was made for the erection of a dwellinghouse on basically the same site as that in question. Permission was refused and was also refused on appeal. Applicant: L. Gillick.

Ref. No. 8368: In 1970, an application for Outline Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse.

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Outline Permission was refused. T.J. Kerrins was the applicant.

Ref. No. 12069: In 1972, an application was made for Permission for the erection of a dwellinghouse on a site which included the site in question. It was put on further information and was never replied to. Applicant: T. Nestor.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the National Primary Route between Clarenbridge and Kilcolgan where the maximum speed limit applies and where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to restrict development and vehicular accesses in the interests of public safety.

The applicant lives approximately 3 miles away at Moneymore where he has an extensive farm holding. He states in his submission that he purchased the 26 acres at Stradbally in 1988 and wants to build a farmhouse there for his 18 year old son. A map of his lands in Stradbally shows extensive frontage along a minor road where a house could be constructed without creating a new access on to the National Route. There are also locations on the holding at Moneymore where a farm house could be built at a distance from Stradbally which is not excessive.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Primary Road, and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road. In addition, the development would militate against the objectives of the Planning Authority to:

- (a) preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the road so that it can fulfill its function as a through road for heavy traffic.
- (b) protect the public investment in National Road Network.

2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 8, Table 8A) which limits development along this road to those where essential family housing need exists and where access onto another roadway is not available, a category of development which does not apply in this case as suitable alternative sites are available on County Roads."

The resolution was proposed by Councillor Loughnane and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

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The County Engineer stated that traffic counts indicated that traffic was very heavy and also the percentage of heavy goods vehicles at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ was considerable. He pointed out that at straight fast sections of road such as this, traffic tends to exceed the speed limit and accidents when they do occur can consequently be horrific. He also referred to a bump on the road near this location

Councillor Loughnane stated that the applicant was left the property. The previous owner/applicant for planning permission (Mr. Nestor) was an 89 year old man and this might explain why request for further information was not replied to. He said planning permission should be given in this case as the applicant was living in very bad conditions. Councillor Loughnane stated that when the Council was drafting the County Development Plan, that this was one case where we would have felt was covered by the exception. He also stated that there was no suitable alternative site and that sites referred to in the report would break regulations regarding suitability. He stated that similar sites were rejected and it would be improper to give Permission on some of the alternatives suggested. He stated that the applicant is giving the site to his son who requires the site and he suggested that this was good and safe agricultural practice to have a family home on holding viz. a viz. straying animals getting on to roadway and causing accidents.

Councillor Burke referred to the County Engineer's reference to substantial acreage fronting a minor road. He stated that permission should not be given in the interests of the applicant's safety and others. He also referred to a previous agreement between parties not to propose Section 4s for developments on National Primary Roads.

The County Engineer referred to the traffic levels at this location being about half those of the Tuam Road near the City but the same as on the Tuam Road further out at Claregalway. He also stated that it was a legal requirement that landowners keep animals off the road. Councillor Loughnane said that the applicant would give an undertaking that his son will occupy the house and stated again that there was no alternative site. The County Engineer stated that the map submitted clearly shows land with access to a minor road which is part of family land. He stated that two planning permissions had been granted in respect of the same applicant on this particular road. In reply to a question of whether the applicant could discuss the application with the County Engineer it was pointed out that a decision is due on Monday.

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

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, Deputy N. Treacy.

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

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Councillors J. Lambert, J. Mannion, and M. Ryan, abstained from voting.

3915 - MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION FOR THE ERECTION OF 8 DWELLINGHOUSES WITH ASSOCIATED ROADS AND SERVICES IN THE TOWNLAND OF BALLYDAVID SOUTH - PLANNING REGISTER NO. 61781 - APPLICANT: WEST OF IRELAND DEVELOPMENT C/O MR. P.J. SHAUGHNESSY, PROSPECT HILL, MAREE, ORANMORE, CO. GALWAY.

The following report which was read by the County Engineer had been circulated to each Member of the Council together with copies of site plan, site location map, elevational plans for the proposed houses and copies of correspondence received from three local objectors to the proposed development:

"Application for Permission for erection of 8 dwelling-houses and associated roads and services in the townland of Ballydavid South - West of Ireland Development.

Planning Register Number: 61781.

LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located at Ballydavid South close to the County Council water tower in Athenry Town.

PLANNING HISTORY:

There have been no planning applications relating to the site itself but planning permission has been granted for two houses at their road frontage end of the site facing on to the Athenry/Tuam Road.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site, which is approximately 1.7 acres in area, is part of a larger area of land owned by the applicant which is located in an area zoned for agriculture in the Athenry Town Development Plan. This zoning does not normally permit housing estate developments.

Water and sewerage services are adjacent to the site, and while water supply in the town is deficient at times, extra storage is being provided in the attic tanks of the proposed houses. Foul sewage will be drained to the public sewer and storm water will be discharged to soakpits on site.

Gross housing density is approximately 5 per acre which is in the lower range of residential densities for housing estate developments. Original house designs were for 8 two storey dwellings. Revised designs were subsequently submitted for the four houses which

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directly adjoin the rear gardens of existing houses which adjoin the public road. This is to protect the privacy of adjoining houses and prevent overlooking from upstairs windows.

It is felt that it would be unreasonable to refuse development for this site since it is located within the development area of the town and adjacent to services and since the agricultural zoning has been on the site for more than 10 years and is due for review in the light of the current review of all town development plans.

The County Engineer displayed elevational drawings of the revised house designs received in respect of the four houses proposed for the sites adjoining the rear gardens of existing houses as these had not been circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting.

The County Manager explained the purpose of the Material Contravention resolution and in replies to Councillors, he informed them that if the Council did not adopt a Resolution directing that a decision be made to grant Permission, the application for Permission would be refused. The Councillors had been circulated with a copy of Planning Officer's report which outlined the development and which dealt with the points raised by the local objectors. They had also been advised in the County Secretary's letter which accompanied the report that the County Manager considered that the proposed development would not be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

It was proposed by Councillor Lynch and seconded by Councillor Brennan:

"That having considered the Planning Application made by West of Ireland Development for Permission for erection of 8 dwellinghouses and associated roads and services in the townland of Ballydavid South - Planning Reference Number 61781, and having considered the report of the County Engineer in the matter, and having considered all the objections received with respect to the proposed development, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as substituted by Section 39(d) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, hereby require that a decision to grant Permission be made in the case of this application."

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

FOR: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, Martin Lynch, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy.

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AGAINST: None.

Councillor F. Glynn abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

3916 - **MINUTES:**

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor John Mannion, the following Minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 12th October, 1990.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 22nd October, 1990.
- (c) Minutes of County Arts Committee Meeting held on 1st November, 1990.

3917 - **OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 31/3/1991:**

It was proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Mannion, 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 March, 1991, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

3918 - **FIX DATE FOR DECEMBER MEETING:**

It was proposed by Deputy Treacy, seconded by Councillor O'Morain, and agreed that Monday, 17th December, 1990, be the Monthly Meeting for December.

3919 - **SALE OF HOUSE:**

It was proposed by Councillor P. Raftery, seconded by Councillor Glynn, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at 24 Plunkett Park, Ballygar, to John & Breege Costello, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 2nd November, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

3920 - **AMENITY GRANTS SCHEME 1990:**

The Council considered the Amenity Grants Allocations, 1989, details of which had been circulated to each Member. It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed that the following Amenity Grants be paid:

<u>Applicant Body</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ahascragh Hurling Club	£ 1,100
Aughrim Tidy Town Committee	600

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Caltra Sportsfield Committee	800
Caltra Community & District Council	600
Coiste Forbartha Charna	1,200
Cloughanower Social Club	500
Craughwell Community Council	1,200
Cregmore Sportsfield Committee Ltd.	1,000
Donaghpatrick Kilcoona Community Council	1,000
Heritage Committee	500
Lackagh Historical Society	500
Letterfrack Development Association	1,200
Menlough Pitch Development Committee	1,200
Milltown Development Co. Ltd.	600
Portumna Tidy Towns Committee	1,200
Turloughmore Field & Social Centre Committee	800
Coolarne-Turloughmore Hurling Club	1,000
Westrail Ltd.	

TOTAL 15,000

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Councillor Burke stated that more money should be provided under this heading. Councillor Glynn asked that the question of integrating these schemes with FAS schemes should be considered. The report was welcomed by a number of Councillors and it was suggested that these schemes and similar schemes be used to give a facelift to towns and villages throughout the County.

3921 - **ICEM/CIE EUROPEAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy, and seconded by Councillor Loughnane and agreed that Councillor Mark Killilea MEP, be proposed in connection with the ICEM/CIE European of the Year Award.

3922 - **REPORT ON GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES:**

Councillor Loughnane stated that he was concerned regarding delay in sanctioning new schemes with private sources. It was agreed that the Group Water Supply Scheme report would be considered at the December Monthly Meeting.

3923 - **GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS INCREASE OF COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO £2,000:**

The County Secretary read out the sanction of the Minister for the Environment authorising the payment up to a maximum of £2,000 contribution to the General Council of County Councils. This was an increase of £1,400 from the previous limit. Councillor O'Morain stated that these funds were required in order to fund a full-time Secretariat. It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain and seconded by Councillor Mannion that the sum be provided.

3924 - **CRAUGHWELL AMENITY SCHEME:**

Councillor Martin Lynch complained that the County Council's

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effort to improve the area were now wasted and in addition to that, that the lands abutting the amenity scheme were now being damaged. He suggested that a letter be written to the Minister recommending that the Law be strengthened to enable local authorities to act effectively in this type of situation. The County Manager informed the Meeting that a warning had been issued to the travellers concerned and if the structures erected were not removed that prosecution would follow. A number of other Councillors referred to the nuisance being caused and to the good work which was being destroyed. Councillor Michael Fahy said he strongly objected to a proposal to put a traveller halting site in Craughwell. The County Manager said that it was proposed to refer this matter to the Traveller Settlement Committee and this was agreed.

3925 - SECTION 59 AGREEMENT - FERRY BRIDGE, FINNEY, CLAREMORRIS:

The County Secretary gave details of proposed Agreement between Galway County Council and Mayo County Council. It was proposed by Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor John Molloy, and resolved that Galway County Council make the following agreement and that the seal of the Council be affixed thereto:

"AGREEMENT made the _____ day of _____ 1990 BETWEEN MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL and GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL pursuant to Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955 for the purposes of constructing a road bridge at Kilbride, Finney, Claremorris.

Galway County Council being of opinion that it would be more convenient that its powers and functions in relation to the design and construction of a road at Kilbride, Finney, Claremorris, and in relation to the construction of ancillary roadworks should be performed by Mayo County Council and Mayo County Council being able and willing to perform such functions both County Councils HEREBY AGREE this day of _____ 1990 as follows in accordance with a resolution passed by Mayo County Council on 26th March, 1990 and by Galway County Council on 20th April, 1990.

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 MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL all its powers, functions and duties in relation to the design and construction of a road bridge at Kilbride, Finney, Claremorris and ancillary roadworks excluding land acquisition by Galway County Council in so far as the locations of such bridge and approach road will be situated in the administrative County of Galway.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL also agree:

- (1) To pay to Mayo County Council 50% of expenditure in excess of Department of the Environment Grant, excluding cost of land area for approach roads.

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(2) To maintain the approach road to this Bridge situated in County Galway.

(3) To pay to Mayo County Council 50% of the costs of maintenance of this Bridge on the basis that all works are carried out in accordance with good practice.

MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL Hereby Agree to perform the powers and functions being transferred by this Agreement and further agree to keep Galway County Council informed of its proposals and progress in the exercise of the powers and functions so transferred.

IN WITNESS hereof both County Councils affix their official seals."

3926 - LETTER FROM BALLINASLOE U.D.C. RE 850 YEARS CELEBRATION - NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO STEERING COMMITTEE:

Following a brief discussion on the matter, it was agreed that the Council should seek to have all the Councillors for the Ballinasloe Electoral Area nominated to act on the Committee.

3927 - ALL-IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING - THE ABBEY HOTEL THE DIAMOND, DONEGAL - 30TH NOVEMBER, 1990:

It was agreed that Councillors Joe Callanan, Thomas Welby and Jarlath McDonagh, be nominated to attend the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting to be held in The Abbey Hotel, The Diamond, Donegal, on the 30th November, 1990.

3928 - BRIDGE AT GURTEEN:

Councillor Joyce, under Chairman's Business, asked that funds be made available for the proper replacement of parapet of bridge and other repairs without reducing the width. Councillor Callanan said he wished to support the proposal. The County Engineer said he would examine the case.

3929 - REFUSE COLLECTION:

Councillor O'Morain referred to notices received by individual Autit Collection Companies in connection with arrears of refuse collection charges. He said a number of these accounts were received by old people who were not liable and suggested that the Finance Officer check with local Councillors before such notices are issued.

The County Manager replied that all previous attempts to collect these monies had failed to get a response. The Finance Officer then outlined in detail the exhaustive efforts of his Department to collect the money prior to the serving of the notices. A number of Councillors expressed reservations about the system in the area of bills being issued to people who did not use the system. Councillor

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McHugh stated that if the Council was owed money, it should see it is collected as there are vital services not being provided due to lack of money.

3930 - CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- (1) Letter dated 7th November, 1990, from Leitrim County Council re Social Employment Schemes.
- (2) Letter dated 22nd October, 1990, from Tipperary (North Riding) County Council re Higher Education Grants.
- (3) Letter dated 28th October, 1990, from Tipperary (North Riding) County Council re house improvement grants.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

3931 - FLOODING AT POLLEA, WILLIAMSTOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

"The Council have written to the Office of Public Works asking the Commissioners to have the matter reconsidered."

3932 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELP TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY AT DANGEROUS BEND AT INCHAGOILL, CLARINBRIDGE, AND HAVE SAME SIGNPOSTED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The estimated cost of carrying out improvement works at the above location is £15,000. However, there are no funds available in the current year.

Safety could be improved at this location by extending the existing speed limits. This will be considered when the next review of speed limits for the whole County takes place in 1992."

3933 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT SIGNPOST AT COROFIN ON GALWAY/ROSCOMMON ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"A new sign will be erected at Annagh Cross within the next few weeks."

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3934 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SEEK TO HAVE SPEED LIMIT EXTENDED AT LACKAGH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Extension of speed limit at above location will be considered when the next review of speed limits for the whole County takes place in 1992."

3935 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL UTILISE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME AT HEADFORD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The proposal is being examined at present. If the work is eligible for inclusion under a Social Employment Scheme, an application will be submitted to FAS in due course."

3936 - DEMOUNTABLE HOUSES: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"This years Capital Allocation for housing has been determined at £875,000 of which £220,000 is provided for the provision of halting sites and the balance is to be used for housing. The Department of the Environment have approved a maximum of 30 housing starts this year and there is no special provision for demountable dwellings as in previous years. There is no provision in the Council's own housing maintenance estimates to allow for the resiting of demountable dwellings. Restarting of this programme must await the provision of finance."

3937 - LITTER BINS IN CLONBUR VILLAGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"A number of litter bins were previously provided in Clonbur Village but were removed at the request of the residents. Accordingly, it is not proposed erecting bins at this location."

3938 - GALWAY COURTHOUSE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"It is understood that the Government have made a decision in principle for the Department of Justice to take over responsibility for Courthouses from Local Authorities. However, the procedures and mechanics of implementing this decision have not yet been put in

place, and the Council awaits developments in this area."

- 3939 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE FOOTPATHS ON THE REGIONAL ROADS BETWEEN COSTELLO'S PUB AND TULY R.C. CHURCH: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"There are no funds available in the current year for the provision of footpaths at the above location. The provision of footpaths on Regional and County Roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

- 3940 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY CONCLUDE THE REPAIRS TO A HOUSE IN COUNTY GALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"I am informed by the County Engineer that this demountable dwelling has been inspected and was found to be in a satisfactory condition. Repairs are necessary to 1 no. external wall panel and these repairs will be carried out subject to priority and the availability of funds."

- 3941 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY REPAIR, RELIEVE AND ALLEVIATE THE FLOODING BEING CAUSED AT A SHORE ON A PUBLIC ROADWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Works have now been carried out at above location."

- 3942 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY CONCLUDE THE REPAIRS TO A HOUSE IN COUNTY GALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"I am informed by the County Engineer that this demountable dwelling has been inspected and has found to be in a satisfactory condition. Repairs are necessary to 1 no. external wall panel and these repairs will be carried out subject to priority and the availability of funds."

- 3943 - BURIAL GROUND AT BALLINACOURTY, MAREE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Land has been identified for the extension to Ballinacourty Burial Ground, Maree, and negotiations are in progress with the landowner regarding purchase."

- 3944 - THAT WORKS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE MIDDLE THIRD ROAD, MAREE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"There are two possible solutions to the flooding of this road at periods of very high tides. One would be to build a tidal wall with provision for drainage by means of flap valves, etc., or alternatively raise the roadway approximately 1 meter high which would leave it above high water level."

The first proposal would be too expensive and would require constant maintenance and inspection. The second alternative while feasible will present some problems in relation to existing boundary wall and site entrances. Some of the site boundary walls along this road are of decorative stone and to raise the adjoining road by 1 meter will not be very welcome by the occupants. Alternatively, land would have to be acquired on the sea side of the road from the Minister of the Marine and a completely new road built. In any case, the minimum cost of raising this road will be £30,000 to £40,000 and a major grant would have to be made available for this work as such expenditure could not be borne out of normal maintenance monies."

- 3945 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO A DWELLING (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"I am informed by the County Engineer that arrangements are in hand to have the necessary repairs carried out."

- 3946 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT SIGNS TO USE BY-PASS AT CRANMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Appropriate direction and destination signs are already in place at the above location. It is not proposed erecting any further signs as the new Galway Eastern Approach Road is due for completion in late 1991."

- 3947 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN, SURFACE AND REPAIR COUNTY ROAD LEADING TO PATRICK COPPINGER'S HOUSE AT CRANNAGH, GORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The above road is being soiled by a local farmer who drives a large herd of cows along same on a regular basis. The Council will be writing to the farmer involved within the next few days requesting that he

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keep the road in a clean condition. Minor surface repairs will be carried out as resources permit."

- 3948 - THAT A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE PROVIDED ON THE ROAD AT O'DONNELL'S BAR, THE SQUARE, GORT: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"A traffic count was recently carried out at above location and is being examined at present. It is hoped to have a report available for the next Meeting."

- 3949 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A SAFE AND ADEQUATE CAR PARK, CLOSE TO ST. JARLATH'S NATIONAL SCHOOL, GARBALLY, MENLOUGH, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Mullins:

"Galway County Council do not have funds available for providing parking facilities at schools and the onus for such parking is on the developer, i.e., the school authority or Office of Public Works."

- 3950 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR THE ROAD AT GORTNAVOHER, KILTORMER, ADJACENT TO MR. J. HARDIMAN'S: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Mullins:

"The above road was recently declared public. Notice of Motion funds were provided by a number of Councillors and repairs will be carried out in the near future."

- 3951 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR THE CHAPELFINNERY TO ROAD FROM THE SCHOOL HOUSE IN CASTLEFRENCH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Mullins:

"Repairs have recently been carried out at above location."

- 3952 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL GIVE FORMAL APPROVAL FOR LAYING OF WATERMANS AT TOBERROE, GLINSK: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"Toberroe is an existing group scheme in the Ballymoe area completed about 1973.

The present proposal is to replace leaking watermains and provide a new pump and chlorinator, etc.

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The quality of the water is bad with very high iron and manganese and E. Coli counts and does not meet the quality standards of category A and may not be used for abstraction of a drinking water in accordance with par 3 (3) of the surface water regulations 1989.

An alternative suitable source of supply should be found."

- 3953 - WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The Council awaits completion of C.P.O. procedures for land acquisition in connection with the treatment works site."

- 3954 - GO NDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE AN BOTHER SIOS GO DTI AN FHARRAIGE TRASNA ON MBEARAIC I GCOR NA RON, INDREABHAN: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

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

"Nil aon airgead ar fail i mbliana chun an obair seo a dheanamh. Bheadh an Comhairle Condae i ndan an obair a dheanamh da gcuirfai airgead ar fail as ciste N.O.M."

- 3955 - DROICHEAD NUA AG FOIRNIS, LEITIRMEALLAN: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

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

"Ta se ar intinn ag an Comhairle Condae caoi a chur ar an droichead seo an chead bliain eile."

- 3956 - THAT A PUBLIC LIGHT BE PROVIDED AT HEADFORD ON THE LANEWAY FROM THE NEW ESTATE TO THE MAIN STREET: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Public lighting at Headford will be considered when the Public Lighting programme is being prepared."

- 3957 - THAT A BARRIER OVER THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO CREGG GRAVEYARD IS REMOVED IMMEDIATELY TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC GAIN UNHINDERED ACCESS TO THE GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The Council's Legal Department have been requested to carry out a search in the Land Registry in order to

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establish the legal access route. You will be informed of the situation in due course."

- 3958 - THAT ADDITIONAL WARNING SIGNS BE PROVIDED ON THE APPROACHES TO CARRANDULLA NATIONAL SCHOOL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Statutory signs are in place at above location. It is intended erecting a "Slow Children Crossing" sign as soon as possible."

- 3959 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO BACK ROAD OFF ST. JOSEPH'S TERRACE, BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"This matter should be taken up with Ballinasloe U.D.C. as the road is located in the U.D.C. area."

THE CHAIRMAN THEN DECLARED THE MONTHLY MEETING CLOSED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:


CHAIRMAN

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MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER, 1990.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, 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, J. Molloy, Councillors 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.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and A. Fleming, Acting County Secretary.

3960 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1991:

The Chairman formally opened the adjourned Estimates Meeting. The Motor Tax service was then discussed. A number of Councillors referred to inadequate accommodation and problems with delays such as the delay in issuing driving licences. The County Manager replied that the backlog resulting from the change to the 10 year licensing system was nearly cleared and this should result in a much improved service. Councillor O'Morain enquired as to whether the Irish G was now officially recognised. Councillor Finnegan suggested that the service be devolved to Area Offices. The County Manager replied that the cost of the service was borne by Central Government and he could not envisage the State paying for large increases in cost that would result.

The planning service was then discussed and Councillor Kitt asked that the method of calculating development charges be reviewed and also regarding the use of such monies. The County Manager replied that the contributions are used for improvement of services and not as a normal source of Revenue. The question of charges on schools would be looked at as sympathetically as possible.

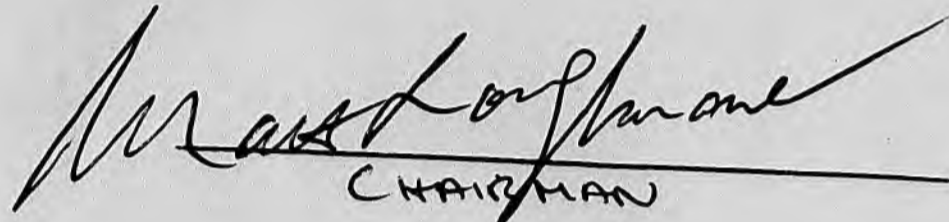
Councillor Callanan, referring to the Motor Tax service, suggested that it be devolved to the larger centres such as Tuam, Ballinasloe and Loughrea. Councillor Finnegan and Deputy Kitt suggested that the service be decentralised to the town of Tuam. Councillor Walsh and Councillor Ryan recommended that the service be provided in Glenamaddy

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would serve. It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy Kitt and agreed that the Estimates Meeting be adjourned to Monday, 26th November, 1990.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:


CHAIRMAN

17/12/90

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
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TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara:

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council will be held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 26th November, 1990, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

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T. KAVANAGH,
ACTING COUNTY SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER, 1990.

IN THE CHAIR:- Councillor James Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:-

Members:-

As recorded in the Attendance Book.
Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan P. Mac Gloinn, 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, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:-

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager, P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, A. Fleming Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3961 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES - YEAR 1991.

The Council resumed consideration of the Estimate of Expenses for the year 1991 and the following issues and concerns were raised by Councillors in connection with the services that were being provided by Galway County Council:-

1. The problem regarding treating septic tank effluent in Connemara and in particular the position regarding installation of Peat Treatment Plants at Maam Cross and Pierces Cottage.
2. Provision of Litter Wardens and the mounting of an educational programme in schools regarding Litter control.
3. Management of Dumps in general and in particular the Tuam, Portumna and Headford Dumps (nuisance being caused to Golf Club in Tuam). The question of vermon control was also raised in this context. Concern was also expressed regarding the Corporation Dump and suggestions made re tree planting, etc. It was suggested that the Council ask the Corporation to carry out further tests with a view to eliminating fears that the Corrib may be contaminated from run-off from the Dump.
4. The question of rehabilitating the Tynagh Mines and monitoring discharge from the site was discussed. The County Manager explained that the development was

started before the Planning Act and the Council had been trying to get agreement with Developer regarding its rehabilitation. A lot of work had been done although the Council is not completely satisfied with the results. It is continuing its efforts to persuade the Company to continue with the rehabilitation programme and the Council's technical officers have satisfied themselves that the discharges from the Mine do not constitute a danger to the public.

5. It was unanimously agreed that the unsatisfactory question of demountable dwellings is to be tackled both in the area of proper maintenance and provision of sanitary facilities. The latter requiring capital funding from the Department of the Environment.
6. A case is to be made to the Minister regarding the possibility of subsidising on a graded scale commercial rates payable by enterprises in the smaller population centres.
7. The Councillors require the programme of Beach Development and the provision of facilities such as public toilets to be continued. Doilin Beach in Carraroe was mentioned in particular.
8. Concern was expressed regarding water quality problems especially in group schemes, and the need to link group schemes to public network was stressed.
9. Question of serious issues regarding Burial Grounds were raised particularly that relating to Lettermore na Coille. Omey Island and Cashel were also mentioned. Problems regarding identifying actual grave spaces were also referred to.
10. Continuation of Farm Survey recommended.
11. The relative small amount of income generated from the Council's own resources e.g. only 8.6% of income raised by rates was referred to as a problem effecting the Council's discretion.
12. The need to provide good service in the Planning area to the public was referred to. Also on the development side to encourage developments such as the laying underground of wires and cables were possible. Concern was expressed that Council should only insist on old style shop fronts etc., being provided only where appropriate.
13. A large number of issues relating to the Environment were raised such as the need to give a face lift to various towns and villages throughout the County, the use of the Derelict Sites Act, the provision of accesses to high amenity areas and the importance of the Tidy Towns Competition.

There was conflicting views regarding the effectiveness

of Litter Bins and a suggestion was made that Concrete pipes be used for this purpose as the idea had been successfully implemented in Knock, Co. Mayo. Mr. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager explained the purpose of the Bulk Waste Disposal System - a facility to be offered to Communities who expressed a desire and a need for such a facility.

14. A number of general housing questions were raised such as the duplication caused by the Health Boards own essential repairs scheme, the need to support voluntary housing groups and concern over the delay in starting the rehabilitation scheme in Gilmartin Road, Tuam.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan and agreed that the Capital Sanitary Services Programme would be discussed at the Council's Planning Meeting on the 14th December, 1990 and the Capital Housing Programme at the Planning Meeting in January, 1991.

It was proposed by Clr. M. Fahy seconded by Deputy M. Kitt and agreed that Councillor John Molloys attendance at the General Council of County Councils Meeting in place of Councillor Michael Fahy be approved.

3962 - ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1991.

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

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1991, as presented by the County Manager and as set out in the Tables A, B1, and D of the said Estimate of Expenses."

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried, and stated that the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1991 as presented by the County Manager, had been adopted by the Council.

DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1991.

It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, and seconded by Clr. M. Ryan, and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1991, as adopted, the rates set out in Column 13 of Table B1, and Column 7 of Table D, to be the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1, and in Table D, for the financial year ending on 31st December, 1991".

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried, and declared that the Rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1991, had been determined by the Council. The prescribed Certificate was then signed.

MAKING OF CHARGE FOR WATER SUPPLIED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1991, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE 31ST MARCH, 1992.

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

"That in accordance with Section 65 A of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962, as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charge be made for water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1991, up to and including 31st March, 1992, such charge to be payable in two equal instalments, the first instalment payable on 1st April, 1991, and the second instalment payable on the 1st October, 1991.

	<u>AMOUNT OF CHARGE</u>
	£
Charge for Water supplied to any Domestic Premises where water is used for Domestic Purposes.	85

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGE FOR WATER SUPPLIED TO PRIVATE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1991, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE 31ST MARCH, 1992.

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

"That in accordance with Section 65 A of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962 as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in

accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charge be made on Private Group Water Supply Schemes for water supplied by Galway County Council to them for domestic purposes for each domestic premises in the said schemes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1991, up to and including 31st March, 1992, such charge to be payable in two equal instalments, the first instalment payable on the 1st April, 1991 and the second instalment payable on the 1st October, 1991.

AMOUNT OF CHARGE

£

Charge on Private Group Water Supply Scheme for each domestic premises in the Scheme where water is used for domestic purposes.

- (a) Where the group water supply scheme is in existence for 10 years or less. 43
- (b) Where the group water supply scheme is in existence for over 10 years. 69

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGE IN RESPECT OF REFUSE COLLECTION FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1991, UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1992.

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

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 - 1964, and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983 a charge of 50p be made by Galway County Council (hereinafter called the Council) in respect of each label, details of which shall be specified by the Council, and which shall be affixed to any bin, bag, box or similar container containing refuse which shall be left out for collection by the Council from any domestic premises along the Council's refuse collection routes. The said charge of 50p shall apply for the period 1st April, 1991, up to and including 31st March, 1992, and shall be payable in advance on the purchase of the



said label from the Council or from such other source as shall be approved by the Council from time to time".

The Chairman declared Deputy Kitt's proposal carried.

DEMAND ON BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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

"That the Statutory Demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for year ending 31st December, 1991 be sealed and signed".

The Demand was then sealed and signed.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND INCOME OUTTURN FOR 1990.

The Council noted and approved the estimated outturn figures for 1990 as set out in the Book of Estimates.

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

"That the Council approve expenditure excesses, being the estimated outturn figures for 1990 in excess of the adopted 1990 Estimates, such excesses being funded by other expenditure reductions and income increases".

3963 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

A Vote of Sympathy was conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Linnane and Family, Gortnakella, Gort, Co. Galway on the sudden death of their son Thomas.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

M. Ryan
CHAIRMAN

17/12/90

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

7u la Nollag, 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 14u la Nollag, 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 to Mr. Patrick Cunningham, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, for the erection of a Funeral Home at Newbridge. - Planning Ref. No. 62240.

Michael Ryan. Tiarnan Walsh. 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 Permission for the erection of a serviced dwellinghouse at Carrick East, Cornamona. - Planning Reference Ref. No. 62573 - Applicant: Michael Higgins.

P. McCormack. John Molloy. T. Welby.

3. That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission for the erection of two serviced dwellinghouses at Keekill, Headford. - Planning Reference No. 62383 - Applicant: Paddy Cunningham.

Paddy McHugh. Patrick Finnegan. Mark Killilea.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

4. High Court Judicial Review - Michael Griffin and Galway County Council - copy of Judgement herewith.
5. Sanitary Services Capital Programme. (Report circulated at Estimates Meeting.)
6. Areas of Scientific Interest - Copies of letters from the Office of Public Works dated 12th September, and 5th November, 1990, attached.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 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. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E.; F. Monahan, S.E.E.; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and A. Fleming, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

3964 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62240 - APPLICANT: PATRICK CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning) read the following report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located just off the main Galway to Roscommon Road at Newbridge with parking extending to and adjoining the National Secondary Route at the crossroads of the National Ssecondary (N.63) and County Roads 455.

PREVIOUS HISTORY:

Ref. No. 61461: Refused similar development for three reasons. Reason no. 3 re design has been overcome in this current application. Reasons Nos. 1 and 2 still stand and have to do with traffic safety.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The funeral parlour would be located in close proximity to a cross roads in the village of Newbridge. It would be adjoining a County Road which joins with the National Secondary Route Galway/Mountbellew/Ballygar 30 yards to the east. The Church is 30 yards to the west.

There is no provision on site for car parking, reliance

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being made of informal parking space adjoining the existing commercial premises and roadside parking on both sides of the road near the Church. The existing car parking spaces would not be adequate to cater for the number of cars which would be expected at large rural funerals and it is quite clear that cars will be parked on both sides of the narrow National Route thereby reducing its capacity and causing multiple vehicle manoeuvres and pedestrian movements to and from the route with consequent hazard to the public.

The problem was explained to the applicant when he visited the Planning Office following the previous refusal. He stated that he had no other land but would contribute to the provision of further parking spaces which the County Council could develop along the public road margins. This is not considered to be suitable or sufficient, and would be against the normal practice of a developer providing on-site parking which is a contingent part of his development. There are undeveloped lands on the minor road in close proximity to the site and its difficult to see how parking provision for at least 30 cars could not be made by purchasing a small area of land which would also supplement the existing Church car park. Should such a carpark be provided there would be no objection in principle to the proposed development but as matters stand it is considered that the proposed development would be liable to create a traffic hazard.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of traffic hazard which the proposed development would give rise to - located close to a road junction of a National Secondary, Regional and County Roads.
2. No on-site parking arrangements are proposed, and the parking areas shaded yellow are uncontrolled roadside spaces straddling the junction of the National Secondary and County Roads."

Councillor Ryan stated that it was regrettable that this had come to a Section 4 as he considered it to be ideal for situating a Funeral Home beside the Church and the Priest's house. He stated that it involved the reconstruction of an existing building, and he understood that originally the dialogue between the Planning Officer and the applicant had indicated that there was a problem only with the roof. He now understands that the only problem is parking. The applicant, he stated, maintains that the provision for parking is adequate. He stated that he himself witnessed 115 cars parked on Saturday. Because of the way they arrived, intermittently, they caused no traffic hazard. He stated that no-one was objecting to the development. He

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stated that he had talked to the applicant who was prepared to give a commitment that in order to provide the greater area for parking which was required, he would be prepared to pay a contribution if the Council would continue with its widening programme at the side of the road. If he was allowed, he would do the work himself. Councillor Ryan stated that the times for funerals, that is from 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m., and from 3.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. would not cause traffic problems particularly as people do not tend to hang about as they would in the case of the Regional Hospital in Galway. He stated that it may not be a proper planning consideration but in his opinion, there would be less danger involved if the burials took place from this location for the people in Newbridge and Ballygar than if they were to come into the City in Galway where there were enough problems with traffic, and causing additional expense for the people concerned. He also stated that some people were not in a position to come into Galway and he considered this to be an important amenity. Councillor Raftery said that he wished to second Councillor Ryan's proposal. He stated that he never saw congestion in Newbridge and he would consider it a great pity if the proposal was not granted Planning Permission. It was suggested that perhaps the proposal might be adjourned to the next Meeting. Councillor Tiernan Walsh stated that he did not normally sign Section 4 Resolutions, but he had no hesitation in signing this one. He stated that he sympathised with Mr. Kavanagh, the Planning Officer, who had to go strictly by the regulations, but he considered in this instance, that the development would be in accordance with the regulations. He stated that the development would be very suitable using the carparking space for the Church. He stated that he did not agree with the Planners argument regarding car parking which is on a minor road, and ideally situated. He stated that there were no objections to the development and that it was very necessary. He stated that he knew of no other area as suitable for this development and he urged the Planning Officer to grant Planning Permission. Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E. stated that he had no objection to the development per say. He stated that Councillor Ryan's reference to saving people in the area from having to travel to Galway was a valid planning consideration, but the Council must have regard to the fact that the development is adjacent to a National Secondary Route which is unaligned with dangerous bends, the traffic capacity will be restricted, and there is a problem with sight distance. In his experience, rural funerals tend to be large and he is of the opinion that people will park on the National Secondary Route for convenience. He stated that he could not accept that traffic would be filtered over a number of hours, and he had recently experienced a very bad traffic problem at a funeral in Abbeyknockmoy. Mr. Kavanagh then referred to the car parking requirements as set out in the County Development Plan. With reference to the Church, he stated that it was a development which predates planning, and in any event when it was built, there would not have been nearly as many cars involved. He stated that the Council have a liability to make proper provision for carparking either alongside or adjacent to the development. Mr.

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Kavanagh, S.E.E., stated that he has spoken to the County Engineer regarding widening the road to provide extra car parking space, and he was informed that the County Engineer was not happy with the suggestion and that he would insist on off-road carparking for 30 to 40 cars, in order to ensure that there was no need for cars to park on the National Secondary Road. Councillor Glynn asked if a letter from the Church indicating that its grounds could be used for carparking would make a difference and he was informed by Mr. Kavanagh that it was not known what lands were available from the Church. The application did not indicate that any such lands were available. Councillor Ryan stated that he did not agree with the County Engineer's assessment of the situation but stated that he was willing to have the motion adjourned until the January Planning Meeting to allow the applicant time to bring forward his proposals for car parking. Adjournment of the motion was agreed.

Councillor Joe Burke added that he had recently witnessed a case in Tuam which was very bad regarding causing a traffic hazard, and he thought that this would create a minor traffic hazard relative to the case in Tuam. Councillor Lambert referred to the fact that there was a very real problem in the City with traffic.

65 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62573 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL HIGGINS:

Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning) read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Cornamona-Clonbur road approximately 2 miles north of Cornamona.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 2327: Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal on the proposed and adjoining site in August, 1969, for 2 no. dwellinghouses. Applicant: Mrs. Maura Higgins.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Site is in an elevated location in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity on the shores of Lough Corrib and the proposed development would be an obtrusive feature which would seriously detract from the visual amenities of the area. No housing need exists in the present case.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be in an elevated and exposed location in an area of Outstanding Scenic

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Amenity with views of special amenity value and would be an obtrusive feature which would not be capable of being satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings. It would interfere with views the preservation of which are an objective of the County Development Plan and if permitted, would seriously detract from the scenic amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The proposed development would be located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to limit housing development to the essential housing need of local farmholders, a category of development which does not apply in this case. 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 resolution was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor John Molloy. The Chairman asked that it be recorded that Councillor McHugh had left the Meeting as he had indicated that he was involved as a Consultant for the applicant. Mr. Liam Kavanagh, S.E.E., added that there was considerable pressure for about a mile and a half along the road to Maam Bridge for ribbon development, and there had been two recent refusals. Councillor Brennan stated that the application should be refused as the Council had no option as the development was contrary to the County Development Plan.

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

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, J. Lambert, J. McDonagh, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, M. O'Morain, P. Rafferty, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

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

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

3966 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62383 - APPLICANT: PADDY CUNNINGHAM:

Mr. L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning) read the following report, copy of which was circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately 3 miles South West of

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Headford close to the shoreline of Lough Corrib at the end of a stopend road.

PREVIOUS HISTORY:

Outline Planning Permission for five houses was granted by the Minister on appeal in December, 1973 on the adjacent site to the Northwest. Individual approvals were subsequently granted, the present applicant being involved in some of the sites. There have been a number of applications on the present sites with a view to extending the existing group of houses along the shoreline.

Reference No. 37218: Permission refused for 2 houses - Applicant: P. Cunningham.

Reference No. 39647: Outline Permission granted for 2 houses by Section 4 motion of the Council. An Bord Pleanala subsequently refused the application following an Appeal by An Taisce - same applicant.

Reference No. 49558: Outline Permission granted for 2 houses by Section 4 Motion of the Council. An appeal by An Taisce was declared late and invalid - same applicant.

Reference No. 61371 and 61372: Outline Permission for the same two sites refused by the Planning Authority. No appeal was made.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located close to the Corrib shoreline in an area which is designated as of Outstanding Scenic Amenity in the County Development Plan. The Plan sets out to prohibit development in these areas, other than the essential housing needs of farmholders families. No such housing need has been made in this case and there is no indication that the development is for other than speculative holiday home purposes or other residential purposes unrelated to farmholders requirements.

The shoreline of Lough Corrib is generally unspoilt apart from some intrusions of holiday homes on the shoreline. Development pressures have recently increased in the Oughterard and Headford areas and these pressures should be resisted if the unique character of the Corrib and its potential for recreation and as a source of an extended public water supply is to be protected.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because the site is located close to Lough

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Corrib in an area where open fissured limestone rock is close to and breaks through the land surface, and where effluent from the septic tanks are likely to cause pollution of lake water which is of major importance as a source of public water supply and for recreational purposes.

2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 9.2.1 of the County Development Plan which prohibits housing development in this area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity other than the essential housing needs of farmholders families, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

The resolution was proposed by Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Finnegan. Councillor Brennan said that there was no hope of this Planning Application being granted considering its history of pollution and the damage to the amenities of the area, and recommended that the Resolution should not be passed. A vote for and against the resolution resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Lambert, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, M. O'Morain, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

(11)

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

Councillors F. Glynn and M. Mullins abstained from voting.

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

3967 - HOLIDAY HOMES - CLIFDEN:

Councillor O'Morain asked if a report could be made available on applications for various holiday homes that were on hand. The County Manager stated that he was not aware of any new applications since his last report to the Council. He stated that as far as he was aware, the application in respect of the Clifden development was under appeal.

3968 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY SECRETARY:

The Chairman announced that Mr. Tom Kavanagh had been appointed County Secretary for Galway and that Mr. Alec Fleming would shortly be accepting appointment as County Secretary in Tipperary South Riding County Council. A number of Councillors then spoke and congratulated both Officers on their appointment.

3969 - HIGH COURT JUDICIAL REVIEW - MICHAEL GRIFFIN AND GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

The Chairman referred to the Court Decision which had been circulated to the Members of the Council and the importance

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of the comments as made by the Judge. He stated that it is important that Councillors should not comment on personal matters when discussing planning applications. Councillor Brennan asked that if the Councillors were to say nothing would that mean that the Section 4 Resolution would be valid. The Law Agent replied that there would be no guarantee and that he would be referring to the Judgement later. Councillor McHugh stated that from his reading of the Judgement, a Section 4 Resolution was not found to be valid because irrelevant issues were taken into account and the Judge considered that the proper planning of the area vis a vis the County Development Plan was not taken into account. The Law Agent stated that the County Engineer in his report to the Council had referred to the County Development Plan, but that the Consulting Engineer or indeed the Members of the Council had failed to address the question of the development being contrary to the County Development Plan. The Members of the Council like the County Manager are obliged to have regard to the County Development Plan when making a decision. He stated that it would appear that silence of the Members on the issue could be taken to mean that they had not considered the issue. With regard to the Judgement, he pointed out that when the Judge finds that a Decision is flawed on one account, he will not normally go any further. For example, in the Griffin case, the Council had raised the issue of administrative inconsistency which was not addressed by the Judge as he did not find it necessary. The Judge, in fact, only referred to two of the issues raised, and this should not be taken to mean that the other grounds against the Section 4 Resolution were not valid. The Law Agent stated that in his view all grounds would have been valid. Councillor McHugh asked a question that if the Council had stated that the development was in accordance with the County Development, what would have happened. The Law Agent referred to the Sligo Dump case in which a site was located close to a National Monument which was preserved in the Sligo Development Plan. The Supreme Court held that even though a Dump was not in the area being preserved in the Plan, it was inconsistent with the County Development Plan. It stated that the County Development Plan is like a Contract between the Authority and the People who were entitled to assume that the Council would have regard to it when deciding on a Planning Application. In this particular instance, the Supreme Court held that the development was quite clearly against the Development Plan. Councillor Joyce stated that the Judgement did not seem to address the problem of traffic safety. The Law Agent stated that the Judge only needed to find one point against the Section 4 Resolution in order to declare it invalid. Councillor Ryan asked what the definition of a traffic hazard was. He stated that daily there are unforeseen hazards which everybody must encounter, such as articulated trucks, etc., which may cause an accident in particular circumstances. The Law Agent stated the question was what obligations the Council has as a Roads Authority and a Planning Authority. In a sense, the Council is stuck with the roads and traffic as they exist, but as a planning authority, they are obliged not to make them more dangerous than they already are. As a Roads Authority, they

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must strive to improve them. In many instances, the roads are very busy and frequently, the speed limits are ignored. The reality of the existing situation must be borne in mind in making decisions. Councillor Loughnane asked what the term "proper planning and development" means. He stated that in his opinion where there was an agricultural holding, it was good planning and common sense for the owner to reside there and thereby reduce the amount of traffic going in and out of the holding. The Law Agent stated that he could not comment on a particular case, and that while the proper planning and development of the area is a matter of opinion, the Planning Act lists things that you must have regard to. If the development causes more danger by opening on to busy National Primary Routes, and if the person with experience and training in the area states that it will cause a traffic hazard, then it is difficult to see how one can argue that such development is in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area. Councillor O'Morain referred to the fact that the County Development Plan was described as a contract between the people and the authority, asked if the local authority must have regard to its own Development Plan. The Law Agent replied that the Council are obliged to have regard to its own Development Plan. Regarding the question of Material Contravention which he stated is a question that must be decided by the Manager, and he had decided some time ago that a Material Contravention refers only to development which would require rezoning in order to comply with the County Development Plan, he reminded the Council that they had amended the County Development Plan in order to allow the provision of a Hardstand in Tuam. Councillor Finnegan asked if each person who comments is now obliged to state that he has considered the County Development Plan, and the development is in accordance with it. The Law Agent replied that where a discussion takes place, and a particular pertinent point is not addressed, then silence may be taken as acquiescence. In reply to the question regarding the number of Section 4s that were not implemented and had been upheld by the Courts, the Manager stated that the Council when considering a Section 4 Motion must look at the merits of the case and decide accordingly. He stated that some Section 4s had been implemented. Mr. Kavanagh, S.E.E., clarified the position regarding speed limits as referred to in the Judgement. The Law Agent, in reply to a query, stated that he was not aware of the costs involved for the applicant, but that each side had to pay its own costs, and that the Council's costs were in the order of £4,000-£5,000.

3970 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

Councillor Finnegan welcomed the report. He referred to the Tuam Sewerage Scheme and stated that it was urgently required in order to prevent pollution. With regard to Kilkerrin Sewerage Scheme, he stated that it was very necessary for a Preliminary Report to be immediately prepared. He stated that he was anxious that work should start immediately on the Dunmore/Glenmaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme Stage 11 to Dunmore. With regard to the Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme costing in excess of £13 million, he stated that every

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effort should be made to have Tenders advertised as soon as possible as the Scheme was badly needed for the town of Tuam and also for Group Schemes with contaminated supplies such as Barnaderg. Councillor O'Morain stated that he was disappointed that there was not much good news west of the Corrib. He referred to the Costello Regional Water Supply Scheme and was informed that the Water Supply Proposal had been made and that the Council was presently negotiating with the riparian owners with a view to having them withdraw their objections so that the proposal could be confirmed. Councillor O'Morain also referred to the Rosmuc Regional Water Supply Scheme and was informed that as soon as the Environmental Impact Study was received from CASS, the Council would proceed immediately to acquire the necessary lands by Compulsory Purchase. With regard to the Carna/Kilkerrin Water Supply Scheme, he was informed that the Preliminary Report was submitted to the Department of the Environment in September. With regard to village sewerage schemes, Councillor O'Morain stated that the provision of a facility in Roundstone was very important in view of its tourism potential. Councillor Joyce stated that he wished to support Councillor O'Morain in this regard. Councillor Tiarnan Walsh referred to the Tobberoe Group Water Supply Scheme, and he stated that it was necessary that grant aid be provided to improve the supply to the 20 houses involved. With regard to the Williamstown Sewerage Scheme, he asked when was it likely work would get under way, and was informed that procedures necessary for acquiring the necessary lands were now on hand, and that as soon as the land was acquired, that the Contract Documents would be prepared. The commencement of the scheme will depend on the provision of the necessary funds. Councillor Joyce asked about Laurencetown Sewerage Scheme, and suggested that a Preliminary Report be prepared here. He also referred to the fact that improvement works were necessary to the water supply in Eyrecourt and he was informed that a small scheme had been submitted for 1991. Reference was made by a number of Councillors to other schemes, such as the Clontuskert Scheme and the Headford Sewerage Scheme, and it was suggested that a submission be made to the Environmental Protection Agency regarding need for funds to carry out the Council's sanitary services programme.

3971 - AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST:

Copies of letters from the Office of Public Works dated 12th September, and 5th November, 1990, which had been circulated to the Members, were noted.

3972 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with the following:

Mrs. K. Killilea, Cloonabricka, Ballinamore Bridge, B'Sloe.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:
James Joyce CHAIRMAN
28/1/91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

11u la Nollag, 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 17u la Nollag, 1990, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Special Council Meeting held on 9th November, 1990.
 - (b) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 12th November, 1990.
 - (c) Monthly Council Meeting held on 23rd November, 1990.
 - (d) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 23rd November, 1990.
 - (e) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 26th November, 1990.
2. Sale of house to Mr. Paul Dunleavy, Mounthazel, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe. - Section 83 Notice dated 14th August, 1990, already circulated.
3. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads - list enclosed.
4. County Councils General Council - nomination of substitutes for three Council Delegates.
5. Raising of loan of £32,900 under Voluntary Housing Loan Scheme - Homes for Dunmore Limited.
6. Report on Group Water Supply Schemes - Copy herewith.
7. Business submitted by the County Manager.
8. Business submitted by the Chairman.

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COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY: - I will propose:

That a pedestrian crossing be provided on the road at O'Donnell's Bar, The Square, Gort.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

10. That the County Council put into being traffic route lighting at Headford. (Details supplied).
11. That the County Council erect Yield Right of Way Sign at Roaunmore.
12. That the County Council have surface dressing carried out on Caherlea Road as agreed in 1986.

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

13. When is it proposed to start laying the mains between Oranmore and the Water Tower, near the Roundabout, as the commencement of this work is holding up a large number of group water schemes in the area.
14. That the blind corners at Creggmore Cross, Claregalway, be eased to give a better sight distance for cars approaching this crossroads. The land is available from the landowners (names and address supplied).
15. That traffic lighting be improved in Corrandulla Village and that the speed limit be extended to meet the needs of this fastly developing village.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

16. That Galway County Council immediately repair, relieve and alleviate the flooding being caused at a shore on a public road (details supplied) the date on which the works will commence the works to be carried out and any other relevant details.
17. That Galway County Council would carry out immediate repairs including replacement of the necessary damaged bathroom etc., in a house in County Galway (details supplied) that the Council outline the works to be carried out, the date in which these works will be carried out, the reasons for the delay and any other relevant information.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

18. That roadside drainage work be carried out to prevent flood damage to private property at a specified location (details supplied).
19. That the appropriate roadworks be carried out (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

20. That the County Manager inform the Council when he hopes to provide the people of Athenry with an all night water supply.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH: - I will propose:

21. Carry out realignment on the Headford/Tuam Road particularly in the Cahernaheena/Rosslodge Area.
22. Surface dress road from Beaghmore to Cloonascragh.
23. Provide funding in the Estimates from the purchase of land at Cloughanover to enable the Council provide an extension to Cloughanover Graveyard.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

24. That Galway County Council erect signs at Moneymore West, Moneymore East and River Road, Oranmore, and also to put down white lines on road as 60 children use these roads to school each day. Speed limit signs also be erected.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS: - I will propose:

25. That Galway County Council completes the short stretch of road leading to Mr. Johnny Connaughton's house at Meanus, Kilrickle, Loughrea, to the same standard that it completed the road leading to the other two neighbouring at Meanus, Kilrickle.

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: - I will propose:

26. That the County Engineer make a substantial allocation for the Killanin, Collinamuck, Knockferry areas as the areas require major improvements because down through the years they have received very little funding for road improvements and maintenance, the Road Action Committee has furnished a list of roads.
27. During the summers of 1989 and 1990, a portion of Lough Corrib near Cornelistrum which is the source of supply for the Collinamuck Group Water Scheme, a green slimy scum has appeared on the water in that area, which I informed the County Engineer of, the people of the area are anxious to know what's the reason for this happening.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE: - I will propose:

28. That Galway County Council adopt a policy in urban areas that electric and telephone cables be underground.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

29. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae an bothar o Coilin O'Domhnaill i Tir an Fhia go dti teach Beartla Mac an Ri, Tir an Fhia - ta se an cheann de na boithre is measa i gConamara faoi lathair.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

30. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae bothar Furrmoyle - Casla, Connamara. Teastainn obair phrainneach a dheanamh ar an mbothar seo laithreach.

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, COUNCILLORS T. WELBY, J. MOLLOY, M. RYAN, N. O'CONCHUBHAIR, M. O'MORAIN, AND J. MANNION: - We will propose:

31. That this Council reintroduce the Planning Committee and that Meetings be held prior to the Planning Meeting on days of Planning Meetings.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN, DEPUTY M. KITT, DEPUTY N. TREACY, COUNCILLORS P. RAFTERY, AND M. RYAN: - I will propose:

32. That this Council declare public the road to Jack Mullen's house at Currylea, Lavally, Tuam. This road was recently well surfaced by local improvement scheme and the Council by taking it over would give it a chance of being maintained, and of ensuring that the money already spent by L.I.S. will not have been wasted.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

33. That Galway County Council put a No Dumping sign at the top of the Rahard Road, Athenry, by the T junction, as there is alot of dumping going on in this area.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

34. That an estimate be prepared for a road to the house of (details supplied) so that N.O.M. money can be spent.

Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

**Declaration of Road to be
Public Road**

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

AREA	FROM	TO
Costello	Co. Road 66 commencing at Kinvara Pier for a distance of 609 metres.	Junction of Co. Road 66 in Townland of Muckanagherdauhaulla

T. Kavanagh
Acting County Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 1990.

IN THE CHAIR:

- (a) Councillor M. Loughnane.
- (b) Councillor J. Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, 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, Councillor T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; F. Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; G. Conway, Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

73 - MINUTES:

The Secretary pointed out that there was a small correction to be made in relation to the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting on 23rd November, and the Adjourned Estimates Meeting on the same date. He said that the heading on the first page in relation to both Minutes should read Friday, (not Monday) 23rd November, 1990.

Subject to the above amendments, Councillor M. Fahy proposed that the Minutes of the following Meetings be approved, and this was seconded by Councillor Lambert. The Minutes were then signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 9th November, 1990.
- (b) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 12th November, 1990.
- (c) Monthly Council Meeting held on 23rd November, 1990.
- (d) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 23rd November, 1990.
- (e) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 26th November, 1990.

Councillor M. Fahy referred to Minute No. 3903 of Meeting of 9th November, 1990. He said he now wished to clarify the position and make it clear that no member of Fine Gael ever made any offer to him in relation to funds.

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3974 - SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Raftery, 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 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."

3975 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

It was proposed by Councillor O'Morain, seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair, and resolved that the following road be declared a public road:

"AREA	FROM	TO
Costello	Co. Road 66 commencing at Kinvara Pier for a distance of 609 metres."	Junction of Co. Road 66 in Townland of Muckanagherdau-haulia.

3976 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTES FOR THREE COUNCIL DELEGATES:

The Secretary stated that he had circulated to each Member a copy of the new Constitution Rules and Standing Orders as requested by the General Council of County Councils. He said that the Rules provided for Council Delegates nominating a substitute whenever they could not attend a Meeting of the General Council. He said that while there was no objection to this, it did not cover the payment of expenses to the Substitute from the County Councils point of view. He said that if the Council named and approved particular substitutes, expenses could be paid to these if they were required to attend.

Councillor O'Morain proposed that all remaining Members of the Council be nominated as substitutes as any particular substitute might not be able to attend a particular meeting. This was seconded by Councillor McDonagh and agreed. It was noted that the duty of nominating the substitute rested with the Official Delegate.

3977 - LOAN ASSISTANCE OF £32,900 UNDER VOLUNTARY HOUSING LOAN SCHEME - HOMES FOR DUNMORE LTD.:

On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was resolved:

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"That Galway County Council approve of loan assistance of £32,900 to Homes for Dunmore Ltd., being required to fund 80% of the estimated cost of a housing project for the elderly being undertaken by Homes for Dunmore Limited, an approved body under the Housing Act, 1966."

3978 - REPORT ON GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES:

Report on Group Water Supply Schemes dated 7th December, 1990, from Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, had been circulated to each Member. Many Councillors paid tribute to the work of all the people involved in such a large number of Group Schemes in the County. Senator Hussey asked that the Council be as sympathetic as possible in the case of schemes which were not up to standard as these areas would not have any water in the absence of Group Schemes. Councillor O'Morain referred to successful Group Schemes in the Carna area which were supplied from Council mains, and urged that the Council's scheme be augmented in order that further group schemes could get off the ground. He said the Rosmuc Regional Scheme was urgent for the same reason. Councillor Walsh asked that the Council give approval for the Tobberoe Group Scheme. He said that the pipes in the old scheme were faulty and needed to be replaced. There were 24 houses involved and said that the Members of the Scheme were quite happy to go elsewhere for drinking water in the event of the Group supply not being up to standard. Councillor Finnegan agreed that a lot of good work had been done but a lot more needed to be done. He would like to see the Department of the Environment and the County Council coming together to give a greater impetus to Group Schemes. Councillor O'Conchubhair welcomed the report, and asked for clarification in regard to the liability of Trustees in the case of schemes that might go wrong. Deputy McCormack said that there were many areas in the County where there was no possibility of a public scheme. The only solution in those areas was Group Schemes, and if the Council was too restrictive as regards standards, they would be left without a supply.

Councillor U. Burke referred to the Ballinakill Group Scheme and asked the Council to advise the Members of the position of the scheme. He also referred to the large number of Council handpumps which were in a dilapidated state. He asked that the Council do a review of these pumps with a view to carrying out whatever repairs were necessary. Councillor Burke also asked about the possibility of organising group sewerage schemes, and referred in particular to an old Council housing estate in Portumna where there was a high density of septic tanks.

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT.

Councillor Ryan said that Trustees of schemes had a difficult job maintaining schemes, collecting charges, etc., and asked if the Council had a policy of taking over schemes. He said that in some cases when a scheme breaks down, the group has to apply for a Road Opening Licence and he asked the

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Council to deal expeditiously with such cases. Councillor Loughnane said that the report was a serious one referring in particular to the 18 schemes where the Trustees had to be advised that it would be unsafe to drink the water even after boiling. He said he would like details of the schemes awaiting approval and the number of houses to be served. He said that the E.E.C. Regulations made it more difficult to provide a suitable water supply, and therefore, there was an onus on the E.E.C. to provide extra funds. He said that the amount of water required for drinking purposes is very small, and the regulations should take this into account. Councillor Callanan felt that the Council should take over schemes supplied from Council mains, and also asked if there was any progress in relation to the Clontuskert Scheme. Councillor McHugh asked for clarification as to what power the Council had to force group schemes to connect to Council mains, and he also asked the Council to reconsider the request from the Corofin Group Scheme for a temporary connection.

Mr. Gavin said that as explained in the report, there were problems with many group schemes. The first thing that has to be done is that Trustees should look seriously at the maintenance of their schemes, and ensure that they are properly maintained. He said that the Trustees had taken on the schemes and were liable for them. In the case of certain old schemes, the Department would make funds available for upgrading of Treatment Systems. The Council would be available to give advice and the Department was also publishing a leaflet to raise awareness of the problem. In the case of new schemes, the Council must ensure that the water meets all the quality standards. Mr. Gavin said that there were only about 20 schemes awaiting approval, and 14 of these related to schemes of 4 houses or less, and only three schemes involved more than 50 houses. He said that the Council would consider taking over schemes supplied from Council mains if they were in good order and repair. In regard to the Clontuskert Scheme, he said that the Department seemed to be amenable to the Council laying the Trunk Main, and written confirmation was awaited. He said that he had no information to hand in relation to the Tobberoe Scheme. In reply to Councillor McHugh, Mr. Gavin said that there was an obligation on the Council to ensure that water used for domestic purposes was up to proper standard. The County Engineer explained to Councillor U. Burke that a Preliminary Report was being prepared for Portumna Sewerage Scheme.

The Chairman referred to the Laurencetown Group Water Supply Scheme, and asked if arrangements could be made for the reception of a deputation on the 4th Monday in January, and that Mr. Thornton, D.O.E. be present. Councillor M. Fahy asked that the Council examine the problem of sewage in Kinvara Bay, and was supported by Councillor Lambert. Councillor O'Conchubhair enquired about the Council's position in relation to the new Water Pollution Act, and was advised by the County Manager that the Government have developed a policy for major sewerage schemes but they would take some time to complete.

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BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

979 - L.A.M.A. YEARBOOK 1991:

The Chairman welcomed the publication of the L.A.M.A. Yearbook for 1991 which was circulated to Members. He thanked Councillor Callanan for attending a recent Meeting on his behalf, and proposed that Councillor Callanan's attendance be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Ryan, and agreed.

980 - CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:

The Chairman wished the Members, Staff, the Press, and all their families and all Galway people a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

981 - REGISTER OF ELECTORS:

The Chairman reminded the Members that they should collect their Draft Copy of the Register of Electors in the General Office. Councillor U. Burke complained that those responsible for compiling the Register should not be relying on sources of information, such as Parish bulletins. He said that if an elector wrote into the Council during the year, the request should be brought forward for consideration in the subsequent Register.

982 - FERRY SERVICE FOR ARAN ISLANDS:

Councillor McHugh welcomed the announcement by the Minister for Tourism and Transport of an improved ferry service for the Aran Islands, and also the development of piers. This was also welcomed by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

983 - THAT A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE PROVIDED ON THE ROAD AT O'DONNELL'S BAR, THE SQUARE, GORT: - MOTION BY DEPUTY F. FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"Recent traffic surveys indicated that the warrants for a pedestrian crossing do not exist at this location at present."

984 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL PUT INTO BEING TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING AT HEADFORD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The provision of traffic route lighting at the above location is dependent on funds being made available by the Department of the Environment. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1991 Road Grants allocation."

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A pedestrian traffic count will be carried out as soon as possible to determine if a pedestrian crossing is warranted at this location."

- 3985 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGN AT ROOANMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"A Yield Right of Way sign will be erected at the above location as soon as possible."

- 3986 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE SURFACE DRESSING CARRIED OUT ON CAHERLEA ROAD AS AGREED IN 1986: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"This location will be considered for surface restoration when the 1991 Road Works Programme is being prepared."

- 3987 - WHEN IS IT PROPOSED TO START LAYING THE MAINS BETWEEN ORANMORE AND THE WATER TOWER NEAR THE ROUNDABOUT: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The Council opened tenders for this job on 12th November, 1990, and they were referred to the Council's Consulting Engineers for examination. A recommendation has now been received from the Council's Consultants and the Department of the Environment's acceptance for recommended tender will be sought. Work should start on this project early in the New Year."

- 3988 - THAT THE BLIND CORNERS AT CREGGMOORE CROSS, CLAREGALWAY, BE EASED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"This location will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Road Works Programme."

- 3989 - THAT TRAFFIC LIGHTING BE IMPROVED IN CORRANDULLA VILLAGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The provision of public lighting at Corrandulla Village will be considered when the 1991 Public Lighting Programme is being prepared and the extension of the Speed Limits will be considered when the next review of

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speed limits for the whole County takes place in 1992."

- 3990 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY REPAIR, RELIEVE AND ALLEVIATE THE FLOODING BEING CAUSED AT A SHORE ON A PUBLIC ROAD AT FRANK CANNING AND ANN HOGAN'S HOUSES, GURTEEN, WOODFORD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Works have recently been carried out at above location."

- 3991 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF THE NECESSARY DAMAGED BATHROOM, ETC., IN A HOUSE IN COUNTY GALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"An inspection of the above house has been carried out. A replacement hand basin and W.C. are required. I wish to confirm that the work has been scheduled for completion in January."

- 3992 - THAT ROADSIDE DRAINAGE WORK BE CARRIED OUT TO PREVENT FLOOD DAMAGE AT PROPERTY OF MR. MICHAEL KENNY, MOYGLASS, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"At this location a drain crosses under the road through a culvert and flows through Mr. Kenny's land. The landowner claims that the flow of water in the drain damages his land, i.e., the sides of the drain are falling in. The County Council are not responsible for this damage. We will, however, examine the culvert in wet conditions to ascertain if it is adequate in size to take the flow and if necessary, replace it with larger diameter pipes."

- 3993 - THAT THE APPROPRIATE ROADWORKS BE CARRIED OUT TO EASE BEND ON ROAD OUTSIDE HOME OF MRS. ANN DANIELS, MARBLE HILL, BALLINAKILL, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The estimated cost of carrying out works at above location is £15,000. However, there are no funds available to carry out this work in the current year."

Councillor Loughnane said that this was the main road from Gort to Portumna and was a very busy road. This was a very sharp bend where a lot of accidents occurred, and he hoped that improvements would be carried out.

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- 3994 - THAT THE COUNTY MANAGER INFORM THE COUNCIL WHEN HE HOPES TO PROVIDE THE PEOPLE OF ATHENRY WITH AN ALL NIGHT WATER SUPPLY:
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The supply in Athenry Town is restricted, demand exceeding supply and storage inadequate. Consequently, the supply to a considerable part of the town is shut off between 12.00 p.m. and 7.00 a.m. in order to maintain adequate pressure during the daytime and to conserve some storage for fire fighting. Development has been proceeding over the years, this further stretching the limited supply.

The Mid-Galway Zone 3 Regional Water Supply Scheme includes plans to bring a supply with adequate storage from Galway City East and approval to prepare Contract Documents is awaited."

- 3995 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT REALIGNMENT ON THE HEADFORD/TUAM ROAD PARTICULARLY IN THE CAHERNAHEENA/ROSSLODGE AREA:
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"This location will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Road Works Programme."

- 3996 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE DRESS ROAD FROM BEAGHMORE TO CLOONASCRAH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The road in question will be considered when the 1991 Road Works Programme is being prepared."

- 3997 - EXTENSION TO CLOUGHANOVER GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The County Medical Officer has recommended that an extension be provided to Cloughanover Graveyard.

When suitable land has been identified and a reasonable sum agreed for the purchase of same, Galway County Council will provide the necessary funding."

Councillor McHugh said that an extension is urgently required for this Burial Ground. He also said that the entrance was dangerous. Mr. Gavin said that the Council was reviewing the position of Burial Ground Extensions at the present time.

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The Chairman asked that Clonfert Burial Ground be included in the review.

- 98 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT SIGNS AT MONEYMORE WEST, MONEYMORE EAST AND RIVER ROAD, ORANMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"It is proposed erecting "Bends Ahead" signs at Moneymore. The provision of speed limits is not recommended in rural areas. It is not proposed white lining the road in question as the road is too narrow."

- 99 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPLETES THE SHORT STRETCH OF ROAD LEADING TO MR. JOHNNY CONNAUGHTON'S HOUSE AT MEANUS, KILRICKLE, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Mullins:

"As the stretch of road in question is not in charge, the Council are precluded from carrying out repairs to same. The estimated cost of carrying out the works is £400."

Councillor Mullins asked that the stretch of road be examined with a view to taking it over.

- 000 - ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN THE KILLANIN, COLLINAMUCK AND KNOCKFERRY AREAS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The above locations will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Road Works Programme."

- 001 - COLLINAMUCK GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The green slime was caused by algae - common in summer. The use of fertilizer tends to aggravate the problem because of the phosphorus content. The Carramore/Knock Group Water Supply Scheme serves the Collinamuck area and the source of supply is Lough Corrib. I have asked the Chief Medical Officer to carry out a quality test on this Group Water Supply Scheme and the results are awaited.

An alternative supply is available for this group scheme, if necessary, from the Oughterard Regional Water Supply Scheme via the Roscahill Group Water Supply

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Scheme subject to agreement and approval by the Department of the Environment."

- 4002 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ADOPT A POLICY IN URBAN AREAS THAT ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE CABLES BE UNDERGROUND: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"The guidelines for the design and development of residential areas contained in the current County Development Plan require that, in the case of new housing development of lands zoned residential in the Plan, electricity and telephone cables shall be laid underground.

The position with regard to the general distribution system for electricity and telecommunications in urban and in other areas is as follows:-

- (a) The provision of overhead telecommunications lines is exempted development by virtue of the Local Government (Planning and Development) (Postal and Telecommunications) (Exempted Development) Regulations, 1983 provided that, where such lines are attached to poles, the height of the poles shall not exceed 10 metres above ground level.
- (b) The construction of overhead transmission or distribution lines for conducting electricity at a voltage not exceeding 10 K.V. is exempted development by virtue of the provisions of Class 23 of Part 1 of the Third Schedule to the Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 1977.

Since the provision of such overhead cables does not require a grant of Permission under the Planning Acts, the County Council could only implement the policy proposed with the full co-operation of the E.S.B. and Bord Telecom.

The County Council will write to these organisations to obtain their views on the implementation of such a policy."

- 4003 - GO NDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE AN BATHAR DE CHUILIN O' DOMHNAILL I TIR AN FHIA GO DTI TEACH BEARTLA MAC AN RI, TIR AN FHIA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

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

"Nil aon airgead ar fail i mbliana le haghaidh an bothar seo a dheisiu. Beidh muid ag scrudu an cas seo chomh maith le boithre eile, nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir Sceim na mBoithre 1991 le cheile."

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- 004 - GO NDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE BATHAR FURRMOYLE-CASLA, CONNAMARA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

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

"Nil aon airgead ar fail i mbliana le haghaidh an bothar seo a dheisiu.

Beidh muid ag scrudu an cas seo chomh maith le boithre eile, nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir Sceim na Boithre 1991 le cheile."

- 005 - PLANNING COMMITTEE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, COUNCILLORS T. WELBY, J. MOLLOY, M. RYAN, N. O'CONCHUBHAIR, M. O'MORAIN, AND J. MANNION:

The Chairman decided to adjourn this Motion to the next Meeting.

- 006 - THAT THIS COUNCIL DECLARE PUBLIC THE ROAD TO JACK MULLEN'S HOUSE AT CURRYLEA, LAVALLY, TUAM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN, DEPUTY M. KITT, DEPUTY N. TREACY, COUNCILLORS P. RAFTERY AND M. RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. Finnegan, Deputy M. Kitt, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors P. Raftery and M. Ryan:

"The above road would need to be surface dressed but as it is not a public road, the Council is precluded from carrying out the work."

Councillor Finnegan said that a good job was done on this road under a Local Improvement Scheme and that now it should be taken over by the Council in order to keep it in good condition. The County Engineer said that due to lack of maintenance monies, the Council had been unable to take over roads done under Local Improvement Schemes for a number of years. He said that if this road was taken over, there was no guarantee that any work would ever be done on it. The County Engineer agreed to examine the matter further.

- 007 - THAT A "NO DUMPING" SIGN BE PUT AT THE TOP OF THE RAHARD ROAD, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"A "No Dumping" sign has been provided at the above location."

- 008 - THAT AN ESTIMATE BE PREPARED TO REPAIR A ROAD LEADING TO THE HOUSE OF MARTIN AND ANNIE BIRCH, CASTLEGAR, AHASCRAH, AND TO ALLOW THIS ROAD TO BE REPAIRED UNDER COUNCILLORS N.O.M.: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael P.

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Kitt:

"The estimate for above road is £11,430."

4009 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Mattie Crowe, Windfield, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
Mr. John McInerney, Cloughbrack, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

James Joyce CHAIRMAN

28/1/91

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

4u la Eanair, 1991.

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 11u la Eanair, 1991, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Patrick Cunningham, Newbridge, Ballinasloe, for the erection of a Funeral Home at Newbridge. - Planning Ref. No. 62240.

Michael Ryan. Tiarnan Walsh. Peter Raftery.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Housing Capital Programme - See report on Housing Service - Appendix 7 in Book of Estimates.

Environmental Protection Agency Bill, 1990. - Copy of Press Release and memorandum attached.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor James Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Callanan, Deputy F. Fahey, Councillor M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Killilea MEP, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, 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; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; T. Coughlan, Senior Staff Officer; C. Burke, Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4010 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the families of the following deceased persons:

John Mongan and Patrick Dodd who were killed in an accident in Galway City during the storm last weekend.
Joe O'Meara, Portumna, who was killed in an accident in Portumna during the storm.
The 6 French and Swiss tourists killed in the same accident.
Michael Higgins, Letteragh, Headford, killed in a road accident.
Frank Whelan, Grannagh, Ardrahan, who died in a fire.
John Healy, Journalist, and Mr. & Mrs. Connolly, Kiltulla, Athenry, who died recently.

4011 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62240 - APPLICANT: PATRICK CUNNINGHAM:

This resolution was deferred from Council Meeting held on 14th December, 1990, to enable the applicant submit proposals for the provision of adequate carparking off the public road.

Councillor Ryan said that carparking proposals had just been handed in but the Planning Officer, Mr. L. Kavanagh, needed

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some time to examine them. He proposed that a decision be deferred to the January Monthly Meeting, and this was agreed.

12 - STORM AND FLOOD DAMAGE:

The Chairman and Councillors paid tribute to Council workers who did trojan work during the weekend storms of the 5th and 6th January.

The County Manager also paid special tribute to Council staff throughout the County for the manner in which they responded at the weekend. He said that they had worked all hours under hazardous conditions and were a credit to the Council, and he would be conveying his thanks to them. He also paid tribute to the County Engineer.

The Fire Brigade, E.S.B., Telecom Eireann, Gardai and other public services were also complimented.

The Chairman said that it was important that the Council submit a comprehensive report to the Minister requesting grant aid for remedial works arising from the storms, and floods. The County Engineer said that a letter had been received from the Department of the Environment requesting the submission of reports and Estimates for damage to public roads and bridges, the reports to be submitted by 21st January, 1991. The County Engineer said that damage was caused by both flooding and storms. A lot of damage had been caused along the coast and it had been estimated so far that damage to the extent of £1,750,000 had been caused mainly in the Clifden area. He said that flood damage could only be assessed when the floods abated. A large number of trees which fell along the roadside throughout the County had to be moved and the cost of doing this would be included. In reply to Councillor Mannion, the County Engineer said that Councillors were free to bring any damage to the attention of the Area Engineer or to inspect the list of damage compiled by the Area Engineer so as to ensure that everything would be included.

Senator Hussey said that he was not satisfied with the facilities which Council workers had for dealing with emergencies. He understood that there were only two gritters in the County. Some of the areas around Glenamaddy still had packed ice on them. He said that the Kilcroan and Glinsk Areas were very badly affected by flooding and he asked that these be included in the submission. Councillor Killilea MEP, said that coastal erosion was now a major problem for the country. He said that the E.E.C. had introduced an Envireg Programme which he hoped would include coastal erosion but it was excluded. He said that a new programme which might include coastal erosion was being formulated. Councillor Killilea said that as a result of an approach to the E.E.C. Commission, a sum of approximately £385,000 had been made available for cases of personal hardship or tragedy. The money was made available to the Irish Red Cross to whom applications should be made. The Chairman thanked Councillor Killilea for his efforts to get

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assistance.

Councillor M. Fahy referred to two houses in Ardrahan, which were in danger of being flooded out as happened last year. He appealed to the Council to give whatever help it could to keep the flood waters away from the houses. Deputy McCormack referred to the damage done to the coastline from Recess to Carna and asked if the Council could do anything to help in cases where walls and boulders were washed up into fields. He said that flooding in the County was a separate and major problem. He mentioned the flooding at Ardrahan, Turloughmore, and Headford. He proposed that the O.P.W. be asked to investigate areas in County Galway where flash flooding occurs, and have drainage schemes prepared. This was seconded by Councillor McHugh.

Councillor O'Tuathail suggested that when remedial works are being carried out around the coast, that a better job be done to try and avoid a recurrence. He said that his greatest worry was in relation to demountable dwellings. He said that the occupants lived in fear throughout the storms and in one case only the base remained. He recommended that demountables be phased out. Councillor Loughnane suggested that the Council communicate with land owners in the case of trees along roadsides. He said the Council should also look at trees on its own property and mentioned Long Point, Loughrea. Councillor Loughnane also referred to the quality of surface dressing materials. He said the snow seemed to have an affect on the surfaces recently dressed, and he asked the County Engineer to address this problem at the Roads Meeting. Councillor Finnegan said that 7 houses had been morooned because of flooding at Cloonfaughna. He proposed that the Council ask the O.P.W. to carry out whatever work was necessary on the river to allow floods run off. He said that a large rock at Castlecoote was causing a problem. He said there was also a stoppage which was causing floods at Ballymoe and Glenamaddy Crossroads. He also mentioned flooding at Pollea and Gardenfield, Tuam. Councillor Walsh seconded Councillor Finnegan's proposal. He said the flooding at Kilcroan had reduced and urged that the Council continue to keep the outlet clear. He said a solution to the flooding at Glinsk could be a problem as some people were worried of the affects drainage could have downstream. He said that the Suck Drainage Committee had asked the O.P.W. to carry out a survey and if the results of the survey showed that drainage could be satisfactorily carried out, then nothing should prevent it being done. Councillor Lambert referred to the two houses in danger of flooding at Ardrahan and asked that the Council give whatever assistance possible.

Councillor O'Morain said that he was also worried about the condition of demountable dwellings and asked that they be surveyed. He said that gritting should also be carried out on County and Regional Roads. As regards compiling an estimate of the damage, he said that the Council should not accept grants to repair the damage at the expense of the Council's normal Road Grants. Councillor Ryan said that there was still packed ice on some roads and gritting would

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have to continue. He said that in many areas, roads were not getting a chance to dry out because of overgrown hedges and asked that enquiries be made to see if hedge cutting could be carried out under FAS Employment Schemes. He also said that the Council should be allowed to employ extra men on roads. Councillor Mullins said that the country as a whole was ill prepared to cope with storms and flooding. He said that funds from the E.E.C. should be made available for an overall emergency plan. He also referred to the lack of sanitary facilities in demountable dwellings and proposed that the Department of the Environment be asked to make a once-off grant to Galway County Council to enable proper sanitary facilities to be provided in demountables. This was seconded by Deputy McCormack.

Deputy Treacy outlined areas where flooding occurred including Ballyara, Bullaun, Kylebrack, Gurteen, Newcastle, Garbally Castle. He said that farmers affected by flooding should make application for grant assistance. He asked that Council Engineers try and identify dangerous trees and approach the owners to have them felled.

Deputy Kitt announced that Councillor M. Fahy was now a Member of Fianna Fail, bringing the Fianna Fail representation on the Council to 16.

Replying to the contributions from the Members, the County Engineer said that it was obvious that there were many problems around the County. Prior to the storm and flood damage, the Council was struggling to try and maintain the roads, but now the Council was worse off. He said that the number of men employed was controlled by the amount of money available and there were now only about 260 employed. He complimented the workers on their performance in dangerous situations. He agreed that the Council had only two gritters, but said there was no point in having 20 gritters and having them lying idle throughout the year. However, he would be prepared to recommend that the Council purchase two further gritters but also said that the use of salt was most effective. The Council had to tackle main roads and there was little chance of reaching minor roads. With regard to the two houses near Ardrahan under threat of flooding, the County Engineer said that he had spoken to the people involved and encouraged them to help themselves and gave whatever advice he could as did the local engineer. In reply to Deputy McCormack's query about beaches, the County Engineer said that the Council would try and restore them as good as possible. Whereas boulders were sufficient in many cases as protection, this did not now seem to be the case. On the question of raising some road levels to prevent flooding, he said that this presented another problem where there were houses along those roads.

The County Engineer said that the Council did intend to undertake a survey of trees and to ask Coillte for advice. Replying to Councillor Loughnane's query about the quality of surface dressing, the County Engineer said that frost affected the surface more than snow but said he was not happy

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about the quality of Bitumen and this matter was being taken up by the County Engineer's Association. He said that drainage was the only answer to many of the flooding problems mentioned, and therefore was not the Council's responsibility.

4013 - ICEM/IEA CONFERENCE - DUBLIN - 18TH JANUARY, 1991:

The Chairman gave details of a Joint Conference being organised by the I.F.A. and Irish Council of the European Movement on developing the rural economy and the role of the Structural Funds. It was taking place at the Industry Centre, U.C.D., Belfield, on Friday, 18th January, 1991. On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillors Raftery and J. Molloy attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was agreed that Councillor Lambert attend the Conference.

4014 - MEETING OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE:

The Chairman said that it was agreed previously that a Meeting of the Higher Education Grants Committee would be held about this time and that a date should be fixed for it. It was agreed that a meeting of the Committee would be held on the 23rd January, 1991, at 4.00 p.m.

4015 - REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF TEAGASC:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillor Mannion's attendance at the December Meeting of the Regional Advisory Council of Teagasc in substitution for Councillor Callanan be approved.

4016 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BILL, 1990:

This item was adjourned to the next Planning Meeting.

4017 - ROAD SAFETY - DRINK DRIVING CAMPAIGN:

The Chairman complimented the Gardai on the very successful Drink Driving Campaign which they had carried out over the Christmas period. He hoped that the Gardai would be able to keep up the campaign.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

James Joyce CHAIRMAN

25/2/91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

22u la Eanair, 1991.

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 Eanair, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Planning Permission to Gerry Kyne for the erection of dwellinghouse at Culleen, Headford. - Planning Reference Number 62377."

Padraic McCormack. Paddy McHugh. Jarlath McDonagh.

"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 Frank McDonagh, for a direct access to his new house at Cloonreleagh, Mountbellew, on Planning Ref. No. 62801."

Michael Ryan. Noel Treacy. Peter Raftery.

Other Business:

Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 14th December, 1990.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 17th December, 1990.

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

5. Auditor's Report for financial year ended 31st December, 1989. (Copy enclosed).
6. Ballinasloe U.D.C. - 850 years celebration Committee.
7. Local Environment Campaign Results.
8. County Councils' General Council Annual Conference - 11th/13th April, 1991 - Mount Talbot, Wexford.
9. E.E.C. Initiative - Leader Project.
10. Operational Programme on Peripherality - Copy of summary attached.
11. Operational Programme - Sanitary Services. - Summary attached.
12. E.R.N.A.C.T. Project - copy of report enclosed.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.
14. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY, COUNCILLORS T. WELBY, J. MOLLOY, M. RYAN, N. O'CONCHUBHAIR, M. O'MORAIN, AND J. MANNION: - We will propose:

That this Council reintroduce the Planning Committee and that meetings be held prior to the Planning Meeting on days of Planning Meetings.

(b) Other Motions received:
COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

That Galway County Council have review carried out with a view to implementing safety proposals at Corrandulla as outlined (details supplied).

That the County Council implement safety proposals by way of sign at Housing Estate (details supplied).

That Galway County Council inform me on the current position re payment of grant - Tourism Infrastructure Action Programme - T/331/G:May. I also seek specific answers to the following queries:

- (1) Is there any word back at all on the specific application.
- (2) When is 1989 proposed allocation to come - the same re: 1990 amount.
- (3) Is there any correspondence to hand on the said application.

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

9. That funds be made available for the transporting and repairing of demountable dwellings as there is a great need for such dwellings within the County, due to the lack of provision of Council houses.
20. I would ask Galway County Council what proposals and plans they have submitted to the Department for the provision of a sewerage scheme for Kinvara.
21. That speed limits at Furbo be extended on the Galway approach road and on the Spiddal side of Furbo by about 500 yards in each as this road is extensively used by heavy traffic.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

22. That works be carried out to prevent flooding at a specified location (details supplied).
23. That the pavement in front of the Council houses at Portumna Road, Woodford, be repaired forthwith. The damage resulted from pipe laying which was carried out earlier this year.
24. That junction signs be provided on the N.6 East of Loughrea indicating the minor road to certain houses (details supplied).

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

25. That this Council carries out repairs to a house (details supplied) that the repairs be carried out, on the date on which they will be done be outlined hereafter, that the reasons why these repairs have not been carried out to date and any other relevant information be outlined also. (Details supplied).

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

26. That Galway County Council carry out urgent remedial works and upgrading of the roadway, in order to improve accessibility and the alignment of the connecting roads, at the junction of the Slaughty/Shannon/Coose North Road with the Scarriff/Coose/Gurteeny Road; between lands owned by Patrick Leonard Esq., and Mrs. Florence Coen at the aforementioned location; that these works be carried out without delay, that the Council outline hereafter the works to be carried out, the date on which these works will be carried out and any other relevant details be outlined also.
27. That Galway County Council immediately carry out major repairs to a house (details supplied) that the Council outlines hereafter, the dates these works will be done. The works to be done and any other relevant information and that these repairs, etc., be carried out as a matter of extreme urgency.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O'MORAIN: - Molaim:

28. Ba mhaith liom a mholadh go mbeadh comhartha sgoile ollmhor ag Gort Mor. Ta dha sgoil i gceist.
29. Ba mhaith liom comhartha contoirt a chur ar an crosbhothar ar an mbothar i Sna Bo. Sna Bo go Cladach agus an bothar ata trasna air.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

30. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae na boithre seo leanas i gceantar Carna/Chill Chiarain:
 - (i) Bothar na hAirde Moire;
 - (ii) Bothar an Mheall Rua, Maoinin.
 - (iii) Boithre Bailte Loch Con Aortha.
31. Cen dul chun cinn ata dha dheanamh maidir le sceim uisce Rosmuc/Camus. Ta deacreachtai mora sna ceantair seo - go speisialta sa samhraidh - cen fath an mhoill.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

32. That the following housing estates in Tuam be taken over by the County Council: Parkview Drive, Millstream Park, Trinity Court/Abbey Trinity Road and Cedar Court. An Engineer's report some time ago indicated no objections in most of these, so what is the reason for the delay.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN: - I will propose:

33. That Galway County Council have the road at Crumlin, Ballyglunin - from Carrafaheen to Crumlin Bridge earmarked for surface dressing in 1991 - as this road, now carrying a huge increased volume of traffic is in dire need of repair. I wish to seek a commitment after inspection to my proposal.
34. That Galway County Council extend the cemetery at Killine, Newbridge - now that land will be made available.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH: - I will propose:

35. That Galway County Council, as a matter of extreme urgency, raise the road at Ballincurry and Cloonfaughna, Glinsk, and at Kilcroan, Ballymoe, sections of these roads are seriously flooded, and are causing unacceptable hardship, several cars have had serious damage to engines. I ask for the total support of Council Members to have the necessary money made available to do the necessary work.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH: - I will propose:

36. That Galway County Council vigorously pursue the Government to provide the finance necessary to alleviate the problem of flooding at Kilcroan, Ballymoe, at Ballincurry and Cloonfaughna, Glinsk, at Kilbeg and Fortyacres, Williamstown, and at Esker and Woodfield, Glenamaddy. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY: - I will propose:

37. That a stretch of road at Loughgannon be repaired immediately, as a National Secondary Road - it is in a very dangerous condition, the recent work carried out on this road was done by a private firm and they should be brought back to put it right.
38. That the following should be restored which was damaged in recent storm - retaining wall beside Cloonisle Pier near Cashel. Also retaining wall beside Greens house, Cashel; retaining wall beside Gurteen Burial Ground, Roundstone.
39. That this Council take proper steps to have dangerous trees overhanging public roads cut down or made safe.

COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE: - I will propose:

40. That the Council make arrangements for the recycling of waste materials such as paper, glass, metals, etc., at a number of centres throughout the County.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH: - I will propose:

41. That Galway County Council provide public lights at Annaghdown Church and at Annaghdown Community Centre.
42. That Galway County Council surface dress road from Manusflynn to Bradagh.
43. That Galway County Council provide me with a commencement date for the improvement works to the Headford Sewage Treatment Plant.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

44. That Galway County Council erect large signs for Labane Village opposite Cemetery on National Primary Road at Labane, Ardrahan. There is serious danger of accidents at this location at night when the people are seeking direction for Funeral Parlour at Labane. I also seek estimate from County Council for erection of one light at this junction.
45. That Galway County Council clean and open manholes to prevent flooding on County Road, Ballymana-Mannion Road, Craughwell, and also Monksfield-Ballymana County Road, Craughwell, and also improve visibility of bend on Loughrea side of Joe Connolly's house, Monksfield, Craughwell.
46. That Galway County Council approve "the lodge" Group Water Scheme, Athenry. (Details supplied).

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor M. Loughnane.
(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, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillor T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; Ms. V. Raine, Executive Solicitor; Messrs. L. Kavanagh, B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4018 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62377 - APPLICANT: GERRY KYNE:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the Galway/Headford Road, National Secondary Route N84, approximately one and half miles south of Headford.

PREVIOUS HISTORY:

There have been no previous applications on this site but Planning Permissions for a total of 4 houses have been granted on family lands immediately to the south.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant has obtained permission for three houses on family lands since 1986. Two of the sites have been sold and the remaining one is advertised for sale. The

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family house adjoins the present site on its southern boundary and looks to be in good condition being approximately 20 years old, the applicant living therein with his mother.

The development plan restricts development along the route to the essential housing need of farmholders families, in the interests of preserving the safety and efficiency of National Routes. Since the applicant has already got good accommodation, has sold available sites and has extensive land on a County Road it is not accepted that there is an essential housing need in this case.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 8, Table 8.B of the County Development Plan which restricts development along this route to the essential housing needs of farmholders families, a category which does not exist in this case as there is an unavailed of planning permission on the Holding and an existing family house."

The County Engineer said that he wished to make a correction in the last line of the report. He said that the latest date for decision to issue should read 28th January, 1991, and not 25th January, 1991. He also said that traffic counts taken in September 1989 indicated a traffic flow of 4,225 vehicles, 10% being heavy goods vehicles and that this was equivalent to traffic flows on many National Primary Roads. He said that the development was on a section of road that had been realigned and on which traffic travelled at high speeds and the turning movements could cause an accident. He strongly recommended that Permission be refused.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy McCormack and seconded by Councillor McHugh. In reply to Deputy McCormack, the County Engineer said that he had no information about hard shoulders at this location. Replying to Councillor J. Burke about the other Permissions granted on the family lands, the County Engineer said that one was granted on appeal, and others were granted with exits on to the minor road. Councillor J. Brennan referred to the fact that no case was made for the resolution. A vote taken for or against the resolution as set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

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

(18)

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

Councillors F. Glynn and P. O'Tuathail abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

4019 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62801 - APPLICANT: FRANK McDONAGH:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Ryan and seconded by Councillor Raftery. The County Engineer read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located outside Mountbellew on the main Galway Road, National Secondary Route N63 (to the west of Mountbellew).

PREVIOUS PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 21086: Housing Development (including site, Outline Permission Refused).
Ref. No. 25578: Housing Development (including site, Outline Permission Refused).
Ref. No. 26383: Housing Development (including site, Outline Permission Refused).
Ref. No. 30716: Housing Development (including site, Outline Permission Refused).
Ref. No. 31761: Housing Development (Outline Permission Granted - expired).

THIS SITE IN PARTICULAR:

Ref. No. 58180: Permission refused on this site for a house, access to road as now proposed onto National Secondary Route. Applicant: F. McDonagh. One of the reasons for this refusal was on the basis of traffic hazard - the access being as now proposed onto the National Secondary Route. The second reason was because of the applicant did not have a family housing need.

Ref. No. 58899: Permission granted for house as on site 58180 with access onto minor road. The drawings showed this, and condition no. 2 limited access thus. Applicant: F. McDonagh.

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Ref. No. 62238: Same site - house by now built. Permission refused for any access onto National Secondary Route. Applicant: F. McDonagh.

Ref. No. 62801: Current application for an access onto National Secondary Route for same house. Applicant: F. McDonagh.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The proposed access would create a traffic hazard located on the National Secondary Route where the maximum speed limit applies.

The proposed development, if granted, would contravene the County Development Plan which requires that such an access be restricted to certain persons into which category the applicant does not fall. (Table 8.B Class 11 Control).

This is the 4th application pertaining to this site which the applicant has made. It was clear to him before he built his house that permission would not be granted on the basis of access onto National Secondary Route. He has nevertheless persisted in his attempt to contribute to a proliferation of accesses onto a National Route and the proposal will serve as a precedent for other similar openings from this site. The Planning Authority has a current application on an adjoining site to the west which has yet to be decided.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed access would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National Secondary Route 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) protect the public investment in National Road network.

2. The proposed access would contravene the County Development Plan (Table 8.B Class 11 Control) which limits access along this road to those where essential family housing need exists, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

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The County Engineer said that there was a service road partly completed and the minor road was not too far away, and this was in accordance with the Planning Permission granted. However, the applicant now wanted to exit on to the National Secondary Road in spite of the alternative available. He said that the last traffic count showed a total of 1,364 vehicles of which approximately 13% were heavy vehicles. He said that vehicles on the road west of Mountbellew tended to travel at high speeds and that there would be a risk of accidents from the turning movements. If this Permission was granted, it could set a precedent for others and he recommended that Permission be refused. Councillor Ryan said that this site was one of 6 or 7 sites. He said he had looked at the site and saw nothing in the Development Plan to prevent it. He said that the applicant was already using an access from the National Secondary Road as were suppliers of materials for the house, etc. He said that the County Council requirements put an added danger on the applicant. Across the road, there were 7 houses with exits on to the main road and on the applicant's side of the road, there were at least 6 houses and therefore, the proposed exit would not make the position any worse. He said that if the other sites lower down were developed, they would have to come out on to the minor road because it would be too expensive to do other wise. He said it would cost the applicant alot of money to make the service road as requested by the Council and he asked that it be treated as a special case. Deputy Treacy said that he supported the resolution and said that there was never a case of the applicant not having a housing need as suggested in the report. He said the National Secondary Road was not a busy one and traffic on the minor road slows down coming to the junction. He asked that full consideration be given to the granting of the Permission requested as this would avoid alot of expense and it seemed a meritorious case from a planning point of view.

The County Engineer said that the applicant would not have got Planning Permission only for the fact that the access was shown on to the minor road. He said the applicant was now using an unauthorised access to the site from the National Secondary Road. He accepted that there were other houses on the road but nevertheless, he had to take into account traffic control and traffic safety, and there was another planning application lodged for an adjoining site which had yet to be decided. He said the applicant was aware that access would only be allowed on to the minor road.

Councillor Ryan said the applicant now realised that he may have made a mistake in buying the site as the developer is not completing the development of the sites or contributing towards the cost of the service road.

Councillor Walsh said that the access looked safe and that it was difficult to explain to people how some houses could have access on to the National Secondary Road and others could not. Councillor Ryan said that he saw no difference between this house and other houses with access on to the National Secondary Road.

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

(18)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke and P. O'Tuathail. (2)

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

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

COUNCILLOR JOYCE TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT.

020 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Deputy Treacy, the Minutes of the following Meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 14th December, 1990.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 17th December, 1990.

Arising from the Minutes, Councillor McHugh referred to the absence of Minister Robert Molloy from a number of Council Meetings and said that an explanation was necessary. The Secretary stated that the question of disqualification would only arise as a result of a Member's absence for 12 consecutive months.

Councillor O'Conchubhair referred to the Lettermore/Teeranea Water Supply and the problems which arise in the event of an electricity cut-off. He said that if the electricity is cut off, the water supply is also affected, and he asked that a standby generator be installed. The County Engineer explained that electricity failure was not the only cause of the problem. He said that there were a number of leaks in the system and the Council proposed laying some new main this year which he hoped would help the situation. Councillor O'Tuathail said that while there was a standby pump available, it was not always in working order and this should be rectified.

021 - SALE OF HOUSE:

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Senator Hussey, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Lissybroder, Dunmore, to Michael Mitchell,

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Garrafrauns, Dunmore, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 4th July, 1990, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

4022 - AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1989:

A copy of the Auditor's Report for the year ended 31st December, 1989, was circulated to each Member with the Agenda. The Chairman and Members congratulated Mr. Lusby, Finance Officer, on the excellent Auditor's Report. Replying to Councillor Loughnane about the deficit on the Material Expense Account (Stores), Mr. Lusby explained that there was not an actual loss of funds involved and it could be rectified by increasing charges.

4023 - BALLINASLOE 850 CELEBRATION:

The Secretary explained that this matter was considered by the Council at its Meeting on 23rd November, 1990, following an invitation from Ballinasloe U.D.C. to nominate two elected Members of the County Council and one non-elected Member to be appointed to the Ballinasloe 850 Steering Committee. At that Meeting, the Council proposed that all the Members from the Ballinasloe Electoral Area be nominated to the Committee. The Secretary said that this proposal was referred to Ballinasloe U.D.C. who again asked that the number of Nominees be limited to three in order to keep the total number on the Committee at 13.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, the nomination of Councillor Brennan to the Ballinasloe 850 Committee was approved. On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the nomination of Councillor J. Joyce was also approved. On the proposition of the Chairman, Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the nomination of Mr. Martin Joyce, Aughrim, Ballinasloe, was approved. This resulted in the following being nominated to the Ballinasloe 850 Committee:

Councillor J. Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.
Councillor J. Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Martin Joyce, Aughrim, Ballinasloe.

4024 - LOCAL ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN RESULTS 1990:

A list of the prize winners of all the Competitions organised as part of the Local Environment Campaign 1990 was circulated to each Member. The Chairman complimented the County Manager and other Council Officials for promoting the Campaign and achieving such good results. He suggested that consideration might be given to a Competition for tidy townlands as he had noted that some farmers keep their property in a very tidy condition. Other Members also paid tribute to the good work which was being done and to the

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winners of the Competitions. Councillor U. Burke asked about the possibility of making a video of the good work being done and which could be used for educational purposes and for promoting the County. The County Manager agreed that it was necessary that the Council should highlight its achievements and said that the making of a video was under consideration and also a Newsletter. Councillor Glynn said that the Council should try and retain the provision of stone walls as opposed to fencing particularly at strategic locations such as entrances to towns and should try and get the Department of the Environment to agree to this.

Councillor Finnegan referred to some damage which had been caused in Kilmoylan Burial Ground during the recent storms and asked that the Council investigate the matter.

4025 - COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 11/13TH APRIL, 1991.

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, the Council agreed to nominate Senator T. Hussey and Councillor T. Welby to attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy McCormack, the Council also agreed to nominate Councillor J. Mannion to attend the Conference.

As the date of the Conference was clashing with the date of the April Planning Meeting, it was agreed that the April Planning Meeting be held on Monday, 8th April.

4026 - MEETING OF ARTS COMMITTEE:

The Chairman asked that a date be fixed for the next Meeting of the Arts Committee. It was agreed that an Arts Committee Meeting would be held on the 12th February at 4.00 p.m.

4027 - E.E.C. INITIATIVE - LEADER PROJECT:

The County Manager referred to the document which was circulated which gave details of this Community Initiative. He said that a Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Sub-Regional Group drew attention to the initiative. He said that about four projects might be accepted for the whole country and the eligible groups would cover a rural area of up to 100,000 population. E.E.C. financial aid would be awarded to the selected groups who meet the specific aims of the Leader Initiative. The scheme would be operated through the Department of Agriculture. The County Manager said that he was bringing the matter before the Members in order that they could declare their interest in it and might use the County Development Team to work on the project. He said that the County Development Team had been working with the "Corrib Country Group" which would appear to meet the criteria laid down for the project. He said that further information was awaited from the Commission and would be given to the Members when available. The Chairman agreed that the Council should participate in the scheme and try and get a project accepted. Other Members also welcomed the

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idea and agreed that the Council should participate.

4028 - OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME ON PERIPHERALITY:

A copy of the summary document on the Operational Programme on Peripherality (Roads and other Transport Infrastructure) was circulated to each Member. A copy of County Engineer's report dated 28th January, 1991, was also circulated which gave details of the Roadworks which will be funded under the Programme. The work involves the Galway Eastern Approach Road and provided for the construction of 2 bridges, one which will carry the new road over the railway at Carrowkeel, and the other which will carry the Gurraun Road over the new dual carriageway. The surfacing of the dual carriageway between Oranmore and Merlin Park is also included. All of the works included in the Programme are expected to be completed by the end of 1991 when the section of road from Oranmore to Merlin Park will be opened. The County Engineer said that no provision has yet been made for the interlinking section of road from Ballybane to Doughiska, but land acquisition proposals will go ahead. The County Engineer said that there was no provision for Loughrea By-Pass.

Councillor U. Burke asked when would plans be brought forward for Loughrea By-Pass as there seemed to be a favourable climate towards it. The County Engineer said that the Council Design Staff were re-designing a number of junctions, etc. and proposals would be brought to the Council as soon as possible. Councillor U. Burke said that the Cappataggle/Aughrim road was treacherous. The County Engineer replied that the Council was examining the Cappataggle/Aughrim Road and trying to find an equitable solution for improvement. Deputy McCormack said that it was hard to justify such large expenditure on National Routes while County Roads were in a very bad condition. Councillor O'Tuathail said that the programme as outlined in the summary document was a continuation of E.E.C. policy to favour the East of the country. He asked what happened the proposals submitted to the Department to assist aquaculture and tourism development. Councillor O'Conchubhair agreed with Councillor O'Tuathail saying that there was no point in investing in factories, etc., if other infrastructure is not provided.

The County Manager said that the Council made a strong case on aquaculture and tourism development but the outlook did not look good. Councillor Glynn complained about the uncompleted sections of the N17 around Milltown and at Mallins bend, north of Milltown. Councillors J. Burke and Finnegan agreed with Councillor Glynn and Councillor Finnegan complained about potholes on the N17. The County Engineer replied that he was hopeful of funds for the N17 next year. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the following resolution was adopted:

"That the Minister for the Environment be advised of the Council's serious concern that no funds have been provided in the Programme on Peripherality for badly

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needed improvements on the following routes:

N17 north and south of Milltown,
N6 Cappataggle/Aughrim Road
N6 Loughrea By-Pass,
N 84 Galway/Shrule N.S.
Roads in Connemara connected with the tourism and aquaculture industries."

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

029 - CLUAIN MUIRE:

The County Manager advised the Members that Planning Permission had been granted for the Council's new Headquarters at Cluain Mhuire and plans would be brought before the Council, hopefully by the end of March.

030 - AUGHRIM INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE:

The County Manager informed the Members that he hoped work would be able to start soon on the Aughrim Interpretative Centre.

031 - SUPPLEMENTARY WELFARE EXPENDITURE:

The County Manager referred to report of the Finance Officer dated 28th January, 1991, concerning a notification from the Department of Social Welfare requiring payment by the Council of an additional sum of £97,656 in respect of Supplementary Welfare Expenditure from the 1st July, 1977, to 31st December, 1985. The County Manager explained that the Council should not have to pay this sum and had not budgeted for it. On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the following resolution was adopted:

"That Galway County Council request the Ministers for Environment and Social Welfare to waive the charge of £97,656 in respect of Supplementary Welfare Expenditure from 1st July, 1977, to 31st December, 1985. The Council considers it unfair and unjust to be asked to pay a levy now for a period dating back so many years, and particularly so when the Council is denied the right to examine the records on which the charge is based, and having regard to the fact that revised arrangements were implemented in 1986 to resolve the matter finally."

032 - STORM DAMAGE:

A summary of the claim for Storm Damage was circulated to each Member. The County Manager informed Members that they could advise the County Engineer of any damage which they felt was omitted from the claim.

The Chairman welcomed the Manager's announcements in relation to Cluain Mhuire and Aughrim and hoped that the Contract for Aughrim would be signed as quickly as possible.

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4033 - HEADAGE PAYMENTS:

Councillor O'Tuathail complained about the delay in the making of Headage Payments and asked that a letter be written to the Department of Agriculture on the matter. This was seconded by Councillor J. Burke and agreed.

4034 - HEADFORD WATER SUPPLY:

Councillor McHugh asked that the quality of water in the Headford Water Supply be investigated.

4035 - OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME - SANITARY SERVICES:

This item was deferred.

4036 - E.R.N.A.C.T. (EUROPEAN REGIONS NETWORK FOR THE APPLICATION OF COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY) PROJECT:

Members noted report of the 22nd January from the Assistant County Manager which outlined details of a pilot project in the field of advanced telecommunications technology. The project would be grant-aided by the European Community. The objectives of the project are:

- (i) To improve generally the ways in which regional and local authorities apply communications technology in the performance of their functions.
- (ii) To explore how the technology can be used to facilitate co-operation between regional and local authorities at community level.

The cost to the Council per annum over a 2 year period would be in the region of £20,000. With E.C. grant aid, the advantages to the Council from the project would outweigh its financial contribution.

The regions involved in the project are -

South West Flanders - Belgium
Province of North Jutland - Denmark
North West Ireland - Donegal/Derry
Ireland - Galway.

It was proposed to appoint Derry/Donegal as the lead region.

On the recommendation of the Assistant county Manager, it was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council gives its approval to the project and to the nomination of Derry/Donegal as the lead region subject to a written Contract between Derry/Donegal and Galay, setting out the specific terms of the arrangement."

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It was also proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan, and resolved that the County Engineer and Assistant County Manager be nominated to the Management Committee overseeing the project.

4037 - VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Mullins, a vote of sympathy was adopted to the wife and family of the late John Kelly, former Government Minister and Attorney General. All the Members joined in the vote of sympathy and paid tribute to the late Mr. Kelly. The County Secretary joined in the expression of sympathy on behalf of the County Manager and staff.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Paraic & Annie Coyne, Derringlass, Lettermore, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Geraldine Whelan & Family, Grannagh, Ardrahan.
Mr. Willie Fahy, Louscaun, Woodford.
Mr. Denis Conway, Douras, Woodford.
Mrs. May Connolly, Woodbrook, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Delia Kerrigan, Killyan, Newbridge, Ballinasloe.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

4038 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE REVIEW CARRIED OUT WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING SAFETY PROPOSALS AT CORRANDULLA (details supplied): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Additional signs will be erected at the above location within the next month. Footpath repairs will also be carried out.

The provision of a public light will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Public Lighting Programme."

4039 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL IMPLEMENT SAFETY PROPOSALS BY WAY OF SIGN AT HOUSING ESTATE (details supplied): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The provision of Children Crossing signs at above location is not recommended as the provision of such signs is restricted to school locations."

4040 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INFORM YOU ON THE CURRENT POSITION RE: PAYMENT OF GRANT - TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION PROGRAMME - T331/G:MAY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

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"The allocation of funds for tourism will be made by An Bord Failte to the specific beneficiaries."

- 4041 - THAT FUNDS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE TRANSPORTING AND TRANSPORTING AND REPAIRING OF DEMOUNTABLE DWELLINGS: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"I wish to inform you that funds were recently approved for the relocation of demountable dwellings, and the Council is arranging to have 20 demountables relocated."

- 4042 - WHAT PLANS HAVE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF A SEWERAGE SCHEME AT KINVARA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack:

"No plans have been prepared for a sewage treatment works at Kinvara. The Council has a substantial programme of water and sewerage schemes and further schemes will be included in this programme as the need arises."

In accordance with Circular L1/90 priority is being given to discharges to coastal waters from areas with a population equivalent of 10,000 or more and for discharges to estuarine waters from areas with a population equivalent of 2,000 or more."

- 4043 - THAT SPEED LIMITS AT FURBO BE EXTENDED ON THE GALWAY APPROACH ROAD AND ON THE SPIDDAL SIDE OF FURBO BY ABOUT 500 YARDS IN EACH AS THIS ROAD IS EXTENSIVELY USED BY HEAVY TRAFFIC: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Extension of speed limits at the above location will be considered when the next review of speed limits for the whole County takes place in 1992."

- 4044 - THAT WORKS BE CARRIED OUT TO PREVENT THE REGULAR FLOODING ON THE COUNTY ROAD AT MONKSFIELD, CRAUGHWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Water Tables will be opened at the above location as part of routine maintenance."

- 4045 - THAT THE PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF THE COUNCIL HOUSES AT PORTUMNA ROAD, WOODFORD, BE REPAIRED FORTHWITH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply as given to Councillor Matt

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Loughnane:

"The necessary works have recently been carried out."

- 4046 - THAT JUNCTION SIGNS BE PROVIDED ON THE N.6 EAST OF LOUGHREA INDICATING THE MINOR ROAD TO MAGEES, DUGGANS, BANES, FORDES, LOUGHREYS, CONROYS, KENNEDYS AND HEALYS HOUSES: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"It is hoped to have signs erected at the above location in the near future."

- 4047 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRIES OUT REPAIRS TO HOUSE AT (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"An inspection of the above house has been carried out. The repairs necessary are not considered urgent at the present time, and will be included in a work programme later in 1991."

- 4048 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT URGENT REMEDIAL WORKS AND UPGRADE OF THE ROADWAY, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND THE ALIGNMENT OF THE CONNECTING ROADS, AT THE JUNCTION OF THE SLAUGHTY/SHANNON/COOSE NORTH ROAD WITH THE SCARRIFF/COOSE/GURTEENY ROAD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"With regard to accessibility and alignment of the connecting roads at above location, I wish to state that the Council are satisfied that the roads in question are adequate. However, the carrying out of the improvements at the above junction is not considered a priority having regard to the limited funds available."

- 4049 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY CARRY OUT MAJOR REPAIRS TO A HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Agnes Rocke is an applicant for the 1988 Tenant Purchase Scheme. In such cases, repairs are not being carried out by the Council. However, as Mrs. Rocke has not confirmed to us, as requested in our letter of the 25th April, 1990, that she is proceeding with the purchase of her house, we have requested our Engineering Department to carry out an immediate inspection of repairs which were requested by you, which was the first time we were made aware of any repairs necessary to this house. If, however, she is proceeding with the purchase of the house, repairs will not be carried out."

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- 4050 - GO MBEADH COMHARTHA SGOILE OLLMHOR AG GORT MOR: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir M. O'Morain:

"Ta na sinithe reachtuil curtha ar fail ag an lathair thuas luaite. Nil se ceadaithe sinithe nios mo na na sinithe seo a chuir ar fail ar Bhoithre regiunach agus Boithre Condae."

- 4051 - COMHARTHA CONTUIRT A CHUIR AR AN CROS BHOTHAR AR AN MBOHTAR I SNA BO, SNA BO GO CLADACH AGUS AN BOTHAR ATA TRASNA AIR: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR MICHEAL O MORAIN:

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir M. O'Morain:

"Ta a lan sinithe bothar ag teastail ar fud cheantar Chasla chomh maith le oilean Arainn. Cuirtear sinithe ar fail de reir tosaiochta agus de reir mar a bhíonn airgead ar fail. Ni bheadh tosaiocht ag an lathair thuas luaite faoi lathair."

- 4052 - GO NDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA BOITHRE SEO A LEANAS I GCEANTAR CARNA/CHILL CHIARAIN - (i) BOUTHAR NA HAIRDE MOIRE; (ii) BOUTHAR AN MHEALL RUA, MAONIS; (iii) BOITHRE BAILTE LOCH CON AORTHA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEARAR O'TUATHAIL:

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

"Beidh an Comhairle Condae ag machnamh ar cas na boithre thuas luaite nuair a bheid muid ag reiteach sceim na mboithre le haghaidh 1991."

- 4053 - CEN DUL CHUN CINN ATA DHA DHEANAMH MAIDIR LE SCEIM UISCE ROSMUC/CAMUS: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEARAR O'TUATHAIL:

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

"Ba mhaith liom a chuir in iul duit go bhfuil C.A.A.S. ag cuir Environment Impact Study le cheile faoi lathair."

Ta an Comhairle Condae ag cuir C.P.O. le cheile freisin. Beidh muid ag cuir fogra sna papear nuachta nuair a deanfar scrudu ar an staidear thuasluaite."

- 4054 - THAT THE FOLLOWING HOUSING ESTATES IN TUAM BE TAKEN OVER BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL: PARKVIEW DRIVE, MILLSTREAM PARK, TRINITY COURT/ABBEY TRINITY ROAD AND CEDAR COURT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

"The only scheme where the services can be taken over is

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Bel Air Drive and arrangements are being made to publish the required notices, etc. In the case of the other schemes, the previous report indicated that they could be taken over subject to certain works being carried out but these works have not been carried out to date."

- 4055 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE THE ROAD AT CRUMLIN, BALLY-GLUNIN - FROM CARRAFAIREEN TO CRUMLIN BRIDGE EARMARKED FOR SURFACE DRESSING IN 1991: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Ryan:

"The above road is considered to be in fair condition and routine maintenance was recently carried out."

- 4056 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EXTEND THE CEMETERY AT KILLINE, NEWBRIDGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Ryan:

"There are burial plots still available in this cemetery. The Council is currently investigating the possibility of developing the lowlying area of the burial ground which would allow for an additional 25 burial plots. The records indicate that about three new plots are opened annually."

- 4057 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL, AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, RAISE THE ROAD AT BALLINCURRY AND CLOONFAUGHNA, GLINSK AND AT KILCROAN, BALLYMOE. SECTIONS OF THESE ROADS ARE SERIOUSLY FLOODED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"At Kilcroan Cross, a section of Regional Road R.360 was flooded to a depth which was unpassable to traffic. It is feasible to raise the road to flood level and there is little or no difficulty with field gates/entrances. The work will be considered for carrying out under the current year's discretionary grant works. The County Road south east of Kilcroan Cross was also recently flooded. The flood waters rose to a depth of approximately 3'6". There are difficulties raising the existing road level to this flood level. Difficulties will arise with an existing house entrance, front garden and adjacent sheds and this matter will require further investigation before a solution can be proposed."

- 4058 - THAT A STRETCH OF ROAD AT LOUGHANNON BE REPAIRED IMMEDIATELY AS A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

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"The necessary repairs have now been carried out."

- 4059 - THAT THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE RESTORED WHICH WAS DAMAGED IN RECENT STORM - RETAINING WALL BESIDE CLOONISLE PIER NEAR CASHEL. ALSO RETAINING WALL BESIDE GREENS HOUSE, CASHEL; RETAINING WALL BESIDE GURTEEN BURIAL GROUND, ROUNDSTONE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"The above locations are included in the storm/flood damage claim recently submitted to the Department of the Environment."

- 4060 - THAT THIS COUNCIL TAKE PROPER STEPS TO HAVE DANGEROUS TREES OVERHANGING PUBLIC ROADS CUT DOWN OR MADE SAFE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"The responsibility for trees rests with land owners and it is important that they should be aware of that responsibility. Land owners are urged to act responsibly in regard to potentially dangerous trees and should not wait for the County Council to alert them of possible dangers. In any case, where the County Council proposes to examine trees, the Council will consider drawing the land owners attention to any information at our disposal."

- 4061 - THAT THE COUNCIL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RECYCLING OF WASTE MATERIALS SUCH AS PAPER, GLASS, METALS, ETC., AT A NUMBER OF CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The Council is currently investigating the possibility of providing bottle banks and other waste recycling facilities at various locations throughout the County. Facilities are already available in the City which serve part of the County."

- 4062 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE PUBLIC LIGHTS AT ANNAGHDOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Provision of lights at above locations will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Public Lighting Programme."

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- 4063 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE DRESS ROAD FROM MANUSFLYNN TO BRADAGH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Repairs to the above road will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Road Works Programme."

- 4064 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE ME WITH A COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO THE HEADFORD SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The Department of the Environment has approved the Preliminary Report for Headford Sewerage Scheme and the Council has asked the Department to approve a Brief for the appointment of Consultants to prepare Contract Documents."

As a short term measure the Council has sought tenders for improvement works to the existing plant. It is hoped to have this work carried out shortly."

- 4065 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT LARGE SIGNS FOR LABANE VILLAGE OPPOSITE CEMETERY ON NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD AT LABANE, ARDRAHAN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Existing signs at this location were vandalised last year. However, the signs in question will be replaced in the near future."

Estimate for light at the above location will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Public Lighting Programme."

- 4066 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN AND OPEN MANHOLES TO PREVENT FLOODING ON COUNTY ROAD, BALLYMANA-MANNION ROAD, CRAUGHWELL, AND ALSO MONKSFIELD-BALLYMANA COUNTY ROAD, CRAUGHWELL, AND ALSO IMPROVE VISABILITY OF BEND ON LOUGHREA SIDE OF JOE CONNOLLY'S HOUSE, MONKSFIELD, CRAUGHWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Water Tables will be opened at above location as part of routine maintenance. Removal of bend at Monksfield is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce. However, the work could be carried out if Councillors N.O.M. funds were provided."

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4067 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVE "THE LODGE" GROUP WATER SCHEME, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Survey sheets for a group scheme for 2 houses and 25 acres of land were received in June 1990.

The proposed source stated "well". No location map or description of the proposed source was given.

The Department of the Environment has not yet requested any quality or quantity tests.

The group should submit a location map to allow for consideration of this proposal in relation to other schemes and to provide for testing should this be necessary."

4068 - CORRESPONDENCE:

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

(1) Letter dated 13th December, 1990, from Athlone Urban District Council, re funding for the F.C.A.

(2) Letter dated 17th December, 1990, from Shannon Town Commissioners, re request for a "freephone" service or calls at local rates for citizens to have cheaper access to Social Welfare Departments in Dublin, Sligo, and Letterkenny, etc.

(3) Letter dated 17th December, 1990, from Donegal County Council, re phasing out of drift net fishing.

(4) Letter dated 20th December, 1990, from Leitrim County Council, re Motor Insurance Industry in this country.

(5) Letter dated 10th January, 1991, from Tipperary SR County Council re support for status of Shannon Airport.

(6) Letter dated 17th January, 1991, from Longford County Council re placing of mentally handicapped adults in appropriate care.

(7) Letter dated 17th December, 1990, from Office of the Minister for Justice and for Communications re case of Mr. Desmond Ellis.

(8) Letter dated 10th January, 1991, from Wexford County Council re Fishery Harbour Development Programme.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Jane Joyce CHAIRMAN

25/2/91 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON WEDNESDAY 23rd JANUARY, 1991.

In the Chair: Councillor Loughnane

Members Present: Mr. Seamus Donoghue
Mr. Michael O'Hogain
Fr. Dermot Maloney
Cllr. Peter Raftery
Mr. Michael Gilhooley
Cllr. P. McHugh
Mr. Patrick J. Gilmore,
Mr. Tomas O'Muineachain
Caoimhghin O'Maicin
Mr. Paddy Grealish
Mr. Martin McHugh
Mr. Patrick Clancy
Mr. Jimmy McClearn
Cllr. Joe Lambert
Cllr. Michael Ryan
Cllr. Martin Lynch
Cllr. Matt Loughnane
Mr. Thomas Connolly
Cllr. Michael Mullins
Mr. Tomas O'Baoill

Also Present: Mr. Tony Murphy, Senior Staff Officer

Apologies Received: Mrs. Mary Fahy

It was proposed by Councillor McHugh seconded by Councillor Raftery and agreed that Councillor Loughnane be appointed Chairman of the Committee. Councillor Joyce proposed a vote of sympathy to Mrs. Mary Fahy whose mother died recently. At the request of Councillor Ryan Mr. Murphy gave the following information in relation to the 1990 Higher Education Grant Scheme.

1. Number of new awards in 1990 - 310
2. Total number of grant holders - 719
3. Number over the means who did not qualify for any grant - 27
4. Amount paid in 1990 in respect of fees - £1,418,294.25 and maintenance £993,721

At the request of Councillor Lynch Mr. Murphy gave details of the income limits prevailing in the 1990 Scheme. Councillor Lynch said that these limits should be increased and he also suggested that provision be made in the Scheme for exceptional circumstances such as major expenses on illnesses and also high mortgage repayments. A discussion took place regarding the change in the educational requirements for the award of grants and Mr. Murphy explained that this change applied only to students who sat the leaving certificate in 1990 or subsequent years. The Chairman proposed that this change in relation to the educational requirements should be made retrospective. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Raftery and agreed. The Chairman also proposed that grants be awarded in respect of appropriate courses anywhere in Great Britain. This proposal was seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed. Mr. O'Donoghue said that "many people especially those on P.A.Y.E. were unable to afford to send their children to third level institutions because

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of the inadequacy of the Grant System". Following further discussion it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Gilhooley and agreed that a deputation from the committee should ask to meet The Minister for Education and that the proposals already sent in December, 1989 and the proposals which had been agreed at this meeting would constitute the agenda for the meeting with the Minister. The following members were nominated to be part of this deputation:

NOMINEE	PROPOSED BY	SECONDED BY
Cllr. Mullins	Cllr. Lynch	Mr. Gilhooley
Cllr. Loughnane	Mr. Gilhooley	Cllr. Raftery
Cllr. Lynch	Mr. Donoghue	Cllr. Ryan
Mr. Gilhooley	Cllr. Raftery	Cllr. Lambert
Cllr. Joyce	Mr. Grealish	Mr. Gilhooley
Mr. Tom Connolly	Cllr. Ryan	Cllr. Lambert
Mr. Donoghue	Cllr. Lynch	Cllr. Loughnane

It was proposed by Councillor Lynch seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed that Mr. Murphy would also be part of this deputation.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

James Joyce
CHAIRMAN

DATE