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Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

Iu la Feabhra, 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 8u la Feabhra, 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:

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank to Mr. Brendan Callanan, Frenchfort, Oranmore, Co. Galway, at Cloonoo East, Loughrea, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 61640."

Michael Fahy. Matt Loughnane. Frank Fahey. Noel Treacy.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Housing Capital Programme - See report on Housing Service - Appendix 7 in Book of Estimates.
3. Environmental Protection Agency Bill, 1990.
4. Operational Programme - Sanitary Services.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; R. Killeen, S.E.E.; T. Coughlan and D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4069 - CONGRATULATIONS:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, the Council congratulated Deputy Treacy on his appointment as Minister of State, Department of Justice.

4070 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 61640 - APPLICANT: BRENDAN CALLANAN:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy and seconded by Councillor Loughnane. The following report, which was circulated to each Member of the Council, was read by the County Engineer:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the N6 Galway to Dublin National Primary Route between Craughwell and Loughrea.

PREVIOUS PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 33011: Applicant: B. Callanan. Outline Planning Permission granted for one house on a larger site but including the present site (1979). (2 house applied for, only 1 house granted). This application had an enurement condition - no agreement was subsequently entered into.

Ref. No. 34901: Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission

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refused for 1 house on site which formed part of site the subject of ref. no. 33011, and slightly overlapped current site.

Ref. No. 35670: Applicant: B. Callanan. Approval granted subsequent to grant of outline Planning Permission Ref. No. 33011 (for one house). Enurement Clause was included but agreement was not subsequently entered into and no house was built.

Ref. no. 37740: Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission refused for the erection of a service station and the construction of a septic tank by the County Council. The application was subsequently refused on appeal. The site in question was the same as the site in question in ref. nos. 33011 and 35670.

Ref. No. 40066: Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission granted by Section 4 decision to grant the development in question in ref. no. 37740 on the same site. This Section 4 decision was appealed and subsequently refused on appeal.

Ref. No. 41584: Applicant: B. Callanan. Permission granted by Section 4 decision for the same development as in 37740 and 40066. The decision was again appealed and refused on appeal.

Ref. No. 44087: Applicant: F. Daniels. Permission granted by Section 4 to a development similar in all respects to the Decisions 37740, 40066, 41584, detailed above, each of which decision had been refused. This application was also refused on appeal.

Ref. No. 47641: Applicant: B. Callanan. As in the case of previous applications for the same development ref. nos. 40066, 41584 and 44087, this application was granted by Section 4 and was refused on appeal.

Ref. No. 50480: Applicant: B. Callanan. Outline Permission granted for a house by Section 4 on site immediately east of the currently proposed site.

Ref. No. 53052: Approval granted for a house subsequent to 50480. This house has not been built and the planning permission is still valid. Therefore, the applicant is in possession of a valid planning application on the site immediately east of the proposed site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The site is on the National Primary Route Galway/Dublin where development is restricted to certain categories of development to which this development does not belong.

2. The site has been found to be unsuitable for the disposal of effluent as evidenced by trial hole

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investigations.

3. The applicant has an adjacent unavailed of permission.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because the proposed lands are unsuitable for the satisfactory disposal of effluent.

2. The proposed development would create a serious traffic hazard because the proposed would involve a new access onto a stretch of the National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies.

3. The proposed development would contravene materially a development objective indicated in the County Development Plan which limits housing development in this area to the essential housing needs of local farmholders and their families, a category of development which does not apply in this case. This provision is set out in Table 8.A, Class 1 Control, Page 85."

The County Engineer said that a traffic count taken in 1989 on this road gave a figure of 4,955 vehicles, 13% of which were commercial and heavy goods vehicles. Based on an average increase of three and half per cent, this would bring the count to between 5,100 and 5,200 vehicles which was a substantial amount of vehicles for this road. The County Engineer said that this was a very fast stretch of road where the speed limits were honoured more in the breach than in the observance, and anybody standing on the road for 10 minutes would see most vehicles exceeding the speed limits. He said that the risk caused by a new opening was obvious and the turning movements and traffic speed were recipes for a serious accident. He said that National Routes were not intended as service roads, and should be preserved for carrying traffic to and from major centres. He strongly recommended that the application be refused. The County Engineer said that he wished to make a correction in the report circulated and said that Outline Permission no. 50480 had now expired which also meant that Approval No. 53052 was also lapsed.

Councillor M. Fahy said that Mr. Callanan was not a Speculator, and in 1979, was granted Permission for a house for a member of his family. He applied later and was refused Permission for a petrol station. He said Mr. Callanan was being treated unfairly as other Permissions were granted. Councillor Fahy said that Mr. Callanan was seeking to have Permission no. 33011 renewed by the present application. If granted, there could be a condition that a right of way would go through site, the subject of Permission No. 50480, and therefore, there would be no need for a new entrance to the new National Primary Route. He said that in

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fairness the Council should renew the two Permissions as they were required for Mr. Callanan's two sons. He asked the Council to consider the application favourably.

Councillor Loughnane said it was important to note that the houses were for Mr. Callanan's two sons. It was their home area, and there was an authentic case for family dwellings.

Councillor J. Burke said that the Council had dealt fairly with the previous applications and there was a very strong case for refusing the current application. The Council had a duty to preserve the National Routes for traffic. An independent body had also decided to refuse Permission. Councillor Burke also referred to the previous application in the name of F. Daniels and asked if an Enurement Clause would be acceptable. Councillor Loughnane said that it was unreasonable to take the 1979 application into account which was 12 years ago when the applicant's son did not have a housing need, but does now.

The County Engineer said that the application, the subject of the resolution, was for one dwellinghouse. He said the second family dwelling clause only applied where land holdings were involved which was not the position in this case. He said the house is to be occupied by the applicant and his wife, and the applicant already has a house at Frenchfort, Oranmore. Councillor J. Burke said that information differed from information given by the proposers of the resolution. Councillor Loughnane said that it was family land and the applicant wanted two houses for his sons, one of whom would occupy the parent's house. The County Engineer replied that there was no land holding involved and the applicant stated the house was for himself and his wife.

Deputy McCormack referred to application no. 40066 which was granted by Section 4 and was implemented by the Manager. He said the Manager was adopting a different attitude now to Section 4s and asked what had changed. He also asked the date of application number 53052. The County Manager replied that he was taking the advice of the Law Agent who was taking Court decisions into account and matters highlighted therein. The date of application no. 53052 was 1987, but the date of the Outline Permission was the relevant date.

Deputy McCormack said that a report in the daily paper about the abuse of Section 4s was incorrect and said that Section 4s in Dublin relate to bigger housing developments as against single houses in Galway.

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

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea MEP, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Molloy, P. Raftery, and T. Welby.

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

(10)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

4071 - **CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Chairman read a letter from Aras an Uachtaran regretting that due to heavy commitments, the President would be unable to address the Council.

4072 - **REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TOWNS OF CLIFDEN, TUAM, GORT, ATHENRY, AND LOUGHREA:**

The Secretary stated that the Development Plans for the Scheduled Towns of Clifden, Tuam, Gort, and Athenry, required to be reviewed before the 26th April, 1991. He said the Council would not be able to meet this deadline, and therefore, an extension of time would be required. The Plan for Loughrea Town was due for review before 8th June, 1992. The Secretary stated that the Draft Town Plans would be presented to Committees comprising Members from the Electoral Areas. The proposed Timetable was that the Draft Plan for Clifden would be presented in February 1991, Draft Tuam Plan in April 1991, Draft Gort Plan in July 1991, and Draft Athenry Plan in October 1991. All the Draft Plans would then be brought before the Council and published for Statutory three month period to allow for submissions/objections. This period would expire in February 1992, and the Plans would be brought before the Council again in March 1992. He recommended, therefore, that an extension of one year be applied for to the 30th April, 1992.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was resolved:

"That application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend to 30th April, 1992, in accordance with Section 20 1(A) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963, as inserted by Section 43(1)(f) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1976, the Statutory Period for the Review of the Development Plans for the Scheduled towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort and Tuam, Co. Galway."

4073 - **MEETING WITH UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA:**

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Welby, it was agreed that the following dates be suggested to Udaras na Gaeltachta for a meeting between the two authorities:

18th February, 21st February, 28th February.

4074 - ATTACK ON NO. 10 DOWNING STREET:

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, Members condemned the I.R.A. mortar bomb attack on no. 10 Downing Street, the previous day. The Chairman called on those responsible to give over the campaign of violence and seek a political solution.

4075 - CLOSURE OF ROADS FOR INTERNATIONAL RALLY:

Councillor Finnegan complained about the closure of roads for the forthcoming International Rally, and the lack of notice to people affected by the closures. The Secretary stated that before a road can be closed, certain statutory procedures had to be complied with. The procedures include the publication of a notice in a daily paper giving details of the roads being closed and the alternative routes. All the procedures were complied with in this case.

4076 - HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME:

Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, referred to Housing Report circulated with Book of Estimates. He said that an allocation of £2.4 m. had been requested for 1990 whereas the allocation received was £875,000. An allocation of £3 m. had been requested for 1991 but no allocation had been received to date. He said there were 300 approved applicants on the Waiting List. In regard to demountables, he said that an application had been made to the Department of the Environment for a sum of £600,000 to enable existing demountables to be serviced. In future, demountables would only be provided if they could be fully serviced. Mr. Gavin said he was also reviewing the suitability of demountables as a form of housing and looking at alternatives such as a cluster of small houses in village locations. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Gavin said that out of the 300 approved applicants, there were 50 applicants with sites available in rural areas, and 110 sites in towns.

Deputy McCormack said that it was obvious from the large number on the Waiting List that sufficient allocations were not being made, and he proposed that the Minister be requested to receive a deputation in order that the serious situation could be highlighted. Councillor Finnegan said he was concerned at the number of unoccupied houses owned by the Council and which were in a derelict condition. He also proposed that the Council send a reminder to the Department for an allocation of funds for the repair of houses on the Gilmartin Road, Tuam. Councillor Mullins said that there was too much complacency in relation to the provision of houses. He said that an allocation of £3 m. would not satisfy the needs and that people were living in inhuman conditions in demountables. Councillor O'Tuathail said that the lack of Capital Funds for Housing was a scandal. He said there were plenty of funds for other projects but the Government had its priorities wrong. He also complained about demountables, and proposed that they be phased out. Councillor Callanan agreed that a sizeable allocation was required.

Councillor Walsh seconded Deputy McCormack's proposal to seek a deputation to the Minister. He said the Oireachtas Members on the Council should be making a strong case to the Minister. In reply to Councillor McDonagh, Mr. Gavin stated that an allocation of £3 m. would provide approximately 100 houses. Councillor Loughnane said that some people were living in human misery and some demountables were in a disgraceful condition. He said that there were probably 1,000 people in need of housing in the County and City and it was time to talk to the Minister about it. He suggested that no more demountables be provided. Councillor J. Burke agreed that a deputation was necessary and that the provision of terraced houses might be looked at. He said that it was important that funds for Voluntary Housing should also be provided.

Senator Hussey said that it was important that the Council get an adequate allocation to provide houses. He also said that in the past the Council had purchased Land Commission houses and that the Council should investigate the purchase of further Land Commission houses. He also proposed that the Department be requested to make available another scheme for Reconstruction Grants. Councillor Glynn agreed that Reconstruction Grants had been of great benefit for maintaining housing stock. He said that the County Council as Housing Authority should be the only Body involved in house repairs.

Deputy Kitt also supported the proposal to seek a deputation to the Minister. He also proposed that the Minister be asked to increase the limit in respect of Reconstruction Loans. Other Members also supported the proposal to seek a deputation and the other proposals made at the Meeting.

The County Manager stated, that while it might be desirable to have a policy to phase out demountables, there may be cases where there might be no alternative. In some cases, old people will not move and there can also be title difficulties.

The Chairman declared that the Council had unanimously agreed to the following -

- (a) To seek a deputation to the Minister for the Environment to make a case for an adequate Capital Allocation for Housing.
- (b) That the Minister be requested to re-introduce a scheme of Reconstruction Grants.
- (c) That the Minister be requested to increase the income limit for Reconstruction Loans.

4077 - WAIVER SCHEME FOR REFUSE COLLECTION:

During the discussion on Housing, Councillor Lynch raised the question of the operation of a waiver scheme for refuse collection. Mr. Gavin explained that the Council had an arrangement with the Private Collectors that a 50% waiver

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would be allowed in appropriate cases. It did not follow that somebody who had a waiver from the Council would automatically get a waiver from the Private Collector. He said that in compensation for the operation of the waiver scheme, the Council allowed the Collectors reduced charges at the Dumps. Councillor Finnegan also expressed dissatisfaction with the waiver scheme.

4078 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Conway & Family, Moorpark, Athenry.
Mrs. Glynn and Family, Kiltulla, Oranmore.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

James Joyce
CHAIRMAN

25/3/1991
DATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF COUNTY ARTS COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS ON 13TH FEBRUARY, 1991.

PRESENT: Councillors J. Joyce, P. Finnegan, J. Mannion,
M. Lynch, M. Fahy.

Messrs. James Harrold, Arts Organiser,
and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Joyce

REGIONAL ARTS OFFICER:

Mr. Harrold stated that the new Regional Arts Officer was unable to attend the Meeting but should be in a position to attend the next Meeting.

PROGRAMME FOR 1991:

Mr. Harrold suggested the following broad programme:

Writer in Residence	£ 1,750
Musician in Residence	1,750
Arts Organiser's Programme	4,000
Arts Grants to Groups	17,500
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>25,000</u>
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Mr. Harrold said he expected the Corporation to contribute a further £1,750 towards the Writer in Residence, and the Arts Council to contribute £3,500. Mr. Kavanagh said that the Council would not go ahead with the Writer in Residence unless there was a guarantee of funding from the Arts Council. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, the Committee recommended that the Chairman be on the Board for the selection of the Writer in Residence. Mr. Kavanagh said that the County Manager would decide who would be on the Interview Board.

Councillor Joyce referred to a letter he had received from Music Matters seeking financial support. It was agreed that they be sent an application form for a grant. It was also agreed that applications be invited immediately for the Arts Grants with a closing date around the end of March.

BALLINASLOE 850:

Councillor Joyce said that an Arts Week commencing on 16th June was being organised in conjunction with the Ballinasloe 850. He said that he was on the Committee and he was satisfied that Grant assistance would be necessary to make it a success. The Members agreed that the Council should support this project, and agreed that a grant of £1,500 should be made available.

Mr. Harrold said that he would be recommending that a small grant be paid to a group in Kinvara called Tir Eolas and gave details of their work.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

James Joyce
CHAIRMAN.

25/3/1991
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
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19u la Feabhra, 1991.

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A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De Luain, an 25u la Feabhra, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mrs. Helena O'Keefe for dwellinghouse and septic tank. Ref. No. 62591."

Ulick Burke. Noel Treacy. John M. Mannion.

2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Special Council Meeting held on 11th January, 1991.
 - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 28th January, 1991.
 - (c) Higher Education Grants Committee held on 23rd January, 1991.
3. Overdraft for quarter ending 30th June, 1991.
4. Sale of houses to:-
 - (a) Mrs. Bridie Carney - Section 83 Notice dated 18th January, 1991, already circulated.
 - (b) Joseph & Mary T. O'Boyle - Section 83 Notice dated 14th February, 1991, already circulated.
 - (c) Patrick & Mary Thornton - Section 83 Notice dated 21st January, 1991, already circulated.

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5. Sale of sites to:
 - (a) Gerry and Nanette Francis - Section 83 Notice dated 23rd January, 1991, already circulated.
 - (b) Patrick McDonagh - Section 83 Notice dated 23rd January, 1991, already circulated.
 - (c) Laurence O'Reilly - Section 83 Notice dated 4th February, 1991, already circulated.
6. Report on Rate Collection 1990. - Copy enclosed.
7. Water Quality Management Plans for Upper and Lower Shannon Catchment Areas. - Details already circulated.
8. Annual Joint Conference of the Library Association of Ireland - Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle, Co. Down - 22nd-26th April, 1991. - Nomination of two delegates.
9. Colmcille Winter School 1st - 3rd March, 1991 - Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. - Details enclosed.
10. All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee - Athlone Castle, Athlone on Thursday, 28th February, 1991.
11. L.A.M.A. Annual Conference 1991 - 5th/6th April, 1991 - Abbey Hotel, Donegal. - Details enclosed.
12. Pan Celtic International Festival Sponsorship. - Copy of letter dated 7th February, 1991, enclosed.
13. National Alcohol Policy. - Copy of letter dated 6th February, 1991, enclosed.
14. A Plan for Social Housing. - Copy of Department of the Environment Circular dated 14th February, 1991, attached.
15. Environmental Protection Agency Bill, 1990. - Already circulated.
16. Operational Programme - Sanitary Services - Details already circulated.
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.
18. 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:

19. 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:

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

20. What is the result of the application of the Bridge Committee for Structural Funds for the Knockferry to Kilbeg Bridge. If this application went to Brussels and has any response been given to this application.

21. That 3 bad bends on the Kinvara West to Corranrue Bridge Road be eased as there have been a number of serious accidents there in recent times and this is a high tourist road.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

22. That Galway County Council would immediately install a range in a house (details supplied) that the Council outline the date in which this will be done, the improvement works to be carried out to the house and any other relevant information, that the Council outline the reasons for the long delay in doing this and if the Council are aware of the serious effect that lack of heat in this house is having on this family and if the appropriate action will be taken immediately.

23. That Galway County Council carry out major remedial works in order to alleviate the serious recurring flooding at a location in County Galway (details supplied), that the works to be carried out be outlined hereafter and the dates on which these works will be done; and any other relevant information, including the reasons for this constant flooding.

24. That Galway County Council carry out immediate improvements to a road in County Galway (details supplied), that the works to be carried out be outlined hereafter, the dates on which these works will be carried out and any other relevant information.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

25. That essential repairs be carried out to a Council cottage (details supplied).
26. That works be carried out to prevent the regular flooding on the County Road at Monksfield, Craughwell.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

27. That road repairs and hedge cutting be carried out at the location mentioned in details supplied.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

28. That the County Council carry out examination on narrow bridge with a view to having same widened to eliminate danger to pedestrians and motorists and help take the increased traffic.

29. That the County Council approve the use of L.I.S. Scheme for drainage of recurring flooded area (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

30. That Galway County Council carry out improvement works on road outside Craughwell National School, Craughwell. (Details supplied).

31. That Galway County Council surface and tar Pollacurra Road, Castleboy, Kilchreest, Loughrea, in 1991. This County Road is in urgent need of repairs. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

32. That Galway County Council carry out repairs from Mr. L. O' Connor's house in Kiltulla, Dooras, Kinvara; to Mr. F. O'Connor's. There are a lot of potholes on this road and it also needs cleaning.

COUNCILLORS P. FINNEGAN, J. CALLANAN, J. JOYCE: - We will propose:

33. That this County Council agree to rehouse (name and address supplied) as we understand the Medical Report from the Health Board recommends.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

34. Cen dul chun cinn ata dha dheanamh maidir le leathnuchan a chur le Reilg Leitirmoir, Co. na Gaillimhe.

35. Go dtogfadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe taiscionair uisce ag Tir an Fhia, Leitirmoir. Nil an coras ata ann faoi lathair saisiul - agus ni bheidh go mbeidh an taiscionair seo togtha.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR: - Molaim:

36. That Galway County Council have footpaths laid -

- (a) between Gairmscoil Cholmcille sa gCnoc, Indreabhan, and Crumlin Bridge;
- (b) from Tigh Johnny Sheain and Tommy Costello's past Tully.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR: - Molaim:

37. That Galway County Council repair Bothar Chillin, road from Carraroe Village towards Caoran Beg - have this road resurfaced.
38. That Galway County Council review the recent decisions on refusing planning permission because of septic tank problems regarding trial holes.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: - I will propose:

39. That domestic water connections be made available to the following (details supplied).
40. That the following works be carried out at Corofin:-
- (a) That additional sign posting, reflective posts and a continuous white line be provided at Corofin Cross on N17/Corofin junction.
- (b) That the Council organise a Social Employment Scheme to carry out improvement works at Corofin village to include footpath from Glynn's shop towards the village, planting, landscaping and other environmental works.
- (c) Remove dangerous bends at Kilmoylan Cemetery.
41. That the County Council organise a Social Employment Scheme to do the following works at Headford (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

42. That a bottle bank be installed by Galway County Council in Tuam and Ballinasloe.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

43. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae bothar na Tulaigh Fhada. Ta Roinn na Gaeltachta sasta £2,000 a chur ar fail agus Comharchumann Shailearna Teoranta sasta £2,000 eile a chur ar fail. Cen fath nach bhfuil an obair seo tosnaíthe.
44. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae bothar Inbhear, Rosmuc - ta an droch chas ar an mbothar seo faoi lathair.
45. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae an bothar o tigh Lally ag Cuilleen, An Cheathru Rua, go dtí Tigh Flatharta, Cuilleen, An Cheathru Rua - ní feidir an bothar seo a shiúl faoi lathair.

COUNCILLORS JARLATH McDONAGH, T. WALSH, DEPUTY P. McCORMACK, COUNCILLORS M. RYAN AND J. MANNION, M. LYNCH, J. LAMBERT, U. BURKE, AND M. MULLINS: - We will propose:

46. That Galway County Council demand that the Government take the necessary steps to ensure that the rural post offices, now earmarked for closure, be kept open.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN: - I will propose:

47. That a gullet and drain from it be cleaned at point on road (details supplied).
48. That signs for villages be erected at two locations (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR T. WALSH: - I will propose:

49. That Galway County Council fix and surface dress Carrowtootagh Road near Milltown (details supplied).
50. That Galway County Council do a proper hedge cutting and surface dressing on the Kilsalagh-Kilmocrickard Road (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: - I will propose:

51. That this Council open Water Tables and clean roadside drains which are causing flooding on the Glencoaghan Road.
52. That repairs be carried out immediately to the road from Cleggan to Aughris and Rosidillask, namely, fill potholes and open Water Tables.
53. That repairs be carried out without delay on the Rosroe/Salruck road as a local Councillor has paid over a large amount of money and the balance is to be paid by the end April towards the repairs of this road.

COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY: - I will propose:

54. That Galway County Council request the Department of the Environment to provide money to upgrade the public lighting in the town of Mountbellew to traffic route lighting.
55. That Galway County Council request the Department of the Environment to provide money for a Hardstand opposite the Derreen Inn (Tuam Area).
56. That the Square, Ballygar, be surface dressed.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1991.

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, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. O'Tuathail, 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 and L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4079 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor O'Conchubhair, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mrs. Kathleen Corbett, The Promenade, Salthill, Galway, on the recent death of her husband, Redmond.

The Chairman and County Manager joined in the expression of sympathy.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy O'Neill & Family, Tonroe, Ardrahan.
Mr. Pdraig Coyne, N.T., Dominick Street, Galway.
Mrs. Phyllis Flynn, Killieroran, Ballygar.

4080 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62591 - APPLICANT: MRS. HELENA O'KEEFE:

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor U. Burke and seconded by Deputy N. Treacy. The following report, which was circulated to each Member, was read by the County Engineer:

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"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on a south facing hill in an exposed upland area north east of Woodford Village and some two mile from Woodford Village, approximately half way between the 400' x 500' contours (the highest local point is 562' O.D.). It is above the traditional settlement level in the area.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 59925: Outline Permission refused for house and septic tank on the same site (3.948 hectare, 9.774 acres).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The land in question has been found to be unsuitable for the disposal of effluent by way of septic tank and percolation area. During the course of inspection of planning application, register reference no. 59925, a trial hole inspection confirmed this. In the current application, ref. no. 62591, the applicant has proposed a septic tank and puraflo treatment unit. However, this method of treatment is not acceptable to the Planning Authority. This site has been found by the Western Health Board to be in an area which is waterlogged and has poor drainage characteristics and is "totally unsuitable for the effective treatment of septic tank effluent". Therefore, refusal has been again recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. 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 County Engineer said that he had inspected the site the previous Friday and the trial hole was still full of water, there was also water on the site, and therefore, it was totally unsuitable for the disposal of any effluent even from a puraflo unit.

Councillor U. Burke said he agreed with the County Engineer that there was alot of water on the site. However, the total holding consisted of about 10 acres, and as there was a drop in the land behind the site, it should improve the situation, and he questioned why the puraflo system was not acceptable. The County Engineer replied that reports on the puraflo system had been placed before the Council, and the County Medical Officer had indicated that he was not happy with the system where there was not adequate percolation. As regards using the rest of the site, the County Engineer

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said that if there was a suitable area to where the effluent could be piped, this would be acceptable but would require a new application.

Deputy Treacy supported the granting of Permission with the puraflo filtration unit. Alternatively, he suggested that an area of ground be dug out and filled with material which would be suitable for percolation. The County Engineer replied that there has to be a suitable method of disposing of the final effluent from a puraflo system. The site shown is totally unsuitable and the applicant should try and locate an alternative site and re-apply. Councillor U. Burke said that the County Engineer probably inspected the site after heavy rainfall. He said it was a very thinly populated area where there were about four septic tanks in operation and none were malfunctioning. The County Engineer replied that the trial hole was also waterlogged when inspected by a Health Inspector, and that septic tanks had to operate the whole year round. Deputy McCormack said that whereas a trial hole would fill up with water, a properly constructed septic tank would not. The County Engineer explained that the problem was to satisfactorily dispose of the effluent from the septic tank. A vote taken for or against the resolution resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

(20)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan and J. Burke.

(2)

Councillor F. Glynn abstained from voting.

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

4081 - **MINUTES:**

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the Minutes of the following Meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 11th January, 1991.
- (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 28th January, 1991.
- (c) Higher Education Grants Committee Meeting held on 23rd January, 1991.

Councillor Loughnane referred to the quality of surface dressing materials. The Chairman asked the County Engineer for a report on this in conjunction with the Roads Meeting.

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4082 - **OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1991:**

On the proposition of Councillor U. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of Overdraft to the extent of £3 million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the quarter ending 30th June, 1991, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

4083 - **SALE OF HOUSE TO MRS. BRIDIE CARNEY:**

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Pollroebuck, Loughrea, to Mrs. Bridie Carney, 16, Pollroebuck, Loughrea, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 18th January, 1991, 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."

4084 - **SALE OF HOUSE TO JOSEPH AND MARY T. O'BOYLE:**

The Secretary explained that this was the Caretaker's house at the rear of the County Buildings, and had been occupied by Mr. Joe O'Boyle for a long number of years. Because of the proposed move to Cluain Mhuire, the house is no longer required as a Caretaker's Residence and Mr. O'Boyle had expressed a desire to purchase it. He said the house was not being sold under a House Purchase Scheme and the sale would require the sanction of the Minister. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was resolved:

"That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment, Galway County Council approve of the sale of house at 5, St. Bridget's Place, Bohermore, to Joseph and Mary T. O'Boyle, in accordance with the terms of notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 14th February, 1991, circulated to each Member of the Council."

4085 - **SALE OF HOUSE TO PATRICK AND MARY THORNTON:**

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Loughaunbeg, Inverin, to Patrick & Mary Thornton, Loughaunbeg, Inverin, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 21st January, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90

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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."

4086 - SALE OF SITE TO GERRY AND NANETTE FRANCIS:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at Gortyloughlin, Moycullen, to Gerry and Nanette Francis in accordance with the terms of notice dated 23rd January, 1991, 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."

4087 - SALE OF SITE TO PATRICK McDONAGH:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at Rynn, Carraroe, to Patrick McDonagh, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 23rd January, 1991, 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."

4088 - SALE OF SITE TO LAURENCE O'REILLY:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at Slieve, Dunmore, to Laurence O'Reilly, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 4th February, 1991, 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."

4089 - REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION 1990:

A statement of County Rate Collection for 1990 with corresponding figures for 1989 was circulated to each Member of the Council.

The Secretary stated that he wished to make a correction in the figure shown for Irrecoverable Rates for 1990. He said the figure should read £171,909, and not £717,909. The report was noted.

4090 - WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE UPPER AND LOWER SHANNON CATCHMENT AREAS:

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Copies of the proposed Water Quality Management Plans for the Upper and Lower Shannon Catchment Areas were circulated to each Member together with report dated 20th February, 1991, from Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer. The Secretary stated that these were Joint Plans prepared for Local Authorities bordering the Shannon, and the Council's approval was requested to put them on display for the statutory three month period. Councillor Loughnane welcomed the Plans and stated that the protection of Lough Derg from pollution was most important. The Plans would establish alot of information which would help to ensure that proper control is exercised over the quality of the waters. Councillor Loughnane said he was concerned about possible pollution from the Kilcroan River and would like sampling to be undertaken. The County Manager agreed to have this examined. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator Hussey, it was resolved:

"That having considered the Joint Water Quality Management Plans prepared for the upper and lower Shannon Catchments which had been circulated to each Member, Galway County Council hereby decide to publish notice of the Council's proposals in relation to such plans and that representations may be made to the Council in relation to the plans within the statutory period in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977 as amended by Section 11 of the Local Government (Water Pollution) (Amendment) Act, 1990 and appropriate regulations."

4091 - ANNUAL JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND - SLIEVE DONARD HOTEL, NEWCASTLE, CO. DOWN - 22ND/26TH APRIL, 1991:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillors O'Conchubhair and J. Molloy attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Walsh, it was also agreed that Councillor Mannion attend the Conference.

4092 - COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL - 1ST/3RD MARCH, 1991 - LETTERKENNY:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillors Loughnane and Raftery attend this Seminar. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was also agreed that Councillor J. McDonagh attend the Seminar.

4093 - ALL-IRELAND SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING - ATHLONE - 28TH FEBRUARY, 1991:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that Councillors Callanan, Walsh, and Mannion attend this Meeting.

4094 - MEETING OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE OF THE 5 CONNACHT COUNTIES AND DONEGAL HELD IN ROSCOMMON ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 1991:

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On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the attendance of Councillors J. Molloy, T. Welby, and J. Mannion, at a meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee of the 5 Connacht Counties and Donegal held in Courthouse, Roscommon, on Friday, 22nd February, 1991, was approved.

4095 - L.A.M.A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 5TH/6TH APRIL, 1991 - ABBEY HOTEL, DONEGAL:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillors Finnegan and McHugh be nominated to attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was agreed that Councillor Lynch be nominated to attend the Conference. On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was also agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Joyce, who is the L.A.M.A. delegate for the Council, be approved to attend the Conference.

4096 - JOINT CONFERENCE OF L.A.M.A. AND BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS - BRAY, CO. WICKLOW - 19TH/21ST APRIL, 1991:

The Chairman explained that the Local Authority Members' Association had arranged a Joint Conference with the British Association of Councillors to take place on April 19th-21st, 1991, in Bray, Co. Wicklow. He said that the British delegation would consist of 30 Members and they had requested a similar number of Irish delegates. Accordingly, the L.A.M.A. Executive was inviting each Council to nominate one delegate to the Conference. On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, the attendance of the Chairman, Councillor Joyce, at this Conference was approved.

4097 - LAUNCH OF PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING:

The Chairman stated that he was invited to attend the Launching of the Plan for Social Housing by the Minister for the Environment which took place in Dublin on Thursday, 28th February, 1991. He said that he was unable to attend and requested Councillor Loughnane to attend in his place, and asked the Council for its approval. On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Council approved of the attendance of Councillor Loughnane at the Launching of Plan for Social Housing by the Minister for the Environment in Dublin on Thursday, 28th February, 1991.

4098 - CONFERENCE ON TOURISM - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ATHLONE - 8TH MARCH, 1991:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Senator Hussey, the attendance of Councillor M. Fahy and Councillor J. Molloy at this Conference was approved. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Walsh, the attendance of Councillor Ryan at the Conference was also approved.

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4099 - PAN CELTIC INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP:

Letter dated 7th February, 1991, from the Chairman, Coiste na Gaeilge, Gaillimh, giving details of the Pan Celtic International Festival in Galway, was circulated. The County Manager suggested that the Council might like to give financial support to the Festival for this year only, and said that the Galway Corporation proposed to contribute £5,000. He suggested that the Council might contribute £1,000. Councillor Ryan proposed that the Council provide assistance of £1,000 towards the Festival. This was seconded by Councillor Brennan, and agreed. Deputy Kitt said that the Festival would mostly benefit Galway City and suggested that the grant be funded out of the Arts Allocation if possible.

4100 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS:

Deputy Kitt said that it was normal practice for the Council's three delegates to the General Council of County Councils to attend the Annual Conference in addition to the other three nominees approved at a previous meeting. He then proposed that the attendance of the Council's three delegates, Councillors O'Morain, McDonagh, and M. Fahy, at the Conference be approved. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan and agreed.

4101 - NATIONAL ALCOHOL POLICY:

Circular letter dated 6th February, 1991, from the Advisory Council on health promotion was circulated to each Member. The Secretary stated that the Minister for Health had requested the Advisory Council on health promotion to formulate a broadly based policy on alcoholism for presentation to Government. The Advisory Council decided to write to various Bodies including Local Authorities inviting them to make submissions if they so wished. The Members agreed that the Council should make a submission and during the discussion, the following points were made:-

(a) That the greatest contribution against the abuse of alcohol was made by the Gardai during the Christmas Drink Driving Campaign.

(b) That the biggest abuse is the under age drinking.

(c) That I.D. Cards be made compulsory for under 18s or up to the age of 21, and that only properly authenticated I.D. Cards be acceptable.

(d) That Churches and Schools should be involved in the implementation of any new policy.

(e) That in some cases, Publicans are to blame and that parents also have an important role.

(f) That teenagers are often offered drink by adults or even

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parents.

(g) That Discos and Hotels with bar extensions have an unfair advantage over Publicans who have to compete with them.

(h) That serious consideration should be given to 24 hour opening.

(i) That heavier penalties, and maybe prison sentences should be imposed for second offences.

(j) That the Health Boards Awareness Programme on good use and abuse of alcohol be more widely publicised. That there was a need to change people's attitudes as has happened in the case of cigarette smoking where it is considered to be unsocial to smoke cigarettes in the company of non-smokers.

At the end of the discussion, the Chairman said that submissions had to be made before 22nd March, 1991. He suggested that the Manager prepare a draft statement for the next Planning Meeting and invited Members to make further submissions in writing.

4102 - PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING:

The Chairman said that he was unable to attend the launching of the Plan for Social Housing by the Minister for the Environment and that Councillor Loughnane had attended for him. Councillor Loughnane welcomed the Plan and spoke about some of the provisions in it. He asked that the Council examine its landbank and see what sites could be made available for private use. He also asked that clarification be sought in relation to the rent allowance in the case of shared ownership so that the allowance would not be based on income only, and that the number of children be taken into account. Many Members saw the Plan as a new approach to housing and welcomed it. They agreed, however, that there would still be a need for the Council to build houses for low income families.

Deputy McCormack said that the Plan would do nothing for the 600-700 applicants on the Waiting List in County Galway. He said that local authority house building was being abandoned.

It was noted that a special working session on the Plan for Officials of Housing Authorities would take place in the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, on 28th February, 1991. Following that, an implementation programme would be worked out, and the matter would be brought back before the Council.

4103 - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BILL, 1990:

A copy of the Explanatory Memorandum on the Bill had been circulated to each Member. The County Manager explained

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that the main purpose of the Bill was to provide stronger measures for the protection of the environment and the setting up of the Environmental Protection Agency. He explained that there were 6 Parts in the Bill and 2 Schedules. Part 11 dealt with the establishment, membership, staffing, etc., of the Agency, and the dissolution of An Foras Forbartha. Part 111 dealt with the functions of the Agency and provided for the transfer of additional functions to it. Part 1V provides for an integrated pollution control licensing system to replace the existing system of separate licences for water pollution, air pollution, waste, etc. Part V deals with general pollution control and provides for functions under the Air Pollution Act, 1987, and the Water Pollution Act, 1977, to be assigned to the Agency in lieu of local authorities. The First Schedule specifies the activities for which the Agency will be the Licensing Authority - Local Authorities will remain the Licensing Authorities for activities not mentioned in the First Schedule. The County Manager mentioned that the Laboratory in Castlebar was owned by Galway, Mayo, and Sligo County Councils, and if it was taken over by the Agency, the question of compensation might arise. He said that a support and advisory service from the Agency would be welcome by Local Authorities especially in areas such as aquaculture and afforestation. He said that Local Authorities had performed well since the enactment of the 1977 Water Pollution Act, without any subsidy from the State and at a time when resources were scarce. The role of the Agency, therefore, should not be to oversee the activities of Local Authorities and directing them to do things which they may not be able to fund. There is also provision for taking functions from Local Authorities which would weaken the Local Authority system. Following a discussion, the Members agreed that there were provisions in the Bill which impacted on the functions of Local Authorities and that there would be no need for this if Local Authorities were given the necessary funds to do the job. They asked the County Manager to identify areas of concern to Local Authorities and about which they had certain reservations.

4104 - OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME - SANITARY SERVICES:

This item was deferred to the next Planning Meeting.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER

4105 - STORM DAMAGE:

The County Manager referred to the claims submitted by the Council to the Departments of Environment and Marine in respect of damage caused during the recent storms. He said that an Inspector had examined some of the road damage, but no grants had been made available yet. However, in the case of coastal damage, there had been no response from the Department of the Marine, and there was also a serious problem in relation to the reconstruction of Roundstone Pier. On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by MINUTES

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Councillor Mullins, it was agreed that the Minister for the Marine be asked to receive a deputation to discuss the Council's claim for coastal storm damage and Roundstone Pier. Councillor Walsh asked about grant aid for farmers affected by the flooding, and was advised that this was a matter for the Minister for Agriculture. Senator Hussey said that he was satisfied that the Department of Agriculture would be making assistance available.

4106 - ASSESSMENT OF HOUSING NEEDS - 1991:

The Secretary referred to report dated 19th February, 1991, which had been circulated to each Member. He said that the last Assessment of Housing Needs was carried at 30th September, 1989, and the Minister had now directed that a further assessment be undertaken at 31st March, 1991. The purpose of the assessment is to try and establish the genuine housing need on a given date. He said that a notice of the assessment had been put in the papers and the Health Board, adjoining housing authorities, voluntary bodies, social workers, etc., had been notified. Persons who have already made application for housing do not have to re-apply. The matter was being brought up for the information of Members.

4107 - VOTING AT ELECTIONS:

Councillor Mullins referred to the following resolution which had been adopted by Tipperary SR County Council, and circulated to each Local Authority:

"That this Council calls on the Minister for the Environment to have all future Elections (Local, General, Presidential) and Referenda held on Sunday to afford students and other voters who are away from home the opportunity of exercising their constitutional right to vote."

Councillor Mullins proposed that the resolution be adopted by Galway County Council. This was seconded by Councillor O'Conchubhair and agreed.

4108 - LOCAL ELECTIONS:

Councillor Brennan proposed that the Minister for the Environment be asked not to proceed with the Local Elections until the Reform of Local Government has been completed. This was seconded by Councillor Mannion. Councillor McHugh proposed an amendment calling on the Minister to complete the Reform of Local Government in time for the June Elections. This was seconded by Senator Hussey. The Chairman put the amendment to the Meeting and declared it carried.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN:

4109 - AUGHRIM INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE:

The Chairman said that since the last Meeting, the Council

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became aware that the Taoiseach was visiting Ballinasloe and decided that it would be a good opportunity to launch the Aughrim Interpretative Centre and get the Taoiseach to turn the sod which happened on Friday, 22nd February. He said that while the arrangements were rather rushed, the event was very successful, and he thanked the Taoiseach for his presence. He said that he hoped there would be another occasion for all the Members to visit the site.

Councillor Brennan and other Members also thanked Mr. O'Donoghue, Assistant County Manager, and Mr. McGrath, Town Clerk, Ballinasloe, for their efforts in relation to the Ballinasloe 850 and U.D.C. Celebrations.

4110 - CLONTUSKERT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

The Chairman asked for the up-to-date position on the Group Water Scheme. Mr. Gavin said that Department approval was received on 10th December, 1990, for the County Council to proceed with Contract Documents for the Trunk Mains. He said that the Consultants were proceeding with these and they should be ready by the end of April. He also said that decisions in relation to road restoration were being finalised.

4111 - DATE FOR MARCH PLANNING MEETING:

Deputy Kitt proposed that the March Planning Meeting be held on Monday, 11th March, instead of Friday, 8th March. This was seconded by Councillor Ryan, and agreed.

4112 - FLOODING:

Members asked that letter dated 12th February, 1991, from the O.P.W. in relation to flooding/drainage be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting. This was agreed.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

4113 - KNOCKFERRY TO KILBEG BRIDGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The Kilbeg/Knockferry Bridge Project was included in a list of roads projects submitted for Structural Fund Assistance. The Council has not been given any indication as to whether or not this project will receive funding."

4114 - THAT 3 BAD BENDS ON THE KINVARA WEST TO CARRANRUE BRIDGE ROAD BE EASED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

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"The above road is the N67 National Secondary Route. The carrying out of improvements on such roads is 100% exchequer funded. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1991 Road Grant Allocation."

- 4115 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD IMMEDIATELY INSTALL A RANGE IN A HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"I have now received a report from the County Engineer that a replacement range has now been provided in the above house."

- 4116 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT MAJOR REMEDIAL WORKS IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE THE SERIOUS RECURRING FLOODING AT A LOCATION IN COUNTY GALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Galway County Council intended carrying out works at the above location towards the end of 1990. However, the work could not commence due to an objection from a local landowner. The land owner in question will be contacted again in the coming weeks with a view to reaching agreement."

- 4117 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS TO A ROAD IN COUNTY GALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"As the bushes in question are located on private property the responsibility for cutting same lies with the land owner. Culvert will be lowered in the near future."

- 4118 - THAT ESSENTIAL REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO A COUNCIL COTTAGE (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"I wish to inform you that an inspection of the above house has been carried out by our Engineering Section and that repairs are included in the February work programme, which work it is hoped will be completed in the coming weeks."

- 4119 - THAT WORKS BE CARRIED OUT TO PREVENT THE REGULAR FLOODING ON THE COUNTY ROAD AT MONKSFIELD, CRAUGHWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Water Tables will be opened at the above location within the next week."

- 4120 - THAT ROAD REPAIRS AND HEDGE CUTTING BE CARRIED OUT AT THE LOCATION (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Work at the above location is presently in progress."

- 4121 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT EXAMINATION ON NARROW BRIDGE WITH A VIEW TO HAVING SAME WIDENED (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Repairs to the parapet on this bridge have been carried out. There are no funds available to carry out widening/replacement of this bridge at present. The bridge is in good structural condition at present."

- 4122 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVE THE USE OF L.I.S. SCHEME FOR DRAINAGE OF RECURRING FLOODED AREA AT (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"A Local Improvement Scheme cannot be carried out at the above location as this is a public road. However, an application for £95,000 funding for the raising of roads in the Coolarne area was recently submitted to the Department of the Environment as part of the storm/flood damage claim."

- 4123 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON ROAD OUTSIDE CRAUGHWELL NATIONAL SCHOOL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"It is hoped to remove clay banks and widen the surface area in the vicinity of the National School funds permitting. However, there are no funds available for purchasing additional land."

- 4124 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE AND TAR POLLACURRA ROAD CASTLEBOY, KILCHREEST, LOUGHREA, IN 1991: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"This matter is being investigated at present, and it is hoped to have a reply available for the next meeting."

- 4125 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT REPAIRS FROM MR. L. O'CONNOR'S HOUSE IN KINTURLA, DOORAS, KINVARA, TO MR. F. O'CONNORS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"Minor surface repairs will be carried out at the above location in the coming weeks."

- 4126 - THAT THIS COUNTY COUNCIL AGREE TO REHOUSE (NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS P. FINNEGAN, J. CALLANAN, AND J. JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillors P. Finnegan, J. Callanan, and J. Joyce:

"I wish to inform you that all allocations of houses are made in accordance with the Council's approved Scheme of Letting Priorities. The circumstances of this applicant will be considered in conjunction with all other applications."

- 4127 - REILG LEITIRMOIR: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

Tugadh an freagra seo leanas don Chomhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail:

"Ta an Comhairle Chontae i gcomhairle le uineir an talamh in aice leis an reilig ag iarraidh talamh a cheannacht le haghaidh leathnuchan a chuir leis an reilig seo."

- 4128 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE FOOTPATHS LAID (A) BETWEEN GAIRMSCOIL CHOLMCILLE SA GCNOC, INDREABHAN, AND CRUMLIN BRIDGE: (B) FROM TIGH JOHNNY SHEAIN AND TOMMY COSTELLO'S PAST TULLY: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"The provision of footpaths on regional and county roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

- 4129 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR BOTHAR CHILLIN, ROAD FROM CARRAROE VILLAGE TOWARDS CAORAN BEG: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

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"The above location will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Road Works Programme."

- 4130 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW THE RECENT DECISIONS ON REFUSING PLANNING PERMISSION BECAUSE OF SEPTIC TANK PROBLEMS REGARDING TRIAL HOLES: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"All planning decisions by the County Council on the construction of septic tanks are done on the basis of S.R.6:1975 titled "Recommendations for Septic Tank Drainage Systems for single houses". In some cases, it is obvious that a septic tank would not work effectively due to the nature of the ground condition, i.e., rock, bog, static water or combinations of these. In other cases, it may be necessary to carry out a test as laid down in S.R.6:1975. Depending on ground condition, site size, and surrounding conditions, such as proximity to water supplies, proximity to watercourses, etc., decisions are made in accordance with the proper planning and development of the area."

The recent Water Pollution Act places a greater onus on the Council to ensure that pollution from any source does not occur and this applies particularly to effluents from septic tanks."

- 4131 - THAT DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The taking over of the group scheme is under investigation by the Council at the moment. The Council is not in a position to consider granting these connections until such time as the scheme is taken over."

- 4132 - THAT THE FOLLOWING WORKS BE CARRIED OUT AT COROFIN - (A) THAT ADDITIONAL SIGN POSTING, REFLECTIVE POSTS AND A CONTINUOUS WHITE LINE BE PROVIDED AT COROFIN CROSS ON N17/COROFIN JUNCTION, (B) THAT THE COUNCIL ORGANISE A SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME TO CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT COROFIN VILLAGE, (C) REMOVE DANGEROUS BENDS AT KILMOYLAN CEMETERY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"(a) New advance directional signs were erected at the above location in 1990. Statutory 110 signs on either side of the junction have recently been replaced with new high intensity type signs."

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Additional delineators have also been provided. The provision of a continuous white line will be considered in discussion with the local Garda Siochana.

- (b) A Social Employment Scheme for Corofin village is being examined at present and if eligible, an application will be submitted to FAS in due course.
- (c) This is Regional Road 437, there are a series of bad bends in this location and the removal of same would have to be done as part of a realignment programme. However, the removal of bend on Regional and County Roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."
- 4133 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANISE A SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME TO DO THE FOLLOWING WORKS AT HEADFORD (DETAILS SUPPLIED):
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"This project is being examined at present, and if eligible, an application will be submitted to FAS in due course."

- 4134 - THAT A BOTTLE BANK BE INSTALLED BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN TUAM AND BALLINASLOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"I wish to inform you that the Council has made arrangements to locate a bottle bank in Tuam. The Council will liaise with Ballinasloe Urban District Council with a view to locating a bottle bank in Ballinasloe.

- 4135 - GO NDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE BOTHAR NA TULAIGH PHADA:
- MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

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

"Bhi Roinn na Gaeltachta agus Comharchumann Shailearna Teo., sasta deontas iomlan £4,000 a chuir ar fail le haghaidh an bothar thuas luaite ar thuiscint go gcuirfadh an Comhairle Chontae suim £4,000 ar fail.

Chosnodh se thart ar £50,000 caoi a chuir ar an bothar. Se tuairim a Comhairle Chontae go mbeadh muid ag cuir airgead amu mar ni dheiseoidh £8,000 ach cupla cead slat ag ceann an bhothair. Da bhri sin, nil muid sasta sum £4,000 a chur leis an deontas."

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- 4136 - GO NDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE BOTHAR INBHEAR, ROSMUC:
- MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

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

"Deanfar obair deisiuchan de reir tosaiochta agus de reir mar a bheidh airgead ar fail ar an mbothar thuas luaite."

- 4137 - GO NDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE AN BOTHAR O TIGH LALLY AG CUILEEN, AN CHEATHRU RUA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

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

"Ta iarrtas curtha againn chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta ag lorg deontas le haghaidh an bothar seo. Ma chuireann siad an t-airgead ar fail, deisoidh an Comhairle Chontae an bothar."

- 4138 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DEMAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE RURAL POST OFFICES, NOW EARMARKED FOR CLOSURE, BE KEPT OPEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS JARLATH McDONAGH, T. WALSH, DEPUTY P. MCCORMACK, COUNCILLORS M. RYAN AND J. MANNION, M. LYNCH, J. LAMBERT, U. BURKE, AND M. MULLINS:

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

- 4139 - THAT A GULLET AND DRAIN FROM IT BE CLEANED AT POINT ON ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Callanan:

"Flooding at this location is due to the fact that a drain located on private property is not properly maintained by an adjoining landowner. The land owner in question has been requested to carry out the necessary works."

- 4140 - THAT TWO SIGNS FOR VILLAGES OF FOHENAGH BE ERECTED AT TWO LOCATIONS (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Callanan:

"Signs will be erected at the above locations as soon as possible."

- 4141 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FIX AND SURFACE DRESS CARROWN-TOOTAGH ROAD NEAR MILLTOWN (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH:

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

"Minimal repairs to this road could be done for a sum of £2,000. If N.O.M. money to that amount is provided the work will be done."

- 4142 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DO A PROPER HEDGE CUTTING AND SURFACE DRESSING ON THE KILSALAGH-KILMOCRICKARD ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH:

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

"Hedge cutting at the above location will be considered along with other roads under the 1991 hedge cutting programme. Surface dressing will also be considered at the above location along with other roads when the 1991 Road Works Programme is being finalised. However, routine maintenance will be carried out as resources permit."

- 4143 - THAT THIS COUNCIL OPEN WATER TABLES AND CLEAN ROADSIDE DRAINS WHICH ARE CAUSING FLOODING ON THE GLENCOAGHAN ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"It is hoped to have routine maintenance carried out at the above location in the near future."

- 4144 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT IMMEDIATELY TO THE ROAD FROM CLEGGAN TO AUGHRIS AND ROSIDILLASK: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"Routine maintenance has recently been carried out to road from Cleggan to Aughris. It is hoped to have routine maintenance carried out to the Rossadillask Road in the near future."

- 4145 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DELAY ON THE ROSROE/SALRUCK ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

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

"It is hoped to commence work at the above location within the next two to three weeks."

- 4146 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE MONEY TO UPGRADE THE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN THE TOWN OF MOUNTBELLEW TO TRAFFIC ROUTE LIGHTING: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY:

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

"The upgrading of Traffic Route Lighting at Mountbellew

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will be included in the Council's Traffic Route Lighting Programme. However, it is not proposed submitting a request to the Department of the Environment at this stage as there are other locations with higher priority."

- 4147 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO PROVIDE MONEY FOR A HARDSTAND OPPOSITE THE DERREEN INN (TUAM AREA): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY:

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

"It is assumed that you are requesting the provision of a hardshoulder at the above location instead of a hardstand. The location in question is located on the N.S. Route N63 adjacent to Derreen Inn. It is not Council policy to provide parking facilities for any premises on National Routes."

- 4148 - THAT THE SQUARE IN BALLYGAR BE SURFACE DRESSED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. RAFTERY:

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

"The public section of the Square will be surface dressed during the summer surface dressing programme. However, there is an area in the middle of the Square owned by a private individual. Accordingly, it will not be possible for the Council to surface dress this Section."

- 4149 - CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- (1) Letter dated 31st January, 1991, from Tipperary SR County Council re all future Elections and Referenda to be held on Sunday.
- (2) Letter dated 23rd January, 1991, from Macroom Urban District Council re unstable trees overhanging public roadways.
- (3) Letter dated 31st Eanáir, 1991, from Leitrim County Council re Reform of Local Government.
- (4) Letter dated 5th February, 1991, from Midleton U.D.C. re call on the Government to retain its neutral identity in the European Community.

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(5) Letter dated 4 Feabhra, 1991, from Office of the Department of Social Welfare re Supplementary Welfare Expenditure.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

James Joyce
CHAIRMAN

25/3/1991

DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

Su la Marta, 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 Luain, an Iú la Marta, 1991, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Bernard McDermott for the erection of a dwellinghouse, garage and construction of a septic tank at Cappataggle. - Planning Ref. No. 62541."

Michael P. Kitt. Joe Callanan. Michael Mullins.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Gerard Forde for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Knockdoemore. - Ref. No. 63076."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Matt Loughnane.

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Martin Healy for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Barnagurteeny. - Planning Ref. No. 62923."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 4. County Development Team Report for 1990 - attached.
- 5. Operational Programme - Sanitary Services.
- 6. National Alcohol Policy.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 11TH MARCH, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor Matt Loughnane.
(b) Councillor James Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning), T. Coughlan, Admin. Officer, D. Barrett, S.S.O., and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

50 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62541 - APPLICANT: BERNARD MCDERMOTT:

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Callanan. He said that the only difficulty in relation to the application was the septic tank problem and he felt that a septic tank, properly constructed, would work in that area. The resolution was seconded by Councillor Welby. The County Engineer read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council.

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located off the main Dublin to Galway Road north of the Church and Cappataggle Village on County Road No. 524 (to Kilconnell). The applicant is not the owner of the site; the owner of the site being Mr. Martin Browne, Cappataggle.

PREVIOUS HISTORY.

None on Site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

The Site was found to be unsuitable for the satisfactory disposal of effluent which the proposed development would generate. This was shown to be the case by trial hole

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inspection which indicated a "heavy wet, water laden subsoil" unsuitable for the percolation of septic tank effluent.

Mr. McDermott called to the Planning Office on 6th February, 1991 and asked the Planning Officer to look at an alternative site which is also for sale some four fields north of the currently proposed site. On inspection of the said site it was also found to be waterlogged and likely to fail a trial hole/percolation test.

RECOMMENDATION.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

The County Engineer said that the only problem related to the effluent from the septic tank, and no matter how well a septic tank was constructed, the effluent has to be discharged and if there is no percolation it will lie on the surface. He said the same would apply even with a "Puraflo System" as that treatment does not remove the viruses from the effluent that would be discharged.

Councillor Brennan referred to the statement in the report that a percolation test would likely fail on the alternative site and asked if the application could be deferred to have this checked out. The County Engineer explained that when the alternative site was visited it looked just as bad as the site the subject of the application and that if this alternative site was to be considered, a fresh application would have to be made. Councillor U. Burke said that the Council was being inconsistent in relation to septic tanks and that some of the Council's own treatment systems were not in first class order. The County Engineer explained that some of the Council's treatment systems were old systems and the Government now have a programme for updating such systems. However, a septic tank system could not be improved and the Council also had to take into account the implications of the Water Pollution (Amendment) Act 1990.

Deputy Kitt said that Mr. T. Kelly, the Engineer who prepared the application for the applicant said that a proper septic tank and percolation area involving 26 ft. of pipes would work and he would like to bring in the Engineer's Report for the next Meeting, if a decision is deferred.

Councillor Callanan agreed to defer the Resolution to the next meeting and the Chairman declared accordingly.

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RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63076 - APPLICANT: GERARD FORDE:

The Resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor M. Fahy.

The County Engineer read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Councillor.

"LOCATION OF SITE.

The site is located approximately 1 mile north of Laghtgeorge on a County Road which links the Galway/Tuam Road with the Galway/Roscommon Road.

PLANNING HISTORY.

- Ref. No. 8506: Permission for one house granted by the Minister on appeal on an area of land including this site, subject to the sterilisation of a large area of lands from further housing development. The house was built and the covenant of sterilisation was dissolved by mutual consent sixteen years later.
- Ref. No. 29572. Outline Permission refused for four houses on lands which include this site - Applicant - Mr. G. Forde.
- Ref. No. 59423 Outline Permission granted for one house out of a total of three houses sought, on lands which include this site. Applicant - Marion Forde.
- Ref. No. 62394 Outline Permission refused for a dwelling-house on this site. Applicant - Mr. Gerard Forde. There were two local objections to this proposal.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

There has been considerable pressure for housing development on this and on adjoining sites by members of the Forde Family. The land was originally sterilised from further housing development but the covenant was lifted and outline permission granted to Marion Forde for a single dwellinghouse. The house has not yet been built.

Marion Forde subsequently sought a second house on an adjoining site and was refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanála. Ms. Joan Forde has also been refused on the adjoining site. No housing need has been claimed in any of the applications made.

Chapter 7.2.8 of the County Development Plan prohibits housing ribbonisation in rural areas where the demand arises

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from urban generated housing needs rather than the indigenous needs of agriculture. The Forde applications seem to be unconnected with agriculture and are essentially city based.

The cumulative proposals would, therefore, constitute ribbonisation as defined in the Development Plan and would, therefore, erode the rural nature of this area and conflict with the policy of encouraging city based housing needs into the city or into the surrounding towns and villages where infrastructural services has been provided at public expense.

RECOMMENDATION.

Refusal is recommended as follows:-

1. The proposed development together with existing and permitted adjacent development would constitute an excessive density and concentration of non-essential housing development in this rural area and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and would be in conflict with Chapter 7.1.6 and 7.2.8 of the County Development Plan which restricts groups of houses in rural areas.
2. The proposed development would contravene the conditions of Planning Ref. No. 59423 which permits only one house to be constructed on lands which include the present site.

Councillor Welby said that he could understand a refusal being recommended if the site was on the main Galway/Tuam Road. He said he understood that permission had been given for a factory across the road from the site which had not yet been built. He said that the land belonged to the father of the applicant who left it to the four children. Councillor Welby proposed that a decision be deferred to the next Meeting to allow the application to be further considered. The Chairman declared the resolution deferred to the next Meeting.

Councillor J. Burke said that he was surprised to see a statement in the report which would encourage city based housing needs into the City. He said he would favour a policy of living in rural areas. Councillor Brennan agreed with Councillor Burke. The County Manager said that the application before the Council did not constitute proper rural development which was the encouragement of development into villages where infrastructural services have been provided or can be provided at economic cost. Councillor O'Morain said that he understood the economic argument in favour of developing centres of population but said that this was being used to develop and increase the population of Galway City and denude rural areas.

Deputy McCormack said that there should be no difficulty with planning permission in the location proposed and that it seemed reasons could now be found for refusing all permissions. The County Manager refuted Deputy McCormack's

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statement about refusing all permissions and said that the Council granted up to 2,000 permissions each year. Councillor McHugh asked if the restriction on ribbonisation was in the previous development plan as well as the current plan, and the County Manager replied in the affirmative. Councillor U. Burke said that many people working in the City cannot afford to acquire houses there and their only option is to build elsewhere.

4152 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62923 - APPLICANT: MARTIN HEALY

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor M. Fahy.

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

LOCATION.

The site is located approximately 1/4 mile off the Oughterard-Glann Road.

PLANNING HISTORY.

- Ref. No. 28807. Permission refused on the proposed site in November, 1979, for erection of a dwellinghouse. Applicant - Mrs. Bridie Healy.
- Ref. No. 30658 Outline Permission granted on the proposed site for a dwellinghouse by Section 4 Direction in March, 1979 - Applicant - Miss. Kathleen Meenaghan.
- Ref. No. 33252. Approval (of Outline Permission 30658) granted on the proposed site in November, 1979. Applicant Miss K. Meenaghan.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

The site of the proposed development is extremely elevated and exposed and is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity. The development would be visible over a wide area and from Lough Corrib. The site has no road frontage is not in accordance with requirements of County Development Plan and would therefore constitute backlands development.

Permission for housing development in areas of outstanding scenic amenity is limited to the essential housing needs of local farmholders and their families. Such a need has not been substantiated in this case. Permission was previously refused by the Planning Authority on this site (i.e. ref. 28807) and the only permission granted was by way of Section 4 Direction.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The development 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 needs of local landowners and their families. No essential housing need has been substantiated in this case and the proposed development, if permitted, would be contrary to the provision of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.
2. The site is in an elevated and exposed location overlooking Lough Corrib in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity which would be an obtrusive feature which would not be capable of being satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings. The development would seriously detract from the visual amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the Area.
3. The proposal would constitute backland development as the site has no public road frontage and would therefore be in contravention of the County Development Plan which requires minimum 100 ft. road frontage for housing development in unserviced rural areas.

Councillor Welby said that other permissions had been granted up that road on ground 100 ft higher up. He said he wasn't happy with some planning decisions made previously and he asked that a decision on the resolution be postponed to the next Council Meeting to enable an examination to be made of the other permissions granted and the housing need, and the people from Dublin getting permission. He said the present applicant was a local person. The County Manager said that Councillor Welby would need to identify the applications he was referring to. Councillor Welby said that he would supply the information. The Chairman declared the resolution adjourned to the next meeting.

COUNCILLOR JOYCE TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT

4153 - CLONTUSKERT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Mullins raised the question of the Clontuskert Group Water Supply Scheme. He said great concern was expressed at the possible delay in getting the scheme off the ground. He asked that the trunk main be completed as quickly as possible to enable the group go ahead.

The Chairman welcomed people from Clontuskert who were present at the Meeting. Councillor Callanan and Deputy Kitt also urged that the group scheme be given the go ahead as quickly as possible.

Mr. Gavin explained the background to the scheme and said that in so far as the Council was concerned, the planning for the Trunk Mains was on course and the Contract Documents were due from the Consultants by the end of the April. He said he would expect an early response from the Department about going to Tender. Councillor Brennan proposed that the Secretary of the Group be allowed address the Meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed. Mr. Lally then addressed the Meeting and complained about the delays in getting the scheme approved, and said that the group should have been informed long ago as to how the scheme could be brought forward. He asked that a meeting be arranged between the Council, the Group, and the Department. The Chairman proposed that as soon as the Contract Documents are available, a meeting be arranged. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

4154 - COUNTY DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT FOR 1990:

A Copy of the Galway County Development Team Report for 1990 was circulated to each Member with the Agenda. The County Manager referred to the Tables at the back of the report which showed that since 1986, County Galway scored highest amongst the 12 Counties in the system. He said that any people with ideas about job creation should be encouraged to go to the Development Officer, and he paid tribute to Mr. Lynch and his staff for their achievements and their availability both day and night. The Chairman also paid tribute to Mr. Lynch and his staff for doing such an excellent job. He said that his term as a member of the County Development Team was very up-lifting, especially when Galway topped the list.

All the Members present complimented Mr. Lynch and his staff, and also the County Manager and other members of the Team. Deputy Fahey said that he would like to see the Development Team to the forefront in the development of the Integrated Rural Development Programme. He also suggested the development of English language schools for Continental students making use of buildings which are already available and linking up with people providing accommodation. He also felt that rural tourism could be substantially improved if there was proper co-ordination between all the Agencies. Councillor U. Burke asked the County Development Officer to get in touch with Coillte to try and ensure equality for people getting into forestry in a small way and to ensure that the raw material was kept in the County for them. He also said that the County badly lacked meat processing plants. Councillor Burke also asked that a Development Plan be drawn up for Loughrea lake which he said had great potential.

Councillor O'Morain asked that the County Development Team ask the Minister for the Marine/Fisheries to designate shellfish areas under the E.E.C. designation and that Cuan, Cill Chiarain, be included. Councillor O'Tuathail said that there seemed to be more flexibility for job creation

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under the County Development Team system and asked if details of the different projects could be made available. He agreed with Councillor O'Morain in relation to the designation of shellfish areas. Councillor Finnegan complimented the West Rail project and also asked that every assistance be given to agri-tourism. Councillor McDonagh complimented the County Development Officer for his part in promoting Galway Bay Radio. Councillor M. Fahy said that greater effort should be put into marketing places like Coole Park, Tullira Castle, etc.

Deputy Kitt said that there should be potential for jobs in the meat processing sector. He asked that the County Development Team try and get involved in putting together a project for Derryfadda Bog. Councillor Lynch asked that a better effort be made to promote Athenry from a historical point of view, and that additional signs be erected. Councillor Ryan said the fact that the only abattoir in the County was in Galway City made it very expensive for Butchers and said that another Abattoir was badly needed in another part of the County.

Mr. Lynch thanked the Members for their comments and replied to some of the queries raised. He said that no decision had yet been made as to who would be responsible for rural development. The Team had grant-aided two language schools. He said the Team was very much involved in rural tourism and Corrib Country. As regards forestry and meat processing, these were matters decided by national policy and in which substantial investment was involved. In regard to mariculture and shellfish, Mr. Lynch said that an Officer was employed for this purpose for two and a half years, but was lost due to lack of funds. Mr. Lynch said he was on a task force set up in relation to the Sugar Company position in Tuam.

The County Manager said that the Loughrea lake proposal would be looked at and also the question of barriers. He said it was important that the County Development Team is recognised by whatever Government Department is involved with the Leader Project. He confirmed that the Corrib Country project had been submitted. In relation to E.E.C. funding, he said that it was Government policy that approaches for funds are made through the Government.

4155 - OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME - SANITARY SERVICES:

The Chairman decided to defer this item.

4156 - NATIONAL ALCOHOL POLICY:

The draft policy circulated was adopted subject to the following amendments:

Recommendations:

(b) - include note that non-alcoholic drinks should be more widely available and amend last sentence to read "should be prohibited by Sporting Organisations".

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(d) to read "properly I.D. Cards authenticated by the Gardai"

(e) add "sale of cider for consumption outside the premises to be controlled".

add (1) tradition of serving drink at Wakes and Funerals to be discouraged.

Councillor Brennan complained that there was only one residential centre for the treatment of alcoholism in the County and suggested that there should be others in Clifden and Galway City.

4157 - CONFERENCE ON TOURISM - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - ATHLONE - 8TH MARCH, 1991:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the attendance of Councillor O'Morain and Councillor McDonagh instead of Councillors Molloy and Ryan at the Chamber of Commerce Seminar in Athlone on 8th March, 1991, was approved.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, approved and confirmed: -

Jane Joyce
Chairman

22/4/1991

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19u la Marta, 1991.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisla de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar in na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De Luain, an 25u la Mta, 1991, ag tosnú ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Gerard Forde for the erection of a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Knockdoemore. - Ref. No. 63076."
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Matt Loughnane.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant to Martin Darcy c/o John Mooney & Assoc., Lough Corrib House, 5, Waterside, Galway, permission for petrol filling station, vehicular service station at Glenascaul. - Planning Ref. No. 62312."
Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Thomas Welby. Paddy McHugh.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to sanction an allocation under a Local Improvement Scheme for a portion of road used by local farmers and which also serves the people of Cashel and surrounding areas who use it to go to the High Cashel Burial Ground. Ref. No. 66/89."
Thomas Welby. Micheal O'Morain. P. McCormack.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

4. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 8/2/1991.
 - (b) Minutes of Monthly Council Meeting held on 25/2/1991.
 - (c) Minutes of County Arts Committee Meeting held on 13/2/1991.
5. Sale of site to:-
 - (a) Thomas Murphy, Kilmore, Tuam, - Section 83 notice dated 7th February, 1991, already circulated.
 - (b) Michael & Julia O'Neill, Gortyloughlin, Moycullen, - Section 83 notice dated 6th March, already circulated.
6. Sale of house to Peter & Kathleen Burke, Gortaganny, Boyounagh Castlereagh, - Section 83 notice dated 6th March, 1991, already circulated.
7. Revision of Remuneration - Programme for Economic and Social Progress.
8. Ballinasloe 850 Celebrations - Contribution by County Council. - Copy of letter dated 5th March, 1991, enclosed.
9. Applications for Remission of Rates:-
 - (a) Rapira Teo., Kilroe West, Spiddle. (Udaras na Gaeltacht Act)
 - (b) Fuinneogai Chonnamara Teo., Tully, Inverin. (Udaras na Gaeltacht Act)
 - (c) William Walsh, Carheendoo, Loughrea. (I.D.A. Act)
10. Road Grants 1991.
11. Local Government Reform - Press Release and Summary of Recommendations of Advisory Expert Committee enclosed.
12. Local Government Reform Seminar - Malahide - 28th March, 1991. (Details enclosed).
13. Letter dated 12th February, 1991, from Office of Public Works re Drainage.
14. Motion re Rural Post Offices - Minute No. 4138 of Council Meeting held on 25th February, 1991.
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.
16. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

17. That Galway County Council surface and tar Pollacurra Road, Castleboy, Kilchreest, Loughrea, in 1991. This County Road is in urgent need of repairs.

Other Motions received:COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

18. That the County Council have new signs erected at village. (Details supplied).
19. That Galway County Council continue road widening on N.63. (Details supplied)
20. That the County Council carry out an in-depth analysis of Headford Water Supply with a view to drastically improving what is a most unsatisfactory water supply. (Details supplied).

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council erect school warning signs on the main road at Derryglin National School at Leam, Oughterard.
22. That steps be taken to alleviate the serious flooding which occurs on the Leenane to Clifden Road at Kylemore. This periodic flooding often causes great inconvenience to users of this road who have to make a detour via Lettergesh on Inagh Valley. I will be asking that the road be raised at this location.
23. That in view of the importance of the road from the Galway City boundary at Briarhill to Carnmore Airport, that Galway Corporation apply to have this road raised to the status of National Primary Road so that we can qualify for substantial Environment Grants for the improvement and widening of this road to the Airport which is the major approach road and it creates the first impression on visitors arriving by plane to Galway.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

24. That Galway County Council immediately alleviates the flooding at a location in County Galway (details supplied) that the works to be carried out be outlined hereafter, the date on which these works will be done and any other relevant information.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

25. That Galway County Council carry out immediate repairs, improvements and raising of the road at a location in County Galway (details supplied) that the Council outline the works to be carried out, the dates on which these works will be carried out and any other relevant information.
26. That Galway County Council urgently take action to ensure that there is not a repeat of the fatalities in the South East Galway area, and in particular that they respond to the Circular letter, received on January 18th, last, from concerned parents and children; and in Portumna/Abbey/Ballyshrule areas; that the Council outline the action that they propose to take and any other relevant information.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

27. That roadworks be carried out at a certain location (details supplied).
28. That repairs be carried out to the Ardfry Road, Maree, Oranmore.
29. That a "yield" sign be erected at the junction of Sailing Club Road and the main road to Rinville West, Oranmore.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

30. Go dtogfadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe taiscionmair uisce ag Tir an Fhia, Leitirmoir. Nil an coras ata ann faoi lathair saisuil agus ni bheidh go mbeidh an taiscionmair seo toghtha.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH: - I will propose:

31. Why this Council does not go ahead and deal with the storm problem in Glenamaddy. (Details supplied).
32. I want to know why Galway County Council have not erected the desirable signs at the Square in Glenamaddy.
33. That Galway County Council carry out the necessary work in Glenamaddy to prevent storm water flooding in future.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

34. That Galway County Council please check the quality of water going into the taps at Kinvara.
35. That Galway County Council put a public light outside Ballymana Church, Craughwell, as the E.S.B. has now put a pole outside the Church, so all that is needed is a light fitting.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

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36. That Galway County Council look at the possibility of putting a public toilet in Athenry as there is a site there already. What I was thinking of is a toilet the same as the one that has been put in to Ennis Town a very short time ago. This toilet is very small and will not take up too much room, and the beauty of this is that there is no need for maintenance, and only one person at a time can use it.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

37. That an estimate be prepared to ease bend at the head of the Derreen Road, Ballyforan.
38. That County Council carry out repairs to a road. (Details supplied).
39. That Galway County Council carry out repairs to a road and cut briars and bushes on a road leading to a person's house.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

40. That Galway County Council improve visibility on old Templemartin Road at Craughwell at corner of C.I.E. Level Crossing.
41. That Galway County Council clean and clear all Water Tables on all the County Roads in Ballinderreen, and also Council close of lay-by near Paddy Donohue's house, Newtown, Kilcolgan - on Kilcolgan side of house is lay-by.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

42. When will the traffic plan (which is being prepared for 12 months) be ready for consideration by Tuam Town Commissioners.
43. When will the self financing plan for the upgrading of Tuam lighting system, as drawn up by the E.S.B., be implemented.

COUNCILLORS T. WELBY AND J. MANNION: - I will propose:

44. That Galway County Council take in charge the following roads - the road from the County Road to the Dogs Bay Beach, Roundstone, and the road from the County Road to Nee's gate known as Curragh Road, Renvyle - improved under L.I.S. No. 16/86.

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY: - I will propose:

45. That extra funding be made available for the completion of the Letterfrack Water Supply Scheme, as the village depends entirely on tourism, it is important that the said scheme be completed before the start of the 1991 Tourist season.

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COUNCILLOR T. WELBY: - I will propose:

6. That Galway County Council send a strong recommendation to An Taoiseach that legislation be introduced immediately to provide a proper insurance framework for walking routes in County Galway and throughout the country which are now a major tourist attraction.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN: - I will propose:

47. That County Council seek a 30 mile speed limit at next reviewing of speed limits for the village of Abbeyknockmoy - a growing traffic area with busy public houses, health centre, etc. The minimum speed limit here is essential.
48. That Galway County Council ease bend to create better view at Finn's Cross, Ballyglunin, as you enter main Galway/Roscommon Road from Athenry. There is a very poor view here and it is a highly dangerous entry onto a main road.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH: - I will propose:

49. That Galway County Council carry out urgent and immediate repairs to the following roads in Moycullen/Knockranny/Oldtown Road, Knockauranny Road and the Doon Road.
50. That Galway County Council carry out works to prevent the discharge of muck onto the public road from a non-public road. (Details supplied).
51. That Galway County Council clean a drain at Cloonbar, Kilconly. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN: - I will propose:

52. That the Council include the road "details enclosed" on their programme of tarring for this year 1991. (Details supplied).

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH MARCH, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

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

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4158 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Martin Joyce, who died over the weekend. Mr. Joyce was Secretary of the National Monuments Advisory Committee and the Chairman paid tribute to his work, dedication and involvement in many organisations. He was a former Teacher, and Secretary of the local I.N.T.O. Branch and was on the National Executive of the I.N.T.O. He was Honorary Secretary of the Ballinasloe Show Society for a number of years and was involved in many Archaeological and Historical Organisations. He had acted as a voluntary Guide to the many people who had visited Augrim to see the site of the battle field. He was also very much involved with the Interpretative Centre for Aughrim and had worked very closely with all those concerned in the project.

Deputy Treacy seconded the resolution and also paid tribute to the late Martin Joyce and the mark he had left on the history of the country. All the Members associated with the resolution of sympathy. The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, also joined in the expression of sympathy. He endorsed all the tributes that had been paid to Mr. Joyce and sympathised with Mrs. Joyce and family.

The Meeting then adjourned for 5 minutes as a mark of respect.

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Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mr. Paddy Mannion, Lakeview, Moylough, Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Mulkerrins, Castleboy, Kilchreest, Loughrea.
Mrs. Margaret Lee, Moycullen.

4159 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63076 - APPLICANT: GERARD FORDE:

The resolution on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Clr. J. Molloy. The County Engineer read the following report, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located approximately 1 mile north of Laghtgeorge on a County Road which links the Galway/Tuam road with the Galway/Roscommon Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. no. 8506: Permission for one house granted by the Minister on appeal on an area of lands including this site, subject to the sterilisation of a large area of lands from further housing development. The house was built and the covenant of sterilisation was dissolved by mutual consent sixteen years later.

Ref. No. 29572: Outline Permission refused for four houses on lands which include this site - Applicant: Mr. G. Forde.

Ref. No. 59423: Outline Permission granted for one house, out of a total of three houses sought, on lands which include this site. Applicant: Marion Forde.

Ref. No. 62394: Outline Permission refused for a dwellinghouse on this site. Applicant: Mr. Gerard Ford. There were two local objections to this proposal.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

There has been considerable pressure for housing development on this and on adjoining sites by members of the Forde Family. The land was originally sterilised from further housing development but the covenant was lifted and outline permission granted to Marion Forde for a single dwellinghouse. The house has not yet been built.

Marion Forde subsequently sought a second house on an adjoining site and was refused by the Planning Authority and An Bord Pleanala. Ms. Joan Forde has also been refused on the adjoining site. No housing need has been claimed in any of the applications made.

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Chapter 7.2.8 of the County Development Plan prohibits housing ribbonisation in rural areas where the demand arises from urban generated housing needs rather than the indigenous needs of agriculture. The Forde applications seem to be unconnected with agriculture and are essentially city based.

The cumulative proposals would, therefore, constitute ribbonisation as defined in the Development Plan and would, therefore, erode the rural nature of this area and conflict with the policy of encouraging city based housing needs into the city or into the surrounding towns and villages where infrastructural services have been provided at public expense.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development together with existing and permitted adjacent development would constitute an excessive density and concentration of non-essential housing development in this rural area and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area and would be in conflict with Chapter 7.1.6 and 7.2.8 of the County Development Plan which restricts groups of houses in rural areas.
2. The proposed development would contravene the conditions of Planning Ref. No. 59423 which permits only one house to be constructed on lands which include the present site."

Councillor Welby said that Marion Forde was the Executor of the Will of the former landowner, and in accordance with the Will, was trying to provide a site for each of the four children. He said that the family originally came from the area and they all needed a house. He said the site was on a quiet County Road with little traffic and there should be no need at all for a Section 4. There was also a dwellinghouse being built on the Road at present. Councillor Brennan said that this application did not seem to infringe the County Development Plan too much and the main objection was ribbonisation. He asked if an Enurement Clause would be acceptable.

The County Engineer said that the sterilisation agreement on the land was lifted in order to give Planning Permission for one house which had not yet been built. He said that the development would lead to a cluster of houses with no services. In reply to the Chairman, the County Engineer said that the site consisted of approximately 4 acres and reiterated the point that no housing need had been claimed, and that the development would probably lead to a row of houses in an unserved rural area. In reply to Councillor Brennan, the County Engineer said that the question of the septic tank was not an issue.

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4.

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

FOR: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, M. Fahy, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh, and T. Welby.

(19)

AGAINST: None.

Councillor M. Ryan abstained from voting.

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

4160 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62312 - APPLICANT: MARTIN D'ARCY.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor O'Conchubhair, and seconded by Councillor Welby.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The proposed development is located on the Oranmore-Claregalway Road approximately one and a half miles north of Oranmore.

PREVIOUS HISTORY:

1. File 29994 - Outline Permission sought on this site and adjacent by Ms. E. Walshe. Outline Permission was refused in December 1978. It was also refused on appeal.
2. File 43748 - Permission sought for service station and petrol pumps. Permission was refused on October 1982. Applicant: Mr. M. D'Arcy.
3. File 53440 - Outline Permission sought for petrol filling station and oil storage depot. Permission was refused on February 1987. Applicant: Mr. M. D'Arcy. Permission refused on appeal.
4. File 53800 - Outline permission sought on this site for petrol filling station and oil storage depot. Permission was refused on February 1987.

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Applicant: Mr. M. D'Arcy.
Permission refused on appeal.

5. File 58706 - Outline Permission sought on this site for petrol filling station and vehicular service station. Permission refused on July 1989.
Applicant: Mr. M. D'Arcy.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on Oranmore - Claregalway Route, N64 which is under Class 1 Control where the maximum speed limit applies and this provides that all commercial and industrial development shall be wholly restricted except for permissible alterations or extensions to existing ones. The proposed development would, therefore, be in conflict with the development control provision of the Development Plan and would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the traffic movements generated by it would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on this road.

It is also the policy of the County Development Plan to permit roadside facilities such as petrol stations, servicing, repairs of vehicles only within speed limit boundaries of existing centres.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard, because the site, being located on a heavily trafficked section of National Secondary road where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road.

In addition, the development would militate against the objectives of the Planning Authority to:

- a) preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the road so that it can fulfill its function as a through road for heavy traffic.
 - b) protect the public investment in the National Road Network.
2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 8, Table 8A of the County Development Plan which limits commercial development along this road to alterations or extensions to existing uses."

Councillor O'Conchubhair said that he had inspected the site and did not think it would cause a traffic hazard. He said the applicant had failed on a number of occasions to get

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6.

Planning Permission. He referred to application no. 40856 for Warehousing Development which was granted Permission and is adjacent to the current application. He said that a Filling Station was under construction a few hundred yards down the road. He said that the applicant wanted to extend his business and in view of the other developments, he could see no objection.

The County Engineer said that the Control classification on the road has changed since 1982, and it now came under Class 1 Control. The other Filling Station referred to by Councillor O'Conchubhair was in an area zoned Industrial. The County Engineer said the fact that it was a straight stretch of road would mean that traffic would be travelling at high speed, and therefore, would cause a traffic hazard.

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

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby.

(17)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan and J. Burke.

(2)

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh abstained from voting.

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

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO SANCTION AN ALLOCATION UNDER THE LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR A ROAD LEADING TO HIGH CASHEL BURIAL GROUND

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Deputy McCormack. The County Engineer read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"This notice refers to a section of mountain track which leads to High Cashel Burial Ground. It serves 5 holdings and commonage. There is no inhabited house on the roadway. The length of roadway from the public road at Cashel Church to the burial ground is approx. 2/3 of a mile. Because of its excessive gradient and sharp bends, it is not possible for normal vehicular traffic to use the road. The request for a local improvement scheme to be applied to the roadway was rejected for the following reasons:

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- (1) The Scheme would be very expensive and way outside the scope of the local improvement scheme concept.
- (2) The roadway, because of the steepness of the gradient and sharp bends is not suitable for normal vehicular traffic, and if surface dressed in its present location, would be extremely dangerous to vehicular traffic.
- (3) It would not be possible to use normal roadmaking equipment on the road because of its gradient and working conditions would be very dangerous."

Councillor Welby asked what would the work cost. The County Engineer replied that he would have difficulty standing over any cost because he could not put a tar sprayer on it because of the risk of an accident and it would probably have to be done manually. He said he had no machinery that could work on it and he could be putting employees at risk working on it.

Councillor Welby said that a private Contractor would be agreeable to do the work and the local people were prepared to help out. Deputy McCormack said that every effort should be made to overcome any obstacles in order to help the local community who have to carry coffins up to the graveyard. Councillor Mannion supported the proposal. He urged that the road be done as far as the house and said that it did not have to be a big job as there would be little traffic using it.

Mr. Gavin said that Local Improvement Schemes were intended to benefit farm holders and agriculture, and not burial grounds. He said that apart from the safety aspect, the cost of the scheme would be way above the norms for such schemes. He did not see much benefit in doing one-third of the road if the remainder was worse. Councillor Mannion said that if one-third of the road was done, it would be tremendous benefit to the local community and money should be found to do it. Councillor Welby said that the Council must have some obligation to the local people and that a grant should be allocated for the first section of the road. Councillor O'Tuathail supported the proposal saying that the people were only looking for a basic human right.

The Chairman said that everybody should be in favour of trying to resolve the matter and get some of the road done. He suggested that the resolution be deferred in order that consultation could take place between the Councillors, local community, and Officials to see if something could be worked out. This was agreed.

4162 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Minutes of the following Meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman:

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- (a) Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 8/2/1991.
- (b) Minutes of Monthly Council Meeting held on 25/2/1991.
- (c) Minutes of County Arts Committee Meeting held on 13/2/1991.

Arising from the Minutes, Deputy Kitt referred to Minute No. 4110 and said that the Organisers of the Clontuskert Group Water Supply Scheme would like to have a meeting arranged with Officials. Mr. Gavin stated that when the Contract Documents are ready, a meeting can be arranged. The Chairman said that the group are afraid that certain sections may be omitted from the scheme and he proposed that -

- (a) the Trunk Main to Laurencetown through Somerset and Barraboy;
- (b) the Trunk Main leading to Aughrim through Ballagh;

be included. This was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Councillor O'Conchubhair referred to Minute No. 4130 and said that too many planning applications were being refused due to septic tank problems, even those with the new Bord na Mona system. He said that the septic tank problem seemed to be resolved in Mayo. The County Manager said that the Council cannot grant any Permission which would cause pollution and the County Engineer explained that the Chemist in the Castlebar Laboratory confirmed that the treatment of effluent by the Puraflo system was insufficient particularly in West Galway where the percolation was poor. Councillor O'Tuathail asked if Council Officials would try and help applicants to try and identify a suitable area on their holdings for a septic tank before submitting an application. The County Manager replied that this could be arranged.

Referring to Minute no. 4103, Councillor Walsh said that he hoped farmers who suffered storm/flood damage would be compensated.

4163 - SALE OF SITE:

It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke and seconded by Councillor Joe Brennan, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at Kilmore, Tuam, to Thomas Murphy in accordance with the terms of notice dated 7th February, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

4164 - SALE OF SITE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at Gortyloughlin, Moycullen, to Michael & Julia

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O'Neill, in accordance with the terms of notice 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."

4165 - SALE OF HOUSE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Gortaganny, Boyounagh, Castlerea, to Peter and Kathleen Burke, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 6th March, 1991, 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."

4166 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION - PROGRAMME FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS:

The Secretary stated that the Programme for Economic and Social Progress included an agreement on pay which had been accepted by all sides. The Agreement provided for increases from 1/1/1991 as follows:

- 4% of basic pay in the first year of the Agreement;
- 3% of basic pay in the second year of the Agreement;
- 3.75% of basic pay in the third year of the Agreement.

The Minister for the Environment has sanctioned payment of the first phase from 1/1/1991 and the total cost of implementing this for 1991 for all employees was estimated at £308,000 which was somewhat in excess of the provision in the Estimate, but nevertheless, would have to be paid.

It was proposed by Councillor Brennan, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council approve of the pay increases for Council employees in accordance with the Agreement between the ICTU and Employer Organisations embodied in the Programme for Economic and Social Progress."

4167 - BALLINASLOE 850 CELEBRATIONS - CONTRIBUTION BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

On the proposition of the Chairman, Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Galway County Council make a contribution of £5,000 to Ballinasloe Urban District Council towards the funding and promotion of Ballinasloe 850.

4168 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES:

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

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"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of 2/3 of the rates levied in respect of the premises at Kilroe West, Killannin, occupied by Rapira Teo., in respect of the years 1st January, 1989 to 31st December, 1998, in accordance with Section 26 of the Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

4169 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the remission of 2/3 of the rates levied in respect of the premises at Tully, Inverin, occupied by Fuinneogai Chonnamara Teo., in respect of the years 1st January, 1990 to 31st December, 1999, in accordance with Section 26 of the Udaras na Gaeltachta Act, 1979, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by Udaras na Gaeltachta."

4170 - APPLICATION FOR REMISSION OF RATES:

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

"That Galway County Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Industrial Development Act 1986, hereby remit two-thirds of the rates leviable by the Council on the valuation of the premises at Carheendoo, Loughrea, occupied by William Walsh, the remission to have effect in respect of the years 1st January, 1990, to 31st December, 1999, inclusive, the appropriate certificate under the Act having been issued by the Industrial Development Authority."

Councillor Glynn said that the inner city development in Galway and the incentives available for it was putting pressure on small towns and villages in the County which could result in a loss of rates to the Council. He asked the County Manager if a Study could be done on the affects of the inner city development on rural areas. The County Manager said that much of the development in the designated areas were as yet unoccupied, and that it would be a considerable time before any type of analysis could be attempted. He said that a lapse of another year at least would be necessary.

4171 - ROAD GRANTS 1991:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed that the Road Grants for 1991 be considered at a special meeting to be held on 15th April, 1991.

4172 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, it was agreed that Local Government Reform be considered in conjunction with the Planning Meeting to be held on 8th April, 1991.

Councillor M. Fahy stated that Deputy F. Fahey, Minister of State, and Chairman of the Joint Traveller Committee would be unable to attend the proposed Traveller Meeting on 15th April, and proposed that the Meeting be deferred to 29th April. This was agreed.

4173 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM SEMINAR - MALAHIDE - 28TH MARCH, 1991:

Deputy Kitt proposed that Councillor M. Fahy, and Councillor J. Molloy be nominated to attend the Seminar. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed. Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillor J. McDonagh be nominated to attend the Seminar. This was seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed.

Deputy Kitt proposed and Councillor McDonagh seconded that the Chairman, Councillor Loughnane, and Councillor Lambert (Councillor Mannion as substitute), be nominated to attend the Seminar in addition to the three representatives on the General Council of County Councils. The Secretary stated that the Council could only pay expenses to three delegates unless approval was received from the Minister. It was agreed that the Minister's approval be requested.

4174 - CONFERENCE - DEVELOPING THE RURAL ECONOMY - KILLALOE - 25TH/26TH APRIL, 1991:

The Chairman gave details of a Conference being organised in the Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe, by Tipperary (NR) County Council and Shannon Development entitled "Developing the Rural Economy - How best can this be done?" on 25th and 26th April, 1991.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillors Raftery and Welby attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, it was agreed that Councillor Ryan would also attend the Conference.

4175 - LETTER DATED 12TH FEBRUARY, 1991, FROM O.P.W. RE DRAINAGE:

Councillor McHugh said that the letter from the O.P.W. was very unsatisfactory and that widespread flooding was occurring on a continuous basis, year after year. He said that the first priority was to have a survey carried out of all the areas subject to flooding and progress from there. The County Manager said that the O.P.W. was implying that it did not have the resources to solve the problem, and therefore, it seemed to be a matter for Government. Councillor McHugh proposed that the Ministers for Agriculture

and Finance be requested to make the necessary funds available in order that the necessary surveys be carried out and drainage schemes prepared to resolve the flooding problem. This was seconded by Councillor Walsh and agreed.

4176 - MOTION RE RURAL POST OFFICES - MINUTE NO. 4138 OF MEETING ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 1991:

Councillor Walsh said that the proposal to close some rural post offices was the greatest single attack on rural Ireland in recent times. He said it would cause severe hardship particularly for old people. The proposed downgrading of other post offices was also a retrograde step, and the proposal to set up post boxes raised a serious security problem. He proposed that the Viability Plan be rejected. Councillor Brennan seconded Councillor Walsh's proposal and said that the Government should provide the necessary finance to avoid the closures and seek assistance from the E.E.C. Other Members also spoke against the proposed closure of some rural post offices and the downgrading of others. They said that the plan had evoked an angry response from local people and that the proposals would have a detrimental affect on the west of Ireland.

Councillor Ryan proposed that an Official from Telecom Eireann be invited to a Council Meeting to explain the new billing system and that Telecom also be requested to rationalise the telephone code system for County Galway.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

4177 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE AND TAR POLLACURRA ROAD, CASTLEBOY, KILCHREEST, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The Council intend cleaning the public road as a once off situation. However, before doing so, the farmer responsible will be requested to cease activities which cause muck to be deposited on the road. It is hoped to have this notice sent out in the coming weeks."

4178 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE NEW SIGNS ERECTED AT VILLAGE (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH MCDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Village signs are currently in place at the above location."

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- 4179 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINUE ROAD WIDENING ON N.63 (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The carrying out of improvement works on National Routes is 100% exchequer funded. As no funds were provided by the Department of the Environment in the 1991 Road Grant allocations for the above location, it is not possible to carry out improvement works."

- 4180 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT AN IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF HEADFORD WATER SUPPLY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The Headford region, including Headford Town, is included as a future stage to be served from the proposed Tuam Regional Water Supply Scheme by a branch from the Stage 1 Scheme. It is proposed to seek Tenders for the Stage 1 Scheme in the current year.

The existing supply has now been augmented by the installation of new pumps. The supply is now taken from the Crosswood Scheme and a satisfactory chlorinated supply of water is supplied at adequate pressure.

During the course of this work, the normal supply was interrupted but this should not re-occur in the future as the works are now completed."

- 4181 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT SHCOOL WARNING SIGNS ON THE MAIN ROAD AT DERRYGLIN NATIONAL SCHOOL AT LEAM, OUGHTERARI: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The statutory school signs (no. 125) are in place at above location.

However, these signs will be replaced by larger statutory school signs in the near future."

- 4182 - FLOODING ON THE LEENANE TO CLIFDEN ROAD AT KYLEMORE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The road in question is the National Secondary Route N.59 and flooding is due to run-off from flash storms. The river channel between Kylemore Bridge and Tullywee Bridge is inadequate to meet such storm situations and

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requires to be regraded, widened and deepened. Systematic maintenance of the river is necessary due to the transport of gravel and boulders from high ground under flood conditions.

The Council raised the section of road in question by up to 2 feet some years ago. Further raising of the road level will be difficult due to poor ground conditions. Additional roadworks would not be advisable until improved drainage works are first carried out and the situation monitored over a period. These drainage works are not the responsibility of the Council."

- 4183 - ROAD FROM GALWAY CITY BOUNDARY AT BRIARHILL TO CARNMORE AIRPORT: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Upgrading of the above road to national standard is not recommended as this would not result in additional funds being made available, as the level of funding provided for improvement works on National Primary and National Secondary routes has been substantially reduced in recent years. Under the present classification, the route is eligible for funding under the Regional and County Road Discretionary Grants."

- 4184 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY ALLEVIATES THE FLOODING AT A LOCATION IN COUNTY GALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Flooding at the above location is aggravated by surface water flowing from Mr. McHugo's driveway and parking area in front of his house. The above land owner has been requested to take remedial action."

- 4185 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS, IMPROVEMENTS AND RAISING OF THE ROAD AT A LOCATION IN COUNTY GALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above work is £5,000. The work could be carried out if Councillors N.O.M. funding was provided."

- 4186 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL URGENTLY TAKE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NOT A REPEAT OF THE FATALITIES IN SOUTH EAST GALWAY AREA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The responsibility for roadside trees is entirely a matter for the landowners involved and the Council has

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no intention of carrying this responsibility. A public notice to this effect was published in the Connaught Tribune issue of 7/2/'91 and 1/3/'91. A copy of the notice is enclosed herewith.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

TREES ABUTTING PUBLIC ROADS

Galway County Council wish to call to the attention of landowners their responsibility for trees growing on their lands abutting or affronting roads or areas normally frequented by the public. The responsibility for the safety of such trees lies solely with the landowners and any liability arising from any accidents caused by such trees or parts of them falling or collapsing is entirely the liability of the landowner.

Landowners therefore are advised that they should as a matter of prudence inspect or cause an inspection to be made of all trees standing on their lands in the above category to ensure that they present no danger or hazard to passers-by.

SIGNED: T. KAVANAGH
COUNTY SECRETARY
February 6th, 1991."

4187 - THAT ROADWORKS BE CARRIED OUT AT A CERTAIN LOCATION (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"It is hoped to remove clay banks and widen the surface area in the vicinity of the National School funds permitting. However, there are no funds available for purchasing additional land."

4188 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE ARDFRY ROAD, MAREE, ORANMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Repairs will be carried out to the above road as soon as possible."

4189 - THAT A YIELD SIGN BE ERECTED AT THE JUNCTION OF SAILING CLUB ROAD AND THE MAIN ROAD TO RINVILLE WEST, ORANMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

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"Yield signs will be erected at the above location in the near future."

4190 - GO DTOGFADH COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE TAISCIONMAIR UISCE AG TIR AN FHIA. LEITIRMOIR: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL:

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

"Tafar ag suil uisce a chuir ar fail i dTir an fhia on sceim nua ata molta le haghaidh Casla.

Ni cheadaionn an Operational Programme ach costas taiscumar i nGleanmore. Da bhri sin, ni cheidh an Comhairle Condae in ann uisce a chur ar fail i dTir an Fhia go gcuirfeadh an Roinn Comhshaoil airgead ar fail le haghaidh an sceim iomlan."

4191 - STORM WATER PROBLEM IN GLENAMADDY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The Council carried out a detailed design and investigation on possible alternatives for storm water out-falls. It transpired that the cost of carrying out the works is substantial and in the region of £51,000. An application for inclusion under the Sanitary Services Small Schemes Programme is being submitted to the Department of the Environment."

4192 - SIGNS AT THE SQUARE, GLENAMADDY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"Informative signs at The Square, Glenamaddy, will be replaced as resources permit."

4193 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PLEASE CHECK THE QUALITY OF WATER GOING INTO THE TAPS AT KINVARA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"I wish to inform you that samples of water were taken for testing from Kinvara Public Supply on 12th March, 1991, and both Bacteriological and Chemical Analyses were in compliance with E.C. Directives."

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- 4194 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT A PUBLIC LIGHT OUTSIDE BALLYMANA CHURCH, CRAUGHWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"Provision of public lighting at the above location will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Public Lighting Programme. The Programme will be on the Agenda for the April Council meeting."

- 4195 - PUBLIC TOILET IN ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The County Engineer is in the process of examining your proposal and will prepare a report on the feasibility of your request."

- 4196 - THAT AN ESTIMATE BE PREPARED TO EASE BEND AT THE HEAD OF THE DERREEN ROAD, BALLYFORAN: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT:

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

"An estimate is being prepared and will be forwarded to you as soon as possible."

- 4197 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO A ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael Kitt:

"The road in question is a stop end County Road. It is unlikely that strengthening works will be carried out in the current year as Class 1 and 2 County Roads would have greater priority having regard to the limited funds available. However, minor surface repairs will be carried out in order of priority and as resources permit."

- 4198 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO A ROAD AND CUT BRIARS AND BUSHES ON A ROAD LEADING TO A PERSON'S HOUSE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Michael Kitt:

"Hedge cutting at the above location will be considered under the 1991 hedge cutting programme. Minor surface repairs will be carried out in the near future."

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- 4199 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMPROVE VISIBILITY ON OLD TEMPLE-MARTIN ROAD AT CRAUGHWELL AT CORNER OF C.I.E. LEVEL CROSSING: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The old road at Templemartin meets the N.P. road beside the Level Crossing at an acute angle. Due to the proximity to the Level Crossing there is a restricted line of sight. The matter has now been referred to our design staff for attention."

- 4200 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN AND CLEAR ALL WATER TABLES ON ALL THE COUNTY ROADS IN BALLINDERREEN, AND ALSO COUNCIL CLOSE OFF LAY-BY NEAR PADDY DONOHUE'S HOUSE, NEWTOWN, KILCOLGAN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"County Road funds are not adequate to enable water tables be opened on all roads as required. It is hoped to have some work done in the Ballinderreen area on water tables in April and May."

There are no plans to close the lay-by near Paddy Donoghue's house at Kilcolgan."

- 4201 - WHEN WILL THE TRAFFIC PLAN BE READY FOR CONSIDERATION BY TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"It is hoped to have the Traffic Management Plan for Tuam Town finalized within the next six weeks."

- 4202 - WHEN WILL THE SELF FINANCING PLAN FOR THE UPGRADING OF TUAM LIGHTING SYSTEM AS DRAWN UP BY THE E.S.B. BE IMPLEMENTED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"A presentation regarding the upgrading of Tuam lighting system will be made by the E.S.B. to Council Engineering staff towards the end of April."

- 4203 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IN CHARGE THE FOLLOWING ROADS - ROAD FROM COUNTY ROAD TO DOGS BAY BEACH, ROUNDSTONE, AND ROAD FROM THE COUNTY ROAD TO NEE'S GATE KNOWN AS CURRAGH ROAD, RENVYLE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS J. MANNION AND T. WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillors J. Mannion and T. Welby:

"The Council intend taking the above road in charge, and the necessary arrangements are being made."

- 4204 - THAT EXTRA FUNDING BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE LETTERFRACK WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"The Preliminary Report for the Tully/Letterfrack/Tullycross/Clifden Regional Water Supply Scheme has been prepared and submitted to the Department of the Environment 1987. Approval to prepare Contract Documents is awaited.

In the interim, the Council has submitted a small scheme to the Department of the Environment for the improvement of the Letterfrack Water Supply. An allocation for Small Schemes has not yet been received for 1991.

A deficient watermain has been replaced at Letterfrack, and it is proposed to commission this main and to integrate with the existing supply system."

- 4205 - WALKING ROUTES: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Thomas Welby:

"The Council understands that there are proposals to amend the Law in this regard and this resolution will be forwarded to the appropriate Department."

- 4206 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SEEK A 30 MILE SPEED LIMIT AT NEXT REVIEWING OF SPEED LIMITS FOR THE VILLAGE OF ABBEYKNOCKMOY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Ryan:

"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."

- 4207 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL EASE BEND TO CREATE BETTER VIEW AT FINN'S CROSS, BALLYGLUNIN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Ryan:

"The removal of bends on Regional and County Roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

- 4208 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT URGENT AND IMMEDIATE REPAIRS TO THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN THE MOYCULLEN/KNOCKRANNY/OLDTOWN ROAD, KNOCKAUNRANNY ROAD AND THE DOON ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The above roads are being considered under the 1991 Road Works Programme. However, roads not included in the programme will be considered in the Council's maintenance programme in order of priority and as resources permit."

- 4209 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT WORKS TO PREVENT THE DISCHARGE OF MUCK ONTO THE PUBLIC ROAD FROM A NON-PUBLIC ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The Council intend cleaning the public road as a once off situation. However, before doing so the farmers responsible will be requested to cease activities which cause muck to be deposited on the road. It is hoped to have this notice sent out in the coming weeks."

- 4210 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CLEAN A DRAIN AT CLOONBAR, KILCONLY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"As the drain in question is a private drain, the Council have no responsibility in the matter."

- 4211 - THAT THE COUNCIL INCLUDE THE ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED) ON THEIR PROGRAMME OF TARRING FOR THIS YEAR 1991: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Callanan:

"It is unlikely that the above location will be included under the 1991 surface restoration programme as there are other roads with greater priority. However, the work could be carried out if Councillors N.O.M. funds were provided."

- 4212 - CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- (a) Letter dated 7th March, 1991, from Wexford Corporation regarding high cost of car insurance.

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- (b) Letter dated 11th March, 1991, from Wexford Corporation regarding Family Law.
- (c) Letter dated 20th February, 1991, from Limerick Corporation regarding education grants.
- (d) Letter dated 27th February, 1991, from Donegal County Council regarding purchase of land for afforestation.
- (e) Letter dated 27th February, 1991, from Leitrim County Council regarding Ewe Premium.
- (f) Letter dated 21st February, 1991, from Bundoran Urban District Council regarding amendment of the Housing Act.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, approved and confirmed: -

James Joyce
CHAIRMAN

22/4/1991

Date.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

2u la Aibreain, 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 Luain, an 8u la Aibreain, 1991, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Bernard McDermott for the erection of a dwellinghouse, garage and construction of a septic tank at Cappataggle. - Planning Ref. No. 62541."
Michael P. Kitt. Joe Callanan. Michael Mullins.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Martin Healy for erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Barnagurteeny. - Planning Ref. No. 62923."
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. Mark Killilea.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Michael Conway for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Kylebroghlan. - Ref. No. 62574."
Thomas Welby. P. McCormack. Frank Fahey.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 4. National Lottery Grants Applications 1991.
- 5. Local Government Reform.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Councillor Matt Loughnane.
(b) Councillor James Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Callanan, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, John M. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, 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; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning), D. Barrett, S.S.O., and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4213 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62541 - APPLICANT: BERNARD MCDERMOTT:

This resolution was deferred from Council Meeting held on 11th March, 1991.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Councillor Callanan. The County Engineer said that the only objection to the application was that the site was unsuitable for the satisfactory disposal of effluent as outlined in the report previously circulated.

Deputy Kitt circulated the following report prior to the Meeting:

"Planning Ref. number 62541.

April 1, 1991.

Please find enclosed 1 no site map, 1 no table and 1 no. diagram (Fig 11, Fig 12).

With reference to above planning application, I have carried out the water table test and percolation test to S. R. 6 1975.

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Water table test was carried out on March 2, 1991. The test procedure was as follows. Two test holes were dug in the percolation area and a further two test holes were dug in the reserve percolation area. The dimensions of the test hole were 300 m² x 1m depth. The sides were scratched to ensure a natural soil interface. 50mm of coarse sand was added to the bottom of each test hole. Each hole was filled with clear water to a depth of 300mm over the sand. The next day March 3 all the test holes were found to be empty.

Each was then refilled to a depth of 225mm. The observed time for the water to completely seep away for each hole is as per diagram Fig. 1.

The test results gave a value $T = 5$, which indicates the length of piping should be 35m. This result was obtained by dividing the time for each hole by nine as indicated in 1 no Table and the average of the four gave value $T = 5$. The results of this test indicates that the percolation area is well inside the limits of S. R. 6. 1975.

My conclusion is that this percolation area is very satisfactory. The test for the water table was carried out in very bad weather and was observed on several occasions and contained no water.

The percolation test result was also very favourable. It is possible to test another percolation area and reserve percolation area because the site has sufficient space available. As the results conclude this is not required.

SIGNED: TERENCE KELLY Civil Engineering Technician."

The County Engineer said that there were now two conflicting opinions and he would like to refer it back to the Western Health Board for advice. Deputy Kitt proposed that the Resolution be deferred to Council Meeting on 22nd April, 1991, and the Chairman declared accordingly.

4214 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62923 - APPLICANT: MARTIN HEALY

The resolution was deferred from Council Meeting held on 11th March, 1991.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy. Councillor Welby said that since the last meeting, further information was submitted by the applicant regarding housing need. The County Engineer said that the applicant stated he was a student and this did not satisfy the requirements of the Development Plan. Councillor Welby said that the applicant was an 18 year old student, it was the only land he owned and he needed a house of his own. Councillor Welby

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also referred to other applicants who had been granted Planning Permission. A vote taken for or against the Resolution resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, P. Raftery, Deputy N. Treacy, and Councillor T. Welby. (9)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Brennan. (1)

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

As the number voting for the resolution was less than the number required to carry it (11), the Chairman, Councillor Loughnane, declared the resolution lost.

4215 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62574 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL CONWAY:

The County Engineer said that Further Information was under consideration in relation to this application and it would be brought back before the next Planning Meeting.

4216 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, a resolution of sympathy was passed to Councillor John Mannion on the death of his uncle, Thomas Mannion.

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, a resolution of sympathy was adopted to Mrs. Margaret Costello, Castle Ellen, Athenry, on the death of her husband, Pat Costello, who was an Overseer with Galway County Council.

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, a resolution of sympathy was adopted to Mrs. Nicholson, Stripe, Tuam, on the death of Stephen Nicholson, Superintendent Community Welfare Officer, Western Health Board.

On the proposition of Councillor Mullins, a resolution of sympathy was adopted to Mrs. Lawless, Whitepark, Ballymacward, on the death of Tom Lawless, a County Council employee.

4217 - NATIONAL LOTTERY GRANTS - APPLICATIONS 1991:

A list of applications received by the Council was circulated to the Members divided into 5 categories as requested by the Department. A separate list of County Council projects was also circulated. The County Manager referred to the scheme for Phase 1 of the Clifden Amenity Plan which had been prepared by Council Staff and asked that it be put at the top of the County Council projects. This was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed.

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Deputy Kitt said that he had handed in an application from Cortoon Village Committee and from Derrymullen Handball Club and he proposed that they be included in the list of projects. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

Councillor Walsh asked that the application from Newbridge be given priority. Senator Hussey proposed that these schemes not be prioritised. This was seconded by Councillor McHugh and supported by Deputy Treacy. Deputy McCormack said that of the very large number of schemes being submitted, only a small percentage would be successful and that alot communities had spent much money on brochures and plans, etc.

Councillor Brennan asked that information be requested from the Lottery people as to how much they collect in a year and how it is allocated.

It was agreed that all the schemes be submitted.

4218 - CLONTUSKERT GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Callanan asked about the up-to-date position in relation to Clontuskert Group Water Supply Scheme. Mr. Gavin said that the planning of the scheme is on course and that the documents are expected at the end of April, after which they will go to the Department of the Environment for approval. He said that the Council should be in the position to meet the group representatives about the middle of May. Councillor Brennan asked if a Meeting could also be arranged with the Department Officials in order to expedite the scheme. Mr. Gavin said that the Council would impress on the Department the urgency of the scheme. It was a matter for the group to meet with Department Officials if they wished.

4219 - SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE FIVE COUNTIES AND DONEGAL - CASTLEBAR - FRIDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1991:

Deputy Kitt said that a Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee of the Five Counties and Donegal was due to be held at Aras an Chontae, Castlebar, on Friday, 12th April, 1991. He proposed that Councillors Callanan and Raftery attend. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan and agreed.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was agreed that Councillor Ryan also attend.

4220 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM:

A copy of the document issued by the Government Information Services together with a copy of the Summary of Main Recommendations from the Report of the Expert Committee were circulated to the Members. The first proposed change was set out in page 3 of the document relating to Local Government Structures. As recommended by the Expert Committee, 8 Regional Authorities will be set up. Their

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purpose will be to promote co-ordination of public services in each region and co-ordination between the programmes of Local Authorities and other public agencies. Membership would consist of Elected Members nominated by the relevant County and County Borough Councils. Councillor Brennan said that the question of funding Local Authorities was not dealt with, and there was no point in setting up Regional Authorities without any funding. He said he would favour a voluntary flexible regional authority rather than a statutory one. Councillor O'Conchubhair said that he had recommended that a separate local authority area be set up for Connemara in order to deal with the serious structural problems there. Councillor O'Tuathail supported Councillor O'Conchubhair saying that some Counties which were only the same size as Connemara were able to get millions of pounds in Grants.

The County Manager said it was not envisaged that the proposed Regional Authorities would have executive powers. However, they could serve a very useful purpose similar to the R.D.O.s with the added advantage of being set up on a statutory basis and in a good position to examine and highlight the deficiencies and needs of the region. In reply to Councillor Brennan, the County Manager explained that the amount of funds coming from the E.E.C. is set out in the various programmes on peripherality, etc.

COUNCILLOR JOYCE TOOK OVER THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT

A discussion then took place regarding Sub-County Structure. Councillor Brennan was of the opinion that District Committees would have no powers. Councillor Loughnane asked whether it was intended that the whole County would be covered in the proposed Sub-County Structure or just towns and their hinterlands. He was of the opinion that small Urban Councils would loose out.

The Chairman said that Members of the District Councils should be elected directly. Councillor J. Burke also agreed with this. He also said that the Council should be able to go direct to the E.E.C. for funds and that the Council should be allowed to expend monies it receives from the Government as it sees fit.

Councillor Burke also asked about the pollution risk arising from the factory ship on rocks in Galway Bay. The County Manager replied that the Task Force set up to monitor and control the operation was doing everything that could possibly be done.

Councillor Walsh expressed concern that isolated rural areas could become more isolated depending on the type of structure to be set up. Councillor U. Burke expressed great disappointment at the reform proposals. He said that the real problem which was finance, had not been dealt with and none of the Council's proposals were included. As regards Regional Bodies, he said that such Bodies were there previously but were abolished.

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The Chairman welcomed the proposals and congratulated the Minister for the Environment for his efforts in bringing them forward. He said that since L.A.M.A. was set up in 1980, they had met several Ministers for Environment about reform but nothing had happened until now. He said it would be impossible to include everything in one Bill. He said that 15 very important items which would be provided for in the initial Bill were set out in the Appendix and subsequently other matters could be brought in by Ministerial Order. The Government had not made a decision about Sub-County Structures and the Council would have an opportunity to discuss this again. Deputy Treacy agreed with the Chairman's views. He said different Governments had given commitments about reform but nothing had happened. He said that there were large populations outside many town boundaries with poor services and this would have to be resolved. He said that the Government had been very successful in securing Structural Funds and the Western Region had done well and mentioned the Sanitary Services Capital Investment planned for Tuam. Councillor Finnegan also welcomed the proposals having waited for so many years for reform. He agreed with the Regional Bodies and said that they could be of assistance in accessing Regional Funds. He also agreed that boundaries of towns like Tuam would have to be extended.

Councillor Ryan said that he was very disappointed with the proposals particularly as the question of financing local authorities was not resolved. He was in disagreement with Regional Bodies as he felt that the regionalisation of the Health Services was not a success. He said that any proposals for reform would be incomplete without proper funding. The shortage of funds had resulted in the Council's workforce being reduced drastically over the years. In regard to Lottery Grants, Councillor Ryan proposed that the system of allocating the Grants be changed in order that the Grants would be allocated by the County Manager in consultation with the Members. This was seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, and it was agreed that the proposal be forwarded to the Minister.

The County Manager said that the matters to be provided for in the initial Bill included other important items such as the enactment of a general competence provision to enable local authorities to undertake activities of benefit to their areas which would in effect override the Ultra Vires Rule. Enabling powers for devolution of functions to local authorities from Central Government were also included. It would be up to Bodies like the General Council of County Councils and Local Authorities to pursue the implementation of further reforms. The question of district authorities would have to be addressed and proposals, other than those set out in the document, might be considered such as District Committees on which Urban Councils would have a right of Membership.

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The Chairman said that he regarded the proposed Bill as an enabling Bill which provided the framework for long awaited reform and as such had to be welcomed.

4221 - PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING:

Councillor Mullins enquired about the implementation of the proposals in the Plan for Social Housing and the necessary legislation. The County Manager replied that the Council was looking at whatever could be done in the absence of legislation but said that such matters as joint ownership, etc., would require amending legislation.

4222 - CONGRATULATIONS:

Councillor McHugh congratulated Mr. Joe Tansey, Acting Executive Engineer, Tuam, on his appointment as Executive Engineer, Galway Corporation. He said that he wished to thank Mr. Tansey and pay tribute to him for all the good work he had done in the Tuam Area, and his good relationship with Councillors and the public. Councillors J. Burke, Ryan, and other Members joined in the warm tributes paid to Mr. Tansey which the County Manager acknowledged and said would be passed on to him.

4223 - CAR ACCIDENT:

Deputy Treacy said that a serious car accident had occurred recently at Bullaun junction and he asked for a report on it for the next Meeting. Councillor Mullins supported Deputy Treacy.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

James Joyce CHAIRMAN

11-7-91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

9u la Aibreain, 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 Luain, an 15u la Aibreain, 1991, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
Runai.

A G E N D A

1. Roadworks Scheme for 1991. (Copy attached)

NOTICES OF MOTION:

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

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

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

That Galway County Council tar and resurface County Road at Pollacurra, Castleboy, Kilchreest, Loughrea in 1991.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 15TH APRIL, 1991.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR: - I will propose:

4. That Galway County Council provide finance in the roads Estimates for the road leading from Drim Cross road to Lettermullen. (This is a main road.)
5. That finance be provided to improve the road to Carraroe Village. (re Regional Road Grants).
6. To provide finance to improve public lighting in Carraroe Village.

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH: - I will propose:

7. That Galway County Council carry out realignment works and strengthening works on the N84 as a matter of urgency.
8. That Galway County Council carry out realignment works at Cahernaheena, Headford.

COUNCILLORS PADDY McHUGH AND JOHN MOLLOY: - We will propose:

9. That Galway County Council carry out immediate repairs to roads in the Moycullen area:- Moycullen/Knockranny/Oldtown Road, Knockaunranny Road, Doon Road, Curra/Kilacloggaun/Gortahoire/Tullykyne Roads, Ard Shruie Road and byroads in the Parishtown area.

T. KAVANAGH,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

10th April, 1991.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, 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, 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; R. Killeen, P. Martin, Senior Executive Engineers; F. Gilmore, Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4224 - RUN COMHBHRON:

Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Morain run comhbhron do Phrionnsias Mac an Aonghusa de bharr bas a athar, Criostoir Mac an Aonghusa a bhi ina ball de'n Comhairle roinnt blian o shoin. Mhol se freisin go cuirfi an cruinniu ar athlo ar feadh cuig noimead. Cuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Conchubhair agus na Comhairleoiri uilig le seo.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mr. Ciaran Moylan and family, Kinvara, on the death of Mrs. Moylan. The County Manager joined in the expressions of sympathy and the Meeting then adjourned for 5 minutes.

4225 - ROADWORKS SCHEME FOR 1991:

A Copy of the Roadworks Scheme for 1991, together with the County Engineer's Report, had been circulated to each Member with the Agenda. The Chairman then asked the County Engineer to go through the report and asked the Members not to intervene until the end unless on a point of clarification.

The County Engineer then went through his report explaining that the Roadworks Scheme comprised all monies available to the Council for roadworks from both grants and rates. Appendix A showed the total amount available for 1991 amounting to £12,163,160 compared to £12,149,415 for 1990,

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which included a sum of £350,000 received during 1990 for flood damage. He said that there were two imbalances arising in 1991 -

(a) There is an increase of £600,000 in the grant for the Galway Eastern Approach Road, and while most desirable, does not help the employment situation as the work is done by Contract.

(b) After the adoption of the 1990 Estimates, an additional sum of £500,000 was made available for County Roads in the 1990 Roadworks Scheme. No such additional funds are available in 1991.

The total grant money for 1991 amounted to £9.898 m., an increase of £417,000 on 1990 figure. The County Engineer then elaborated on the distribution of all the grant and non-grant monies as set out in his report. He also emphasised that the monies being made available for roads in the County were totally inadequate. The County Engineer recommended that £150,000 from the £350,000 grant for the N.18 at Ardahan be transferred to fund advanced design and land acquisition for which no provision was made and which is a critical area of the Council's work. The County Engineer gave details of the Discretionary Grant and the conditions which must be complied and the proposals for its distribution. In relation to the Supplementary Grant for Improvement Works, the County Engineer pointed out that the sum of £360,000 proposed to be spent on the R.336 north of Costelloe should read £340,000 (page 6). The grant of £280,000 from the Department of the Environment for Storm/Flood damage had to be spent on road related damage. Quality control procedures will also be brought in in 1991 as required by Department of Environment.

On the employment question, the County Engineer hoped that there would just be enough funds available to maintain employment for the year provided the usual additional funds became available for amenity schemes, small sanitary services schemes, Gaeltacht Grants, etc. Even allowing for this, it was necessary in most cases to calculate labour at 70% of Maintenance Budgets whereas last year, the figure was 60%. This leaves less money available for plant and materials and militates against productive work. No funds are available for direct surface dressing of Regional or County Roads for the fourth and fifth years respectively. The County Engineer referred to surface dressing failures and also to the damage which is caused by overweight vehicles. He will pursue the question of the acquisition of a set of mobile weigh pads for use by the Gardai. The County Engineer said that the past winter had been very severe on roads and some National Secondary Roads were in very bad condition. He said that the Road Grants were notified rather late and he requested that the Roadworks Scheme be approved in order that he could get on with the various jobs.

The County Manager clarified the position in relation to the amount available for County Road Maintenance for 1991 compared to 1990. He said that after the adoption of the

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1990 Estimates, the Council approved of the allocation of an additional £500,000 for County Roads. During the consideration of the 1990 Roadworks Scheme, the money having become available on a once off basis from the sale of Council houses during 1989, under the 1988 house sale scheme. This was set out in a report to the Members dated 23rd April, 1990, and approved. No such funds were available in 1991.

The Chairman thanked the County Engineer for his explanation and all the work he had put into the compilation of the Scheme. Senator Hussey said the fact that there was no surface dressing of County Roads was very serious and an effort would have to be made to start a programme of surface dressing. He was also disappointed at the cutback in hedge cutting and the absence of any grant from the E.E.C. Western Package. He suggested that the £50,000 for the N.17 at Kilclooney be used instead for surface dressing. He considered it futile to be spending £80,000 on hard shoulders on the N84 south of Headford and said that vehicles travelling at very high speed did as much damage as overweight vehicles.

Councillor O'Morain expressed dis-satisfaction with the Roads Programme. He said that economics was now more important than the conditions of roads. At the Annual Conference of County Councils he heard it said that 95% of E.C. Road Grants was spent on 5% of roads. He said that the programme was based on road mileage, whereas, if it was based on need, West Galway would do better. He said that there was a half mile of road almost impassible near Rosmuck where work was started last year and he hoped it would be completed this year. He also asked that potholes be filled between Recess and Carna. He also asked that the Graveyard Wall at Moyrus be fixed in order to protect the graves from the Sea. He also asked that provision be made for the Roundstone Road where the lake water overflowed. The County Engineer replied that the Council had looked for storm damage compensation, but had received nothing so far. He also said that if potholing could be satisfactorily done, it would be looked at.

Councillor M. Fahy said that if all the £350,000 for the N18 at Ardrahan could not be spent, the balance should be spent on Hard Shoulders on the Ardrahan/Kiltevnagh Road and at Lough Cutra National School. He said that Local Improvement Schemes were a major asset and the loss of £47,000 should be restored. He was disappointed that there was no grant for coastal erosion at Tawin/Maree and asked that this be pursued. Councillor Fahy proposed that Councillors Notice of Motion money be increased from £3,000 to £5,000 for 1991. Councillor Brennan said that the position of Regional and County Roads was very worrying, with little or no surface dressing being done. He was also concerned about value for money having regard to the 70% - 30% labour/materials content. He proposed that the Department of the Environment be requested to approve the purchase of mobile weigh pads and that the Gardai be asked to do speed checks on heavy vehicles in particular. Councillor Brennan proposed that £150,000 be transferred from the £350,000 for the N18 at Ardrahan to enable design work to proceed on all the projects listed on

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Page 3 including the Ballinasloe Outer Bye-Pass. He asked that the Ballinasloe Inner Relief Road be examined. He also proposed that C.I.E be asked to reverse their proposal to reduce rail freight traffic as this would put more pressure on national roads. The Chairman seconded Councillors Brennan's proposal in relation to C.I.E. goods traffic and the proposal was agreed.

Deputy McCormack referred to Page 7 of the Report dealing with County Roads which stated that the provision in Estimate for 1991 represented only 25% of a reasonable requirement. He said the Government had not provided enough money in the 1991 Budget for roads. Deputy McCormack said that he only got the Roads Report on the 9th April, 1991 whereas, information in the report was given to a non member prior to that date and he objected to that. Deputy McCormack said that the wall at Roundstone Burial Ground was washed away and needed urgent attention before more damage is done. Deputy Kitt said that the Programme for County Roads would result in cutbacks in the Ballinasloe and Mountbellew areas resulting in potholes, insufficient hedge cutting etc. He said that the Mountbellew to Ballyforan road was in a very bad condition and needed repairs and also the Caltra/Castlefrench road. Councillor Ulick Burke said that while the roads may be bad in County Galway, they were worse in other Counties. In relation to the Loughrea By-pass, he said he welcomed Mr. Gilmore's efforts to reach agreement, but expressed concern at the proposal to change Hanleys Cross which could make it a more dangerous junction. He seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal in relation to the transfer of £150,000 for Design Staff. He asked that the Hearnbrook/Gurtyadden road improvement be included for advanced design. Councillor Burke said that heavy lorries were responsible for a lot of destruction on public roads and that Coillte and private contractors had left a dangerous dyke on the roadside outside woodford at Toorleitra. Councillor Burke referred to a funeral to the old graveyard at Portumna which had to be abandoned because of flooding of the grave and transferred to the new graveyard. He said this caused much trauma and upset for the family and that the possibility of draining the burial ground should be considered.

Councillor Glynn said that he was very disappointed that only £50,000 was provided for the N17 south of Milltown, whereas, he understood it was uneconomic to open up a job on a National Primary Route costing less than £250,000. He said he did not agree with the allocation of surface dressing on a mileage basis as the roads in the Tuam area were in reasonably good condition and a more equitable method of allocating the money was necessary. He said that Galway was doing bad compared to Mayo where the Block Grant was £4.4M and the Local Improvement Scheme Grant was £375,000. Councillor Glynn asked that a litter clean up on National Primary Roads be undertaken as was done some years ago. He asked that a "Slow" warning sign be put at Kilaphrasogue on the northern side of the Cemetary Road. He also said that telephone kiosks can be a hazard due to cars stopping up suddenly and that an advance sign should be put 200 m ahead.

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Councillor Glynn disagreed with the expenditure of £80,000 on hard shoulders south of Headford and said that the money should be spent on resurfacing or restructuring. He questioned the wholesale felling of trees in the County. Councillor Finnegan said that County Roads were the biggest problem and he asked if it was possible to transfer any monies from regional roads. He said that the national secondary road in Ballymoe was in need of improvement but was not included. He also asked about the delay in the link road for Tuam. The County Engineer replied that this could cost up to £400,000 and having acquired the land the Council was now trying to make a start on it.

Councillor Ryan said that some county roads were in such bad condition that Milk Lorries and small school busses were refusing to use them. He said that the Dump in Dunmore on the Cloonfad Road was very unsightly and asked that it be tidied up. He asked that an advance warning sign be placed at Cloonkell Bridge on Clonberne/Moylough Road which was repaired last year.

Councillor McHugh said he wasn't happy with the roadworks scheme because there was no provision for road improvement on the Curraghline Road near the Dump which was in a dangerous condition. He also said that the Moycullen/Killanin people were not catered for. He proposed that £70,000 be transferred from the £340,000 for the R336 north of Costello, £50,000 to be spent on the Curraghline Road and £20,000 in Moycullen area. The Chairman suggested that the £70,000 be taken out of the £80,000 for hard shoulders south of Headford. Councillor McHugh seconded the proposal to increase Notice of Motion money to £5,000. He also said that it was necessary to train Council Workers in the filling of potholes and that surface dressing should not be done during bad weather. Regarding the £45,000 supplementary grant for improvement works on County Roads 173 and 175 at Turloughmore, he asked that the views of the local people be considered before commencing the work.

Senator Hussey proposed that the £80,000 provided for hard shoulders on the N84 south of Headford be spent instead on urgently needed improvements on the Curraghline Road. This was seconded by Councillor Glynn and having put it to the Council the Chairman declared it carried. Councillor O'Tuathail said that the Council was short several million pounds as a result of no compensation for coastal damage and only 10% of flood damage received. He said that the allocations for the Cossello and Clifden areas were down on the previous year and he was not prepared to accept that situation while the roads were disintegrating. He referred to the £2.7M for the Eastern Approach Road which seemed to be little used while there was no provision for road near Tully or Rossaveal.

Councillor J. Burke said that he could not accept the Roadworks Scheme. He said that Galway was doing very badly in Roads Grants compared to Mayo and Donegal. Referring to the Block Grant of £3.636M he proposed that this money be spent on County Roads on a once off emergency basis. He

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welcomed the £50,000 for the N17 south of Milltown but said that repairs needed to be carried out to the road urgently because of the very fast traffic approaching from the Ballindine direction. He asked that the Traffic Plan for Tuam be expedited and also the Loughrea By-Pass which, he said, was vital.

Councillor Loughnane complained about the cutback in Local Improvement Scheme Grant. He said that applicants were two years on the waiting list to get schemes done and the Council should try and restore the grant to the level of previous years. He said he was dis-satisfied with the quality of some surface dressing and mentioned the Loughrea/Tynagh Road, where he said the Bitumen appeared not to be up to standard. He regretted that two employees in the Loughrea area were not replaced. He said that the budget approved last November seemed to have been misleading, as there was now a shortage of money. He said that about 3 years ago a job was done at Derryhoyle, Craughwell on the road from St. Clerans up to Shragh, but was only half done resulting in a bottleneck. Councillor Loughnane asked that special parking arrangements be provided for an invalid driver, details of which he had sent in. He said that a Programme that did not provide for any surface dressing of County Roads was not acceptable. He said that improvements to the Hearnbrook/Killimor Road were long overdue.

Councillor Mullins said that he supported Councillor J. Burke about the spending of the £3.636M Block Grant on County Roads. He also supported the transfer of £150,000 for advance design which was vital for forward planning. Referring to the Inner Relief By-Pass in Ballinasloe, Councillor Mullins said that the situation whereby the traffic coming from Galway must yield right of way needs to be examined. He said he understood that due to the shortage of funds, four employees from the Ballinasloe Area were being transferred to the Portumna Area which did not make sense. He also felt that County Galway was not getting its fair share of Road Grants. Councillor McDonagh welcomed the £45,000 for County Roads 173 and 175 at Turloughmore and asked that the local people be given an opportunity to express their views before the money is spent. The County Engineer replied that the Council had to push ahead with its programme and any discussions would have to take place immediately. Councillor McDonagh referred to the continuous reduction in the work force and said that any further reduction could result in the curtailment of the emergency service. Councillor McDonagh referred to a proposal by C.I.E. to alter the Galway/Longford Bus Schedule. He proposed that C.I.E. be requested to leave the service as it is and this was seconded by Councillor McHugh.

Councillor O'Conchubhair paid tribute to Mr. Hubert Newell, Engineer in the Costelloe Area who was leaving the Council's Service. He welcomed the Road Improvements into Screebe and asked if a bad piece of road at Ardnagcroi near Costello could be included. He also said that the road was left in a very bad condition after a group water scheme from Tiernea via Traban, Leitirmoir, and needed attention.

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Deputy Treacy said that when looked at in the overall context, the grant allocation and the roadworks scheme was reasonable. He said that the Government had fought hard to retain the grant aid for Local Improvement Schemes. He said that there were many areas which needed extra money and he asked that money be set aside in 1992 for the raising of the road at Bullaun.

Replying to some of the questions made, the County Engineer said that the proposal to increase the Notice of Motion money to £5,000 would cause difficulties. Because of the type of jobs for which the money would be used, a lot of labour content would be lost which would affect the employment situation. Mr. Gavin asked that the Notice of Motion Money be left at £3,000 for 1991 and this was agreed.

In relation to the Ballinasloe Inner By-Pass, the County Engineer said that from a traffic safety point of view the present system was the better one. The County Engineer said it was most important that £150,000 be provided for advance design as recommended in his report. He said that if the C.P.O. for Ardrahan did not materialise quick enough, he would seek to have any balance unused from the remaining £200,000 spent on hard shoulders as requested by Councillor Fahy.

Deputy Treacy then proposed that the Roadworks Scheme be adopted subject to the amendments in relation to the transfer of £150,000 for Design Staff and the transfer of £80,000 for Hard Shoulders south of Headford to improvements works on the Curraghline Road. This was seconded by Councillor McHugh. Councillor O'Tuathail proposed that the Roadworks Scheme be not accepted and this was seconded by Councillor J. Burke. A vote taken for or against Deputy Treacy's proposed resulted as follows.

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The Chairman declared Deputy Treacy's proposal carried.

4226 - JOINT CONFERENCE OF L.A.M.A. AND BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF COUNCIL - BRAY, CO. WICKLOW - 19TH/21ST APRIL, 1991:

The Chairman said that he had been nominated previously to attend the Joint Conference of L.A.M.A. and British Association of Council in Bray, Co. Wicklow, on 19th-21st April, 1991. He said that he would be unable to attend and Councillor Callanan would attend in his place. The attendance of Councillor Callanan was approved on the proposition of Councillor McHugh and seconded by Councillor Finnegan.

4227 - CONFERENCE - "THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY - MID-TERM REVIEW" - IMPERIAL HOTEL, CORK - 10TH/11TH MAY, 1991:

The Chairman referred to the Conference taking place at the Imperial Hotel, Cort, on Friday, 10th and Saturday, 11th May, 1991. On the proposition of Deputy Treacy, seconded by

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Councillor Mannion the attendance of the following Councillors at the Conference were approved.

Councillors N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, and J. Lambert.

4228 - KURDISH REFUGEES

On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That this Council calls on the Government to give every assistance possible to the Kurdish Refugees and to use their influence through the U.N to have these refugees resettled as soon as possible and condemns the acts of violence committed by the Iraqi Army against these refugees."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Jane Joyce CHAIRMAN

11-7-91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH:

16u la Aibreain, 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 22u la Aibreain, 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:

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. Bernard McDermott for the erection of a dwellinghouse, garage and construction of a septic tank at Cappataggle." - Planning Ref. No. 62541."
Michael P. Kitt. Joe Callanan. Michael Mullins.
2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Mr. Donal Hickey for the erection of a dwellinghouse on his lands at Anbally, Cummer, Tuam, on Planning Ref. No. 62744."
John Molloy. J. McDonagh. Noel Treacy.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Charlie Loughlin for the erection of dwellinghouse and construction of septic tank at Cahergowan. - Planning Ref. No. 63306."
John Molloy. Paddy McHugh. Thomas Welby.

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4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to provide car parking in the centre of Loughrea for which funding has already been provided."

Matt Loughnane. Michael Fahy. Joe Lambert.

OTHER BUSINESS:

5. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Special Council Meeting held on 11th March, 1991.
 - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 25th March, 1991.
6. Sale of plot of land at Carrowmanagh, Oughterard to the Trustees of the Congregation of Sisters of Mercy, Galway Diocese; - Section 83 notice dated 20th March, 1991, already circulated.
7. Public Lighting Programme for 1991 - attached.
8. Revision of Remuneration for Social Workers.
9. Abstract of Accounts for year ended 31/12/1990. - Copy of report attached.
10. Issue of Polling Cards for Local Elections.
11. Housing Capital Allocation for 1991. - Copy of Circular attached.
12. Sanitary Services Initial Capital Allocation 1991. - Copy of Circular attached.
13. Nomination of a non-elected member to Ballinasloe 850 Committee to replace the late Martin Joyce.
14. Annual Conference - Association of Health Boards in Ireland - Limerick - 3rd/4th May, 1991. (Details enclosed).
15. Business submitted by the County Manager.
16. Business submitted by the Chairman.

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

17. That the County Council have safety precaution signs erected at Knockdoe. (Details supplied).
18. That the County Council have proper danger signs erected at Slievefin. (Details supplied).
19. That the County Council have modern signs placed at Knockdoe. (Details supplied).

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

20. What proposals the Council have for the spending of money and the maintenance of Bearnna village in the coming year re cleaning and upkeep of footpaths, grass margins and the provision of litter bins in the village, as this is a village which caters for a large number of tourists during the year. I believe that the necessary facilities should be provided there.
21. That public lighting be erected on the Galway Road from Oughterard to the Gateway Hotel and that this be included in the next programme of Public Lighting.
22. That a 40 mile speed limit be erected on the Rinville Road at Maree, Oranmore, as this is a particularly busy stretch of road where a number of accidents have taken place recently.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

23. That at least two public lights be provided outside the Church at Ballinakill.
24. That a pedestrian crossing be provided at Main Street, Loughrea.

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

25. That Galway County Council make the slip road from Oranmore to main Limerick Road safe - what I would like to see is -
 - (1) That the 30 m.p.h. speed limit be removed. Because the speed limit is about 100 yards from the main T Junction and people think that they have a clear road on a dark night.
 - (2) Put speed ramps (as are on the Mallow Road coming out of Cork).
 - (3) Could the E.E.C. funding extend the lighting out past the junction.
 - (4) Remove horses from the side of the road where they are tied.

(5) Re-open the road that is closed and this will save cars turning into t-junctions on the main road.

26. That the County Council fill the potholes on the Carnagur Road in Carrabane, Kiltulla.
27. That Galway County Council resurface Gloves Middle Road as this road is in very bad need of repair.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

28. That Galway County Council immediately repair, renew and resurface the road leading from New Inn Crossroads southwards via Rathglass to Carra Crossroads and westwards via Rathally to Ballyfa; that the bushes and briars on these roads be cut immediately also; that the dates on which these works would be carried out and any other relevant information be outlined hereafter.
29. That Galway County Council immediately erect a new boundary wall/proper fence et.c, on land which it has acquired at a location in County Galway (Details supplied) that the Council outline the date on which they acquired these lands, the reasons for the delay in having the necessary boundary wall erected, the dates on which work at the erection of this boundary wall will commence and any other relevant information.
30. That Galway County Council immediately repair, renew and resurface; that the roadsides be cleared and that the bushes and briars be cut and removed forthwith; that the Council outline the work to be done and the dates on which these works will be carried out and any other relevant information. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS: - I will propose:

31. That Galway County Council organises a Social Employment Scheme to finish the job that has been started at Monivea Cemetery. The boundary wall should be pushed back about four feet in order to provide some badly needed parking space outside the Cemetery. I further propose that the Council provide a water tap in the Cemetery and the local group water scheme Committee are prepared to give the supply to the Council.
32. That Galway County Council, as a matter of urgency, removes three bad and dangerous turns on the Waterloo/Vermount Road (Menlough) between Gormally's and Lally's before any further serious accidents occur there; the necessary resources will have to be found to deal with this problem.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

33. Go n-isleofar cios ar thithe an Comhairle Chontae. Ta ardaith de 30% agus 40% ar chios tithe an Chomhairle faoi lathair - to siad seo i bhfad ro ard - molaimse nach mbeidh i gceist san ardu ach an rata boilscin.

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AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

34. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae boithre bailte in iochtar Ros a Mhil. Ta na boithre seo ar na boithre is measa sa tir faoi lathair.
35. Go nglacfadh an Comhairle Chontae le plean Coiste Pobail le plean Coiste Pobail na Cheathru Ruaidh le forbairt a dheanamh ar an mbaile, boithre/trannai/coras uisce/eisilt - agus go gcuirfidh na sceimeanna thus luachail a chur orthu isteach sna clar eagsula ata ag an gComhairle.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN: - I will propose:

36. That Galway County Council relieve flooding on main Roscommon /Galway Road at Brooklodge, Ballyglunin. This flooding is caused by blockage of soakpit by new watermain. (Details supplied).
37. That Galway County Council surface dress and finish off road at Lakeview, Moylough, now left in dangerous condition.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

38. That talking tapes for the blind be provided at the new Tuam Library, there is a persistent demand for them.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

39. That Galway County Council repair and surface road at Tooralassa and Bealnamally in Derrybrien East, Loughrea - Road leading to Joe Cunningham's house.
40. That Galway County Council repair and surface road at Gardenblake, Peterswell - road leading to Michael Kerin's house.
41. That Galway County Council put hard shoulders both sides of road (National Primary Road) at Lough Cutra National School, Shanaglish, Gort. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR T. WELBY: - I will propose:

42. Where has the funding come from to carry out the landscaping and new railing at Maam Bridge while I consider this work to be most desirable. I don't consider it to be such a high priority while the adjacent road is integrating.
43. What are the proposals for the half mile section of road at Laughtgannon on the Oughterard/Moycullen road. When I previously raised this matter, I was informed that the road had been repaired. Indeed the potholes which then existed were repaired. However, the remainder of the road has now disintegrated to an alarming extent, and is extremely dangerous for road users. I will ask if the Private Company which carried out this work has been informed of the subsequent total failure of the work, and whether they will be requested to resurface the road for the Council, without

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being reimbursed for same. In the event of the Council having to do the work themselves, I wish to know the cost of same, I also wish to know if any claims for damage to cars or persons as a result of the deplorable conditions of the aforementioned section of road have been made against Galway County Council.

44. That the Kilbeg Lower Road be restored immediately after the completion of watermains. This road is in a terrible bad state of repair at present and requires emergency funding as it is impossible for the elderly people living on that road to travel on it.

COUNCILLORS PADDY MCHUGH AND JOHN MOLLOY: - We will propose:

45. That this Council hereby recommend to the Department of the Environment that it pay a special supplementary grant to the Trustees of Crosswood Group Water Scheme, Headford, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY: - I will propose:

46. That extra street lighting will be provided in Ballygar, Mountbellew and Creggs.
47. That repairs be carried out to the roads in Upper and Lower Killlasolan (Mountbellew area).

COUNCILLOR T. WALSH: - I will propose:

48. That Galway County Council abandon the C.P.O. process in obtaining the site for sewerage treatment plant at Williamstown, and that they offer the landowner a sum in or near his asking price.
49. That Galway County Council erect warning signs on the approaches to a dangerous bend and bridge at Glinsk beside the Castle. There has been many accidents there.
50. That Galway County Council create a slope on the roadside outside Lohans (opposite Town Hall) in Williamstown. At the moment every time it rains, water lodges against the wall in front of Lohans and eventually goes through the wall a few feet from the house and soaks up through the walls and floors.

COUNCILLOR J. JOYCE: - I will propose:

51. That Galway County Council carry out immediate repairs and other ancillary works to alleviate the serious sewage problem, which is continuously creating major problems for the occupants of the housing estate (details supplied), that the Council outline the works which they propose to carry out, the dates which these works will be done and any other relevant information; and that the Council also carry out immediate and urgent repairs to replace the fence in the aforementioned estate.

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COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: - I will propose:

52. That Galway County Council erect warning sign (concealed junction) at approach to Kilvolan road junction, Caherlistrane.
53. That Galway Council proceed immediately to have the obstructions removed from the public right-of-way (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN: - I will propose:

54. That traffic lights be erected at the junction of Dublin Road - Vicar Street/Square, Tuam, as a priority - because of the long delays for traffic on the Dublin Road.
55. That finger sign posts, indicating the Sligo/Milltown or Claremorris Road be erected immediately at the Dublin Road junction and also at the Square, Tuam. (Fahy's Corner).
56. That a slow - very slow sign be printed on the N17 road at Kilaphrosogue, Milltown, where the hard shoulders finishes.

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24th April, 1991.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS/

A Chara:

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

on Monday, 29th April, 1991,

at 3.00 p.m.

You are requested to attend.

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COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

Accommodation for Travelling Families

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 22ND APRIL, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J. Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. 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, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; L. Kavanagh, R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer; and D. Barrett, Acting Administrative Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4229 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62541 - APPLICANT: BERNARD McDERMOTT:

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Kitt, and seconded by Councillor Callanan.

A report dated 18th April, 1991, from County Secretary had been circulated to each Member together with copies of the reports referred to therein. Mr. L. Kavanagh said that this application was considered at a previous meeting of the Council at which a report from Mr. T. Kelly, Civil Engineering Technician, was submitted in support of the application. That report was referred to the Western Health Board and the reply from the Environmental Health Officer indicated no change from the previous report which stated that the trial hole indicated a heavy wet water laden sub-soil unsuitable for the percolation of septic tank effluent, and that the proposed dwelling would be located on a hill with the drainage flowing downhill onto waterlogged ground, and recommending that the application be refused.

Deputy Kitt said that he had discussed the application with Mr. Kelly, Civil Engineering Technician, who carried out the test in accordance with the I.I.R.S. booklet and came up with

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the results submitted in his report. He said it was a large site and would be able to deal with the percolation problem. Deputy Kitt referred to a similar type application in the Mountbellew Area some years ago where a septic tank has been in operation and no problem has arisen. He said he had no hesitation in recommending that Permission be granted. Councillor Brennan asked if the Health Inspector had re-inspected the site. The County Manager read the reports of the Environmental Health Officer dated 15th January, 1991, and 11th April, 1991.

Councillor O'Conchubhair said that the problems experienced with septic tanks in West Galway were now spreading into East Galway, and he asked if the Bord na Mona Treatment System was of any benefit. The County Manager replied that the success of the Bord na Mona system depended on the percolation available as it did not result in a pure effluent. He said that the system was under examination by Eolas and the Department of the Environment and if new standards were introduced, they would be acceptable in County Galway. Councillor Welby asked if the effluent could be discharged into a stream from the Bord na Mona system, and he also said that he could not understand why a site would not be acceptable if the site was dug out and suitable material imported. Mr. L. Kavanagh replied that each individual proposal would have to be investigated.

Deputy Kitt said that the I.I.R.S. Booklet gives advice as to how to improve the site situation and he said that Mr. Kelly had carried out a test which showed that 35 metres of piping would be required which the applicant was prepared to provide. Councillor Loughnane said that there were two sets of advice before the Council and asked if both people were qualified to carry out soil test investigations, and that it was coming to a stage where it would be necessary to know the qualifications of people carrying out tests. Councillor McHugh said that Bord na Mona should be invited to explain their system to the Council. The County Manager said that what matters is the standards which will be acceptable to the Department of the Environment and no change has been approved yet. He said that the Western Health Board has an obligation to protect public health, and its staff are well trained and have experience in this area. In reply to Councillor J. Burke, the County Manager said that the characteristics of the site would not have changed between one site inspection and another. A vote taken for or against the Resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

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

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AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke. (1)

Councillor J. Brennan and Deputy P. McCormack abstained from voting.

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

4230 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62744 - APPLICANT: DONAL HICKEY:

Councillor McHugh said that he had an interest in the application and withdrew from the Meeting.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, and seconded by Councillor Welby. Mr. L. Kavanagh, Planning Officer, read the following report which had been circulated to each Member:

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the N.17 Galway/Tuam road at Anbally, Cumber, close to Currandrum School and to the junction with a road leading to Corrandulla via Ardgaheen. It is approximately 5 acres in area with a road frontage of 800 ft.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 6946: Planning Permission refused for a dwellinghouse in 1969 - Mr. O Curley.

Ref. No. 24620: Planning Permission granted for a dwellinghouse in 1979 on basis of a second family claim - Mr. P. Costelloe - subject to enurement condition.

Ref. No. 46163: Planning Permission granted 1983 by Section 4 for dwellinghouse to Mr. P. Costelloe. No enurement included.

Ref. No. 55896: Planning Permission refused for dwellinghouse in 1988 - Mr. D. Hickey - No housing need substantiated.

Ref. No. 57529: Permission refused for house in 1988 - Mr. D. Hickey.

Ref. No. 57940: Permission refused for dwellinghouse in 1989 - Mr. D. Hickey.

Ref. No. 59128: Refused for dwellinghouse in 1989 - Mr. D. Hickey.

The site is located on a National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit applies and where it has been the consistent policy of the Planning Authority, as indicated in all of the County Development Plans since

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1969, to restrict development along these Routes in the interests of public safety. The policy is underwritten by the Department of the Environment and has been upheld in numerous appeals to An Bord Pleanala.

Planning Permission was originally granted to the farmholder in 1977 based on a housing need claimed. An enurement condition limiting the grant of permission to the farmholder was attached. Since then a Section 4 grant of Permission removed the enurement condition and the site was sold. The development was not carried out within the duration of the Planning Permission which ceased to have effect in 1988. There have been numerous applications to obtain a new permission on the site.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

In his reply to a request for Further Information the applicant gives his occupation as that of Carpenter and is employed and living in Dublin. He states that both he and his wife were born in the country and that they wish to return to live there. This does not constitute a case for an essential housing need as defined in the current development plan as neither he, nor any member of his family are engaged in agriculture nor are they farmholders.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

a) preserve the level of service and carrying capacity of the road so that it can fulfill its function as a through road for heavy traffic.

b) to 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, a category of development which does not apply in this case as suitable alternative sites are available on County Roads."

Mr. Kavanagh said that the last line in the report should be ignored as it did not apply in the case of this application.

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Deputy Treacy said that he supported the granting of Permission and asked that it be considered with the maximum of discretion. He said that the site was a large one, and the applicants were decent people and had family connections with the original owners. He said that he agreed with many of the Planning Officers' statements but asked that the two previous grants of Permission be taken into account and stated that the applicants were indigenous people who wanted to return.

Councillor J. Burke asked if the previous Permissions were granted by Section 4. Mr. L. Kavanagh replied that Permission was granted to a Mr. Costello on the basis of a second family claim subject to an enurement condition. Permission was subsequently granted by Section 4 to remove the enurement condition in order to sell the site. Deputy McCormack said that it concerned him that the owner was being severely penalised if the site was purchased with a full Planning Permission following a Section 4 Resolution. Deputy Treacy said that an application to extend the duration of the Planning Permission was received late. A vote taken for or against the Resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

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

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

(3)

Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, and Deputy P. McCormack abstained from voting.

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

4231 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63306 - APPLICANT: CHARLIE LOUGHLIN

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy and seconded by Councillor Welby. Mr. L. Kavanagh, Planning Officer, read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the Council:

"LOCATION:

The site adjoins a farm accommodation road approximately a half mile on the Galway side of Claregalway Village. The farm road joins the N17 approximately 150 yards from the site at a point which is controlled by a farm gate and adjoins the front garden wall of a house. The maximum speed limit applies at this point.

PLANNING HISTORY:

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There have been a number of applications on the present site.

Ref. No. 18690: Permission refused by Planning Authority and on appeal for 1 house on site which includes present site - applicant, Josephine Keane.

Ref. No. 43442: Permission refused for 2 houses on larger site - applicant, Mr. Michael Shaughnessy.

Ref. No. 44148: Similar to 43442.

Ref. No. 44704: Application withdrawn.

Ref. No. 44881: Permission refused for 1 house on present site - applicant, Mr. Michael Shaughnessy.

Ref. No. 45358: Permission granted by Section 4 Motion to Michael Shaughnessy.

Ref. No. 46099: Permission granted for a dwellinghouse to Mr. F. Gannon by Section 4 Motion - 1983.

Ref. No. 55178: Permission for a dwellinghouse refused - Mr. F. Gannon.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The Planning Authority's policy of restricting development along National Primary Routes would be seriously undermined if permission were granted for non-local housing needs on farm accommodation roads or along access tracks to land holdings. Such a precedent could well lead to the situation whereby a land owner might try to develop an existing access into his holding with a view to selling sites. A proliferation of such developments would negate any policy of access control along national routes, increase accident risk and negate the investment already made in improving these routes. The policy of only allowing housing permissions which have access onto existing County Roads which adjoin the National Routes gives some measure of protection to the routes and the road users thereon. In the present case, the junction of the accommodation road with the National route is controlled by a gateway which directly adjoins the hardshoulder. There is no splay or setback and a vehicle must encroach substantially onto the hardshoulder before a driver has a view of the National Route. It should also be noted that there are current applications for two other sites directly across the by-road from this site.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because it would be located on a substandard non

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public road which joins the National Primary Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and where the junction is controlled by a farm gate and has inadequate width and sight distance, and consequently the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route."

Councillor Molloy said that the applicant was a young man trying to build a house for himself. He said that the environs of Claregalway were now built up and it was hard to get a site there. This site became available and the applicant wishes to build on it. He said that there were other new houses in the location and there was a good view in either direction. Councillor J. Burke asked if there was a splayed entrance, would it help the situation? Mr. L. Kavanagh replied that it was both Council policy and National policy to protect the safety and carrying capacity of National Primary Routes. He said it was well established that the greater the number of access points onto National Primary Routes, the greater the number of accidents and the policy was to keep the number of access points onto National Primary Routes to a minimum. He said it would be difficult for a motor vehicle to exit from the site not to mention a large commercial vehicle. He said that there were current applications for two other sites directly across the by-road from this site.

Deputy McCormack said that as there were a number of houses already down the road, the road should be eligible to become a public road, and it was better to have houses down the by-road than on the main road. Councillor T. Walsh said that agricultural development could result in just as much traffic as would arise from a dwellinghouse, and therefore, he saw no reason for refusing the application. Councillor Finnegan said that he was in favour of granting Permission in view of the existing number of houses already there, and if the junction could be improved. Councillor Brennan asked if previous Permissions were granted on the site and was informed by Mr. L. Kavanagh that two Permissions were granted as a result of Section 4 Resolutions. Councillor Lambert said that he supported the granting of Permission. Councillor Ryan said that he was not familiar with the site but he understood that the erection of a house up a side road would be in accordance with the Plan. Councillor Welby said that the applicant was presently renting a house and needed to build a house for himself and there was no record of accidents at the location. Deputy Kitt also supported the granting of Permission and said that the junction could be improved. A vote taken for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR:

Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan,

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Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby. (21)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke. (1)

Councillors J. Brennan, M. Mullins, and P. O'Tuathail, abstained from voting.

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

4232 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO PROVIDE CARPARKING IN LOUGHREA:

Councillor Loughnane asked that this resolution be deferred to the next Meeting. This was agreed and the Chairman declared accordingly.

Deputy Treacy complained that when he brought in a consent for an extension of time for a Planning Application at 4.00 p.m., he discovered that the County Manager had made a Decision on the application earlier in the day. Deputy Treacy agreed that he had not given any notice to the effect that he was bringing in the consent to extension of time. The County Manager said that staff cannot wait until the last minute to issue Planning Decisions otherwise Permission would go by default. In the case in point, the County Manager had signed the Decisions in the morning because of the Council Meeting in the afternoon.

Deputy McCormack said that there were problems with septic tanks in the Peterswell area and asked that the matter be investigated.

Councillor O'Morain asked that an item be put on the Agenda for the next Planning Meeting concerning the quality of coastal waters around Galway.

4233 - DEPUTATION:

The Chairman said that he had received a request that a deputation be received from representatives of Inishmore concerning the water supply there. It was agreed that one member of the deputation be allowed to address the Meeting. Bean Uí Fhlaithearta then addressed the Meeting explaining the problem of the water supply in the centre of Inishmore and how serious the situation will get during the coming summer tourist season. She asked for an assurance that the Council's proposal to lay a temporary pipe would go ahead immediately and that the main scheme would not be delayed. Mr. Gavin said that the Council proposed to connect two supplies using a temporary pipe over land and this would help to distribute the water on the island more equitably. In reply to Councillor O'Tuathail, Mr. Gavin said that work on the temporary connection would commence during May provided there were no problems with land owners. He said that the

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main scheme involving a new Reservoir was dependent on Government funds and the Council was pressing ahead with the necessary procedures.

4234 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Lynch, the Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway County Council held on 11th March, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Lynch, the Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council held on 25th March, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor McHugh referred to the adoption of the Roadworks Scheme at the Roads Meeting held on 15th April, 1991. He said that when he seconded Deputy Treacy's proposal to adopt the Roadworks Scheme, he understood it to include his proposal to transfer £70,000 from the £340,000 allocated for the R336 north of Costello, £50,000 for the Curragh Line Road and £20,000 for Moycullen. The Secretary stated that there were two decisions taken at the Roads Meeting which affected the Roads Programme and these were -

- (a) The transfer of £150,000 for Advance Road Design from the £350,000 grant for Ardrahan.
- (b) The transfer of £80,000 for Hard Shoulders from N.84 south of Headford to improvements works on the Curragh Line.

The Secretary stated that the proposal for the transfer of £80,000 from the N.84 was in fact put to the Meeting and agreed. The Chairman stated that the Secretary's record was correct and that the Connemara Councillors would not have agreed to the transfer of £70,000 from the R336 north of Costello. Councillor McHugh disagreed.

4235 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT CARROWMANAGH, OUGHTERARD, TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY:

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

"That Galway County Council approve of the sale of a plot of land at Carrowmanagh, Oughterard, to the Trustees of the Congregation of Sisters of Mercy, Galway Diocese; Sister Anunciata Fox, Sister General; Sister Baptist Egan, Sister Clement Coffey, Sister John Lee, Sister Rosario McGuane; in accordance with the terms of notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 20th March, 1991, circulated to each Member of the Council."

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4236 - PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME FOR 1991:

A sum of £20,000 was provided in the 1991 Estimates for new Public Lighting and the County Engineer's recommendations for the allocation of the £20,000 was circulated to each Member.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Senator Hussey, the County Engineer's recommendations for new Public Lighting were approved. Councillor J. Burke asked that the Council try and negotiate with the E.S.B. in order to get better value for money. Councillor Lynch said that the lights approved for Headford in 1990 were not yet provided. Councillor McDonagh expressed disappointment that Corofin was not included as did Councillor McHugh. Councillor Callanan asked that Clooncagh Church be considered. Deputy Treacy asked that the Bridge Road, Portumna, and Skehanagh Church be considered for next year. Councillor Walsh expressed disappointment that Creggs was not included. Councillor M. Fahy asked that a light be provided at the junction at Labane which presented a dangerous situation for people attending funerals. Deputy Fahey agreed with this. Councillor O'Tuathail asked that consideration be given to the provision of a light at Furnish to facilitate people getting off the bus. The Chairman asked that Kiltormer and Laurencetown be considered if any money becomes available.

4237 - PROVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS:

The Secretary stated that following an Arbitration Award, the Minister had approved revised salary scales for Social Worker Grades to be implemented in accordance with Clause 3.3 of the Elaboration of Clause 3 of the Agreement on Pay in the Public Service. This provided for 40% of the increase payable from 1st July, 1989, a further 30% on 1st April, 1990, and the balance on 1st October, 1990. The cost of the increase, including arrears, was estimated at £16,500. It was proposed by Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, and agreed:

"That Galway County Council approve of revised salary scales for Social Worker Grades in accordance with the sanction of the Minister for the Environment dated 27th March, 1991."

4238 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1990:

The Council considered and approved the Abstract of Accounts 1990, details of which had been circulated to each Member by the Finance Officer.

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

"That the Council approve expenditure excesses, being the amounts set out in the Abstract of Accounts 1990 in excess of the adopted Estimates for that year under the various headings, such excesses being funded by other expenditure reductions and income increases as set out

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in the Finance Officer's report."

4239 - ISSUE OF POLLING CARDS FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS:

The Secretary stated that the question of Issuing Polling Cards for the Local Elections was optional and was a matter for the Members to decide. He said that the estimated cost of postage alone was £25,200. To this, would have to be added approximately £3,000, including the cost of the Polling Cards. On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the Council agreed that Polling Cards be issued for the Local Elections.

4240 - LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME 1991:

Report dated 16th April, 1991, from Assistant County Manager, together with Department Circular dated 20th March, 1991, was circulated to each Member. The Chairman welcomed the allocation of £1,481,000 which was an increase on the previous year, and would allow 50 new house starts. Mr. Gavin explained that while the allocation would allow 50 new starts, the number of completions would be 25. Most Members welcomed the fact that the allocation was an increase on the 1990 figure. Councillor Mullins complained that no funds were provided for the upgrading of demountable dwellings, and proposed that the Council press the Department of the Environment for funds for this work which the Council had previously requested. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan and agreed. Councillor Finnegan asked if there were any developments in relation to the new Plan for Social Housing. Councillor O'Tuathail said that the allocation was totally inadequate having regard to the large number of approved applicants on the Waiting List. He said that there were numerous families with children living in caravans, some with only plastic covering on the roof. He said that the problem in the Gaeltacht was the lack of sites and the Council should examine some of its own land at Lettercallow to see if it would be suitable for housing. Councillor Callanan asked if any information was available about a further house sale scheme, and Councillor Walsh enquired about the £100,000 for the remedial works at Gilmartin Road, and if any further allocation was promised. Mr. Gavin replied that there was no further information about a sale scheme. He said that the £100,000 for Gilmartin Road houses was a pilot scheme and involved 12 houses only. In relation to the Plan for Social Housing, he said that new legislation would be required for certain aspects of it, and at the present time, the housing staff were examining applications on hands to see how they might be accommodated under the new Plan. He said that the £300,000 for Halting Sites for Travellers would enable the Council to complete the site in Tuam and commence on a site in Craughwell. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, the proposals set out in the Programme were approved.

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4241 - SANITARY SERVICES CAPITAL ALLOCATION 1991:

This item was deferred to the Planning Meeting.

4242 - NOMINATION OF A NON-ELECTED MEMBER TO THE BALLINASLOE 850 COMMITTEE:

The Chairman said that the local committee in Aughrim would be holding a Meeting shortly and would then forward a nomination. He proposed that the matter be deferred until the nomination is received, and this was agreed.

4243 - ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH BOARDS OF IRELAND - LIMERICK - 3RD/4TH MAY, 1991:

On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillors Welby and M. Fahy be nominated to attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was agreed that Councillor McDonagh also be nominated to attend the Conference.

4244 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman stated that he had received many representations from people in regard to the very large number of trees which had been marked for felling and which could damage the environment. He said that trees on the northern and eastern side of roads would normally fall into fields because of the prevailing winds and he questioned the need to knock them. Trees on the western and southern sides of roads presented a more serious problem. In one case he said that a landowner would have to knock 150 trees.

Councillor Callanan said that landowners living at the The Beaches, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe, were very concerned should all the marked trees have to be knocked. Councillor Finnegan said that trees on the Creggs side of Glinsk near the Castle looked dangerous and should be examined. Other Councillors agreed that a very large number of trees were being marked and wondered if it was necessary to knock them all. Councillor Ryan asked who was responsible for felling the trees.

The County Manager said that the responsibility for trees inside the fence or on the fence was clearly the landowners, and the Council had put advertisements in the papers drawing attention to this. He said that during the last storm, some trees fell against the wind. He said there was no expert amongst the Council staff, and therefore, the Council engaged Coilte to identify potentially dangerous trees as a service to landowners. Trees are the liability of the landowner, and the Council is directing their attention to this. Any landowner is free to get further expert opinion. Councillor Walsh asked if the Council would be able to give any assistance in the case of very old people and the County Manager replied that to a limited extent, the Council might be able to get some help for them.