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4245 - LITTER:

Deputy Fahey raised the question of litter in Gort, and asked if there was any possibility of appointing a Litter Warden. He felt that the imposing of Fines was the only solution. Councillor Mullins said that there was a similar situation in Ballinasloe. The County Manager said that the Council had endeavoured to try and resolve this problem which requires the co-operation and assistance of the owners of Take-Aways. The matter would be further examined.

4246 - L.A.M.A.:

Councillor Callanan congratulated L.A.M.A. on organising a Conference last weekend between British and Irish Councillors. He also expressed the hope that the Brooke Interparty Talks in Northern Ireland would be successful. The Council agreed that a letter be sent to the Taoiseach sending its good wishes and support for the Talks and for a successful conclusion.

4247 - POLLING SCHEME:

Deputy Treacy asked if it would be possible to revise the Polling Scheme before the Local Elections. The Secretary replied that a Review of the Polling Scheme would not be possible as this could take up to 12 or 18 months. Deputy Treacy asked that a review be undertaken as soon as possible and that a copy of the existing scheme be circulated to Members.

4248 - CONFERENCE - THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS - 2ND MAY, 1991 - ENNIS:

Councillor Finnegan proposed that Councillors Raftery and O'Conchubhair attend this Conference. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed. Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillor T. Walsh also attend the Conference. This was seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed.

4249 - RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with:

Mr. Anthony Curran, Cloch Mor, Ballinahown, Co. Galway.  
The Grealish Family, Ballybrit, Galway.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

4250 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE SAFETY PRECAUTION SIGNS ERECTED AT KNOCKDOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

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

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4251 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE PROPER DANGER SIGNS ERECTED AT SLIEVEFIN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"All new signs were erected at the above location approximately 18 months ago and they are considered to be satisfactory."

4252 - THAT THE COUNCIL HAVE MODERN SIGNS PLACED AT KNOCKDOE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The provision of new signs at the above location will be considered in 1991, as there are no funds available for same in the current year."

4253 - MAINTENANCE OF BEARNA VILLAGE IN THE COMING YEAR: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"All works will be carried out at the above location during May 1991. Traffic road markings will be replaced and extended.

Two new lights will be provided under the 1991 Public Lighting Programme.

Improvement works were recently carried out at junction of Regional Road R336 with Truskey West.

Additional litter bins will be provided."

4254 - THAT PUBLIC LIGHTING BE ERECTED ON THE GALWAY ROAD FROM OUGHTERARD TO THE GATEWAY HOTEL: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The provision of Traffic Route Lighting on National Routes is 100% Exchequer funded. However, no funds were provided for this location in the current year."

4255 - THAT A 40 MILE SPEED LIMIT BE ERECTED ON THE RINVILLE ROAD AT MAREE, ORANMORE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

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

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- 4256 - THAT AT LEAST TWO PUBLIC LIGHTS BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH AT BALLINAKILL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"It was not possible to include the above location on the 1991 Public Lighting Programme as there was only £20,000 provided for the whole County, and other locations in the Loughrea Engineering Area had a higher priority."

- 4257 - THAT A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BE PROVIDED AT MAIN STREET, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The Council are in favour of providing a pelican crossing at the above location. The estimated cost of providing same is £20,000. However, there are no funds available for this work in the current year."

- 4258 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE THE SLIP ROAD FROM ORANMORE TO MAIN LIMERICK ROAD SAFE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"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.

The use of rumble strips by some Local Authorities was authorised by the Department of the Environment on an experimental basis. They have informed the Council that they have no plans to authorise their further use at this stage.

The provision of traffic route lighting at above location is dependant on specific funds being made available by the Department of the Environment. However, no funds were provided for this purpose in the current year.

The only horses that could be seen by the Area Engineer were those on private lands adjacent to the junction.

Improvements have been carried out at the above junction in the last few weeks. No further action is considered necessary at this stage."

- 4259 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FILL THE POTHOLES IN THE CARNAGORE ROAD IN CARRABANE, KILTULLA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin

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Lynch:

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location in the near future."

- 4260 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RE-SURFACE GLOVES MIDDLE ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"A sum of £15,000 has been provided in the 1991 Roadworks Programme for the carrying out of repairs to County Road 377 Gloves East-Cahernakelly."

- 4261 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY REPAIR, RENEW, AND RESURFACE THE ROAD LEADING FROM NEW INN CROSSROADS: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

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

Hedge cutting will be considered under the 1991 hedge cutting programme."

- 4262 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY ERECT A BOUNDARY WALL/ PROPER FENCES, ETC. ON LAND WHICH IT HAS ACQUIRED AT BALLYDAVID: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

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

- 4263 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY REPAIR, RENEW AND RESURFACE THE ROAD LEADING TO LISSINARD, TYNAGH, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Minor surface repairs will be carried out in order of priority and as resources permit. Having regard to the limited funds available and the fact that this is a Class 3 County Road, it is unlikely that hedge cutting will be carried out at this location in the current year."

- 4264 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ORGANISE A SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME TO FINISH THE JOB THAT HAS STARTED AT MONIVEA CEMETERY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Mullins:

"The project is being examined at present and if eligible an application for a Social Employment Scheme will be

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submitted to F.A.S.

A water tap will be provided at the above location provided the Trustees of Mid-Galway Group Water Scheme allow the Council a connection free of charge."

- 4265 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE THREE BAD AND DANEROUS TURNS ON THE WATERLOO/VERMOUNT ROAD (MENLOUGH): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL MULLINS:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Mullins:

"Realignment of Regional Roads is funded by means of specific grant by the Department of the Environment. Such grants have not been made available in recent years.

Discretionary grants are used for surface restoration/strengthening and improvements of Regional and County Roads. The use of this grant for realignment work is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

- 4266 - GO N-ISLEOPAI CIOS AR THITHE AN COHMAIRLE CHONTAE: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

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

"Se an ceim deireanach den sceim togha ag an Comhairle Condae i 1987 ta a chur i bhfeidhm faoi lathair. Ta an cios bunaithe ar ioncam fograithe ag tionontae don Chomhairle Chondae.

Scrudofar casanna eagsula a cuirfear in uil duinn go bhfuil cruachas ar leith ag baint leo."

- 4267 - GO NDEISEODH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE BOITHRE BAILTE IN IOCHTAR ROS A MHIL: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

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

"Ni bheadh tosaiocht ag na boithre seo, ar bhoithre eile i gceannlar Chasla, mar ni boithre straitiseach iad. Da bhri sin, nil siad luaite i sceim na mboithre le haghaidh 1991."

- 4268 - GO NGLACFADH AN COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LE PLEAN COISTE POBAIL NA CHEATHRU RUA LE FORBAIRT A DHEANAMH AR AN MBAILE: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O TUATHAIL:

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

"Ta £20,850 curtha ar fail i sceim na mboithre le haghaidh 1991 chun coithre agus cosain a dheisiu. Ta £6,000 curtha ar fail sna meastachain chun obair

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feabhasachain a dheanamh ag coras searachais an Cheathru Rua. Ceadaionn na Operational Programme costas taiscumar i nGleanmore. Ba cheart go gcuirfeadh se seo feabhas ar choras uisce an Cheathru Rua."

- 4269 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL RELIEVE FLOODING ON MAIN ROSCOMMON /GALWAY ROAD AT BROOKLODGE, BALLYGLUNIN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Ryan:

"Flooding problem at above location will be rectified in the near future."

- 4270 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE DRESS AND FINISH OFF ROAD AT LAKEVIEW, MENLOUGH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL RYAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Ryan:

"The level of the road was raised by the laying of gravel on same last year in order to prevent flooding. However, due to lack of funds it was not possible to grout the road. The road is not considered dangerous.

It is hoped to have same grouted during May/June 1991."

- 4271 - THAT TALKING TAPES FOR THE BLIND BE PROVIDED AT THE NEW TUAM LIBRARY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

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

"I wish to inform you that Talking Tapes for the Blind will be provided at the New Tuam Branch Library."

- 4272 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR AND SURFACE ROAD AT TOORALASSA AND BEALNAMALLY IN DERRYBRIEN EAST, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was give to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Minor surface repairs were recently carried out at the above location. There are no funds available in the current year to surface dress same."

- 4273 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR AND SURFACE ROAD AT GARDEN-BLAKE, PETERSWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The above road is included in the 1991 Road Works programme and the necessary works will be carried out as soon as possible."

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- 4274 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT HARD SHOULDERS BOTH SIDES OF ROAD AT LOUGH CUTRA N.S., SHANGLISH, GORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The provision of hardshoulders on the N18 National Primary Route is dependent on funds been made available by the Department of the Environment.

However, no funds were provided for this location in the current year."

- 4275 - FUNDING FOR LANDSCAPING AND NEW RAILING AT MAAM BRIDGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"The current years Road Works Programme includes for the repair of road adjacent to Maam Bridge.

The works in question, i.e., landscaping and railings are bridge completion works which are outstanding for a number of years. The new railing were provided on the grounds of safety and was a priority."

- 4276 - WHAT ARE THE PROPOSALS FOR THE HALF MILE SECTION OF ROAD AT LAUGHTGANNON ON THE OUGHTERARD/MOYCULLEN ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"This section of road is a short section on the N59 east of Oughterard. The work was carried out in late 1990 and in the course of carrying out this work the weather became very unfavourable. This explains why only on a very short section of road, a specific type of material was used. When the weather became unfavourable, alternative methods and materials were used over an extensive section of road along side. This latter section of road remains in first class condition.

All of the work referred to above was carried out by Sub-Contractor because of the requirement to use a paving machine. The Council are presently negotiating with the Sub-Contractor concerned for the reinstatement of the deteriorated section.

No claims for damage appear to have been made against the Council as a result of the condition of the road."

- 4277 - THAT THE KILBEG LOWER ROAD BE RESTORED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COMPLETION OF WATERMAINS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

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"The above road is being repaired at present."

- 4278 - THAT THIS COUNCIL HEREBY RECOMMENDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT THAT IT PAY A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CROSSWOOD GROUP WATER SCHEME, HEADFORD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MOLLOY AND COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH:

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

"Galway County Council made a special grant of £76,000 towards the Crosswood Group Water Supply Scheme to upsize pipes. The Council grant fully covered the cost of the work associated with the upsizing of the pipes.

The group ran into difficulties with the Contractor and additional legal and other costs were incurred. The Group submit that there is a deficit of £21,845 having taken into account the County Council grant of £76,000, the Department of the Environment Grant of £41,360 and the local contribution of £18,030."

Councillor McHugh proposed the motion on the Agenda and asked that it be sent to the Department of the Environment. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

- 4279 - THAT EXTRA STREET LIGHTING BE PROVIDED IN BALLYGAR, MOUNTBELLEW AND CREGGS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Peter Raftery:

"The provision of Traffic Route Lighting at Ballygar and Mountbellew is dependant on funds being made available by the Department of the Environment. However, no funds were provided in the current year.

The provision of lights on the Glenamaddy Road out of Creggs is included in the 1991 Public Lighting Programme."

- 4280 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE ROADS IN UPPER AND LOWER KILLASOLAN (MOUNTBELLEW AREA): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PETER RAFTERY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Peter Raftery:

"Surface restoration at the above location will be carried out under the 1991 surface restoration programme."

- 4281 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ABANDON THE C.P.O. PROCESS IN OBTAINING THE SITE FOR SEWERAGE TREATMENT PLAN AT WILLIAMSTOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan

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Walsh:

"I wish to inform you that the Council is arranging further talks with the landowner in question with a view to seeking agreement on price."

- 4282 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT WARNING SIGNS ON THE APPROACHES TO A DANGEROUS BEND AND BRIDGE AT GLINSK BESIDE THE CASTLE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"Advance directional sign 101 is already in place on both approaches to the bridge. The parapet walls of the bridge are highlighted with vertical stripes of black and amber paint. There are some delineators also in place at the bend.

The advance directional sign 101 will be relocated to a more prominent position and it is hoped to surface dress on either side of the approach to the bridge this summer with high PSV chips."

- 4283 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CREATE A SLOPE ON THE ROADSIDE OUTSIDE LOHANS IN WILLIAMSTOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

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

- 4284 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE REPAIRS AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS TO ALLEVIATE THE SERIOUS SEWAGE PROBLEM AT HOUSING ESTATE IN LAURENCETOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"I wish to inform you that an inspection of the septic tank serving the above housing scheme was carried out on the 18/4/91. The system is operational at present and no immediate remedial action is required. The tenants in some of the houses were questioned in relation to the matter and stated that although no problems were being experienced at present, the system had blocked up on at least one occasion. This would appear to have been caused by a blockage on the main sewer line. The Council will keep the system under observation, and if problems continue to reoccur, carry out any feasible improvements subject to the availability of funds.

With regard to repairs to the fencing, this will be included in our work programme and carried out in the usual order of priority subject to the availability of

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funds."

- 4285 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT WARNING SIGN AT APPROACH TO KILLVOLAN ROAD JUNCTION, CAHERLISTRANE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Statutory signs are in place at the above location."

- 4286 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO HAVE THE OBSTRUCTIONS REMOVED FROM THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY TO CREGG CEMETERY, CORRANDULLA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The landowner involved has been requested to remove the obstruction."

- 4287 - THAT TRAFFIC LIGHTS BE ERECTED AT THE JUNCTION OF DUBLIN ROAD - VICAR STREET/SQUARE, TUAM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor F. Glynn:

"A Traffic Management Plan for Tuam Town is being prepared at present. This Plan will address the traffic problem in Tuam. It is hoped to have same finalised in the near future."

- 4288 - 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): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor F. Glynn:

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

- 4289 - THAT A SLOW - VERY SLOW SIGN BE PRINTED ON THE N17 ROAD AT KILAPHROGUE, MILLTOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR F. GLYNN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor F. Glynn:

"A slow sign will be printed on the N17 National Primary Route at above location as soon as possible."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

*James Joyce*

CHAIRMAN

11-7-91

DATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 1ST MAY, 1991

PRESENT: Cllrs. J. Mannion; M. Lynch; P.J. Finnegan;  
Ml. Fahy;

James Harrold; T. Kavanagh; Maura Moloney.

An apology was received from Clr. J. Joyce for inability to attend and in his absence Clr. M. Lynch proposed Clr. J. Mannion to chair the meeting. This was seconded by Clr. P. J. Finnegan and agreed.

An apology was also received from Clr. M. O'Morain.

The Arts Organiser submitted his recommendations for the allocation of the 1991 grants to Groups. The list was discussed and the following agreed for submission to the County Council for approval.

Ballinasloe 850 Arts Festival.....	1,500
Clifden Community Arts Week.....	3,500
Galway Arts Festival.....	2,000
Gort Traditional Music Festival.....	750
An t-Amhran Beo, Kinvara.....	500
Salmon Publishing.....	400
Galway Film Resource Centre.....	650
Galway Youth Theatre.....	500
Gort Arts Group.....	400
Clifden Arts Group.....	500
Galway Arts Centre.....	2,000
Druid Theatre Company.....	4,000
Na Fanaithe.....	450
Macnas.....	2,000
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	19,150
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James Harrold informed the Committee that £1,200 would be assigned from his programme for a County Council visual arts programme based in Tuam. Tuam Library has a Gallery space which will be the centre for the visual arts in the county and it will be a very important part of the county arts policy. The venue will also be suitable for literature and music.

The Chairman complimented the Arts Organiser on the programme but said that while he agreed with Mr. Harrold's recommendations this year, he was not in favour of so much County Council money going to projects in the city. Audiences travelled from Galway city to Clifden for the Arts Week and perhaps the Corporation should contribute to the county project. The Arts Organiser pointed out that while the groups may be based in the city they attracted a large audience from the county and also travelled to various county towns. The neighbouring towns also benefited by the influx of visitors to city shows.

It was suggested that both Druid and Macnas should name the places outside the city which they proposed to visit.

Clr. Finnegan expressed disappointment that Tuam did not feature in the group allocation and he was not in favour of the large amount of money being spent in the city. Mr. Harrold said that Tuam would be catered for in his programme on the visual arts.

Clr. M. Lynch asked if something could be done in Athenry on the 15th August, and the Arts Organiser said he would consider the matter but, in fact, no group had made application for a grant. He would, however, definitely include Athenry as part of his programme and there would be events in Athenry.

Clr. M. Fahy complimented the Arts Organiser on the work he had done during the year and said he felt the committee did very useful work and the arts in the county had benefited greatly.

The Chairman also thanked Mr. Harrold, Tom Kavanagh and Maura Moloney for their services.

Clr. Fahy proposed the adoption of the programme. It was seconded by Clr. Lynch and agreed.

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.

3u la Bealtaine, 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 10u la Bealtaine, 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 Outline Permission to Michael Conway for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Kylebroghlan. - Planning Ref. No. 62574."  
Thomas Welby. P. McCormack. Frank Fahey.
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 for the erection of two dwellinghouses with septic tanks at Cregboy, Planning Ref. No. 62988, for Martin Murphy.  
Mark Killilea. Paddy McHugh. John Molloy.
3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to erect serviced dwellinghouse (change of house plans) at Ballinduff to M. O'Connor. - Planning Ref. No. 62341."  
John Molloy. Jarlath McDonagh. Patrick Finnegan.

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4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Fahy for the erection of dwelling house at Pollagh, Moycullen. - Planning Reference No. 63042."  
John M. Mannion. P. McCormack. T. Welby. John Molloy.
  5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Hillary Joyce Kelly for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Deereemel. Planning Ref. No. 63545."  
Thomas Welby. John Molloy. John M. Mannion.
  6. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to John Terence Sweeney for the erection of dwellinghouse at Bunowen Beg, Ballyconneely. - Planning Reference No. 63416."  
John M. Mannion. P. McCormack. T. Welby.
  7. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Caoimhin O Hara, Derrartha, Carraroe, Co. Galway, to build a house with septic tank at the above address. - Planning Ref. No. 62752."  
Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Tom Welby. Micheal O'Morain.
  8. "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 Martin Healy for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Bournagurteeny. - Planning Ref. No. 63633."  
Thomas Welby. John M. Mannion. John Molloy.
- OTHER BUSINESS:
9. Operational Programme Sanitary Services and Capital Allocation.
  10. Storm Damage.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 10TH MAY, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor James Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, P. Mac Gloinn, Senator T. Hussey, Councillor M. Killilea MEP, Councillors M. Loughnane, M. Lynch, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, John M. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, 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), R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, S.S.O., and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4290 - SYMPATHY:

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, a resolution of sympathy with the wife and family of the late Frank Monahan, Senior Executive Engineer with Galway County Council, was adopted.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Monahan had been a most conscientious and hard working member of the County Council's staff. Councillors had always found Mr. Monahan to be most approachable and helpful to them and the many fine projects carried out throughout the County by the Sanitary Services Section under Mr. Monahan's direction are testimony to his great work. He said that Mr. Monahan's sudden death came as a great shock to all the Members and staff of the County Council and he extended his heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Monahan's wife and family.

The County Manager also expressed sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the County Council's staff with the late Mr. Monahan's wife and family. He said that it had been a great shock to all that such a valued member of the staff had been taken so suddenly. Mr. Monahan was a most conscientious Officer of the County Council whose high standards and forthright approach had made him an esteemed and trusted member of the County Council's staff. He would be greatly missed and long remembered by all.

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The County Engineer joined in the expressions of sympathy with Mr. Monahan's wife and family. He said that Mr. Monahan had been a very honourable man and a fine Engineer. His work was always ably researched and well presented and he was a most dependable colleague. Although, a very serious man, he had a lively sense of humour and would be greatly missed by all his colleagues.

Mr. Padraic Diskin, speaking on behalf of the Press, paid tribute to the late Mr. Monahan and joined in the expressions of sympathy with his wife and family. Members of the County Council individually expressed sympathy with the Monahan family on their bereavement and the attendance at the Meeting stood for a minute's silence in tribute to Mr. Monahan's memory.

A resolution of sympathy was also adopted with the following: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hayes & Family, Ballyhue, Gort.

4291 - DEPARTURE OF MEP KILLILEA FROM MEMBERSHIP OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

MEP Killilea stated that he would not be able to attend the next Meeting of the County Council, and as he was not seeking re-election to the Council, this would be the last occasion on which he would attend a Council Meeting. He said that it was with great regret that he was leaving the County Council after 20 years service, all of which had been thoroughly enjoyable. He thanked all the Members of the County Council with whom he had served over the years for their courtesy to him and said that he felt he had a good relationship with every Member with whom he had served. He thanked the County Manager and all the staff of the County Council past and present. He also thanked the Members of his own Political Party for their loyalty to him and to each other and stated that it had been a pleasure for him to serve on Galway County Council.

The Chairman extended his good wishes for the future to MEP Killilea and to his family and paid tribute to his work on behalf of Galway County Council.

All of the Members present paid tribute to MEP Killilea and joined in the good wishes to him and to his family.

The County Manager extended his own good wishes and those of the staff to MEP Killilea and paid tribute to his work as Chairman of the County Council and member of the County Development Team. He stated that MEP Killilea had been helpful to the County Council in many ways since his election to the European Parliament and expressed the hope that his association with the County Council would continue to be mutually beneficial.

4292 - REPORTS RELATING TO THE SECTION 4 RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA:

Senator Hussey proposed that, since there was such a number of Section 4 Resolutions on the Agenda, and since the



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Planning Officer's report on each case had been circulated to the Members prior to the Meeting, the reports be taken as read and that it should not be necessary for the County Engineer to read the reports again at the Meeting.

The resolution was seconded by Councillor Brennan and agreed.

4293 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62574 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL CONWAY:

The County Engineer informed the Members that a decision to grant Permission had been made in the case of this application.

4294 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62988 - APPLICANT: MARTIN MURPHY:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by MEP Killilea and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on a lay-by of the N.64 Claregalway/Oranmore Route approximately 1 mile from Claregalway.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 8218: Outline Permission refused for a house by the Planning Authority and the Minister for Local Government - Applicant: James Moran.

Ref. No. 9543: Permission refused for a house - Applicant: Patrick Coy.

Ref. No. 31783: Outline Permission refused for two houses - Applicant: Martin Murphy.

Ref. No. 33671: Outline Permission granted for a house on the basis of an essential housing need claim - Applicant: Martin Murphy.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a short lay-by which was formed by the realignment of the National Secondary Route. This is one of a number of similar lay-bys which are located along the Claregalway/Oranmore Road, and indeed along other National Routes which have been realigned. The Planning Authority have applied the same restrictions to development along these bypassed sections as it has on direct accesses because such development will generate turning movements to and from the road and consequently increase the risk of accidents

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and reduce the carrying capacity of the routes and the return on the public investment in their realignment and improvement.

The precedent which would be set by the granting of this proposal would result in a considerable number of similar applications along this and other national routes thereby negating our policy of restricting development in the interests of public safety.

The applicant has already obtained planning permission for a new house nearby as a replacement for his existing substandard house. He hopes to sell these two sites in order to finance the construction of his new house.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

2. The proposed development would contravene Chapter 8, Table 8A of the County Development Plan which restricts development along the route to the essential housing needs of farmholders families, a category which does not apply in this case in that the sites are to be for sale."

MEP Killilea stated that the applicant for Permission had inherited the land, on which the site of the proposed houses was located, after a long delay due to the fact that his parents had died Intestate. He is a young man with a family of 5 children. They are in poor circumstances living in a two-bedroom thatched house with a County Council demountable nearby to provide sleeping accommodation for members of the family. His application to the County Council for rehousing had been refused and he was unable to obtain a loan to build a house of his own because of his financial circumstances. MEP Killilea said the statement in the Planning Officer's report that the applicant hopes to sell the sites, the subject of the Planning Application is true. He had advised the applicant to apply for Permission for two sites in order to raise the money to build a house for his family on the site in respect of which he had already obtained Planning Permission.

MEP Killilea disagreed with the report and said that the sites proposed to be developed are not located on a lay-by but on a serviced County Road which serves two houses and land. The County Council had recently repaired potholes on this particular road. The road was created as a result of the realignment of the National Secondary Route but it was still

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a public road. For this reason and for humanitarian reasons, the Permission applied for should be granted. He stated that the Members had a moral duty to assist the applicant who was in such poor circumstances and he asked for a unanimous decision in favour of granting Permission.

Councillor Brennan stated that this application presented a difficult situation for the Members. They had been told previously that they could only consider planning grounds in dealing with a planning application and the recommendation made to the Members is against the proposal on planning grounds.

The County Engineer stated that the proposal is to construct houses on sites adjoining an old road which had been realigned. The road is still a National Secondary Route but it is such an important route that Class 1 Control has been applied to it in the County Development Plan which is the type of control normally applied to National Primary Routes. The volume of traffic on the route, including heavy vehicle traffic is increasing and the last section of the road is due for realignment next year. A lot of public money has been spent to improve the carrying capacity and safety of the route for traffic and it is not right to permit it to be used to facilitate speculative development. To permit dwellings on such old sections of realigned roads would have the same affect as permitting direct accesses from the point of view of traffic hazard. While he was sympathetic to the applicant's situation, he was obliged to confine himself to planning considerations and was therefore recommending refusal of the application.

MEP Killilea stated that he did not consider that the circumstances which applied in this case would apply on any other route in the County. He stated that the sites will have access to a functional County Road which cannot be described as a lay-by. The applicant and his family have no hope of ever putting a roof over their heads if this Permission is not granted. He stated that if the County Manager would give an assurance that the applicant would get the first County Council house to be built in this area, he would withdraw the resolution.

Councillor McHugh stated that the road adjoining the sites proposed for development is not a National Secondary Route but a County Road giving access to that route.

The County Engineer replied that it is still a National Secondary Route and that the lay-by is of limited standard. The lay-by was left there only for the use of the particular landowners at that location and the junctions were not constructed for any form of major development.

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

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FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Killilea MEP, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby.

(14)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Burke. (1)

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

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

4295 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62341 - APPLICANT: M. O'CONNOR:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Molloy and seconded by MEP Killilea.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Galway/Headford National Secondary Road approximately 5 miles south of Headford.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 36457 - Permission for a house granted to Miss Mary Flaherty on the basis of an essential housing need.

Ref. No. 52324 - Permission for a house granted to Mary Flaherty, again based on housing need. This effectively was a renewal of the previous permission which had lapsed.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the N84 route where the maximum speed limit applies and where there has been considerable pressure for housing development in recent years. Permission was originally granted on the site because a housing need was pleaded by the daughter of the farmholder. The County Development Plan allows such an exception to the general policy of restricting development along the route in the interests of traffic safety. It does not permit housing which is unrelated to the working of family farms or the housing needs of farmholders families.

A request for further information inquired as to whether this application did relate to such essential housing need but no answer was made to the query. On the

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presumption that the proposal is not related to the housing need of the farmholders family, refusal is recommended as follows.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National 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 National road network.

2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 8, Table 8B) which limits development along this road to particular categories of essential housing need which need does not apply in this case."

Councillor Molloy stated that Planning Permission has been granted in this case and the application before the Members is an application for alteration of house plans and should be granted.

The County Engineer stated that the Permission which Councillor Molloy had referred to was granted on the basis of housing need. The current application has been made by a different person who has not claimed any such housing need. The site is located adjacent to the main Galway/Headford road on a straight stretch of road on either side of which major realignment is required. The road carries a substantial volume of traffic and the traffic movements generated by an access onto this route would constitute a problem and a risk for the public using the road. The Council's policy in restricting accesses to this route is intended to prevent risk to traffic using the route.

Councillor Molloy stated that the situation with regard to traffic had not changed since the previous Permission was granted.

Councillor Brennan asked if the present applicant was related to the landowners and possibly entitled to claim housing need. He suggested that the matter be deferred in order to obtain clarification on this point.

The County Manager stated that the applicant would be afforded the opportunity to submit such information if the Members so wished.

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It was agreed to defer consideration of the resolution to a future meeting of the County Council.

4296 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63042 - PATRICK FAHY:

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

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

"LOCATION:

Site is located on the Galway-Moycullen National Secondary Route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 7810: Outline Permission refused, on a smaller site which forms part of proposed site, for factory in 1970. Applicant: T. O hEigeartaigh.

Ref. No. 9017: Outline Permission refused for 2 no. dwellinghouses on proposed site in February 1971. Applicant: P. Fahy.

Ref. No. 23769: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority and on appeal on proposed site in August 1977. Applicant: P. Fahy.

Ref. No. 31008: Outline Permission for 1 no. dwellinghouse granted by Section 4 direction on proposed site in June 1979. Applicant: Patrick Fahy.

Ref. No. 33865: Approval granted on proposed site for dwellinghouse in June 1980.

Ref. No. 59807: Outline Permission for one house refused 23/11/89. The application was the subject of a Section 4 Resolution passed at the County Council Meeting on 10/11/89. An Appeal to An Bord Pleanala against the decision to refuse outline permission was lodged but later withdrawn.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Site is located on a restricted National Secondary Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. Applicant has not made a housing need claim and has clearly replied no to all housing need categories on application form. During discussions on Outline Permission ref. no. 31008 granted by Section 4 direction it was stated (see Minutes) that applicant needed a house for himself and had no accommodation. The fact that the house was not constructed during the period of the Permission indicates that no housing need existed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 8, Table 8B) which limits development along this road to local family housing needs, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

Councillor Mannion stated that the applicant is not the owner of the house in which he is living and he wants to build his own house. He had commenced building a road and laying foundations on foot of the Planning Permission granted to him in 1979 but was forced to discontinue work because of legal action taken against him by a neighbour for interference with a water course. The ensuing delay had resulted in the expiration of the Permission.

The County Engineer stated that the site of the proposed development adjoins an unrealigned section of the National Secondary Route on which improvements will have to be carried out when monies become available. It is a quite dangerous section of road and a dangerous place to have an entrance onto the National Secondary Route. The road is relatively narrow and visibility is not good at this location and there is a high accident rate at this point. The applicant had answered no to all the queries as to housing need category on the planning application form. The applicant is not a farmholder and owns only the site on which he has sought planning permission. The fact that he owns the site does not entitle him to a grant of Planning Permission. He recommended that Permission be refused.

Councillor Mannion proposed that consideration of the resolution be deferred and this was agreed.

4297 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63545 - APPLICANT: HILARY JOYCE KELLY:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

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

"LOCATION:

Site is located on the Oughterard-Glann Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 4347: Outline Permission granted on the proposed site in August 1968. Applicant: P.J. Oulton - extension to same granted to 31st October, 1986.

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Ref. No. 4906: Approval granted on a larger site in September, 1968. Applicant: P.J. Oulton.

Ref. No. 58857: Permission refused on the proposed site by Planning Authority and on appeal in January, 1990.

Ref. No. 61688: Outline Permission refused on the proposed site in January 1991. Applicant: Hilary Joyce Kelly.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located close to Lough Corrib in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity. Permission for housing development is only granted in such area to serve the essential housing needs of local farmholders and their families. No such need exists in this case and the proposal therefore is contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan. The development in an elevated, exposed location, overlooking Lough Corrib would detract from the visual amenities of the area, would further erode the amenity of this highly scenic stretch of lakeshore.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The site is located in an Area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to cases of essential housing need. No such need exists in this case and the proposed development if permitted would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The site is in an elevated location overlooking Lough Corrib in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity with views of special amenity value and the proposed development would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would not be capable of being assimilated into the surroundings. The development would obstruct views the preservation of which are an objective of the County Development Plan and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor Welby stated that the applicant wants to build a house and live beside her parents as she is the only member of their family.

The County Engineer stated that the site is located in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where no development is permitted other than single houses to meet the housing needs of local landowners. The erection of the dwellinghouse at the proposed location would lead to the erosion of the amenity of the lakeshore.

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Councillor Welby stated that the applicant wishes to return from Dublin to live in the area in which she was born and bred and he could not understand why the applicant could not get Permission when Permission had been granted for a house just over the wall from the proposed site. He asked if a vote on the matter could be postponed as a number of Members were outside the Chamber at the time. The Chairman stated that a vote could not be postponed.

Councillor Welby then proposed that consideration of the resolution be deferred to the Meeting to be held on the 27th May, 1991, and this was agreed.

4298 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63416 - APPLICANT: JOHN TERENCE SWEENEY:

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

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

"LOCATION:

Site is located on Doonloughaun Road approximately a half mile north of the Ballyconneely - Bunowen Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref No. 62415 - decision to refuse permission on proposed site issued 20/12/'90 - application on appeal by applicant. (i.e. John Terence Sweeney).

Ref. No. 62958 - Permission refused on proposed site in March '91. (Applicant - John Terence Sweeney).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site of the proposed dwellinghouse is in an extremely elevated and exposed location and the dwellinghouse proposed by reason of its scale and location would be extremely injurious to the visual amenities of the area. Through discussions with applicant and Deputy P. McCormack during the course of the above application, applicant was informed that alternative locations on family farm holding, not more than 150 feet from proposed location would be acceptable to the Planning Authority. Applicant refused to revise his proposal to the more acceptable locations and claimed that the surrounding lands were in his brothers ownership. However, the original proposal, reference number 62415 indicated the septic tank and percolation area within the confines of the site outlined. Applicant did not appear to have any difficulty relocating the septic tank and percolation area outside site boundaries to comply with Chief Medical Officer's

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requirements without being requested to do so by Planning Authority.

Any development on this site will be visible for miles in all directions and will be an extremely obtrusive feature in the landscape.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The site proposed to be developed is in an extremely elevated and exposed location in an area of outstanding Scenic Amenity and the development proposed would be an obtrusive feature which would not be capable of being satisfactorily assimilated into its surroundings. The development would detract from views, the preservation of which are an objective of the County Development Plan. The proposal, therefore, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor Mannion stated that the applicant is retired and has returned from abroad and wants to build a house. He has no other site on which to build. He said that there is a conflict with the Plan but he was not qualified to speak on it and just wished to propose the resolution.

The Chairman asked if Councillor Welby wished to add anything in support of the resolution and he replied that he did not.

The County Engineer stated that the location proposed for the house in on an exposed and elevated site in an unspoilt area. Two people from the Planning Office had met the applicant on site to discuss alternative locations for the house with him but he would not compromise even though there are suitable alternative locations available. The applicant had already constructed a road into the site and had done a certain amount of environmental damage.

Councillor Mannion stated that there is a very small land holding and 15 or 16 members in the family and that it may not be easy for the applicant to choose an alternative site.

The County Engineer stated that he must be the owner of the land on which he built the road and that he could build a house where the road was being constructed but at a lower level in order to preserve the amenity of this unspoilt area. In reply to a question as to whether there were any objections from the public to the proposal, he replied that there were not.

Councillor Brennan stated that the applicant was being unreasonable.

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

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FOR: Councillors J. Callanan, J. Joyce, M. Killilea MEP, M. Lynch, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby.

(11)

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

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

4299 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62752 - APPLICANT: CAOIMHIN O HARA:

Councillor Welby proposed that consideration of the resolution be deferred to a future meeting of the County Council and this was agreed.

4300 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63633 - APPLICANT: MARTIN HEALY.

Councillor Welby proposed that consideration of the resolution be deferred to a future Meeting of the County Council and this was agreed.

4301 - CLONTUSKERT GROUP WATER SCHEME:

Councillor Callanan asked for information as to the up-to-date situation with regard to the Clontuskert Group Water Scheme and expressed the hope that the matter is progressing with urgency.

The Assistant County Manager replied that excellent progress is being made in the preparation of documents and it was expected that these would be lodged with the Department of the Environment before the end of the month.

Councillor Brennan stated that the group had a lot of questions that they required answers to. Rumours had been circulating that hold ups were being experienced in the matter and they required re-assurance.

The Assistant County Manager stated that when the documents had been received from the Consultants and examined, he would meet with the Group and provide them with details of the scheme prepared by the Consultants. He could not specify a date for such a meeting but expected that it would take place approximately two weeks after receipt of the documents from the Consultants. He reminded the Members that it was a matter for the Department of the Environment to provide the money necessary for the scheme and that the County Council had no information as to whether or not the Department will make the necessary money available.

The Chairman welcomed the Members of the Clontuskert Group who were present at the Meeting and assured them that

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everything possible was being done to progress the matter. He stated that he appreciated the interest shown by so many people in the scheme and he thanked the Officials of the County Council for giving it the priority it had been given.

4302 - WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME:

Councillor Walsh referred to the possibility of a C.P.O. for the purpose of obtaining land for the siting of the Treatment Plant in connection with the Williamstown Sewerage Scheme and stated that Compulsory Purchase was not the best method for acquiring the land in this case. He said that people would prefer if the land were to be acquired by agreement.

He referred to a Notice of Motion which he had submitted asking that the C.P.O. be abandoned and to the reply he received to the effect that Members of the County Council Staff would enter into further negotiations with the landowner with a view to reaching agreement. An assurance had been given by the Minister for the Environment that money would be provided when the County Council had acquired the site for the Treatment Plant and the C.P.O. procedure would only delay the progress of the scheme. He had spoken to the landowner who was well disposed towards the transfer of the land. He said he was aware that there is a considerable gap between the amount required by the landowner by way of compensation and that offered by the County Council, but he felt that the landowner had a legitimate case in that a sewage treatment plant was not a very desirable thing to have on a person's land. The land is situated in the village of Williamstown and the presence of a sewage treatment plant would hinder the sale of sites by the landowner. He was also aware that an acre of land on the other side of the village was purchased last year for the sum of £13,500. He expressed his gratitude to the County Manager for his assistance in the resumption of the negotiations for the acquisition of the land by agreement.

Councillor Finnegan welcomed the commencement of further negotiations and asked that the County Council would make every effort to reach agreement with the landowner rather than have the scheme delayed by the C.P.O. procedure.

Senator Hussey stated that he would not rule out the possibility of C.P.O. as the sewerage problem in Williamstown was on-going and needed to be dealt with urgently. He expressed the hope that the negotiations would be successful.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the County Council had written to the landowner requesting another meeting but the landowner had not yet replied. If further negotiations with the landowner are not successful, the County Council will proceed by way of C.P.O.

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4303 - OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME SANITARY SERVICES AND CAPITAL ALLOCATION:

The Assistant County Manager referred to the various water and sewerage schemes to a total value of £39.758 M which are provided for in the Operational Programme for the period up to 1993.

Referring to the Capital Allocations, he said that the sum allocated to date was £1.394 M which relates only to schemes presently under construction. He said that further allocations will be made for new schemes during the year. He referred to the various schemes in respect of which allocations had been made.

Councillor Mannion asked what the situation was with respect to small sewerage schemes. He referred in particular to the Tully Scheme stating that the County Council had already agreed to undertake a scheme for this area but that the rules were changed resulting in the deferring of the scheme. The estimated cost in 1984 was £50,000 and the current estimate is £200,000.

The Assistant County Manager stated that the Operational Programme contains the priority listing for Water and Sewerage Schemes. The County Council has prepared other schemes but they are further down in the priority ratings. Small village schemes will be taken up in due course but the larger schemes are the County Councils own priorities.

The Chairman stated that many small villages in East Galway have no services and that the larger Centres always win out in the competition for funds. He suggested that the County Council should try to discriminate in favour of the smaller towns and villages and should have a definite policy to provide services for these villages before the end of the Century.

The County Manager stated that it is not a matter of policy and that for several years, the County Council had only got a trickle of money for Capital Schemes. In the current year, the situation is somewhat improved with the availability of Structural Funds but it will be many years before all of those schemes that are currently planned are provided. He reminded the Members that there is a considerable cost involved in putting schemes out to planning and that sewerage schemes are very expensive in terms of cost per house. There is also a considerable maintenance cost involved in all schemes that are provided and no provision is made in State funding to finance maintenance works. There has been a strong demand from Members for the larger schemes. In the case of Water Schemes, there is an immediate economic return for example, in terms of dairying, but it is only in recent times that money has been made available for sewerage schemes.

Councillor Ryan suggested that there should be a priority list drawn up for Small Schemes in addition to that drawn up

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for Major Schemes.

Councillor Finnegan asked if any reply had been received from the Department of the Environment relating to the approval of the Tender Documents for the Tuam Sewerage Scheme and he suggested that a reminder be sent to the Department.

The Assistant County Manager replied that the County Council Officials had discussed the matter with the Department in the previous week and had pressed them for a decision.

Councillor Mannion asked for information as to the present position regarding the Letterfrack Water Supply Scheme and the Assistant County Manager replied that he would look into the matter and would write informing Councillor Mannion of the position.

4304 - OPENING OF TUAM TOWN LIBRARY:

Councillor Finnegan asked when the Tuam Library would be opened. The County Manager replied that the Contractor is still in possession of the site but that the County Council would like to have the books installed and to have the Library in operation as quickly as possible. He said he would check on the progress being made in the matter and would talk to the Chairman about a possible opening date.

4305 - TREE FELLING AND HEDGE CUTTING:

Councillor Brennan stated that there was a considerable amount of tree felling taking place in East Galway and people were expressing concern about it. He wondered if there was an excessive amount of tree felling being carried out. He said that he had also noticed hedge cutting being carried out and stated that this could cause disruption of wild life habitats.

The County Manager stated that, as he had previously informed the Members, the County Council has no expertise among its Staff in the matter of what constitutes a dangerous tree. The Council had, therefore, engaged the services of Coillte Teoranta who are marking trees that need attention, such attention may not necessarily mean the felling of the trees. Landowners are being informed that they should obtain their own advice as to what should be done with the trees that are marked as liability and responsibility for the trees rests with the landowners.

The County Engineer stated that most of the trees, which have been marked, have outlived their life span and many would be in excess of 100 years old. He stated that a licence was required in order to fell trees and that he believed a condition of such licences was that two trees should be planted for every one cut. These requirements did not, however, apply to trees which were regarded as dangerous by the Roads Authority. With regard to the question of hedge cutting, he stated that the County Council is not carrying out any hedge cutting at present.

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4306 - STORM DAMAGE:

The County Secretary referred to the letter dated 24th April, 1991, which had been received from the Tanaiste and Minister for the Marine in reply to the County Council's request to the Minister to receive a deputation from Galway County Council concerning storm damage and repairs to Roundstone Pier.

Councillor Mannion said that the reply was most unsatisfactory. He understood that the County Council had sought funds for the employment of a Consultant to carry out the necessary design work but the letter makes no mention of this. He proposed that the County Council write again to the Tanaiste and Minister for the Marine and ask him to clarify this.

The County Manager stated that it would be as easy for the Department to employ a Consultant as it would be for Galway County Council. The County Council would be willing to do so if the Department would provide the necessary funds.

Councillor Mannion proposed that a letter be written to the Department of the Marine asking them to clarify the situation with regard to the funding of a Consultant.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed.

4307 - COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON 14TH JUNE, 1991:

The Chairman stated that he would lay the foundation stone for the Interpretative Centre at Aughrim on the 14th June, 1991, and suggested that the County Council Meeting on that date should be held in his Electoral Area. A likely venue for the Meeting would be the Community Centre at Kiltormer but he would have to confirm its availability.

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed that the County Council Meeting of the 14th June, 1991, would be held in the Ballinasloe Electoral Area.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*James Joyce*  
CHAIRMAN

11-7-'91.  
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

21u la Bealtaine, 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 27u la Bealtaine, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

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 Permission to erect serviced dwellinghouse (change of house plans) at Ballinduff to M. O'Connor. - Planning Ref. No. 62341."

John Molloy. Jarlath McDonagh. Patrick Finnegan.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Patrick Fahy for the erection of dwelling house at Pollagh, Moycullen. - Planning Reference No. 63042."

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

3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Hillary Joyce Kelly for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Deeremeel. Planning Ref. No. 63545."

Thomas Welby. John Molloy. John M. Mannion.



4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Martin Healy for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Bournagurteeny. - Planning Ref. No. 63633."

Thomas Welby. John M. Mannion. John Molloy.

5. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for retention of Workshop to Anthony Ryan at Freeport, Barna. - Planning Ref. no. 63575."

John Molloy. Thomas Welby. Martin Lynch.

OTHER BUSINESS:

6. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on 8th April, 1991.  
 (b) Special Council Meeting held on 15th April, 1991.  
 (c) Monthly Council Meeting held on 22nd April, 1991.  
 (d) Arts Committee Meeting held on 1st May, 1991.

7. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads. - List attached.  
 8. Overdraft for 6 months ending 31st December, 1991.  
 9. Sale of plot of land to Sliabh Mhuire Teo, Ballygar, - Notice dated 3rd May, 1991, already circulated.  
 10. Sale of plot of land at Moycullen to Patrick Vicary & Carmel Walsh - Notice dated 24th April, 1991, already circulated.  
 11. Sale of plot of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Peter Haverty - Notice dated 6th May, 1991, already circulated.  
 12. Raising of loan for Council Headquarters at Cluain Mhuire.  
 13. To approve revised Major Emergency Plan.  
 14. Auditors Report on County Galway VEC for 2 years ended 31st December, 1989.  
 15. Revision of Remuneration for full-time Fire Fighters.  
 16. Quality of water in Galway Bay.  
 17. Leader Project.  
 18. Business submitted by the County Manager.  
 19. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

20. 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 T. WALSH: - I will propose:

21. 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.

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

22. That the County Council have road at Lakeview, Claregalway, earmarked for complete surface dress (details supplied).  
 23. That the County Council inform me as to why Social Employment Schemes have not commenced or have not been included in collaboration with other schemes (details supplied).  
 24. That County Council call on the Minister for Industry and Commerce to negotiate with Insurance Companies with a view to getting a fair deal for young motorists - especially named accident free drivers including wives on parent/husband policies (details supplied).  
DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: -  
 25. That the speed limit at Furbo be extended on the Galway side by about 500 yards as there is a very dangerous turn there and the extension of the speed limit would facilitate safer negotiation of the road.  
 26. That "Go Slow" warnings be painted on the road at Leam School on the main Cross/Recess Road. These markings have already been established at Newtown National School and St. Anne's National School, Roscahill. Similar markings would be beneficial for the safety of children at Leam School.  
 27. That a white line be restored to the Headford Road on the approach to the Dump at Carrowbrowne as this line was obliterated recently while road surfacing was being carried out.

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

28. That hedge cutting be carried out at the location mentioned (details supplied).
29. That Water Tables be opened and road surface be repaired from Ballymana Church to Maanin Cross.
30. That Clare Road, Kiltormer, be repaired.

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

31. That Galway County Council make recommendation to the Minister for Health that all children under the age of 18 years be entitled to a Medical Card.
32. That Galway County Council remove the rubbish from the side of the river at Castleboy.
33. That Galway County Council put a signpost showing the road to Ballymana at Connolly's Cross, Craughwell.

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

34. That Galway County Council take immediate action including raising of road, etc., at a location (details supplied); that the Council outline the works to be done, dates, etc., and any other relevant information.
35. That Galway County Council immediately make a supply of water available to a business in County Galway (details supplied), the reasons why this has not been done to date, if the Council direct that in view of the importance of this business, that the supply of water be made available immediately at a proper and reasonable price, the date on which the supply will be made, and the conditions attaching to same and any other relevant information.
36. That Galway County Council carry out immediate improvements at a location in the County (details supplied) for the relevant community, that the Council outline the works to be done, time scale for these works and any other relevant information -

Public lighting erected between the main bridge on the River Shannon westwards, over a distance of circa a half a mile towards Portumna Town; on a stretch where there is absolutely no public lighting at all even though there are ten houses on the stretch, which is used by several people from the town and thousands of tourists annually and is a total embarrassment to the community.

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

37. That Galway County Council change the slope or put in higher kerb on the footpath in Glenamaddy on the Kilkerrin Road outside Donlon's house in order to prevent water from the road flowing in Donlon's gate.

**COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY:** - I will propose:

38. That the necessary repairs be carried out to the Lissgurane Road, Moycullen.
39. That repairs be carried out to the Doon East and Doon West roads, Roscahill.

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

40. That a 30 mile speed limit be put in place at Lettermore Village from Tom Connolly's shop to bridge at Lettermore.
41. Would the County Manager give the cost of replacing main water pipes from near Lettermore Church towards Lettercallow.
42. That Galway County Council provide a pedestrian crossing at Carraroe National School.

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

43. That the County Council take up now a supply of piped water from the Clonfert Group Water Scheme for the County Council houses in Clonfert, occupied by Mahons, Dolans, McEvoy's and the vacant house in this group. The group have spare capacity since Bord na Mona installed a private supply.
44. That the roadside drain from the bridge on the Skycur-Kill road, Kiltormer, along by the County Road leading towards Danny Lynch's house be cleaned this summer by Council workmen using hand towels.
45. That the flooding which regularly occurs on the County Road near Tom Downey's house, Lissnacody, Eyrecourt, be eliminated by either raising the road or installing roadside drainage (or both).

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

46. That a high level fence with mesh wire be provided at a location (details supplied).

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

47. That the County Council acquire lands for an extension to Gort Graveyard (lands adjacent cemetery).
48. Also County Council develop children's playground at Crowe Street, Gort, where a provision of lottery monies were allocated some years ago.
49. That the County Council make provision in its plans (details supplied).

**COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:** - I will propose:

50. What is Galway County Council's position as regards the monitoring of local slaughter houses when cattle are being killed (slaughtered) re: angel dust, i.e., growth promoters being used.

**COUNCILLORS T. WALSH AND M. RYAN:** - We will propose:

51. That Galway County Council erect traffic lights at the Dublin Road junction in Tuam.
52. That Galway County Council erect a suitable fence around the Dump in Dunmore, to prevent refuse from blowing about the surrounding area.

**COUNCILLORS J. MANNION AND T. WELBY:** - We will propose:

53. That Galway County Council take over the road leading from Cleggan/Claddaghduff road to lane at the rear of Michael Laffey's house, Knockbrack, Cleggan, Co. Galway, having a total distance of 567 yards. This road was recently repaired L.I.S. Ref. No. 108/88.

**COUNCILLOR J. CALLANAN:** - I will propose:

54. That the following road (details supplied) be repaired as soon as possible.
55. That this road be tarred as soon as possible (details supplied).

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

56. That Galway County Council review its policy of including A.S.I.s in the County Development Plan and that this Council proceed with the necessary measures to have these areas so classified removed from the Plan and initiate discussions with interested parties before further action is taken in relation to same.
57. That an investigation be carried out by the County Council to establish the reason for the serious deterioration in the road quality at (details supplied). That repairs be carried out to same immediately, that action be taken to prevent a re-occurrence of the damage and that action be taken to recover the cost of the repairs if the investigation so warrants.
58. That repair works be carried out to the Curraghline immediately - particularly in the area adjacent to the dump as it has now deteriorated to such a state as to be a serious traffic hazard.

**DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:** - I will propose:

59. Concerning the issue of farmers lands being classified as an area of Scientific Interest without prior consultation with the farmers and to have these areas immediately declassified.

**COUNCILLOR J. MANNION:** - I will propose:

60. That this Council, mindful of the problem of the haemophilia sufferers infected with the HIV virus through contaminated blood products calls on the Minister for Health to speedily resolve the matter of compensation to them to ensure no loss of dignity on the part of the haemophiliacs.

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

61. That this Council tidy up depot and erect no dumping signs at Killywongaune, Clifden, so as to prevent illegal dumping which is taking place at present at this location.
62. What is the present position regarding the proposed extension to Lettermorenacaille Burial Ground.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHÍE  
(Galway County Council)

**Declaration of Road to be  
Public Road**

Notice is hereby given that Galway County Council at a meeting to be held on the 27th May, 1991, commencing at 3.30 p.m., will consider the making of a declaration that the following road shall be public. The said road is depicted on a map which can be inspected at the County Engineers Office, County Buildings, Prospect, Galway, during office hours.

Road (Estate Name)	Description
Grattan Park, Mountbellew	Housing estate located in the townland of Mountbellew Demesne. Roadway of Grattan Park from nearer edge of the carriageway of the N63 measured southwards for a distance of 191 metres.

T. KAVANAGH,  
County Secretary

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH MAY, 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, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors 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; T. J. O'Donoghue, County Law Agent; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); E. Lusby, Finance Officer; G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer; T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer; C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

4308 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

Councillor Glynn proposed a vote of sympathy to the wife and family of the late Mr. Eddie Fullerton, a Member of Donegal County Council, who was shot dead in his home near Bunrana, Co. Donegal. He paid tribute to the late Mr. Fullerton for his many fine personal qualities and for his work as a public representative. He praised the courage of Mrs. Fullerton who despite her shock and grief had publicly asked that there would be no retaliation following the murder of her husband.

Councillor O'Morain, in seconding the vote of sympathy, paid tribute to the late Mr. Fullerton and proposed that the Meeting be adjourned as a mark of respect by the Members to the memory of a colleague, and this proposal was seconded by Senator Hussey.

Members individually expressed their sympathy with Mr. Fullerton's wife and family.

The Chairman joined in the expressions of sympathy. He stated that there were a number of items on the Agenda which

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could not be deferred and that the Meeting would be adjourned as soon as these had been dealt with.

4309 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62341 - APPLICANT: M. O'CONNOR:

The Chairman informed the Members that Councillor McHugh had declared his interest in the application which was before the Members for consideration and that he had left the Chamber.

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, and seconded by Councillor J. McDonagh.

Councillor Molloy stated that Planning Permission had already been granted for this site and that the application was just for a change of house plan.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Galway/Headford National Secondary Road approximately 5 miles south of Headford.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 36457 - Permission for a house granted to Miss Mary Flaherty on the basis of an essential housing need.

Ref. No. 52324 - Permission for a house granted to Mary Flaherty, again based on housing need. This effectively was a renewal of the previous permission which had lapsed.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the N84 route where the maximum speed limit applies and where there has been considerable pressure for housing development in recent years. Permission was originally granted on the site because a housing need was pleaded by the daughter of the farmholder. The County Development Plan allows such an exception to the general policy of restricting development along the route in the interests of traffic safety. It does not permit housing which is unrelated to the working of family farms or the housing needs of farmholders families.

A Request for Further Information inquired as to whether this application did relate to such essential housing need but no answer was made to the query. On the presumption that the proposal is not related to the housing need of the farmholders family, refusal is recommended as follows.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a heavily trafficked section of the National 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 National Road Network.

2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 8, Table 8B) which limits development along this road to particular categories of essential housing need which need does not apply in this case."

On the suggestion of the Chairman, the Members agreed to take the report as read.

The Senior Executive Engineer (Planning), Mr. Kavanagh, informed the Members that the existing Permission on the site was granted to meet an essential housing need as provided for in the Development Plan. The Permission was not subject to an Enurement condition and could, therefore, be availed of by any person who might be in possession of the site. The policy set out in the County Development Plan is to restrict housing development to single houses required to meet the essential housing need of local farmholders and their immediate families. Since the present applicant is not a farmholder, and has only purchased the site proposed to be developed, the Development Plan allows for no option but to refuse Permission.

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

FOR: Councillors U. Burke, J. Callanan, P. Finnegan, 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. Raftery, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

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

Councillors F. Glynn and P. O'Tuathail abstained from voting.

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

4310 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63042 - APPLICANT: PATRICK FAHY:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Mannion and seconded by Councillor Molloy.

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

"LOCATION:

Site is located on the Galway-Moycullen National Secondary Route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 7810: Outline Permission refused, on a smaller site which forms part of proposed site, for factory in 1970. Applicant: T. O hEigeartaigh.

Ref. No. 9017: Outline Permission refused for 2 no. dwellinghouses on proposed site in February 1971. Applicant: P. Fahy.

Ref. No. 23769: Outline Permission refused by Planning Authority and on appeal on proposed site in August 1977. Applicant: P. Fahy.

Ref. No. 31008: Outline Permission for 1 no. dwellinghouse granted by Section 4 direction on proposed site in June 1979. Applicant: Patrick Fahy.

Ref. No. 33865: Approval granted on proposed site for dwellinghouse in June 1980.

Ref. No. 59807: Outline Permission for one house refused 23/11/89. The application was the subject of a Section 4 Resolution passed at the County Council Meeting on 10/11/89. An Appeal to An Bord Pleanala against the decision to refuse outline permission was lodged but later withdrawn.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

Site is located on a restricted National Secondary Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. Applicant has not made a housing need claim and has clearly replied no to all housing need categories on application form. During discussions on Outline Permission ref. no. 31008 granted by Section 4 direction it was stated (see Minutes) that applicant needed a house for himself and had no accommodation. The fact that the house was not constructed during the period of the Permission indicates that no housing need existed.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

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

2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 8, Table 8B) which limits development along this road to local family housing needs, a category of development which does not apply in this case."

The Chairman reminded the Members that a full discussion on the proposal had taken place at the May Planning Meeting and it was agreed, therefore, that the report should be taken as read.

The Senior Executive Engineer (Planning), Mr. Kavanagh, stated that there was no change in the report from that presented to the previous meeting.

Deputy McCormack stated that he had not been present at the previous meeting but he understood that new information had come to light at that Meeting which caused the matter to be deferred. The information was to the effect that the applicant could not have availed of the Permission previously granted in respect of the site because of legal difficulties which had arisen after he had constructed the foundation for the house.

Councillor Mannion stated that there had been a Court case relating to the land and that a County Council Engineer, not connected with Planning, had advised the applicant to stop work until the Court case was resolved.

In reply to a question from Councillor Brennan as to whether or not this would affect the issue before the Members, Mr. Kavanagh stated that the previous grant of Permission in respect of this site was made in 1979 as a result of a direction under Section 4 and that the Planning situation was the same then as now. Refusal of Permission was recommended then and is recommended now.

In reply to a query from Councillor J. Burke, Mr. Kavanagh stated that he could not confirm that the foundations of a house had been constructed. The law required that substantial works pursuant to a planning permission should have been carried out within the life of the permission if an application to extend the duration of such permission were to be considered. He doubted if the laying of foundations could be regarded as constituting substantial works.

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

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**FOR:** Councillors U. Burke, J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, J. Joyce, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors J. Lambert, M. Lynch, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, and T. Welby.

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**AGAINST:** None.

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

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

4311 - **RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63545 - APPLICANT: HILARY JOYCE KELLY:**

The Chairman stated that this application had been discussed at length at the May Planning Meeting and it was agreed that the report would be taken as read.

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

**"LOCATION:**

Site is located on the Oughterard-Glann Road.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

Ref. No. 4347: Outline Permission granted on the proposed site in August 1968. Applicant: P.J. Oulton - extension to same granted to 31st October, 1986.

Ref. No. 4906: Approval granted on a larger site in September, 1968. Applicant: P.J. Oulton.

Ref. No. 58857: Permission refused on the proposed site by Planning Authority and on appeal in January, 1990.

Ref. No. 61688: Outline Permission refused on the proposed site in January 1991. Applicant: Hilary Joyce Kelly.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The site is located close to Lough Corrib in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity. Permission for housing development is only granted in such area to serve the essential housing needs of local farmholders and their families. No such need exists in this case and the proposal therefore is contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan. The development in an

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elevated, exposed location, overlooking Lough Corrib would detract from the visual amenities of the area, would further erode the amenity of this highly scenic stretch of lakeshore.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The site is located in an Area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to limit development to cases of essential housing need. No such need exists in this case and the proposed development if permitted would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The site is in an elevated location overlooking Lough Corrib in an area of Outstanding Scenic Amenity with views of special amenity value and the proposed development would be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would not be capable of being assimilated into the surroundings. The development would obstruct views the preservation of which are an objective of the County Development Plan and would therefore be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Welby and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

Councillor Welby stated that he had made his comments on this application at the previous County Council Meeting.

The Senior Executive Engineer (Planning), Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that the report is the same as presented to the previous meeting.

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

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

(19)

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

Councillor F. Glynn, Deputy R. Molloy, and Councillor P. O'Tuathail abstained from voting.

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

4312 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63633 - APPLICANT: MARTIN HEALY

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

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

"LOCATION:

The site map 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) granted on the proposed site in November 1979. Applicant: Miss K. Meenaghan.

Ref. No. 62923: Permission for erection of dwellinghouse refused 10/4/91. A Section 4 resolution relating to the application was considered at a number of County Council meetings but was lost for want of a sufficient number voting in favour at the County Council meeting on 8/4/1991.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

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 provisions 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 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."

It was agreed that the report would be taken as read.

Councillor Welby stated that the applicant had made a claim for a second family dwelling. He said that the applicant is of an age when he is about to get married and he wants a house of his own. The location of the proposed house is in a wooded area and will not interfere with any views.

The Senior Executive Engineer (Planning), Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that the site is located in an area designated in the County Development Plan as being of outstanding scenic amenity where development is restricted to single houses required to meet the essential housing need of local farmholders. Since the last meeting, the applicant had completed a questionnaire form as to his housing need but had not submitted a map showing the family farm holding. The County Council normally required details of an applicant's farm holding in order to establish if a genuine housing need existed, and in the absence of such details from the applicant, it was difficult to establish if there was a housing need in this case.

Councillor Brennan stated that it was a pity that such information had not been submitted earlier by the applicant.

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

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



**AGAINST:** Councillor J. Burke. (1)

Councillors J. Brennan, F. Glynn, Deputy R. Molloy, and Councillor P. O'Tuathail abstained from voting.

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

4313 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63575 - APPLICANT: ANTHONY RYAN

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy and seconded by Councillor J. McDonagh. The Senior Executive Engineer (Planning) read the following report which had been circulated to each Member of the County Council:

**"LOCATION:**

The site is located in Barna Village.

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

Ref. No. 16605: Permission refused for dwellinghouse on the proposed site in July 1974. Applicant: Frank O'Connor.

Ref. No. 19073: Outline Permission granted for dwellinghouse on the proposed site in March 1976. Applicant: Anthony Ryan.

Ref. No. 21896: Permission granted for dwellinghouse on the proposed site in September, 1976. Applicant: A. Ryan.

Ref. No. 28933: Permission granted for erection of garage on the proposed site in November 1978. Applicant: A. Ryan.

Ref. No. 62587: Permission refused for retention of garage and change of use of same to workshop and extend same in December, 1990. Applicant: Tony Ryan.

Ref. No. 63420: Permission granted for extension to dwellinghouse on this site in April, 1991. Applicant: Anthony Ryan.

**PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:**

The workshop is located in an area which is zoned for residential use in the Barna Development Plan. The proposed use is one which would not be permitted in a residential area without interference with the residential amenities of same.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development is located in an area which is zoned for residential use in the Barna Development Plan and the proposed use by reason of noise, hours of operation, etc. would be seriously injurious to the residential amenities of the area. The development would contravene the County Development Plan which prohibits such uses within residential zoned areas and would, therefore, be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor J. Molloy stated that the applicant is young man who does odd jobs and that the development, the subject of the application, is more a store for materials and tools than a Workshop.

Councillor U. Burke referred to the map circulated to the Members with the report and stated that the map shows that the site of the proposed development is at the end of a cul-de-sac road. He said that the owner of the dwellinghouse adjoining the site on one side, Mr. Shaw, had no objection to the development and that the applicant himself had recently purchased the nearest house on the other side. He read the following letters from Mr. Shaw and from the applicant to the Meeting;

"Freeport,  
Barna,  
Co. Galway.

Planning Office (Barna Area),  
Galway County Council,  
Prospect Hill,  
Galway.

Date: 9th May, 1991.

To whom it concerns:

I understand that Mr. Tony Ryan of Freeport, Barna, who is my immediate neighbour wishes to extend his garage/workshop. During the past 5 years that I have lived in Barna there has never been any question of disturbance/noise from Mr. Ryan's workshop, consequently, I would have no objection to his proposed extension.

Should there be any need for further clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM P. SHAW.

Freeport,  
Barna,  
Co. Galway.

9th May, 1991.

To whom it concerns:

re: My application for planning for Workshop.  
I wish to state that I have recently purchased the nearest neighbouring house which was formerly owned by Mrs. Nora Faherty. I am now the registered owner of this house as I live in the last dwellinghouse in a cul-de-sac. There are no houses on the north side of my house.

Yours faithfully,

ANTHONY RYAN."

He stated that these letters had not been available to the County Council Officials when the report was prepared through an oversight on his part. He expressed the view that Permission should be granted in this case.

Councillor Brennan stated that he had assumed that the Workshop in question was for car repairs and he asked if this were the case.

Councillor U. Burke stated that the applicant is a Carpenter who works mostly away from the site. He would propose to carry out work in the Workshop only on an odd occasion and the situation was as Councillor Molloy had stated, that the premises would be more a Store than a Workshop.

The County Manager stated that this application would be reconsidered in the light of the new information furnished and if any difficulties arose, the applicant would be asked to extend the time so that the matter could come before the Members again. It was agreed, therefore, to defer consideration of the matter to a future meeting should such be necessary.

**4314 - LOCAL ELECTION - POSTERS:**

Councillor Glynn proposed that Political Parties involved in the Local Election should agree together not to erect posters in the interests of the amenity of the countryside and prevention of litter.

Deputy McCormack stated that his party would not be putting up posters in connection with the Local Elections, and that he hoped that other parties would agree with this. He also suggested that there should be no canvassing outside Polling Booths as this was unnecessary and unhelpful. Deputy Fahey stated that he would give a commitment on behalf of his Party

that no posters would be erected in public places subject to all other Parties agreeing to do likewise. He considered that a limited number of 8 x 4 posters might be acceptable if other Parties agree.

The Chairman stated that it might be difficult to enforce the ban on posters because people had a right to erect these and there would be many different individuals involved such as Independent Candidates. He could see nothing wrong with posters erected at Polling Booths which could be taken away when the Booths had closed.

A number of Members referred to the difficulties created by such posters for Tidy Towns Committees throughout the County.

**4315 - REMOVAL OF SAND FROM BEACH AT ROUNDSTONE:**

An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail referred to a recent incident when sand was removed from the beach at Dogs Bay, Roundstone, and he asked for a guarantee from the County Council that this would not be permitted to occur again.

The County Manager stated that the situation in this case was that the Department of the Marine had asked the local Engineer if he had any objection to the taking of 30 tons of sand from below high water mark, i.e., two lorry loads, and the Engineer was of the opinion that the removal of such a quantity of sand for research purposes would not cause any problem. The County Council did not give Permission for the removal of the sand, such removal was licensed by the Department of the Marine and the County Council's Engineer was simply asked for his opinion and gave it. If any proposals are made for the removal of further quantities of sand, the County Council would look at the matter differently.

Deputy McCormack stated that he had been informed by the Department of the Marine that they had granted a Licence for the removal of the sand. He stated that the sand was taken from under a bank and a fence erected by way of a FAS Scheme had been removed. He said that the persons removing the sand did not have Permission to cross private property and he also asked for an assurance that no further sand would be removed from the beach at this location.

**4316 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT BALLYGAR TO SLIABH MUIRE TEORANTA:**

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Brennan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a plot of land at Ballygar to Sliabh Mhuire Teoranta, Ballygar, Co. Galway, in accordance with the terms of the notice dated 3rd May, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

- 4317 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY ERECT A BOUNDARY WALL/ PROPER FENCES ETC. ON LAND WHICH IT HAS ACQUIRED AT (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"The above location is on the National Secondary Route n.65. The provision of a new boundary wall and proper fencing etc. is dependent on a specific improvement grant being made available by the Department of the Environment. However, no grant was made available in the current year. The lands were acquired in 1973."

- 4318 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CREATE A SLOPE ON THE ROADSIDE OUTSIDE LOHANS (OPPOSITE TOWN HALL) IN WILLIAMSTOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The depression at this location will be filled in the near future and the situation will be monitored."

- 4319 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE ROAD AT LAKEVIEW, CLAREGALWAY EAR-MARKED FOR COMPLETE SURFACE DRESS (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"This road has been damaged recently by the Lakeview Claregalway Group Water Scheme who have just completed pipelaying. The road will be restored in the very near future."

- 4320 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL INFORM YOU AS TO WHY SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES AT CARNMORE AND CLOUGHANOVER HAVE NOT COMMENCED (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"We have contacted FAS regarding the old Burial Ground at Carnmore. They are willing to undertake work at the burial ground provided its linked up with a neighbouring Social Employment Scheme which is scheduled to commence later on this year."

We have also requested an Archaeological report from U.C.G. and this is expected to be available in the coming weeks.

An Archaeological report has also been requested for Cloughanover Burial Ground and an application will be submitted to FAS when this is available."

- 4321 - THAT THE SPEED LIMIT AT FURBO BE EXTENDED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

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

- 4322 - THAT "GO SLOW" WARNINGS BE PAINTED ON THE ROAD AT LEAM SCHOOL ON THE MAIN CROSS/RECESS ROAD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"It is intended to paint a "Go Slow" warning sign at the above location later on in the year if funds permit."

- 4323 - THAT A WHITE LINE BE RESTORED TO THE HEADFORD ROAD ON THE APPROACH TO THE DUMP AT CARROWBROWNE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"As the location in question is situated in the County Borough area this is a matter for Galway Corporation."

- 4324 - THAT HEDGE CUTTING BE CARRIED OUT FROM CASEY'S CROSS TO FUREY'S CROSS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Hedge cutting will be carried out at the above location in the near future."

- 4325 - THAT WATER TABLES BE OPENED AND ROAD SURFACE BE REPAIRED FROM BALLYMANA CHURCH TO MANNIN CROSS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location in rder to priority and as resources permit."

Water Tables will be opened as soon as possible."

- 4326 - THAT THE CLARE ROAD, KILTORMER, BE REPAIRED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at the above location in the near future."

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- 4327 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REMOVE THE RUBBISH FROM THE SIDE OF THE RIVER AT CASTLEBOY, CASTLEDALY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The above works have now been carried out."

- 4328 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT A SIGNPOST SHOWING THE ROAD TO BALLYMANA AT CONNOLLY'S CROSS, CRAUGHWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The above sign will be erected in the near future."

- 4329 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION INCLUDING RAISING OF ROAD, ETC. AT A LOCATION (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Routine maintenance was recently carried out at this location. There are no funds available in the current year for the carrying out of major works."

- 4330 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY MAKE A SUPPLY OF WATER AVAILABLE TO A BUSINESS IN COUNTY GALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"This matter is being handled by Ballinasloe U.D.C."

- 4331 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS AT A LOCATION IN THE COUNTY (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - PUBLIC LIGHTING ERRECTED BETWEEN THE MAIN BRIDGE ON THE RIVER SHANNON WESTWARDS: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"As the above location is on the National Secondary Route N65, the provision of Traffic Route Lighting on such routes is 100% Exchequer funded. However, no funds were provided for Traffic Route Lighting in the current year."

- 4332 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CHANGE THE SLOPE OR PUT IN HIGHER KERB ON THE FOOTPATH IN GLENMADDY ON THE KILKERRIN ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Tiarnan Walsh:

"The channel at this location has been cleared and the situation will be monitored."

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- 333 - THAT THE NECESSARY REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT THE LISSAGURRANE ROAD, MOYCULLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor John Molloy:

"The above road was not included in the 1991 Road Works Programme due to shortage of funds. The above work could be carried out if Councillors N.O.M. funds were provided."

- 334 - THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE DOON EAST AND DOON WEST ROADS, ROSCAHILL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOHN MOLLOY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor John Molloy:

"The above roads were not included in the 1991 Road Works Programme due to shortage of funds."

Routine maintenance will be carried out in order to priority and as resources permit."

- 335 - THAT A 30 MILE SPEED LIMIT BE PUT IN PLACE AT LETTERMORE VILLAGE FROM TOM CONNOLLY'S SHOP TO BRIDGE AT LETTERMORE: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

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

- 336 - WOULD THE COUNTY MANAGER GIVE THE COST OF REPLACING MAIN WATER PIPES FROM NEAR LETTERMORE CHURCH TOWARDS LETTERCALLOW: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"A report assessing the need and feasibility of replacing this water main is being prepared. An estimate of the cost of this work will be prepared in conjunction with this assessment."

- 337 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT CARRAROE N.S.: - MOTION BY AN COMHAIRLEOIR NIOCLAS O'CONCHUBHAIR:

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

"The pedestrian and vehicular traffic volumes necessary to justify pedestrian crossings are set out in An Foras Forbartha's publication RT 206 "Warrants for Pedestrian Crossing Facilities". According to the "warrants" the vehicular volume necessary to justify a pedestrian

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crossing facility at the proposed location would have to be in excess of 800 vehicles per hour and the corresponding pedestrian traffic would have to exceed 100 pedestrians per hour. These volumes would not be normally achieved at the proposed location and a pedestrian facility is not recommended."

4338 - SUPPLY OF PIPED WATER TO COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSES IN CLONFERT:  
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The houses are located 600 metres from the group water-main. The estimated cost of extending the main to the houses is £12,000, excluding the cost of excavation of any rock encountered.

Before the scheme could go ahead, it would be necessary that funds are available, that permission from the Group Scheme be sought, and that the quality of the water would be satisfactory."

4339 - CLEANING OF ROADSIDE DRAIN AT SKYCUR ROAD, KILTORMER: -  
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"The drain in question was recently cleaned."

4340 - FLOODING NEAR TOM DOWNEY'S HOUSE, LISSNACODY, EYRECOURT: -  
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JAMES JOYCE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor James Joyce:

"This section of road is not included in the 1991 Road Works Programme due to shortage of funds."

4341 - THAT A HIGH LEVEL FENCE WITH MESH WIRE BE PROVIDED AT A LOCATION (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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

"A wall will be constructed when Phase 2 of the Housing Development proceeds. However, an inspection of the existing fence will be carried out and any necessary maintenance will be carried out as soon as possible. It is not proposed to construct a high security fence on the perimeter of the County Council Estate at the present time."

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4342 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ACQUIRE LANDS FOR AN EXTENSION TO GORT GRAVEYARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Rakerin Burial Ground is the designated burial ground for the Gort Area. There are ample plots available in this burial ground."

4343 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOP CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT CROWE STREET, GORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"Proposals for Children's Playground at Crowe Street, Gort, are being examined at present."

4344 - THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE PROVISION IN ITS PLAN (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"A route for the Loughrea By-Pass has been agreed with the landowners involved. The question of junctions will be examined in detail at the design stage. The request for roundabouts has been noted."

4345 - MONITORING OF LOCAL SLAUGHTER HOUSES: - MOTION BY CLR. JOSEPH BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"There is no legal requirement to take random samples for growth promoters in domestic abattoirs. However, random sampling was carried out in one abattoir in the County and in the City Abattoir and no carcasses positive to angel dust were found. The Department of Agriculture and Food are involved in monitoring the use of angel dust."

4346 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE DUBLIN ROAD JUNCTION IN TUAM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS T. WALSH AND M. RYAN:

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

"A Traffic Management Plan for Tuam Town is being prepared at present. This plan will address the traffic problem in Tuam. It is hoped to have same finalised in the near future."

- 4347 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT A SUITABLE FENCE AROUND THE DUMP IN DUNMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS TIARNAN WALSH AND MICHAEL RYAN:

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

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £11,500. However, there are no funds available for this work in the current year."

- 4348 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE OVER THE ROAD LEADING FROM CLEGGAN/CLADDAGHDUFF ROAD TO LANE AT THE REAR OF MICHAEL LAFFEY'S HOUSE, KNOCKBRACK, CLEGGAN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS J. MANNION AND T. WELBY:

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

"It is hoped to take the first 232m. of the above road leading to Beach at Salerna, Cleggan, in charge."

- 4349 - THAT THE FOLLOWING ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED) BE REPAIRED: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. CALLANAN:

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

"Routine maintenance was recently carried out at the above location."

- 4350 - THAT THIS ROAD BE TARRED (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. CALLANAN:

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

"Routine maintenance will be carried out at above location in order of priority and as resources permit."

- 4351 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW ITS POLICY OF INCLUDING A.S.I.s IN THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"These areas are defined by the OPW Wildlife Service as being areas of important Flora and Fauna. Their designation in the County Plan is to ensure that harmful development is not permitted on these lands. The Planning Authority could not allow important Flora and Wildlife habitats to be irreversibly destroyed. In almost all cases, these are remote and undevelopable areas. Traditional farming in these areas, such as grazing, is quite acceptable to the OPW Authorities. The more profitable uses, such as afforestation, or of improvement by land reclamation, will not in any event

be grant-aided by the Department of Agriculture. Therefore, even if these areas are declassified, land reclamation and afforestation will not be practical. The Planning Authority requirements for scenic amenity areas, in which most areas of scientific interest are located, will still apply."

- 4352 - THAT AN INVESTIGATION BE CARRIED OUT BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH THE REASON FOR THE SERIOUS DETERIORATION IN THE ROAD QUALITY AT (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The road was constructed by Galway County Council under a Local Improvement Scheme and has deteriorated as a result of heavy vehicles transporting timber from a forest."

This road is not in charge of Galway County Council. Accordingly, the Council are precluded from carrying out any repairs to same."

- 4353 - THAT REPAIR WORKS BE CARRIED OUT TO THE CURRAGHLIN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"A request has been submitted to the Department of the Environment seeking the transfer of £80,000 grant for the N84 hard shoulders south of Headford to urgently needed improvements on the Curraghline Road (Headford Road). A reply is presently awaited."

- 4354 - FARMERS CLASSIFIED AS AN AREA OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST: - MOTION BY DEPUTY FRANK FAHEY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Frank Fahey:

"These areas are defined by the OPW Wildlife Service as being areas of important Flora and Fauna. Their designation in the County Plan is to ensure that harmful development is not permitted on these lands. The Planning Authority could not allow important Flora and Wildlife habitats to be irreversibly destroyed. In almost all cases, these are remote and undevelopable areas. Traditional farming in these areas, such as grazing, is quite acceptable to the OPW Authorities. The more profitable uses, such as afforestation, or of improvement by land reclamation, will not in any event be grant-aided by the Department of Agriculture. Therefore, even if these areas are declassified, land reclamation and afforestation will not be practical. The Planning Authority requirements for scenic amenity areas, in which most areas of scientific interest are located, will still apply."

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4355 - THAT THIS COUNCIL TIDY UP DEPOT AND ERECT "NO DUMPING" SIGNS AT KILLYWONGAUNE, CLIFDEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"A "No Dumping" sign will be erected at the above location in the near future."

4356 - WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING THE PROPOSED EXTENSION TO LETTERMORENACOILLE BURIAL GROUND? - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"The Council has identified land at the rear of the existing burial ground at Lettermorenacaille which, with development can be made suitable for use as a burial ground. The development works required will involve considerable costs above the norm. There are title difficulties with the land in question which are being sorted out at the moment. Access to the land is over commonage and the Council will endeavour to acquire wayleave consent from all of the tenants in common before proceeding with the purchase of the land."

4357 - CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- (1) Letter dated 21st May, 1991, from Donegal County Council re M.M.D.S. Television Relay System in the County.
- (2) Letter dated 20th May, 1991, from Department of the Environment regarding Housing Capital Allocation 1991 - upgrading of demountable dwellings.
- (3) Letter dated 30th April, 1991, from Department of Finance regarding flooding and funding for drainage schemes.
- (4) Letter dated 9th May, 1991, from Iarnrod Eirann, regarding use of Rail for the carriage of freight.
- (5) Letter dated 9th May, 1991, from Bus Eireann, regarding proposed cut-back in service on the Longford/Galway bus route.
- (6) Letter dated 16th May, 1991, from Department of the Taoiseach regarding the Northern Ireland Talks process.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED  
James Joyce CHAIRMAN  
11-7-'91. DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

7th June, 1991.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE 'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

I wish to inform you that a Special Meeting of Galway County Council will be held in the Community Centre, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe on Friday, 14th June, 1991 at 3.00 p.m.

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 Permission to Caoimhin O Hara, Derrartha, Carraroe, Co. Galway, to build a house with septic tank at the above address. - Planning Ref. No. 62752."  
Nioclas O'Conchubhair. Tom Welby. Micheal O'Morain.
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 John Conroy, for the erection of two dwellinghouses at Lydacan - Planning Ref. No. 63481"  
John M. Mannion, Thomas Welby, P. McCormack, John Molloy, Paddy McHugh, Jarlath McDonagh.
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 Padraig

Shaughnessy to erect a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Ballygar - Planning Ref. No. 62973".

Peter Raftery. Patrick Finnegan, Michael Ryan, Tiernan Walsh, T. Hussey.

4. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant permission to Kevin Walsh for retention of access road at Ross Demesne, Roscahill - Planning Ref. No. 63551".

Padraic McCormack, John M. Mannion, T. Welby, Paddy McHugh, Jarlath McDonagh, John Molloy.

OTHER BUSINESS.

5. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
- (a) Special Council Meeting held on the 8th April, 1991
  - (b) Special Council Meeting held on the 15th April, 1991.
  - (c) Monthly Council Meeting held on the 22nd April, 1991.
  - (d) Arts Committee Meeting held on the 1st May, 1991.
  - (e) Special Council Meeting held on the 10th May, 1991.
6. Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads. (already circulated)
7. Overdraft for 6 months ending 31st December, 1991.
8. Sale of Plot of Land at Parkmore, Tuam - (Notice dated 31st May, 1991 already circulated.
9. Sale of plot of land at Moycilen to Patrick Vicary & Carmel Walsh - Notice dated 24th April, 1991, already circulated.
10. Sale of plot of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Peter Haverty - Notice dated 6th May, 1991, already circulated.
11. Official opening of Tuam Branch Library.
12. To approve revised Major Emergency Plan.
13. Auditors Report on County Galway VEC for 2 years ended 31st December, 1989.
14. Revision of Remuneration for (a) full-time Fire Fighters  
(b) County Librarian.
15. Quality of Water in Mulroy and Kilkieeran Bays.
16. Leader Project.
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.
18. Business submitted by the Chairman.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, KILTORMER, ON FRIDAY, 14TH JUNE, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor James Joyce.

ALSO PRESENT:  
Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning), P. Ridge, Senior Executive Engineer (Sanitary Services); D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

358 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, AS AMENDED - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62752 - APPLICANT: CAOIMHIN O HARA:

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the road from Carraroe to Bealadangan approximately 3/4 mile north of Carraroe.

PLANNING HISTORY:

No previous planning history.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The applicant's site is very restricted measuring approximately 110 ft. wide by 150 ft. deep and rises from front to rear. The applicant's proposals involve siting the percolation area within 20 ft. of the public road and within 40 ft. of the proposed dwellinghouse. The proposed dwellinghouse would also be located within 40 ft. of the septic tank serving a permitted dwellinghouse to the east of the proposed dwellinghouse.



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All of the above distances are substandard having regard to the provisions of the County Development Plan and to S.R. 6 1975 Recommendations for Septic Tank Drainage Systems for Single Houses.

A trial hole was dug at the location of the proposed percolation area, and on inspection, this trial hole was completely full of water. The soil consists of peat overlying rock. In addition there are land drains running through the site.

The Chief Medical Officer has recommended that the application should be refused on public health grounds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would be likely to give rise to a public health hazard as a trial hole inspection revealed the site to be unsuitable for the reception and disposal of septic tank effluent. The proposal, therefore, would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The proposed development would, if permitted, constitute substandard development in relation to the siting of the percolation area having regard to the provisions of the County Development Plan and would be liable to constitute a health hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

Councillor O'Conchubhair proposed that the Section 4 be withdrawn on the basis of the report which had been circulated to the Members. He stated that he had examined the site and it appeared to him that the proposed septic tank was too near to the public road and he had asked the applicant to re-apply for Permission on a different site.

Councillor O'Conchubhair's proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Morain and agreed.

Councillor O'Morain referred to a letter which he had recently received from the County Manager relating to a Planning Application in respect of which he had made representations. He said that he accepted the points made in that letter with regard to Planning considerations but that there was one matter referred to in the letter which he wished to bring to the notice of Councillors. He quoted part of the letter which indicated that the applicant's mother-in-law did not come within the category of persons for whom exceptions are made in the Development Plan to the restrictions on development along certain Regional Routes. He said that if a father is entitled to provide a site on his holding for a son or a daughter, a mother should also be entitled to provide a site for her daughter and son-in-law.

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Councillor Brennan asked if the Members could now pass a resolution that the Development Plan be amended to provide for this.

The County Manager stated that he did not have details of the case referred to by Councillor O'Morain at the Meeting but he would look into the matter and if any change were necessary, the matter could be dealt with when the Development Plan was being reviewed.

359 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, AS AMENDED - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63481 - APPLICANT: JOHN CONROY:

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy McCormack and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on a County Road off the Claregalway-Carnmore Cross Road. The County Road passes the Community Centre and the development is approximately 3/4 mile from the National Secondary Route.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 37809: Outline Planning Permission refused by the Planning Authority for 16 dwellinghouses on the basis of (i) the operation of a sewage treatment plant was contrary to County Council policy and (ii) discharging to the Salmonoid River Clare was unacceptable. Applicant: John Conroy.

Ref. No. 39333: Outline Planning Permission refused by the Planning Authority for 16 dwellinghouses as per previous refusal. Applicant: John Conroy.

Ref. No. 40725: Application for Outline Planning Permission for 7 dwellinghouses. Outline Planning Permission granted by the Planning Authority for 6 dwellinghouses. Applicant: John Conroy. This application provided for a service road off the main with open space on either side to the front and open space to the rear right hand side. It was agreed that house no. 7 to the rear right hand side would be the house omitted from the permission. The left open space on either side of the service road front and back i.e., 4 no parcels of open space.

Ref. No. 41935: Permission refused by the Planning Authority for 1 dwellinghouse on open space to front left hand side. Applicant: John Conroy.

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Ref. No. 42716: Permission refused by the Planning Authority for 1 dwellinghouse. Similar application to 41935. Same applicant.

Ref. No. 44802: Approval for site development works granted by the Planning Authority. Applicant: John Conroy.

Ref. No. 62971: Outline Planning Permission for 6 dwellinghouses refused by the Planning Authority. The 6 no. houses would be located on the parcels of open space, subdividing the two larger parcels of open space to the front of the site. Applicant: John Conroy.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located off a minor County Road and is serviced by an existing surfaced roadway. Condition no. 1 of Outline Planning Permission ref. no. 40725 required that only 6 no. houses shall be erected on the total lands submitted with that application.

The granting of further permissions would be contrary to this condition on the grant of Outline Planning Permission and would compromise the existing dwellinghouses in law.

There are 5 no. existing dwellinghouses and 1 no. recently permitted development for a change of plan granted on the original 6 no. sites. The lands in question were designated Open Space in the grant of Outline Permission and Approval.

The granting of further houses would contravene a Development Control Objective of the County Development as indicated in Paragraph 7.1(iv) which seeks to control ribbon development and backlands development in the interests of preserving rural areas.

The granting of Permission would also contravene Paragraph 7.2.6 of the County Development Plan which seeks to strictly control the development of groups of houses within the defined environs of Galway City.

The granting of Permission would further contravene paragraph 7.2.8 of the County Development Plan which seeks to control ribbon development and groups of buildings in off road locations.

The granting of permission for the proposed development would lead to the establishment of precedent for the granting of further developments both within the site of the existing development and by extending the existing roadway further to the north.

Indeed since the current application was received by the Planning Authority 2 no. further applications have been received for individual houses on the open spaces on the

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right hand side by individuals other than the present applicant but who claim to be the land owners.

The granting of permission would also lead to the establishment of precedent for such off road development in the immediate area which would overload the carrying capacity of the minor County Road.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would in conjunction with the existing permitted development constitute an excessive density of housing and septic tank systems in the rural environs of Galway City and would contravene Chapter 7.1 (iv) and 7.2.6. of the County Development Plan which does not permit such groups of houses in this area of special Development Control.

2. The proposed development being located on a minor rural roadway in the environs of Galway City would give rise, of itself and by precedent for other similar proposals in this area, to volume of traffic which would not be adequately catered for by width and alignment of the minor County Road serving the site and would thereby tend to create serious traffic congestion."

He added that Outline Permission for six houses had been granted approximately 10 years ago, and 5 of these houses had been built. If the houses now applied for were granted, there would be no open space left to serve the permitted houses as a playing area for children.

Councillor McCormack stated that the occupants of the 5 existing houses want the proposed houses to be built so that the estate can be finished. He expressed the view that the Development in question is exactly the type of development which the County Council would like to see in rural areas. It is located off a minor road, there are no septic tank problems involved as one the proposed houses will be located on a site comprising an area of one acre and the other on a site comprising an area of half an acre. He said he had had a number of photographs taken for the information of the Members and he held up the photographs for the Members to see. He disagreed with the Planning Officer's report to the effect that the proposed development would lead to traffic congestion and he referred the Members to the photographs which he had displayed showing the road serving the development. He expressed the opinion that it would be in the interests of proper planning and development to grant Permission in this case.

In reply to a query from Councillor Brennan as to whether the location of the proposed development was a private housing estate, he stated that he would not describe it as such since the individual householders on the estate had arranged for the building of their own houses.

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Councillor Brennan asked if it had not been the policy of the County Council that there should be open space available for groups of houses and he also asked if the occupiers of the existing houses were aware that their open space would be gone if the proposed two houses were permitted.

Councillor McCormack replied that there was a considerable amount of undeveloped land surrounding the development which would be made available as open space if needed and that the occupants of the existing houses welcomed the proposed development.

The County Engineer stated that all the fields around the development are not available for the enjoyment of the residents and he also pointed out that the County Road leading to the site is a narrow road where two cars would have difficulty passing each other. He said that the Permission for the existing houses was granted 10 years ago and that a similar proposal would not now be granted under the terms of the current Development Plan. The County Road leading to the site is not capable of taking any more development without causing serious traffic congestion.

He also pointed out that the requirements of the Development Plan in relation to the open space to be provided in connection with housing development was that 10% of the development site should be allocated for the purpose of open space.

Councillor U. Burke stated that while he did not know the site in question, he regarded the County Engineer's comments as being anti-rural. If the proposed development had been ribbon development along a road, everybody would be against it but the development in question is a neat and compact little development and in a situation where people were leaving the country every day, the County Council should welcome the provision of such development in rural areas.

In reply to further assertions by Deputy McCormack and Councillor U. Burke that there would be ample open space available for the existing dwellings if the two proposed dwellings were permitted, the County Manager stated that the two dwellings proposed in the application under consideration by the Members were to be built on lands allocated as open space in the Permission granted for the existing dwellings, and that no provision whatsoever had been made by the applicant for open space in the application now before the Members.

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

FOR: Councillors U. Burke, 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. MacDonagh, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, N.

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O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, T. Walsh and T. Welby.

(20)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke.

(2)

Councillors F. Glynn and P. O'Tuathail abstained from voting.

The Chairman advised the Members that under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1991, it was necessary that at least 22 Members should vote in favour of a Section 4 Resolution if such a Resolution were to be passed, and he therefore declared the resolution lost.

4360 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, AS AMENDED - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 62973 - APPLICANT: MICHAEL SHAUGHNESSY.

The County Engineer informed the Members that a decision to grant Planning Permission had been made in this case.

4361 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, AS AMENDED - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63551 - APPLICANT: KEVIN WALSH.

The County Manager informed the Members that Further Information had been requested in connection with this application, and that the application would come before the Council again when the information had been furnished.

In reply to a query from Deputy McCormack, he stated that the Section 4 procedure with respect to this application had been validly initiated and that there was no difficulty in bringing the matter before the next Council should such be necessary whether or not the signatories of the Resolution were returned as Members of the next Council.

4362 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Johnnie Martin, St. Cleran's, Craughwell.  
Peig & Clann Mhic Donncha, An Aird Mhoir, Cill Chiarain, Co. na Gaillimhe.

4363 - TRAVELLERS ENCAMPMENT AT LONG POINT CARPARK, LOUGHREA:

Councillor Loughnane stated that the carpark at Long Point, Loughrea, had, in recent days, been invaded by Travellers. He stated that a similar incident had occurred approximately 2 months previously and Loughrea Town Commissioners had been informed then that steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence of the problem. He asked what steps would be taken to have the caravans removed from the site and to prevent their re-entry.

Councillor U. Burke said that Long Point is a public swimming area but it had been rendered unfit for swimming because of

the encampment.

The County Manager stated that the County Council had been about to erect a barrier at the entrance to the carpark when the Travellers moved in and he informed the Members that whatever steps might be necessary to ensure that the carpark was vacated, would be taken.

Councillor Brennan said that this type of problem is costing Galway County Council a considerable amount of money.

The County Manager agreed that the frequency of such incidents is causing a severe problem to the County Council and diverting the Council's scarce resources. He said that people were being terrorised, and the County Council was unable to help them and that the Government should put legislation in place to deal with this problem.

4364 - ROADSIDE TRADING:

Councillor Glynn stated that he had become aware through the National Association of Hardware Merchants that the Government was considering legislation to control trading on the National Routes. He proposed that the County Council should set up a Committee to discuss the matter with a view to making representations to the Department as he felt that Members would wish to broaden the scope of the legislation to take in public roads other than the National Routes.

Councillor O'Conchubhair seconded Councillor Glynn's proposal.

Councillor J. Burke said that the Local Authority should be given the powers to licence roadside trading and he suggested that representatives from Galway County Council should go to the Department and point out the problems being experienced in County Galway to those drafting the legislation.

The County Manager said that he was aware that a new Roads Bill was being drafted by the Department but he had no information as to what stage it had progressed to. He said that the situation would be examined and if it was found that there was any urgency in the matter, it could be brought back before the Council. Following discussion, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

"That the prohibition on temporary dwellings under Section 66 of the Roads Bill should apply to all roads and that all temporary dwellings be subject to a licensing system."

4365 - FLOODING OF PUBLIC ROAD AT COOLARNE:

Deputy McCormack asked if any reply had been received from the Office of Public Works to the County Council's request to have drainage works carried out in order to prevent flooding on the public road at Coolarne.

Councillor McDonagh stated that the local community have already purchased pipes to assist in the drainage work and he asked that an Engineer from the County Council be sent to examine the situation.

Deputy McCormack proposed that a reminder be sent to the Office of Public Works in the matter and the County Manager replied that this would be done.

366 - MINUTES:

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

- (a) Special Council Meeting held on the 8th April, 1991.
- (b) Special Council Meeting held on the 15th April, 1991.
- (c) Monthly Council Meeting held on the 22nd April, 1991.
- (d) Arts Committee Meeting held on 1st May, 1991.
- (e) Special Council Meeting held on 10th May, 1991.

367 - COUNTY ARTS FESTIVAL:

The Chairman informed the Members that a County Arts Festival was being held for the first time this year and that it would take place in Ballinasloe during the week commencing on Saturday, 15th June, 1991. He said that the Festival would comprise many fine artistic items and he invited the Councillors and the public to come to Ballinasloe for the Festival.

Mr. J. Harrold, County Arts Officer, gave an outline of the Programme of Events for the Festival and he invited the Members to attend the Opening which was to take place in the Town Hall, Ballinasloe, at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 15th June. He stated that the Festival would be a celebration of the Arts in County Galway and expressed the hope that the activities generated during the Festival might continue throughout the year.

368 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

On the proposition of Councillor Lambert, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy, it was resolved that the following road be declared a public road:

<u>Road (Estate Name)</u>	<u>Description</u>
Grattan Park, Mountbellew.	Housing Estate located in the townland of Moutnbellew Demesne Roadway of Grattan Park from nearer edge of the carriageway of the N.63 measured southwards for a distance of 191 metres.

4369 - OVERDRAFT FOR 6 MONTHS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1991:

The County Secretary drew the attention of the Members to the change in procedure which had been introduced by the Department of the Environment namely that the Council's approval for the raising of overdraft should be obtained at 6 monthly intervals instead of quarterly as heretofore.

On the proposition of Councillor U. Burke, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, 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 period of 6 months ending on the 31st December, 1991, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

4370 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT PARKMORE, TUAM:

The County Secretary informed the Members that the land was being sold for a nominal sum to the Tuam Voluntary Housing Agency for the provision of 10 houses for disadvantaged people.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land at Parkmore, Tuam, to Tuam Voluntary Housing Agency in accordance with the terms of notice dated 31st May, 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."

4371 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT MOYCULLEN TO PATRICK VICARY AND CARMEL WALSH:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land at Gortyloughlin, Moycullen, to Patrick Vicary and Carmel Walsh, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 24th April, 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"

4372 - SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT CULLAIRBAUN, ATHENRY, TO PETER HAVERTY:

On the proposition of Councillor Martin Lynch, seconded by Deputy N. Treacy, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a plot of land at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Mr. Peter Haverty, Knockroe, Attymon, Athenry, in accordance

with the terms of notice dated 6th May, 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"

4373 - OFFICIAL OPENING OF TUAM BRANCH LIBRARY:

The Chairman suggested that it would be appropriate to have the Opening Ceremony during the term of office of the current County Library Committee and that the Opening should take place at 12 noon on Monday, 24th June, 1991, prior to the County Council Meeting. He also suggested that the Minister for the Environment should be asked to perform the Opening Ceremony.

It was proposed by Councillor Finnegan and seconded by Deputy Kitt that the Opening of the Tuam Branch Library should take place at 12 noon on Monday, 24th June, 1991, and that the Minister for the Environment be asked to perform the Opening Ceremony.

Councillor Ryan proposed by the County Manager should perform the Opening and Councillor U. Burke seconded the proposal.

The County Manager informed the Members that he would not perform the Opening Ceremony and after further discussion, it was agreed that the Minister for the Environment should be invited and if he was unable to attend, that the Chairman should perform the Opening Ceremony.

4374 - REVISION OF MAJOR EMERGENCY PLAN:

A copy of the revised Major Emergency Plan was circulated to each Member.

The County Manager informed the Members that the changes proposed were relatively minor ones and he listed the changes proposed.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, the Council approved the changes to the Major Emergency Plan.

In reply to questions raised by Members, the County Manager stated that an effort is being made at National level to guarantee the availability at all times of certain key people. He pointed out that with regard to other people involved, the County Council could have a problem at weekends. He said that the full availability arrangements would cost money but until these were in place, the County Council could not guarantee the availability of people and could not compel people to make themselves available.

Councillors complimented the Council's staff, the Fire Brigade and Ambulance Service on their prompt attendance at a recent accident at Kilrickle and complimented the County Manager and Staff on the Major Emergency Plan.

Councillor Lynch, referring to a recent fire tragedy at Craughwell, stated that the Athenry Fire Brigade had not been called although it was located nearer to the scene of the fire than the Loughrea Brigade which was called out.

The County Manager informed the Members that the fire had been notified to Galway Fire Station and the message received indicated that the location of the fire was a mile or a mile and a half on the far side of Craughwell. This was interpreted as being on the Loughrea side of Craughwell, and in fact, there would be no difference in the time taken to reach the scene of the fire as between the two Fire Stations in view of the better road leading from Loughrea. In reply to a further question from Councillor Lynch, he stated that it would not be practical to place all Fire Stations on alert when a fire call was received.

On the proposition of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Lynch, the Meeting was adjourned for a period as a mark of respect to the young man who had lost his life in the Fire at Craughwell.

4375 - ACCESS TO TOBER PADRAIC CEMETERY, RYEHILL, MONIVEA:

On the resumption of the Meeting, Councillor Mullins referred to the situation at the Cemetery in Ryehill where Remains had to be carried across 4 fields on a Tractor for burial at the Cemetery. He said that this situation was unacceptable and he asked that the County Engineer would look into the situation with a view to the provision of a suitable means of access to the cemetery.

Deputy Treacy stated that during his term as Chairman of the County Council, a sum of £28,000 had been allocated for the provision of an access to the cemetery. Negotiations had taken place with local landowners on the acquisition of land for the access, but there was one local objector who would not agree to sell the necessary land. An alternative route for the access was identified by the County Council, but the local community would not accept the alternative and the matter could not be progressed any further.

Deputy Kitt stated that there are bushes and briars causing obstruction on the access to the cemetery which is currently in use and he asked that the County Council would remove these.

4376 - AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COUNTY GALWAY V.E.C. FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1989:

On the proposition of Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Councillor J. Brennan, the Council noted the Auditor's Report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member of the Council prior to the Meeting.

4377 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION:

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan, seconded by Coun

cillor P. McHugh, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council approve of the revised salary scales for (a) Full-Time Firefighters; and (b) the County Librarian, in accordance with the sanctions of the Minister for the Environment dated 5th April, 1991, and 4th June, 1991, respectively."

4378 - QUALITY OF WATER IN MULROY AND KILKIERAN BAYS:

Councillor O'Morain said that newspaper reports of a paper read at a Conference in County Donegal had cast doubts on the quality of the waters in Mulroy and Kilkieran Bays. He said that this was part of a media campaign by certain elements that were anti-fish farming. He asked that the Ministers present at the County Council Meeting would suggest to the Minister for Tourism that Bord Failte should carry out the functions assigned to it and should not engage in the dissemination of inaccurate information. He quoted from the paper referred to in the Press reports and said that Bord Failte had made the Statement in question without having consulted with the Local Authority. He said that local fisherman were dependent on the Continent for their markets, and such unfounded statements could do untold damage to the local fishing industry.

He proposed that Galway County Council petition the Department of the Marine and the Department of the Environment to apply to the E.E.C. to have Kilkieran Bay redesignated as a shellfish bearing bay. He said that this would entail special control and monitoring and that the mechanism for such monitoring was already in existence as U.C.G. are already carrying out some monitoring in the area. He added that the title to the Bay is vested in the local co-operative. Councillor Welby seconded Councillor O'Morain's proposal.

Councillor O'Tuathail said that it is not sufficient to seek redesignation and that monitoring must take place as any redesignation will be lost if monitoring results are not made available as required. Part of the problem in relation to fish farming is the lack of monitoring because without such monitoring, there is no information to rebut claims that waters are being polluted.

Councillor O'Morain said that he thought he had made it clear that his proposal would entail monitoring and he stated that the fish farming industry is too valuable to be let go by default.

The County Manager stated that the proposed resolution could read that the Bay be redesignated and that the necessary monitoring take place.

Councillor Walsh stated that the water in the Town of Tuam was of poor quality and that he had got information to the effect that there is a dysentery problem with children in certain areas in Tuam. He said that medical opinion has ad-

vised that the water should be treated with suspicion.

The County Manager replied that the reports referred to by Councillor Walsh would be examined.

4379 - LEADER PROJECT:

The County Manager stated that the Department of Agriculture is the administering authority for the Leader Project and that the County Development Team is working closely with Teagasc to help in the processing of applications for Grants. The main activator in the matter is the Corrib Country Group based in Tuam and they have indicated their willingness to liaise with other Groups in the County. Any groups who have good proposals should, therefore, try to get under their umbrella in order to enhance their prospects of success. Such groups would retain their independence but as part of the umbrella group, they would be likely to improve their case. The target population for such projects would be in the region of 100,000.

In reply to a question from Councillor Brennan, he stated that it was his understanding from discussions with the Department of the Environment that the group would be expected to provide 50% of the cost of approved projects.

The Chairman stated that groups should come together under the one umbrella in order to improve their prospects as the total monies available for the whole country amounted to only £23 million. The closing date for the submission of applications is the 15th July, 1991, and any groups who wished to become involved should act quickly. He said that the Udaras would be submitting one project and he considered that the remainder of the County should come together for the purpose of availing of the scheme.

The County Manager stated that the Department of the Environment will make the final decision as to the allocation of grants.

Deputy Treacy stated that proposals had been made that certain parts of the County might combine with adjoining areas in neighbouring Counties.

Deputy Fahey stated that he would be happy to see South Galway going in with the Corrib Country Group. He also said that he wished to take the opportunity to convey the apologies of the people of Gort to the County Development Officer for remarks expressed to him by one individual when he attended a public meeting in the area recently. He wished to assure the County Development Officer that the views expressed by the individual in question were not the views of the people of the area.

The County Manager replied that the Council's experience of the people in the area is as stated by Deputy Fahey.

380 - MARIAN PARK RESIDENTS GROUP, PORTUMNA:

Councillor U. Burke stated that the Marian Park Residents Group had done a considerable amount of work in order to gain national recognition as a tidy area. All the money that they had won by way of prizes in tidy areas competitions had been put into the purchase of a lawnmower used for the maintenance of the open spaces in the area. It had been the practice of the County Council to pay for the petrol used and he asked that this be continued.

The County Manager stated that he would have the matter looked into.

381 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

The County Manager informed the Members that there were no matters arising under this heading.

382 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN:

The Chairman thanked Mr. Paul Ridge, Senior Executive Engineer (Sanitary Services), for coming to Kiltormer to display the Plan for the Clontuskert Regional Water Scheme.

He proposed that a resolution be passed calling on the Minister for the Environment to receive a deputation from the County Council which would be seeking the Minister's sanction for the Scheme to go to Tender without delay. The proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Deputy Treacy proposed that the scheme should provide for the bringing of a water supply to the Reservoir of the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Scheme. The proposal was seconded by Deputy Kitt.

Deputy Treacy stated that Kiltormer Village is badly in need of a Sewerage Scheme and he asked the Council to give priority to the provision of such a scheme.

The Chairman supported Deputy Treacy's call for the provision of a Sewerage Scheme at Kiltormer and he added that the Council should have a special policy to provide Sewerage Schemes for villages in the County.

Councillor Glynn said that he was aware that a minimum of two to three small Sewerage Schemes are provided in the Counties of Carlow and Laois every year and asked why Galway County Council could not do the same.

Assistant County Manager, Mr. P.J. Gavin, stated that the Members had determined the priorities for Sewerage Schemes in the County and that policy was being implemented subject to the allocation of funds. It was misleading to compare well developed small Counties with a large County such as Galway where major developments require to be carried out.

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The County Engineer stated that a separate grant comes from the Department of the Environment each year for Small Schemes. This had been £50,000 but was raised to £70,000 at the behest of Galway County Council. A sum of £70,000 would not be sufficient to finance a Village Scheme. He said that he had also noticed that some of the Counties given allocations for Small Schemes do not get money for larger schemes.

Deputy Kitt stated that the Minister for the Environment had announced Allocations this year for Small Schemes at Headford, Claddaghduff and Ballinasloe.

4383 - RETIREMENT OF COUNTY HURLERS:

Deputy N. Treacy said that Conor Hayes and Ollie Kilkenny had announced their retirement from County Hurling. He paid tribute to their contribution to the game of Hurling and wished them well in their retirement.

The Chairman joined in the good wishes to Messrs Hayes and Kilkenny.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Thomas Welby  
CHAIRMAN

22.7.91

DATE

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Oifig an Runai,  
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18u la Meitheamh, 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 24u la Meitheamh, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Frank Gorham for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Gortnagrough, Roscahill. - Planning Ref. No. 64022."

John Molloy. P. McCormack. Paddy McHugh. Jarlath McDonagh.

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to start work immediately on using the allocations of £195,000 on the N59 north of Clifden and £360,000 on the R336 north of Costello."

Thomas Welby. John M. Mannion. Nioclás O'Conchubhair. Peadar O Tuathail.

OTHER BUSINESS

Loughrea By-Pass Proposals.

Contribution to Ireland West towards new co-operative advertising programme in Britain.

Raising of loan for Council Headquarters at Cluain Mhuire.

European Conference "Housing the Community" - Dublin - 3rd/6th July, 1991.

A Plan for Social Housing. (Report enclosed.)



- 8. Local Government Act, 1991. (Explanatory Memorandum enclosed.)
- 9. Twinning of Tuam and Straubing. (Report enclosed.)
- 10. Business submitted by the County Manager.
- 11. Business submitted by the Chairman.

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COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION

DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK: - I will propose:

- 12. That a footpath be erected from the Ballybrit Cottages at the back gate of the Racecourse to Briarhill School.
- 13. That Galway County Council erect a footpath on the Coast Road, between Crumlin River in the Townland of Cor na Ron, Indreabhan, and Gairmscoil Cholmcille in Knock as this is a very busy stretch of road, particularly during summertime. This location has 3 shops, 2 hotels and a number of Guesthouses.
- 14. That Galway County Council draw up a full traffic management plan for the village of Claregalway including the erection of footpath, kerbs and lights on both sides of the main roads approaching the village. I would also propose that Galway County Council investigate the possibility of a pedestrian crossing and lights at the school, an erection of a traffic island at the junction of the N17 and the Oranmore/Claregalway road to facilitate pedestrians crossing as the present road signs on the approach to the village are inadequate that speed limit signs be moved out on each side of the village and the present road markings be put in where required.

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

- 15. That the County Council have signs erected or request relevant Bodies to have signs placed at specific locations (Details supplied).
- 16. Claregalway traffic problems (details supplied).
- 17. That the County Council carry out urgently need surface dressing to Kiniska to Caraun Road, Claregalway, as promised (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH: - I will propose:

- 18. That Galway County Council fill the potholes on the road to Strongfort, Craughwell, and put back the stone that is missing on the bridge at Strongfort Castle.
- 19. That Galway County Council put 2 extra lights in The Square, Athenry, that is one on the corner of T. Coppinger's house, and one at F. O'Neill's corner - this to light up the centre of the town.
- 20. That Galway County Council put a light outside Maree Church in Oranmore.

DEPUTY NOEL TREACY: - I will propose:

- 21. That Galway County Council carry out immediate improvements at a location in the County (Details supplied) - Bridge Road Residents Association.
- 22. That Galway County Council carry out immediate improvements at a location in the County (details supplied) - Bridge Road Residents Association.
- 23. That Galway County Council take immediate action to alleviate the serious flooding at a location (details supplied) that the Council outline the reasons why these works have not been carried out to date, the works to be carried out, the dates on which these works will be carried out and any other relevant information. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

- 24. That piped drain (details supplied) be freed of silt thereby avoiding flooding to road and private property.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

25. That the perimeter stake and wire fence at a specified location be replaced with a block wall of the same height (details supplied).
26. That a new Polling Scheme be drafted.

COUNCILLOR TIARNAN WALSH: - I will propose:

27. That Galway County Council allocate £5,000 in addition to the £2,000 already allocated by Councillors' Notice of Motion money towards surface dressing Russelstown Road (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY: - I will propose:

28. Are the County Buildings at Prospect Hill for sale and in what way is the purchase of Cluain Mhuire being funded?
29. That this Council close the sale immediately with the Trustees of the Sisters of Mercy, Galway, for the portion of land Carramanagh, Oughterard. They have a Contractor to carry out works on these lands which is on a strict time limit and the school is almost complete.
30. That this Council request the Government to declare April 24th an Annual National Public Holiday to commemorate the 1916 Rising that occurred on that date and that the occasion be honoured by military parades in all major centres. I propose that this resolution be circulated to all bodies in this State for their support.

COUNCILLORS T. WALSH AND P. FINNEGAN: - We will propose:

31. That Galway County Council construct a footpath from Williamstown Church to the new houses on the northern side of the Williamstown/Dunmore Road.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

32. That Galway County Council install a pipe in front of dwellinghouse at location (details supplied).
33. That Galway County Council carry out repairs at location (details supplied).

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

34. That Galway County Council would print their own literature and brochures to promote tourism in the County.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE: - I will propose:

35. I will ask Galway County Council why the graves at Killrerin Cemetery, Barnberg, are dotted around in a disorderly manner.
36. That the question of ribbon development be put on the Agenda for discussion by Galway County Council so that the definition of ribbon development be acceptable to all as defined in the County Development Plan.

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

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - 24TH JUNE, 1991.

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 fo the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission to Jarlath Brennan to erect a dwelling=house and septic tank at Cregboy. (Planning Ref. No. 63981)

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

T. KAVANAGH,  
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19u la Meitheamh, 1991.

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

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING - 24TH JUNE, 1991.

2.A Consideration of Minutes of Council Meeting held on 27th May, 1991.

T. KAVANAGH,  
RUNAI.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH JUNE, 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, J. Mannion, J. Molloy, M. Mullins, N. O'Conchubhair, M. O'Morain, P. O'Tuathail, P. Raftery, M. Ryan, Deputy N. Treacy, Councillors T. Walsh and T. Welby.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; D. O'Donoghue, Assistant County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer (Planning); R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer (Roads); F. Gilmore, Executive Engineer (Road Design); J. Heneghan, and T. Coughlan, Administrative Officers; Ms. J. Forde, Acting Senior Staff Officer; D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

383 - SYMPATHY:

A resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mrs. J. Flaherty, Tynagh, Loughrea, on the death of her daughter.

384 - AGENDA:

The Chairman referred to Supplementary Agendas which had been circulated to the Members in addition to the main Agenda. He said that Item No. 1A was a Section 4 relating to a Planning Application. Item No. 2A related to the adoption of the Minutes of the County Council Meeting held on the 27th May, 1991.

He welcomed the Mayor of Galway, Alderman Michael D. Higgins, who was in attendance at the Meeting.

He proposed that Items Nos. 5 and 7 on the main Agenda for the Meeting be deferred without discussion to a future Meeting of the County Council and this was agreed.

4385 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, AS AMENDED - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 64022 - APPLICANT: FRANK GORHAM:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy and seconded by Councillor J. McDonagh.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located in Roscahill opposite the Post Office on the main Galway-Oughterard Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 33666 - Permission refused for renovation of dwellinghouse and conversion of part of same to supermarket and installation of septic tank in November 1979 - Applicant: Lawrence Hurney.

Ref. No. 40790: Permission granted on the proposed site on the basis of housing need claim in February 1982 - Applicant: L. Hurney.

Ref. No. 63632: Permission refused for erection and construction of a septic tank on the proposed site in May 1991 - Applicant: F. Gorham.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a restricted national secondary road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and the development would be likely to contribute to a traffic hazard. Housing development on this road is restricted to local farmholders and their family housing needs. No such need exists and therefore the development would be in contravention of the provisions of the County Development Plan.

The site is approximately 0.12 acres in area and is totally inadequate to accommodate a dwellinghouse, septic tank and percolation area in accordance with County Council minimum requirements and minimum building line. Minimum half acre site required for housing development in unserviced rural areas.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The site is located on a restricted National Secondary Road and the traffic generated by the proposed development would be likely to contribute to a traffic hazard and would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said road.

2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan, Chapter 8 (Table 8B) which

limits housing development along this route to the essential housing need of local farmholders and their families, a category of development which does not apply in this case.

3. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan, Chapter 7 (Table 7A) which requires minimum half acre site with minimum 100 ft. frontage for housing development in unserviced rural areas. The site proposed does not meet this requirement and is inadequate in area to accommodate a dwellinghouse, septic tank, percolation area in accordance with County Council minimum building line and minimum distance requirements."

Councillor Molloy stated that the applicant in this case has a housing need. He is living with his parents who have a large family in the family home and is hoping to get married in the near future and is therefore in need of a house. He said that some work had been carried out on the construction of a house on this site some years ago, and that he considered that Permission should be granted.

The County Engineer said that while the applicant may need a house, his housing need does not come within the categories for which special provision is made in the County Development Plan and, in completing his application form, he had indicated that his case does not come within the three categories of need provided for in the Development Plan and specified on the Planning Application form.

Councillor J. Burke asked if there was any point in the County Council considering this application if the site is inadequate in size to accommodate the proposed development.

Councillor Brennan asked if the applicant could get extra land in order to extend the site.

Councillor Molloy said that he had been led to believe that there is sufficient land available for the siting of the septic tank and percolation area. He added that the applicant is working in the area and that the site proposed to be developed is the only land available to him.

The County Engineer informed the Members that even if the applicant were in a position to provide additional lands to locate the septic tank and percolation area in accordance with the County Council's requirements, he would still be obliged to oppose the application on grounds of traffic safety as the site is located adjacent to the National Secondary Route.

Councillor McCormack stated that there was a two-storey house on the site which had been demolished to make way for the building of a new house, and Councilor Welby said that he could confirm that this was the case.

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

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

(19)

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

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The Chairman declared the resolution lost as the number of Members voting in favour was insufficient to comply with statutory requirements.

4386 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, AS AMENDED - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63981 - APPLICANT: JARLATH BRENNAN:

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located to the rear of two dwellinghouses in the Townland of Cregboy, and taking its access onto the National Primary Route by means of a private driveway. The site is circa 1/2 mile on the Galway side of Claregalway, and is outside the 30 and 40 m.p.h. speed limits.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. no. 60218: Planning Permission refused for one dwellinghouse in 1989. Applicant: Mr. J. Brennan. It was proposed to take the access via an overgrown laneway. No essential housing need claimed. Decision not appealed.

Ref. No. 61265: Application similar to 60218. Applicant: Mr. J. Brennan. Refused by County Council and An Bord Pleanála.

Ref. No. 63571: Application similar to 61265 and 60218 save that the access was to be taken via a private driveway. Refused by Planning Authority. Not appealed.

CONSIDERATION:

The proposed development is similar to the above applications. The applicant proposes to take his access onto the National Primary Route via a private driveway. The planning policy is to restrict traffic

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movements to and from the National Route. There have been a number of applications recently on this road where it is proposed to build additional houses using existing private accesses. The Planning Authority have been consistent in refusing all such applications as to do otherwise would defeat the policy of minimizing the number of turning movements on the National Primary Route. This application is no different and in the absence of a genuine housing need there is no alternative but to recommend refusal.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site will be serviced by a private lane which will open onto the National Primary Road via a private dwellinghouse gateway. This is a heavily trafficked section of the National Primary Road where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic movements generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the road. In addition, the development would militate against the objectives of the Planning Authority to:

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

The County Engineer explained that the application before the Members is similar to the last of the previous applications referred to in the report circulated. He said that to grant Permission would be contrary to the policy set out in the Development Plan which is to restrict access to the National Primary route in the interests of traffic safety. The objective of the Development Plan is to eliminate in so far as is possible turning movements on National Primary Routes in areas where the maximum speed limit applies. He said that the area where the site is located adjoins a heavily trafficked section of the Galway/Tuam road and that it is essential that the safety and carrying capacity of the National Routes be preserved. He urged the Members to concur with the refusal of Permission in this case.

Deputy Kitt stated that he did not disagree with the County Engineer except that he wished to point out that in the case of this application, the applicant proposed to gain access to the National Route by way of a private driveway which already serves a dwellinghouse owned by his brother-in-law. There would be no new access and he considered that a person wishing to reside close to other Members of his family should be facilitated. He asked the Members to take this into consideration in coming to their decision.

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The County Engineer said that the fact that the applicant's brother-in-law already has an access to a dwelling for which Permission was granted on the basis of a claim to essential housing need did not justify an intensification of the use of that access. He said the proposed development would worsen the situation from the point of view of traffic hazard as it would tend to increase the volume of traffic using the existing access and could lead to the potentially hazardous situation of a vehicle having to wait on the carriageway in order to permit another vehicle to exit from the access.

Councillor J. Burke said that if the County Council were to permit every private access to be used for multiple development, it would be creating a precedent that could not be controlled. He would, however, take issue with the statement that the applicant in this case did not have an essential housing need as he understood that an applicant wishing to build on family lands came within the essential housing need category.

The County Engineer replied that the applicant in this case was not regarded as having a housing need in accordance with the provisions of the Development Plan. He was living in Galway City and at least 5 Planning Permissions had already been granted on the family land in this case.

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

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

(22)

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

(3)

Councillor Frank Glynn abstained from voting.

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

Councillor 'Morain referred to a question he had raised at the County Council Meeting held on the 14th June, 1991, to the effect that a mother providing a site for her daughter and son-in-law was outside the scope of the housing need provisions in the Development Plan. He said that he wished to formally propose at this anomaly be cleared up.

The County Manager replied that he would undertake to have the matter cleared up if necessary in the next Review of the Development Plan.

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4387 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955, REQUIRING THE IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS ON THE N59 NORTH OF CLIFDEN AND ON THE R336 NORTH OF COSTELLO USING THE MONIES AMOUNTING TO £195,000 AND £360,000 ALLOCATED RESPECTIVELY FOR THE WORKS MENTIONED:

The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Mannion and seconded by Councillor J. Molloy.

The County Engineer informed the Members that all the steps necessary to commence the work were in train, Contractors had been appointed to produce the necessary stone locally and the works were programmed to commence at a time when they could be carried through to a conclusion without a break. He explained that at the present time, the County Council was heavily involved in surface dressing, that this work was greatly dependent on the weather and that the inclement weather of recent times was causing some difficulties. The roads, the subject of the resolution were heavily trafficked tourist routes and there would be a considerable amount of disruption of traffic on the routes when the proposed work commenced. The Roads staff would be on holidays for a period of three weeks from the end of July and the most suitable time for the carrying out the works would be when the men returned from their holidays so that the work could be carried through without a break and the peak tourist season would have passed so that there would be less disruption of traffic and of the works.

Councillor Welby stated that the expenditure of the money from the Grants in question had been held up principally because the County Council had decided to open quarries and supply its own material. This should have been done in Winter time so that there would not have been any delays in the commencement of works. He said that money from Grants was being used to open up quarries in Connemara while there are tons of materials available at a reasonable price in quarries in Clonbur and other areas. When monies are allocated for Roadworks, they should be spent quickly.

The County Engineer stated that the work would not be done any earlier by taking stone from Private Suppliers, and that by doing what had been done, the County Council were obtaining materials cheaper so that a longer length of road could be done for the same money. The Council's Roadworks for the year were programmed according to the weather and according to the most efficient use of resources.

Councillor O'Tuathail asked if the sum allocated for Road no. R336 was £340,000 or £360,000. He said with regard to the works, the subject of the resolution that he could not understand how the County Council could get value for money by carrying out the works during the peak tourist season when traffic was at its highest.

The County Engineer replied that the amount of the grant is £340,000. He also said that he considered that the works should not be commenced until September at which time the traffic should have reduced considerably and the Road Staff

would have returned from holidays so that the work could continue to its conclusion without a break.

In reply to a query from Councillor O'Conchubhair as to the amount of the saving which would arise from the Council's decision to quarry its own stone, he said that a rough estimate would be that a saving the region of £150,000 would be made on the purchase of stone. The additional advantages accruing to the Council from this decision would be that a greater length of road could be completed from the same monies and that stock piles of stone would be available for Roadworks in the following year which would assist the County Council in making its case to the Department of the Environment for monies for Roadworks next year. Another advantage would be a lessening of damage to the Council's road network as the materials would be hauled over shorter distances to the point of use.

In reply to a further question from Councillor O'Conchubhair as to when works proposed for the Islands Road into Lettermullen would be commenced, he stated that the Council hoped to carry out these works before the annual holidays. He added, however, that it was difficult to be precise in the matter due to difficulties in the availability of machinery at this time of year.

Councillor O'Conchubhair proposed that a letter be written to Roinn na Gaeltachta requesting that they would allocate monies for Roadworks earlier in the year to facilitate the carrying out of the relevant works during suitable weather conditions, and it was agreed that this would be done.

Councillor O'Morain asked that something be done about the potholes on the Carna to Recess Road. He said that the work should not be left until the end of August and he referred to a particular location where there was a pothole on a bend which he considered to be dangerous particularly for tourists who would not know the area.

Deputy Kitt asked if a vote was to be taken on the resolution.

The Chairman proposed that, as Members had got replies to their queries in the matter, the Council should pass on to the next business and this was agreed.

4388 - WATER SUPPLY ON INISHMORE, ARAN ISLANDS:

At the invitation of the Chairman, a representative of the deputation from Inishmore addressed the Meeting. She said that a similar deputation had attended a County Council Meeting on the 22nd April last and had been told that the additional piping required to improve the water supply on the affected part of the island would be laid as a matter of top priority. Despite this, however, one-third of the island had been without water for a period of 8 days up to to-day. She said that the deputation was requesting the support of the County Council for the provision of water storage tanks on the island as a solution to the water supply problem.

She said that Polling in the Local Elections was to take place on Inishmore the following day, and that the people of the island would not vote in the Local Elections unless the water supply had been restored by 5.00 p.m. on that day.

Deputy McCormack welcomed the deputation and said that he had thought the problem had been solved on the previous Friday, but he now understood that the water supply had again been disrupted. He expressed the hope that the matter would be rectified with all possible speed.

Councillor O'Conchubhair said that the water supply problem was particularly severe because of the high volume of tourist traffic and he urged that a solution be found as quickly as possible. Councillor J. Molloy said that the problem had been on-going for a number of years and that appropriate action should be taken without delay.

Councillor O'Tuathail said that an Undertaking had been given at the April Meeting that the pipelaying would be carried out by mid-June. He said that pipelaying here and in other areas in the County seemed to take a long time, and he wondered if there was not an argument for putting such work out to Private Contract. He also said that a proper storage tank should be constructed as pumps appear to be unreliable. He also asked why a standby pump had not been provided.

The County Engineer stated that the water storage situation on Inishmore had been improved dramatically in recent years, and he outlined the works which had been carried out to improve the water supply. He said that it had always been the Council's intention to phase out the two pumps at Pollfliuch and that the provision of storage facilities is in planning but would take time. Two old diesel pumps had been in use at Pollfliuch, one of these had been replaced with a new pump and the other was retained as a standby pump. The problem which had arisen was outside the County Council's control in that the new pump failed and the standby pump also failed. A representative of the pump suppliers had been on the island at the weekend attempting to remedy the situation and it was expected that the pump would be restored to working condition on the day of the Meeting. He said that work is in hand on the laying of pipes from Kilronan and that this work to provide an alternative water supply would be finished within a week.

Councillor McDonagh said that he welcomed the County Engineer's reply and expressed his support for Councillor O'Tuathail's proposal that a lasting solution to this problem be found.

4389 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Kitt, the Minutes of the Monthly County Council Meeting held on the 27th May, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 4390 - LOUGHREA BY-PASS PROPOSALS:

The following report setting out proposals for a By-Pass for the Town of Loughrea had been circulated to each Member of the County Council prior to the Meeting

"RE: LOUGHREA BYPASS"GENERAL

A bypass route for Loughrea was proposed and adopted by Galway County Council on 28th March, 1983.

This proposal was subsequently voted off the Development Plan on 8th August, 1986, by the Council and subsequently removed from the Department of the Environment's road proposals.

Following a commitment the landowners and their professional representatives were met on two occasions to explain the proposed route and to lessen if possible the effects of the route on some individual land holdings. I now believe that all of the landowners have been satisfied in relation to the line of the dual carriageway route. (Garden owners at Cosmona houses have not been consulted individually).

Further discussions in relation to access proposals for two landowners who have large severance problems will be necessary when the nature and location of junction or the method of traversing of public roads are agreed with the Department of the Environment.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS BYPASS

- (i) The major difference in the present proposal is that the tie in to the N6 at both ends is now possible without roundabouts. This does not preclude the provision of roundabouts at some stage in the design process.
- (ii) All junctions of intersecting roads on the original proposal were priority junctions. It is hoped in further discussion with the Department of the Environment that agreement will be reached to provide at least one grade separated access to/from Loughrea. This type of access reduces vehicle conflict and is, therefore, safer.
- (iii) The length of the By-Pass proposal is 4.000 km as against the present road length of 4.220 through the town.

BENEFIT OF BYPASS

The benefits of the bypass to the community can be summarised as follows:

- (i) Bypass traffic will have a shorter journey time past Loughrea due to the shorter length of road and the higher speeds possible. The estimated journey time will be cut from 7.868 minutes (4.220 km @ 30 kph) to 2.712 minutes (4.00 km @ 88 kph) a saving of 5.16 minutes.

Shorter journey length and time will also mean less fuel consumption with the consequent savings to the motorist and the environment.

- (ii) By removing through traffic from Loughrea the comfort and safety of pedestrians is improved.

The reduction in fumes and pollution would be considerable. Further damage to buildings particularly the older ones would be reduced by virtue of the reduction of vibration generated mainly by heavy commercial vehicles. Loughrea town would improve as a shopping area parking and pedestrian access around the town should be easier.

TRAFFIC

Origin/destination traffic surveys were carried out in J. 1985 and they indicated that the AADT east of Loughrea is 5,323 and west of Loughrea 4,593. Using the average figure of 5,058 vehicles and a bypass % of 85% (from the surveys) a traffic volume of approximately 4,299 would use the new route every day at mid 1985 levels.

Using an expansion figure of 4% per annum this gives a present bypass traffic of  $4,299 \times 1.265 = 5,438$  (mid 1991). However, traffic counts published in RT480 (E.R.U.) for 1989 indicate that traffic volumes have increased at a greater level than anticipated and the 1989 AADT figures for the sections east and west of Loughrea are 6,792 (10%) and 5,527 (12%) respectively. Expanding these figures to 1991 levels @ 4% per annum increase gives equivalent AADT of 7,346 (10%) and 5,978 (12%) respectively.

The average AADT is 6,662 (11%) of which approximately 85% (based on the 1985 survey) is bypass traffic.

The design period is normally 20 years and expanding the present traffic at a rate of 4% per annum gives a design volume AADT of 14,590 ( $2.19 \times 6.662$ ).

The equivalent peak flow in passenger car units per hour for this volume is 2,105.

This is in excess of the capacity of a two lane road with a 7.5 metre carriageway width and is within the capacity of a 2 x 2 lane dual carriageway.

I recommend, therefore, that this bypass be designed and constructed as a 2 x lane dual carriageway with the normal median, hardshoulders, grass side slopes etc also provided.

DESIGN

The design and land acquisition for the scheme should be carried out by Galway County Council staff

Design standards shall be to the requirements of RT180, RT181, RT182 for alignment.



TOPOGRAPHY

The route of the roadway does not present any insurmountable ground conditions.

With the exception of a short section east of the Bullaun road crossing which has a small amount of soft ground it appears that the ground consists of gravels and limestone bedrock.

The roadway will be designed to minimise the importation of fill material by balancing cut and fill this will reduce damage to adjacent routes at the construction stage.

PROPERTY

As mentioned earlier the landowners along the route were consulted and where possible the route was amended to minimise the affect of the roadway on their property.

Three houses will be demolished under the present proposal and all three landowners have been approached and advised of this fact.

The property owners involved have indicated their acceptance of the route subject to adequate compensation being paid.

Severance of agricultural holdings is insignificant with the exception of two landowners on the western end of the route and both have accepted the route in principle subject of course to any compensation or accommodation works necessary being carried out.

As these matters cannot be finalised until the design stage it is not intended to proceed any further with them at this point.

It will also be necessary to acquire part of the gardens at the rear of the "Cosmona" cottages.

These acquisitions are unavoidable and the amount of land required has been kept to the minimum necessary.

COSTS

The costs of the scheme cannot be quantified with accuracy at this stage but it is expected that it will cost between £5.0 m and £6.0 m.

PROGRAMME

If this line is agreed I see the work progressing to detailed design stage during 1991 and 1992 with a C.P.O. in late 1992/early 1993, enabling the scheme to be included in the next Government Roads Programme. Construction could be undertaken, grants permitting, in late 1993 or early 1994 with work being completed around the end of 1995.

RECOMMENDATION

I enclose a copy of the drawings for this proposal and I recommend that approval be given to proceed to the next stage which is detailed survey and design. The cost of a detailed survey will be c. £15,000 and subject to approval I am looking at options for carrying out this survey.

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County Engineer"

On the proposition of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor U. Burke, it was agreed that the County Council would proceed with the Design of a road by-passing the Town of Loughrea in accordance with the proposals set out in the report circulated to the Members.

Councillor Loughnane complimented the County Manager, the County Engineer and the staff involved in the preparation of the proposals for the Loughrea By-Pass which he said had taken cognisance of the points raised by the people of Loughrea. He said that the proposals provide for a 2 x 2 lane dual carriageway which will be constructed in one operation. He welcomed the fact that no decision had been taken on proposals for the intersection at Cosmona pending further discussions with the local people.

Councillor U. Burke also welcomed the proposals for the By-Pass and said that they were evidence of what could be achieved by consultation. He had one reservation with respect to the proposals which related to the convergence of the by-pass with the National Primary Route to the west of Loughrea. He considered that there should be a roundabout at this location in order to provide easy access from the Town and to ensure the safety of traffic at the junction with the road leading to Athenry.

Deputy Treacy welcomed the proposals for the By-Pass and pointed out that although Drawings had been displayed at the Meeting for the information of Members, no Drawings had been circulated with the Report. He asked if copies of the Drawings could be circulated to the Members. He also said that he knew of some farmers affected by the proposed By-Pass who were not consulted and he asked that the County Council would consult with the people in question. He said he would like to know the exact points of intersection of the By-Pass with the National Primary Road to the east and to the west of Loughrea, and expressed the view that at least one roundabout would be required, and possibly an Overpass.

Councillor Michael Fahy said that the Town of Loughrea needs a By-Pass and expressed the view that a roundabout would be required at both ends of the By-Pass in order to slow down traffic. He also said that carparking facilities should be provided in the Town to alleviate traffic congestion.

Councillor Lynch expressed his agreement with proposals made by other Members for the provision of a roundabout at the

western extremity of the By-Pass. He said that the present situation was extremely dangerous for traffic turning right to go to Athenry. He also requested that the provision of carparking facilities in the Town should be looked into.

Councillor O'Morain also expressed his support for the proposal to provide a roundabout at the western extremity of the By-Pass.

The County Engineer informed the Members that it would be necessary to carry out a survey and to prepare a detailed design for the proposed By-Pass. He said that the County Council would be proposing to provide junctions to the highest design standards available but the Department of the Environment would be providing the necessary monies and they might require changes in the County Council's proposals. He said that the Members would be advised at every stage of the progress of the proposals.

In reply to a query from Councillor Brennan, he said that lands owned by the Carmelite Order in Loughrea were not affected by the proposals and that a very rough estimate of the cost of the By-Pass including land acquisition would be in the region of £5-£6 million.

The Chairman adverted to the necessity for a By-Pass of the Town of Ballinasloe and suggested that the new County Council should be informed as early as possible of the County Council's proposals in the matter.

4391 - CONTRIBUTION TO IRELAND WEST TOWARDS NEW CO-OPERATIVE ADVERTISING PROGRAMME IN BRITAIN:

The County Manager said that this Programme is an interesting development in the strategy of Bord Failte involving a special advertising Programme for the three Counties in the Ireland West Region - Galway, Mayo, and Roscommon. He said that a special effort was being made this year which had begun with the tourist industry at a disadvantage due to the Gulf Crisis and other factors. He said that this was a commendable project which was a credit to Bord Failte. The amount of the contribution required is £5,000.

Councillor O'Conchubhair stated that it should be conveyed to Bord Failte and to Ireland West that they do not promote South Connemara at all and that the people of that area are totally dissatisfied with their efforts. He suggested that there should be a representative from the Gaeltacht on the Board of Ireland West.

Councillor O'Morain agreed with Councillor O'Conchubhair and suggested that if the County Council is to contribute £5,000 to this campaign, the advertising material should be looked at closely. He said that the advertising should not be specific in that it should not relate to specific location or specific businesses, but should be countywide. The promotion should be a co-ordinated exercise to cover the whole of County Galway and no area should be left out.

The Chairman said that Ireland West and Bord Failte are different organisations but they are often confused by members of the public. He said that Ireland West have shown that they are committed to tourism development in East Galway as proven by their support for the Aughrim Interpretative Centre and by the fact that tourism on the Shannon has increased twofold as compared with previous years.

Councillor J. Burke welcomed the proposal and stated that Galway City should also be asked to contribute to the promotion as they would be major beneficiaries of the campaign.

The County Manager said that the Corporation would be invited to participate.

Deputy Treacy also indicated his support for the project.

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

"That Galway County Council contribute the sum of £5,000 towards the Co-Operative Advertising Programme in Britain of Bord Failte and the Ireland West Tourism Organisation."

Councillor O'Conchubhair referred to the matter of by-lingual signposting in Connemara which results in the English content of such advertising being painted over. He said that this is a result of the use of English place names on maps of the area.

The County Secretary stated that tourist maps are available on which place names are given in Irish.

4392 - EUROPEAN CONFERENCE "HOUSING AND THE COMMUNITY" - DUBLIN - 3RD/6TH JULY, 1991:

It was proposed by Councillor O'Conchubhair, seconded by Deputy Kitt, and agreed that Councillors J. Molloy and T. Welby be nominated to attend the European Conference on "Housing and the Community" on behalf of Galway County Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, and agreed that Councillor M. Ryan or Councillor J. Lambert attend the European Conference on "Housing and the Community" on behalf of Galway County Council.

4393 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1991:

It was agreed to defer consideration of this matter to a future meeting of the County Council.

4394 - TWINNING OF TUAM AND STRAUBING:

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next Meeting of the County Council.

4395 - REPAIR OF THE PIER AT ROUNDSTONE:

The County Manager informed the Members that a letter had been received from the Department of the Marine on the 21st June, 1991, indicating that they will be in a position to put works in hand for the repair of Roundstone Pier at a cost of £75,000 and that they require a contribution in the sum of £43,750 from Galway County Council. He suggested that the Members might consider paying the required contribution in two halves, the first half to be paid in 1992, and the remaining half to be paid in 1993.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Welby and agreed:

"That Galway County Council contribute the sum of £43,750 towards the cost of works to be undertaken by the Department of the Marine for the repair of the pier at Roundstone, the sum to be paid in two equal instalments amounting to £21,875, the first of which shall be paid during the year 1992, and the second in the year 1993."

4396 - ARDRAHAN STUDY:

The Chairman stated that, prior to the Meeting, Mr. B. Winstone of the Gort District Rural Integration Development Council had given him a copy of a Study relating to the village of Ardrahan which had been carried out by Mr. Padraic O Cuimin on behalf of the Gort District Rural Integration Development Council. He said he had passed the Study on to the County Manager as it requested that part of the cost of the proposals in the Study would be provided by the County Council. He asked that the County Manager would consider the matter and advise the Members.

The County Manager said that he would do so.

4397 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT TO DECLARE APRIL 24TH AN ANNUAL NATIONAL PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO COMMEMORATE THE 1916 RISING THAT OCCURRED ON THAT DATE AND THAT THE OCCASION BE HONOURED BY MILITARY PARADES IN ALL MAJOR CENTRES AND THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE CIRCULATED TO ALL BODIES IN THE STATE FOR THEIR SUPPORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR THOMAS WELBY:

Councillor Welby stated that part of the above Notice of Motion had been omitted from the Agenda and he proposed that the resolution be amended to include the proposal that Galway County Council request the Government not to allow the extradition of any person from the Republic of Ireland to Britain or to the 6 Counties.

The proposed motion, as amended, was seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed.

4398 - WORKS FOR THE RELIEF OF THE FLOODING OF THE PUBLIC ROAD AT COOLARNE:

Councillor McCormack stated that a sum of £48,000 had been

provided by the County Council in the Estimates for the raising of the section of a public road at Coolarne in order to relieve flooding. He said that a Committee of local Residents had devised a scheme to alleviate the flooding and were proceeding to carry out the work themselves at a cost of £20,000.

He proposed that Galway County Council provide the sum of £20,000, from the monies provided in the Estimates for the raising of the public road, towards the cost of the works being undertaken by the local committee for the relief of flooding in the area provided that the County Council is satisfied with the Committee's proposals.

The County Engineer said that the County Council had proposed to raise the public road but Deputy McCormack and other Members had asked the County Council not to spend any money on the works until the local committee had put forward their proposals for a solution to the problem. It had been ascertained that the scheme being proposed by the local committee would be an acceptable scheme for the purpose of the allocation of Roads Funds subject to confirmation from the Office of Public Works that the scheme proposed by the Committee was acceptable to them and subject to the Council being satisfied on the question of liability to third parties who might be affected by the scheme. No reply had been received to date from the Office of Public Works. He said that it appeared to the County Council to be a worthwhile project and he had asked the Area Engineer to examine the work while in progress.

Deputy Fahey said that if the scheme works, the initiative is to be welcomed. He added that the allocation in the Estimates was intended to cover other roads in the area and that he wished to ensure that these roads would not be affected by anything that was done in connection with the Coolarne Scheme. He said that any monies to be allocated to this scheme should not exceed the sum allocated for the raising of the road in that area.

The County Engineer said that if the scheme proposed by the local committee is effective, there will be a saving in the amount of money required for Roadworks in the area. He said, however, that the County Council had some reservations about the size of the pipes proposed to be installed.

Councillor McDonagh welcomed the County Engineer's guarded support for the project. He said that the local committee had first hand knowledge of the problem in the area which was supported by professional advice and they were satisfied that the pipe sizes which they proposed were adequate to meet the requirements of the situation. He asked that a decision be made quickly in the matter.

4399 - DANGEROUS BEND ON THE ROAD BETWEEN NUTGROVE CROSS AND TYNAGH:

Deputy Treacy stated that there is a dangerous bend on the public road between Nutgrove Cross and Tynagh near Killeen's house. He said that there is a very serious traffic hazard

at this location and he asked that improvements be carried out in order to relieve the situation.

4400 - OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL NOT SEEKING RE-ELECTION:

Councillor O'Morain said that on the occasion of his retirement from the County Council, he wished to express his thanks to all his colleagues on the Council both past and present with whom he had served during his 17 years with the County Council. He paid tribute to the County Manager and to the County Engineer and to all the Council Staff with whom he had worked very well during the period of his service to Galway County Council. He also paid tribute to the Press which he said was the lifeline of local democracy.

Councillor O'Conchubhair expressed his thanks to the County Manager, to the Staff of the County Council and to his Colleagues for their kindness and courtesy to him during his 12 years of service with the County Council. He said that he enjoyed his time with the County Council and he also thanked the Press and in particular, Radio na Gaeltachta, which he said provides such a great service to the people of the Gaeltacht.

Councillor Lambert thanked the County Manager and the Staff of the County Council and his Colleagues, and expressed his sadness at leaving public life. He said that he had felt particularly honoured to have been chosen by his party colleagues to be their Chairman for the past three years, and he also expressed his thanks to the Press.

Deputy Fahey thanked the Chairman, the County Manager, and the Staff of the County Council and expressed his sadness on the occasion of his departure from the County Council. He expressed his appreciation of the hard work and dedication of the Members and Staff of the County Council. He said that the County Council is a vitally important Forum and that it was important that Local Government should continue to be strengthened and that powers should be devolved to it as far as possible. He said that given the resolve of Members and Staff of the County Council, he was confident that the difficulties facing Local Government can be overcome. He thanked the Members of the Press for their contribution to Local Government and for their hard work and professionalism.

Councillor U. Burke expressed his gratitude to the Chairman, Members and Officials of the County Council for their support and courtesy to him during his service with the County Council. He said he had always been proud to be a Member of Galway County Council and had the greatest respect for all the Staff from the County Manager to the Roadworkers. He expressed his special thanks to the County Council's Area Engineers for their courtesy and co-operation. He expressed his regret that more effort had not been made to conduct the business of the County Council at Meetings through Irish.

Deputy Treacy said that he felt privileged to have been elected and to have served as a Member of Galway County

Council for 6 years and had felt particularly privileged to have been Chairman of the County Council for one of those years. He thanked his Colleagues on all sides of the House, all of whom, without exception, were working in the interests of the community. He thanked the County Manager and all the County Council Staff and said that the work done by the County Council is not appreciated by the public in general. He suggested that the County Council should have an Information Officer to ensure that the public would be aware of the good work being carried on by the County Council.

He wished success to all out-going Members of the Council seeking re-election and he thanked the Press for their contribution to Local Government.

The County Manager said that he was conscious of the significance of the last Meeting of the Council's term of Office which was a milestone in the County Council's history. He said that it was sad for Officials to see Councillors not going forward for re-election, and on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff, he thanked all the Members for their efforts on behalf of the people of Galway. He said he was aware of the thankless job which Members perform and of the pressures which they absorb. He said that whatever disagreements may have occurred between the County Council and the Officials were of little substance compared with all the work that had been accomplished due to the good spirit of co-operation which existed between the Members and the Officials. He thanked those Members not seeking re-election for their support and help during their period of service with the County Council and he offered his good wishes to those Councillors seeking re-election. He expressed his particular appreciation to the 6 Chairmen who had held Office during the term of the present Council.

He said that he is well aware of the need for informing the public of the many activities in which the County Council is engaged and the steps were being taken to rectify this situation. He referred to a proposal to publish a Newsletter which will be available to the public giving details of the County Council's activities and also to an Information Video which had been made to illustrate some of the services and schemes provided by the County Council. He also expressed his thanks to the Press for their efforts over the years to inform the public with respect to Local Government matters.

The Chairman said that he would remain in office until the Chairman of the next Council was appointed, and that therefore, he would be in the Chamber again on the 11th July, 1991. He wished, however, to express his thanks to all the Councillors for their co-operation with him during his term of office, and in particular for the fact that all of the major decisions taken by the County Council were unanimous. He thanked the Members who are not seeking re-election and said that they had all been very dedicated Councillors and that their work and effort had been well worthwhile. He expressed the wish that all out-going Members would be back for another term and he thanked the County Manager and the

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Council Staff and the members of the Press.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

- 4401 - THAT A FOOTPATH BE ERECTED FROM THE BALLYBRIT COTTAGES AT THE BACK GATE TO THE RACECOURSE TO BRIERHILL SCHOOL: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The section of road from the Ballybrit Cottages to the Monivea Road is located in the County Borough Area. There is an existing footpath commencing at the Monivea/Ballybrit junction and extending to the Brierhill School."

- 4402 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT FOOTPATH ON THE COAST ROAD BETWEEN CRUMLIN RIVER IN THE TOWNLAND OF CURRANABAUN AND GORMSCOIL COLMCILLE IN KNOCK: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

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

- 4403 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DRAW UP A FULL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF CLAREGALWAY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The road at the above location will be resurfaced in the coming weeks, white lining will be provided. The junction with Oranmore Road will be improved i.e., laying of kerbs, markings etc."

The present location of existing pedestrian crossing is being examined and a further reply will issue on this matter.

The extension of the speed limit at the above location will be considered when the next revision of the speed limits for the whole County takes place next year."

- 4404 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE SIGNS ERECTED OR REQUEST RELEVANT BODIES TO HAVE SIGNS PLACED AT SPECIFIC LOCATIONS (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The provision of signs for Abbeytown and Cong Abbey are being examined at present and if suitable, an application will be submitted to Bord Failte requesting provision of same. The Town Twinning sign at Headford will be erected if same is provided by the local

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community."

- 4405 - CLAREGALWAY TRAFFIC PROBLEMS (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The road at the above location will be resurfaced in the coming weeks, white lining will also be provided. The junction with Oranmore Road is to be improved, i.e., laying of kerbs, markings, etc."

The present location of existing pedestrian crossing is being examined and a further reply will issue on this matter.

The extension of the speed limit at the above location will be considered when the next revision of the speed limits for the whole County takes place next year."

- 4406 - THAT COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT URGENTLY NEEDED SURFACE DRESSING TO KINISKA TO CARAUN ROAD, CLAREGALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Works at the above location will be carried out in the near future."

- 4407 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT SURFACE DRESSING TO STRONGFORT, CLAREGALWAY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The above works will be carried out in the near future."

- 4408 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT 2 EXTRA LIGHTS IN THE THE SQUARE, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"Provision of lights at the above location was not included in the 1991 Public Lighting Programme."

- 4409 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PUT A LIGHT OUTSIDE MAREE CHURCH IN ORANMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MARTIN LYNCH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Martin Lynch:

"The provision of light at above location is included in the 1991 Public Lighting Programme."

- 4410 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS AT A LOCATION IN THE COUNTY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Minor repairs have recently been carried out to foot-paths leading from Kennys shop to Portumna Bridge. However, there are no funds available to renew or resurface the footpath."

- 4411 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENTS AT A LOCATION IN THE COUNTY (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"Galway County Council are aware that the existing sewerage treatment plant and sewer network in Portumna need replacement with new sewers and a modern treatment plant. As a consequence we have employed the services of Consulting Engineers to examine the existing system and formulate proposals for a new sewerage scheme for the Town. In the interim, there is no short term solution to the overflow problem which happens at times of very heavy rainfall and during power failures, such as the recent E.S.B. strike. The situation is at all times monitored carefully and preventative maintenance has been increased and overflows have been kept to a minimum."

- 4412 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ALLEVIATE THE SERIOUS FLOODING AT LARKINS BRIDGE ON THE CLOONSHEE RIVER, CLOONSHEE, AHASCRAUGH: - MOTION BY DEPUTY NOEL TREACY:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Noel Treacy:

"A number of land owners have applied to the Department of Agriculture for grant aid for the carrying out of drainage improvement works at the above location."

The Council has submitted the required estimate to the Department of Agriculture."

- 4413 - THAT PIPED DRAIN (DETAILS SUPPLIED) BE FREED OF SILT THEREBY AVOIDING FLOODING TO ROAD AND PRIVATE PROPERTY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"There are no funds available for this work."

- 4414 - THAT THE PERIMETER STAKE AND WIRE FENCE AT A SPECIFIED LOCATION BE REPLACED WITH A BLOCK WALL OF THE SAME HEIGHT (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"I regret that there are no funds available at the present time to replace the wire fence with a block wall; but arrangements are now in hand to have the wire fence repaired."

- 4415 - THAT A NEW POLLING SCHEME BE DRAFTED: - MOTION BY CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The preparatory work for a new Polling Scheme will be commenced after the summer holidays."

- 4416 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ALLOCATE £5,000 IN ADDITION TO THE £2,000 ALREADY ALLOCATED BY COUNCILLORS' NOTICE OF MOTION MONEY TOWARDS SURFACE DRESSING RUSSELSTOWN ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WALSH:

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

"The Council has not carried out any surface dressing on Regional and County Roads in recent years. It was not possible to include the above location in the 1991 surface restoration programme due to the lack of funds."

Accordingly, the Council is unable to allocate £5,000 for the above works."

- 4417 - DISPOSAL OF THE COUNTY BUILDINGS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T. WELBY:

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

"The County Buildings will be put up for sale in due course and the proceeds used for the purchase of Cluain Mhuire."

- 4418 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CONSTRUCT A FOOTPATH FROM WILLIAMSTOWN CHURCH TO THE NEW HOUSES ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE WILLIAMSTOWN/DUNMORE ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS T. WALSH AND P. FINNEGAN:

The following written reply was given to Councillors T. Walsh and P. Finnegan:

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

- 4419 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL INSTALL A PIPE IN FRONT OF SEAN LOUGHREY'S DWELLINGHOUSE, SHANAGLISH, GORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The Council will construct a soakpit at the above location in the near future."

- 4420 - THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT ROAD REPAIRS AT TOM RYAN'S, BALLYMANA, CRAUGHWELL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

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

- 4421 - WHY THE GRAVES AT KILLERERIN CEMETERY, BARNADERG, ARE DOTTED AROUND IN A DISORDERLY MANNER: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

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

"Grave spaces at Killererin Burial Ground will be allocated in a structured manner in accordance with our prepared plan."

- 4422 - THAT THE QUESTION OF RIBBON DEVELOPMENT BE PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SO THAT THE DEFINITION OF RIBBON DEVELOPMENT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL AS DEFINED IN THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE:

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

"The definition of ribbon development is set out at 7.2.8(i) Page 78 in the County Development Plan."

RIBBON DEVELOPMENT:

(Section 7.2.8.(i) of the County Development Plan)

GROUPS OF BUILDINGS (Ribbon Development)

Definition: For the purposes of this Chapter, ribbon development is defined as a group of three or more buildings located on contiguous sites which have frontage onto a public road. Similar groups of buildings in off-road locations are also included in this definition.

Development Control Policy:

Applications for such groups of buildings, whether wholly or singly in a piecemeal manner, or singly by addition to two existing or permitted contiguous

buildings will not be permitted.

Principal Considerations:

(a) It seriously impairs the visual amenity and essential character of rural areas by the introduction of inappropriate suburban-type development.

(b) It is in direct conflict with the development centres' policy (2.2.1.(i) of the Planning Authority if located close to urban centres. This policy seeks to direct all urban generated development into towns and villages where infrastructural services costing millions of pounds and community facilities exist or are planned to be provided. Such locations include the environs of Galway, Tuam and Loughrea as delineated in Maps 7A, 7B and 7C.

(c) It creates undue traffic hazard by the generation of undesirable increases in traffic turning movements on heavily trafficked National Routes. It also leads to undesirable extra traffic flows along County Roads of substandard width or alignment (horizontal and vertical) particularly along sections close to junctions with National Routes. It is pointed out that these County Roads exist primarily to serve the needs of agriculture.

(d) It leads to undue concentrations of septic tanks, which would be prejudicial to public health (including underground water reserves which may be sources of drinking water)."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Seamus Walsh  
CHAIRMAN

22.7.91

DATE