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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT STATUTORY ESTIMATES MEETING
OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS,
GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Coughlan, G. Heneghan, Administrative Officers; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

MIN. NO.

GLENAMADDY SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE SCHEME:

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The Chairman referred to his previous complaints about the flooding of premises in Glenamaddy as a result of surface water overflow. He said that premises were flooded again over the weekend and he asked the Members to unanimously support the Council's proposals to the Department to have the problem resolved. All the Members supported. The County Manager explained that the project was submitted as a small scheme but no funds had been made available. He said that the Department would be advised of the urgency of the matter and the Council's feelings about it.

FAS SCHEMES:

Councillor Finnegan complained about the fact that FAS had discontinued Social Employment Schemes involving Burial Grounds. He said this was a retrograde step and urged that FAS be asked to continue the schemes for Burial Grounds which had not benefited under S.E.S. Schemes. Deputy Connaughton and Councillor McDonagh said that excellent work had been done on Burial Grounds under FAS Schemes and the recent decision should be rescinded. Councillor McHugh recommended that local communities should get involved in the upkeep of Burial Grounds which had benefited from FAS Schemes.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1991:

The Chairman suggested that after the County Manager had given an overview of the Estimate of Expenses, that the Council would consider the Estimate, Programme by Programme.

The County Manager then outlined the details of the documents accompanying the Estimates and explained the tasks which the Council had to undertake which were:

- (1) Consider and adopt the Estimate of Expenses as circulated or as amended.
- (2) Determine in accordance with the adopted Estimate, the rates in the pound for the several services for the year ending 31st December, 1992.
- (3) Fixing of charges for domestic services (water and refuse).
- (4) Making and sealing of Demand on Ballinasloe U.D.C.

The County Manager said that the Rate Support Grant had not yet been notified to the Council but details of it should be available before the Estimates are finalised. For the benefit of new Members, the County Manager explained that the Rates Support Grant was put in place by the Government to make up for the loss of Domestic and Agricultural Rates, but does not make up for the full shortfall. He explained that the Estimate was drawn up under 8 Programmes, both Expenditure and Receipts. He explained that the Capital Expenditure figures included were only enabling figures as the provision of Capital monies was determined by the Government and did not affect the rate in the pound. The estimated Revenue Expenditure for 1992 was £34,334,685, and the sources

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of income to meet that expenditure were set out on page 2. The County Manager said that the Estimate was compiled on the basis of a rate increase of 5% and a similar increase in the charge for domestic water supply. The Tables on page 3 gave an indication of the affect any adjustment of the Estimate would have on the income available from Rates and Water Charges. The County Manager said that the details shown in the 8 Programmes gave an indication of the multiplicity of activities in which the Council is engaged in. The provision of new works from Capital spendings such as Water and Sewerage Schemes, Housing and other services, have the affect of expanding the programme of work which requires increased annual maintenance for which no subsidy is provided. The County Manager said that in recent years, there had been a decline in the level of income available to the Council when compared with the demand for services, and particularly new functions such as in the Environmental Protection Area for which no Grant Support is available. He said that the Council is obliged to live within its Budget, and over the years, has exercised strict financial control. However, unforeseen emergencies will arise which will have to be attended to which may result in something else having to be curtailed. In regard to Revenue, the County Manager stressed the point that the Council must ensure that all estimated receipts are brought into account.

Councillor Mannion complimented the County Manager, Finance Officer, and staff for the excellent reports and information on the Estimates. However, he complained about the fact that at the time the Council is considering the Statutory Estimates, no information was yet available in regard to the Rate Support Grant. Deputy McCormack proposed that the Minister be requested to notify the Council immediately of the Rate Support and Road Grants for 1992. This was seconded by Deputy Connaughton. Deputy Connaughton said that it was difficult to make decisions in the absence of the Rate Support Grant, and there had been alot of talk about Government cutbacks in 1992, which could affect Local Government. The County Manager said that the Rate Support Grant should be notified before consideration of the Estimates is concluded, and in the meantime, the Members could do alot of useful work considering all the services under the various Programmes.

Senator Hussey agreed that the Estimates should be considered Programme by Programme. In relation to Programme 1, he said that the question of house

repairs was a cause of concern even though the housing stock was reduced as a result of the Purchase Scheme, the list of repairs was endless. He acknowledged that there was an increased sum provided for 1992 but said that this would only scratch the surface and suggested that the Department be asked to provide funding for repairs. Senator Hussey said that all housing problems should be dealt with by the County Council rather than having the Health Board partly involved.

At this point, Mr. Lusby, Finance Officer, explained the format of the Estimates and how they were compiled. He then went through all the items in Programme 1, Housing and Building. Senator O'Cuiv said that there were too many Agencies involved in housing, resulting in too much form filling. He recommended that all housing should come under the County Council and that an applicant should only have to fill up one form. In reply to Deputy Connaughton about the Agency Service with the Health Board, the County Manager explained that Health Inspectors were involved in planning, housing, water quality and other services. He said it was necessary to use the Health Board Inspectors because of the supervisory of the County Medical Officer.

Mr. Lusby explained the type of expenditure included in the Support Services - Appendix 1 and how such expenditure is apportioned over the 8 Programmes. Deputy McCormack was informed that there was no Purchase Scheme in operation at the present time. Deputy Connaughton said that he could not understand why the maintenance costs of houses were so high. The County Manager said that the provision for house repairs always tended to be underfunded and there was an accumulation of arrears of work. The houses which had been purchased by tenants were probably the better houses. In reply to Councillor O'Tuathail, Mr. Lusby stated that all rent accruals were shown and must be collected. Deputy McCormack objected to some public representatives advising tenants not to pay rent, and said this was a dangerous practice.

Councillor Joe Burke complimented the Housing staff in relation to Social Housing developments in Tuam. He said that the lack of new houses had reached a critical stage with large families on the Waiting List. He also said that housing maintenance was unsatisfactory and asked if better value could be got by allowing the tenants do some repairs themselves. Councillors McHugh, Mullins, and Senator Hussey asked that time be allowed in the future for a discussion on

alternative ways of carrying out house repairs including the possibility of the tenant doing some repairs. The County Manager said that a report would be prepared on the matter for the Members and a discussion could then follow.

Councillor M. Fahy said that extra finance was needed for rural housing. He said that the Plan for Social Housing would not benefit everybody and that more local authority houses were urgently required. He suggested that the Council send a deputation to the Minister for additional funding. Councillor O'Sullivan said that as far back as July, he was advised of the shortage of money for house repairs. This came as a surprise to him having regard to the number of houses purchased under the Purchase Scheme and said that a solution would have to be found. He suggested that the Department be asked to make a once-off grant towards repairs. He said that the system whereby the Western Health Board was involved in house repairs resulted in duplication. Councillor Willie Burke said that 1988 Purchase Scheme was very successful and another similar scheme would be welcome. He said that tenants were reluctant to spend money on repairs in the absence of a Purchase Scheme.

Deputy Connaughton said that while the 1988 Purchase Scheme was a good one, it had its drawbacks. He said he did not understand why the Council did not dispose of some of its housing sites. He asked if the Council was at the point of repossessing houses where loanees were in difficulty with repayments. Deputy Connaughton said that the public were now more demanding and extra responsibilities were placed on the Local Authority. He asked if it was correct that about 90% of water supplies in County Galway would not meet the E.E.C. guidelines. He also objected to the Council having to maintain Courthouses and pay pensions for former employees of the Committee of Agriculture.

Councillor Byrne said that the maintenance of new Capital Works, without any State Subvention, posed a serious problem and could result in new works having to be restricted. He said that additional Capital funds were necessary in order to have a worthwhile Housing Programme. He said that some demountables are in a deplorable condition and he was aware of three demountables that are vacant due to lack of funds to have them shifted.

Senator O'Cuiv said that the receipts in respect of

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housing rents were little more than the cost of maintenance, rent collection and administration. He said he was appalled at the fact that houses are not maintained properly. He disagreed with fire brigade solutions and said that a survey of repairs should be carried out and a programme prepared. He said that the system of rent collection should be looked at from the point of view of cost effectiveness as there should be easier methods than calling to houses. In relation to the Differential Rents Scheme, Senator O'Cuiv said he got the impression that an applicant totally dependent on Social Welfare with 5 children could end up paying more rent than a couple with no children and this did not seem right. He said there should be streamlining of the system of applying for housing and that Sanitary Services should be provided in every house, and demountables discontinued. Senator O'Cuiv said that the cost of administration needed to be looked at and he was appalled at the lack of computerisation in the County Council. He said he was against any policy that would encourage rural applicants into town schemes.

At this point, on the proposition of Councillor Cunningham, it was agreed that the Meeting would continue until 6.00 p.m. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, it was agreed that an Adjourned Estimates Meeting would be called for 3.30 p.m. on Monday, 18th November.

Councillor Gavin said that he would favour tenants doing minor repairs themselves and asked if the cost could be credited against the rent. Councillor O'Tuathail said that he was in favour of getting value for money and welcomed the proposed discussion about house repairs. He said there seemed to be a continuing problem in Connemara getting sites for rural houses. He urged that the Council should try and provide a few houses in Gaeltacht villages like Carraroe and Rosmuc. He said that demountables were unsatisfactory requiring alot of maintenance.

Councillor O'Neachtain also agreed that demountables were unsatisfactory and false economy in the long term. He said that people in Gaeltacht areas should not be asked to move out of their area and he supported the idea of building small schemes in villages and towns.

Councillor Mullins said that there seemed to be a housing crisis in County Galway. He said that he had made a proposal previously to seek funds from the Department for the provision of Sanitary Services in

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existing demountable dwellings. He said he was now proposing that this situation be highlighted and that a further request be made to the Department.

SEMINAR - "TOWARDS A FULL LIFE" - SALTHILL HOTEL - 29TH NOVEMBER, 1991: 303

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillor McHugh be nominated to attend this Seminar.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Finnerty, it was agreed that Councillors McDonagh and Walsh be nominated to attend the Seminar also.

SEMINAR - "DEVELOPING THE WEST TOGETHER" - CORRIB GREAT SOUTHERN HOTEL: 304

On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor McHugh, it was agreed that the attendance of Deputy Kitt instead of Councillor McHugh at this Conference be approved.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Leanne Walsh
CHAIRMAN

20/12/1991
DATE.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

29u la Deire Fomhair, 1991.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

You are requested to attend the Statutory Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 11th November, 1990, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration and adoption of Estimate of Expenses for year 1992. (Copy of Estimate and of County Manager's Report herewith).
2. Determination in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses adopted of the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1992.
3. Making of Charges for Water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1992, up to and including the 31st March, 1993.
4. Making of Charges in respect of Refuse Collection by Galway County Council from Domestic premises for the period 1st April, 1992, up to and including the 31st March, 1993.
5. Making and Sealing of Demand on Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer; J. Walsh, Senior Staff Officer; P. Carroll, Acting Senior Staff Officer; J. Forde, Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

MIN. NO.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 64502 - APPLICANT: MARTIN FINNERTY:

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The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy, and seconded by Councillor S. O'Neachtain.

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

"LOCATION OF SITE:

The site is located on the Derrydonnell-Athenry Road approximately 250 yards from the junction with the Galway-Dublin Road. It is located on the eastern side of the road at the end of a row of 6 no. existing dwellinghouses.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 14164: Outline Planning Permission granted for a dwellinghouse to Mr. P. Cahill on a larger site. The present site was included in the site of this application.

Ref. No. 16045: Approval granted for a dwellinghouse to Miss B. Cahill. The present site was included in the site of this application.

Ref. No. 37135: Permission refused to Mr. M. Finnerty for a dwellinghouse on a site which approximates to the present site. The application was refused on public health grounds and due to inadequate site frontage.

Ref. No. 38030: Permission refused to Mr. M. Finnerty for a dwellinghouse. Similar application to 37135.

Ref. No. 63658: Permission refused to Mr. M. Finnerty for a store.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site for the proposed commercial store is located on a busy Regional Route which is subject to Class 11 Development Control as set out in Chapter 8, Table 8B of the County Development Plan. This Table states that only commercial or industrial or institutional development with special fully substantiated claims for location on these routes will be considered.

The applicant operates a successful distribution business covering the Counties of Galway and Mayo from a rented store in Galway City. Apparently his lease is not being renewed and he requires alternative storage. No reason has been given why alternative storage cannot be obtained elsewhere in Galway City, or indeed in the industrial zone in Oranmore other than that they would be more costly than the current low rent he

is now paying.

The applicant lives in the corner house at the Derrydonnell Cross junction but the proximity of his dwellinghouse has no particular bearing on his commercial activities.

There are currently 2 no unauthorised commercial uses on this Regional Route within 3/4 of a mile of the proposed development which are being actively pursued by the Planning Authority, namely a workshop and a car sales business.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Planning Authority do not consider that the proposed development falls within the category of development permissible on this Route, and it is proposed to refuse the application as follows:

1. The proposed commercial store would be located on a busy regional route where the maximum speed limit applies and where it is the stated policy of the Planning Authority to limit commercial development to development with fully substantiated claims for location on the said route. It is not considered that the proposed development falls within the category of permitted development and therefore, if permitted, it would be contrary to the provisions of Chapter 8, Table 8B of the County Development Plan which seeks to restrict such development.

2. The proposed development would be located on a busy regional route where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic on the said route, thus constituting a traffic hazard which would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area."

The County Engineer referred to an ERU Report on road accidents in Ireland during 1990 and said that it made very bad reading with a lot of accidents in County Galway. The report pointed out that by far the most common vehicle manoeuvre, in both urban and rural areas, before the accident was "going ahead, not overtaking". Accidents of this kind tend to be more severe than the average. The next most common category is "turning right". The County Engineer said that the proposed development would result in additional turning movements which according to the

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ERU Report was a major factor in the cause of accidents.

Councillor Michael Fahy said that the development was not on a National Primary Road but on the Athenry Road not far from the National Primary Road. He said the Store was not required for commercial use but for storage. He said the applicant was self-employed and had nobody else employed, and there would not be a heavy business outflow from it. In view of the fact that the latest decision date was 30th November, 1991, Councillor Fahy proposed that the resolution be deferred to the next Monthly Meeting to allow the applicant to have further discussions with the Planning Staff.

Councillor Loughnane said that the applicant needs the Store to distribute his goods. He said the applicant will be forced to pay a high cost for alternative accommodation. From a convenience and economic point of view, it made good sense to have the Store near his home. He said that the applicant was making a job for himself and that should be taken into account. Councillor Loughnane seconded Councillor Fahy's proposal to defer to the Resolution and this was agreed.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63895: APPLICANT: FRANK BURKE:

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Councillor McDonagh said that he had received additional information just prior to the Meeting and for this reason proposed that the Resolution be deferred to the Monthly Meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

DATE FOR DECEMBER MONTHLY MEETING:

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The Secretary stated that the December Monthly Meeting was usually held on the third Monday in December which this year would be the 16th December. He said, however, this date would not be suitable as it was the Monday after the second Friday (Planning Meeting), as the Meetings would be too close to one another. He suggested that the Monthly Meeting be held on the third Friday, the 20th December. He said it was necessary to fix a date for the Meeting because the election of a representative on the Governing Body of University College Galway was due to take place, and the Chairman had to declare the Meeting at which the appointment would be made.

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that the December Monthly Meeting take place on Friday, 20th December.

Senator O'Cuiv asked when would the information be available in relation to Planning Refusals in Connemara resulting from septic tank problems. The County Manager stated that arrangements were being made for representatives from Puraflo to attend a Council Meeting and the information could be supplied at that Meeting.

ARTS GRANT - COMPOSER IN RESIDENCE:

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The County Manager stated that the Council's Arts Organiser had organised a Composer in Residence under the sponsorship of University College Galway, Chamber of Commerce, Galway Corporation, and Galway County Council. The Composer was Mr. Philip Martin and the residency commenced in October. He said that the Corporation's contribution was £1,750 and he recommended that the Council contribute a similar sum under the 1991 Arts Grant Allocation.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, the Council agreed to the County Manager's recommendation.

SPIDDAL REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

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Councillor O'Neachtain said that a recent report showed that the level of alum in the Spiddal Water Supply was above the E.E.C. limit. He was surprised that a new Water Scheme would have such a problem and asked that the matter be investigated.

The County Engineer explained that Aluminium Sulphide was used to remove the colour from water, but the dosage required varied depending on the climatic conditions during any part of the day or night. He said the result of the random sample taken was not serious and there was no medical proof to show that the use of Aluminium Sulphide had any detrimental affects. The County Engineer said that the only other alternative was the use of trihalomethanes which are now believed to be carcinogenic.

Councillor O'Neachtain asked that samples be taken more regularly and the County Engineer said that he would take this matter up with the Western Health Board.

WOODSTOCK/COYCULLEN ROAD:

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Councillor Gavin referred to the number of accidents on the Woodstock to Corcullen Road, about 500-600 yards. He said there was a fatal accident two years ago and nearly another one recently. He asked if there were any proposals to improve the road, put up warning signs, etc.. The County Engineer replied that he was pessimistic about anything being done to the road due to lack of funds. He said that there were hundreds of miles of National Secondary Roads which needed improvement, and he agreed that the Woodstock/Corcullen Road needed to be upgraded. He said that "Blackspot" signs were not statutory signs and therefore the Council did not erect them.

IRISH SALMON GROWERS CONFERENCE - CLIFDEN - 22ND-23RD NOVEMBER, 1991:

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On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillor O'Neachtain be nominated to attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was agreed that Councillor McDonagh and Deputy McCormack be nominated to attend the Conference.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONFERENCE - LIMERICK - 27TH-28TH NOVEMBER, 1991:

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On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, it was agreed that Councillor Quinn be nominated to attend this Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, it was agreed that Councillor Mannion be nominated to attend the Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, it was agreed that Councillor Ryan be also nominated to attend the Conference.

PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING:

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It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Meeting and placed high on the Agenda.

RECLASSIFICATION OF AREAS OF SOUTH GALWAY AS SEVERELY DISADVANTAGED AREAS:

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

ARDRAHAN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

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It was agreed that this item be deferred to the Monthly Meeting and that a deputation be received at that Meeting.

CAP REFORM:

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The Chairman welcomed MEP Mark Killilea and MEP Joe McCartin who had been invited to the Meeting to discuss the Reform of CAP. MEP Killilea then addressed the Meeting explaining the proposals for the Reform of CAP and circulated an explanatory memorandum giving various statistics, etc. MEP McCartin then addressed the Meeting giving his explanation and opinion in relation to the proposals. A lengthy question and answer session then took place between the Councillors and the MEPs during which all the various aspects of the Common Agricultural Policy and its Reform were discussed.

At the end of the discussion, the Chairman and Members thanked Mr. Killilea and Mr. McCartin for attending the Meeting, and congratulated them on the expert knowledge and interest which they had in their Brief.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

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Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

The O'Malley Family, Headford.
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Seymore, Woodford, Co. Galway.
Mr. Brian Uniacke & Family, Isserkelly, Kilchreest, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Pat Shanahan & Family, Beach Road, Clifden.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Leanne Walsh CHAIRMAN

3/12/91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

lu' la Samhain, 1991

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De h-Aoine, an 8u la Samhain, 1991, ag tosnú ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for the erection of Store at Derrydonnell Beg, Oranmore, Co. Galway, to Mr. Martin Finnerty, Derrydonnell Beg, Oranmore, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 64502."

Michael Fahy. Toddie Byrne. Michael Cunningham.
Matt Loughnane. Michael Regan.

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 Frank Burke, Lackagh, - Planning Ref. No. 63895 - for house and septic tank.

Jarlath McDonagh. P. McCormack. Sean O'Neachtain.
Evelyn Varley.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Plan for Social Housing.
3. CAP Reform.
4. Reclassification of areas of South Galway as severely disadvantaged areas.
5. Arts Grant - Composer, in Residence.
6. Ardrahan Road Improvements.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE OFF-SHORE ISLANDS COMMITTEE OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER, 1991 AT 11.30 A.M.

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PRESENT: Aileen Murray, Inishboffin
Eamonn O' hEanaigh, Inishere
Seamus O'Flatharta, Inishmor
An Seanadoir, Eamonn O'Cuiv
An Comhairleoir, Micheal O'Neil,
An Comhairleoir, Peadar O'Tuathail,
An Comhairleoir, Connie Ni Fhatharta,
An Comhairleoir, Sean O'Neachtain,
An Comhairleoir, Seamus MacGabhan.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary
Mr. R. Killeen, S.E.E.
Mr. P. Ridge, S.E.E.
Mr. T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer
Mr. C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer
Mr. G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES: An Comhairleoir, John Mannion
Frank O'Domhnaill, Inishmean

1. The County Secretary invited nominations for the position of Chairman. Mhol an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta agus chuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Cuiv go dtoghfaí an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain mar chathaoirleach don choiste. Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail agus chuidigh an Comhairleoir O'Neil go dtoghfaí an Comhairleoir MacGabhan mar chathaoirleach don choiste. Togadh vota agus seo a leanas mar a tharla:-

Ar son an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain - An Seanadoir Eamonn O'Cuiv, An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta agus An Comhairleoir Sean O'Neachtain (3).

Ar son an Comhairleoir MacGabhan - An Comhairleoir Seamus MacGabhan, An Comhairleoir Michael O'Neil, An Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail agus Seamus O'Flatharta (4).

Mar sin, toghadh an Comhairleoir MacGabhan mar chathaoirleach.

Ghlac an cathaoirleach buíochas le gach duine a thug vota do. Rinne se eagaoineadh leis an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain. Dúirt se nach raibh aon cumhacht airithe ag an gCoiste. Dúirt se freisin go raibh se tabhachtach go dtuigfeadh na baill na deacrachtaí eagsula a bhaineann le chonai ar oilean.

Ghlac an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain buíochas leis an gcathaoirleach. Dúirt se gur thuig se na deacrachtaí a bhaineann le bheith i do chonai ar oilean. Dúirt se freisin go raibh suil aige go n-oibreodh an coiste in eineacht le Udaras na Gaeltachta chun na h-oileain a fhorbairt.

2. Leas Cathaoirleach. Mhol an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta agus chuidigh an Seanadoir O'Cuiv go dtoghfaí an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain mar leas cathaoirleach. Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Neil agus chuidigh an cathaoirleach go dtoghfaí an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail mar leas cathaoirleach. Togadh vota agus seo mar a leanas a tharla:-

Ar son an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain An Seanadoir Eamonn O'Cuiv, An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta, An Comhairleoir Sean O'Neachtain agus Eamonn O'hEanaigh (4).

Ar son an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail - An Comhairleoir Seamus MacGabhan, An Comhairleoir Micheal O'Neil, An Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail agus Seamus O'Flatharta (4).

As rud e go raibh ceithre vota an duine ag an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain agus an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail, chaith an cathaoirleach a vota reitigh ar son an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail. Da bhri sin, toghadh an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail mar leas cathaoirleach.

The Chairman indicated that the affairs of the Committee could be conducted bi-lingually.

Ms. Aileen Murray then gave an outline of the difficulties experienced by the inhabitants of Inishboffin and among the matters raised was the continuing problem with erosion of the island. She pointed out that roads are in a bad condition, and that while some work had been done in the past, further works would be welcomed. She pointed out that the electrification of the water-pumping system is awaited and pointed out that a house had been burnt down due to a lack of water pressure. A light is required near the Health Centre and some improvement works are required at the Burial Ground. She pointed out that materials had arrived for the construction of two Local Authority dwelling houses and welcomed this development. She pointed out that sign-posting is required on the mainland to identify the location the island and that a number of danger signs are required on the island. Lifebuoys are also required on the beaches.

Dúirt Eamonn O'hEanaigh gurb i na fadhbanna is mó ar oilean Inishere na coras bailiúchain bruscar, stor uisce, coras muchta tine agus damaiste na storme a tharla le deanai. D'iarraigh se fresin, faoi na deontaisi a ta le fail do na tithe agus soilse ar an gceibh. Dúirt se go mba mhaith le na hOileanaigh na listi Cead Pleanála a fhail agus dúirt se fresin, go raibh obair le deanamh ar na boithre agus sa reilig.

Dúirt Seamus O'Flatharta, o Inishmor, go raibh níos mó na cead míle duine ar an oilean i rith an t-Samhraidh agus go raibh an-fadhb leis an stor uisce. Dúirt se freisin, go raibh coras muchta tine ag teastail o na h-oileaini. Dúirt se go raibh obair le deanamh ar na boithre agus go bhfuil reilig nua ag teastail.

In reply, Mr. Roddy Killeen pointed out that the funds available for coastal erosion were inadequate, but that certain works will be carried out before the end of the year. Similarly, an inadequate amount of

funding is available for road maintenance but a certain amount of works would be carried out as funds and labour are available. With regard to water supply, he indicated that the diesel pumps had been replaced and that the power lines had been laid for the electrification of the waterworks. The provision of one light would be considered at Inishboffin and he undertook to examine the situation regarding the maintenance of the burial ground and the provision of sign-posting as requested. Lifebuoys would also be made available.

With regard to refuse collection and disposal on Inishere, he referred to the system which exists on Inishboffin of taking the refuse to the mainland but pointed out that this would not be as easily implemented on the Aran Islands. Sites for refuse disposal had been examined but were found to be unsuitable. With regard to storm damage generally, he pointed out that of a total itemised report detailing £3 million worth of storm damage throughout the County, a grant of only £280,000 was available for the entire County. He pointed out that roads on Inishmore would be maintained as resources allowed and similarly, additional street lighting would be provided if funding is available.

Mr. Paul Ridge indicated that consultants had been retained by the Council to advise on the present and future requirements for water supply on Inishmor and it is expected that a preliminary report will be available towards the end of November. The consultants have been asked to examine the long-term solutions and to have particular regard to the increased tourist activities on the island in recent years. It is anticipated that when the report is examined that its possible application to the other islands will be investigated.

Clr. O'Neachtain indicated that the works carried out at Inishmor water supply were of a temporary nature. He believes that extra storage is required and looks forward to the Consultants considerations in this regard. He indicated that he had a motion for discussion regarding refuse disposal at a forthcoming County Council Meeting and also pointed out that pier facilities are inadequate and that the Committee should put pressure on the relevant department for pier improvements. He suggested that a future meeting of the Committee should be held on one of the islands. Senator O'Cuiv felt that any islander who wished to stay on the island should not be offered rehousing on the mainland and suggested that discussions should be opened with Roinn na Gaeltachta regarding grants for thatched cottages. He proposed that the Committee ask the Department of the Environment to increase the £10,000 grant available for repairs to dwelling houses to £14,000 where it referred to island situations as there is a differential between the cost of carrying out such works on an island. With regard to refuse, he would favour taking it from the islands for disposal. With regard to the taking of gravel on Inishboffin, he expressed the fear that further removal of gravel will result in the sea overflowing and cutting off a section of the island. He pointed out that Inishboffin is at a disadvantage, as it is not a Gaeltacht island and among the additional problems on that island, he pointed out the requirement for a hoist on the pier and for the provision of a helipad with light and beacon. Clr. Michael O'Neill felt that the meeting had been worthwhile in outlining

the problems experienced by the islanders. He welcomed the responses from the officials to the problems raised and supported the housing of natives of the islands on the islands.

In response to Senator O'Cuiv, Mr. Killeen pointed out that the difficulties in removing waste from the Aran Islands, is that the quantities are greater than that experienced in Inishboffin and that the waste cannot be transported along with food and tourists. He felt that ideally the waste should be transported to Galway. Senator O'Cuiv said that this matter should be examined in conjunction with the new ferry which is proposed for the Aran Islands from Galway. Clr. Ni Fhatharata agreed with the idea that one meeting should be held on an island and suggested that the Council should make enquiries with other County Councils and with Island Authorities off Scotland to examine their experiences with island dwellers.

Mr. Kavanagh pointed out that the question of the provision of a hoist on the pier is a matter for the Office of Public Works, but he pointed out that the County Council could examine the provision of a helipad. With regard to applications for replacement of thatched roofs, he indicated that very few people wanted their houses re-thatched but any that did, were welcomed by the Council. Refuse collection is a major problem on the islands and will be further examined. He pointed out that it is not Council policy to ask inhabitants of islands to take rehousing on the mainland except in emergency situations when a house might be available on the mainland. He pointed out that a list of the applications for planning permission would be made available to the representatives of the islands on the Committee.

The Committee passed a unanimous vote of congratulations with Mr. Colie Hernon who had recently been awarded an Honorary Masters Degree in Rural Development. This concluded the business of the meeting.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Seamus Walsh CHAIRMAN

3/12/91 DATE

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Joe Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, C. Ni Phatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Coughlan, G. Heneghan, Administrative Officers; C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

MIN. NO.

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Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Breandain O Flatharta, Uasal, Baile Liam, An Spideal.
Tomas O Curraoin, Uasal, Cnocan Glas, An Spideal.
Mr. Eugene Spelman, Lake Road, Loughrea.
The Canney Family, Deerpark, Headford.
The Carr Family, Lisdaran, Athenry.
Mr. Jim McHugh, The Square, Headford.
Mr. Paddy Joe Larkin, Dromar, Peterswell.
Mrs. Mary Curley, Coolourty, Tuam.

CONGRATULATIONS:

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Deputy Connaughton congratulated the Kiltormer Hurling Team on winning the Senior County Hurling Final.

Councillor Ryan congratulated the Chairman and County Manager on their participation in the recent visit by Galway/Boston Ventures to the Boston Trade Fair.

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Minutes of Special Meeting held on 13/9/1991:

Deputy McCormack referred to Minute No. 142 of Meeting of 13th September, 1991, relating to Section 4 Resolution on Planning Application Number 63764 - Applicant: Richard Mulkerrins. He said that this Minute was inaccurate, and that he had not mentioned anything about Mr. Walsh's planning application. He said the inaccuracy of the Minutes could have affected the decision made by the County Manager on the Planning application. Deputy McCormack said he wished to have the Minute corrected by including the following statement in the Minute, and this was agreed by the Council:

"I wish to have included in the Minutes the fact that I did counteract the statement by the County Engineer that the entrance provided a traffic hazard.

I stated that, far from creating a traffic hazard, this improved farm entrance eliminated a traffic hazard which was the existing entrance.

I did also in reply to the County Engineer point out that this was the only suitable location for the entrance for the reason that the land along the rest of the main road frontage dropped considerably under the level of the road, and also that it is and was at the existing entrance that Mr. Mulkerrins has his milking location and his E.S.B. power point, and has been using this entrance for more than 40 years, and that now he had greatly improved this entrance eliminating the previous serious traffic hazard.

I at no time accepted that the improved entrance created a traffic hazard. In fact, I demonstrated that the opposite was the case."

Subject to the above correction, the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 13/9/1991 were approved and signed by the Chairman, having been proposed by Councillor Ryan, and seconded by Deputy Kitt.

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

- (a) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23/9/1991.
- (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 4/10/1991.
- (c) Minutes of Joint Committee Meeting on Travellers held on 20/9/1991.

Arising from Minutes:

Referring to Minutes of Joint Committee on Travellers, Councillor M. Fahy asked if the proposal to build a house at Shannon Park still stood. Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Byrne referred to the provision of Halting Sites, details of which were not included in the Minutes and said that these should not be provided in a secretive manner. Councillor Loughnane referred to page 2 of the Minute and said that he was still awaiting information which he had requested.

There was a short discussion on Cluain Mhuire and it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next Meeting at which the County Manager is present.

SALE OF HOUSE TO MICHAEL AND ANGELA McMAHON: 234

On the proposition of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house at Gurteenboy, Gort, to Michael and Angela McMahon, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 11th October, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenants (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

SALE OF SITE TO PETER AND JACQUELINE HAVERTY: 235

On the proposition of Deputy Connaughton, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at 16 Ard Aoibhinn, Athenry, to Peter and Jacqueline Haverty, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 10th October, 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."

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND TO PHILIP AND ANN HENDERSON: 236

The Secretary explained that this referred to the sale of a small area of land in order to regularise the boundary of a housing site previously sold by the Council. He asked the Council to ignore the following sentence which appeared in error at the bottom of the Section 83 Notice:

"This site has the affect of rescinding notice of the 8th January, 1979, and 9th June, 1980."

On the proposition of Councillor Toddie Byrne, seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at Clarinbridge to Philip and Anne Henderson in accordance with the terms of notice dated 18th October, 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."

SALE OF SITE TO MR. JAMES BODKIN: 237

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, it was resolved:

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"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a site at ~~Clarinbridge~~ to James Bodkin in accordance with the terms of notice dated 20th September, 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."

REVISION OF REMUNDRATION FOR CHIEF FIRE OFFICER: 238

The Secretary explained that the sanction of the Minister for the Environment had been received to the implementation of an Arbitration Award to certain Chief Fire Officers including the Galway Chief Fire Officer. The award amounted to a 5% increase payable as follows:-

40% from the 1st July, 1989
30% from the 1st April, 1990.
30% from the 1st October, 1990.

The total cost of implementing the award for the financial years 1989, 1990 and 1991 amounted to £2,480. On the proposition of Councillor Finnerty seconded by Deputy Kitt the Council approved of payment of increased salary to the Chief Fire Officer as explained by the County Secretary and sanctioned by the Minister for the Environment.

AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1990. 239

A copy of the Audited Report on the Accounts of Galway County Council for the year ended 31st December, 1990 had been circulated to each Member of the Council. Councillor Loughnane complimented the County Manager, Finance Officer and Staff on the Report. The report was noted.

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO SHANNON FORUM: 240

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan seconded by Councillor Mannion it was agreed to defer this item to the next Monthly Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE WESTERN INTER COUNTY RAILWAY COMMITTEE. 241

Deputy Kitt said that there were four Members from the Council on the previous Committee. The Secretary stated that the Invitation from the Committee asked the Council to nominate three Members. Deputy Kitt proposed that the Council nominate five Members and said that the Chairman of the Committee had no objection to this. This was seconded by Councillor McDonagh and agreed.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, it was agreed to nominate Councillor Finnegan and

Deputy Kitt to the Committee.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton it was also agreed to nominate Councillors J. McDonagh, J. Mannion and J. Burke to the Committee.

CONFERENCE - DEVELOPING THE WEST TOGETHER - GALWAY - 4th 242
5th NOVEMBER, 1991.

Deputy Connaughton said that this was a very important conference for public representatives and that as many members as would wish to attend should be allowed to do so. He was supported by Councillors Loughnane and McDonagh. The Secretary stated that the Conference Fee and Expenses could only be paid for up to three Members unless the Minister for the Environment authorised more than three to attend.

After some discussion it was agreed that three Members would be nominated and that the Secretary would seek the Minister's approval for the attendance of a further three members and that he would also try and arrange with the organisers of the Conference that further Councillors could attend as observers.

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor M. Fahy, it was agreed that Councillor McHugh be nominated to attend the Conference.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was agreed that Deputy Connaughton be nominated to attend the Conference.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor W. Burke, it was agreed that Councillor Varley be nominated to attend the Conference.

The Council also agreed that the sanction of the Minister be requested to the attendance of the following Members:-

Councillor T. Walsh, (Chairman). Councillor
Quinn and Deputy McCormack.

Deputy McCormack said that if Ministerial Sanction was not forthcoming, he would withdraw his name in favour of the Chairman, Councillor Walsh and this was agreed.

TRANSPORT CONFERENCE - 14th OCTOBER, 1991 243

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Finnerty, the attendance of Councillor McDonagh at this Conference instead of Councillor Ryan was approved. Deputy Kitt asked the Secretary to enquire as to how many Councillors from other local authorities attended this Conference.

INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE AT MULLAGHMORE. 244

Councillor Cunningham proposed that the Council support the

proposed Interpretative Centre at Mullaghmore. Councillor Byrne said that before making a decision, the Council should take into account the views of any interested party who might be opposing the development and also the result of the Environmental Impact Study. It was agreed that the matter be deferred.

KNOCKFERRY-KILBEG BRIDGE. 245

Mr. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager referred to report dated 20th September, 1991 and enclosures which had been circulated to each Member. The report showed where the matter rested at present. Councillor Gavin said that the local committee had been working on this project for a long number of years and wanted to keep it alive. The Committee felt that the Council was insisting on a large bridge whereas a smaller bridge would suffice. The County Engineer said that the Committee's proposal was for a low level bridge and that the Council was not in a position to assess the Bridge Committee's proposals until the questions as set out in his letter of 26th April, 1989 were answered.

REVIEW OF CASUAL TRADING ACT, 1980 246

Report dated 22nd October, 1991 from County Secretary was circulated to each Member. The Secretary stated that the problem of Casual Trading had been raised at a recent Meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers and the correspondence circulated explained why the Council had not designated any Casual Trading Area within the County. He said that the Act was being reviewed at present and as a result of an enquiry from the Department of Industry and Commerce, the Council had made a submission suggesting amendments to the Act. He asked the Council if they agreed with the suggested amendments or if they wished to make further suggestions. Councillor Mannion said that he was satisfied with the submission made to the Department in letter dated 4th February, 1991. He proposed that the Council pass a motion endorsing the submission and send it to the Department of Industry and Commerce. This was seconded by Deputy Connaughton and agreed.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER.

C.A.P. REFORM. 247

The Secretary reminded the Members that they had invited the M.E.P.'s for the Connaught/Ulster Constituency to a Meeting of the Council on the 11th October, 1991 to discuss the reform of C.A.P. He said that the 11th October did not suit any of the M.E.P.'s because of a Plenary Session of the European Parliament. The Secretary stated that two of the M.E.P.'s - Mr. Mark Killilea and Mr. Joe McCarton could attend the Council Meeting on the 8th November. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan it was agreed that Mr. Killilea and Mr. McCarton be invited to the Meeting on the 8th November.

GLENAMADDY SEWERAGE SCHEME.

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The Chairman then raised the question of Glenamaddy Surface Water Drainage Scheme. The Chairman referred to the urgent need for a proper surface water drainage scheme in Glenamaddy. He said that due to continued development, the drainage problem was getting worse. As a result of recent heavy rains, flooding of houses had occurred. He proposed that the Council ask the Department of the Environment to make immediate funds available. This was seconded by Deputy Connaughton and agreed.

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR BARNA/SPIDDAL AREA.

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Councillor O'Neachtain said that because of the extensive development taking place west of Barna, it was important for the Council to decide on an overall plan which would take into account the necessary infrastructure of roads, sanitary services etc. He said that serious problems would arise if the necessary services were not planned, and he asked that a report be prepared as soon as possible. Deputy McCormack supported Councillor O'Neachtain. The Deputy County Manager stated that such a report would take time to prepare but would be made available as soon as possible.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AT ARDRAHAN.

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Councillor M. Fahy stated that he was concerned about road safety in the village of Ardrahan as a result of the improvement of the National Primary Road leading into the village. He said that vehicles would be travelling through the Village at very high speeds and that a roundabout would be necessary. He said the matter was urgent and proposed that it be put on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting. This was agreed.

BEEF SUBSIDY SCHEME:

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Councillor Quinn pointed out an anomaly in this scheme which could result in farmers not qualifying for beef subsidy and asked that the matter be brought to the attention of the Minister for Agriculture. This was agreed.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION.

REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT ON ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED) TO PREVENT CONSTANT SPLASHING ON HIS FRONT WALL - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN. 252

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan.

"The Area Engineer has been in contact with the house owner involved. It is hoped to have the matter resolved in the near future".

THAT EXTENSION OF THE FOOTPATH MENTIONED BE CARRIED OUT - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE. 253

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane.

"There are no funds available for provision of footpath at above location in the current year. However, the provision of a section of footpath will be considered when the proposed Regional Water Scheme comes on stream".

Councillor Loughnane said that there was need for an extension of the footpath from Longpoint to Earlsparck Cross and that the Council should plan for it.

THAT THE COUNCIL REPAIR THE WALLS ON THE CAUSEWAY AT BEALADANGAN, ANNAGHVANE AND LETTERMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA. 254

The following written reply was given to An Comhairleoir Ni Flatharta.

"The Council has no proposals in relation to road side walls at Bealadangan, Annaghvane and Lettermore in the current year."

THAT APPROPRIATE VILLAGE SIGNS BE ERECTED AT VILLAGE - (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MCDONAGH. 255

The following written reply was given to Councillor McDonagh.

"There are no proposals to erect a village name sign as it is not Council policy to provide signs at such locations."

Councillor McDonagh said it was time that Roscahill was signposted as some smaller areas had been. The County Engineer said that Roscahill was an area stretching a number of miles rather than a village and it was not Council policy to place such signs all over the County. Councillor Gavin supported Councillor McDonagh and suggested a sign at Doon Bridge and Sullivans house.

THAT COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE ALL DRAINS OPEN AND RE-OPENED ON KILLAGoola ROAD, MOYCULLEN. (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. MCDONAGH. 256

The following written reply was given to Councillor McDonagh.

"Improvement works including the opening of some drains was recently carried out at the above location under the discretionary grant allocation."

THAT AN ISLAND BE INSTALLED AT THE JUNCTION OF THE CARNMORE/CLAREGALWAY JUNCTION - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK. 257

The following written reply was given to Deputy McCormack.

"The junction in question is the N64 -R339 junction at Carnmore. There are two islands existing on the R339 "legs".

Deputy McCormack said that he was referring to the junctions on the Carnmore/Claregalway Road and not at Carnmore Cross.

THAT 30 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT BE ERECTED AT TONEGURRANE VILLAGE, CORRANDULLA, CO. GALWAY - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK. 258

The following written reply was given to Deputy 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 next year"

THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL PREPARE PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC TOILETS IN MOYCULLEN VILLAGE AND THAT THE COUNCIL INVESTIGATE THE AVAILABILITY OF A SUITABLE SITE. I REQUEST THAT THIS WORK BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEAR'S ESTIMATES. GREAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN THE AREA AND HENCE THE GREAT NEED FOR THE FACILITY. THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION WOULD GIVE THEIR TOTAL SUPPORT. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN. 259

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin.

"The Council must consider whether the provision of a public convenience in Moycullen can be regarded as a priority in the light of all the competing demands on the Council's resources. However, if the local development association identifies a suitable site, the construction of a public convenience can be considered in the future subject to Department of the Environment approval and necessary funds being available."

Councillor Gavin explained the need for public toilets in Moycullen.

OWING TO THE CONTINUED HIGH LEVELS OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE MOYCULLEN AREA, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IS THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING SEWERAGE DISCHARGE? HOW MANY HOUSES WAS THE SCHEME INTENDED FOR? I REQUEST THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND PREPARE PLANS FOR A NEW OR DEVELOPED SEWERAGE SCHEME AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE COUNCIL. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN. 260

The following written reply was given to Councillor Gavin.

"Moycullen is at present served by an imhoff tank and filters. The construction of a Sewerage Scheme and treatment works for Moycullen would constitute a major capital scheme. The planning of such schemes is dependent on priority and approval from the Department of the Environment. At present the Council has priority schemes in planning to a total value in excess of £138 million and advance planning costs must be borne by the Council.

While there is a need for a comprehensive plan for sewerage treatment in villages, funds are not available at present for such schemes. If the Council were to proceed to prepare plans for schemes other than those in the existing programme, funds would need to be made available as the Council would not be in a position to carry the expenditure incurred on a long term basis.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT REPAIRS TO THE PATH IN TYNAGH VILLAGE AND FIX THE FAULTY STREET LIGHTING. THERE IS PROVISION IN THE L99L ESTIMATES FOR A THIRD STREET LIGHT FOR TYNAGH VILLAGE. WHEN TWILL THIS LIGHT BE ERECTED? - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR W. BURKE. 261

The following written reply was given to Councillor Burke.

"There are no funds available in the current for completion of footpath at above location. However, it is hoped to have this work carried out in 1992.

The faulty light will be repaired in the near future.

The new light will also be provided as soon as possible."

THAT THE REMAINING BUILDING LAND IN SHANNON PARK, PORTUMNA WILL BE DESIGNATED FOR HOUSING UNDER THE NEW SOCIAL HOUSING PLAN - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR W. BURKE. 262

The following written reply was given to Councillor Burke.

"The Council land at Shannon Park, Portumna has been acquired for housing purposes. A review of housing land in the ownership of the Council is currently being undertaken in the light of the Plan for Social Housing to determine the need and demand for private sites. It would be the intention of the Council to have Shannon Park available for Local Authority housing and it may also be possible to facilitate private housing in accordance with the said Plan."

THAT CERTAIN WORKS BE CARRIED OUT AS A MATTER OF URGENCY - 263
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE.

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane.

"An inspection of the above house has been carried out. The repairs which are necessary include the provision of a new rear door and repairs to gutters. These are not in an urgent category and will be considered for a priority list in 1992".

THAT A "YIELD RIGHT-OF-WAY" SIGN BE ERECTED AT NASH'S CROSS, ROXBORO, KILCHREEST, LOUGHREA - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE. 264

The following written reply was given to Councillor Loughnane.

"It is hoped to have the above sign erected in the near future."

PUBLIC TOILETS FOR LADIES IN GORT - THAT PROPER SIGNS BE ERECTED SHOWING THE LOCATION. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. CUNNINGHAM. 265

The following written reply was given to Councillor Cunningham.

"It is hoped to have the above signs provided in the near future".

GO NDEANFADH AN CHOMHAIRLE CHONDAE SOCRU CUI CHUN BRUSCAR A CHAILIU AGUS SHEACADADH IN INIS OIRR, OILEAIN ARAINN - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN. 266

Tugadh and freagra seo leanas don Chomhairleoir O'Neachtain.

"Ta an Chomhairle Chontae i gcomhairle leis an Chomharchumann ar Inis Oir faoi lathair ag iarraidh lathair dumpala oiriunach an an Oileain."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PREPARE PLANS FOR THE EFFECTIVE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE FOR THE VILLAGE OF SPIDDAL AND SURROUNDING AREAS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN. 267

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neachtain.

"The construction of a Sewerage Scheme and treatment works for Spiddal would constitute a major capital scheme. The planning of such scheme is dependent on priority and approval from the Department of the Environment. At present the Council has priority schemes in

planning to a total value in excess of £138 million and advance planning costs must be borne by the Council.

While there is a need for a comprehensive plan for sewerage treatment in villages, funds are not available at present for such schemes. If the Council was to proceed to prepare plans for schemes other than those in the existing programme, funds would need to be made available as the Council would not be in a position to carry the expenditure incurred on a long term basis."

HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE EMPLOYED BY GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IN 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991. PLEASE BREAKDOWN BY DEFINING IN WHICH AREA THEY WERE EMPLOYED UNDER (a) ROADWORKS, (b) ENGINEERING, (c) ADMINISTRATION, (d) FIRE SERVICE, AND (e) COUNTY LIBRARY - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR J. BURKE. 268

The following written reply was given to Councillor Burke.

	1985	1987	1989	1990
Clerical/Admin./ Management.	180	184	152	155
Technical/Professional.	80	72	65	67
Fire Service	15	15	15	15
Library Service	28	21	21	22
Craft, Drivers, Roads, Caretakers etc.	567	498	399	387

THAT AN ESTIMATE BE PREPARED TO IMPROVE THE SIGHT DISTANCE AT HOUSES IN WATERLOO AND FAHILL, MENLOUGH, BALLINASLOE. - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL KITT. 269

The following written reply was given to Deputy Kitt.

"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."

THAT THE RIGHT OF WAY TO TOBERPADRAIG BURIAL GROUND RYEHILL, MONIVEA, BE IMPROVED AND MAINTAINED - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHEAL KITT.

270

The following written reply was given to Deputy Kitt.

"The Right of Way to the above is across private land, there is no road. Gates on the Right of Way are maintained by the Council, and hedges on the land adjacent Right of Way will be cut this month".

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL BRING THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY IN THE TULLY/TULLYCROSS AREA OF RENVYLE UP TO E.E.C. STANDARDS AND IN THE LONGER TERM TO PROVIDE A REGIONAL WATER SCHEME TO SERVE THE LETTERFRACK/RENVYLE/LETTERGESH AREAS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'NEILL.

271

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neill.

"The Preliminary Report for the Tully/Letterfrack/Tullycross/Clifden Regional Water Supply Scheme has been submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval. The proposed scheme will replace a number of existing inadequate water supplies serving the area with one source and one central treatment works. As the area contains a number of important tourist centres, the implementation of the scheme will improve the infrastructure so as to assist in promoting tourism.

Approval to prepare contract documents is awaited. The estimated cost of this scheme is £6,500,000.

THAT NECESSARY HOUSE REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT FOR PATRICK AND MARGARET HEANUE, LETTERMORE, LETTERFRACK. THESE REPAIRS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FREQUENTLY DURING RECENT YEARS BUT AS YET NOTHING HAS HAPPENED - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'NEILL.

272

The following written reply was given to Councillor O'Neill.

"An inspection of the above house has been carried out. The repairs which are necessary include the provision of 3 No. windows, repairs to rear door, the replacement of 1 no. ridge tile. These repairs are normal maintenance and are not in an urgent category. They will be considered for a priority list in 1992."

THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY ON THE ROAD AT ENTRANCE TO HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN.

273

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan.

"Two signs Number 102 are in position at above location. The broken white centre line will be renewed in the near future."

The removal of bend on Regional Roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce.

THAT GROUP WATER SCHEME (DETAILS SUPPLIED) BE ALLOWED TO TAKE ITS SUPPLY FROM NEARBY REGIONAL SCHEME AS THE PRESENT SUPPLY OF THE GROUP IS INADEQUATE - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN.

274

The following written reply was given to Councillor Finnegan.

"The existing group scheme at Carrownaseery, Dunmore which was completed in 1971 gets its water supply from the existing 5" Supply Main from a Spring Source at Gortaleam. The supply main is 2.6 miles approximately in length.

A 150 mm diameter Service Main has been laid along the Williamstown Road as part of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme - Stage 2. The existing 4" Service Main from the Reservoir will be connected to this 150 mm Service Main and should result in an adequate supply of water for this group scheme.

THAT A SIGN FOR KILLIMORDALY CHURCH BE ERECTED AT THE GATE CROSSING AT CONNAIRE'S HOUSE, LISDUFF - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN.

275

The following written reply was given to Councillor Callanan.

"There are no funds available for the provision of such signs in the current year"

IS IT THE INTENTION OF COMHAIRLE CONTAE NA GAILLIMHE TO SPEND PART OF £340,000 ALLOCATED FOR REGIONAL ROAD GRANTS BETWEEN DERRYNEA COURTHOUSE AND RIDGE'S HOUSE AT COSTELLOE. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA.

276

The following written reply was given to Councillor Ni Fhatharta.

"It is not the intention of Galway County Council to spend part of the £340,000 grant at the above location. This section of road will be

considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

WILL COMHAIRLE CONTAE NA GAILLIMHE MAKE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO REPAIR THE TIERNEA COUNTY ROAD AND TRABANE COUNTY ROAD - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA.

277

The following reply was given to Councillor Ni Fhatharta.

"The above roads were not included in the 1991 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, the locations will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

THAT A "YIELD" SIGN BE PLACED AT CARNACROW/CLYDAGH CROSSROADS - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR EVELYN VARLEY.

278

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley.

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

THAT THE COUNCIL CLEAN THE EXISTING FOOTPATH FROM GORTNAMONA TO ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, (CORNER CHAPEL) - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR EVELYN VARLEY.

279

The following written reply was given to Councillor Varley.

"The above works will be carried out within the next few weeks."

THAT THIS COUNCIL CALL ON THE MANAGER TO RE-INTRODUCE THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FURTHER REVIEW - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS K. QUINN, W. BURKE, P. O'TUATHAIL, E. O'CUIV, SENATOR T. HUSSEY, COUNCILLORS S. O'NEACHTAIN, J.M. MANNION, M. MCCLEARN, DEPUTY M.P. KITT, COUNCILLORS J. CALLANAN, M. LOUGHNANE, S. GAVIN, J. BURKE, J. MCDONAGH, M. RYAN, DEPUTY P. CONNAUGHTON, COUNCILLORS M. CUNNINGHAM, M. FAHY, C. NI FHATHARTA, P. FINNEGAN, M. REGAN, P. MCHUGH T. BYRNE, DEPUTY P. MCCORMACK, COUNCILLORS M. MULLINS, M. O'NEILL, E. VARLEY AND M. FINNERTY.

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The following written reply was given the the above Councillors, Senator and Deputies.

"The previous review of the County Development Plan and the 5 Scheduled Towns has not yet been completed. The review of the County Plan has been completed but only two of the Town Plans have so far been reviewed at Committee stage. The Council has a statutory duty to complete the review of the Statutory Town Plans before commencing a further review of the County Plan. When the Town Plans have been reviewed by the

Committees for the respective Electoral Areas, they must be brought back before the Council in order to comply with the various statutory procedures, etc.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT URGENTLY NEEDED RELIEF WORK TO RELIEVE WATER LODGING AT DRIM SCHOOL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL REGAN:

281

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Regan:

"The landowner responsible has been written to, requesting him to take the necessary steps to prevent flooding at the above location. The situation is being monitored to ensure compliance."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT WORK ON A VERY DANGEROUS BEND AT TOM FAHY'S, CULLEEN, ABBEY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL REGAN:

282

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Regan:

"There are no funds available for removal of bend at above location. The removal of bends on Regional Roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce. However, this will be looked at in the 1992 Roads Proposals."

LETTERFRACK WATER SCHEME - MOTION BY SENATOR O'CUIV:

283

The following written reply was given to Senator Eamon O'Cuiv:

"Improvements to the above scheme involved replacement of old main with a new and larger pipeline. Most of the new pipeline has been connected to the system. Further works can only be carried out when funds become available."

BOTHAR CHRUILINNE I gCORR NA MONA: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR EAMON O'CUIV:

284

Tugadh an freagra seo leanas don Chomhairleoir Eamon O'Cuiv:

"Nil aon airgead ar fail i mbliana chun an obair a dheanamh.

Beidh muid ag scrudu an cas seo nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir Sceim na mBoithre 1992 le cheile."

Senator O'Cuiv said that there was one spot on the road near P. Corcoran's house which was severely damaged and he asked if this could be looked at.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REPAIR AND SURFACE COUNTY ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: 285

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The landowners responsible for the deposit of muck on the above road have been requested to cease the said activities. The Council will be cleaning the road on a once off basis in the near future."

IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON COUNTY ROAD AT BALLINAKILL, GORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: 286

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

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

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED, & CONFIRMED:

Liam Walsh CHAIRMAN

3/12/91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Aruis an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

21u la Deire Fomhair, 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 Mairt, 29u la Deire Fomhair, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH.
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.
 - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 13/9/1991.
 - (b) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23/9/1991.
 - (c) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 4/10/1991.
 - (d) Minutes of Joint Committee on Travellers held on 20th September, 1991.
2. Sale of house to Michael & Angela McMahon - Section 83 notice dated 11th October, 1991, already circulated.
3. Sale of site to Peter & Jacqueline Haverly - Section 83 notice dated 10th October, 1991, already circulated.
4. Sale of site to Philip and Ann Henderson - Section 83 notice dated 18th October, 1991, already circulated.
5. Sale of site to James Bodkin - Section 83 notice dated 20th September, 1991, already circulated.
6. Revision of remuneration for Chief Fire Officer.
7. Auditor's Report for year ended 31st December, 1990.
- Copy attached.
8. Appointment of one member to Shannon Forum.
9. Appointment of 3 Members to Western Inter County Railway Committee.

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10. Conference - "Developing the West together" - Galway - 4th/5th November, 1991.
 11. Transport Conference - 14th October, 1991 - approval of attendance of Councillor McDonagh instead of Councillor Ryan.
 12. Interpretative Centre at Mullaghmore. (The Burren)
 13. Knockferry-Kilbeg Bridge.
 14. Review of Casual Trading Act, 1980.
 15. Business submitted by the County Manager.
 16. Business submitted by the Chairman.

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COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting.

Councillor P. Finnegan - I will propose:

17. That repairs be carried out on road (details supplied) to prevent constant splashing on his front wall.

Councillor M. Loughnane - I will propose.

18. That extension of the footpath mentioned be carried out. (details enclosed).

An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta - Molaim.

19. As Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe have commenced work on the Regional Road from Casla to Screeb will they widen the bridge at Camus Football Pitch. It is only possible for one car at a time to cross this bridge which is part of the Regional Road. (There have been a number of accidents at this bridge.)

(b) Other Motions received.

Councillor J. McDonagh - I will propose:

20. That appropriate village signs be erected at village. (details supplied).
21. That County Council have all drains opened and re-opened on Killagoola Road, Moycullen. (Details supplied.)

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

22. That an island be installed at the junction of the Carnmore/Claregalway Road.
23. That 30 miles per hour speed limit be erected at Tonnegurrane Village, Corrandulla, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN: - I will propose:

24. That the County Council prepare plans for the construction of public toilets in Moycullen Village and that the Council investigate the availability of a suitable site. I request that this work be included in next year's Estimates. Great efforts are being made to promote tourism in the area and hence the great need for the facility. The local community and tourism development association would give their total support.
25. Owing to the continued high levels of development in the Moycullen area, I would like to know what is the present position regarding sewerage discharge? How many houses was the scheme intended for? I request that the County Council investigate the matter and prepare plans for a new or developed sewerage scheme as may be deemed necessary by the Council.

COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE: - I will propose:

- 26. That Galway County Council carry out repairs to the path in Tynagh Village and fix the faulty street lighting. There is provision in the 1991 Estimates for a third street light for Tynagh Village. When will this light be erected?
- 27. That the remaining building land in Shannon Park, Portumna, will be designated for housing under the new Social Housing Plan.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

- 28. That certain works be carried out as a matter of urgency. (Details supplied.)
- 29. That a "Yield Right-of-Way" sign be erected at Nash's Cross, Roxboro, Kilchreest, Loughrea.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: - I will propose:

- 30. That the Burren National Park and Interpretative Centre at Mullaghmore be put on the Agenda for discussion.
- 31. Public toilets for ladies in Gort - that proper signs be erected showing the location. Ladies tend to go to the Mens Toilets and when they discover their mistake, they have to ask the embarrassing question "Where are the Ladies Toilets" from the local residents.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR SEAN O'NEACTAIN: - I will propose:

- 32. Go ndeanfadh an Chomhairle Chondae socru cui chun bruscar a chailiu agus a sheacadadh in Inis Oirr, Oileain Arainn.
- 33. That Galway County Council prepare plans for the effective disposal of sewage for the village of Spiddal and surrounding areas.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

- 34. How many people were employed by Galway County Council in 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991. Please breakdown by defining in which area they were employed under (a) Roadworks; (b) Engineering; (c) Administration; (d) Fire Service; and (e) County Library.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

- 35. That an estimate be prepared to improve the sight distance at houses in Waterloo and Fairhill, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
- 36. That the right of way to Toberpadraig Burial Ground, Ryehill, Monivea, be improved and maintained.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'NEILL: - I will propose:

- 37. That Galway County Council bring the public water supply in the Tully/Tullycross area of Renvyle up to E.E.C. standards and in the longer term to provide a Regional Water Scheme to serve the Letterfrack/Renvyle/Lettergesh areas.
- 38. That necessary house repairs be carried out for Patrick and Margaret Heanue, Lettermore, Letterfrack. These repairs have been requested frequently during recent years but as yet nothing has happened.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

- 39. That steps be taken to improve the safety on the road at entrance to house. (Details supplied.)
- 40. That group water scheme (details supplied) be allowed to take its supply from nearby Regional Scheme as the present supply of the group is inadequate.

COUNCILLOR JOE CALLANAN: - I will propose:

- 41. That a sign for Killimordaly Church be erected at the gate crossing at Connaire's house, Lisduff.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON: - I will propose:

- 42. That finance be made available in 1992 to repair and strengthen the 356 road between Banagher Bridge and Esker School house. This is a very dangerous stretch of road and needs to be strengthened immediately.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: - I will propose:

- 43. It is the intention of Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe to spend part of £340,000 allocated for Regional Road Grants between Derrynea Courthouse and Ridge's house at Costelloe.
- 44. Will Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe make funds available to repair the Tiernee County Road and Trabane County Road.

COUNCILLOR EVELYN VARLEY: - I will propose:

- 45. That a "Yield" sign be placed at Carnacrow/Clydagh Crossroads.
- 46. That the Council clean the existing footpath from Gortnamona to St. Patrick's Church, (Corner Chapel).

COUNCILLORS K. QUINN, W. BURKE, P. O'TUATHAIL, E. O'CUIV, SENATOR T. HUSSEY, COUNCILLORS S. O'NEACHTAIN, J.M. MANNION, J. MCCLEARN, DEPUTY M.P. KITT, COUNCILLORS J. CALLANAN, M. LOUGHNANE, S. GAVIN, J. BURKE, J. McDONAGH, M. RYAN, DEPUTY P. CONNAUGHTON, COUNCILLORS M. CUNNINGHAM, M. FAHY, C. NI FHATHARTA, P. FINNEGAN, M. REGAN, P. MCHUGH, T. BYRNE, DEPUTY P. MCCORMACK, COUNCILLORS M. MULLINS, M. O'NEILL, E. VARLEY, AND M. FINNERTY: - We will propose:

- 47. That this Council call on the Manager to re-introduce the County Development Plan for further review.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL REGAN: - I will propose:

- 48. That the Galway County Council carry out urgently needed relief work to relieve water lodging at Drim School. This is causing extreme difficulty to children attending school, and furthermore, is extremely dangerous for drivers, particularly at night time.
- 49. That as a matter of urgency, that the County Council could carry out work on a very dangerous bend at Tom Fahy's, Culleen, Abbey. There is great concern expressed in this area as to the heavy flooding and the serious condition of the bend. Pipe laying and extraction of the bend are urgently required and landowners on both sides are agreeable to make this area safer for traffic.

SENATOR EAMON O'CUIV: - I will propose:

- 50. To ask the County Council when it is proposed to complete the water scheme in Letterfrack and to restore the road.
- 51. Le fiarai den Comhairle Condae an bhfuil aon phleanna ann le hobair eigeandala a dheanamh ar bhothar Chruimlinne i gCorr na Mona a bhfuil an droch chaoi air faoi lathair.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

- 52. That Galway County Council repair and surface County Road. (Details supplied).
- 53. That Galway County Council include in the Estimates improvement works to improve visibility on County Road at Ballinakill, Gort.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 1991, AFTER THE ADJOURNED MEETING.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Tiarnan Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy Padraic McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning), G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer; C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer; P. Carroll, Miss J. Forde, Staff Officers; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63855 - APPLICANT: JOHN PAUL RYAN: 221

The County Manager stated that a decision to grant Permission had issued in this case.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 64390 - APPLICANT: FRANCIS MURPHY: 222

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor McDonagh and seconded by Deputy McCormack.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Laghtgeorge/Roscommon

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National Secondary Route C.1 mile north east of Turloughmore.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 63560 - Permission for a dwellinghouse refused in 1991 to Mr. Francis Murphy on the basis of a traffic hazard.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on the Galway/Roscommon National Secondary Road. It is at the north eastern end of a farmholding which the applicant's father has signed over to the applicant's brother, leaving this site to the applicant.

The applicant works in England and wishes to return home and work in the building industry with his brother. He attended the Planning Office and stated that this was the only site made available to him on the holding. The holding has frontage onto the National Route and also onto a County Road along its western boundary. The minor road frontage is quite adequate for house building purposes and is adjoined by a number of houses.

The County Development Plan restricts development along the National Routes in the interest of traffic safety and only permits housing development where the essential housing need of farmholders family is involved and where alternative vehicular access is not available onto another roadway. The housing need would appear to be justified but as there is an adequate frontage onto the minor road the present proposal does not comply with the requirements of the County Development Plan.

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.

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(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 those where essential family housing need exists, a category of development which does not apply in this case as suitable alternative sites are available on County Roads."

Councillor McDonagh said he accepted the terms of the County Development Plan but pointed out that this application was for a second family dwelling. The applicant had got the site from his father and it was the only site available to him. The applicant had gone to England and now wants to return. The report accepted that there was a housing need. Councillor McDonagh said it would be grossly unfair if a son or daughter who had emigrated and who had been given a site on the family holding could not build when they come home.

The County Engineer said that parents giving sites to members of the family cannot take it on themselves to decide where Planning Permission will be given, saying that these are the only sites available. This was not the way the planning process worked, and it was not a valid planning argument to say a particular site was the only one available. Councillor McHugh said that the father had no other land available and some allowance should be made for this type of case. The County Engineer said that the proposed development would open up an area where there is no development on a poor section of National Secondary Road which carries heavy traffic. A vote taken for or against the resolution set out on the Agenda resulted as follows:

FOR:

Councillor T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(26)

AGAINST:

Councillor W. Burke.

(1)

Councillor J. Burke abstained from voting.

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

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN -
APPLICATION FOR ACTIVITY CENTRE AT SPIDDAL WEST -
APPLICANT: MARTIN LALLY - PLANNING REFERENCE NUMBER
64330:

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The following report was circulated to each Member together with copies of objections lodged:

"Application for permission for an Activity Centre to incorporate a 7 day licensed premises and car park in the Townland of Spiddle West.
Planning Ref. No. 54330.
Applicant: Mr. Martin Lally.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

The proposal consists of a leisure/activity centre comprising squash, sauna, gym, showers, etc., and a separate building to house licensed premises.

LOCATION OF SITE:

The site extends from the Main Street for a distance of 220 yards approximately towards the former parochial house. The proposed buildings are located approximately 170-180 yards from the Main Street.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located in an area within the village which is divided in zoning between Commercial and Residential. The Commercial zoning extended for a depth of approximately 200 ft. from the street frontage, i.e., about one third of the total depth of the site.

Since the buildings would be situated in the Residential section of the site with the parking and access road in the Commercial zone it would be a Material Contravention of the Plan to grant Permission and consequently the process of advertising in the public newspaper was undertaken before putting the matter on the County Council Agenda and examining the various aspects of the proposal and considering the details of objections lodged.

The licensed premises would be approximately 160 yards from the nearest residence excluding the applicants own house, and 100 yards from Spiddal Primary School. The lands to the rear of the site formerly the Parochial House grounds are now used for Industrial/Commercial purposes by Udaras na Gaeltachta. The Gymnasium and Squash Courts would be located at the north east of the site adjoining the former Parochial House site.

Car parking provision is for approximately 58 cars but further spaces would be required to comply with Development Plan requirements. There would appear to be adequate room on site for the additional parking. Water supply is to be from the County Council mains and sewage disposal to the public sewer. Surface water is to be to the existing stream which flows through the site.

A recent examination of the vehicular access has shown that inadequate sight distance is presently available for traffic emerging from the site because of the presence of adjacent walls and gate pillars on third party properties. This would present a hazard both to passing traffic and traffic emerging from the site and some improvement to sight splays would be necessary before a safe access could be created.

Since the improvement of the junction would seem to be outside the control of the developer at the present time it is proposed to refuse the application on the grounds of traffic hazard.

Notice of the County Council's intention to consider deciding to grant Permission was advertised in the Irish Press on 26th August, 1991.

Objections have been received."

The County Engineer explained that this application materially contravened the zoning requirements of the County Development Plan. Even if the Council passed a resolution authorising a Material Contravention of the Plan, there was still a problem with access as there was inadequate sight distance, and for that reason, it was proposed to refuse the application.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain go raibh aithne aige ar an gceantar seo agus go mbeadh se ar son an forbairt da mbeadh gach rud eile i gceart. He asked if the Council could do anything to help with the access. In reply to Councillor McHugh, the County Manager explained that the Material Contravention procedure was activated in order to keep the options open. The County Engineer said that the Council had applied to the Department of the Environment for a grant to provide additional parking in Spiddal.

Duirt an Seanadoir O'Cuiv gur tugadh tuilleadh eolas do na baill tar eis teacht isteach don chruinniú agus gur ceart na tuairisci a bheith acu roimhe sin.

Councillor Byrne said that Spiddal was a particularly nice village and that this application could result in over-development and would not enhance the village.

In reply to Councillor J. Burke, Mr. L. Kavanagh stated that the total floor area of the buildings would be 7,100 square feet.

Some Members felt that they had not sufficient time to properly consider the application. The County Manager stated that the time within which a decision had to be made could be extended if the applicant consented in writing to same.

PROPOSED TWINNING BETWEEN GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL AND WESTHOEK REGION OF FLANDERS:

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Correspondence in relation to this item was circulated to each Member. The County Manager explained that no formal request for Twinning had been received from the Local Government Authority in Flanders but he was aware of the closeness between that region and Connemara. Councillor Mannion said that Councillors Joyce and O'Conchubhair had visited Flanders some years ago. Councillor O'Tuathail explained that some concrete development had taken place as a result of the links between the two regions. It was agreed that Galway County Council would agree in principle to twin provided confirmation is received from the local authority in Flanders.

REPORT ON ROADS:

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Members who had offered to speak at the last meeting but did not get an opportunity to do so were invited to speak by the Chairman.

Councillor Finnegan said there was so much road work to be done that extra Roadworkers were required. He said that there were an awful lot of people unemployed and drawing Social Welfare benefit who would prefer to be working, and he could not understand why this money could not be diverted to create jobs. He said that alot of work could be done by workers even without machinery. He proposed that the following Notice of Motion which appeared on the Agenda of a previous meeting be accepted and forwarded to the appropriate Ministers:

"That this Council request the Department of the Environment to bring into effect a system whereby funding be transferred from the Department of Social Welfare to the Department of the Environment for allocation to local authorities to provide employment. This would have the double benefit of reducing unemployment and getting badly needed work done."

This was seconded by Councillor Quinn and agreed.

Councillor Callanan said that the Engineers and Workers do their best with the amount of money

available and asked if there were any plans ready for the Auhgrim/Cappataggle road yet.

Councillor O'Sullivan said that people who had to travel bad roads every day of the week did suffer hadrship. He said that when there are cutbacks, they should apply to administration also.

Deputy McCormack asked for details of the work to be undertaken from the £65,000 grant from Roinn na Gaeltachta. He said that the road at Crumlin was a disgrace. He said he would like clarification to be given of the likelihood of roads being repaired which were not included in the Roadworks Scheme. Councillor O'Neachtain said that some roads were so bad that they needed emergency repairs in order that people could walk safely on them. Councillor Fahy said that there were bad roads in all the Engineering Areas and referred to a very dangerous bend on the Maree Road which would need to be improved because of the development at Rinville. He suggested that better value for money and better progress might be made if Notice of Motion Money for each area was pooled together to get a worthwhile job done. He said he was disappointed with the amount of hedgecutting done in the Athenry Area. Councillor Ni Fhatharta referred to some roads which had been started but work had stopped. Councillor Quinn said that extra Roadworkers should be employed, if only using shovels and scythes. She said that roads were getting narrower due to lack of attention.

Councillor McDonagh said that alot of good work had been done in the Athenry area but alot more remained to be done. He welcomed the repair works on the Curraghline Road. He said it was now approaching Estimates time and it was time to send a deputation to the Minister for the Environment to look for extra funds and he proposed this: Councillor Mullins complimented the Council Workers on the amount of work done with such little funds. He said there were some very dangerous bends on roads which should be tackled from a safety point of view. He asked if such jobs could be contracted out. He said he would also like to see Social Employment Schemes being used to open gulleys, etc. He said that signposting in the County was appalling. He seconded the proposal to send a deputation to the Minister.

Councillor Gavin asked if local people could organise hedgecutting themselves and mentioned a number of roads which were overgrown with briars. He also asked if anything could be done about vehicles carrying excessive loads and doing much damage to the roads. Senator O'Cuiv asked that Engineering Areas be co-terminus with Electoral Areas, that priorities be agreed with Members, that Maintenance Monies be set aside first out of the Budget, and that Roinn na

Gaeltachta be asked to nominate the roads and grant monies available for 1992. Councillor O'Tuathail said that some roads were in a disastrous condition and these should be listed and emergency monies provided for them. Councillor Varley said that the Headford Road was the gateway to North Connemara and needed greater attention and said that traffic lights were badly needed at Headford Crossroads to avoid accidents. She complained that no repairs had been carried out to the Headford Shrule Road for a number of years and she supported the proposal to send a deputation to the Minister for extra funds. Councillor Byrne said that the Gort/Loughrea National Secondary Road was in a deplorable condition and also the Kilcolgan/Kinvara National Secondary Road. He said the latter road was a heavily trafficked tourist road and there were many bad bends west of Kinvara.

Councillor W. Burke said that many roads were badly in need of hedgecutting. He also referred to the bad condition of the Bridge Road, Portumna to Tipperary, O'Rourke's Cross, Ballyshrule, which needs realignment, and the Hearnbrook Road. Councillor Ryan appealed to the County Engineer to make provision for the Clonberne Crossroads which was started some years ago and left in a bad condition. He said the fence erected is becoming dangerous and is being used as a dump.

The County Engineer then replied to the contributions made by the Members. He said he was not at the previous meeting but read the draft Minutes. He said there had been a lot of comments about inefficiency on behalf of the Road Staff and he wished to reputeiate this. He said the staff were working under very difficult conditions and a lack of resources, and were aggrieved at some of the comments made. As regards listing roads on a priority basis, the County Engineer explained that the roads which are included in the Roadworks Programme have been taken out of long lists of roads submitted by the Area Engineers. Any request to substitute one County Road for another could be considered. He agreed with Deputy McCormack that the amount of surface dressing of County Roads was minimal and this was why the roads were disintegrating. He said that roads were repaired on the basis of need but the continued employment of Roadworkers had also to be taken into account. He explained that it would cost £52,000 to keep one man productively employed for a year. The County Engineer repudiated remarks by Councillor McHugh alleging incompetence on a job on the Galway/Headford Road. He said the job was not finished and rock has to be excavated. The County Engineer explained that new potholes often appear along potholes which have been repaired and again this is due to lack of surface dressing. He said that 1991 was a bad year for surface dressing and on a few occasions, the men had

to wait around for the right conditions before surface dressing could commence in order to avoid a failure, but this would not be understood by the public. The County Engineer rejected claims that private Contractors could do jobs for a fraction of what it costs the Council. He explained that Contractors are employed on some of the major works. As regards the Roinn na Gaeltachta Grant, he said that it was divided up over a number of small jobs and he would prefer to do one decent job with it. He said that the road mentioned by An Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta would be restarted. Referring to the possibility of using Social Employment Schemes to do certain roadworks, the County Engineer said that any attempt to do this could result in all Social Employment Schemes being blocked. Regarding Councillor Gavin's suggestion about private people doing hedgecutting, the County Engineer said that he would be agreeable to discuss this as it might be possible to work out some arrangement whereby the Council could contract them to do the work. The County Engineer agreed that excessive weights on vehicles was a major problem but explained that vehicles can only be called in for weighing within five miles of an official weighbridge which was totally unsatisfactory. He said the Council was in touch with the Department about the supply of mobile weighing pads and he hoped for some progress on this. The County Engineer confirmed that The Square at Headford was being examined and he agreed that National Primary Roads were getting priority to the detriment of National Secondary Roads.

Councillors O'Neachtain and McClearn said that they did not criticise Council workers. Councillor McHugh said that his remarks about incompetence were misunderstood and he did not mean that there was widespread incompetence throughout the whole County. He said if his remarks caused offence, he regretted it.

PLANNING CONFERENCE - COURT HOTEL, KILLINEY - 17TH/18TH OCTOBER, 1991: 226

On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed to nominate Councillor Loughnane to attend this Conference.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was also agreed to nominate Councillors Mannion and McDonagh to attend this Conference.

PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING: 227

It was agreed that this item would be put on the top of the next Agenda.

INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE AT MULLAGHMORE (THE BURREN):

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Councillor Cunningham said that there was a representative of the Burren National Park Support Association present at the Meeting, and he asked that he be given permission to address the meeting. This was agreed.

Mr. Michael McMahon then addressed the Meeting and said that the Councillors from South Galway would be aware of the great concern there is in relation to this matter. He said he was asking Galway County Council to follow the lead given by Clare County Council in support of the Burren National Park Project. He said that in 1989, Structural Funds were provided and it was decided to include an Interpretative Centre, and the O.P.W. had scaled down the building in order to blend in with the area. He said there was local support for it, and at a meeting in Corofin, the people had voted in favour. He said the National Park would have a big impact on South Galway and would give International status to the Burren, and give much needed employment. He said there were some objections which had nothing to do with conservation. He said it was not good enough to be anti-development and there should be a happy marriage between development and conservation. Mr. McMahon thanked the Members for allowing him to speak.

LOTTERY GRANTS:

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Councillor Finnerty asked that the Council write to the Department of the Environment for clarification in relation to the £25,000 grant allocated in respect of the Ballinasloe 850 Celebrations.

SYMPATHY:

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Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Martin & Mary Walsh, Marley, Moylough.
John McGann & Family, Cregclare, Ardrahan.
Kathleen Concannon & Family, Bridge Street, Headford.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Lauran Walsh CHAIRMAN

3/12/91 DATE

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 1991.

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IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy Padraic McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning), G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer; C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer; P. Carroll, Miss J. Forde, Staff Officers; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RAISING LOAN FOR COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS AT CLUAIN MHUIRE:

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The Chairman explained that this meeting was a resumption of the meeting held on 4th October which adjourned to the 11th October.

Councillor J. Burke proposed again that the Council not approve the raising of a loan saying that he had stated his arguments at the previous Meeting. He said he had read the Consultant's report, and while it only referred to one area of the roof, it was realistic to assume that over a 10 year period the whole roof would need to be refurbished. Councillor W. Burke seconded Councillor J. Burke's proposal.

Senator Hussey proposed that a decision be deferred as he understood a meeting was to take place the following week which may have some bearing on the matter. Deputy Kitt said he understood from the radio that a meeting with the Engineer's Union was to

take place the following week and he would like to see the results of it. He said his Party was not in favour of approving a loan at to-day's meeting. Councillor M. Fahy seconded Senator Hussey's proposal.

Councillor J. Burke said that the Meeting referred to would have no bearing on the matter and a decision should be made. Senator O'Cuiv said that if the proposal to raise a loan was defeated, the County Manager would be free to introduce a similar or alternative proposal in the future, and therefore a decision should now be made. Councillor Gavin said the Members had all the facts and should make a decision as there was other important business to discuss. Councillor Byrne said that a further report had been circulated at the Meeting and Members needed an opportunity to study it.

A vote taken for or against Senator Hussey's amendment to defer a decision in relation to the raising of a loan resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, S. Gavin, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, and E. Varley.

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The Chairman declared Senator Hussey's amendment carried.

CONGRATULATIONS:

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On the proposition of Councillor Quinn, the Council congratulated Glinsk Junior Football Team on winning the County Junior B Football Final.

On the proposition of Councillor McHugh, the Council congratulated Corofin Football Club on winning the County Senior Football Title.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Neachtain, the Council congratulated the Spiddal Junior Football Team on winning the County Junior A Football Final Title.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Sean an Walsh CHAIRMAN
3/12/91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

4u la Deire Fomhair, 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 thionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De h-Aoine, an 11u la Deire Fomhair, 1991, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog-sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

AGENDA

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission for the erection of serviced dwellinghouse at Glannagarraun - Applicant: John Paul Ryan. - Planning Reference 63855."

Evelyn Varley. Jarlath McDonagh. Sean O'Neachtain.
Padraic McCormack.

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 Francis Murphy, Barnaboy, Turloughmore. - Planning Reference No. 64390, for house and septic tank."

Jarlath McDonagh. Padraic McCormack. Evelyn Varley.
Paddy McHugh.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 3. Material Contravention of the County Development Plan relating to application for Planning Permission for Activity Centre to incorporate a 7 day licensed premises and carpark at Spiddal West - Applicant: Martin Lally - Planning Reference No. 64330.
- 4. Proposed Twinning between Galway County Council and Westhoek Region of Flanders.
- 5. Report on Roads.
- 6. Planning Conference - Court Hotel, Killiney, Co. Dublin. - 17th/18th October, 1991.
- 7. Plan for Social Housing.
- 8. Interpretative Centre at Mullaghmore (The Burren).

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
CRUINNIU COISTE GAEILGE/GAEITACHTA 10/10/1991

I LATHAIR:

COMHAIRLEOIRI:

Connie Ni Fhatharta
 Seamus O Gabhan
 Iarlaith Mac Donnachadha
 Tomas O Briain
 Eamon O Cuiv

BAILL EILE:

P.J. O'Fhatharta
 Peadar Mac Fhlannchadha
 Pdraig O'Cosgordha
 Seosamh O Cuaig
 Peadar O'Tuathail
 Brendan O'Tuairisg

OIFIGIGH AN CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE:

Tomas O Caomhanaigh, Runai.
 Gearoid O Eanachain, Oifigeach Riarachan.
 Ruaidhri O Ceilhin, Innealltoir Sinsear.
 Colm Bhailis, Oifigeach Foirne Sinsear.
 Murial Ni Nuallain, Oifigeach Foirne.

CATHAOIRLEACH: Mhol an Comhairleoir Mac Donnachadha agus chuidigh an Comhairleoir Mac Gabhan go dtoghfaí an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail mar Cathaoirleach.

Mhol an Comhairleoir Ó Neachtain agus chuidigh an Seanadoir Ó Cuiv go dtoghfaí an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta mar Cathaoirleach.

Tógadh vota agus seo mar leanas a tharla.

Ar son an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail 7
 Ar son an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta 3
 Mar sin toghadh an Comhairleoir Ó Tuathail mar Cathaoirleach.

LEAS CHATHAOIRLEACH: Mhol an Comhairleoir I. Mac Donnachadha agus chuidigh an Comhairleoir Tomas O Briain go dtoghfaí an Comhairleoir Seamus Mac Gabhan mar Leas Chathaoirleach. Os rud e nar mholadh aon duine eile, toghadh an Comhairleoir Mac Gabhan mar Leas Chathaoirleach.

SEIMINEAR 1991 - GAOTH DOBHAI: Duirt an Comhairleoir Ó Briain nach raibh ach beirt Comhairleoirí ag an Seiminear seo i mbliana agus gur mór an náire e seo. Duirt se go mba choir go mbeadh gach Comhairleoir ar an gCoiste Gaeilge in ann freastal ar an Seiminear seo; d'aontaigh gach ball eile leis an tuairim seo.

CORAS AISTRIUCHÁN: Mhol an Seanadóir Ó Cuiv go gcuirfí coras aistriuchán ar fail sa gComhairle Condae. Tar eis roinnt diaspóireacht, shocraigh an cruinniú go dtabharfaí cuireadh do Roinn na Gaeltachta agus muintir Aras Ui Chadhain bualadh leis an gCoiste mar gheall ar an abhar seo.

TEILIFÍS NA GAELTACHTA: Mhol an tUasal Ó Cuaig go scriobhadh an Runai chuig an Taoiseach chun a fháil amach cén saghas socraithe atá deanta agus ce'n dul chun cinn atá deanta go dtí seo. D'aontaigh an Coiste leis seo.

RADIO NA GAELTACHTA: Chuir an tUasal Ó Cuaig in iúl go mbeidh Radio na Gaeltachta ag comóradh 20 blian ar an gear go gairid agus ba chomhair do'n Chomhairle Condae pairt a ghlacadh.

SINITHE GAELIGE: Dúirt na baill ar fad go raibh síad mí shasta le h-úsaid na Gaeilge ar sinithe sa nGaeltacht mar shampla cuireadh sín suas le gairid a léigh "Trá an Chnoic" in áit "An Trá Mhóir". Mhol an Seanadóir Ó Cuiv go gcuirfí an t-ainm béarla de gach sín obair bothar, faoi bhráid an Choiste agus go gcuirfeadh an Coiste an leagan gaeilge air. Mhol se freisin go gcuirfí in iúl do'n Choiste aon sín nua a bheadh an Comhairle Condae ag fáil feasta ionas go gcuirfí an leagan ceart gaeilge air. D'aontaigh an Coiste leis na moltaí seo.

AN FAINNE: Dúirt an Comhairleoir Ó Neachtain go mba chóir do dhaoine a bhí sásta an gaeilge a labhairt an fainne a chaitheamh. Dúirt sé freisin nár cheart go mbeadh faitíos ar daoine cúpla focal béarla a mheascadh leis an ngaeilge.

FOIRMEACHA GAELIGE: Dúirt na baill freisin go mba chóir foirmeacha gaeilge a bheith ar fail ag an gcontar.

LEARSCAIL: Mhol an Coiste go scriobhfaidh an Runai go dtí an Rannóg abhíonn ag dreachtú na mapai chun a fháil amach cén uair a bheidh mapai dhá-theangach ar fail.

Cuireadh deireadh leis an cruinniú le sin.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

Tom Walsh CHAIRMAN

3/12/91 DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 4TH OCTOBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; G. Heneghan, T. Coughlan, Administrative Officers; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

Min. No.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

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Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Tomas O' Cualain, Cuilean, An Cheathru Rua,
Mrs. Norah Carr, Cloonabinnia, Moycullen.
Mrs. Maisie McDonagh & Family, Carraroe.
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Daly, Newtown, Abbeyknockmoy, Tuam.

RAISING OF LOAN FOR COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS AT CLUAIN MUIRE:

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Councillor J. Burke proposed that the Council not agree to the raising of a loan for Cluain Mhuire. He said that he agreed previously to the purchase of Cluain Mhuire. He believed it was the right decision then but now he has changed his mind. He said that Cluain Mhuire would not be accessible to the public of County Galway particularly those using public transport. He said it would turn out to be an expensive building and if the same money was spent on the County Buildings, it would be more suitable and more accessible. While he agreed new accommodation was required, he said the Staff had made known their

strong reservations about Cluain Mhuire. Councillor Loughnane seconded Councillor Burke's proposal. He said that the Council needed a new modern building with all modern conveniences and technology. He said Cluain Mhuire would not provide this, and to build from the ground up would make more sense. He said that in hind sight the Council had made a wrong decision in buying Cluain Mhuire and the Council should now start from scratch.

Councillor M. Fahy proposed that the raising of the loan be deferred in order to give the Council and the Manager more time to consider the matter. This was seconded by Councillor Ryan. Senator T. Hussey said the was disappointed with the way the decision was being handled. He said the Council had purchased a building which would result in all the offices being under one roof. He still felt it was the right decision and was not influenced by figures quoted in the media but would abide by the Party decision. He agreed with Councillor Fahy's proposal. Councillor O'Tuathail said that the Council was faced with a difficult decision. He said that while the purchase price seemed a bargain, it still would not be a first class building and there would be constant maintenance. There would also be accessibility problems and he said he was against the move to Cluain Mhuire. Councillor Gavin said that he had read all the material on the matter and he did not think that Cluain Mhuire would meet the needs of the public, staff, etc. He said that the County Buildings was conveniently located beside Eyre Square, and was very accessible to all services.

Councillor Finnegan said that he had no objection to deferring the decision provided all the information was available the next time as new issues seemed to be brought forward each time. He accepted that the Council had already purchased Cluain Mhuire and said that perhaps some independent advice was required at this stage. Councillor W. Burke said that he believed that a mistake was made in the purchase of Cluain Mhuire and he was concerned as to why all the information was not available at the time. He said the Council should not compound the situation and he believed that money could be saved by developing the County Buildings even if it meant losing money on the sale of Cluain Mhuire. He proposed that Cluain Mhuire be put up for sale and that the County Buildings be developed on a lease back arrangement. Deputy Connaughton said that he understood there was alot of discussion about Cluain Mhuire before it was purchased and that Councillors had visited it. He said he would like clarification as to the area covered by corridors. He also asked for clarification as to whether the purchase of Cluain Mhuire was finalised because it looked as if the Council now had two Headquarters.

Councillor Mullins said that there was a good amount of discussion before Cluain Mhuire was purchased and he saw no reason to change his decision. He had some reservations about the cost of public transport to Cluain Mhuire especially for those from West Galway. He said the site at Cluain Mhuire allowed good scope for future development, and he believed it was good value for money.

Councillor O'Neill referred to the County Manager's report dated 1st October, 1991, which had been circulated to each Member. Referring to paragraph 2, he asked to whom the Undertaking was given. He also asked for clarification as to why the repayment in 1992 would only be £100,000. Councillor O'Neill said he could not understand how the last Council had made a decision to spend so much money on office accommodation while the public had to put up with such bad services. He said the only way the repayments could be met was either by reduced services or increased charges. Councillor McClearn said that he agreed with Councillor O'Neill's views. He said that the Council was not able to provide proper services for the public and said that the £181,000 repayments would have to come out of the Council's meagre funds. He said the £120,000 Consultant fees would be dead money if Cluain Mhuire had to be resold. He asked if any projections had been made in regard to heating and maintenance costs, and he would be worried about cost over runs on the development. He proposed that a decision be taken at the Meeting rather than deferring it.

Senator O'Cuiv said that the Council had purchased Cluain Mhuire in good faith. He believed the Council needed new accommodation, and having regard to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, he felt that a new building was desirable. He said the County Buildings site had advantages and could be developed in phases. At a time when inner city development is taking place, the Council Headquarters should not be moving to the suburbs. He felt it would be difficult to adapt Cluain Mhuire to all the modern requirements at a reasonable cost. The County Buildings site was accessible whereas Cluain Mhuire would involve extra costs for people using public transport. He said he would favour a study to be undertaken on the possible development of the County Buildings site and alternative uses for Cluain Mhuire. He said the big problem was the loan repayments. Nevertheless, new modern accommodation was required which he hoped would be made available in the foreseeable future.

Replying to the debate, the County Manager said that any information which he had given the Council was given with the sole objective of giving full and proper advice, and he was taken aback by Councillors' references to different information supplied by other

sources. The real fact was that a new Headquarters would be provided at half the nett outlay of new Council Offices in Kerry and Mayo. The County Manager said that he invited the then Chairman to visit Cluain Mhuire on the 24th August, 1990. The Chairman and a representative group of Councillors visited the building on the 27th August, 1990. At a Council Meeting later that day, a resolution was passed authorising the Manager to proceed with the purchase. The staff were informed of the decision on the 28th August, 1990, and it was not until June 1991, that the staff objected to going there after having several meetings with management which they requested in order to make submissions about the adaptation of Cluain Mhuire. Subsequently, the Engineering Staff submitted an objection. The County Manager said that sale was finally agreed on 10th September, 1990, and the Council was advised at its Meeting on 14th September, 1990. The Members visited Cluain Mhuire on the 12th October, 1990, and at a Council Meeting later that day, there was universal approval for the purchase and congratulations to all those involved. Regarding the purchase price, the County Manager said that it was his belief that the purchase price would be met by the sale of the County Buildings. The land at Cluain Mhuire amounted to 6 acres and buildings one acre and a private developer paid £56,000 an acre for adjoining lands. This would leave the value of the 6 acres of land at Cluain Mhuire worth £330,000, and the building itself at £14.21 per square foot. It would bring all offices under one roof and there was ample scope for further development on the site including the Library Headquarters. The purchase was made specifically for office accommodation for Galway County Council and this was an important consideration for the Redemptorists. The County Manager said that after the Council had agreed to purchase the premises, he gave an undertaking that it would be used for the Council's Headquarters and for no purpose other than the Council's needs.

The County Manager said that there was an urgent and immediate need for a new Motor Tax Office. He said that the Council had discussed the question of new office accommodation year after year, and had pressed him to make provision for it. He said that they had seized an opportunity which came up. It was a good site with a good building and a good purchase price. A new Headquarters had not been achieved anywhere else for a net expenditure of £1.75 M. In report dated 3rd September, 1991, the maximum repayment costs were calculated at 12 1/2% interest rates but the Council was now in a position to get a loan at 10 1/2% resulting in net outgoings of £181,000. Regarding the suggested Lease back arrangement, the County Manager said that such arrangement would not be cheaper. Such an arrangement is usually used when it is not possible to raise the necessary Capital.

As regards the reference to the provision of University Student accommodation, the County Manager said that example was not comparable as it qualified for tax reliefs under the Finance Act, and rents were payable for the housing accommodation provided. Referring to the suggestion by some Councillors that an ultra modern building be built at Prospect Hill, he said this would mean demolishing the County Buildings with a resultant large increase in nett outlay. On the question of value for money, he said he had not met anybody who had questioned the Council's purchase.

The County Manager confirmed that the purchase of Cluain Mhuire was completed and the Council had always honoured agreements in the past. The proposal would result in modern offices at Cluain Mhuire which would fully comply with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act. He said that Cluain Mhuire was only about one mile from the County Buildings, which compared very favourably with the distance to Merlin Park. In regard to alternative uses for Cluain Mhuire and the suggested Arus Cheoil, the County Manager said that such a facility was not the Council's responsibility, but that of other Bodies.

Deputy McCormack proposed that the Meeting adjourn for 10 minutes and this was agreed.

When the Meeting resumed, Councillor M. Fahy proposed that the Meeting adjourn to 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 11th October, after dealing with items 2, 3, and 4 on the Agenda. This was seconded by Senator Hussey and agreed.

PEOPLE OF YEAR AWARDS:

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It was decided not to make any nomination as the closing date had passed.

NATIONAL TRANSPORT CONFERENCE - GALWAY - 14/10/1991:

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On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan, it was agreed to nominate Deputy Michael P. Kitt to attend this Conference.

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was also agreed to nominate Councillors Mannion and Ryan to attend this Conference.

NOMINATION OF THREE REPRESENTATIVES TO AN FORUM COMARSAIDE AGUS EOLAS/FEIRMEOIREACHT EISC:

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On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed to nominate Senator O'Cuiv as a representative on this Forum.

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On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, it was also agreed to nominate Councillors McDonagh and O'Tuathail as representatives on this Forum.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, it was agreed to hold a Meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee on Tuesday, 15th October and to invite representatives of the I.F.A.

Councillor Gavin asked that a Meeting of the Islands Committee be held as soon as possible.

Councillor Loughnane asked that a Meeting of the Higher Education Grants Committee be held as soon as possible.

Councillor M. Fahy complained that Galway County Council only authorised three Members to attend Conferences whereas other County Councils were represented by more than 3 Members.

Councillor McClearn referred to the exclusion of part of County Galway from the severely disadvantaged areas and asked for permission to raise the matter. The Chairman agreed that the matter could be raised at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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The meeting adjourned to 3.30 p.m. on Friday, 11th October.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

Liam Walsh CHAIRMAN

29/10/91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifigian Runai,
Ara an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

27u la Mean Fomhair, 1991

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu speisialta de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De h-Aoine, an 4u la Deire Fomhair, 1991, ag tosnú ar a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Raising of loan for Council Headquarters at Cluain Mhuire.
2. People of the Year Awards 1991. (Closing date 2/10/1991.)
3. National Transport Conference - Galway - 14/10/1991.
4. Nomination of three representatives to An Forum Cumarsaide agus Eolas/Feirmeoireacht Eisc.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Joe Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O. Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. P.J. Gavin, Deputy County Manager; J. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer; R. Killeen, B. Callagy, Senior Executive Engineers; G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer; C. Wallace, D. Barrett, Senior Staff Officers; P. Carroll, Miss Julia Forde, Staff Officers; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

MIN. NO.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 64051 : APPLICANT - DON DEVANEY 145

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

Mr. Crotty, Deputy County Engineer, read the following report which had been circulated to each Member prior to the Meeting:

"LOCATION:

The site is located on County Road 186 on the Ardfry Peninsula, Maree, leading to Ardfry House. The site is approximately 300 yards east of the ruins of Ardfry House.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 22456 - Outline Permission refused by

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the Planning Authority for 5 dwellinghouses and on appeal by An Bord Pleanala. Applicant: John Madden. The present site was included in the lands of this application.

Ref. No. 46428 - Decision to grant Outline Permission by Section 4 Motion, refused on Appeal by An Bord Pleanala. Applicant: John Madden. The site is included in the site of the present application.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

There has been a history of applications in this immediate area which have all been refused on the basis that any development of the lands along this peninsula would seriously injure the visual amenity of the area. The peninsula is a narrow one and can be seen over a wide area from Rinville to Ballincloghy. It commands fine panoramic views of the Bay and the hinterland of Rinville Sailing Club.

There is a new dwellinghouse located immediately to the west of the present site for which outline permission was obtained by default during the postal strike in 1979. This dwellinghouse is visible over a wide area. There are only two other houses permitted and built on the Ardfry peninsula since the introduction of the Planning Act in 1964. One of them was granted to the son-in-law of the farmholder and the second house was granted by the Minister in 1971 following a decision to refuse by the Planning Authority.

This application was referred to the Chief Medical Officer who has reported that the proposed percolation area cannot be located in accordance with Galway County Council Standard requirements and the requirements of S.R.6 1975, - Recommendations for septic tank drainage systems for single house, in that the percolation area would be located within 300 feet of the seashore and has therefore recommended that the proposal should be refused.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse this application on the grounds:

1. The proposed development would be located in a prominent location between the road and the sea in an area of high scenic and recreational amenity and would, if permitted, be an obtrusive feature on the landscape which would detract from the scenic and recreational amenities of the area and would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

2. The proposed development would be prejudicial to public health because it would involve the construction of a percolation area within 300 feet of the seashore which is contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and public health requirements."

Councillor Fahy said that the applicant seeks to live in Ardfry. He said that there was a new house built there in 1979 and that never interfered with the seashore or caused any percolation problems. He did not understand the objection of the Western Health Board. He said that while a number of houses might interfere with the amenity one house would not, and could even add to the scenic amenity of the area.

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

FOR: Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O. Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, and E. Varley.

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The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955: PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 64052 : APPLICANT - JOE MURPHY.

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The Resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor Mullins and seconded by Deputy Connaughton. Councillor Mullins said that he did not normally propose Section 4 Resolutions but had no hesitation in doing so in this instance. He said that there was already a dwelling house on the site, which was lived in up to some years ago, and also two entrances. There were also farm buildings on the site together with a septic tank for which permission had been granted. He said that the applicant had returned from England with his family and wanted to build a new house behind the old one. He said the site distance was good and whenever the road is re-aligned, the improvement will be at the other side of Murphy's land. He said it would be most unfair not to grant permission.

Deputy Connaughton said that this was an unusual Section 4. He accepted that the main road was dangerous, but it was dangerous for everybody else also. He said that the applicant had bought a total farm and wanted to build a new house to replace an old one. The Council had proposed an alternative site but it was several hundred yards down a minor road, beyond an acute bend into a backward village. He said the applicant would have to come up that road every day of his life and cross over the main road to his farm buildings. Some distance away, on the Loughrea side, the Council had built a Council house some years ago. He said the applicant was living in a mobile home at the moment and if permission was refused, it would add a total new dimension as to the entitlement of somebody to live in a rural area.

Councillor Callanan said that he supported the granting of permission. The applicant had come home from England and bought a total farm with an old house on it which he could refurbish and live in. Councillor Finnerty said that he had inspected the site and was surprised at the Officials' proposal to refuse permission. The existing house was in bad condition and constituted a derelict site which should be got rid of. The alternative site proposed by the Council was about a quarter of a mile down a by-road. Councillor O'Sullivan asked if there was any other reason for refusing permission which was not set out in the report. Councillor J. Burke asked if it would be in order for the applicant to reconstruct the old house and use the existing entrances.

Mr. Gavin said that he wished to assure the Members that there was no other reason for refusing permission, other than those set out in the report. He said that the logic applied by the Planning Staff was that it was a dangerous road and it was an objective of the Development Plan to protect National Roads where possible, particularly where there was an alternative. There was no intention of depriving the applicant of a house, but the Council had to protect National Roads and the people using them. He said that 85% of the farm was on the other side of the road. He said the applicant could reside in the old house after reconstruction.

Deputy Connaughton said that the farm buildings were adjacent to the old house and it wouldn't be feasible to build a new house any place else. He said that if permission was refused, the applicant would end up reconstructing the old house. Councillor Mullins said that the applicant had a very legitimate case and common sense should prevail. If permission is refused, the applicant will be forced to reconstruct the old house, which is an uneconomic proposition. Councillor Byrne supported the granting of permission, saying that everybody knew the causes of accidents on National Roads.

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

FOR: Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh.

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AGAINST: None.

Councillors Joe Burke, Willie Burke and Evelyn Varley abstained.

The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta congratulated the Down Team on winning the All-Ireland Football Final and mentioned the connections which former Councillor Nioclas O'Conchubhair had with County Down.

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DEPUTATION:

Councillor Willie Burke had submitted a written request requesting that a deputation from Shannon Park Residents Committee, Portumna, be received and that a Spokesperson be permitted to outline the objections of the residents to the building of a house at Shannon Park for a traveller family. The Chairman said that he would allow a Spokesperson from the deputation to speak.

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Councillor Willie Burke then gave some details of the history of the case and urged the Assistant County Manager to re-think his decision. He then proposed that Mr. Vincent Sellers from the Residents Committee be allowed address the Meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Loughnane.

Mr. Sellers thanked the Chairman and Members for allowing him address the Meeting. He gave details of previous problems in the Estate and asked the Manager to abandon the proposal to rehouse the family in Shannon Park. Councillor McClearn then spoke in support of the residents.

Senator O'Cuiv proposed that the Meeting move on to the business on the Agenda. This was seconded by An Comhairleoir O'Neachtain. Councillor O'Tuathail

asked what function had the Members in the letting of houses.

The Deputy County Manager said that the letting of houses was a managerial function. He said that the matter had been discussed at a number of meetings and at a meeting of the Joint Committee on Travellers. He said that the family was in urgent need of re-housing.

The Chairman said that he had allowed the matter to be debated at length. The Manager was aware of the feelings of the residents and some members, and there was no point in discussing it any further.

MINUTES:

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

- (a) Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on 30/7/'91.
- (b) Arts Committee Meeting held on 20/8/'91.
- (c) Monthly Council Meeting held on 26/8/'91.

Referring to Minute no. 95 of Monthly Meeting of 26th August, 1991, Councillor Loughnane proposed that the land at Fairyhill, Shannon Road, Portumna be designated for private housing. This was seconded by Councillor McClearn.

Referring to Item No. 78 of Meeting of 26th August, 1991, Councillor Gavin proposed that the following representatives from the Islands be appointed to the Offshore Islands Committee:

Inis Mor:

Seamus O'Flatharta, Coiste Forbartha Arainn.

Inis Meain:

Frank O'Domhnaill, Comharchumann Inis Meain.

Inis Oirr:

Eamon O'h-Eanaigh, Comhar Caomhan Teo.

Inishboffin:

Aileen Murray, Inishboffin.

This was seconded by Councillor O'Tuathail, and agreed.

Referring to the Minutes of the Arts Committee of 20th August, 1991, Deputy Kitt proposed that James Joyce be appointed as a member of the Arts Committee. This was seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed.

Councillor Ryan referred to a road at Cortoon leading to a quarry which was in a very bad condition. He said the owner of the quarry was willing to give a contribution or supply materials to have it repaired. He said there were 20 people employed at the quarry and the matter was urgent. Councillor J. Burke asked that the County Engineer meet the people involved to work out a suitable arrangement.

REVISION OF REMUNERATION FOR REVENUE COLLECTORS:

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The Secretary stated that the Minister for the Environment has sanctioned the payment of Arbitration Award No. 153 to Revenue Collectors in accordance with Clause 3 of the Agreement on Pay in the Public Service. The cost for 1991 was estimated at £22,200 plus £18,800 arrears.

It was proposed by Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan and resolved that Galway County Council approve of the payment of revised rates of remuneration to Revenue Collectors as outlined by the County Secretary and in accordance with the sanction of the Minister for the Environment.

SHEEP DIPPING REGULATIONS 1991:

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A copy of the draft Sheep Dipping Regulations 1991 had been circulated to each Member. The Secretary explained that the regulations were similar to the 1990 Scheme and had been approved by the Sheep Dipping Committee. On the proposition of Senator O'Cuiv, seconded by Councillor Callanan, the Sheep Dipping Regulations 1991 were approved.

FIXING OF DATE FOR ESTIMATES MEETING:

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed to have the Estimates Meeting on Monday, 11th November, 1991.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE LOUGH DERG WORKING GROUP:

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Deputy Kitt proposed that the Members for the Loughrea Area be appointed to the Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Loughnane. Councillor Ryan said that Councillor Byrne would not be in a position to attend the Meetings and proposed that Councillor Mullins be appointed instead of Councillor Byrne. This was seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed.

LOUGH DERG WORKING GROUP

1. Willie Burke, St. Joseph's Road, Portumna.
2. Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.
3. Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan.
4. Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
5. Jimmy McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
6. Michael Regan, Ballinakill, Loughrea.
7. Michael Mullins, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.

REPORT ON ROADS:

Report dated 16th September, 1991, was circulated to each Member. A proposal to defer the item to the next Meeting was objected to. Councillor O'Neachtain said that roads in Connemara were in a bad state and that money was not being spent in the most efficient way. He said that roads were not being done on a priority basis and some of the worst roads were not being done. He said that in the coming year, he wanted roads done on the basis of need. He said that Water Tables were not being looked after and basic maintenance was not being done.

Deputy McCormack said that based on present funding, it would take 50 years to surface dress all County Roads. He said that the same problem existed all over the County and extra money was needed or an alternative system of maintenance. Senator O'Cuiv said that while he agreed there was under funding, the manner in which the money was spent would have to be looked at. He said that funds should be allocated on the basis of need rather than between the 11 Engineering areas. He said that each area should have two gangs of men, one for potholes and the other for Water Tables, and these would keep the roads in good shape. He said that there should be greater flexibility in the spending of the money and that local Councillors should be able to discuss proposals with the Area Staff. Senator O'Cuiv said that Engineering Areas should coincide with Electoral Areas.

Deputy Connaughton said that the roads in East Galway were just as bad as those in West Galway. He said the basic problem was that £2 million was available whereas £5 million was required. He said that the County Engineer had advised that it cost £13,000 to employ a roadworker and this was a very high cost. He also understood that in some areas, there were only funds for Roadworkers wages and no materials. He said that hedgecutting was badly needed in some areas and should be done. Councillor Gavin said that some roads in the Spiddal and Moycullen were in very bad condition, and were getting worse. He questioned why road staff were working on a Saturday and said that a strong case would have to be made for additional funds. Councillor O'Neill said that he would like a breakdown of the costings for road jobs given by the County Engineer at the Finance Committee Meeting. He said that Surface Dressing money should be used for potholes for a number of years.

Councillor Ni Fhatharta said that there was not even a good Regional Road in Connemara. She said that roads should be given basic maintenance and should not be allowed to deteriorate until a major job is required. She asked when would Bothar a'Chillin, Carraroe, be repaired. Councillor McHugh said he was dissatisfied

with the report and said that it was more of a financial report. He said that the Engineering Staff were using the shortage of funds as an excuse for the bad roads. He said there were problems with the standard of road repairs and that staff should be trained how to fill potholes. He said there was a lack of supervision of jobs and that there was a lot of incompetence in the County Council. He referred to a job on the Galway/Headford Road which ran out of funds and he said this was due to incompetence. Deputy Kitt said that the needs of each area should be looked at and priorities established. He said that hedgecutting was very important in some areas and that the Council should consider using its own hedge cutter on a pilot basis. Deputy Kitt congratulated the Mountbellew Tidy Towns Committee on their success in the Tidy Towns Competition. Councillor Loughnane said that the Council should be pressing for extra funds and that an extra million pounds would make a huge difference. He said that the Loughrea/Athenry Regional Road was in need of urgent attention. Councillor McClearn said that it was vital that all Council operations were carried out in an efficient manner. He said he was alarmed to hear that a private Contractor was able to do a job on a road for the same price as the local contribution for a Local Improvement Scheme. Councillor O'Tuathail asked that the Council write to Roinn na Gaeltachta to release the £70,000 Road Grant. Councillor O'Tuathail said that in past years when the Oughterard, Clifden and Costello Areas got Block Grants, their maintenance money was clawed back and he would object to this in future. He said that each Area Engineer should prepare costings for the roads in their areas in order to get an overall picture. He complained that bog roads were no longer maintained.

At this point, it was agreed that discussion on this item would be deferred to the next Meeting.

KNOCKFERRY/KILBEG BRIDGE:

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It was agreed to defer this item.

PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

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It was decided to defer this item.

NATIONAL TOURISM SEMINAR - ENNIS - 22ND/23RD NOVEMBER 1991:

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On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed to nominate Councillor Finnegan for attendance at this Seminar.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, it was also agreed to nominate Councillors Ryan and O'Neill to attend the Conference.

WORKSHOP FOR NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS - ENNIS - 24TH OCTOBER, 1991:

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It was agreed that newly elected Members who were not Councillors previously be nominated to attend the Workshop.

CONFERENCE - MANAGEMENT OF LANDFILL SITES - CORK - 7TH/8TH NOVEMBER, 1991:

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On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed that Councillors Mannion and McDonagh attend this Conference. On the proposition of Deputy Kitt, seconded by Councillor Fahy, it was agreed that Senator Hussey attend this Conference.

COMMUNITY REGIONS CONFERENCE - STRASBOURG - 27TH/29TH NOVEMBER, 1991:

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The documentation on this Conference stated that Ireland was entitled to have 8 Chairmen of Local Authorities present, two from each of the 4 Euro Constituencies. It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman, Councillor T. Walsh be nominated.

PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING:

161

This item was deferred.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1991:

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It was agreed to defer this item.

DATE FOR OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING:

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It was noted that the 4th Monday in October was a public holiday. Following discussion, it was agreed that the October Monthly Meeting be held on Tuesday, 29th October.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY:

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Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Bertie Roche, Kylemore, Abbey, Loughrea.
Mrs. Ann Nevin, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Pauline Duffy, Garryadd, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Pat Roche, Kylemore, Abbey, Loughrea.
Mr. Paul Conneely, Galway Road, Clifden.
Mr. Paddy Farrell, Cahercarna, Kinvara.
Ms. Anne Nestor, Browns Grove, Tuam.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

"NO DUMPING" SIGN AT POLLEA, WILLIAMSTOWN: - 165
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

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

THAT COUNTY COUNCIL SURFACE DRESS STRETCH OF ROAD (DETAILS ENCLOSED): - 166
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH MCDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The above location is not included in the current year's Road Works Programme. However, minor surface repairs will be carried out in order of priority and as resources permit."

THAT COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT LONG PROMISED, URGENTLY REQUIRED SURFACE DRESSING ON ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - 167
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH MCDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The above location is not included in the current year's Road Works Programme. However, minor surface repairs will be carried out in order of priority and as resources permit."

THAT THE COUNCIL PROVIDE BOAT PIERS AT KILBEG PIER, HEADFORD AND OTHER SAFETY MEASURES: - 168
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH MCDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"There are no funds available for the provision of piers at the above location."

EXTENSION TO BALLINACOURTY GRAVEYARD, MAREE, ORANMORE: - 169
MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"I wish to inform you that Galway County Council has been unsuccessful in its efforts to obtain suitable lands at a reasonable price to provide an extension to Ballinacourty Burial Ground.

The Council will continue with its efforts to acquire suitable lands in this area."

THAT A 30 MILE SPEED LIMIT BE ERECTED AT TONEGURRANE VILLAGE, CORRANDULLA: - 170
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 next year."

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR CROSSWOOD GROUP WATER SCHEME: - 171
MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"I wish to inform you that a supplementary special contribution of £25,000 was paid by the Department of the Environment in respect of this scheme on the 22nd July, 1991."

THAT EXTENSION OF THE FOOTPATH MENTIONED BE CARRIED OUT: - 172
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

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

THAT ROADSIDE HEDGES BE TRIMMED BACK AT CAHERLINNA, CASTLEBOY AND ROXBORO, KILCHREEST, LOUGHREA: - 173
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"The work will be carried out as soon as possible."

THAT A CULVERT UNDER THE BALLINASLOE-PORTUMNA ROAD AT BALLYCRISSANE BE REPAIRED: - 174
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"Minor repairs will be carried out in the near future."

FLOODING ON KILLANIN ROAD: - 175
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Seamus Gavin:

"This problem will be investigated in the coming week and a further reply will issue."

SIGNS AT MOYCULLEN VILLAGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN: 176

The following written reply was given to Councillor Seamus Gavin:

"The statutory signs are in place either side of Scoil Mhuire on the Church Road.

As there is no other school in Moycullen, there is no warrant for any other school signs in the village."

EXTRA PUBLIC LIGHTING SCHEME AT MOYCULLEN VILLAGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN: 177

The following written reply was given to Councillor Seamus Gavin:

"Provision of traffic route lighting on National Routes is 100% Exchequer funded. No funds were provided for any Traffic Route Lighting Scheme in the current year."

IMPROVED LIGHTING PLAN FOR TUAM TOWN AND COUNTY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: 178

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"This matter will be considered in the 1991 Estimates."

ROADS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: 179

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"There would be serious liability problems for the County Council in accepting this motion. The Council could, however, accept materials from anyone for doing this work or indeed money for buying materials and paying the wages of workers so employed."

BOTHAR O DHOIRE NE, CASLA GO SCRIB: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR. EAMON O CUIV: 180

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Eamon O Cuiv:

"Ta an obair tosaithe ar an mbothar seo."

COMHARTHAÍ BÓTHAR AG CROS-BHÓTHAR DHOIRE NE: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR EAMON O CUIV: 181

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Eamon O Cuiv:

"Ni chuireann an Comhairle Condae comharthaí mar seo ar fail i gceanntair tuatha de ghnath."

BOUNDARY FENCE AT DUMP AT DUNMORE: - MOTION BY SENATOR T. HUSSEY: 182

The following written reply was given to Senator T. Hussey:

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £15,000. There are no funds available for the carrying out of these works in the current year. The matter will be considered in the preparation of the 1991 Estimates."

BREIS STORÁIS UISCE DO SCEIM UISCE INIS MEAIN AGUS INIS THÍAR, OILEAN ARAINN: - MOLADH O'N CHOMHAIRLEOIR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: 183

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Chomhairleoir Sean O'Neachtain:

"Ta sceim grúpa uisce ar Inis Meain agus Inis Thiar faoi lathair a bhfuil stóráil ionta le haghaidh 500,000 galun agus 167,000 galun uisce. Ta sceim 500,000 galun breise luaite le haghaidh an da oilean sa gclar Capiteal, le haghaidh seirbhísi slaintíocht."

Ta na moltai seo ag brath ar airgead a bheith ar fail on Roinn Comhshaoil agus de reir tosaíochta."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE MONEY FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR TO THE CLYDAGH, TOOREENEY AND LISSAGHURRAIN ROADS IN MOYCULLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: 184

The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"Minor surface repairs will be carried out to the roads at Clydagh and Tooreeney in order of priority and as resources permit. The Lissaghurraín road is in need of strengthening. It was not possible to include this road in the current year's Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, this road will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE MONEY FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR TO SALAHOONA, POREEN, CRE DHUBH AND CATHAIR ROADS IN THE CONNEMARA ENGINEERING AREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: 185

The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"It was not possible to include the above roads in the 1991 Road Works Programme due to shortage of funds.

There are no funds available for carrying out repairs to the above roads in the current year."

THAT THE BEND AT O'ROURKES CROSS, BALLYSHRULE, BE MADE SAFE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR W. BURKE: 186

The following written reply was given to Councillor Willie Burke:

"A major realignment is required at the above junction to bring it up to required standard. There are no funds available for this work in the current year.

However, strengthening works were carried out at this junction in 1990 and several signs were also erected.

Hedge cutting at the junction was carried out a few months ago."

STREET LIGHTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PATH ON CASTLE AVENUE, PORTUMNA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE: 187

The following written reply was given to Councillor Willie Burke:

"This section of road is not a public road and funds for public lighting are very scarce and this would have to be examined having regard to other priorities."

THAT THE PEOPLE OF THORNFIELD, PORTUMNA, BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO CONNECT INTO THE PORTUMNA TOWN WATER SUPPLY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE: 188

The following written reply was given to Councillor Willie Burke:

"I wish to inform you that Portumna watermain does not extend to the Thornfield area. The Residents of this area should contact the Department of the Environment, Group Schemes Section, Ballina, Co. Mayo, with a view to organising a Group Water Supply Scheme."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL SUBMIT A SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME TO FAS FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF AMENITY WORKS IN HEADFORD TOWN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR E. VARLEY: 189

The following written reply was given to Councillor E. Varley:

"This application is being examined at present. If suitable, an application will be submitted to Fas in due course."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE A PEDESTRIAN "WICKET" GATE AT THE ENTRANCE TO DRUMACOO CEMETERY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: 190

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Cunningham:

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

PUBLIC ROAD AT SHERRY'S PUB, PETERSWELL, ON THE LOUGHREA /GORT ROAD (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: 191

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Cunningham:

"The location in question is situated on the National Secondary Route. No funds were provided by the Department of the Environment for this location in the current year."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE ESTIMATE OF COST TO WIDEN BRIDGE AT CREGBOY AND CLEAN RIVER: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: 192

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Cunningham:

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £1,500. However, there are no funds available in the current year."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CUT BACK GRASS MARGINS ON THE APPROACH ROADS TO EYRECOURT AND THAT THE COUNCIL ARRANGE TO HAVE THE TOWN SWEEPED ONCE A WEEK: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: 193

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

"It is not possible to have the town swept once a week due to shortage of men and funds.

There are no funds available at present for cutting of grass margins. However, the work will be carried out if funds become available

towards the end of the year."

THAT AN ESTIMATE BE MADE TO PROVIDE A FOOTPATH TO A HOUSING ESTATE (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: 194

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

"The estimated cost for providing a concrete footpath at the above location is £25,000. A gravel path would cost approximately £16,000. However, there are no funds available for this work in the current year."

THAT A REPORT BE PREPARED ON THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSES THAT DO NOT HAVE A RANGE AND IF A SCHEME TO PROVIDE RANGES COULD BE APPROVED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: 195

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

"All Council houses with the exception of the following schemes have ranges installed:

Ahascragh - 5, Clarinbridge - 2, Athenry - 11, Ballygar - 12, Eyrecourt - 6, Glenamaddy - 1, Headford - 5, Kinvara - 6, Loughrea - 26, Oughterard - 6, Portumna - 13, Tuam - 26, Total: 119.

The above scheme houses do not have ranges. Open fire surrounds with backboilers and the addition of an immersion heater and electric cooker point were substituted in lieu of ranges in Scheme houses in the mid 70s. In 1977, the Council reverted to providing ranges and currently ranges or stoves are being provided in all housing.

There is no finance available at present to provide ranges in the scheme houses listed."

THAT A FOOTPATH BE PROVIDED FROM BRIDE STREET TO CAHERONAUN, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL REGAN: 196

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Regan:

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

TWO SIGNS AT BALLINAKILL N.S.: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL REGAN: 197

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Regan:

"The statutory signs are in place at above location."

REPAIRS TO A DRAIN AT MICHAEL FALLON'S, RAHEEN, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL REGAN: 198

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Regan:

"A section of the above drain will be piped as soon as possible."

THAT COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE PROVIDE MONEY TO REPAIR THE MAIN REGIONAL ROAD INTO AN CHEATHRU RUA VILLAGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: 199

The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Phatharta:

"There are no funds available in the current year for the carrying out of works at above location. However, the matter will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

THAT COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE REPAIR THE WALLS ON THE CAUSEWAY AT BEALADANGAN, ANNAGHVANE AND LETTERMORE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: 200

The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Phatharta:

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

REGIONAL ROAD FROM CASLA TO SCREEB: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: 201

The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Phatharta:

"This is a single lane bridge. The replacement of same will be a major job. There are no funds available for this work in the current year."

URGENT REPAIRS TO THE CURRAGHLINE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: 202

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The location in question is situated on the National Secondary Route N84. No funds were provided by the Department of the Environment for this location in the current year."

ROADWORKS AT BALLINDUFF/BALLYNEW, CORRANDULLA: - 203
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"There are no funds available for completion of the works in the current year. The location will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

PLAYGROUND AND RECREATIONAL AREAS AT COUNTY COUNCIL ESTATES: - 204
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The question of providing playing fields and recreational areas at County Council Estates is still under examination by the Council."

MAREE ROAD, ORANMORE: - 205
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The estimated cost of easement of bend at Hanniffy's on the Maree Road is £7,500. The easement or removal of bends on County Road is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

SIGNS TO DISPLAY ROAD FOR LABANE VILLAGE: - 206
BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"A sign for Labane will be erected in the near future."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FENCE AND CLOSE LAY-BY NEAR MR. TOM FOY'S HOUSE AT KILLEENAVARA, KINVARA: - 207
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"As the above location is private property the Council are precluded from the carrying out of any works."

THAT IMPROVEMENT WORKS BE CARRIED OUT ON THE ROAD FROM TULLYCROSS THROUGH LETTERGESH TO THE N.59: - 208
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'NEILL:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael O'Neill:

"Surfacing was recently carried out on Sections of the above road. Some delineations will be carried out in the near future on the section adjacent to the lake."

THAT INFORMATION BE PROVIDED ON THE REASON FOR DELAY IN PROVIDING A COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSE AT INVERIN FOR MR. JOE FEENEY, 39 RAHOON PARK, GALWAY: - 209
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'NEILL:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael O'Neill:

"The applicant has been approved for housing at Inverin, Co. Galway. A house will be provided for the applicant, but this is subject to the availability of finance and having regard to his priority and the priority of all other approved applicants."

PROVISION OF ROAD MARKINGS AND REALIGNMENT OF ROAD SOUTH OF HORSELEAP CROSS: - 210
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

"White lining will be provided at the above location as soon as possible. The carrying out of realignment works at this location is dependant on funds being made available by the Department of the Environment as this is a National Route."

THAT REPAIRS BE CARRIED OUT ON ROAD NEAR MICHAEL GREALLY'S HOUSE, FARM, WILLIAMSTOWN: - 211
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

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

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Thomas Walsh CHAIRMAN

29/10/91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

16ú lae Mean Fomhair, 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 23ú lae Mean Fomhair, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH.
RUNAI .

A G E N D A

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

"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to Grant Outline Planning Permission for the erection of dwellinghouse and Septic Tank at Ardfry, Oranmore, Co. Galway to Mr. Don Devaney, c/o Mr. James Roche, 16, Forster Street, Galway - Planning Ref. No. 64051."

Michael Fahy. Toddie Byrne. Matt Loughnane,
Michael Regan. Michael Cunningham.

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 Joe Murphy - Planning Ref. No. 64052".

Michael Mullins. Michael Finnerty Joe Callanan Pat
O'Sullivan.

OTHER BUSINESS.

3. **Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.**

- (a) Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held 30th July, 1991.
(b) Arts Committee Meeting held 20th August, 1991.

(c) Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Council held on 26th August, 1991.

4. Revision of Remuneration for Revenue Collectors.
5. Sheep Dipping Regulations, 1991.
6. Fix date for Estimates Meeting.
7. Appointment of Members to the Lough Derg Working Group.
8. Report on Roads.
9. Knockferry/Kilbeg Bridge - Minute No. 128.
10. People of the Year Awards, 1991.
11. National Tourism Seminar - Ennis - 22nd and 23rd November, 1991.
12. Workshop for Newly Elected Members - Ennis - 24th October, 1991.
13. Conference - Management of Landfill Sites - Cork - 7th and 8th November, 1991.
14. Community Regions Conference - Nomination of Chairman.
15. Plan for Social Housing.
16. Local Government Act, 1991.
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.
18. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting.

Councillor P. Finnegan - I will propose:

19. That this County Council erect a "No Dumping" sign at this location (details supplied).

(b) Other Motions received.

Councillor J. McDonagh - I will propose:

20. That County Council surface dress stretch of Road in dire state and in urgent need of repairs (details enclosed).
22. That County Council carry out long promised, urgently required surface dressing on road before it disappears. (details enclosed).
23. That the Council provide Boat Piers at Kilbeg Pier, Headford and other safety measures.

Deputy Padraic McCormack - I will propose:

24. That Galway County Council proceed with acquiring land for the extension to Ballinacourtey Graveyard, Maree, Oranmore as it is absolutely necessary that this graveyard be extended without delay as graves are not available.
25. That a 30 mile speed limit be erected at Tonegurrane Village, Corrandulla, Co. Galway as this is now an entirely built up area, a route extensively used by heavy traffic with many young children living in that area.
26. That Galway County Council makes an application to the Department of the Environment for a Special Contribution for Crosswood Group Water Scheme, Headford, Co. Galway.

Councillor M. Loughnane - I will propose.

27. That extension of the footpath mentioned be carried out. (details enclosed).
28. That roadside hedges be trimmed back at Caherlinna, Castleboy and Roxboro, Kilchreest, Loughrea.
29. That a culvert under the Ballinasloe-Portumna road at Ballycrissane be repaired.

Councillor Seamus Gavin - I will propose.

30. That the problem of flooding on a section of the Killanin, Road, a short distance off the N.59 route be investigated.
31. That signs indicating a school nearby be positioned on both sides of Moycullen Village and on the Church side of the Scoil Mhuire, Moycullen.

32. That provision be made for extra public route lighting on the Galway side of Moycullen Village.

Councillor Joe Burke - I will ask.

33. When will Galway County Council implement the improved lighting plan as outlined by E.S.B. to Council Officials on Non-National Routes in Tuam Town and then for the whole County. It is recognised that Tuam Town has the worst lighting for its size in the West of Ireland.

34. That roads that are gone extremely bad and where users are willing to maintain be permitted to do so, under the supervision of County Council Supervisor.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR EAMON O CUIV - Molaim.

35. Le fiaraí cen uair a thosfar ar an obair mor deisiúchan ar an mBothár o Dhoire Ne, Casla go Scrib de reir mar ata leagtha amach i meastachain na bliana seo.

36. Le fiaraí an bhfuil aon phleanna ag Comhairle Condáe na Gaillimhe comharthaí a chur ag cros-bhothar Dhoire Ne agus an Teach Doite leis an ainm Camus orthu agus an bhfuil aon phleanna ag an gComhairle Condáe comharthaí le ainm Chamuis orthu a chur ag dha cheann an bhaile.

Senator T. Hussey - I will propose.

37. That the Council maintain boundary fences at thier dump in Dunmore and prevent rubbish from scattering on to adjoining farmland.

An Comhairleoir Sean O Neachtain - Molaim.

38. Go ndeanfaidh Comhairle Chondáe na Gaillimhe príomhacht a thabhairt chun breis stórais uisce a thabhairt do Sceim Uisce Inis Meain agus Inis Thiar, Oilean Arain.

39. That Galway County Council provide money for emergency repair to the Clydagh, Tooreney and Lissaghurraín Road in Moycullen.

40. That Galway County Council provide many for emergency repair to Salahoona, Poreen, Cre Dhubh and Cathair Roads in the Connemara Engineering Area.

Councillor P. Finnegan - I will propose.

41. That this Council request the Department of the Environment to bring into effect a system whereby funding be transferred from the Department of Social Welfare to the Department of the Environment for allocation to local authorities to provide employment. This would have the double benefit of reducing unemployment and getting badly needed work done.

Councillor W. Burke. - I will propose.

42. That the bend at O'Rourke's Cross, Ballyshrúle be made safe

by carrying out appropriate works, as visibility is impaired when turning right at this cross.

43. That Galway County Council provide an allocation in the 1992 estimates to erect street lights and construct a path on Castle Avenue, Portumna, (on the approach to the Marina). The situation is extremely hazardous and dangerous to Tourists due to lack of proper Street Lighting and absence of a path.
44. That the people of Thornfield, Portumna be granted permission to connect into the Portumna Town Water Supply.

Councillor E. Varley - I will propose.

45. That Galway County Council submit a Social Employment Scheme to FAS for the carrying out of Amenity Works in Headford Town.

Councillor Michael Cunningham - I will propose.

46. That Galway County Council will provide a pedestrian "wicket" gate at the entrance to Drumacoo Cemetery. The gate is always locked except on a funeral day. Old people in particular, find it very difficult and impossible to enter the cemetery.
47. Public Road at Sherry's Pub, Peterswell on the Loughrea/Gort Road (details enclosed).
48. That Galway County Council provide Estimate of cost to widen Bridge at Cregboy and clean river.

Deputy Michael Kitt - I will propose.

49. That Galway County Council cut back grass margins on the approach roads to Eyrecourt and that the Council arrange to have the town swept once a week.
50. That an estimate be provided to make a footpath to a housing estate (Details provided).
51. That a report be prepared on the number of County Council houses that do not have a range and if a scheme to provide ranges could be approved.

Councillor Michael Regan. - I will propose.

52. That a footpath be provided from Bride Street to Caheronaun Loughrea as a matter of extreme urgency, as a number of accidents have occurred there. Furthermore, the exit from Caheronaun is extremely dangerous on both sides as there is no clear view when coming onto the main road - widening of the road on both sides is necessary and urgent.
53. That Galway County Council immediately erect two signs at Ballinakill N.S. to ensure the safety of children coming to and from school. It is extremely dangerous on both sides of

the school and there is no warning for traffic of a school ahead.

54. That Galway County Council immediately carry out repairs to a drain left open at Michael Fallon's Raheen, Loughrea as numerous accidents have occurred there and repairs would prevent more major incidents.

An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta - Molaim.

55. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe provide money to repair the main Regional Road into An Cheathru Rua Village and through the village.
56. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe repair the walls on the Causeway at Bealadangan, Annaghvane and Lettermore. (This has been left in a dangerous condition for some time).
57. As Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe have commenced work on the Regional Road from Casla to Screeb will they widen the bridge at Camus Football Pitch. It is only possible for one car at a time to cross this bridge which is part of the Regional Road. (There have been a number of accidents at this bridge.)

Councillor P. McHugh - I will propose

58. That Galway County Council carry out urgent repairs to the Curraghline as a matter of urgency in order to prevent a major accident occurring.
59. That Galway County Council outline for me their programme for completion of road works at Ballinduff/Ballynew, Corrandulla and when money will be available for completion of the works.
60. That further to my previous request regarding playground and recreational areas at County Council estates that the Council outline what progress has been made on same.

Councillor Michael Fahy - I will propose.

61. That Galway County Council include in the 1992 Estimates - Improvement works to ease bends and improve visibility on the Maree Road, Oranmore (i.e. Hanniffey's bend on towards Kelly's House).
62. That Galway County Council erect proper signs to display road for Labane Village from the National Primary Road on the Ardahan side entrance. This entrance cannot be visible at night without proper reflector signs.
63. That Galway County Council fence and close Lay-By near Mr. Tom Foy's house at Killeenavara, Kinvara as Lay-By has become a Dumping area for refuse - it is presently rat infested, and is a health risk to children in the area.

Councillor Michael O'Neill - I will propose

64. Improvement works be carried out on the road from Tullycross through Lettergesh to the N.59. This a prime tourist route which has a high rate of traffic accidents due to poor alignment and the poor condition of the road. It is in urgent need of repair and improvement.
65. Information to be provided on the reason for delay in providing a County Council house at Inverin for Mr. Joe Feeney, 39, Rahoon Park, Galway. The application was originally lodged in April 1987.
66. Appropriate studies be undertaken to facilitate consideration of designating Lough Corrib as an area of special amenity with a view to protecting wild brown trout fisheries.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Tiernan Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahey, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P.O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood County Engineer, L. Kavanagh, S.E.E. (Planning), E. Lusby, Finance Officer, D. Barrett, S.S.O. (Planning), Miss J. Forde, S.O. Housing, and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

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VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a Vote of Sympathy to the County Manager and his Family on the recent death of his Brother. He proposed that the Meeting adjourn for 40 Minutes as a mark of respect. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Ryan. All the Members joined in the expression of Sympathy. Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, on behalf of the Staff and on his own behalf joined in the Vote of Sympathy.

The County Manager thanked all the Members and Officials for their expression of Sympathy and for the large number of people who travelled such a long journey for the Funeral.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Mr. Michael Gilligan, Cahercrin, Craughwell on the death of Mrs. Ruth Gilligan.
Mr. Ned Fahy, Abbeyknockmoy on the death of his Father, Michael.

CONGRATULATIONS: 138

Councillor M. Fahy congratulated the Ballinderreen G.A.A. Club on the excellent facilities they provided for the Soccer Match between Galway United and Odense. It was suggested that Ballinderreen could be better signposted.

Councillor Joe Burke congratulated and thanked Mr. J. Gavin and Council Staff in Tuam in connection with the recent Twinning with Straubing. He said that the Staff had done a great job in cleaning the Town each day and they were a credit to the Council.

Councillor Byrne congratulated the Galway Under 21 Hurling Team on their All Ireland success and he also paid tribute to the Galway Juvenile Board.

NOTICE OF MOTION MONEY: 139

Councillor Cunningham asked if any Notice of Money would be available to new Councillor for 1991. The County Manager said he would examine the matter.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 64132 - APPLICANT : PADDY MURPHY. 140

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Councillor M. Fahey and was seconded by Councillor Regan.

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

"LOCATION:

The proposed site is located on the Galway Gort National Primary Route C. 4 miles north of Gort where the maximum speed limit applies.

PLANNING HISTORY.

Ref. No. 29581 - P. Murphy - permission granted for two dwellinghouses one either side of a County road which joins with the National Primary route subject to the access in both cases being taken from the county road. The access were to be located a minimum of 150 feet from the junction. (1978).

Ref. No. 33328 - P. Murphy - change of house plan granted subject to accesses in both cases being located on the County Road and not less than 75 feet from the junction. A direct access onto the National Primary route was constructed and enforcement proceedings were commenced in 1988.

Ref. No. 59424 - P. Murphy - Application for retention of entrance. Refused on grounds of traffic hazard. Refused by An Bord Pleanala.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

The Planning Authority's policy of restricting vehicular accesses on National routes is well established and has been included in all of the County Development Plans to date. The policy is based on the proven link between accident occurrences and vehicular access points on traffic routes and has been underlined by the Department of the Environment, particularly in its directive to Planning Authorities in 1971.

Traffic volumes and average speeds have continued to grow over the years and there and there has been constant demand for development outside town speed limits. This makes it all the more important to apply a strongly restrictive policy on the national routes in the interests of public safety so as to preserve their primary function as transportation routes between major urban centres.

In the present case the applicant, or perhaps his father of the same name, was granted permission for two houses in 1978 with a condition that the access be onto the minor road. The condition was suggested by the applicant or his representative when there were indications that the Planning Authority were deciding to refuse the application.

A second application for a change of house plan put forward a case for permitting the access closer to the junction with the national route but still on the minor road. This was agreed to by the Planning Authority. There was no indication that it was not acceptable to Mr. Murphy and he did not appeal the condition.

He proceeded to build the house and open a direct access onto the national route. He submitted an application to retain the access when the Planning Authority initiated legal proceedings. The application was refused by the Planning Authority and by the Planning Appeals Board.

RECOMMENDATION.

1. The proposed development would constitute a traffic hazard because the access opens directly onto a National Primary Route where the maximum speed limit applies, thereby adding to a proliferation of accesses on this route, and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the route.

2. The proposed development would contravene a condition of the permission relating to the construction of the dwellinghouse on this site i.e. that the access be onto the minor road to the north in the interests of traffic safety."

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The County Engineer reiterated the fact that the development was along a national primary route and mentioned the large number of fatal accidents on national routes in recent times.

Councillor Fahy said that when Mr. Murphy built his house he assumed he had permission for an entrance onto the national primary route. He said that if the entrance was to be relocated onto the County Road there would be a drop of 6 feet onto the road which would be a danger to traffic and to the family living there. He said that the house is in such a situation that there is no alternative entrance humanly possible. He said there would be no visibility on the county road and the entrance there would be unsafe.

The County Engineer said that it was the applicant who volunteered the entrance onto the county road. He said he saw no engineering difficulty in providing a safe entrance onto the county road.

Councillor J. Burke said that it was unfair to Councillors to submit a Section 4 in this case when it was the applicant who volunteered the entrance onto the County Road.

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

FOR. Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Dep. Connaughton, Sen. Cuiv, Councillors Cunningham, Fahy, Finnegan, Finnerty, Sen. Hussey, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Councillors McDonagh, McHugh, Ni Fhatharta, O'Neachtain, O'Sullivan, Quinn, Regan, Ryan, Walsh. (23)

AGAINST. Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, Gavin, O'Neill, O'Tuathail, Varley. (6)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT 141 (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 64051 - APPLICANT - MR. D. DEVANEY.

The Secretary advised the Meeting that there was a flaw in the wording of this Section 4 which was only discovered that morning. He said that the resolution required that full permission be granted, whereas, the application was for outline permission. He said that if the Section 4 Resolution was re-submitted it could be considered at the September Monthly Meeting.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT 142 (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 63764 - APPLICANT - RICHARD MULKERRINS.

The resolution as set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy McCormack and seconded by Councillor Gavin.

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

"LOCATION.

The Site is located on the Galway-Oughterard National Secondary road less than 1/4 mile before Kineavys Bar.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

The entrance which is the subject of this application is located on a restricted National Secondary Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. Despite the fact that widening of the entrance has been carried out, the location is adjacent to the wall of an adjoining property to the north which reduces sight distance considerably and renders the location hazardous from a road safety viewpoint. As the lands to the north are not in applicant's ownership, the boundary wall cannot be recessed to improve sight distance in this direction. The unauthorised entrance is also used as a means of access to serve his dwellinghouse by a Mr. Kevin Walsh. Mr. Walsh has already been twice refused permission for retention of this access and also on appeal. Mr. Mulkerrins has considerable road frontage from the County Road to north of this field if he wishes to provide a safe access to his lands.

RECOMMENDATION.

Refusal is recommended as follows:

1. The development would contribute to a traffic hazard as the entrance for which permission to retain is sought also includes an unauthorised entrance serving an adjacent dwellinghouse. The site is located on a restricted national secondary road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies and the traffic generated by the development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the said route."

The County Engineer explained that in altering the entrance to the farm, the applicant had created an unauthorised access to the farm and gave an entrance to an adjoining house which is also unauthorised. He said the applicant had not included all the unauthorised development in the application. He said the new entrance was not safe because of its location adjacent to the wall of an adjoining property which reduces sight distance considerably. He said the applicant could have provided a safer entrance elsewhere. The County Engineer pointed out that the entrance was along the main road to Connemara which was a very busy road with 2,800 per day with 9% heavy goods vehicles. He said that the vehicles travelled very fast on this road and there had been a number of fatalities also. He recommended that the application be refused.

Deputy McCormack said that previously there were two large stone built pillars at the entrance to the applicants farm

and the applicant could not drive into the land which caused some minor accidents and one major one. To improve the situation, the applicant knocked down the two pillars in order to provide a place where he could park safely. He said this was an outlying farm to which the applicant came every day to milk cows. Subsequently a Mr. Walsh got an entrance onto Mr. Mulkerrins land. Mr. Walsh was unsuccessful in two applications for retention of entrance and a third application was under consideration. Deputy McCormack said that Mr. Mulkerrins had made a correct application as all he wanted to do was to make a safe farm entrance. He said the applicant was advised to show Walsh's entrance on the plans but Deputy McCormack said that was a separate issue. He said the applicant visited the land twice a day for the past 20 years and making a horse-shoe type entrance was a most logical thing to do.

Councillor Gavin said that he supported the application. He visited the site with the applicant and the work carried out made the entrance safer. Councillor J. Burke asked if consultation had taken place before the entrance was altered and the County Engineer replied in the negative. Deputy McCormack said that Mr. Mulkerrins was not aware that he had done anything wrong by improving the entrance until the question of unauthorised development was raised and he was asked to restore the original entrance or apply for retention of all unauthorised development. Councillor Gavin said that the entrance was always in that location and the farm activity always took place in that corner of the field. The County Engineer said that in his opinion the entrance was not safe and the applicant owned enough land to provide a safer entrance.

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

FOR. Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Dep. Connaughton, Senator Cuiv, Councillors Cunningham, Fahy, Finnerty, Gavin, Sen. Hussey, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Mannion, McClearn, Dep. McCormack, Councillors McDonagh, McHugh, Mullins, Ni Fhatharta, O'Neachtain O'Neill, O'Sullivan, Regan, Ryan, Varley, Walsh. (24)

AGAINST. O'Tuathail. (1)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

SALE OF LAND TO GALWAY BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY LTD: 143

On the proposition of Deputy Connaughton and seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was resolved that "Galway County Council hereby approve the disposal of land owned jointly by Galway County Council and Galway Corporation at Rinville West measuring 6.338 Acres to Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Ltd., for the sum of £47,535 in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

RAISING OF LOAN FOR COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS AT CLUAIN MHUIRE. 144

The Chairman proposed that the Meeting adjourn and that the Members go to Cluain Mhuire to enable the New Members to inspect the building, and resume the Meeting in Cluain at 5.30 p.m. This was agreed.

Councillor Cunningham asked that Mullaghmore Interpretive Centre be put as an Item on the next Agenda. This was agreed and the Meeting then adjourned. After the Members had inspected Cluain Mhuire, the Meeting resumed there. Councillor Ryan proposed that a Special Meeting be held at 3.30 p.m. on the 4th October, 1991 to deal specifically with this Item. This was agreed.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Seamus Walsh CHAIRMAN

29/10/91 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

6u la Mean Fomhair, 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 13u la Mean Fomhair, 1991, ag tosnú ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona..

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission for retention of existing entrance at Ballinduff, Ardrahan, Co. Galway, - Planning Ref. No. 64132."

Michael Fahy. Michael Cunningham. Michael Regan.
Matt Loughnane. Toddie Byrne.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant full Permission for the erection of dwellinghouse and septic tank at Ardfry, Oranmore, Co. Galway, to Mr. Don Devaney, c/o James Roche, 16, Forster Street, Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 64051."

Michael Fahy. Michael Cunningham. Michael Regan.
Matt Loughnane. Toddie Byrne.

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3. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant permission for farm entrance and farm road at Ross Demesne to Richard Mulkerrins Clooniffe. = Planning Ref. No. 63764."

Seamus Gavin. Padraic McCormack. Paddy McHugh.
Sean O'Neachtain.

OTHER BUSINESS:

4. Sale of land to Galway Bay Golf and Country Club Limited - Section 83 notice dated 19th August, 1991, already circulated.
5. Raising of loan for Council Headquarters at Cluain Mhuire - progress report circulated.
6. Plan for Social Housing.

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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 26TH
AUGUST, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P.
Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv,
Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy,
P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin,
Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt,
Councillors M. Loughnane, J.
Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy Padraic
McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh,
P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni
Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M.
O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P.
O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M.
Ryan, and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager;
P.J. Gavin, Assistant County
Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer;
L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., T. Coughlan,
Acting Finance Officer, D. Barrett,
S.S.O., T. Murphy, S.S.O., P.
Carroll, Acting S.S.O., C. Wallace,
S.S.O., G. Heneghan, Acting County
Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING
APPLICATION NUMBER 63829 - APPLICANT: PAT KENNY:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by
Deputy Padraic McCormack, and seconded by Deputy Paul
Connaughton.

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

"LOCATION:

The site is located on the Claregalway/Oranmore
Road approximately one and quarter miles from
Claregalway and approximately 200 metres north of
Dennehy Commercials.

PLANNING HISTORY:

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Ref. No. 23666 - Permission for a dwellinghouse
refused on 22/3/1977 on a site which includes
part of the present site because of road widening
proposals. Applicant: Mr. Martin Dolphin.

Ref. No. 24453 - Permission granted for a
dwellinghouse on 25/7/1977. Applicant: Mr.
Martin Dolphin.

Ref. No. 25488 - Applicant for a dwellinghouse
withdrawn on 19/12/1977. Applicant: Patrick
Kenny.

Ref. No. 26570 - Permission refused on 1/3/1978
for a dwellinghouse on a site which included the
then unrealigned section of National Primary
Route. Applicant: Patrick Kenny.

Ref. No. 27462 - Approval granted on 15/5/1978
for erection of a dwellinghouse (change of plan)
against Permission 24453. Applicant: Patrick
Kenny.

Ref. No. 48844 - Permission granted for a
dwellinghouse on 8/12/1984. At this point 27462
was still valid. Applicant: Patrick Kenny.

Ref. No. 60520 - Permission refused on 16/2/1990
for a dwellinghouse and refused on Appeal by An
Bord Pleanala on 18/10/1990. Copy attached.
Applicant: Patrick Kenny.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located on a National Secondary Road
at a position where the maximum speed limit
applies. The road has been realigned. It is
the policy of the Planning Authority as set out
in Chapter 8, Table 8A of the County Development
Plan to restrict development to particular cases
of local housing need. No such need exists in
this case. All previous permissions granted
have expired. A recent application was refused
by the Planning Authority and by An Bord Pleanala
on Appeal.

This site is located across the road from the
existing houses and the speed of traffic is well
in excess of the speed of the statutory speed
limit. The A.A.D.T. is 2,418 (1990) with 16%
heavy goods vehicles. If this Permission is
granted it will introduce further turning
movement on the N64 at this point and may even
introduce cross movements of vehicles or children
due to the 5 houses across the road. This road
is due to be realigned further south within the
next year or so and this will lead to an increase
in speeds.

The development control classification of the N64 was changed from Class 2 to Class 1, which is National Primary control, in the 1985 Development Plan. Traffic volumes have increased by 0.3 and 1/2 per cent per annum over the past number of years and is continuing to grow with a high per cent of heavy goods vehicles. The Airport has increased the volume of traffic on this road. The Council is putting pressure on the Department for funds for further realignment of this road due to the increase in traffic volumes.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is proposed to refuse the application for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development would endanger public safety by reason of a traffic hazard because the site is located on a National Secondary Road where the maximum speed limit applies and the conflicting traffic movements generated by the proposed development would interfere with the safety and free flow of traffic along the said route.

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

In proposing the motion, Deputy McCormack indicated that the applicant in this case had purchased the site some 10 years ago when he was working in Galway, and had also purchased an additional area of ground to the site which had already received Planning Permission to enlarge the site. The applicant had lost his job in Galway and is now working in Mountbellew and now wished to dispose of the site. The original planning permission had expired and a fresh Permission on the site is required to enable him to sell the site.

The County Engineer referred to the history of planning applications on the site as outlined in the report which had been circulated. He pointed out that the site is located on a National Secondary Road where the maximum speed limit applies. The section of National Secondary Road has been realigned and the speed limit is regularly exceeded at this point. The provision of a house on this side of the road will cause conflicting turning movements with the existing turning movements associated with houses which have already been provided on the other side of the road. A commercial enterprise in the vicinity will also provide for conflicting turning movements. A recent traffic Census on the Claregalway/Oranmore Road had

indicated a daily traffic of 2,418 vehicles of which 16% are heavy goods vehicles, and this is nearly doubled from a Census taken in 1977 which showed an annual traffic of 1,308 vehicles with 10% of them being heavy goods vehicles. Traffic volumes are increasing at a rate of approximately three and half per cent per annum and the road would become much busier in years ahead. The Council have initiated a Compulsory Purchase Order to the south of the site with a view to completing the realignment of the road in the coming year. Department of the Environment, who will be funding the future road improvement have recommended that development should be restricted on National Routes. He pointed out that because of the speed and volume of traffic, its proximity to the Airport, and the other matters referred to, that the proposal would lead to increased dangers for road users, and recommended that the Permission be not granted.

Deputy Connaughton felt that the attitude of the Planning Authority was inconsistent in that Permissions had previously been granted on the site and that the present applicant is required to dispose of the site in view of the fact that the location of his work has changed. The County Engineer explained that the law relating to Planning Permissions had changed over the years and that Permissions previously granted had now expired, and that all fresh applications must relate to the situation which now exists. He indicated that the fact that the applicant's location of work had changed is not a valid planning consideration. Deputy McCormack pointed out that a valid Planning Permission had existed on the site until the end of 1989, and referred to the fact that he had not been in a position to point out the situation relating to the application to An Bord Pleanála before that Board took their decision.

A vote on the proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Finnerty, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh. (23)

AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, S. Gavin, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, and E. Varley. (6)

The Chairman declared that the motion had been carried.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING
APPLICATION NUMBER 63843 - APPLICANT: MARY DEARBOURN:

The resolution set out on the Agenda was proposed by Deputy Padraic McCormack, and seconded by Councillor Sean O'Neachtain.

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

LOCATION:

The site is located on a County Road approximately 1/2 mile north of Galway-Spidle Road.

PLANNING HISTORY:

Ref. No. 45691 - Outline Permission refused by the Planning Authority and on appeal on the proposed site for 3 dwellinghouses in March 1991. Applicant: Mary Dearbourn.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

A Medical Inspector's report on file Ref. No. 45691 indicates that the site is unsuitable for housing development as the lands are rocky and marshy with streams.

A Medical officer's report on file Ref. No. 61378 based on trial hole inspections indicated that the lands were unsuitable for the reception and disposal of septic tank effluent. The site is therefore unsuitable from a public health viewpoint for the development proposed.

The proposed dwellinghouse would be located approximately 500 ft. in from the public road on a narrow site and such development would be located to the rear of future development on lands to the south and south west and would thus constitute disorderly backland development which would compromise future development of the area for housing purposes.

No housing need claim was made with original application, ref. no. 45691 for Kathleen Cassidy.

A second family housing need claim was indicated with application ref. no. 61378 which was for 3 dwellinghouses. It is difficult to see how

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there would be a housing need for 3 dwellinghouses.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The proposed development would be likely to give rise to a public health hazard as trial hole inspections revealed the sites 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 proposal would constitute disorderly backland development with inadequate public road frontage and in the absence of an overall layout for the area, it would compromise the future comprehensive development of the area for housing purposes. The proposal would be contrary to the provisions of the County Development Plan and the proper planning and development of the area."

In proposing the Motion, Deputy McCormack indicated that the application referred to the provision of a second family dwelling for a daughter of the applicant and that a previous application for three houses on the site had been refused on septic tank grounds. The County Engineer referred to the report which had been circulated and which pointed out that the two previous applications, one for two houses, and the other for three houses, had been refused. He pointed out that the County Medical Officer's report indicated that the lands are unsuitable for the disposal of septic tank effluent, and that the development is likely to give rise to a health hazard. In addition, he indicated that the site is a long narrow site and that the proposal would result in disorderly backland development and would hinder other development in the area. He indicated that a housing need was claimed on the basis that the house was to be provided for a daughter of the applicant who is now in the U.S.A. In reply to Councillor O'Neill, the County Manager clarified that the present application is for one dwellinghouse and not three as had been the subject of a previous application. The County Engineer pointed out, however, that the ground conditions are still unsuitable for the provision of one dwellinghouse on the site. In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Engineer pointed out that development of other lands in the vicinity of the site might be possible with the provision of suitable treatment plant. Councillor O'Tuathail asked what investigations had been carried out into the housing need which had been stated. The County Manager pointed out the difficulties encountered by the Planning Authority in confirming housing needs which were suggested by applicants, and suggested that a number of applications have been granted where the housing need

was not subsequently found to be justified. Deputy McCormack was of the view that the housing need was justified in the present case as a daughter of the applicant wishes to return from the United States with her husband to live in the dwellinghouse. Councillor Joe Burke suggested that the Planning Authority should be sympathetic to this type of requirement. The County Manager, however, pointed out that the ground conditions was a problem in the present case. The County Engineer pointed out that there is a personal obligation on all to prevent pollution. Councillor Joe Burke said that in general consideration be given to alternative systems of effluent disposal and suggested that Bord na Mona be invited to a Meeting of the Council to illustrate the system which they have developed, and a number of Councillors agreed with this suggestion. The County Manager pointed out that Bord na Mona are in the business of selling this system and had been unable to answer certain queries put to them by the Council. He pointed out that apparently the system improves effluent quality where percolation is available, but that it is universally accepted that percolation is a problem in much of this County. He suggested that any meeting to which Bord na Mona representatives would be invited should also be attended by the Regional Chemist and the County Medical Officer. Councillor O'Tuathail referred to the situation where the County Council will grant Permission for septic tanks for existing houses where no such facilities exist. The County Manager stated that this is necessary to improve an existing bad situation as there is no choice available to the Planning Authority in these cases. Senator O'Cuiv asked if it would be possible to identify the percentage of applications west of the Corrib refused on septic tank grounds. The County Manager indicated that a report would be prepared in this matter. A vote taken on Deputy McCormack's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Councillors T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

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AGAINST: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, S. Gavin, and P. O'Tuathail.

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The Chairman declared that the motion had been

carried.

Deputy Kitt referred to a particular application for a Sheep Shed which had recently been granted by the Council, but was required to be built on two levels in the interests of visual amenity. The application referred to a second sheep house to eliminate the potential for pollution, and a further condition of the Permission required tree planting which he felt should be sufficient to cater for the amenity aspects of the application. The County Manager agreed to investigate the matter.

MINUTES:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh that the Minutes of Annual Council Meeting held on 11th July, 1991, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that the Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 22nd July, 1991, be approved and signed by the Chairman.

It was proposed by Senator Tom Hussey, seconded by Councillor Michael Finnerty, that the Minutes of Special Council Meeting held on 9th August, 1991, be approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment circulated:

"THE FOLLOWING DRAFT REPRESENTS MORE ACCURATELY THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER AS AGAINST THE SYNOPSIS ON PAGE 7 OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 9TH AUGUST, 1991, AND THE MINUTES SHOULD BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY BEFORE ADOPTION"

The County Manager suggested that if there was a decline in agricultural income, the viability of other rural based commercial enterprises could be affected and their rate paying capacity reduced. He suggested that environmental issues should be borne in mind particularly if lands were to be left fallow. He indicated that difficulties had been experienced in convincing industrialists that there was adequate infrastructure and labour force in rural areas to support industrial development, and that there would be continuing need to provide the necessary infrastructure. In relation to forestry he indicated that he had invited the Department of Energy to undertake a joint exercise with the County Council to identify areas within the County considered unsuitable for afforestation."

In reply to a question, Councillor Toddie Byrne was

advised that resurfacing work was taking place in Craughwell at the present time.

SALE OF HOUSE:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Dawros, Letterfrack, to John and Mary Lydon, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 24th July, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

SALE OF SITE:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a site at Dublin Road, Tuam, to the Electricity Supply Board in accordance with the terms of notice dated 7th August, 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."

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1991:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Matt Loughnane, and agreed that the 1991 Scheme be adopted and that a meeting of the Higher Education Grants Committee would be arranged.

APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFSHORE ISLANDS COMMITTEE:

It was proposed by Councillor Seamus Gavin, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, that an Offshore Islands Committee of the Council be established and that the membership of the Committee would consist of the Elected Councillors for the Connemara and Galway Rural Electoral Areas together with a representative from each of the three Aran islands and Inishboffin. Councillor Gavin indicated that the role of the Committee would be to examine problems experienced by the Islanders with water supply, roads, and other matters, and asked that the Committee would have the support of the Executive of the Council, the County Development Team, Udaras na Gaeltachta, and Roinn na Gaeltachta.

It was agreed that the Committee would initially meet in Galway and would consider meeting on the Islands at

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a future date.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE LOUGH DERG ELECTED MEMBERS WORKING GROUP:

Councillor Loughnane pointed out that Galway County Council had two representatives on the Lough Derg Elected Members Working Group, and that this is disproportionate to the representation held by other Counties. He suggested that the Members of Galway County Council elected for the Loughrea Electoral Area should be represented on the Committee.

It was agreed that this item be deferred pending clarification of the number of representatives which Galway County Council are entitled to nominate to the Committee. Councillor Willie Burke indicated that Ireland/West Tourism did not recognise the potential of Portumna and the assets of the area, and suggested that application should be made to SFADCO to promote the tourism interests of the area.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF LOUGHREA COUNCILLORS TO CONSIDER LOUGH DERG CATCHMENT:

It was agreed that consideration of this item be deferred depending clarification of the information sought at Minute No. 79 above.

PEOPLE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

It was agreed to defer this matter to the next Meeting of the Council.

JUNCTION OF ROAD RUNNING SOUTH FROM ORANMORE VILLAGE WITH N18:

The County Engineer explained the history and changes which had been associated with the junction at Oranmore over recent years. He pointed out that the speed of traffic on the National Primary Road, overtaking and other turning movements associated with the junction that he was of the opinion that it was dangerous, and that in fact, a number of minor accidents had already taken place there. The Environmental Research Unit of the Department of the Environment had carried out an examination of the junction and improvements suggested by them had been carried out. The E.R.U. had also recommended the closure of the junction as a final option. He accepted that the closure of the junction would cause inconveniences to a certain number of people, but that pedestrian access would be provided for. He indicated that he was also in favour of closing a second junction in the area but that this was to await the outcome of a land acquisition to provide for a turning circle. Councillor Toddie Byrne accepted

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that there is a problem with the junction for some time and asked that consideration be given to other options other than closing, i.e., a one-way system, relocation of the junction point, or other alternatives, and suggested that this matter be discussed with the people of the locality before taking any further action. The County Engineer indicated that all options had already been considered in consultation with the Department of the Environment and the Environmental Research Unit, and he undertook to discuss the matter with the Councillors for the Loughrea Electoral Area and the Oranmore community representatives.

REFORM OF C.A.P.:

Councillor Joe Callanan referred to the discussion which had taken place at an earlier meeting of the Council regarding the proposal to reform the Common Agricultural Policy. Councillor Callanan proposed, and it was seconded by Deputy Michael Kitt that Galway County Council call on the European Commission to include the following amendments in the Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy:

- (1) That the standard stocking be revised to one animal per 1.25 acres.
- (2) That the Special Beef Premium be extended to female animals.
- (3) That no price cuts for milk be imposed on farmers with a quota of less than 44,000 gallons.
- (4) That all subsidies be paid up to a set stocking rate only but that ownership of stock in excess of such limit would not exclude a farmer from payment of subsidy to such limit.
- (5) That the family income supplement be made available to low income farmers.

Deputy Connaughton indicated that there is a question mark regarding the reclassification of the whole County as a severely disadvantaged area. It was proposed by Councillor Michael Ryan, seconded by Senator Tom Hussey:

"That Galway County Council call on the Department of Agriculture to reconstitute the County Committees of Agriculture."

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Joe Callanan that the Members of the European Parliament for the Connacht/Ulster Constituency be invited to a Meeting of Galway County Council to discuss the proposed reforms of the Common

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Agricultural Policy.

TWINNING OF TUAM AND STRAUBING:

Mr. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, referred to the report which had been circulated earlier regarding the Twinning of Tuam and Straubing. He pointed out that student exchanges had led to the Twinning and that the Straubing Parliament and Tuam Town Commissioners had agreed to the proposal. The Official Charter had been signed in Straubing in the previous week, and a delegation from Straubing were coming to Tuam in the coming month to countersign the Charter. He indicated that the Twinning arrangement is in line with proposals set out in the Local Government Act, 1991. It was proposed by Councillor Joe Burke, seconded by Deputy Paul Connaughton that the Council approve of expenditure of the sum in the region of £4,000 towards the cost for the twinning of Tuam Town and Straubing. Councillor Burke indicated that he was pleased with the arrangement and expressed his appreciation for the help which Mr. Gavin had given to the local Twinning Committee. He pointed out that the twinning would be advantageous to Tuam and surrounding areas, and that this was a Pilot Scheme which might be copied elsewhere,

PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING:

It was agreed that this item would be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1991:

It was agreed that this item would be adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

The County Manager informed the Council that grants for beach improvements which had been available previous to the Council, would not be available in the current year.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE CHAIRMAN:

Councillor Sean O'Neachtain referred to the condition of roads in the Connemara area and asked that an item be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting to discuss the matter. He indicated that local people in the areas were filling potholes themselves. The County Manager advised the Council that any person engaging in the filling of potholes or other Roadworks was committing an offence, and was also incurring an enormous personal liability which might lead to actions being taken against the Council or the individuals through the Courts. He indicated that

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individuals involved in carrying out roadworks would be prosecuted by the Council. He advised that the question of the condition of roads would be discussed fully at the forthcoming Estimates Meetings and that a limit was set on the amount of work which might be carried out by the Budget which was available for the works. A number of Councillors suggested that reports be prepared on the condition of roads in other areas of the County, and it was agreed that an item in relation to the condition of roads generally be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council. The County Engineer advised the Council that hedge trimming operations were generally not carried out during the Spring and Summer months, but that an escalation of this programme would commence in the Autumn subject to the availability of funds.

SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Nora Bn. Ui Flatharta, Beal an Daingain,
Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mairtin & Aine Mac Donncha, Tuairin, Bealadangan,
Co. na Gaillimhe.
Mr. Patrick Burke, Church Street, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary Conlisk & Family, Ballyfruit, Headford,
Co. Galway.
Mr. & Mrs. Malachy Quinn & Family, Ballinabucky,
Peterswell, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

SPEED LIMIT ON THE AIRPORT ROAD - CARNMORE TO GALWAY
(DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH
MCDONAGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The provision of 40 mile speed limit at above location will be considered when the next review of speed limits for the whole County takes place next year."

In reply to Councillor McDonagh, who had welcomed the response given, the County Engineer indicated that an extension of the speed limit would not apply to the entire road but would include the area in which the school and residential accommodation is located.

FLOODING AT CARTYMORE, ATHENRY. (DETAILS SUPPLIED):
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH MCDONAGH:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"Alleviating flooding problem at above location is the responsibility of the landowner concerned.

Condition No. 2 of Planning Permission no. 43061 dated 25/5/'82 states a parking space, not less than 50 feet long and 8 feet wide shall be provided by the developer immediately adjoining the edge of the margin of the roadway. This space shall be surfaced and be to such levels as to prevent the discharge of surface water onto the roadway, to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority.

Our Planning Section will be writing shortly to the land owner concerned requesting compliance with this condition."

FLOODING AT CURRANDRUM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR
JARLATH MCDONAGH:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The matter will be attended to in the near future."

PUBLIC LIGHTING ON THE PIER AND ROADSIDE AT KILLEANEY
INISHMORE, ARAN ISLANDS: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC
MCCORMACK:

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The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Quotations have now been received from the E.S.B. for the erection of public lighting at Killeaney. This is being examined at present and an Official Order will be issued to the E.S.B. in the coming weeks.

There are no funds available at present for the provision of a safety wall at above location."

GALWAY MUSIC COLLEGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC
MCCORMACK:

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The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The question of the establishment of a Galway Music College is one which is more appropriate to the educational authorities, and there are two statutory educational Bodies in this County, namely Galway County Vocational Education Committee and Galway City Vocational Education Committee.

It is suggested that consideration of this proposal is one for joint action between the two Committees and in conjunction with University College Galway."

THAT THE COUNCIL LANDS AT FAIRYHILL, SHANNON ROAD, PORTUMNA, BE DESIGNATED FOR PRIVATE HOUSING: -
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

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The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The lands at Fairyhill are considered to be suitable for private and local authority housing. An assessment of lands in the ownership of the Council is being undertaken to determine the optimum means of implementing the Plan for Social Housing."

In reply to a question from Councillor Loughnane, the Assistant County Manager pointed out that the Plan for Social Housing strives to eliminate the distinction which exists between public and private housing, and to integrate both developments, and that lands for private housing would be provided by the Council as a matter of policy as the need arises. Care must be taken now to ensure that lands owned by the Council are not sterilised by over provision of private sites.

THAT THE BEND OPPOSITE JOHN JOE FORDE'S HOUSE AT EARLSPARK BE MADE SAFE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"There are no funds available for the removal of bend at above location in the current year. However, removal of bends on Regional and County Roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

THAT GRASS AND HEDGES BE CUT ALONG THE ROADSIDE AT ARDFRY, ORANMORE: (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

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

WHAT IS THE COUNCIL'S POSITION ON WATER WASTED AND COSTS WITHIN PUBLIC SYSTEMS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"Arrangements are being made for the preparation of a report regarding waste water. A further reply in relation to your question will issue on completion of the necessary report."

FLOODING OF HOUSE CLAIM (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"When claims are received from householders concerning damage to their property as a result of flooding, the circumstances of the claim are investigated by the Council's Risk Controller to ascertain the extent, if any, of the Council's liability in the matter. In the event of the Council accepting liability for the damage, estimates of the cost of making good the damage caused are received, and following negotiations, the claim is settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned."

In the case referred to, the extent of the Council's liability, if any, is still under consideration and it is hoped to have the matter finalised in the near future."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY STOP THE PRACTICE OF CHARGING RATE PAYERS FOR DUMPING IN GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL DUMPS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"Charges for use of Council Dumps were introduced to offset increased expenditure in the maintenance of the dumps and reductions in the Rate Support Grant. No charge applies to private persons using cars, cars with trailers or estate cars."

The income generated from other users is based on their actual usage of the facilities and is required to maintain the dumps to their present condition. The level of charge will be reviewed when the Estimate of Expenses for 1992 are being considered."

THAT MOYCULLEN SCHOOL BE INCLUDED WITHIN A 30 MILE SPEED LIMIT AND ALSO ST ANNIN'S, MOYCULLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Seamus Gavin:

"Provision of speed limits at the above locations will be considered when next review of speed

limits for the whole County takes place next year."

FOOTPATHS NEAR MOYCULLEN VILLAGE: - MOTION BY 102
COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Seamus Gavin:

"Some additional surfacing of footpaths will be carried out late this year."

NATIONAL ROUTE LIGHTING FOR ARDRAHAN VILLAGE: - MOTION 103
BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The provision of traffic route lighting is 100% exchequer funded. However, no funds were provided for any traffic route lighting scheme in the current year".

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TRANSFER SOME OF THE MONIES ALLOCATED FOR RE-ALIGNMENT OF THE ARDRAHAN NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD TO CARRY OUT HARD SHOULDERS FROM ARDRAHAN VILLAGE TO KILTIERNAN NATIONAL SCHOOL, AND HARD SHOULDERS TO BE INSTALLED URGENTLY AT NATIONAL PRIMARY ROAD LEADING TO LOUGH CUTRA NATIONAL SCHOOL, GORT.

"The Department of the Environment have informed us that no transfers are being allowed from the N.18 Ardrahan Grant job."

Councillor Fahy asked that consideration be given to the provision of money in the Estimate to allow for an area in front of the school to be attended to.

THAT PROPER SIGNS BE ERECTED AND VISIBILITY IMPROVED AT UMBRISTA FOURCROSSROADS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR 104
MICHAEL FAHY:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Fahy:

"The required signs are erected at all approaches to the above junction."

Councillor Fahy asked that the County Engineer would examine the painting of signs on the road at this location.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE THREE EXTRA STREET LIGHTS ON EXISTING POLES IN THE VILLAGE OF TULLY, RENVYLE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL 105
O'NEILL:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael O'Neill:

"It was not possible to include the above location under the 1991 Public Lighting Programme due to lack of funds.

However, this location will be considered along with others when the 1992 Public Lighting Programme is being prepared."

FLOODING AT KYLEMORE, CONNEMARA: - MOTION BY 106
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'NEILL:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael O'Neill:

"The road in question is the National Secondary Route N.59 and flooding is due to run-off from flash storms. The river channel between Kylemore Bridge and Tullywee Bridge is inadequate to meet such storm situations and requires to be regraded, widened and deepened. Systematic maintenance of the river is necessary due to the transport of gravel and boulders from high ground under flood conditions.

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

A detailed study of the flooding problem has been requested from the Office of Public Works."

In reply to Councillor O'Neill, the County Engineer advised that the work would cost in the region of £500,000 and that application had already been made to the Department in this regard.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT A SIGN "CAUTION - CHILDREN CROSSING" OR EQUIVALENT AT BAURISHEEN, GLANN, OUGHTERARD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR M. O'NEILL: 107

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael O'Neill:

"There is no school or large housing density in the Baurisheen area. The provision of such a sign is not prescribed in the Road Traffic Act and as such would not have any legal authority."

SEWERAGE TREATMENT WORKS AT PORTUMNA: - MOTION BY 108

COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Willie Burke:

"The Preliminary Report for the Portumna Sewerage Scheme is at present being prepared by the Council's Consultants."

In reply to Councillor Burke, the County Manager indicated that the Council is anxious to proceed with the provision of a new Treatment Works in Portumna and that it is expected that a Preliminary Report in this regard will be available in 6 months.

THAT THE COUNCIL ERECT THREE FURTHER LIGHTS IN ABBEY STREET, PORTUMNA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE: 109

The following written reply was given to Councillor Willie Burke:

"It was not possible to include the above location under the 1991 Public Lighting Programme due to lack of funds."

However, this location will be considered along with others when the 1992 Public Lighting Programme is being prepared."

STREET LIGHTING IN SPIDDAL VILLAGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: 110

The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"It was not possible to include the above location under the 1991 Public Lighting Programme due to lack of funds."

However, this location will be considered along with others when the 1992 Public Lighting Programme is being prepared."

Councillor O'Neachtain said that the public lighting in Spiddal at the present time is quite inadequate by comparison with other smaller villages, and asked that the Council examine the matter further.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL TRIM AND CUT ROADSIDE HEDGES IN THE MOYCULLEN AREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: 111

The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"It is hoped to carry out hedge cutting and verge trimming on the N59 in the Moycullen area in the

coming weeks."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL MAKE PROVISION FOR A FOOTPATH FROM KILLOUGH TO FURBO BEACH: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: 112

The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

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

However, the provision of footpaths on Regional and County Roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

Councillor O'Neachtain stated that in excess of 4,000 cars can use the Galway/Spiddal Road on a busy day, and that the absence of a footpath presents a danger to students and others using the road.

THAT THE JUNCTION AT GARBALLY JUNCTION, MENLOUGH, BALLINASLOE, NEAR A HOUSE (DETAILS SUPPLIED) BE IMPROVED: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: 113

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

"The estimated cost of carrying out improvement works at above junction is £6,750. However, there are no funds available to carry out this work in the current year."

THAT A SIGN FOR "CHILDREN PLAYING", A TURN TABLE FOR CARS AND SPEED LIMITS BE EXTENDED AT GLENASLAT HOUSING ESTATE, MONIVEA, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: 114

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

"The provision of such a sign is not prescribed in the Road Traffic Act and as such would not have any legal authority."

There are no funds available in the current year for the provision of the turntable."

The question of speed limits will be considered when the next review of speed limits for the whole County takes place."

THAT A SIGN FOR AHASCRAH SPORTSFIELD BE PROVIDED IN AHASCRAH VILLAGE: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: 115

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

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

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL COMPLETE ALL THE WORK IN
THE CEMETERY IN BALLINAKILL, GLINSK: - MOTION BY
COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN QUINN:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Kathleen Quinn:

"A Social Employment Scheme is presently in progress at above location and the necessary works will be carried out in due course."

However, it will not be possible to tar the paths due to lack of funding."

THAT MOTOR TAX WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR POST
OFFICES IN 1992: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN
QUINN:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Kathleen Quinn:

"The provision of Motor Tax facilities through the Post Offices is a matter which requires fresh legislation. The procedures and practices relating to the issue of Licences are based on an extensive body of complex legislation requiring considerable knowledge and expertise."

The proposal contained in the Notice of Motion involves practical, financial and legal difficulties which would have to be addressed by Government."

WHAT IS THE POSITION REGARDING THE PROPOSED PUBLIC
TOILETS FOR DOILIN BEACH, AN CHEATHRU RUA: - MOTION
BY COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta:

"The Council is in the process of acquiring the necessary lands for the provision of a public convenience at Doilin Beach, Carraroe. The necessary plans have been prepared for the public convenience and it is proposed to commence construction before the end of the current year."

REGIONAL ROAD AT KNOCK, INVERIN: - MOTION BY
COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta:

"Trial holes were carried out at the above location last year in conjunction with Eolas."

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It is hoped to commence road works in September. There is a budget of £60,000 available for this project."

WHEN DO COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE PROPOSE TO
REPAIR THE DEMOUNTABLE DWELLING RE MICHAEL JOYCE,
LETTERCALLOW, LEITIRMOIR: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR
CONNIE NI FHATHARTA:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta:

"An inspection of this demountable dwelling has been carried out. Repairs which are necessary include the provision of a new roof and this is an urgent category. We will include the repairs in our September work programme and will endeavour to carry them out subject to the availability of funds."

WHAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN SECURING SITE FOR NEW
GRAVEYARD FOR ORANMORE PARISH: - MOTION BY
COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Toddie Byrne:

"A number of meetings have been held with interested parties regarding the provision of a new burial ground at Oranmore."

Negotiations with land owners regarding the acquisition of lands adjacent to the Church is on-going."

THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE FORTHCOMING ESTIMATES
FOR (a) EXTENSION OF FOOTPATH TO ENTRANCE OF HOUSING
ESTATE AT CAHERONAUN ROAD, LOUGHREA; AND (b)
IMPROVEMENT TO FOOTPATHS AND ROAD SURFACE AT CHAPEL
STREET, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TODDIE
BYRNE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Toddie Byrne:

"The above works will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

THAT PROVISION BE MADE IN THE FORTHCOMING ESTIMATES
FOR INCREASED LIGHTING IN OUR TOWNS AND VILLAGES: -
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Toddie Byrne:

"This request will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Estimates."

HAS AGREEMENT BEEN REACHED YET REGARDING THE OUTLET FOR
WILLIAMSTOWN SEWERAGE SCHEME? - MOTION BY 124
COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

"I wish to inform you that the Council has reached agreement regarding the acquisition of the necessary lands for the treatment works and that Contracts of Sale are now being prepared.

The Preliminary Report for the scheme has been approved by the Department of the Environment and the Council's Consultants have now been instructed to prepare the necessary Contract Documents for submission to the Department of the Environment."

THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL PUSH BACK THE FENCE TO ALLOW
BETTER SIGHT DISTANCE AT (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - 125
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

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

THAT THIS COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT A "NO DUMPING" SIGN AT
THIS LOCATION (DETAILS SUPPLIED): - MOTION BY 126
COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN:

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

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

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
AT GORT: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL 127
CUNNINGHAM:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Cunningham:

"A Traffic Census for Gort was recently carried out and did not meet the required warrants laid down by An Foras Forbartha. It is hoped to carry out a further Traffic Census to establish if the required warrants can be reached."

KNOCKFERRY-KILBEG BRIDGE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLORS 128
SEAMUS GAVIN AND EVELYN VARLEY:

It was agreed that this matter be placed on the Agenda

for the next Meeting.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT A "CHILDREN AT PLAY"
SIGN AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE GLENASLAT ESTATE,
MONIVEA, ATHENRY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PAUL 129
CONNAUGHTON:

The following written reply was given to Deputy Paul Connaughton:

"The provision of such a sign is not prescribed in the Road Traffic Act and as such would not have any legal liability."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT WARNING SIGNS
"CHILDREN AT PLAY" OR SIMILAR SUCH SIGNS AT RUSHEEN
VILLAGE, CLARETUAM: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY 130
MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"The provision of such a sign is not prescribed in the Road Traffic Act and as such would not have any legal authority."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT HEDGE TRIMMING
IN CAHERLISTRANE, HEADFORD, COROFIN, ANNAGHDOWN, AND
CLAREGALWAY AREAS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY 131
MCHUGH:

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"It is hoped to have hedge trimming carried out at the above locations in the near future in order of priority and as resources permit."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL OUTLINE THE REASON FOR THE
ABANDONMENT OF ROADWORKS AT BALLINDUFF/BALLYNEW,
CORRANULLA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: 132

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

"Funds for 1991 have been expended. The works have not been left in a dangerous condition. The works will be completed when further funds are available."

REPAIRS TO THE BURROGE ROAD, KILNADEEMA, LOUGHREA:
- MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JIMMY MCCLEARN: 133

The following written reply was given to Councillor Paddy McHugh:

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

ROAD IMPROVEMENT TO THE N65 ROAD BETWEEN KILLIMOR AND
COLLAGH N.S.: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JIMMY
MCCLEARN:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Jimmy McClearn:

"This work is dependent on a grant from the Department of the Environment. No funds have been provided in the current year nor are they likely to be provided in the foreseeable future."

The County Manager undertook to make a case to the Department of the Environment for a special grant for improvement works on the N.65 between Killimor and Coolagh N.S.

NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR PORTUMNA: - MOTION BY
COUNCILLOR JIMMY MCCLEARN:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Jimmy McClearn:

"The Preliminary Report for the Portumna Sewerage Scheme is at present being prepared by the Council's Consultants."

CORRESPONDENCE:

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

- (1) Letter dated 23rd August, 1991, from Donegal County Council re subsidies on reactor cattle.
- (2) Letter dated 23rd August, 1991, from Donegal County Council re proposed incinerator at Duponts, and proposed siting of toxic waste incinerator at Maydown, Co. Derry.
- (3) Letter dated 23rd August, 1991, from Donegal County Council re dumping of waste and other materials.
- (4) Letter dated 23rd August, 1991, from Donegal County Council re Beach Protection Act.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed.

Seánán Walsh
Chairman.

23/9/1991

Date.

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19u la Lunasa, 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 26u la Lunasa, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

G. O EANACHAIN,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Resolutions under Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955:
"That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Permission for house and septic tank at Lydican to Pat Kenny. - Planning Ref. No. 63829."
P. McCormack. Jarlath McDonagh. Paddy McHugh.
Sean O'Neachtain.
 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 new house at Forramaola Thoir to Mary Dearbourn. - Planning Ref. No. 63843."
P. McCormack. Jarlath McDonagh. Paddy McHugh.
Sean O'Neachtain.
- OTHER BUSINESS:
3. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Annual Council Meeting held on 11th July, 1991.
 - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on 22nd July, 1991.
 - (c) Special Council Meeting held on 9th August, 1991.

4. Sale of house at Dawros, Letterfrack, to John & Mary Lydon - Section 83 notice dated 24th July, 1991, already circulated.
5. Sale of site to E.S.B. at Dublin Road, Tuam. - Section 83 notice dated 7th August, 1991, already circulated.
6. Higher Education Grants Scheme.
7. Appointment of an Offshore Islands Committee.
8. Appointment of 2 Members to the Elected Members Working Lough Derg Group.
9. Appointment of Committee of Loughrea Councillors to consider Lough Derg Catchment.
10. People of the Year Awards. (Details enclosed).
11. Junction of road running south from Oranmore Village with N18. (Copy of County Engineer's report dated 25th June, enclosed).
12. Reform of C.I.A.P.
13. Twinning of Tuam and Straubing.
14. Plan for Social Housing.
15. Local Government Act 1991. (Copy attached).
16. Business submitted by the County Manager.
17. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

18. That the County Council carry out study of prevailing speed limit on the Airport Road - Carnmore to Galway - with a view to seeking a reduced speed limit in the interests of safety - taking into account the current status of the road. (Details supplied).
19. That the County Council take immediate action to alleviate dangerous flooding situation at Cartymore, Athenry, - otherwise a serious or fatal accident is imminent. (Details supplied).
20. That the County Council implement drainage scheme to prevent persistent and dangerous flooding at Currandrum.

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council take steps to erect public lighting on the pier and roadside in the Killeaney area, Inishmore, Aran Islands, as this is a dangerous area. I will also propose that a safety wall be built on the shore side of the road in front of the County Council Cottages in Killeaney.
22. That Galway County Council pass a resolution asking the Government to immediately declassify areas of the County which have been declared Areas of Scientific Interest and Areas of Special Amenity without the consultation of the landowners concerned.
23. That Galway County Council and Galway Corporation set up a Joint Committee, with 3 representatives each for the purpose of presenting the case from Galway for the establishment of Galway Music College. I would also suggest that on that Committee would be 1 representative each from the Music for Galway, the Arts Festival, Chamber of Commerce and the V.E.C.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

24. That the Council lands at Fairyhill, Shannon Road, Portumna, be designated for private housing under the recently announced Government Plan for Social Housing.
25. That the bend opposite John Joe Forde's house at Earlsparck be made safe by the carrying out of appropriate works.
26. That grass and hedges be cut along the roadside to Ardfry, Oranmore. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

27. What is the Council's position on water wasted and costs within public systems. Huge leaks all over the country is burdening the Council with unnecessary costs.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

28. What arrangements are in place to deal with flooding of house claims (details supplied of 2 year old claim).
29. That Galway County Council immediately stop the practice of charging Rate Payers for dumping in Galway County Council Dumps. This practice is actually treble taxation and unacceptable.

COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN: - I will propose:

30. That Moycullen School be included within a 30 mile speed limit and also St. Annin's, Rosscahill. I request that both of those locations be included in next year's review.
31. That Galway County Council complete the work on the footpaths near Moycullen Village. Work commenced at the footpaths last Autumn.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

32. That Galway County Council include an allocation of monies for National Route lighting for Ardrahan Village.
33. That Galway County Council transfer some of the monies allocated for re-alignment of the Ardrahan National Primary Road to carry out hardshoulders from Ardrahan Village to Kiltiernan National School, and hardshoulders to be installed urgently at National Primary Road leading to Lough Cutra National School, Gort.
34. That proper signs be erected and visibility improved at Un-Embrista Fourcrossroads (near adjacent Michael helly's house, Ruananmore, Ardrahan). A number of accidents occurred here at this junction this year.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'NEILL: - I will propose:

35. That Galway County Council will provide three extra street lights on existing poles in the village of Tully, Renvyle. There are presently two street lights in the village which were provided in 1956 during the Rural Electrification Scheme and which are now totally inadequate with up to 100 children attending evening classes, September to June, in the local Teach Ceoil. The situation is extremely hazardous due to a lack of proper street lighting.
36. That Galway County Council provide finance in the 1992 Estimates to solve the serious flooding problem at Kylemore, Connemara, on the N59. It is a constant source of disruption of traffic and of the education of students attending Kylemore Abbey Secondary School, when their school bus cannot get through.
37. That Galway County Council erect a sign "Caution - Children Crossing" or equivalent at Baurisheen, Glann, Oughterard.

COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE: - I will propose:

38. As a matter of urgency, that Galway County Council speed up the preparation of plans for the provision of a new sewerage treatment works in Portumna, for submission to the Department for grant approval.
39. That the Council erect three further lights in Abbey Street, Portumna.

COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: - I will propose:

40. That Galway County Council erect some street lighting in Spiddal Village and upgrade the present inadequate public lighting that is there.
41. That Galway County Council trim and cut roadside hedges in the Moycullen Area as a matter of urgency in the interest of public safety.
42. That Galway County Council make provision for a footpath from Killough to Furbo beach along the Galway/Spiddal Road. I am proposing this motion in the interest of public safety where no footpath exists on a road that carried a high level of traffic.

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

43. That the junction at Garbally junction, Menlough, Ballinasloe, near a house (details supplied) be improved especially in view of people stopping there to view Garbally Castle.
44. That a sign for "Children Playing", a turn table for cars and speed limits be extended at Glenaslat Housing Estate, Monivea, Athenry.
45. That a sign for Ahascragh Sportsfield be provided in Ahascragh Village.

COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN QUINN: - I will propose:

46. That Galway County Council complete all the work in the Cemetery in Ballinakill, Glinsk. It has been drained and left in a very rough condition at the moment. Further work needs to be done, such as kerbing, tarring of pathways, building small area of the wall and a new gate.
47. That Motor Tax will be available through our Post Offices in 1992.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: - I will propose:

48. What is the position regarding the proposed public toilets for Doilin Beach, An Cheathru Rua.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FATHARTA: - I will propose:

49. When do Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe propose to commence the work on the Regional Road at Knock, Inverin and what amount of money is to be spent on this road.
50. When do Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe propose to repair the demountable dwelling re: Michael Joyce, Lettercallow, Leitirmoir.

COUNCILLOR TODDIE BYRNE: - I will propose:

51. What progress has been made in securing site for new graveyard for Oranmore Parish.
52. That provision be made in forthcoming estimates for -
- extension of footpath to entrance of housing estate at Caheronaun Road, Loughrea; and
 - improvement to footpaths and road surface at Chapel Street, Athenry.
53. That provision be made in forthcoming estimates for increased lighting in our towns and villages.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

54. Has agreement been reached yet regarding the outlet for Williamstown sewerage scheme. If not, what is the position?
55. That the County Council push back the fence to allow better sight distance at (details supplied).
56. That this County Council erect a "No Dumping" sign at this location (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: - I will propose:

57. That Galway County Council provide pedestrian crossing at Gort. People and particularly old people find it difficult to cross with traffic owing to location of Post Office. It certainly would be a great facility and I am requesting Galway County Council to provide same.

COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN AND COUNCILLOR EVELYN VARLEY: - We will propose:

58. That the Knockferry-Kilbeg Bridge project be advanced and promoted immediately in the context of its social and economic benefits, especially regarding the areas of tourism and agriculture. We propose that a submission in line with the outline proposals prepared by the Bridge Committee's Consultants be sent to the Department of the Environment for approval.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON: - I will propose:

59. That Galway County Council erect a "Children at Play" sign at both entrances to the Glenasloth Estate, Monivea, Athenry. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR PADDY McHUGH: - I will propose:

60. That Galway County Council erect warning signs "Children at Play" or similar such signs at Rusheen Village, Claretuam. Residents in the area are very concerned that warning signs are necessary to prevent serious accidents.
61. That Galway County Council carry out hedge trimming in Caherlistrane, Headford, Corofin, Annaghdown and Claregalway areas as a matter of urgency.
2. That Galway County Council outline the reason for the abandonment of the road works at Ballinduff/Ballynew, Corrandulla and indicate when works will be completed as the present condition is highly dangerous.

COUNCILLOR JIMMY McCLEARN: - I will propose:

63. That the County Council carry out, as a matter of urgency, repairs to the Burroge Road, Kilnadeema, Loughrea.
64. That Galway County Council seek a grant from the Department of the Environment to carry out improvement to the N.65 Road between Killimor and Collagh N.S.
65. That Galway County Council treat the provision of a new sewerage scheme for Portumna as a priority.

MINUTES OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS ON TUESDAY
30TH OF JULY, 1991. (5)

IN THE CHAIR:

Councillor Joe Callanan.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Mr. Peter Raftery, Mr. Michael Connolly
Senator Tom Hussey, Clr. Michael Fahy, Clr. Matt Loughnane,
Clr. John Mannion, Clr. Jarlath McDonagh,
Clr. Tiarnan Walsh, Mr. Michael Conneely,
Mr. Joe Lambert, Mr. Joseph O'Neill, Mr. John Hession,
Mr. Michael Finnerty, Mr. T. J. Gormley, Ms. Evelyn Varley,
Mr. William Laffey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Gerry Heneghan, Acting County Secretary, Mr. Tony Murphy
Senior Staff Officer, Ms. Paula Barry-Walsh, Veterinary
Inspector.

It was proposed by Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed that Councillor Callanan be appointed Chairman of the Committee. It was proposed by Councillor Mannion and seconded by Councillor Loughnane and agreed that Mr. Lambert be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee. At the request of the Chairman Mr. Murphy gave a summary of the 1990 Sheep Dipping Season and he also explained to the meeting that the 1991 Regulations were for the most part similar to the 1990 Regulations. In reply to Clr. Mannion Mr. Murphy said that there were nine outbreaks of sheep scab in the past year and he gave details of the location of the outbreak in each case. Mr. Gilhooley asked for a breakdown of the receipts and expenditure on Sheep Dipping in 1990. In reply Mr. Murphy said that the total number of sheep dipped in the 1990 Season was 738,964 and that the total income was £115,062 and the total expenditure £91,023. He pointed out however that items such as the expense of the Sheep Dipping Committee and the Regional Sheep Dipping Committee were not included in the Expenditure and likewise no figure was included to cover the administration of the Scheme by the Councils Administrative Staff. Mr. Connolly asked why the dipping period was fixed from the 15th September to the 31st of October and Ms. Barry-Walsh replied that the sheep scab mite is most active at that time of year and accordingly it is advisable to dip for sheep scab at that time. At the request of Councillor Mannion Mr. Murphy outlined the position in relation to samples taken from the Sheep Dipping Baths during the 1990 Sheep Dipping Season, he said that the results generally were an improvement on previous years and he pointed out that almost half of the samples taken were 70% of the adequate strength. In reply to Mr. Conneely Mr. Murphy said that research was ongoing in relation to the sampling methods being used and it was not possible to take any drastic action until this research was finalised. He said that he had been in contact with the Department of Agriculture in relation to this matter on a number of occasions.

In reply to Mr. Connolly Ms. Barry-Walsh agreed that outbreaks of sheepscab may be related to the fact that an inadequate amount of dip was being used and also to the fact that sheep were not being kept in the dipping baths for the full minute nor were they being fully immersed in all cases. Councillor Fahy said that some farmers do not dip their rams and he said that they should be made aware of the importance of doing so. Following further discussion Ms. Barry-Walsh said that pressure should be put on flock owners to ensure that they dipped all of their sheep especially rams.

It was proposed by Councillor Hussey seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed that the Sheep Dipping Regulations for 1991 be adopted. This concluded the business of the meeting.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Sean Walsh CHAIRMAN

23/9/1991 DATE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARTS COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY,
20TH AUGUST, 1991 IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS (4)

PRESENT: CLRS. M. FAHY, P. MCHUGH, J. MANNION, T. BYRNE
J. McDONAGH, J. BURKE, ML. O'NEILL
T. WALSH, AND DEPUTY ML. KITT.

Arts Organiser, J. Harrold; A/Co. Secretary
G. Heneghan; Maura Moloney

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN ;

Clr. J. Mannion was proposed by Clr. J. McDonagh, seconded by Clr. J. Burke and unanimously agreed.

The Chairman thanked his proposer and seconder and called for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Deputy Kitt was proposed by Clr. P. McHugh, seconded by Clr. M. Fahy.

Clr. Ml. O'Neill was proposed by Clr. J. Burke, seconded by Clr. T. Walsh.

Deputy Kitt withdrew and Clr. M. O'Neill was elected.

The adoption of the Minutes was proposed by Clr. Fahy, seconded by J. Burke, and agreed.

Clr. T. Byrne thanked the out-going committee for the grant aid to An t-Amhrain Beo Festival, Kinvara, which was a great success and he also complimented the Arts Organiser J. Harrold on the exhibition of sculpture in Athenry.

Arising from the Minutes, Clr. Burke said he concurred with Clr. Finnegan's comments regarding allocation of funds to city based groups. He felt they were adequately catered for by the Corporation and the grants in the County Council should go towards County groups. Clr. McHugh and other Councillors agreed with Clr. Burke. Mr. Harrold told the members that funds were only allocated on the understanding that the groups performed in the county. He said he hoped an Arts Magazine would be produced in the Autumn which would be available to all art groups and he expected many more applications from County groups, for the 1992 grants.

Clr. J. McDonagh expressed the view that Amateur Drama should be supported as they were not catered for by the Arts Council.

Clr. T. Walsh spoke of the success of the Glenamaddy Festival and said such groups should be entitled to some grant aid.

Deputy Kitt suggested that details of company's touring programmes should be available.

The Chairman read a letter from Clr. Ml. Mullins on behalf of a School Band. The Arts Organiser said there was no provision for funding bands under the Arts Grant.

Arts Committee - 2018/91

Clr. Fahy congratulated Clr. J. Mannion on his election as Chairman and said the Arts Committee was one of the most worthwhile committees of the Council. He referred to the meeting which was held in Letterfrack and proposed that an Arts Committee meeting be held in Clifden during the Arts Week in September.

Deputy Kitt seconded the proposal.

The Chairman suggested J. Harrold contact the new Arts Council's Regions Officer and depending on her availability a venue and date could be arranged for the next meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

Deputy Kitt proposed that the membership of the Arts Committee be increased to 10 and that Mr. James Joyce be co-opted to the ensuing vacancy. Clr. J. McDonagh seconded the proposal.

A/Co. Secretary, G. Heneghan, informed the Committee that such a proposal would need the agreement of the Council. The Minutes will be dealt with, at the Sept. meeting.

Clr. Burke suggested that some agencies be approached to provide sponsorship to supplement the County Council grants. The A/County Secretary, pointed out that E.C. funds are channeled through one national body, i.e., The Arts Council. The Arts Organiser, however, said he would investigate the proposal.

Clr. O'Neill thought this was the appropriate time to look for sponsors and to have an overall programme available.

Deputy Kitt asked Mr. Harrold to consider asking the Abbey Players to include Galway in their itinerary and Clr. Burke concurred with this suggestion.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Harrold for displaying the 4 sculptures from the Athenry Exhibition in the foyer of the Co. Buildings.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Liam Walsh CHAIRMAN

23/9/1991 DATE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON
FRIDAY, 9TH AUGUST, 1991 AT 3.00 P.M.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Tiernan Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

- Members. As recorded in the Attendance Book.
- Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerly, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, E. Varley.
- Officials. Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager, J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer, R. Killeen, Acting Deputy County Engineer, I. Coughlan, Acting Finance Officer, P. Carroll, Acting Senior Staff Officer, Mr. G. Heneghan, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

CONGRATULATIONS.

61.

At the Outset, it was proposed by Councillor Michael Fahy and seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta that a Vote of Congratulations be extended to Councillor S. O'Neachtain on his recent appointment as Chairman of Udaras Na Gaeltachta. A number of Councillors and the County Manager associated themselves with the Vote of Congratulations. In reply Councillor O' Neachtain thanked the Members for their kind words and he expressed the hope that his term of office would be beneficial to the area.

ATTENDANCE AT SEMINAR AT INCHIGEELA, CORK.

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It was proposed by Deputy Kitt and seconded by Councillor P. McHugh that the Council approve of Councillor Michael Fahy's replacement for Senator Eamon O'Cuiv at a recent Seminar in Inchigeela in Cork.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO CONSIDER GRANTING OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION FOR 15 HOUSES, ROADS AND SERVICES AT FOUGH EAST, OUGHTERARD TO MIRROR LTD., C/O ML. WALSH, SPIDDAL, - PLANNING REFERENCE NO. 63290. 63.

The following report regarding the proposal had been circulated to the Members.

Application for Outline Permission for erection of fifteen holiday homes including roads and services in the townland of Fough East.

LOCATION OF SITE. The site is located on a wedge of land between the Pier Road, Owenriff River and Oughterard town centre.

PLANNING HISTORY: Planning Ref. No. 35709 - Outline Permission refused for housing development on the proposed site for 9 dwellinghouses and septic tank drainage - applicant Miss K McCarthy.

Planning Ref. No. 41603 - Outline Permission granted for 1 dwellinghouse on part of proposed site in July '85 -Applicant - K. McCarthy.

Planning Ref. No. 59983 - Permission granted on part of proposed site for dwellinghouse in December '89. - Applicant Ml. Glynn.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The site is located within the agricultural zone in the Oughterard Development Plan where normally permitted development relates to livestock accommodation, miscellaneous farm buildings, open spaces and single houses for farmholders families. The present proposal being of an intensive residential nature would be a material contravention of this zoning. There has been no change in zoning to the Oughterard Plan since prior to the 1979 County Development Plan.

In relation to tourism development previous County Development Plans sought to encourage such development into existing centres. Chapter 9 of 1979 County Development Plan stated "It will be the policy to seek to concentrate all appropriate commercial tourist development into the designated tourist centres". Oughterard was designed as a major tourist centre. Development policy relating to it was "to encourage growth as a local tourist centre, fishing activity and health centre equestrian, sailing and boating connections to Cong to seek input of small unit and tourist related industry".

The 1985 County Development Plan (Chapter 26) -Development Control Policy for scenic amenity areas. Chapter 26 1.1 - "to direct as far as possible all tourism related development into existing tourism centres by means of development control in rural areas"

In the preparation of the current development plan Councillors felt that such policies were too prohibitive in rural scenic areas and that the plan should allow for consideration to be given to housing or other beneficial tourism development in amenity areas where adequate screening is available. Following adoption of the Plan, the Planning Authority received a plethora of holiday village proposals of which a small number were granted and the majority refused. The present developers were the recipients of a refusal in the Glann Road, approximately 4 miles from Oughterard on the grounds of scenic amenity. The developers have investigated other sites close to the village - these were either unsuitable from a services or road hazard viewpoint. They finally settled on the present site as being the most suitable for

the proposed development.

The present proposal is for 15 holiday homes and ancillary services. Effluent is to be pumped to the County Council treatment plant which is to be on an immediately adjacent site. Ground levels on site appear to be raised to resist flooding and to cover the existing public sewer line which passes through the northern end of the site. Surface water drainage will be to the adjoining river. The original road access proposal was to be from Camp Street but a revised application has been lodged to provide for an access from Pier Road (Ref. No. 64447).

From a scenic amenity viewpoint there will be no diminution of any view or prospect since surrounding vegetation obscures any view of the town. The nearest residence is located approximately 100 metres to the South West.

The County Manager pointed out that the proposed development would materially contravene the County Development Plan in that the site in question was zoned for agricultural purposes. He pointed out, however, that the Council had asked that tourism related projects be encouraged and as it was not open to him to grant the permission it was a matter for the members to consider. He indicated that a significant number of objections had been received and that these had been circulated to the Members. It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion seconded by Councillor M. O'Neill that the permission be not granted in this case. Councillor O'Neill pointed out that in view of the number of objections and the number of organisations which opposed the development that the Council could not consider granting this permission. Councillor Varley associated herself with this remark. It was proposed by Deputy M. Kitt, seconded by Councillor Ni Fatharta that permission be granted. In reply to a question from Councillor Mannion it was pointed out that the developer proposed to raise the level of the site. The County Manager pointed out that the management of the project on a rental, owner or time-share basis had not been indicated by the developer. A vote taken on the proposal to grant permission was taken as follows:-

For: Councillors J. Callanan, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator I. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors P. McHugh, C. Ni Fatharta, S. O'Neachtain, K. Quinn, and M. Regan.

(11)

Against: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, T. Walsh.

(12).

The Chairman declared that the Motion had not been carried.

SHANNON PARK PORTUMNA - BUILDING OF ADDITIONAL HOUSE.

64.

Councillor Willie Burke referred to a proposal to build an additional dwellinghouse at the Shannon Park Housing Estate in Portumna. He indicated that a deputation had recently met with the Assistant County Manager in the matter and had pointed out that the Residents requested that the balance of the land available would be retained for open space and that this proposal had been rejected by the Assistant County Manager. Mr. J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager referred to a report which he had circulated to the Members outlining the present position regarding the commencement of all houses that the Council are approved to construct in the current year. He indicated that in the case of the development at Portumna that a Contract had been signed and that a builder had, in fact, moved on site but had been hindered by locals. He pointed out that Department guidelines provided for a minimum of 10% open space per housing area and that the proposal that all remaining land be retained for open space would provide that an area of 43% of the development would be available for open space and that this was unrealistic and unreasonable. His recommendation was that the Council would not oppose the development. Councillor P. McHugh asked if the matter at issue is the long term development of the estate or the housing of a particular family. He indicated that the Assistant County Manager's approach seemed reasonable and suggested that the building of one house would make little difference to the available open space. Councillor J. Burke suggested that the Councillors for the area would meet with the Assistant County Manager to discuss the question of open space and playing

facilities with a view to resolving the matter, and this was agreed.

REFORM OF THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

65.

Deputy Paul Connaughton indicated that the present proposals by the Commissioner for Agriculture for reform of the Common Agricultural Policy have a frightening relevance to the people of County Galway. He pointed out that if the proposals are carried that there would be no more guaranteed prices and that larger countries would pay higher premium to their farmers placing Ireland at a disadvantage. He pointed out that the United States of America are using their Industrial might in the negotiations on agriculture and that these proposals will have a very detrimental effect on the income of small farmers. He pointed out that the Council's concern in the matter should be conveyed to the Taoiseach, Commissioner McSharry and the European Commission. A number of Councillors agreed with the concerns expressed. It was agreed that a reform of the C.A.P. is necessary but the following concerns were expressed.

Farmers have experienced a drop in income in recent years and this cannot be allowed to continue or worsen.

Further jobs will be lost in the Industrial Sector as a result of the downturn in farming.

Bigger farmers are receiving larger subsidies than small farmers.

The cost of intervention and storage is excessive.

Retirement schemes for Farmers in the past have not worked.

The quality of our produce must be maintained at a high level.

Payments on a headage basis must be kept to a certain maximum.

The Family Income Supplement should be made available to small farmers.

The confusion and fear regarding the proposals among farmers must be relieved.

Any reform of the C.A.P. must put farming on a

positive footing.

Simplification of grant forms is required.

The reduction in farm prices has not been passed onto the consumer.

The County Development Plan must provide for a more sympathetic response to forestry.

The beef premium should be made available for female animals.

A review of stocking rates is required.

The County Manager pointed out that problems associated with the Agricultural Industry would affect the commercial sector and that environmental issues would also result from lands being left fallow. In order to develop the area it is necessary to have the proper infrastructure and an adequate labour force in place and he pointed out that a joint exercise was being carried out with Teagasc to identify areas that are unsuitable for forestry purposes.

It was proposed by Deputy Paul Connaughton seconded by Councillor J. McClearn that "Galway County Council demand that the special importance of Irish agriculture to the local economy and to the west of Ireland be taken into consideration when the McSharry proposals are being finalised. Furthermore, the Council demands that the Taoiseach and the Government document alternative proposals to the McSharry Plan without delay. These proposals should be placed before the E.C. Heads of State with a view to securing a broad based E.C. consensus and ensure that the maximum number of farming families are accommodated on the land."

It was proposed by Councillor J. Callanan, seconded by Councillor M. Ryan that Galway County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture to reconstitute the Committees of Agriculture.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor M. Regan that the Council call on the Minister for Social Welfare to relax limits for Social Welfare Assistance to farmers.

It was agreed that this matter will again be discussed at the next Meeting of the Council.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS. 66.

It was agreed that the following additional motion be submitted by Galway County Council to the Annual Meeting of the General Council of County Councils:-

"That the Minister for Social Welfare, Dr. Michael Woods T.D. be directed to remove Means Test for the payment of the Carer's Allowance in respect of Pensioners and those people that require full-time care and attention.

Signed:- Michael Fahy, Michael Regan, Michael Cunningham.

DANGEROUS CONDITION OF NATIONAL PRIMARY ROUTE AT KILRICKLE. 67

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor J. Callanan that the County Engineer examine the dangerous condition of the National Primary Route at Kilrickle. Deputy Kitt asked that the County Engineer would consider the possibility of providing black spot signs in the area in view of the horrific loss of life which has occurred at the location. Councillors Mullins, McClearn and Loughnane agreed with the investigation and pointed out that the speed limits in the area are not being adhered to and suggested that the Council would examine the provision of physical speed deterrents in the area. In reply, the County Engineer indicated that all analysis showed that the road is not a contributory factor and pointed out that he was meeting representatives of the Environmental Research Unit of the Department of the Environment at the location in the coming week and will bring forward proposals as a result of that meeting. Councillor Loughnane asked that the County Engineer would also examine the difficulties experienced by old people crossing the road in the area.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Cunningham seconded by Councillor Fahy that the Council examine the possibility of providing a pedestrian crossing at Gort.

68.
NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS ASSOCIATION.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Ryan seconded by Councillor T. Byrne that Councillor J. Mannion be nominated as the Council's representative to the Local

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Authority Members Association.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Kitt, seconded by Councillor P. Finnegan that Councillor P. McHugh be nominated as the Council's representative to the Local Authority Members Association.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:-

For Councillor Mannion.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Mannion, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley and T. Walsh. (14)

For Councillor McHugh.

Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Deputy M. Kitt, M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan. (13).

The Chairman declared Councillor Mannion selected as Galway County Council's representative to the Local Authority Members Association.

GRANTS FOR NATIONAL SCHOOL AT RECESS

69.

It was proposed by Councillor P. O'Tuathail seconded by Councillor S. Gavin that Galway County Council call on the Minister for Education to postpone their decision to withdraw grants from the National School at Recess for a further year. Councillor O'Tuathail pointed out that a Meeting of local people had been held on the previous Tuesday night and concern had been expressed at the Minister's decision which would mean the closure of their local school.

(a) PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING,
(b) TWINNING OF TUAM WITH STRAUBING.

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It was agreed that (a) Plan for Social Housing and (b) Twinning of Tuam and Straubing be deferred to a further meeting of the Council.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

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A vote of sympathy was conveyed to Mr. Eileen Kilroy and Family, The Square, Gort on the death of her

husband, Jack.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Liam Walsh
CHAIRMAN

26/8/1991
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THE FOLLOWING DRAFT REPRESENTS MORE ACCURATELY THE VIEWS
EXPRESSED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER AS AGAINST THE SYNOPSIS
ON PAGE 7 OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE 9th AUGUST, 1991,
AND THE MINUTES SHOULD BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY BEFORE ADOPTION

The County Manager suggested that if there was a decline in agricultural income, the viability of other rural based commercial enterprises could be affected and their rate paying capacity reduced. He suggested that environmental issues should be borne in mind particularly if lands were to be left fallow. He indicated that difficulties had been experienced in convincing industrialists that there was adequate infrastructure and labour force in rural areas to support industrial development, and that there would be continuing need to provide the necessary infrastructure. In relation to forestry he indicated that he had invited the Department of Energy to undertake a joint exercise with the County Council to identify areas within the County considered unsuitable for afforestation.

21st August, 1991.

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(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

2nd August, 1991

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

I wish to inform you that a Special Meeting of Galway County will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway, on Friday, 9th August, 1991, at 3.00 p.m.

Mise, le meas,
G. Heneghan
Runai Seal

AIGENDEA

- 1 - Material Contravention of the Development Plan - Application for Outline Permission for 15 houses, roads, services at Fough East, Oughterard, by Mirror Ltd., c/o Ml. Walsh, Spiddal - Planning Ref. No. 63290
- 2 - Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy.
- 3 - Motions for Annual Meeting of the General Council of County Councils.
- 4 - Plan for Social Housing (Report attached)
- 5 - Twinning of Tuam and Straubing (Report Attached)

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer; C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; R. Faherty, Senior Executive Engineer; and G. Heneghan, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Bina Walsh, Gortyloughlin, Moycullen.
Mr. Robert Molloy, T.D., St. Mary's, Rockbarton, Salthill, Galway.
Mrs. Joan Hayes, Attykee House, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.
Mrs. Flanagan & Family, Castletown, Gort.
Mrs. Daniels, Fahy Gardens, Loughrea.
Sorcha Ui Chonghaile, (An tSiuneire), Inis Thiar, Arainn.

MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor P. Finnegan, seconded by Councillor Mullins, the Minutes of Special County Council Meeting held on the 14th June, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman. On the proposition of Councillor J. McDonagh, seconded by Deputy M. Kitt, the Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of

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Galway County Council held on the 24th June, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman. Arising from the Minutes, Deputy McCormack proposed and Councillor P. McHugh seconded that a payment of £23,000 in respect of roadworks to alleviate flooding be paid to the individuals in Coolarne who had carried out the work. The County Engineer advised that he was prepared to recommend a payment of £15,000 if the Department of the Environment accepted the work as a charge against Road Grants and that additional payments could be made when the works had been tested. He pointed out, however, that the Office of Public Works as Drainage Authority had not yet sanctioned the works. It was agreed that this matter would be discussed at the August Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council.

Councillor M. Loughnane referred to Minute No. 4413 and pointed out that an accumulation of silt which should have been removed by routine maintenance had not been carried out and that a major difficulty now exists. The Deputy County Manager indicated that he would have the matter investigated.

SALE OF HOUSE AT PORTUMNA:

On the proposition of Councillor J. McClearn, seconded by Councillor Willie Burke, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house to Mr. Joseph Glynn, 48 Shannon Park, Portumna, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 14th June, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

SALE OF HOUSE AT KILCOLGAN:

On the proposition of Councillor Michael Fahy, seconded by Councillor Toddie Byrne, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house to Mr. Liam Neylan, Bayview, The Weir, Kilcolgan, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 9th July, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

SALE OF SITE AT MOYCULLEN:

On the proposition of Deputy Padraic McCormack, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh, it was resolved:

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"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a site at Gortyloughlin, Moycullen, to Mr. Declan McCann, 42 Westbrook, Bärna Road, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 9th July, 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."

REVISION OF REMUNERATION:

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

"That Galway County Council approve of the revised salary scales for (a) County Secretary; and (b) Finance Officer in accordance with the sanctions of the Minister for the Environment dated 24th June, 1991 - Circular Letters EL 10/91 and EL 11/91."

NHTPC ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL HOUSING EXHIBITION 1991 - BLACKPOOL - 29/31 OCTOBER, 1991:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Deputy P. McCormack that Councillor J. McClearn attend the National Housing and Town Planning Council Annual Conference and National Housing Exhibition in Blackpool on the 29th-31st October, 1991.

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that Councillor J. Callanan attend the same. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Deputy Padraic McCormack, that Councillor Michael Mullins attend the same.

SEIMINEAR - AN OIÐHREACHT AGUS AN TUDARAS AITIUIL - GAOTH DOBHAIR, CO. DHUN NA NGALL - 27/29 MEAN FOMHAIR, 1991:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Deputy Padraic McCormack, that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh attend the Seminar in Gaoth Dobhair. It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy that Councillor Michael Cunningham attend the same. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, that Councillor Toddie Byrne attend the same.

The Chairman advised the Meeting of a Conference to be held in Inchigeela, Co. Cork, on the 3th-8th August, 1991, regarding Social Studies.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Byrne, seconded by Deputy Padraic McCormack that Councillor John Mannion attend. It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Senator Tom Hussey that Senator E. O'Cuiv

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attend. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Deputy Padraic McCormack that Councillor Tiarnan Walsh attend.

ANNUAL MEETING OF GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS:

It was agreed that the following motion be submitted by Galway County Council to the General Council of County Councils Annual Meeting:

"That Galway County Council call on the Government to increase our Overseas Development Assistance to 0.25% of G.N.P. and that it makes a commitment to raise the Overseas Development each year so that we reach the UN Target of a rise of 0.7% of G.N.P. by the year 2,000 A.D."

It was further agreed that the following motion be submitted to the Council:

"That Galway County Council request the Department of the Environment to increase the Essential Repairs Grant to £5,000 for each house and that essential to any home is the provision of toilet facilities in 1991."

A discussion took place regarding additional motions which might be considered and in particular the following were discussed:

A review of the Carer's allowance.
Provision of additional monies for repair of Council houses.
Provision of a means tested Reconstruction Grant.
A fairer distribution of E.E.C. Structural Funds.

It was agreed that motions would be submitted to the Secretary for forwarding to the General Council of County Councils, and that these would be ratified at the Meeting of Galway County Council to be held on the 9th August, 1991.

At the request of Deputy Paul Connaughton, it was agreed that an item would be placed on the Meeting of Galway County Council to be held on the 9th August, 1991, regarding the affect of the restructuring of the Common Agricultural Policy.

APPOINTMENT OF 30 MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS:

It was agreed that the following 30 Members whose names had been submitted to the County Secretary would be appointed to the Joint Committee on Travellers:

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS

- (1) Mr. Gerard King, The Square, Clifden.

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- (2) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
- (3) Councillor Kathleen Quinn, Ussay, Ballymoe.
- (4) Councillor Sean O'Neachtain, Spiddal.
- (5) Councillor Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.
- (6) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan.
- (7) Mrs. Bridie McKenna, Brackernagh, Ballinasloe.
- (8) Councillor Paddy McHugh, Beaghmore, Belclare P.O., Caherlistrane, Tuam.
- (9) Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- (10) Mrs. Ann Noone, Creagh Road, Ballinasloe.
- (11) Ms. Ann O'Dwyer, Birmingham Road, Tuam.
- (12) Padraic O Caomhanaigh, Uasal, Corr na Mona.
- (13) Councillor Michael Mullins, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
- (14) Mr. Liam Naughton, Dalysgrove, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe.
- (15) Councillor John Mannion, Main Street, Clifden.
- (16) Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail, Lettermore.
- (17) Mrs. Bernadette Felle, Ballyshrulle, Ballinasloe.
- (18) Deputy Paul Connaughton, Mountbellew.
- (19) Mr. Eoghan O'Sullivan, Ugool, Moycullen.
- (20) Councillor Patrick Finnegan, 9 Curragh Park, Tuam.
- (21) Mr. John Melville, Coole, Gort.
- (22) Mr. Vincent Sellers, Shannon Park, Portumna.
- (23) Mr. Laurence O'Toole, Emlough, Cleggan.
- (24) Mr. Tom Welby, Oughterard.
- (25) Mr. James Conlisk, Shrulle Road, Headford.
- (26) Mr. Larry Burns, Kilnadeema, Loughrea.
- (27) Mrs. Mary Moriarty, 55 Dublin Road, Tuam.
- (28) Mr. Patrick J. Haverty, Craughwell.
- (29) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
- (30) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.

APPOINTMENT OF 30 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE:

It was agreed that the following 30 Members whose names had been submitted to the County Secretary would be appointed to the County Libraries Committee:

COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
- (2) Councillor Kathleen Quinn, Ussay, Ballymoe.
- (3) Padraig O Ceidigh, Uasal, An Phairc, An Spideal.
- (4) Mr. Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.
- (5) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan.
- (6) Mr. Leo Hallissey, Renvyle, Connemara.
- (7) Councillor Paddy McHugh, Beaghmore, Caherlistrane, Belclare P.O., Tuam.
- (8) Mr. Justin Mitchell, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
- (9) Mr. Patsy Geraghty, St. Michael's Square, Ballinasloe.
- (10) Mr. Patrick Pettit, Barna, Glenamaddy.
- (11) Mr. Justin Flannery, Blackrock, Peterswell.
- (12) Mr. Paudge Connelly, Aillebrack, Clifden.

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- (13) Councillor Michael Mullins, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
- (14) Councillor John M. Mannion, Clifden.
- (15) Councillor Michael Finnerty, Tobergrellan, Ballinasloe.
- (16) Mr. Frank Donohue, Coolfin, Abbey, Loughrea.
- (17) Ms. Mary Conway, Mountbellew.
- (18) Councillor Patrick Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
- (19) Mrs. Margaret Counihan, Streamstown, Peterswell.
- (20) Mr. Jimmy Geoghegan, Claremount, Oughterard.
- (21) Mr. Nioclás O'Conchubhair, Lettermore.
- (22) Mr. Tony Leahy, Masonbrook, Loughrea.
- (23) Mr. Peter Conroy, Monivea, Athenry.
- (24) Mrs. Marie Halliday, Furbo.
- (25) Mr. Joe Donoghue, "La Rochelle", Bel Air Drive, Tuam.
- (26) Ms. Noelle Hayes, Brendan Street, Portumna.
- (27) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (28) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
- (29) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (30) Mr. Maurice Whelan, Scoil Mhuire, Moycullen.

APPOINTMENT OF 30 MEMBERS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE:

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It was agreed that the following 30 Members whose names had been submitted to the County Secretary would be appointed to the Higher Education Grants Committee:

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
- (2) Councillor Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe.
- (3) Mairtin O Curraoin, B.A., Baile Eamonn, An Spideal.
- (4) Councillor Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.
- (5) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan.
- (6) Mr. James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
- (7) Councillor Paddy McHugh, Beaghmore, Caherlistrane, Belclare P.O., Tuam.
- (8) Mr. Cathal O'Malley, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
- (9) Mr. Seamus O Donoghue, Kilkerrin Road, Glenamaddy.
- (10) Mr. Patsy Clancy, Searfin, Furbo.
- (11) Mr. Michael Walsh, Ashford, Cong, Co. Mayo.
- (12) Mr. Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.
- (13) Mr. Eamon McLoughlin, Cleggan.
- (14) Mr. Gerard Kelly, 12 Kilgarve Gardens, Creagh, Ballinasloe.
- (15) Councillor Jimmy McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
- (16) Mr. Brian Hynes, The Green, Dunmore.
- (17) Mr. Patrick J. Gilmore, Carrownagurraun, Tuam.
- (18) Mr. John C. Fahy, Rathalon, Ardrahan.
- (19) Mr. Dermot Bray, Ardbear, Clifden.
- (20) Tomas O Monachain, Principal, Comprehensive School, Carraroe.
- (21) Mr. Charlie Mullen, Bridge Road, Portumna.

- (22) Sr. Brid Brennan, Presentation Convent, Headford.
- (23) Fr. Dermot Maloney, St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.
- (24) Mr. John Joe Connell, Gortanumera, Portumna.
- (25) Mr. Patrick Burke, "Barken", Baunmore, Claregalway.
- (26) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
- (27) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (28) Mr. Barbara Walsh, Kylebroughlawn, Moycullen.
- (29) Maire T. Uí Chuinneagain, Carna.
- (30) Ms. Ann Ruane, Tiaquin, Colemanstown, Ballinasloe.

DEICHNIUR BAILL A AINMNIU DO COISTE GAEILGE/GAELTACHTA:

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Mhol an Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail agus cuidigh an Comhairleoir Sean O Mainnin go gcuirfi 12 ar an gCoiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta. Tugadh ainmneacha o cheithre ghrupa mar seo a leanas don Cathaoirleach.

D'ainmnigh Grupa 1:

An Comhairleoir Seosamh O Callanain
An Comhairleoir Padraic O Suilleabhain
An Comhairleoir Micheal P. Ceit
an Comhairleoir Connie nI Fhatharta mar ball de Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta.

D'Ainmnigh Grupa 2:

An Comhairleoir P. O Finneagain
An Comhairleoir P. Mac Aodha
An Comhairleoir Micheal O Cuinneagain
an Comhairleoir Sean O Neachtain mar ball de Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta.

D'ainmnigh Grupa 3:

Seanadóir Tomas Hussey
An Comhairleoir Micheal O Fathaigh
An Comhairleoir Micheal O Reagain
an Seanadóir O Cuiv mar ball de Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta.

D'ainmnigh Grupa 4:

An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta
Seanadóir Eamon O Cuiv
An Comhairleoir Sean O Neachtain
P.J. O Fhlatharta mar ball de Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta.

Rialaigh an Cathaoirleach go raibh na ceithre ainmnithe dlisteanach, agus d'fhograigh se go raibh an Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta, an Comhairleoir Sean O'Neachtain, An Seanadóir Eamon O Cuiv, agus P.J O Flatharta, Cill Ronain, Arainn, ceapaithe mar bhaill de Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta.

Thug an Comhairleoir O'Tuathail moladh mar gheall ar na baill seo leanas, agus cuidigh an Comhairleoir O Mainnin leis an moladh.:

An Comhairleoir Seamus Gavin, Knockauranny,
Maigh Cuillin.
Peadar Mac Fhlanncaidha, Uasal, Maigh Cuillin.
Padraig O Cosgordha, Carna.
Breandain O Tuairisc, Loughaunbeg, Indreabhan.
Seosamh O Cuaig, Cill Ciarain, Carna.
An Comhairleoir Iarlaith Mac Donncha, Turlach Mor.
An Comhairleoir Toddie Byrne, Cinn Mhara.
An Comhairleoir Peadar O Tuathail, leitirmoir.

Mar nach raibh a thuilleadh moltai i dtaobh an cuigiú go dtí an dara foluntas deag, d'fhogair an Cathaoirleach go raibh siad ainmnithe. Mar sin, seo leanas an da bhaill dheag ainmnithe do Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta.

COISTE GAEILGE/GAELTACHTA

- (1) Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta, Cladhnach, An Cheathru Rua.
- (2) Councillor Sean O'Neachtain, Spiddal.
- (3) Senator Eamon O'Cuiv, Cornamona.
- (4) Mr. P.J. O'Fhatharta, Kilronan, Inishmore, Aran.
- (5) Councillor Seamus Gavin, Knockauranny, Moycullen.
- (6) Mr. Peadar Clancy, Moycullen.
- (7) Padraig O Cosgordha, Carna.
- (8) Breandain O Tuarisc, Loughaunbeg, Indreabhan.
- (9) Seosamh O Cuaig, Cill Ciarain, Carna.
- (10) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (11) Councillor Toddie Byrne, Kinvara.
- (12) Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail, Lettermore.

DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS:

It was agreed that the times and dates of meetings of the Council would remain as present and that this matter be reviewed after the summer. Councillor Mannion asked that any Committee which had not met by the end of August would meet in September. It was noted that a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council would be held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 26th July, 1991.

It was proposed by Councillor Seamus Gavin, seconded by Deputy Padraic McCormack, that Galway County Council establish an Islands Committee, and that an item in this regard be placed on the Agenda for the August Monthly Meeting of the County Council. It was agreed that the number of Members of the Committee would be agreed at the August Meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor P. Finnegan, seconded by Deputy Michael Kitt, that the Councillors for the Tuam Electoral Area should form a Committee to consider the present unemployment problem in the area, and to seek a meeting with the Ministers for Industry and

Commerce, and Finance to discuss the matter. It was agreed that this Committee would be on an informal basis, and convened by the Chairman.

Councillor Michael Fahy suggested that a Committee of the Council should be formed to discuss unemployment in the County as a whole, and he pointed out that there is provision for such Committees in the Local Government Act, 1991. The Acting Assistant County Manager advised that the particular part of the Act relating to such Committees is not yet in force and it was agreed to defer the proposal until such time as the Act is in force. It was proposed by Councillor Matt Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Willie Burke that a Committee of the Council be established to examine the problems of the area of the County bordering Lough Derg, and that such Committee should consist of the Loughrea Local Electoral Area Councillors, and that such Committee of the Council should have the expertise of the Council available to them. In reply, the Deputy County Manager indicated that he would arrange for the necessary expertise that he considered desirable to be available to the Committee. Councillor Toddie Byrne expressed the reservation that the establishment of County Council Committees gave an expectation that certain works would be carried out, and he proposed that the Council would assist Committee already established in local areas to tackle problems. Councillor O'Neachtain expressed the hope that meetings which had already taken place between Udaras na Gaeltachta and the County Council would continue. Senator O'Cuiv indicated that a meeting of the Councillors for the area west of Lough Corrib to discuss problems associated with that area, would be established.

REPAIR OF ROAD AT BOTHAR A'CHILLIN, CARRAROE:

Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail noted the County Engineer's response regarding the improvement works to be carried out at Bothar a'Chillin. The County Engineer explained that if additional funds are available from Roinn na Gaeltachta, that these would also be spent at the same location.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1991:

It was agreed that discussion on the Local Government Act, 1991, be deferred until such time as copies of the Act are circulated to the Members of the Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail, seconded by Councillor Seamus Gavin, that Galway County Council immediately call on the Minister for Justice to release Seamus Cashin from prison. He pointed out that Mr. Cashin had been in prison for failure to pay his Road Tax and that this amount had

been paid into a fund as a protest against the condition of roads in the area. It was pointed out that the Council were not encouraging individuals to disobey the law, but that the severity of the sentence in this case appeared to be excessive. It was also pointed out that the condition of the roads is a result of inadequate funding for maintenance having been provided over a period of years.

Councillor M. Loughnane referred to unfair treatment of an applicant for Planning Permission to whom it had been indicated that Planning Permission would be granted and which was subsequently refused. The Deputy County Manager agreed to investigate the matter, and to advise Councillor Loughnane of the situation.

Councillor Toddie Byrne referred to the dangerous condition of a road in Craughwell and the County Engineer agreed to examine the situation. In reply to a query from Councillor Joe Burke, the Acting Assistant County Manager indicated that a Contract would shortly be signed for the Tuam Sewerage Scheme.

In reply to Councillor Michael Mullins, the County Engineer explained the situation regarding the acquisition of pipes for major water schemes.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL WOULD PRINT THEIR OWN LITERATURE AND BROCHURES TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN THE COUNTY: - MOTION BY DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT:

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It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Kathleen Quinn that Galway County Council would print their own literature and brochures to promote tourism in the County. The Deputy County Manager agreed to take this matter up with Ireland West Tourism and indicated that consideration would be given to the inclusion of an amount of money in the Estimates for 1992 for assistance to local Bodies who are already producing their own tourism literature.

THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL ERECT A SIGN AT CUMMER: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

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

THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT URGENTLY NEEDED RELIEF WORK TO RELIEVE WATER LODGING ON MAIN GALWAY/ROSCOMMON ROAD AT ROOANMORE, CLAREGALWAY: - MOTION BY CLR. JARLATH McDONAGH:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"The necessary works will be carried out in the near future."

THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL SEEK TO HAVE SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR CEMETERY: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH:

47

The following written reply was given to Councillor Jarlath McDonagh:

"This application is being examined at present and if suitable an application will be submitted to FAS for approval."

STREET SWEEPING IN OUGHTERARD: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

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The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"A man is now employed for the carrying out of street sweeping at the above location for the summer period."

Deputy McCormack noted the reply to Notice of Motion and indicated that it is desirable that provision be made for street sweeping in Oughterard for the entire year.

SEWERAGE SCHEME IN KINVARA: - MOTION BY DEPUTY P. MCCORMACK:

49

The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"Kinvara has an existing piped sewerage scheme which discharges untreated sewage into Kinvara Bay from a point near the back of the Pier."

The Council currently has schemes in planning to an estimated cost of £120 million approximately.

In accordance with Government policy priority has been given to discharges to coastal waters from areas with a population equivalent of 10,000 or more and for discharges to estuarine waters from areas with a population equivalent of 2,000 or more.

No plans have been prepared for the provision of a

sewage treatment works at Kinvara, but this proposal will be considered having regard to priority and available funds."

Deputy McCormack indicated that he had recently placed a question before the Minister for the Environment regarding the provision of a sewerage scheme for Kinvara and had been advised that there had been no proposal for such a scheme from Galway County Council, and asked that the proposal be considered in the future.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL CARRY OUT A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE CAUSE OF THE POLLUTION OF THE WELL AT PETERSWELL: - MOTION BY DEPUTY PADRAIC MCCORMACK:

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The following written reply was given to Deputy Padraic McCormack:

"The village well at Peterswell, County Galway, is subject to occasional pollution which is apparently associated with the occurrence of very heavy rainfall. The pollution has been noted since the early Seventies at least and has been the subject of many investigations including a recent detailed survey of the village and area.

The suggestion has been made that the surface water drain which runs through Peterswell Village may be the indirect cause of the problem. The drain receives the washings of the street and could be a source of pollution were it connected in any way to the nearby well. No evidence of any such connection has been found to date - dye tests have been carried out. In any case, if the well and drain were found to be connected, there would be no practicable means of protecting the well water from pollution.

The very detailed recent survey carried out brought to light several improperly constructed septic tanks - a survey anywhere in the County would probably have done the same. Some unacceptable farming practices were noted. No evidence could be found which would associate the malfunctioning septic tanks or poor farming practices with the intermittent pollution of the well.

Conclusion: The well at Peterswell, like many wells and springs serving Group Schemes in East Galway is subject to pollution after heavy rain. The limestone rock is often fissured and sometimes outcropping or close to the surface; pollutants such as slurry can readily enter the fissures and underground streams to emerge some distance away.

The Peterswell area is categorised by the Geological Survey as being "a poor or non-aquifer". As such,

the well cannot be regarded as suitable for development as a drinking water source.

Every reasonable effort will be made to protect the well to the extent that it can be protected. However, it is highly unlikely that pollution can ever be completely eliminated."

Deputy McCormack indicated that he was dissatisfied with the reply he received in relation to pollution at well at Peterswell. The County Engineer indicated that all efforts were being made to identify sources of pollution in the area and that investigation into this matter would continue.

WATER PUMP AT KYLEMORE, ABBEY, LOUGHREA. - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

51

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"It is hoped to have repairs carried out to the above pump in the near future."

THAT 6 LITTER BINS BE ERECTED AT I.D.A. ESTATE, CUSCARRIG, LOUGHREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

52

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

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

THAT BANKS BE REMOVED AT THE JUNCTION OF THE POLLACAPPUL ROAD WITH THE ATHENRY-ESKER ROAD: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:

53

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

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

IMPROVED LIGHTING IN THE COUNTY AND PARTICULARLY IN TUAM: MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

54

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"A programme of replacement of Traffic Route Lighting on the N17 and N83 National Routes in Tuam has been agreed between the E.S.B. and the Department of the Environment and is programmed for completion during the current year."

NECESSARY WORK AT BROWNSGROVE SCHOOL: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE:

55

The following written reply was given to Councillor Joe Burke:

"The statutory signs are in place at above location."

The carrying out of improvement works is dependent on funds being made available by the Department of the Environment as this is a National Secondary Route N83. No such funds were provided in the current year."

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ACT IMMEDIATELY TO REPAIR COUNTY ROADS IN SPIDDAL AREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O NEACHTAIN:

56

The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"The only roads in the Spiddal Area to be repaired in 1991, apart from routine maintenance, are those set out in the Roads Programme which was recently circulated to the Councillors."

Councillor O'Neachtain indicated that sections of roads in the Spiddal Area are in very poor condition and asked that the County Engineer would arrange to have emergency repairs carried out immediately. The County Engineer replied that roads in this area would be repaired as funds were available, and as set out in the Roadworks Scheme. Councillor Gavin indicated that great concern has been expressed in the area at the condition of the roads, and with the timing of the carrying out of works. The Deputy County Manager outlined the position regarding funding for road repair and maintenance, and indicated that this matter is fully discussed at Estimates Meetings and at Meetings to discuss the Roadworks Schemes.

THAT GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL ACT IMMEDIATELY TO REPAIR ROADS IN THE MOYCULLEN, KILLANIN, COLLINAMUCK AREA: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor Sean O'Neachtain:

"The only roads in the Moycullen, Killannin and Collinamuck area to be repaired in 1991, apart from routine maintenance are those set out in the Roads Programme which was recently circulated to new Councillors."

WATER SUPPLY IN ARAN ISLANDS: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN:

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The following written reply was given to Councillor

Sean O'Neachtain:

"The present water supply system at Inishmore is unsatisfactory in that there is insufficient storage capacity to cater for the needs of the island, particularly during the tourist season. The Council proposes to provide additional storage capacity to deal with this problem. Consultants have been appointed to prepare a Preliminary Report for the provision of additional storage and to examine the existing pumping systems."

Pending the construction of additional storage, a temporary rising main and pump has been commissioned which will ensure a more even distribution of the available water."

Councillor O'Neachtain noted the position regarding provision of water supply in Inishmore and that supply had been restored. He expressed concern, however, at the situation which might arise if there was a water shortage.

With regard to hedge cutting, the County Engineer explained that a sum of only £50,000 is available and that this will be spent as prudently as possible in the various Engineering Areas. He further indicated the difficulties which the Council experienced in maintaining their existing work force of 250 men. In response to a query from Councillor O'Neill, he indicated that Unions will not allow drainage works to be carried out under Social Employment Schemes. Deputy McCormack pointed out that the question of funding for Road Maintenance is an on-going problem and noted that no works other than those provided in the Roadworks Scheme will be carried out in the current year.

THAT THE WALLS ON THE SEA SIDE AT KNOCK, LETTERMULLEN: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA:

59

The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta:

"In carrying out road repairs, the Council will only build road side walls where land acquisition is involved and such wall building is a necessary part of the agreement with the landowner, or where a retaining wall is required to retain the road."

There are no proposals to construct roadside walls at this location."

in reply to a question from Councillor Ni Fhatharta, the Deputy County Manager undertook to examine the requirement that walls be built on the seaside of

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Knock, Lettermullen, which the Councillor indicated was a dangerous situation.

BOTHAR A'CHILLIN, CARRAROE: - MOTION BY COUNCILLOR
CONNIE NI FHATHARTA:

60

The following written reply was given to Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta:

"A sum of £20,850 has been provided in the 1991 Road Works Scheme for Carraroe Village roads and footpaths R343 - C.R. 59 Bothar Chillin. It is proposed spending all the money on C.R. 59 Bothar Chillin including footpaths.

The estimated cost of repairing the remainder of Bothar Chillin is approximately £15,000 per mile.

The Council would accept N.O.M. allocations towards Bothar Chillin, however, there are no further funds available to match such allocations.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED

SUBMITTED APPROVED and CONFIRMED:

Liam Walsh CHAIRMAN

26/8/1991 DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

15u la Iuil, 1991.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE 'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De Luain, an 22u la Iuil, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

G. O EANACHAIN,
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
 - (a) Special Council Meeting held on the 14th June, 1991
 - (b) Monthly Council Meeting held on the 24th June, 1991.
2. Sale of house to Mr. Joseph Glynn, 48, Shannon Park, Portumna. - Notice dated 14th June, 1991, already circulated.
3. Sale of house to Mr. Liam Neylan, Bayview, The Weir, Kilcolgan. - Notice dated 9th July, 1991, already circulated.
4. Sale of plot of land at Moycullen to Mr. Declan McCann, 42, Westbrook, Barna Road, Galway. - Notice dated 9th July, 1991, already circulated.
5. Revision of Remuneration:
 - (a) County Secretary.
 - (b) Finance Officer.
6. NHTPC Annual Conference and National Housing Exhibition 1991 - Blackpool - 29/31 OCTOBER, 1991. (Details enclosed).
7. Seiminear - An Oidhreacht agus an tUdaras Aitiuil - Gaoth Dobhair, Co. Dhun na nGall - 27/29 Mean Fomhair, 1991. (Details enclosed).
8. Annual Meeting of General Council of County Councils - Motions to be submitted by 15th August, 1991.

- 9. Appointment of 30 Members to the Joint Committee on Travellers.
- 10. Appointment of 30 Members to the County Libraries Committee.
- 11. Appointment of 30 Members to the Higher Education Grants Committee.
- 12. Deichniur Bail a ainmniú do Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta.
- 13. Dates and times of Meetings.
- 14. Repair of road at Bothar a'Chillin, Carraroe.
- 15. Local Government Act, 1991.
- 16. Business submitted by the County Manager.
- 17. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Adjourned from previous Meeting:

DEPUTY MICHAEL P. KITT: - I will propose:

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

(b) Other Motions received:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

- 19. That the County Council erect a sign at Cummer.
- 20. That the County Council carry out urgently needed relief work to relieve water lodging on main Galway/Roscommon Road at Rocaunmore, Claregalway. (Details supplied).
- 21. That the County Council seek to have Social Employment Scheme for cemetery. (Details supplied).

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will ask:

- 22. That two Council workers for street sweeping in Oughterard be restored to the area for the summer months.
- 23. Galway County Council to prepare plans and submit them to the Department to seek finance for the provision of a sewerage scheme at Kinvara.
- 24. That Galway County Council carry out a full investigation into the cause of the pollution of the well at Peterswell, Co. Galway, as this is a source of drinking water for the area. I will further ask what steps Galway County Council are taking to alleviate this matter of pollution in the area.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

- 25. That Galway County Council put in working order the water pump at Kylemore, Abbey, Loughrea.
- 26. That six litter bins be erected at I.D.A. Estate, Cuscarrig, Loughrea.
- 27. That banks be removed at the junction of the Pollacappul road with the Athenry-Esker Road to provide a greater degree of safety at this particular intersection.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will ask:

- 28. When will Galway County Council implement the E.S.B. Plan for improved lighting in the County and particularly in Tuam Town. It is recognised that Tuam Town is the worst of a town of its size in the West of Ireland. This plan is almost self financing.

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: I will propose:

- 29. Galway County Council to ensure that necessary work is carried out at Browns Grove School to ensure the safety of children coming and going to school. It is extremely dangerous on both sides and there is a major accident waiting to happen.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR SEAN O NEACHTAIN: - I will propose:

- 30. That Galway County Council act immediately to repair County Roads in Spiddal Area.
- 31. That Galway County Council act immediately to repair roads in the Moycullen, Killannin, Callownamuck area.
- 32. That Galway County Council ensures that a proper water supply system is in place on the Aran Islands.

AN COMHAIRLEOIR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: - Molaim:

- 33. That the walls on the sea side at Knock, Lettermullen, be built immediately, this work was left unfinished when the road was repaired near the quarry.
- 34. Would the County Engineer give an estimate re the cost to repair Bothar A' Chillin, Carraroe? Would the County Engineer accept Councillors Notice of Motion from the above and as promised to the people of the said road on the 22nd June, 1991, by Councillor O'Tuathail and Senator O'Cuiv? Would the County Engineer match this money pound for pound?

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON THURSDAY, 11TH JULY, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: (a) Mr. James Joyce.
(b) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT: [illegible]

Members: [illegible] recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ni Phatharta, S. O Neachtain, M. O'Neill, P. O'Sullivan, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; D. O'Donoghue, Assistant County Manager; T. Kavanagh, Acting Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; R. Killeen, S.E.E. T. Coughlan, Administrative Officer; D. Barrett, T. Murphy and C. Wallace, P. Commins, Senior Staff Officers; and G. Heneghan, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

Min. No.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 1991/1992:

Mr. James Joyce, outgoing Chairman was in the Chair. He welcomed all to the Meeting and particularly the new Members and expressed sympathy with the former Members of the Council who were not re-elected. He pointed out that he was sad to have lost a seat on the Council and wished the new Ballinasloe Councillors in particular well during their term of office. He asked that a motion of congratulations be sent to former Councillor Micheal O'Morain on the recent ordination of his son.

The former Chairman thanked the County Manager and his staff for their co-operation with him during his term of office. He advised that future Chairmen of the Council must strive to have the office of Chairman given the recognition that it deserves. Among the many highlights during his terms of office, he referred to the acquisition of Cluain Mhuire and the building of the Aughrim Interpretative Centre.

Many Councillors paid tribute to Mr. Joyce particularly for

the honourable, fair and impartial manner in which he had discharged his duties as Chairman and for his many achievements during his 17 years as a Member of Galway County Council. The County Manager thanked the outgoing Chairman for his remarks and paid tribute to the excellent work which Councillor Joyce had carried out through the years, and he wished him every success for the future.

It was proposed by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh and seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor Tiarnan Walsh be elected Chairman.

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Sean O'Neachtain that Councillor Michael Fahy be elected Chairman. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR WALSH: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh. (16)

FOR COUNCILLOR FAHY: Councillors J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan. (14)

Councillor Tiarnan Walsh was then declared elected Chairman for Galway County Council for 1991/1992, and he was invested with the Chain of Office.

COUNCILLOR T. WALSH THEN TOOK THE CHAIR

He thanked all those who had supported him in the Election of Chairman. He paid tribute to the outgoing Chairman and wished him well. He said that he was honoured and privileged to have been chosen as Chairman of Galway County Council and expressed the hope that his term of office would be successful. He welcomed all Members of the Council especially newly Elected Members and the women Members of the Council. A number of Councillors congratulated Councillor Walsh on his appointment as Chairman and wished him well during his term of office.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 1991/1992: 2

It was proposed by Councillor Michael Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Sean O'Neachtain that Councillor Michael Fahy be elected Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Councillor

Michael O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Willie Burke that Councillor Joe Burke be elected Vice-Chairman. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR FAHY: Councillors J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan. (14)

FOR COUNCILLOR J. BURKE: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh. (16)

The Chairman declared Councillor J. Burke elected Vice-Chairman of Galway County Council for 1991/1992. Councillor Burke thanked all who had supported him in his Election as Vice-Chairman, and he pointed out that he will assist the Chairman of the Council in any way he can during his term of Office. He paid tribute to former Councillors Peter Raftery and Frank Glynn from the Tuam Electoral Area. Councillor Michael Fahy congratulated Councillor Joe Burke on his Election and he thanked his proposers and his Party for their support.

RETURN OF PERSONS ELECTED AT THE LOCAL ELECTION: 3

The Members of the Council noted the Return of Persons Elected to Galway County Council at the Local Elections 1991, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member. The Secretary pointed out that the statement setting the result of the Election and the transfer of votes in respect of the 5 County Electoral Areas in the County is being printed and will be forwarded to all Members at the earliest opportunity. A number of Members thanked the Returning Officer and his Staff for the efficient manner in which the Election and the Count had been conducted.

APPOINTMENT OF 6 MEMBERS TO THE WESTERN HEALTH BOARD: 4

A roll call was taken of the Members present and it was established that all of the 30 Members of the Council were present at the appointment of Members to the Western Health Board.

The County Secretary stated that as 30 Members were present, any 5 Members could form a group and each group could nominate a Member as a Member of the Western Health Board in accordance with Rule 2 of the Second Schedule to

the Health Act, 1970.

First Vacancy:

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Councillor Joe Callanan to be a Member of the Western Health Board was then handed to the Chairman.

The group consisted of:

Deputy Michael P. Kitt
Councillors Pat O'Sullivan,
Joe Callanan, Patrick Finnegan,
and Michael Cunningham.

The Chairman ruled that the nomination was valid and he accordingly declared Councillor Joe Callanan elected as a Member of the Western Health Board.

Second Vacancy:

A nomination from the following group of Councillors nominating Councillor Tom Hussey to be a Member of the Western Health Board was handed to the Chairman.

The group consisted of:

Senator Tom Hussey,
Councillors Michael Fahy,
Michael Regan, Connie Ni Fhatharta,
and Senator Eamon O Cuiv.

The Chairman ruled that nomination valid and he declared Senator Tom Hussey elected as a Member of the Western Health Board.

Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that Councillor John Mannion be appointed a member of the Western Health Board. It was proposed by Councillor M. Loughnane, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain, that Councillor P. McHugh be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR MANNION: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin,
J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy
McCormack, Councillors J.
McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill,
P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley,
T. Walsh.

(16)

FOR COUNCILLOR MCHUGH: Councillors M. Loughnane,
P. McHugh, S. O'Neachtain, and K.
Quinn.

(4)

The Chairman declared Councillor John Mannion elected as a Member of the Western Health Board.

Fourth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Deputy P. McCormack that Councillor Michael Ryan be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board. As there were no further proposals in relation to the fourth vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Michael Ryan appointed.

Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Evelyn Varley that Councillor Joe Burke be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board. As there were no further proposals in relation to the fifth vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Joseph Burke appointed.

Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Seamus Gavin that Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board. It was proposed by Councillor M. Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Sean O'Neachtain that Councillor P. McHugh be appointed a Member of the Western Health Board.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR MANNION: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin,
J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P.
McCormack, Councillors J.
McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill,
P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley,
and T. Walsh.

(16)

FOR COUNCILLOR MCHUGH: Councillors M. Loughnane,
P. McHugh, S. O'Neachtain, and K.
Quinn.

(4)

The Chairman declared Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the Members appointed by Galway County Council as Members of the Western Health Board are as follows:

WESTERN HEALTH BOARD

- (1) Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- (2) Senator Tom Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy.
- (3) Councillor John Mannion, Clifden.

- (4) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (5) Councillor Joe Burke, Shop Street, Tuam.
- (6) An Comhairleoir Peadar O'Tuathail, Leitirmoir.

APPOINTMENT OF THREE MEMBERS TO THE GALWAY HARBOUR BOARD: 5

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Chairman indicated that the number of Members required to form a group was 10.

First Vacancy:

A nomination from the following Group of Councillors nominating Councillor Michael Regan to be a Member of the Galway Harbour Board was handed to the Chairman.

The group consisted of:

Councillors Joe Callanan,
Pat O'Sullivan, Deputy Michael Kitt,
Councillors Michael Regan,
Connie Ni Fhathara,
Senator Eamon O Cuiv,
Councillors Sean O'Neachtain,
Kathleen Quinn, Matt Loughnane, and
Michael Fahy.

The Chairman ruled that the nomination was valid and declared Councillor Regan elected as a Member of the Galway Harbour Board.

Second Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh that Deputy Padraic McCormack be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the second vacancy, the Chairman declared Deputy McCormack appointed.

Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Evelyn Varley that Mr. Martin Connolly be appointed. It was proposed by Senator Tom Hussey, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Mr. Thomas Welby be appointed.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR MR. CONNOLLY: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J.
Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P.
McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M.
Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M.
Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(16)

FOR MR. WELBY: Councillors M. Cunningham, P. Finnegan,
Senator T. Hussey, Councillor P.
McHugh.

(4)

The Chairman declared Mr. Martin Connolly appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 3 Members appointed to the Galway Harbour Board by Galway County Council:

GALWAY HARBOUR BOARD

- (1) Councillor Michael Regan, Ballinakill, Loughrea.
- (2) Deputy Padraic McCormack, 3 Renmore Park, Galway.
- (3) Mr. Martin Connolly, 5 Frenchville, Grattan Road, Galway.

APPOINTMENT OF 14 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: 6

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that 6 of the 14 Members to be appointed be Members of Galway County Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Pat O Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that 8 Members of Galway County Council be appointed to the Galway Vocational Education Committee.

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

FOR: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and E. Varley.

(16)

AGAINST: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, and M. Regan.

(14)

The Chairman declared that 6 Members of Galway County Council would be appointed to the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Chairman advised that the number of Councillors necessary to form a group was 5. Nominations from two groups were handed to the Chairman.

(1) Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Joe Callanan,
Pat O'Sullivan, Deputy Michael Kitt,
Councillors Pat Finnegan and
Michael Regan;

nominating Councillor Patrick Finnegan as a Member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

(2) Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Kathleen Quinn,
Sean O'Neachtain, Senator Eamon O Cuiv,
Councillors Connie Ni Fhatharta,
and Michael Fahy;

nominating Councillor Sean O Neachtain as a member of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee. The Chairman ruled that those two nominations were valid and accordingly declared Councillor Patrick Finnegan and Councillor Sean O'Neachtain appointed as Members of the County Galway Vocational Education Committee.

Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the third vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor McDonagh appointed.

Fourth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor Toddie Byrne be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the fourth vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Toddie Byrne appointed.

Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Michael Mullins be appointed. It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor Cunningham that Councillor Matt Loughnane be appointed.

A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR MULLINS:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
Councillors M. Finnerty, S.
Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn,
Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors
J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M.
O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan,
E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(16)

FOR COUNCILLOR LOUGHNANE: Councillors Michael Cunningham,
Senator T. Hussey, Councillors
M. Loughnane, and P. McHugh.
(4)

The Chairman declared Councillor Michael Mullins appointed.

Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke that Councillor Michael O'Neill be appointed. It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, that Councillor Matt Loughnane be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR O'NEILL:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
Councillors M. Finnerty, S.
Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn,
Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors
J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M.
O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan,
E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(16)

FOR COUNCILLOR LOUGHNANE:

Councillors M. Cunningham,
Senator T. Hussey, Councillors
M. Loughnane, and P. McHugh.

(4)

The Chairman declared Councillor Michael O'Neill appointed.

Non-Members

Seventh Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, that Mr. Barney Winston, Caherkelly, Ardahan, be appointed. It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Joe Callanan, that Mr. James Joyce be appointed. This proposal was subsequently withdrawn, and the Chairman declared Mr. Barney Winston appointed.

Eighth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Mr. James Joyce be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry, be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR JAMES JOYCE:

Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E.
O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham,
M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T.
Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt,
Councillors M. Loughnane, P.
McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S.
O'Neachtain, P.

O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan.
(14)

FOR MARTIN LYNCH: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.
(16)

The Chairman declared Mr. Martin Lynch appointed.

Ninth Vacancy:
It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Mr. James Joyce be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. Ulick Burke be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR JAMES JOYCE: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan.
(14)

FOR ULICK BURKE: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.
(16)

The Chairman declared Mr. Ulick Burke appointed.

Tenth Vacancy:
It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Mr. James Joyce be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. John Bonner, Ballinfoile, be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR JAMES JOYCE: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors

M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan.
(14)

FOR JOHN BONNER: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.
(16)

The Chairman declared Mr. Bonner appointed.

Eleventh Vacancy:
It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that Mr. James Joyce be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Caitlin Bean Ui Chonghaile be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR JAMES JOYCE: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan.
(14)

FOR CAITLIN BN. UI CHONGHAILE: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.
(16)

The Chairman declared Caitlin Bn. Ui Chonghaile appointed.

Twelfth Vacancy:
It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Mr. James Joyce be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. P. Keady, Uggool, Moycullen, be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR JAMES JOYCE: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan. (14)

FOR MR. P. KEADY: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh. (16)

The Chairman declared Mr. P. Keady appointed.

Thirteenth Vacancy: It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor P. McHugh that Mr. James Joyce be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. Hugh Griffin, Dooneen, Clifden, be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR JAMES JOYCE: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan. (14)

FOR HUGH GRIFFIN: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh. (16)

The Chairman declared Mr. Hugh Griffin appointed.

Fourteenth Vacancy: It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Mr. James Joyce be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Willie Burke that Mr. Frank Kilkenny, Oldthort,

Portumna, be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR JOYCE: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan. (14)

FOR MR. FRANK KILKENNY: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh. (16)

The Chairman declared Mr. Frank Kilkenny appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 14 Members appointed to the County Vocational Education Committee for County Galway by Galway County Council.

- COUNTY GALWAY VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
- (1) Councillor Pat Finnegan, 9, Curragh Park, Tuam.
 - (2) An Comhairleoir Sean O Neachtain, Baile an Domhnallain, An Spideal, Co. na Gaillimhe.
 - (3) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.
 - (4) Councillor Toddie Byrne, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
 - (5) Councillor Michael Mullins, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
 - (6) Councillor Michael O'Neill, Tully, Renvyle.
 - (7) Mr. Barney Winston, Caherkelly, Ardahan.
 - (8) Mr. Martin Lynch, The Square, Athenry.
 - (9) Mr. Ulick Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea.
 - (10) Mr. John Bonner, Ballinfoyle, Galway.
 - (11) Caitlin Bn Ui Chonghaile, Doineanshia, Casla.
 - (12) Mr. P. Keady, Uggool, Moycullen.
 - (13) Mr. Hugh Griffin, Dooneen, Clifden.
 - (14) Mr. Frank Kilkenny, Oldthort, Portumna.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEE TO THE IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED FOR 1991/1992:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Michael Fahy, that Senator Tom Hussey be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillors Jimmy McClearn be appointed. A vote taken on these two proposals resulted as follows:

FOR SENATOR TOM HUSSEY: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham,

M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan.

(14)

FOR CLR. MCCLEARN:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(16)

The Chairman declared Councillor James McClearn appointed as the Council's representative to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited.

IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED

(1) Mr. James McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.

APPOINTMENT OF 3 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1991/1992:

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Chairman advised that the number of Councillors necessary to form a group was 10.

First Vacancy:

A nomination nominating Councillor Michael Cunningham as a Member of the County Councils' General Council was handed to the Chairman. The group was made up of the following Councillors:

Councillors Joe Callanan, Pat O'Sullivan, Deputy Michael Kitt, Councillors Patrick Finnegan, Paddy McHugh, Senator Tom Hussey, Councillors Michael Fahy, Michael Regan, Connie Ni Fhatharta, and Senator Eamon O Cuiv.

The Chairman ruled that the nomination was valid, and accordingly declared Councillor Michael Cunningham appointed as a member of the County Councils' General Council.

Second Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Toddie Byrne that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh be appointed. As there were no further proposals in respect of the second vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Jarlath

McDonagh appointed.

Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh that Councillor Michael Finnerty be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain that Councillor Patrick Finnegan be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR FINNERTY:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(16)

FOR COUNCILLOR FINNEGAN:

Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Loughnane, and S. O'Neachtain.

(3)

The Chairman declared Councillor Michael Finnerty appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the three Members appointed to the County Councils' General Council:

COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL

- (1) Councillor Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.
- (2) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore, Co. Galway.
- (3) Councillor Michael Finnerty, Tobergreellan, Ballinasloe.

NOMINATION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL OF TEAGASC:

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It was proposed by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor John Mannion be nominated. It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Councillor Joe Callanan be nominated. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR MANNION:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(16)

FOR COUNCILLOR CALLANAN:

Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M.

Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan,
 Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt,
 Councillors M. Loughnane, P.
 McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S.
 O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K.
 Quinn, and M. Regan.

(14)

The Chairman declared Councillor John Mannion nominated.

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE: 10

First Vacancy:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Councillor Michael Fahy be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor Toddie Byrne be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR FAHY:

Councillor J. Callanan, Senator
 E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M.
 Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan,
 Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt,
 Councillors M. Loughnane, P.
 McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S.
 O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K.
 Quinn, and M. Regan.

(14)

FOR COUNCILLOR BYRNE:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
 T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
 Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin,
 J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P.
 McCormack, Councillors J.
 McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill,
 P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley,
 and T. Walsh.

(16)

The Chairman declared Councillor Toddie Byrne appointed.

Second Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Mr. Sweeney, Kinvara, be appointed. It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh that Councillor Michael Fahy be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR MR. SWEENEY:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
 T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
 Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J.
 Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P.
 McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M.
 Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M.

Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(16)

FOR CLR. FAHY:

Councillor J. Callanan, Senator
 E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham,
 M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T.
 Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M.
 Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta,
 S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K.
 Quinn, and M. Regan.

(14)

The Chairman declared Mr. Sweeney, Kinvara, nominated.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the two Members appointed to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee:

RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Toddie Byrne, Kinvara.
- (2) Mr. Gerard Sweeney, Main Street, Kinvara.

APPOINTMENT OF 9 MEMBERS TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: 11

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that 9 Members of the County Council be appointed as full Members of the Finance Committee and that the Chairman of the County Council be appointed to the Committee as an Ex-Officio Member. It was proposed by Councillor Paddy McHugh, seconded by Deputy Michael Kitt, that the Chairman shall not be an Ex-Officio Member of the Finance Committee. A vote taken on Councillor Mannion's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
 T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
 Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J.
 Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P.
 McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M.
 Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M.
 Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

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AGAINST:

Councillor J. Callanan, Senator
 E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham,
 M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T.
 Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M.
 Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta,
 S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K.
 Quinn, and M. Regan.

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The Chairman declared Councillor Mannion's proposal carried, which was that the Finance Committee shall consist of 9 Members of the Council, plus the Chairman as an Ex-Officio Member.

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present and Chairman advised that the number of Councillors required to form a group was 4. Nominations from three groups as follows were handed to the Chairman:

First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Joe Callanan, Pat O'Sullivan,
Deputy Michael Kitt, and Councillor Matt Loughnane,

nominating Councillor Matt Loughnane to be a member of the Finance Committee.

Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Pat Finnegan, Paddy McHugh,
Michael Cunningham, and Senator Eamon O Cuiv,

nominating Councillor Kathleen Quinn to be a member of the Finance Committee.

Third Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Michael Regan, Connie Ni Fhatharta,
Michael Fahy, and Senator Tom Hussey,

nominating Councillor Michael Regan to be a member of the Finance Committee.

The Chairman ruled that those three nominations were valid, and accordingly, declared Councillors Matt Loughnane, Kathleen Quinn, and Michael Regan appointed as Members of the Finance Committee.

Fourth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, that Councillor Michael Ryan be appointed a Member of the Finance Committee. As there was no further proposal in respect of the fourth vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Michael Ryan appointed.

Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the fifth vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Jarlath McDonagh appointed.

Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, seconded by

Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor John Mannion be appointed a member of the Finance Committee. As there was no further proposal in respect of the sixth vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor John Mannion appointed.

Seventh Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke that Councillor Michael O'Neill be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the seventh vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Michael O'Neill appointed.

Eighth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Evelyn Varley that Councillor Willie Burke be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor O'Neachtain, seconded by Councillor Quinn that Councillor Pat O'Sullivan be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR W. BURKE: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke,
T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton,
Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin,
J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P.
McCormack, Councillors M. Mullins,
M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M.
Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

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FOR COUNCILLOR PAT O'SULLIVAN: Councillors S.
O'Neachtain, and K. Quinn.

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The Chairman declared Councillor Willie Burke appointed.

Ninth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail that Councillor Seamus Gavin be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the ninth vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Seamus Gavin appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed to the Finance Committee:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
Chairman (ex-officio member)
- (2) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
- (3) Councillor Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe.
- (4) Councillor Michael Regan, Ballinakill, Loughrea.
- (5) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (6) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (7) Councillor John Mannion, Clifden.
- (8) Councillor Michael O'Neill, Tully, Renvyle.

- (9) Councillor Willie Burke, St. Joseph's Road, Portumna.
(10) Councillor Seamus Gavin, Knockauranny, Moycullen.

APPOINTMENT OF 6 MEMBERS TO THE RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE: 12

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Chairman advised that the number of Members required to form a group is 5. Nominations from two groups as follows were handed to the Chairman.

First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Pat O'Sullivan, Joe Callanan, Pat Finnegan, Paddy McHugh, and Sean O'Neachtain,

nominating Senator Tom Hussey to be a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Clr. Michael Cunningham, Senator Tom Hussey, Councillor Kathleen Quinn, and Senator Eamon O'Cuiv,

nominating Councillor Kathleen Quinn as a member of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

The Chairman ruled that both nominations were valid and accordingly declared Senator Tom Hussey and Councillor Kathleen Quinn as members of the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee.

Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh that Councillor Tiarnan Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared himself to be appointed.

Fourth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh that Councillor Michael Ryan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Michael Ryan appointed.

Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, that Mr. Noel Doherty, Creagh, be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the fifth vacancy, the Chairman declared Mr. Noel Doherty,

Creagh, Ballinasloe, appointed.

Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke that Mr. Joe Brennan be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of the sixth vacancy, the Chairman declared Mr. Joe Brennan appointed. As a result of the foregoing, the following are the 6 Members appointed by Galway County Council to the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee:

RIVER SUCK JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE

- (1) Senator Tom Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy.
- (2) Councillor Kathleen Quinn, Ussey, Ballymoe.
- (3) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
- (4) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (5) Mr. Noel Doherty, Creagh, Ballinasloe.
- (6) Mr. Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe.

APPOINTMENT OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES: 13

First Vacancy:

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh, that Senator Eamon O'Cuiv be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Evelyn Varley, that Mr. J. McQuinn be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR SENATOR O'CUIV:

Councillor J. Callanan, E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, and M. Regan.

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FOR MR. MCQUINN:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

The Chairman declared Mr. McQuinn appointed. (16)

Second Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Seamus Gavin, that Mr. Sean Osborne be appointed.

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh, that Senator Eamon O'Cuiv be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR O'CUIV: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, and M. Regan.

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FOR MR. OSBORNE: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(16)
The Chairman declared Mr. Sean Osborne appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the two members appointed by Galway County Council to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees:

- LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES
(1) Mr. James McQuinn, Camp Street, Oughterard.
(2) Mr. Sean Osborne, Collinamuck, Moycullen.

APPOINTMENT OF 4 MEMBERS TO THE FIRE BRIGADES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Chairman advised that the number required to form a group is 8.

First Vacancy:

A nomination was received from the following group of Councillors:
Councillors Pat O'Sullivan, Joe Callanan, Pat Finnegan, Paddy McHugh, Michael Cunningham, Senator Tom Hussey, Councillor Michael Fahy, Deputy Michael P. Kitt,

nominating Councillor Michael Regan to be a member of the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee.

The Chairman declared Councillor Michael Regan appointed.

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Second Vacancy:
It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Michael Finnerty be appointed. As there was no other proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Finnerty appointed.

Third Vacancy:
It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Deputy Padraic McCormack be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Deputy McCormack appointed.

Fourth Vacancy:
It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Evelyn Varley that Mr. Tom Duffy, Corofin, be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor M. Loughnane, seconded by Senator E. O'Cuiv, that Mr. Gerald Bartley be appointed. A vote taken on those proposals resulted as follows:

FOR MR. DUFFY: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

FOR MR. BARTLEY: Senator E. O'Cuiv, Cllrs. M. Loughnane, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, K. Quinn, M. Regan.

(6)

The Chairman declared Mr. Tom Duffy appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members appointed to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee:

FIRE BRIGADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Michael Regan, Ballinakill, Loughrea.
- (2) Councillor Michael Finnerty, Tobergrellan, Ballinasloe.
- (3) Deputy Padraic McCormack, 3, Renmore Park, Galway.
- (4) Mr. Tom Duffy, Corofin.

APPOINTMENT OF 25 MEMBERS TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRAVELLERS:

It was agreed that the Membership of this Committee be increased to 30, and that the appointment of the Committee be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council. It was further

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agreed that nominations in respect of the appointments would be forwarded to the County Secretary before the Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF 30 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY LIBRARIES COMMITTEE: 16

It was agreed that the appointment of Members to this Committee would be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council, and that nominations would be submitted to the County Secretary before the Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF 25 MEMBERS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS COMMITTEE: 17

It was agreed that the membership of this Committee be increased to 30, and that the appointment of the Committee be deferred to the next Meeting of the Council. It was further agreed that nominations in respect of appointments would be forwarded to the County Secretary before that Meeting.

In reply to a question from Councillor Matt Loughnane, the County Secretary advised that the scheme for Higher Education Grants for the current year would be received from the Department very shortly.

APPOINTMENT OF 7 MEMBERS TO THE COUNTY ARTS COMMITTEE: 18

It was agreed that the Membership of this Committee would be increased to 9. It was further agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present and the Chairman advised that the number of members required to form a group is 4. Nominations from 3 groups were handed to the Chairman as follows:

First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Joe Callanan, Pat O'Sullivan,
Michael Fahy, and Michael Regan,

nominating Councillor Michael Fahy to be a member of the County Arts Committee.

Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Senator Tom Hussey, Councillors Michael Cunningham,
Paddy McHugh, and Pat Finnegan,

nominating Deputy Michael P. Kitt to be a member of the County Arts Committee.

Third Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Sean O'Neachtain, Connie Ni Phatharta,
Deputy Michael P. Kitt, and Senator Eamon O Cuiv,

nominating Councillor Paddy McHugh to be a member of the County Arts Committee.

The Chairman ruled that those three nominations were valid, and accordingly, declared Councillor Michael Fahy, Deputy Michael Kitt, and Councillor Paddy McHugh to be members of the County Arts Committee.

Fourth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor John Mannion be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Mannion appointed.

Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Toddie Byrne be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Toddie Byrne elected.

Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Jarlath McDoagh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Jarlath McDonagh appointed.

Seventh Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor Tiarnan Walsh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared himself appointed.

Eighth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Evelyn Varley, that Councillor Joe Burke be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Joe Burke appointed.

Ninth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, that Councillor Michael O'Neill be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Michael O'Neill appointed. As a result of the foregoing, the following are the Members of the County Arts Committee:

COUNTY ARTS COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardahan.

- (2) Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
- (3) Councillor Paddy McHugh, Beaghmore, Caherlistrane, Belclare P.O., Tuam.
- (4) Councillor John Mannion, Clifden.
- (5) Councillor Toddie Byrne, Kinvara.
- (6) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (7) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
- (8) Councillor Joe Burke, Shop Street, Tuam.
- (9) Councillor Michael O'Neill, Tully, Renvyle.

DEICHNIUR BAILL A AINMNIU DO COISTE GAELIGE/GAELTACHTA:

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Mhol an Comhairleoir Sean O Mannin agus chuidigh an Comhairleoir Micheal O Riain go gcuirfi togal an Choiste seo ar athlo go dti an chead cruinniu eile.

Mhol an Comhairleoir Sean O Neachtain agus chuidigh an Comhairleoir Micheal P. Ceit nach gcuirfi togal an Choiste seo ar athlo go dti an chead cruinniu eile. Togadh vota ar run Sean O Mainnin agus seo mar a tharla:

FOR:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

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AGAINST:

Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, and M. Regan.

(14)

The Chairman declared the appointment of the Committee deferred to the next Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF 10 MEMBERS TO THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

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It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present. The Chairman advised that the number of Members required to form a group is 3. Nominations from 4 groups were handed to the Chairman as follows.

First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors: Councillors Joe Callanan, Pat O'Sullivan, and Deputy Michael P. Kitt, nominating Councillor Michael Cunningham to be a

member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors;

Councillors Michael Cunningham, Paddy McHugh, and Pat Finnegan,

nominating Councillor Paddy McHugh to be a member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Third Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Senator Tom Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy, Councillors Michael Fahy, and Michael Regan,

nominating Mr. James Joyce as a member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

Fourth Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Connie Ni Fhatharta, Senator Eamon O Cuiv, and Councillor Sean O'Neachtain,

nominating Councillor Pat O'Sullivan as a member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee.

The Chairman declared that the four nominations are valid, and accordingly declared Councillor Michael Cunningham, Councillor Paddy McHugh, Mr. James Joyce, and Councillor Pat O'Sullivan appointed.

Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor Jarlath McDonagh be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor McDonagh appointed.

Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor Michael Finnerty be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Finnerty appointed.

Seventh Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Michael Mullins be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Michael

Mullins appointed.

Eighth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Ms Erin Gibbons be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Ms Erin Gibbons appointed.

Ninth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke that Councillor Evelyn Varley be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Councillor Evelyn Varley appointed.

Tenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Willie Burke, that Mr. Pierce Joyce, Portumna, be appointed. As there was no further proposal in respect of this vacancy, the Chairman declared Mr. Pierce Joyce appointed.

National Monuments Advisory Committee - Honorary Members:

It was agreed that all the out-going Honorary Members of the Committee be appointed as Honourary Members to the new National Monuments Advisory Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan and agreed that Mr. Jeff O'Connell, Kinvara, be appointed an Honorary Member.

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh and agreed that Mr. L. Kilcommons, Creggs be appointed.

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Toddie Byrne and agreed that Mr. Tadhg McLoughlin, Ballinasloe, be appointed.

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh and agreed that Mrs. Anna McHugh, Ballybane, Headford, be appointed.

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh and agreed that Mr. Jim Cronin, Mountbellew, be appointed. As a result of the foregoing, the following are the persons appointed to the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1991/1992:

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Full Members

- (1) Councillor Michael Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort.

- (2) Councillor Paddy McHugh, Beaghmore, Caherlistrane, Belclare P.O., Tuam.
- (3) Mr. James Joyce, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe.
- (4) Councillor Pat O'Sullivan, 7 Kilgarve Park, Ballinasloe.
- (5) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (6) Councillor Michael Finnerty, Tobergrellan, Ballinasloe.
- (7) Councillor Michael Mullins, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
- (8) Ms. Erin Gibbons, Market Street, Clifden.
- (9) Councillor Evelyn Varley, The Square, Headford.
- (10) Mr. Pierce Joyce, St. Bridget's Road, Portumna.

Honorary Members

- (1) Dr. Tony Claffey, Vicar Street, Tuam.
- (2) Mr. Larry Kilcommins, Creggs.
- (3) Prof. Thomas O'Neill, U.C.G.
- (4) Mr. Tom Kenny, Ballygar.
- (5) Rev. J. Kelly, P.P. Ardahan.
- (6) Mr. Thomas Creaven, Fairgreen, Tuam.
- (7) Mr. Michael Conneely, Culicar, Monivea.
- (8) Rev. P.K. Egan, P.P., Portumna.
- (9) Mr. Norman Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea.
- (10) Prof. Etienne Rynne, U.C.G.
- (11) Rev. Martin Coen, C.C., Craughwell.
- (12) Mr. Garry O'Loughlainn, 63 Cruachan Park.
- (13) Mr. Miko Kelly, Church View, Tuam.
- (14) Mr. Frank Burke, N.T., Abbey.
- (15) Mr. Eoin Kennedy, 27 Hollygrove, Lisbeglawn, Renmore.
- (16) Mr. Paul Gosling, Dept. of Archaeology, U.C.G.
- (17) Mrs. Mary McDonagh, 15 Devon Gardens, Salthill.
- (18) Micheal Uas Breathnach, Vocational School, Gort.
- (19) Mr. M.J. Molloy, Milltown.
- (20) Mr. Jeff O'Connell, Kinvara.
- (21) Mr. Tadhg McLoughlin, Ballinasloe.
- (22) Mrs. Anna McHugh, Ballybane, Headford.
- (23) Mr. Jim Cronin, Mountbellew.

APPOINTMENT OF 20 MEMBERS TO THE SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE:

Councillor Callanan suggested that the Membership of this Committee be increased to 30 but this proposal was not agreed by the Meeting. It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present and the Chairman advised that the number of Members required to form a group was 2. Nominations from 7 groups were handed to the Chairman as follows:

First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:
Councillors Matt Loughnane, and Kathleen Quinn,

nominating Mr. Michael Gilhooley to be a member of the Sheep Dipping Committee.

Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillor Sean O'Neachtain, and
Senator Eamon O Cuiv,

nominating Mr. Peter Raftery to be a member of the
Sheep Dipping Committee.

Third Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Paddy McHugh, and
Pat Finnegan,

nominating Mr. Michael Connolly to be a member of the
Sheep Dipping Committee.

Fourth Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Pat O'Sullivan, and
Joe Callanan,

nominating Councillor Joe Callanan to be a member of
the Sheep Dipping Committee.

Fifth Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Senator Tom Hussey, and
Councillor Michael Cunningham,

nominating Senator Tom Hussey to be a member of the
Sheep Dipping Committee.

Sixth Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Councillors Michael Fahy, and
Michael Regan,

nominating Councillor Michael Fahy to be a member of
the Sheep Dipping Committee.

Seventh Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following Councillors:

Deputy Michael P. Kitt, and
Councillor Connie Ni Fhatharta,

nominating Councillor Matt Loughnane to be a member of
the Sheep Dipping Committee.

The Chairman ruled the nominations as outlined above
as valid, and he declared the persons nominated to be
appointed as members of the Sheep Dipping Committee.

Eighth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh,
seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor
John Mannion be appointed.

Ninth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Jarlath McDonagh that Councillor Michael
Ryan be appointed.

Tenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Jarlath
McDonagh be appointed.

Eleventh Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Tiarnan
Walsh be appointed.

Twelfth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. Michael Conneely,
Tulicar, Monivea, be appointed.

Thirteenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. T.J. O'Loughlin,
Kinvara, be appointed.

Fourteenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. Joe Lambert be
appointed.

Fifteenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. Joseph O'Neill,
Leenane, be appointed.

Sixteenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. John Hession,
Milltown, be appointed.

Seventeenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded
by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Mr. Michael Finnerty,
Uggool, Moycullen, be appointed.

Eighteenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, that Mr. T.J. Gormley, Browns Grove, Tuam, be appointed.

Nineteenth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke, that Councillor Evelyn Varley be appointed.

Twentieth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Toddie Byrne, that Mr. William Laffey, Lettergesh, Renvyle, be appointed.

As there were no further proposals in relation to Vacancies number 8 to 20, inclusive, the Chairman declared the persons as set out in the proposals appointed.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the persons appointed to the Sheep Dipping Committee for 1991/1992:

SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE

- (1) Mr. Michael Gilhooley, Cussane Cross, Athenry.
- (2) Mr. Peter Raftery, Ballygar.
- (3) Mr. Michael Connolly, Moyloughmore, Moylough.
- (4) Councillor Joe Callanan, Calla, Kilconnell, Ballinasloe.
- (5) Senator Tom Hussey, Patch, Glenamaddy.
- (6) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan.
- (7) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
- (8) Councillor John Mannion, Clifden.
- (9) Councillor Michael Ryan, Moate, Moylough.
- (10) Councillor Jarlath McDonagh, Turloughmore.
- (11) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown.
- (12) Mr. Michael Conneely, Tulicar, Monivea.
- (13) Mr. P.J. O'Loughlin, Kinvara.
- (14) Mr. Joe Lambert, Ballyturn, Gort.
- (15) Mr. Joseph O'Neill, Glencroft, Leenane.
- (16) Mr. John Hession, Milltown.
- (17) Mr. Michael Finnerty, Uggool, Moycullen.
- (18) Mr. T.J. Gormley, Browns Grove, Tuam.
- (19) Councillor Evelyn Varley, The Square, Headford.
- (20) Mr. William Laffey, Lettergesh, Renvyle.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE RINVILLE PARK COMMITTEE:

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The Secretary advised the Committee that the legal agreement between Galway County Council and Galway Corporation provided for 6 Members from each authority to be appointed. It had been the practice of the Committee to appoint 2 Honorary Members from the locality at a later stage in addition to this number.

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council were present and the Chairman advised that the number of members required

to form a group is 5. Nominations from the following groups were handed to the Chairman.

First Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following:

Councillors Pat O'Sullivan, Joe Callanan, Deputy Michael P. Kitt, Councillors P. Finnegan and Paddy McHugh,

nominating Councillor Michael Fahy to be a member of the Rinville Park Committee.

Second Vacancy:

Group consisting of the following:

Senator Tom Hussey, Councillors Michael Fahy, Michael Regan, Connie Ni Phatharta, Senator Eamon O Cuiv,

nominating Councillor Matt Loughnane to be a member of the Rinville Park Committee.

The Chairman ruled both nominations outlined as valid and declared the persons nominated to be appointed as members of the Rinville Park Committee.

Third Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Councillor Toddie Byrne be appointed.

Fourth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan that Deputy Padraic McCormack be appointed.

Fifth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Councillor Jimmy McClearn be appointed.

Sixth Vacancy:

It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Joe Burke that Mr. Dick Molloy, Clarinbridge, be appointed.

As there were no further proposals in respect of Vacancies numbers 3-6, the Chairman declared the persons proposed appointed as members of the Rinville Park Committee.

As a result of the foregoing, the following are the members appointed to the Rinville Park Committee for 1991/1992:

RINVILLE PARK COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Michael Fahy, Caherduff, Ardrahan.
- (2) Councillor Matt Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla.
- (3) Councillor Toddie Byrne, Kinvara.
- (4) Deputy Padraic McCormack, 3 Renmore Park, Galway.
- (5) Councillor Jimmy McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
- (6) Mr. Dick Molloy, Clarinbridge.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION FOR 1991/1992: 23

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Paddy McHugh, that Councillor Kathleen Quinn be appointed. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Michael Ryan, that Deputy Paul Connaughton be appointed. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR QUINN: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Deputy M. Kitt, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, and M. Regan. (14)

FOR DEPUTY CONNAUGHTON: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh. (16)

The Chairman declared Deputy Paul Connaughton appointed as Galway County Council's representative to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1991/1992.

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN AND ONE OTHER MEMBER TO THE SUB-REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE: 24

It was proposed by Deputy Michael Kitt, seconded by Councillor Pat Finnegan, that Councillor Michael Fahy be nominated to the Sub-Regional Review Committee. It was proposed by Councillor John Mannion, seconded by Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail that the Chairman and Councillor Seamus Gavin be nominated to the Sub-Regional Review Committee. At this stage, Councillor Fahy indicated that he wished to withdraw from the nomination, and accordingly, the Chairman declared himself and Councillor Seamus Gavin nominated to the Sub-Regional Review Committee.

SUB-REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

- (1) Councillor Tiarnan Walsh, Ardeevin, Williamstown. (Chairman)
- (2) Councillor Seamus Gavin, Knockaurranny, Moycullen.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS IN WHOSE PRESENCE DOCUMENTS MAY BE SEALED: 25

It was agreed that documents may be sealed in the presence of any one Member of the Council.

CONSIDERATION OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SEEKING, RECEPTION AND EXAMINATION OF TENDERS: 26

The County Secretary outlined the present procedure in relation to the Opening of Tenders.

It was agreed that the 30 Members of the Council would form the Tenders Committee and that Tenders may be opened in the presence of any two Members of the Committee and that the regulations be amended accordingly and submitted to the Minister for sanction.

DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS: 27

Councillor John Mannion suggested that the Monthly Meeting would continue to be held on the 4th Monday at 3.30 p.m. With regard to the Special Meeting to deal with Planning matters, he asked that consideration be given to changing the time of this Meeting to 3.30 p.m. In reply, the County Manager advised that staff would be severely inconvenienced on a Friday afternoon if the time and finish of the meeting was to be put back. It was agreed that this matter would be considered further at the next Meeting of the Council.

Councillor Peadar O'Tuathail asked that an item be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council regarding the condition of the road and transfer of monies for work on a road at Bothar a'Chillin. This was agreed.

THE MEETING THEN CONCLUDED.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Tiarnan Walsh CHAIRMAN

26/8/1991 DATE

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

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH

4u la Iuil, 1991

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu bliantuil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae ar Deardaoin, an llú la Iuil, 1991, ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

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

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman.
3. Return of persons elected at the Local Elections 1991. (Enclosed)
4. Appointment of 6 Members to the Western Health Board. (D)
5. Appointment of 3 Members to the Galway Harbour Board. (D)
6. Appointment of 14 Members to the County Vocational Education Committee. (D)
7. Appointment of nominee to the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Limited for 1991/92. (A)
8. Appointment of 3 Members on the County Councils' General Council for year 1991/92. (A)
9. Nomination of 1 Member to the Regional Advisory Council of Teagasc. (A)
10. Appointment of 2 Members to the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee. (D)
11. Appointment of 9 Members to the Finance Committee. (A)

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12. Appointment of 6 Members to the River Suck Joint Drainage Committee. (D)
13. Appointment of 2 Members to the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees. (D)
14. Appointment of 4 Members to the Fire Brigades Advisory Committee. (D)
15. Appointment of 25 Members to the Joint Committee on Travellers. (D)
16. Appointment of 30 Members to the County Libraries Committee. (A)
17. Appointment of 25 Members to the Higher Education Grants Committee. (A)
18. Appointment of 7 Members to the County Arts Committee. (D)
19. Deichniur Baill a ainmniú do Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta. (D)
20. Appointment of up to 10 Members to the National Monuments Advisory Committee. (A)
21. Appointment of 20 Members to the Sheep Dipping Committee. (A)
22. Appointment of 7 Members to the Rinvilla Park Committee. (D)
23. Appointment of Representative to the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1991/1992. (A)
24. Nomination of Chairman and 1 other Member to Sub-Regional Review Committee. (A)
25. Nomination of Members in whose presence documents may be sealed. (D)
26. Consideration of procedure for the seeking, reception and examination of Tenders.
27. Dates and times of Meetings.

Memorandum on appointment to Committees and other Bodies attached.
