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MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT COMMUNITY HALL, GLENAMADDY, ON MONDAY, 25TH  
MAY, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager;  
P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J.  
Gavin, Assistant County Manager; R.  
Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer;  
E. Lusby, Finance Officer; T.  
Coughlan, G. Heneghan,  
Administrative Officers; T. Murphy,  
and C. Wallace, Senior Staff  
Officers; and T. Kavanagh, County  
Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

WELCOME:

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The Chairman welcomed the Members, Officials and Press to the Meeting of the Council which was being held in Glenamaddy.

MINUTES:

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On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Connaughton, the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 10th April, 1992, and Monthly Meeting held on 27th April, 1992, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Senator O'Cuiv referred to page 7 of Minutes of Meeting of 27th April, 1992, in relation to the £85,000 of the supplementary grant to be re-allocated. He said there should be consultation in the selection of the roads to be done before they are examined by the Department Inspector. The Secretary stated that he had written to the Department of the Environment requesting confirmation that the use of the £85,000 as



proposed would not prejudice the allocation of supplementary grants to Galway County Council in the future. He said that his understanding was that the Roads Inspector was to be invited not to inspect the roads to be improved under the £85,000 proposal but to inspect County Roads generally, and this request had also been included in the letter to the Department. Councillor Mannion said it was important to get clarification from the Department. The County Manager said that consultation could be arranged in regard to the selection of the roads to be improved with the £85,000. It was agreed that consultation would take place between the County Engineer and the Members of the Connemara and Galway Electoral Areas.

Councillor Quinn referred to Minute No. 685 in relation to Ballygar Dump. She said the Members had requested that the Dump remain open even for two days per week. Deputy Connaughton said that he would like to know the result of a recent deputation received by the Assistant County Manager and he proposed that the matter be put on the next Agenda. It was agreed that the matter be put on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting.

Councillor Regan referred to Minute No. 671 regarding carpark for Loughrea. He said he had received a written reply that no funds were available for development of the carpark. He asked that the Council continue to press the Department for the necessary funds for the development of the carpark.

SALE OF INDUSTRIAL SITE AT KILLALOONTY, TUAM:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve sale of plot of land, measuring .465 hectares approximately, in the townland of Killaloonty, Electoral Division of Tuam Rural to Alan Browne and Owen Browne, Gabriel Browne & Sons, Licensed Wool Exporters, Bishop Street, Tuam, in accordance with Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 12th May, 1992, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND AT AUGHHRIM:

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve sale of plot of land measuring .047 acres at Cloonamerigan, Auhgrim, to Mr. John Hanrahan, Auhgrim, in accordance with notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, dated 1st

May, 1992, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING:

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The Secretary stated that the effective dates during which the Annual Meeting had to be held were between the 29th June and 24th July.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that the Annual Meeting be held on Monday, 29th June at 3.30 p.m.

RAISING OF LOAN FOR COUNCIL OFFICES:

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Senator Hussey proposed that this matter be deferred and that a Sub-Committee be set up to look into the costings in greater detail, and that some Members would like clarification on figures supplied. This was seconded by Councillor Cunningham and agreed. Later in the Meeting, Councillor Gavin proposed that the Committee be set up forthwith, and report back as soon as possible. He proposed that the make-up of the Committee be the same as for the Roads Committee, i.e., 3 representing the Fianna Fail Party, 3 representing the Fine Gael Party, and 3 representing the rest of the Members. The Chairman said that the establishment of the Committee should be put on the next Agenda. Councillor Mannion seconded Councillor Gavin's proposal. Councillor Ryan said that his Party was prepared to vote for the raising of the necessary loan and it was disappointing to defer it again. He said the previous Council made the decision to purchase Cluain Mhuire and the County Manager proceeded accordingly.

While there was agreement to establish a Committee, there was disagreement in regard to the representation to be on it. Eventually, it was agreed, Clr. McHugh dissenting, that the Committee consist of 11 Members, 4 representing Fianna Fail, 4 representing Fine Gael, and 3 representing the rest of the Members.

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR CLIFDEN:

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The Secretary stated that following consultations between the Gardai, Council Engineers, and the Clifden Chamber of Commerce, it was proposed to introduce traffic regulations in Clifden under the Galway (County Borough and County) Traffic and Parking By-Laws, 1986. He said that the Garda Commissioner had requested the Council's approval to the proposed traffic regulations, details of which had been circulated to each Member. Councillor Mannion proposed that the Council approve of the proposed traffic regulations for Clifden Town. This was seconded by Councillor Ni Fhatharta, and agreed.



ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1988,  
FOR COUNTY GALWAY ASSOCIATION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED  
CHILDREN FOR A PROJECT AT THE GLEBE, TUAM:

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The Secretary stated that the proposal was an application for assistance under Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1988, from the Galway County Association for Mentally Handicapped Children. The Association proposed to erect 7 housing units at The Glebe, Tuam, the total cost of the project being as follows:

Site costs	£750
Legal Fees	£354
Architects Fees	£5,000
Construction Costs	£140,142
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>£146,246</u>

The Secretary stated that the maximum grant which could be approved was 90% of the total cost of the project which worked out at £131,621, and he requested the Council's approval thereto.

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

"That Galway County Council approve of the granting of assistance of £131,621 to Galway County Association for Mentally Handicapped Children under Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1988, for the erection of 7 housing units at The Glebe, Tuam."

BUILDING CONTROL ACT, 1990:

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The County Secretary's memorandum dated 15th May, 1992, had been circulated to each Member giving a very brief summary of the Building Control Act, 1990, and Regulations. The memorandum was considered by the Members who asked a number of questions in relation to the new legislation. Councillor McHugh noted that the new procedures would be administered in the Planning Section where the staff are already hard pressed. The County Manager replied that the Planning Office was the most suitable one for administering the new legislation, and said that the staffing situation would be monitored. He pointed out that the primary responsibility for complying with the regulations rested with designers, owners, and constructors, and the number of inspections carried out by the Council would be limited. He explained that many buildings were complying with Draft Building Regulations which had been in use for a number of years. He said that the Regulations would come into force on the 1st June, 1992, and the Council had no option but to implement them. The requirements in relation to Commencement Notices, and Fire Safety Certificates were also explained to the Members.

Councillor McClearn expressed the fear that the extra work would further delay the issue of Planning Permissions. Councillor Brennan and other Members were concerned that the new Regulations would increase the cost of housing. At the end of the discussion, the County Secretary advised the Members that it would be necessary for the Council's Chief Fire Officer to advise Galway Corporation in relation to the fire safety aspects of the new legislation, and for this purpose, it would be necessary for the two local authorities to enter into an agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955 whereby the Council would provide this service for the Corporation, the costs to be recouped on the same basis as the provision of fire services. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Regan, the Council approved of the following agreement under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955 and affixing the seal to the Council thereto:

"THIS AGREEMENT made the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1992 BETWEEN THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH OF GALWAY, having their office at City Hall, College Road, Galway, Local Authority (hereinafter called "the Corporation" which expression shall where the context so admits or requires, include its Successors and Assigns) of the One Part and THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF GALWAY having its Office at County Buildings, Prospect Hill, Galway in the County of Galway, Local Authority (hereinafter called "the Council" which expression, where the context so admits or requires, shall include its Successors and Assigns) of the Other Part.

WHEREAS:-

1. The Corporation is a Fire Authority within the meaning of Section 9 of the Fire Services Act, 1981.
2. The Corporation is a Building Control Authority within the meaning of Section 2 of the Building Control Act, 1990.
3. The Council have in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 (1) of the Local Government (Re-Organisation) Act, 1985 (Galway County Borough) Order, 1985 provided for the Corporation subject to the provisions of Article 6 of the said Order such services as it provided for the Corporation immediately before the appointed day in the said Order named in the Borough or for the Borough Corporation, and which services included all services as are required from a Fire Authority under the provisions of the Fire Services Act, 1981.



4. The Council have since that date continued to provide all the services required by the Fire Services Act aforesaid for the Corporation.
5. Under the provisions of the Building Control Act, 1990, the Corporation as a Fire Authority is required to perform certain functions as a Fire Authority namely, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a service of advising, reporting and inspecting in relation to the fire and fire safety aspects of the Building Control Act and Regulations made thereunder all advice and information relating to Fire Safety Certificates and the issuing thereof and all advice and action necessary in the service of Enforcement Notices and Prosecutions or Litigation arising thereunder.
6. The Corporation are of the opinion that it would be more convenient that the power, function or duty of advising, reporting, inspecting, consulting and giving evidence in relation to the matters hereinafter contained which may be exercised or performed by the Corporation should be exercised or performed in the particular cases hereinafter specified by the Council and the Council are able and willing so to exercise and perform the power, function or duty. This Agreement shall extend only to the functional area of the Corporation which functional area shall be hereinafter referred to as "the Borough".

IT IS WITNESSED therefore that in consideration of the Agreement herein and in pursuance of the Fire Services Act, 1981, the Building Control Act, 1990, and Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955 and of every other power them enabling the Corporation and the Council agree as follows:-

1. The Council shall provide staff facilities and equipment when they are required by the Corporation to do so for any matters arising under the Building Control Act, 1990 which require the advice, servicing and equipment of a Fire Authority.
2. When requested by the Corporation to do so to carry out and make available to the Corporation, inspections, reports and recommendations on applications or certificates relating to Fire Safety arising under the Building Control Act.
3. To provide reports and advice to the Corporation in relation to the Fire Safety aspect of the Corporation's functions under

the Building Control Act, 1990 or any regulations made thereunder and to attend Court and give evidence whenever requested by the Corporation to do so. The cost of all services provided by the Council for the Corporation on foot of this Agreement shall be calculated and recovered on the same basis as the cost is already shared between the Corporation and the County Council for the provision of the Fire Service under the County Borough of Galway Order, 1985 hereinbefore referred to."

ROAD AT KILRICKLE AND AUGHIRM:

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A request was made at a previous meeting that this matter be put on the Agenda. Councillor Callanan said that fatal accidents had occurred at both these locations and something needed to be done about it. He said that additional warning signs were needed. Councillor Mullins said that accidents were occurring at both locations on a regular basis and he asked the County Engineer to try and suggest some improvement. Councillor O'Sullivan said that while he agreed that speed may be the main factor, the Council should consider anything that might help, and he suggested the erection of a sign "reduce speed now". He said that Aughrim would become very busy with the new Interpretative Centre opening. Deputy Connaughton said that the Cappataggle Cross was extremely dangerous. He referred to a flashing light on the Athlone By-Pass, and asked if a similar light could be erected outside Ballinasloe to warn people to drive carefully. Councillor McClearn said that speed limit signs should be erected reminding drivers of the maximum speed limit.

The County Engineer said that he was concerned about the number of fatalities at both locations, and having examined the situation could find no fault with the road system. He said that vehicles travel at very high speeds on this road. The County Engineer said that he asked the E.R.U. to examine the road at Aughrim and it recommended that the road into Aughrim be surfaced with high skid resistance material, provide additional lining, and increase the size of the signs. He said this work would be carried out and the situation monitored. In regard to Kilrickle, he said that drivers were ignoring the 30 m.p.h. speed limit signs. There is a school in the middle of the village and he said that he was proposing to erect some new school flashing signs at some schools on National Primary Routes, subject to available funds. The County Engineer said that there were three entrances into Aughrim Village, and this was unsatisfactory and would be looked at. He said that funds had been made available this year for Kilmeen junction.



Councillor Fahy said that the speed of vehicles was one of the major factors and the Gardai should be asked to increase the number of check points. Councillor Cunningham said that in other Counties, accident black spots signs are erected. Councillor Joe Burke agreed that the road to Ballinasloe was particularly dangerous, and said that the Council was not getting sufficient funds for up-grading National Primary Routes. At the end of the discussion, the County Engineer said that he would be reviewing the situation and would take into account the Members comments.

S.R.6 1991 - SEPTIC TANK SYSTEMS:

A copy of the S.R.6 1991 document on Septic Tank Systems, published by Eolas, together with copy of County Engineer's report dated 16th April, 1992, had been circulated to each Member. The County Engineer went through his report, and outlined the differences between the 1975 standard and the 1991 document. He also referred to the Circular letter dated 8th January, 1992, from the Department of the Environment in relation to the new standard. The letter requires planning authorities to give recognition to the new standard recommendation in Development Plans, and to ensure that planning applications for single dwellinghouses include septic tank systems in accordance with the new standard recommendation.

Deputy Connaughton asked for confirmation that under the new arrangements, applicants for Planning Permission would have to dig a trial hole and submit the results themselves, which he considered unusual. The County Engineer confirmed that this was the situation and that the tests would have to be carried out by a suitable person. He also said that the trial hole test was not the only consideration and that local conditions on the site would determine the requirements in particular cases. He said that Health Inspectors would continue to do inspections in certain cases.

Councillor O'Neachtain said that if the new standard for septic tanks was enforced rigidly, it would be impossible to get Planning Permission for a house in Connemara. He said this would be most frustrating and would drive people away from rural areas. He said that research was urgently needed to come up with a solution for the treatment of septic tank effluent in Connemara, and said that Eolas should take this on.

ADJOURNMENT:

At this point, the Chairman said that he would adjourn the meeting for refreshments, and congratulated Fr. Glynn, who was present, and who recently celebrated 60 years in the priesthood. Councillor Cunningham proposed a vote of thanks to Bishop Casey for all he

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had done for County Galway, and this was seconded by Councillor Fahy.

When the Meeting resumed, Councillor Mullins thanked the ladies who had provided a lovely meal, and was supported by all the Members.

The debate on septic tanks resumed and Senator O'Cuiv asked if it would be necessary for applicants to submit a certificate of the results of the tests and the County Engineer replied in the affirmative. Senator O'Cuiv said this would cost at least £100 per application, which meant that Consultants would benefit to the tune of £200,000 based on 2,000 applications per annum. He said it would be impossible to comply with the new requirements in Connemara. He said it was cheaper on the State to have single houses built in rural areas as against houses built in urban areas which require expensive treatment systems, and that this should be pointed out to the Department of the Environment with a view to getting grant aid. Councillor McHugh said that the new standard was the result of a lot of tests which had been carried out, and was primarily designed to prevent pollution. He said it was a modernisation of the 1975 standard, and it will be difficult for the Council to decide not to implement it.

Councillor O'Tuathail said that the document would have huge implications for Connemara, and that 80% of sites would not be suitable. He said that the new standards were being imposed by the E.E.C. based on conditions in Belgium and other countries which do not apply in Ireland. He said there was no possibility of drinking water being polluted in places like Lettermore because the water supplies were not taken from underground sources. He said that septic tanks had not caused any problems in Connemara to date and he proposed that the document be rejected. Councillor O'Neill said that the document was a very worrying one. He said that any site which failed a test for a Health Inspector would be refused, and that last year, there were 115 refusals in Connemara on septic tank grounds. He said that when an applicant is refused Permission on septic tank grounds, there is no alternative available and he was of the opinion that the document should not be accepted.

The County Manager said that the Council had no option but to implement the new standards. He said the Council would be as flexible as possible in dealing with applications. Councillor McClearn said that if the new standard resulted in the necessity to provide peat based treatment systems in East Galway, the cost would prove prohibitive. Councillor Byrne said that the new requirements could have long term effects on the population and social structure of rural areas, and that whatever experts prepared the regulations

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should be invited to a meeting to discuss the problems as outlined by the Members. Councillor Ni Fhatharta said that there were still a number of houses in Connemara with no sanitation, and asked how these would be affected if they wanted to extend and provide proper sanitary facilities. The County Manager replied that the Council would be as helpful as possible in such cases. Councillor O'Neill said that if the Council had no option but to implement the new regulations, he would ask that the Council be as flexible as possible in their implementation.

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MAASTRICHT TREATY:

It was agreed that this item be placed high on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting.

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CONFERENCES:

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that the attendance of Councillor Mannion instead of Councillor Finnerty at the Conference on Rural Development in Ballina, Co. Tipperary, on 7th/8th May, 1992, be approved.

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Fahy, the attendance of Councillors Mannion, Ryan and Callanan at the All-Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on 6th March, 1992, in Wicklow, and the Connacht Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on 14th April, 1992,.

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RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mr. Eric Counihan, Connemara Golf Club, Ballyconneely.
- Mrs. Tessie Farrell, Tiernevan, Gort.
- The Mulkerrin Family, Rose Cottage, Clydagh, Moycullen.
- Feicin O Conlain, Baile Liam, An Spideal.
- Mrs. Rita Toole, Ballywilliam, Spiddal.
- Mrs. Maura Mulkerrins & Family, Clydagh, Moycullen.
- Mrs. Sarah Faherty & Family, Knockaunranny, Moycullen.
- Mr. Gerry Joyce, Fiddane, Gort.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 14 - SEWER OUTLET - SEN. E. O'CUIV:

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

"The necessary works have now been carried out."

N.O.M. NO. 15: FLOODING - CLR. P. FINNEGAN: 762

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

"The gullet will be repaired or renewed in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 16: ROAD RESURFACE - CLR. W. BURKE: 763

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

"The above location was not included in the 1992 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. The road in question is a stop end county road."

N.O.M. NO. 17: PUBLIC LIGHTING - CLR. W. BURKE: 764

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

"Woodpark Village is outside the Speed Limit area and as such Traffic Route Lighting at this location is not a priority."

N.O.M. NO. 18 - PIER - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK: 765

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

"The Council has no responsibility in this matter as the pier in question is not in charge of the Council."

N.O.M. NO. 19 - FLOODING - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK: 766

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

"It is hoped to have the necessary works carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 20 - SLIP ROAD - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK: 767

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

"At the present time the Council's proposals for a roundabout are with the Department of the Environment. No decisions should be made until the Department's comments are received."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - ROAD - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 768

The following written reply was given to Clr. M. Loughnane:



"As the above road is substandard it is not recommended taking same in charge."

N.O.M. NO. 22 - FLOODING - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 769

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

"This is just a depression in the road which will be filled up as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - FOOTPATH - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 770

The following written reply was given to Councillor Matt Loughnane:

"There are not sufficient funds available in the current year to permit a footpath reconstruction programme."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - PLAYING FIELD - CLR. M. REGAN: 771

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Regan:

"Open spaces are available in Laurencesfields. However, the Council is not in a position to develop a play area at this time due to the limited availability of funds. The matter will be kept under review."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - SIGNPOSTING - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 772

The following written reply was given to Clr. S. O'Neachtain:

"This matter is being investigated and a further reply will issue as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 26 - ROAD - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 773

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

"As the above location is the National Secondary route N59 expenditure on same is 100% funded by the Department of the Environment. No grants were made available for this location in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 27 - ROAD REPAIR - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 774

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

"It was not possible to include the above location in the 1992 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, routine maintenance will be carried out in order of priority and as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 28 - CARROWBROWNE DUMP - CLR. J. McDONAGH: 775

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

"I wish to inform you that Carrowbrowne Dump is the responsibility of Galway Corporation and I have forwarded your queries to the Town Clerk for his attention."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - VACANCIES - CLR. J. McDONAGH: 776

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

"The number of applicants for the Clerical Officer panel is 693, and for Library Assistant panel is 328. However, as the postal dispute had commenced before the closing date for receipt of applications, we are aware that further applications are caught up in the post."

There are no vacancies at present for either Library Assistant or Clerical Officer but it is normal practice to set up panels from which vacancies arising will be filled. Approximately, 20-30 candidates with the highest marks will be called for interview in order to set up panels. The interview cannot be arranged until the postal dispute is over."

N.O.M. NO. 30 - LOTTERY GRANTS - CLR. J. McDONAGH: 777

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

"The Council has not been notified as yet of any Lottery Grants for 1992."

N.O.M. NO. 31 - KILLURE CEMETERY - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN: 778

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. O'Sullivan:

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

N.O.M. NO. 32 - FOHENAGH CEMETERY - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN: 779

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. O'Sullivan:

"All necessary repairs have been carried out to the boundary walls to this cemetery. The Caretaker is Mr. Thomas Costelloe."



N.O.M. NO. 33 - TEMPLEMOYLE CEMETERY - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN: 780

The following written reply was given to Councillor P. O'Sullivan:

"Repair work will be carried out on the above wall in the very near future."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - PHONE BOOTHS - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 781

The following written reply was given to Councillor Michael Cunningham:

"This is a matter to be decided between the local community and Telecom. The Council will forward your request to Telecom."

N.O.M. NO. 35 - PLAYGROUND - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 782

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Cunningham:

"The park at Queen Street is not intended to be a playground for children. However, as children exit the park, the Library and the Orchard Centre we will arrange to have "Children Crossing" sign erected."

N.O.M. NO. 36 - FLOODING - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 783

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Cunningham:

"There was no evidence of flooding at the above location during a recent inspection following light rain. However, the location will be re-inspected during heavy rains."

N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROADWORKS - CLR. S. GAVIN: 784

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Gavin:

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

N.O.M. NO. 39 - DELINEATORS - CLR. S. GAVIN: 785

The following written reply was given to Councillor S. Gavin:

"It is hoped to have delineators erected at the above location as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - FLOODING - CLR. E. VARLEY: 786

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

"The road will be examined when wet weather conditions return and improvements carried out where possible by opening water channels and other necessary works. However, if you have a particular location in mind, please let me have details so that the matter may be investigated."

N.O.M. NO. 41 - PUBLIC TOILETS - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 787

The following written reply was given to Clr. C. Ni Fhatharta:

"I wish to inform you that the Council has completed the purchase of the site, a contractor has been appointed and work on the public convenience is to commence during the coming week."

N.O.M. NO. 42 - CEMETERY - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 788

The following written reply was given to Councillor C. Ni Fhatharta:

"The topography of the environs of Lettermore is such that to obtain land that is suitable for the development of a burial ground is almost an impossibility hence any lands purchased for this reason will necessitate extensive development so as to comply with the Chief Medical Officers requirements for Burial Ground development. Efforts are continuing to purchase lands for the provision of a burial ground at Lettermore."

N.O.M. NO. 43 - LOWER WALLS - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 789

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

"The lowering of the above walls is not practicable as the walls in question are located on private property."

N.O.M. NO. 44 - CEMETERY - CLR. P. MCHUGH: 790

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

"The County Council will be carrying out maintenance works at Donaghpatrick Cemetery next week."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - FLOODING - CLR. P. MCHUGH: 791

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

"The above location will be examined as soon as possible with a view to carrying out the necessary works."



N.O.M. NO. 46 - KILLURSA GRAVEYARD - CLR. P. MCHUGH: 792

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

"This matter is being examined."

N.O.M. NO. 47 - ROAD REPAIR - SENATOR E. O'CUIV: 793

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

"It was not possible to include the above location in the 1992 Road Works Programme due to lack of funds. However, routine maintenance will be carried out as soon as possible."

N.O.M. UIMHIR 48 - FOGRAI RABHADH - AN SEANADOIR E. O'CUIV: 794

Seo leanas an freagra a tugadh don Seanadóir Eamon O'Cuiv:

"Beidh muid ag feachaint ar an lathair seo go gairid agus ma bhíonn fogra níos fearr ag teastail cuirfear ar fail e."

N.O.M. NO. 49 - REFUSE COLLECTION - SEN. E. O'CUIV: 795

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

"I wish to inform you that the Council has no plans to extend the refuse collection service due to financial constraints."

N.O.M. NO. 50 - COASTAL EROSION - CLR. M. FAHY: 796

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Fahy:

"It is hoped to have a report submitted to both Departments as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 51 - WHITE LINE MARKINGS - CLR. M. FAHY: 797

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Fahy:

"The above works will be carried out when the white lining programme is being carried out later on in the summer."

N.O.M. NO. 52 - HOUSE - CLR. M. FAHY: 798

The following written reply was given to Councillor M. Fahy:

"This house is not the property of Galway County Council and, therefore, the Council are not responsible for repairs to same. The applicant did make application under the Essential Repair Grant Scheme for assistance towards the repairs, but the application was refused, as the house does not come within the scope of the Essential Repair Grant Scheme, which is for houses that cannot be made fit for human habitation in all respects, at a reasonable cost.

The only assistance which the Council could give to Mr. Diviney is by way of House Improvement Loan. If he wishes to be considered for same, he should call into the Housing Section, at his convenience, so that the matter can be discussed."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

*Seamus Weir* CHAIRMAN

22/06/92 DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

18u la Bealtaine, 1992.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

You are requested to attend the Monthly Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held in the

COMMUNITY HALL, GLENAMADDY.

on Monday, 25th May, 1992, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH.  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings:
  - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 10th April, 1992.
  - (b) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 27th April, 1992.
2. Sale of plot of land at Killaloonty, Weir Road, Tuam. - Section 83 notice dated 12th May, 1992, already circulated.
3. Sale of plot of land at Aughrim. - Section 83 notice dated 1st May, 1992, already circulated.
4. Fix date for Annual Meeting.
5. Raising of loan for Council Offices. - Report attached.
6. Proposed Traffic Regulations in Clifden under the Galway (County Borough and County) Traffic and Parking Bye-Laws, 1986.
7. Assistance under Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1988, for County Galway Association for Mentally Handicapped Children for project at The Glebe, Tuam.
8. Building Control Act, 1990 - Regulations - Section 59 Agreement with Galway Corporataion - memo enclosed.

9. Roads at Kilreekle and Aughrim.
10. S.R. 6 1991 - Septic Tank Systems.
11. Maastricht Treaty.
12. Business submitted by the Manager.
13. Business submitted by the Chairman.



**COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:**

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

**SENATOR E. O'CUIV:** - I will propose:

- 14. That the sewer outlet in Roundstone which has been broken for a considerable length of time be repaired.

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

- 15. That this gullet be repaired to prevent flooding on the public road at (detailed supplied) where the public road runs through Smyth's land at Carraroe, Williamstown.

**Other Motions received:**

**COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE:** - I will propose:

- 16. That the Toomanybeg Road, Kylebrack, Loughrea, be resurfaced.
- 17. That an application be made to the Department of the Environment for public lighting in Woodpark Village, Portumna, requesting funds to be allocated under the traffic route lighting programme.

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

- 18. That Galway County Council submit plans to the Department of the Gaeltacht for the improvement of pier facilities at Roskeeda Pier, Rosmuc, Connemara, Co. Galway, located in the centre of Kilkerrin Bay which is famous for oysters, scallops, shrimps and mussels. Improvements to this pier would be a great addition to this industry over the past number of years with the closure of the power station at Screebe and three factories in Rosmuc.

- 19. That road works be carried out to alleviate flooding at the following locations: -

The bad flooding is occurring at John G. Walsh's and Paddy Small's house, Cortoon, Claregalway and between Padraic Flaherty's and Martin J. Coen's house, Kilgill, Claregalway, Co. Galway.

- 20. That Galway County Council take steps to open the slip road from the main Gort Road approaching the road to Oranmore.

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

- 21. That the Council take charge of a specified road (details supplied)

- 22. That steps be taken to prevent flooding which takes place at a specified location (details supplied).

**COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE:**

- 23. That an indication be give of footpath reconstruction programme in Athenry this year.

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

- 24. That Galway County Council provide a playing field and play area at Laurence Fields, Loughrea, as this is the most populated area in the town, children have to travel some distance to play their games plus having to cross two main road - a play area should be provided before some child is seriously injured or killed.

**COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN:** - I will propose:

- 25. That Galway County Council erect proper signposting at the junction of Monument Road / Aille Road at Barna.
- 26. That Galway County Council implement immediately a road improvement programme for the Curragh Line, a national secondary road which urgently needs attention.
- 27. That Galway County Council would repair as a matter of urgency Doon West County Road at Killannin, Roscahill.

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

- 28. That Galway County Council answer me the following queries with regard to the Dump - (Details supplied).
- 29. That County Council supply me with the following information re recent advertisements (Details supplied).
- 30. That County Council outline to me the amount of money allocated to Galway County Council for lottery grants for this year.

**COUNCILLOR PAT O'SULLIVAN:** - I will propose:

- 31. That a boundary wall be provided on the roadside boundary at Killure Cemetery.
- 32. That the boundary walls at Fohenagh Cemetery be upgraded and maintained. (Is Mr. Michael Ryan Caretaker of old cemetery responsible for new cemetery?).
- 33. That the boundary wall at Templemoyle Cemetery, Newcastle, be rebuilt and maintained to a proper standard.

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

- 34. Representation has been made to me that extra phone booths be erected in Gort - one at Church Street, Tubber Road, Gort - one at Georges Street, Ennis Road, Gort - one at Crowe Street, Gort.



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

35. Circular Road, Gort, Playground at the rear of Parochial Houses and near Queen Street. Representation has been made to me requesting that signs be erected indicating playground for children. This is a beautiful park and the people of Gort are delighted to have same; with young children they often run out the gate and stiles and are in danger of being hit by passing cars, tractors and lorries and if safety signs were erected, I think this would ensure the safety.
36. Kilchreest Church - at the entrance to the Church, large pools of water are on the road owing to low surface. I request the Galway County Council to tar small areas so that when people are going to Church, they will not have to walk into the pools of water.

**COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN:** - I will propose:

37. That this Council pass a motion that the Government make a complete copy of the Maastricht Treaty available free of charge to each household in the country. This will allow people to read the Treaty and help them make a decision for June 18th (Referendum Day).
38. What plans do the County Council have for the area at Sceach -Drimcong, Moycullen, along the N.59 National Secondary Route where fill and other material has been deposited.
39. That some delineators be positioned along the Woodstock-Corquillen stretch of N.59 National Secondary Road in the interests of safety.

**COUNCILLOR EVELYN VARLEY:** - I will propose:

40. That an examination be carried out of the section of road from the city boundary to Monivea, with a view to carrying out works to alleviate the serious problem of flooding.

**COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA:** - I will propose:

41. What is the present situation with regard to the proposed building of public toilets at Doilin Beach, An Cheathru Rua. Has Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe completed the purchase of the site? When does Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe expect to commence work?
42. What is the present position of the proposed new cemetery in Leitir Moir?
43. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe lower walls on the by-roads leading on the Regional Road from Galway to An Cheathru Rua and Casla to Leitirmeallain, so people will have a clearer view when approaching the Regional Road so as to avoid accidents.

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

44. That Galway County Council implement the programme outlined by the Deputy County Engineer to a deputation from Donaghpatrick/Kilcoona Community Council in relation to cemeteries in Donaghpatrick/Kilcoona Parish.
45. That Galway County Council carry out works to eliminate flooding outside Flaherty's house at Ballybeg/N84 road junction. This flooding has been occurring since roadworks were carried out a number of years ago.
46. That Galway County Council take steps to prevent travellers from parking adjacent to Killursa graveyard, Claran. Travellers parked there in recent times have caused much trouble to locals. Stockpiling of chips have previously prevented travellers parking there.

**SENATOR E. O'CUIV:** - I will propose:

47. To ask Galway County Council to repair the road to the house of Josie Lee in Tawnaghbawn, Cashel, as a matter of urgency as there is a person in a wheelchair living on this road.
48. Le fiarai de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe fograí rábhadh níos fearr a chur ar an gcoirneal an ti Chonaire i gCill Chiarain, Conamara.
49. That the refuse collection be extended as far as Renvyle House Hotel to cover the houses, the hotel, the caravan park and the Station house.

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

50. That Galway County Council provide an urgent report to the Departments of the Marine and Environment to get finance for coastal erosion damage at Tawin, Maree, Oranmore.
51. That Galway County Council put white line markings on County Road outside Killeeneen National School, Craughwell.
52. That Galway County Council carry out repairs on roof of dwellinghouse (details supplied).

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**GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

Secretary's Office,  
County Buildings,  
Galway.

12th May, 1992

**TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

A Chara,

In accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, notice is hereby given to you of a proposal to sell a plot of land at Killaloonty, Weir Road, Tuam, particulars of which are given hereunder.

**LAND:** Plot of land, area - .465 hectares approximately situated in the townland of Killaloonty and the Electoral Division of Tuam Rural.

**FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:** Mr. Patrick Dempsey, High Street, Tuam, Co. Galway.

**TO WHOM LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE SOLD:** Alan Browne & Eoghan Browne,  
Gabriel Browne & Sons,  
Licensed Wool Exporters,  
Bishop Street,  
Tuam,  
Co. Galway.

**CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL:** £9,000

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

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH  
COUNTY SECRETARY

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1st May, 1992.

**TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.**

A Chara,

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

**Land Acquired From:**

P.M.R. Hyde,  
Cloonameragaun,  
Aughrim.

**Location:**

Cloonameragaun,  
Aughrim.

**Area:**

.047 acres

**To whom the land is to be transferred:**

John Hanrahan,  
Aughrim.

**Consideration in respect of disposal:**

£747

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

Mise le meas,

RUNAI.



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY  
11TH MAY, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager;  
P. J. Gavin, Assistant County  
Manager; E. Lusby, Finance Officer;  
T. Kavanagh, County Secretary; F.  
Cooke, S.E.E. Housing; G. Heneghan,  
T. Coughlan, Administrative  
Officers; J. Walsh, T. Murphy,  
Senior Staff Officers; J. Forde,  
Staff Officer.

CONGRATULATIONS

On the proposition of Councillor J. Callanan, a vote of congratulations was passed to Mr. Sean McHugh, on his election as President of Impact. The County Manager expressed congratulations on behalf of the Council staff.

On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Councillor M. Cunningham, a vote of congratulations was passed to Pat Diskin on the occasion of his birthday.

ROADS

Councillor P. McCormack, requested that tourists be directed to drive on the correct side of the road. The County Engineer will examine this problem to determine what action can be taken by the Council.

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PAGE 2. SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11/5/92

It was proposed by Councillor J. Callanan and seconded by Councillor M. Mullins that traffic problems at Kilrickle and Aughrim be on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

HOUSING

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Mr. P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, outlined the position in relation to housing as set out in report dated 18.3.92 which had been circulated to the Members of the Council. Councillor M. Cunningham welcomed a discussion on housing and expressed particular interest in the Shared Ownership Scheme. Deputy P. Connaughton expressed concern at the small number of new house starts having regard to the number of families on the Council's housing list. He expressed concern at the difficulties involved in Shared Ownership and suggested that S.D.A. Loans with a fixed rate of interest should be re-introduced, that the limit of £10,000 in respect of Improvement Works In Lieu of Local Authority Housing should be increased, and that the Plan for Social Housing was not successful. Councillor M. Loughnane stated that fixed interest rate S.D.A. Loans should be made available, that the sale of sites by the Co. Council should be expedited, that more rural houses should be built and that bathrooms should be provided for Local Authority houses where necessary. Councillor J. McClearn stated that increased funding should be made available by the Government for housing.

Deputy P. McCormack requested that the Government be asked to re-introduce a fixed rate S.D.A. Loan and that a new grant of £6,000 for first time builders be introduced. Councillor J. Brennan seconded Deputy McCormack's proposal relating to S.D.A. Loans and expressed disappointment at the fact that Structural Funding does not allow discretion to utilise funds for housing purposes. Councillor Brennan raised a number of questions in relation to Shared Ownership, Voluntary Housing, Improvements in Lieu and the Rental Subsidy Scheme. He proposed that tenants who are awaiting repairs should be allowed to get three quotations, to submit quotations, to have the repairs carried out and to forego rent until the repair cost has been repaid.

Councillor S. O'Neachtain stated that the measures outlined in the Plan for Social Housing are beneficial but there is a need to explain the scheme to the public and Councillors. He expressed concern that persons being re-housed may be requested to leave their locality and that



rectification and transfer of titles can be lengthy. Councillor O'Neachtain considered that House Improvement Grants should be re-introduced. Councillor J. Callanan, referring to the re-introduction of fixed rate S.D.A. Loans, expressed concern at the need for bridging finance and considered that Home Improvement Grants should be re-introduced. Councillor P. Finnegan stated that the Plan for Social Housing must be considered in the context of, and in addition to, the 27 new houses due to be constructed by the Council. He expressed concern at the high cost of the Remedial Works Scheme at Gilmartin Road and requested that the necessary repairs are carried out as soon as possible.

Councillor J. Burke proposed that a sub-committee of the Council be established to study the possibility of providing assistance to people in need of housing. Councillor J. Burke welcomed the proposed works at Gilmartin Road and suggested that the Council should become involved in the letting of vacant private houses in the County. Councillor W. Burke expressed the need for local community type Government to allow freedom and flexibility for the allocation of funds.

Councillor P. O'Tuathail expressed reservations at the Plan for Social Housing and at the lack of housing schemes in large areas of Connemara. He requested that the Council actively seek sites in the Carraroe, Lettermore and Costelloe areas.

Councillor Fahy considered that one authority should administer repairs to houses for the elderly, that houses be built instead of demountable dwellings, that improvement grants be restored and welcomed the proposed halting site at Craughwell.

Councillor M. Ryan requested clarification as to whether the Council will purchase private houses, and asked that vacant demountable dwellings be removed.

Councillor P. McHugh welcomed the Plan for Social Housing and expressed the view that the housing list is inflated due to the requirement that applicants must be approved for re-housing to qualify for Improvements in Lieu. He proposed that the Department of the Environment be requested to introduce a new scheme of re-construction grants.

Senator E. O'Cuiv asked that the report on the management and maintenance of local authority housing be brought before the Council, and that the

PAGE 4 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11/5/92  
possibility of direct payment of rent through Social Welfare be examined. Senator O'Cuiv stated that it should be necessary to complete one application form for all housing schemes, that the legal expenses of transfer be allowable for the Improvement in Lieu Scheme, and that a letter of undertaking be accepted in order to have works commenced. He expressed the view that the income limit for Shared Ownership is too low, that the Department should be requested to freeze the value of the house for Shared Ownership and proposed that the Department of the Environment be requested to ensure that sanitary service are provided in all dwellings including demountable dwellings. Senator O'Cuiv also requested that the Department of the Environment's New House Grants be administered by County Councils. Councillor O'Cuiv requested that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each County Council in the Country. Councillor O'Cuiv also proposed that a housing committee be established.

Councillor P. O'Sullivan stated that a housing grants scheme should be re-introduced and that there should be flexibility at local level in relation to income limits. He considered that policy should be aimed towards enticing tenants to purchase council houses rather than encouraging them to leave. Councillor Sullivan requested that an effort be made, during the consideration of the next estimates, to provide funds to ensure that services are provided in all local authority houses. Councillor M. O'Neill stated that voluntary organisations should be promoted and that the repair of houses by tenants should be encouraged. Councillor K. Quinn expressed satisfaction at the Shared Ownership and Improvements in Lieu Scheme and requested that the Improvement Grant and Tenant Purchase Schemes be re-introduced.

Councillor M. Mullins expressed concern at the high number of housing applicants and suggested that the Council purchase houses in towns and villages. Councillor Mullins questioned the value for money in relation to the Remedial Works Scheme, requested that home improvement grants be re-introduced, that services be provided in all demountable dwellings and that the Council make a great effort to bring the Voluntary Housing Scheme to the attention of local communities. Councillor M. Finnerty welcomed the proposed halting site at Craughwell, suggested that the area limits for new house grants be increased to 1500 sq. ft., that the maximum SDA loan available be increased, and that the incentives for surrendering of local authority houses be reduced.



Councillor Ni Fhatharta requested that the Council provide a housing scheme in south Connemara and that repairs to houses and demountable dwellings be expedited. Senator T. Hussey welcomed the Plan for Social Housing and agreed that a home improvement grant should be re-introduced with amendments to ensure that the scheme is not abused. The Chairman welcomed the report on housing and stated that the items on housing and demountable dwellings had been dealt with by the Councillors.

Mr. P.J. Gavin, Assistant Co. Manager, welcomed the suggestions of the Council, particularly in relation to the increase in the upper limit for Improvements in Lieu, the inclusion of legal fees in the cost of repairs, the elimination of the need for a charge, and the elimination of indexation in relation to Shared Ownership. The Council considers Voluntary Housing to be an opportunity for local communities to deal with housing problems, and clusters of small houses would help alleviate the need for demountable dwellings. The Council is actively promoting the Voluntary Housing Scheme and will provide sites, if required. Mr. Gavin informed the meeting that the Council is negotiating with Udaras na Gaeltachta for the acquisition of land in south Connemara. The Department of the Environment has been requested to provide funds for bathrooms in houses and demountable dwellings, but funding has not, as yet, been approved. It is considered that halting sites are working well and the Council is also providing housing for travellers. Mr. Gavin informed the meeting that the Council purchases private houses where required, and that one application form for housing services has now been introduced. While the schemes in the Plan for Social Housing are considered beneficial, Mr. Gavin stated that the building programme must continue, and that a balance must be achieved between urban and rural areas. All housing applicants who are considered eligible for the schemes in the Plan for Social Housing are being notified accordingly.

GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS CONFERENCE 745

It was proposed by Councillor M. Mullins and seconded by Councillor M. Finnerty that Councillor J. Mannion and Councillor M. Ryan attend the General Council of County Councils Conference. It was proposed by Senator T. Hussey and seconded by Councillor P. McHugh that Councillor J. Callanan also attend. It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion and seconded by Senator T. Hussey that the other three members of the Council on the General Council also attend the Conference.

MAASTRICHT

It was proposed by Councillor J. Brennan and seconded by Councillor J. Mannion that Galway County Council calls on the R.T.E. Authority to ensure that all discussions henceforth on radio and television concerning the abortion and Maastricht referenda be conducted without bias and with an equal balance of proponents and opponents of the various issues.

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED &  
CONFIRMED:

Liaman Walsh CHAIRMAN

22/06/92 DATE



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Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH  
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A G E N D A

1. Report on Housing.
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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
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MAY, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; G. Heneghan, T. Coughlan, Administrative Officers; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY  
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT ACT, 1955 - PLANNING  
APPLICATION NUMBER 65920 - APPLICANT: JOHN MULLINS:

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

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY:

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with John F. Ward, Bayleek, Clifden, on the death of his wife.

On the proposition of Councillor Fahy, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with John & Anne O'Shea, Ballyglass, Ardrahan.

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Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Nora Hannify, Carrowevagh, Dunsandle, Athenry.  
Mr. Sean Moran, Carrabane, Athenry.



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On the proposition of Councillor Fahy, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with John & Anne O'Shea, Ballyglass, Ardahan.

On the proposition of Councillor Fahy, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with Mrs. Winnie O'Neill & Family, Fursypark, Ardahan.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Nora Hannify, Carrowrevagh, Dunsandle, Athenry.  
Mr. Sean Moran, Carrabane, Athenry.



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Mrs. Michael Mahony, Knockmoyle, Kylebrack, Loughrea.  
Sean O'Neill, Fursey Park, Ardrahan.

The County Manager joined in the resolutions of sympathy particularly in respect of relatives of Council employees.

AGENDA:

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The Chairman suggested that Item 2 - Septic Tanks be deferred. He asked the Council to agree to receive a deputation to speak in connection with Item 6 - Shannon Stop over and that whatever item was being discussed at that time be adjourned in order to deal with Item 6. This was proposed by Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed.

SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES:

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Arrangements had been made for Mr. Sean Smyth, Manager Western Region of FAS to address the Meeting in relation to the decision not to allow burial grounds to be done under Social Employment Schemes. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Smyth to the Meeting and said that the work carried out under Social Employment Schemes was much appreciated and asked him to explain the decision in relation to the exclusion of burial grounds.

Mr. Smyth said that while the letter inviting him to the meeting was very complimentary in relation to Social Employment Schemes in burial grounds, the only feedback that he had got was by way of complaints that the schemes did nothing only cut nettles, etc. Mr. Smyth said that the funds for Social Employment Schemes would come to an end in 1993 and FAS was trying to revise the schemes in order to re-qualify for funds. He said that when he wrote to the County Manager, he had received complaints from people alleging that FAS had broken headstones and the National Monuments Committee had also complained. He said the main reason why he stopped considering burial grounds was because an employee on a scheme complained that it was his third time in the same burial ground. Mr. Smyth said that he was trying to up-lift the nature of the work for employees on the schemes and burial grounds did not often come into that category. He said there were a lot of worthwhile schemes around and if he was to continue doing burial grounds, something would have to give and very worthwhile schemes would not be undertaken. In some parts of the region, there was a waiting list up to 1994. In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Smyth said that his region was the only one where this type of decision had been taken so far, the reason being the very large number of schemes on hand.

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An discussion followed in which the Members complimented FAS on the work it was doing particularly in relation to Social Employment Schemes, and the manner in which entrances to villages had been enhanced, etc. Councillor Finnegan said he agreed that the same burial ground should not qualify for three schemes but felt that in the interests of equity, each burial ground should qualify for one scheme. Councillor McHugh said that he disagreed with Mr. Smyth's decision to exclude burial grounds and said they should continue to be eligible as happens in other regions. Councillor McClearn said that he was very disappointed as excellent work had been done and many good Committees had been established. Councillor Quinn complimented FAS in relation to the Glinsk area but she was disappointed that the burial ground was not completed and questioned the amount of money being spent on Archaeologists.

Senator O'Cuiv said that in the case of burial grounds, there were two problems -

- (a) Major rehabilitation work;
- (b) Normal maintenance.

He mentioned the excellent work that had been done on Clonbur burial ground, and gave it as an example of the type of work which could not be undertaken by normal maintenance. The fact that complaints were made was not a reason for stopping the schemes, he said. Senator O'Cuiv said that the local community wanted the schemes to continue and the decision should be reversed. The Chairman mentioned Addergoole burial ground which was ready to go when the schemes were stopped, and he asked that this be reconsidered. Mr. Smyth re-iterated the reasons for his decision which were the very large number of schemes piling up, and the complaints from the employees about the low quality of the work. Councillor O'Neachtain complimented FAS on some very good schemes which had been completed and which enhanced community spirit. He agreed that schemes would have to be worthwhile, agus durt se go raibh an-buiochas ag dul do FAS agus leirigh se na sceimeanna a rinneadh ar Oilean Arann nach deanfai murach raibh FAS ann.

Deputy McCormack referred to the long waiting list mentioned by Mr. Smyth, and said that the Council had recently proposed that money be transferred from the Department of Social Welfare to be made available for job creation. He said there was a discrepancy in the Social Employment Scheme whereby an employee could be worse off financially. Councillor Ryan said that many villages had benefited under FAS Schemes and got a good face-lift. He referred to schemes approved for Moylough and Mountbellew and asked that they be allowed to start now rather than later in the year.



Councillor Joe Burke agreed that Mountbellew had the potential of winning the Tidy Towns Competition and should be helped. Deputy Connaughton said that some of the work done in burial grounds could not be undertaken otherwise and it was wrong to pull out completely from burial grounds. Other Members voiced similar views and mentioned various successful schemes which they said could be called showpieces. Councillor Finnerty mentioned the fact that S.E.S. workers did not qualify for a bonus at Christmas. The County Manager joined with the Members in thanking Mr. Smyth for attending the meeting at which there was a very good exchange of views. He suggested that the schemes might be divided into two categories, those which involved maintenance only and others, and that a few might be grouped together for the purposes of a scheme. He said that one of the most spectacular Social Employment Schemes undertaken was Rinville Park.

Mr. Smyth then replied and thanked the Members for their compliments and said that a good relationship always existed with the local authorities and Udaras. He said he was a supporter of tidy towns and would look at the Mountbellew Scheme. He said that the waiting list in some areas was longer than others and mentioned Connemara as an area where there were many schemes outstanding. Mr. Smyth said it might be possible to do some burial ground schemes under a small budget which was available for community youth training schemes. He also said that work outside burial grounds such as car parks could continue to be included. He said that nobody was worse off when working on a Social Employment Scheme and confirmed that the 1992 S.E.S. allocation was similar to last year. The Chairman thanked Mr. Smyth for coming to the Meeting and explaining the position.

**SHANNON STOP-OVER:**

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Michael Hillary, Chairman of Clare County Council, and Mr. Seamus O'Sullivan, a member of the Shannon Status Committee, to the meeting. Councillor Hillary then addressed the meeting and referred to the successful meeting in Galway recently and thanked the Chairman for his attendance there. Councillor Hillary said that the Committee was set up three years ago to ensure that Shannon would retain its status, and now there was a lot of uncertainty in the region. He said that public meetings had taken place throughout the region with a large rally in Limerick, and the case for the retention of Shannon had been proven. He referred to the different facilities at Shannon Airport which he said was built at a cost of £27 M and had contributed substantially to the national economy and was still profitable. He said that Ireland badly needed regional development and Shannon was the only

successful example of it. He said that the Shannon region was the only area which showed an increase in employment outside of Dublin between 1971 and 1988. He said that the Committee was proposing one strong International Airport, i.e., Shannon. Councillor Hillary mentioned the importance of tourism to the west of Ireland and said that the west would lose 60,000 tourists if Transatlantic flights flew into Dublin. The large number of bed nights in Galway, Clare and Kerry was a direct result of Shannon Airport. He appealed to the Members to support the Committee in its efforts.

Mr. Seamus O'Grady then addressed the meeting. He said that the demand for the change was coming from a small select group of business people in Dublin. He said that 9 out of 10 multi-national companies in Galway had said that they would not have come to Galway but for Shannon Airport. He said the 10 largest manufacturing companies in Galway were from America and the spin-off from those companies had a huge impact in the region. He said that Aer Lingus claims that it cannot afford the transatlantic route yet it made a profit of £21 M over the years while it lost £18 M on the London route. He said that Shannon was one of the success stories in Ireland and was used as a model elsewhere and it should be kept and built upon. He said that thousands of jobs depended on Shannon. It was more than just an Airport, it was a catalyst and facilitator for the entire western region, he said.

During the discussion which followed, the Members whole-heartedly supported the Status Committee in their efforts. They said they were fully aware of the importance of Shannon to the region, and the number of industries that use Shannon for its business. The County Manager said that if there was a proper regional policy in force, it was unlikely that the present debate would be taking place. He said that Galway City and County had an enormous share of national amenities which needs to be further developed and that tourists through Shannon are vital. He said that Galway with its educational institutions and the training facilities was well equipped as regards information technology in which there was great potential and Shannon was a very important link. The County Manager also referred to a letter which he had received from the Manager of Clare County Council which outlined the high expenditure incurred by the Status Committee and requesting a contribution of £3,000 from Galway County Council.

Senator Hussey then proposed the following motion which was seconded by Deputy McCormack and agreed.

That the County Council should contribute £3,000 towards the Shannon Status Committee.



"That Galway County Council call on the Minister for Tourism, Transport and Communication, and the Government to re-affirm the status of Shannon and to implement a 10 year Development Plan to develop the Airport with the aid of National and European funding."

Deputy McCormack proposed that the Council contribute £3,000 to the Shannon Status Committee towards the cost of the campaign. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

Councillor Hillary thanked the Members and Officials for their support and said that the Status Committee had spent in excess of £70,000 over the last three years.

RETIREMENT:

Councillor Joe Burke said he had heard that Ms. Carmel Burke, Staff Officer, in Planning was retiring, and he wished to pay tribute to her for her excellent work and help in the Planning Office over the years. All the Members paid tribute to Ms. Burke and said that she was an excellent public servant, always courteous and helpful, and wished her every luck and happiness.

The County Manager also paid tribute to Ms. Burke and said that he would convey the Members wishes to her.

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS:

This item was put on the Agenda at the request of Councillor Brennan. Councillor Brennan said that for E.E.C. purposes, Ireland was designated as one region which he considered disadvantageous. He said that all other countries in the E.E.C. were divided into a number of regions. He said that under the Maastricht Treaty, there was provision for the establishment of a Committee of the Regions which would have 189 Members, 9 of them from Ireland. His information was that this Committee would be appointed by the Government and would include top level Civil Servants. Councillor Brennan said that there should be local authority representatives on the Committee, and he proposed that the Chairman, Councillor T. Walsh, be nominated to be a member of the Committee. This was seconded by Deputy McCormack and agreed.

WESTERN ALLIANCE ASSOCIATION:

An Comhairleoir O'Tuathail asked if the Western Alliance Association would be allowed to address a meeting of the Council for about 15 minutes. This was agreed.

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MAASTRICHT TREATY:

The Chairman said that if the Council was to have a discussion on the Maastricht Treaty, it would be desirable for the different parties to nominate spokespersons. This proposal was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

T. Walsh CHAIRMAN

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

Iu la Bealtaine, 1992.

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 8u la Bealtaine, 1992, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T.O'CAOMHANAIGH  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant full permission for Dwellinghouse and Septic Tank to John Mullins at Cregboy, - Planning Ref. No. 65920."

Chairman P. McMack. S. O'Neachtain. S. Gavin. J. McDonagh  
Deputy P. McCormack.

OTHER BUSINESS.

2. S.R. 6 - 1991 - Septic Tank Systems. (Documentation already circulated)
3. Schemes - Mr. Sean Smyth, Manager FAS to attend.
4. Maastricht Treaty.
5. Committee of the Regions.
6. Shannon Stopover.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH MAY, 1992

PRESENT; Chairman J. Mannion, Clrs. T. Walsh, J. Burke  
M. O'Neill, T. Byrne, M. Fahy, P. McHugh, Deputy  
M. Kitt and J. Joyce.

James Harrold, Arts Organiser  
T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary  
M. Moloney, A.S.O.

The Minutes of the meeting of 30th Jan. 1992 were discussed and approved.

The Chairman recommended to the Committee that the question of sponsorship and the magazine, referred to in the minutes, be deferred until the next meeting.

Clr. M. O'Neill informed the Committee he had got sponsorship of £300 and submitted a letter to this effect to the Secretary.

ARTS GRANTS 1992

The Arts Organiser's recommendations for the disbursement of the Arts Grants were then considered. Clrs. expressed disappointment and regret that some applications were not recommended by the Arts Organiser for a grant.

Clr. J. Burke was not satisfied with the list of recommendations. He said he did not agree that the County Council should be contributing on such a scale to the city when the Corporation did not contribute to county events. He was expressing the views of all the members of the committee in this regard. Druid, Macnas and the Arts Festival were getting nearly 50% of Council grant money and he said this should be discontinued unless there was a reciprocal arrangement with the Corporation.

He was particularly annoyed that Seven Ages Theatre was excluded from the Arts Organiser's list and he would like to see this included.

Clrs. Walsh, O'Neill and Deputy M. Kitt expressed disappointment that Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Mountbellew were not recommended for a grant especially in view of the fact that Mountbellew was the host town for the Connaught Fleadh.

Clr. T. Byrne, Deputy M. Kitt and J. Joyce thought Music Matters, New Inn, should be helped as they taught the Suzuki method in schools and the VEC cannot get sanction for teachers outside the quota. Some students go on to play with the National Youth Orchestra.

Clr. M. Fahy said the West of Ireland Ballroom & Old Time Dancing Assoc. should qualify for inclusion. This Assoc. put a lot of time and effort into events and had proved of great financial benefit to Gort last year. They were depending on money from the Council.



Clr. T. Byrne agreed with Clr. Burke in that there was an imbalance in the list as presented. He questioned whether we should, as a Council with very scarce resources, give so much towards groups in the city when it was not reciprocated.

Clr. M. O'Neill concurred with this and said the Arts Festival should be funded by the Corporation. He said the Fleadh should be supported as traditional music was an important heritage and deserves our support.

Clr. P. McHugh said the issue of supporting city or county would have to be decided. The 7 Ages Theatre travelled all over the county and he recommended their application be reconsidered. The Headford Drama Group were also very dedicated voluntary community workers.

Mr. J. Joyce said he welcomed the work being done by both the city and county and would not like to cause division between the two local authorities. He suggested a joint meeting between the two councils.

The Arts Organiser replied to the members questions and outlined the criteria on which the allocations were based.

The Chairman said we had guidelines on which we normally operate. The list this year was much greater and it was a difficult decision to omit some groups. He complimented James Harrold on the list. He supported J. Joyce's suggestion that we should look for a meeting with the Corporation Arts Committee to discuss allocations generally.

The County Secretary pointed out that the Committee did not have to stick rigidly with the list as presented and could make suggestions to change it. He recommended that if grants to city groups were to be reduced that it be done gradually. He said that, in the past, the Committee had not favoured giving grants to Comhaltas Ceolteoiri, but there might be a case for assisting whatever branch of the Comhaltas was hosting the County Fleadh. He said that Music Matters and 7 Ages Theatre could be considered if their applications related to performances.

After a long discussion the following was agreed.

Clifden Comm. Arts Festival to be reduced by	£250
Druid.....	" " " £500
Galway Arts Festival.....	" " " £500
Macnas.....	" " " £500
TOTAL.....	£1,750

It was then agreed that this £1,750 be distributed as follows;

7 Ages Theatre.....	£1,500
Music Matters.....	£- 250

It was recommended that the £250 be restored to the Clifden Comm. Arts Festival for their 1993 application.

It was also recommended that, in future, towns which host the Co. Fleadh might be considered for grant aid. The applications of 7 Ages Theatre and Music Matters would have to be revised to to relate to performance/exhibitions.

THE COMMITTEE THEN RECOMMENDED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

Athenry Padraic Fallon Lit. Festival.....	£--300
Athenry Sculpture Symposium.....	£4,000
Ballinasloe Arts Group.....	£--200
Clifden Arts Group.....	£--500
Clifden Comm. Arts Festival.....	£4,000
Druid Theatre Company.....	£3,500
Galway Arts Centre.....	£1,000
Galway Arts Festival.....	£3,500
Galway Film Resource Centre.....	£--500
Galway Youth Theatre.....	£--500
Glenamaddy Arts & Historical Society.....	£--150
Glinsk Community Council.....	£--150
Gort Arts Group.....	£--400
Inishbofin Heritage Project.....	£--200
Inis Oirr Arts Group.....	£--200
Kinvara Community Council.....	£--500
Loughrea Video Project.....	£--400
Macnas.....	£1,500
Plearca Chonamara.....	£--300
Skehana Community Council.....	£--200
Tuam - Co. Galway Arts Festival.....	£1,000
7 Ages Theatre.....	£1,500
Music Matters.....	£--250
Writer-in-Residence.....	£1,750
Arts Organiser's Programme.....	£1,000
TOTAL....	£27,500

The next meeting was fixed for THURSDAY, 11TH JUNE, 1992

The meeting then concluded.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Laura Wahl CHAIRMAN

22/06/92 DATE



MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 27TH  
APRIL, 1992

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Joe Brennan, 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, 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, P. Flood, County Engineer, P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, R. Killeen, P. Martyn, Senior Executive Engineers, E. Lusby, Finance Officer, G. Heneghan and T. Coughlan, Admin. Officers, J. Walsh, C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officers and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

CONGRATULATIONS.

On the proposition of Councillor J. McDonagh a vote of congratulations was passed to Athenry Vocational School on winning the All Ireland Senior Vocational Schools Hurling Title.

On the proposition of Deputy Connaughton a vote of congratulations was passed to Ballinasloe Rugby Club on winning the Connacht Senior Cup.

Councillor McDonagh thanked Bishop Casey and Bishop Kirwan for their support in relation to the Shannon stopover and proposed that this matter be put on the Agenda. It was agreed that it would be put on the Agenda for the next planning meeting.

MINUTES

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by

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Councillor Fahy, the minutes of the Islands Committee Meeting held on 10th February, 1992, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan the minutes of Coiste Gaeilge Gaeltachta Meeting held on 20th February, 1992, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the minutes of Special Meeting held on 13th March, 1992, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy Connaughton the minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23rd March, 1992, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Senator Hussey asked that the English Version of the Minutes of the Coiste Gaeilge Gaeltachta Meeting be circulated in future and this was agreed.

Councillor Cunningham said that the minutes of a previous meeting recorded that he (Councillor Cunningham) had been nominated to attend a Sheep Dipping Meeting whereas it was Councillor Loughnane who was nominated.

GRANTS FOR CONTROL OF FARMYARD POLLUTION

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With the permission of the Chairman, Deputy Connaughton referred to the decision by the Department of Agriculture to suspend the grants for slatted houses and silage. He said that Officers of the Council and the Fishery Board had spent two years advising farmers about good farm practices in relation to pollution control and had done an excellent job and that the Minister's decision was a retrograde step. Deputy Connaughton proposed that the Minister for Agriculture be asked to ensure that applicants who had applied or who had documentation ready to apply should be given grants. Councillor Finnegan said that while he agreed with the content of Deputy Connaughton's proposal, he objected to the manner in which he was allowed to raise the matter at the start of the meeting. Councillor Loughnane agreed with Deputy Connaughton's proposal and said that grants should only be paid where planning permission was granted. Councillor Callanan and other members supported. It was agreed to send a letter to the Minister.

LOUGHREA CARPARK.

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Councillor Regan asked about the Council proposals for the provision of a carpark in Loughrea. Councillor Loughnane said that £30,000 was previously allocated



for a carpark but no carpark had been provided. The Chairman said that a reply would be given to Councillors Regan and Loughnane.

SALE OF HOUSE TO PAUL & CECILIA MANNION.

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On the proposition of Councillor Varley, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was resolved that Galway Council hereby approve the sale of house at Loggawanna, Headford, to Paul and Cecilia Mannion as per Notice dated 12th March, 1992 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord & Tenant (Ground Rents) Act 1978.

SALE OF HOUSE TO BRENDAN AND MARY CURLEY.

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It was proposed by Councillor McClearn, seconded by Deputy Connaughton and resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of house at Lismacteigue, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, to Brendan and Mary Curley as per notice dated 20th March, 1992, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord & Tenant (Ground Rents) Act 1978.

SALE OF SITE TO MARTIN AND MARGARET NAUGHTON.

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It was proposed by An Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded Deputy McCormack and resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of site at Cartronlahan, Inverin, to Martin & Margaret Naughton in accordance with notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 dated 18th March, 1992, and pursuant to Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION FOR 1992/1993.

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Councillor Ryan proposed that Deputy Connaughton be nominated as the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1992/1993. This was seconded by Councillor Mannion. Senator Hussey proposed that Councillor Fahy be nominated. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan.

A vote taken resulted as follows:-

FOR DEPUTY CONNAUGHTON: Councillors J. Brennan, J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Dep. P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Dep. P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh,

M. Mullins, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley and Walsh. (16)

FOR COUNCILLOR FAHY : Councillor J. Callanan, Sen. E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Sen. T. Hussey, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn and M. Regan. (12)

The Chairman declared Deputy Connaughton nominated as the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1992/1993.

ROAD PROGRAMME 1992.

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The County Engineer's report dated 27th April, 1992, together with enclosures was circulated to each member prior to the meeting. The County Engineer referred it to the meeting which had taken place on the 15th April, 1992, at which the nine members nominated by the Council attended. He said the conclusions of the meeting were (a) it was agreed that N.O.M. allocations be increased to £5,000 per member with an average labour content of 35%. (b) The County Engineer agreed to examine any case regarding high estimates on receipt of details from members. (c) It was agreed to transfer a further £85,000 from the Supplementary Grant for use on townland roads within the Costello Engineering area provided that the Department of the Environment had no objection. (d) The members asked that Gabhla and Gleantrasna Roads be included under the revised list.

The County Engineer then referred to his report dated 27th April, 1992, and explained that the Supplementary Grant was part of the Discretionary Grant. He said that £5m was taken from the top of the Discretionary Grant and allocated to 15 counties on basis on need. He also referred to the D.O.E. memorandum on road grants 1992 which stated that local authorities should have regard to the need for regional development generally and particularly roads serving tourism fishery ports, small freight port, regional airports, forestry and agricultural interests in spending the Discretionary Grant. He said that while a Departmental Official may have said that there was no objection to spending the Supplementary Grant on minor roads, it could be interpreted that County Galway did not need a supplementary grant and the Council could therefore lose out in the future. The County Engineer said he was advised that the expenditure of the Supplementary Grant would be monitored.



Councillor Ryan proposed that the Council adopt the revised Roads Programme as presented. Senator O'Cuiv said that his recollection of the meeting of 15th April, 1992, was that if it was decided to take out the £85,000, and there would be a meeting to discuss how it would be spent. He said he had spoken to a Higher Executive Officer in the Department who said that the Supplementary Grant was totally discretionary and would not prejudice future grants. He said the £85,000 should be spread over a wider number of roads and that a meeting should be held on site with the Department Inspector to verify how bad the roads were.

Councillor O'Neachtain said that he was disappointed with the result of the meeting of the 15th April, 1992, which resulted in no improvements. He said he could not understand why the County Engineer could not find some money which needed to be spent on the road between Spiddal Bridge and Inverin Bridge. Duirt se go raibh an-dioma air nach raibh an Comhairle in ann nios mo a dheanamh ar son boithre in a gceanntar. Councillor Finnegan referred to some roads in the Tuam area which had been listed at the first Area Meeting but omitted subsequently. He asked that these be funded out of the £85,000 and if this was not possible he asked that they be looked after next year, and a good maintenance job done in the meantime. Deputy McCormack said that the D.O.E. document gave the Council wide discretion in spending the grants. He said that he had seen Council employees working on the Clooniffe Road, Moycullen, on the morning of the meeting and he considered the work being done a waste of time when there was not proper drainage there. Senator Hussey said that the Council should have wide discretion in spending the road grants and he was concerned about the dictatorial attitude of the Department.

Councillor O'Neill said that the Department should not dictate how the money should be spent. He also referred to his previous complaint that the Clifden Area was being penalised because it had got a storm grant the previous year. He said that the road estimate now differed substantially from the estimate adopted at Estimates time and this was wrong. Councillor Byrne said that the whole difficulty arose from the cutback in road grants and that all areas could do with extra money and not just Connemara. Referring to the Supplementary Grant and the recommendation that it be used for regional development including tourism, he asked the County Engineer to consider the National Secondary Road from Kilcolgan to the Clare border and also the road from Loughrea to the Clare border. Councillor Mullins said that the County Engineer was in an impossible position due to the shortage of money. He said that if the Government was serious about the employment problem, that instead of paying unemployment assistance to the

unemployed, that each local authority could be asked to take on an additional 100/200 workers who could be very gainfully employed on roadworks from April to November. He then proposed that the Council call on the Ministers for the Environment and Social Welfare to come together to discuss ways and means of transferring money from the Department of Social Welfare to the Department of the Environment to be used for job creation on roads in local authorities. This was seconded by Councillor McHugh.

Councillor O'Sullivan said that a more detailed roads estimate would have to be provided at estimates time in future. He welcomed the £2,000 increase in notice of motion money. Councillor Joe Burke said that the roads programme needed to be discussed earlier in the year. He agreed with Councillor Mullins proposal and said that many unemployed people would be competent to be employed on roads. He objected to the Department specifying where the money should be spent. Councillor O'Tuathail said that one of the basic difficulties was that the money had to be allocated to areas for the purposes of keeping men employed. This was a wrong way to do it but little could be done about it. He said that he could not support the programme and that people in the Department were more concerned about tourism, agriculture etc., rather than people. Councillor Quinn agreed with Councillor Mullins' proposal and said that approaches should be made to our Government Ministers. Councillor McClearn said that every Councillor was disappointed and the real problem was a shortage of money. He was concerned about the attitude of the Department to the county. Councillor McHugh also supported Councillor Mullins' proposal. He said the Council had discussed the programme at length and nothing more could be done. He asked for confirmation that the sum provided for weigh pads remained.

Councillor Brennan referred to a statement made at a recent conference in Donegal that 4 to 5 billion pounds was available to be taken up by local authorities. He asked that this matter be investigated. He also referred to a Committee of Regions which included seven civil servants and only two local authority representatives. He said that the nine members should be local authority members, one from Galway. The Chairman said that this matter would be investigated and put on the Agenda for the next planning meeting.

Councillor Loughnane said that the constraints of the PESP Agreement resulted in inefficiencies in the Council. He said that the Council had not been compensated for the rate of inflation which could have serious repercussions in future. He said the Council had increased its charges but this was not matched by the Department and that the Council should seek a PAGE



deputation to the Minister about it. Councillor Fahy said that the road grants from the Department were insufficient and that the Council should be notified now about the 1993 grants. Referring to the £500,000 for the National Primary Road at Ardahan, Councillor Fahy said that he hoped that the village would be given a good face lift including public lighting and footpaths. He also said that the Kilcolgan/Kinvara Road was very dangerous and needed priority.

The Chairman then asked if Councillor Mullins' proposal was agreed. Councillor Finnegan said he had proposed a similar motion recently and asked what was the result. The Secretary said that an acknowledgement had been received. Councillor Mullins asked to have his motion circulated to all local authorities and to the Taoiseach and to include in it that the funds could be used for badly needed work on roads and villages etc. The proposal was agreed.

The County Engineer said that the Officials were just as frustrated as the members due to the shortage of road funds. He said he saw no prospect of funds being made available for national secondary roads. He said that he had provided £70,000 for minor roads in the Gaeltacht in the expectation of a grant of equal amount from Roinn na Gaeltachta and that there was some consultation with Roinn na Gaeltachta this year. The County Engineer said that the Council must decide if they wish to take the £85,000 out of the £285,000 for the R336 north of Costello. Senator O'Cuiv proposed that the £85,000 be taken out and that it be spent on minor roads after consultation with members from the area. This was seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain. Councillor W. Burke said that he could not accept the inequality of distribution of funds between the Engineering areas.

Senator Hussey then proposed that the Roads Programme be accepted subject to the following:-

- (a) that the Department's Road Inspector be invited to Galway to inspect the condition of County Roads.
  - (b) that £5,000 be allocated to each Councillor for notice of motion money with an average labour content of 35% as explained by the County Engineer.
  - (c) that £85,000 of the supplementary grant be reallocated in the Costello Engineering area after consultation with the Councillors for that area and having checked with the Department of the Environment that this would not prejudice the payment of future supplementary grants.
- The Chairman declared the proposal agreed.

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MAKING OF TOWN PLANS FOR ATHENRY, CLIFDEN, GORT, TUAM AND ENVIRONS OF TUAM.

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The Secretary stated that at the December 1991 Meeting of the Council the members agreed to publish the Draft Plans for the towns of Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Tuam and the Environs of Tuam. He said that the Draft Plans had been on public display for the three month statutory period from 18th December 1991 to 26th March, 1992.

A number of submissions/objections had been received with respect to the various draft plans and a copy of each of these submissions/objections, together with Planning Officer's observations was circulated to each member of the Council. The Council was required to consider these submissions/objections before making the Development Plans for the Scheduled Towns and for the Environs of Tuam. The Council were informed that the making of these plans would complete the statutory review procedure in relation to the Scheduled Towns in question. The Secretary also stated that a new Standard for treatment of domestic effluent - S.R. 6 1991 - had come into operation which replaced S.R. 6 1975 and that S.R. 6 1991 would now have to be included in the appendices to the plans under review. The Council then considered the submissions/objections received with respect to the Draft Plans.

Tuam Town Plan and Tuam Environs Plan.

It was noted that the following submissions/objections had been received with respect to this plan.

1. Sr. Margaret T. O'Brien, Presentation Convent, Tuam.
2. National Monuments Advisory Committee for County Galway.

The Council considered these submissions/objections and the comments of the Planning Officer on each submission, details of which had been circulated to each member.

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

"that the Draft Tuam Plan and Draft Tuam Environs Plan be amended as follows:-

- (a) Page 27 - the following to be added to Table 3.4 and Map No. 4.

1. Remains of 18th C. Chapel. Chapel Lane
2. 19th C. Watermill & museum. Chapel Lane
3. Monument known as "Chair of Tuam" Bishop St.
4. Site of Watermill



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(b) Page 26 - Table 3.2 and Map 3

Delete Item 4 18th C house on site of St. Johns Abbey which is now demolished.

(c) Other amendments - Map 4E, Long Term Objectives.

Item 6P incorrectly circled - to be corrected.  
Circled area south of 6P to be deleted.  
Circled area south of and adjoining No. 19 to be deleted.

(d) that Appendix C be amended by the substitution of SR 6 1991 - recommendations for domestic effluent treatment and disposal from a single dwelling house - for SR 6 1975.

It was then proposed by Councillor J. Burke, seconded by Councillor Finnegan and resolved "that Galway County Council having prepared a Draft Plan for the Scheduled Town of Tuam and a Draft Tuam Environs Plan, having published the required notices, having considered the submissions/objections made with respect to the Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts 1963 to 1990, hereby resolve that a Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Tuam and Tuam Environs be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft published on 18th December, 1991 as amended at this meeting and that the official seal of Galway County Council be affixed to the said Plan including the said amendments. The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant plans as amended at this meeting."

MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF ATHENRY.

The Council noted that there was only one submission which was received from Coras Iompair Eireann.

The Council considered the submission and the comments of the Planning Officer in relation to it with which they agreed.

It was then proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Mannion and resolved:

"that the Draft Plan for the Town of Athenry be amended as follows:-

(a) that Appendix C be amended by the substitution of SR 6 1991 - recommendations for domestic effluent treatment and disposal from a single dwelling house - for SR 6 1975.

It was then proposed by Clr. Loughnane, seconded by

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Clr. Mannion and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council having prepared a Draft Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Athenry, having published the required notices, having considered the submission made with respect to the Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts 1963 to 1990, hereby resolve that a Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Athenry as amended at this meeting be and is hereby made in accordance with the Draft Plan published on 18th December, 1991 and that the official Seal of the Galway County Council be affixed to the said Plan. The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant maps."

MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF CLIFDEN.

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The Council noted that one submission had been received from the National Monuments Advisory Committee. The Council considered the submission and the comments of the Planning Officer.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Senator O'Cuiv and resolved:-

"that the Draft Plan for the Scheduled Town of Clifden be amended as follows:-

(a) that a new Table be added after Table 3.4 to be called Table "3.4A Preservation to be considered" to include the following which will be included on Map No. 2:-

1. Convent of Mercy National School, Westport Rd.
2. Crannog, Salt Lake, Ardagh.
3. 19th Century Grain Store, Quay Rd.

(b) that Appendix C be amended by the substitution of SR 6 1991 - recommendations for domestic effluent treatment and disposal from a single dwelling house - for SR 6 1975.

It was then proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Senator O'Cuiv and resolved:

"that Galway County Council having prepared a Draft Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Clifden, having published the required notices, having considered the submissions made with respect to the Draft Plan and having in all other respects complied with the provisions of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Acts 1963 to 1990, hereby resolve that the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Clifden be and is hereby made in accordance with the



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Draft Plan published on 18th December, 1991 as amended at this meeting and that the official Seal of Galway County Council be affixed to the said Plan including the said amendments. The Plan consists of the written statement and the relevant maps as amended at this meeting."

MAKING OF PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF GORT.

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The Council noted that the following submissions/objections were received:-

- (a) Richard Joyce, The Grange, Gort.
- (b) Dr. Patrick Joyce, Kilderry Lodge, Gort.
- (c) National Monuments Advisory Committee for County Galway.

The Council considered the submissions/objections and the comments of the Planning Officer. The County Engineer explained that the Eastern Road Reservation Route was a long term objective and the most suitable route and fulfilled all the standards and conditions required by the County Council. He said that in the interests of good planning it was necessary to identify a route to be reserved for a future By-Pass.

Councillors Cunningham, Byrne and Fahy said that there were objections to the road reservation. They said that the plan should not be adopted until the Planning Officer explains the details to the public at a meeting in Gort. The County Engineer said that Council Officials would be willing to do this. The Secretary stated that if the Plan was not adopted it will be necessary to apply to the Minister for the Environment to extend the statutory period for the review of the plan and suggested a six month extension. It was then proposed by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Byrne and resolved:-

"that application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend to 26th Oct., 1992 in accordance with Section 20.1 (1A) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963 as inserted by Section 43.1 (F) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1976, the statutory period for the review of the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Gort."

MAKING OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE SCHEDULED TOWN OF LOUGHREA AND ENVIRONS OF LOUGHREA.

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The Secretary stated the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea and the Environs of Loughrea was due for review by 8th June, 1992. He said that the Draft Plan had been considered by the Members of the Loughrea Electoral Area and they wish

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to defer making the Plan until the design for the By-Pass is more advanced. The Secretary said it would be necessary therefore to apply to the Minister to extend the statutory period and suggested a 12 month extension. It was then proposed by Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Regan and resolved:

"that application be made to the Minister for the Environment to extend to 8th June, 1993, in accordance with Section 20.1 (1A) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963 as inserted by Section 43.1 (F) of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1976, the statutory period for the review of the Development Plan for the Scheduled Town of Loughrea and the Environs of Loughrea."

Councillor Loughnane asked that an update on the Loughrea By Pass be given at the next meeting.

SR 6:1991 SEPTIC TANKS SYSTEMS FOR SINGLE HOUSES.

682

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

REPORT ON HOUSING.

683

The Members said that a full meeting would be required to properly discuss the Housing Report. It was decided to hold a Special Meeting on Monday, 11th May, 1992, to consider the report.

DEMOUNTABLE DWELLINGS.

684

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

BALLYGAR DUMP.

685

Report of Assistant County Manager Mr P. J. Gavin dated 24th April, 1992 had been circulated to each Member prior to the Meeting. Deputy Connaughton said that the local people would not accept the closure of the dump. The closure would result in indiscriminate dumping of litter and the handling of heavy commercial refuse would not be done satisfactorily by the private sector. Councillor Quinn said that the local people were very annoyed over the closure and said that an Environment Study was being carried and she hoped that the Council would change its decision. Senator Hussey also supported the reopening of the dump, otherwise there would be large scale indiscriminate dumping. Councillor Finnegan said that the Council was taking a very negative attitude on the matter which was not in the best interests of the community. He said that if there were funds available for its rehabilitation, those funds should be sufficient to keep it open. Councillor Ryan also supported the reopening of the dump on Environmental Grounds. The Chairman also supported the reopening of the dump. He said that the



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local people were very responsible and the closure would adversely effect their efforts to keep the place tidy.

The County Secretary stated that the members views on the closure of the dump would be conveyed to the Assistant County Manager.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES.

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Councillor Loughnane said that the Council's LIS allocation for 1992 was only 41% of the 1986 allocation and the drop in funding should now be examined very carefully by the Council. He said that the LIS Scheme was a good scheme to which the local people made a financial contribution and the reduction in the allocation would result in a longer waiting list. He suggested that a deputation go to the Minister for the Environment.

The Chairman read a letter dated 21st April, 1992, from Monaghan County Council asking that the Chairman of Galway County Council join a deputation of Chairmen from local authorities to the Minister for the Environment with a view to having the LIS allocations increased to at least the 1991 level. Councillor Mullins proposed that the Chairman be nominated to go on the deputation and this was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan. Other members spoke favourably about the LIS scheme which they said was a self help scheme and that unless the Council took some action, the scheme could be abolished altogether. It was agreed that the Chairman be nominated to join the deputation from other local authorities and to report back.

SWIMMING FACILITIES AT BANAGHER.

687

The County Secretary stated that over the years there had been a man made swimming pool on the Galway bank of the River Shannon at Banagher. The pool was enclosed by a pontoon gangway secured to the bank. He said that it was now dilapidated and could be dangerous and that in 1991 the Council had to erect signs warning people not to swim there. The local community was now willing to replace the facility using Banagher Concrete Limited as contractor at a cost of £21,000. The local community were prepared to contribute £7,000 provided both Offaly and Galway County Councils also contributed £7,000 each. In reply to Deputy Connaughton, the County Secretary stated that he could not say if the provision of the structure would be completed this year and that if the Council was unable to provide the funds this year, it could be provided for next year.

On the proposition of Councillor Loughnane, seconded by Councillor Fahy, the Council approved of a contribution not exceeding £7,000 towards the

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replacement of the swimming facility on the Galway side of the River Shannon at Banagher.

Deputy McCormack enquired about the swimming facility at Rosmuc. The Secretary stated that the Council was investigating ways of making the facility useable for 1992 season.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

688

The report on the Audit of Accounts of the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1991, which was circulated to each member was noted.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

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On the proposition of Councillor Ryan this item was deferred.

CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENT IN ACTION BALLINA CO TIPPERARY 7 - 8 MAY 1992.

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

On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Fahy, it was also agreed to nominate Councillor Cunningham to attend this Conference.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE REDUCTION PREVENTION AND REUSE OF WASTE - IMPERIAL HOTEL CORK - 14/15 MAY 1992

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On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, it was agreed to nominate Councillor T. Walsh and Councillor Mannion to attend this Conference.

On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, it was also agreed to nominate Councillor Fahy for attendance at this Conference.

Councillor Ryan stated that he was unable to attend the recent Housing Conference in Kilkenny and that Councillor J. McDonagh attended instead and proposed that the Council approve of this. This was seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed.

MAY MONTHLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

692

The Chairman informed the members that the May Monthly Meeting of the Council would be held in Glenamaddy.



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EYRECOURT TWINNING. 693

On the proposition of Councillor O'Sullivan the members complimented the people of Eyrecourt on the very successful recent twinning with Gouesnac'h.

MAASTRICHT TREATY AND ABORTION. 694

On the proposition of Councillor Brennan, seconded by Deputy McCormack the following motion was adopted:

"that this Council call on the Taoiseach to guarantee that abortion is not legalised in Ireland and that the Irish people be given the opportunity at once to re-affirm their opposition to abortion as envisaged by them in the 1983 Amendment 40.3.3."

Deputy Connaughton said that time should be allowed at the Council Meeting to discuss the Maastricht Treaty. It was agreed the matter be put on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY 695

Resolution of sympathy were passed with the following:-

Bairbre Bn Ui Dhonncha, Cuillean, An Cheathru Rua.  
Clann Ui Fhaolain, Na Doiriu, Rosabhil.  
Micheal O Iarnain, Rinn, An Cheathru Rua.  
Gerard & Christina Flanagan, Main Street, Headford.  
Mrs Lucy Mahony and Family, Knockmoyle, Kylebrack,  
Loughrea, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION.

N.O.M. NO. 20. - SAFETY PROPOSALS - CLR. J. McDONAGH 696

The following is the reply.

"The provision of 30 m.p.h. speed limits at Tonnegurrane is being considered under the 1992 speed limit review which is presently in progress.

The County Council is not in favour of erecting children warning signs as it could encourage children to play on the public road."

N.O.M. NO. 21 - SIGNS - CLR. J. McDONAGH. 697

The following is the reply.

"The estimated cost of providing the sign at all the Burial Grounds in the county is in the region of £30,000. While there is merit in your proposal it is not possible to implement same while maintenance funds for burial grounds remain so scarce."

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N.O.M. NO. 22 - SAFETY PROPOSALS - CLR. J. McDONAGH 698

The following is the reply.  
"Claregalway school is located inside the 30 m.p.h. speed limit, and the statutory school signs are in position.

A new larger statutory school sign will be erected on the Granmore side of the school.

Also, white markings will be placed on the carriageway requesting motorists to exercise caution."

N.O.M. NO. 23 - SIGNPOSTING - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK 699

The following is the reply.

"The provision of sign for Rosmuc on each side of the above crossroads is not recommended. The finger post sign for Rosmuc located at Gortmore Crossroads will be replaced as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 24 - LARGE SIGNS - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK 700

The following is the reply.

"Current Council policy is that the Department of the Environment be asked to fund a roundabout at this location. A request for such has been made to the Department and all other matters should be deferred until the Department's decision is to hand."

N.O.M. NO. 25 - IMPROVEMENT WORKS - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK 701

The following is the reply.

"This proposal would involve the removal of shed and wall in order to improve sight distance. The estimated cost of carrying out the works including compensations is £15,000. There are no funds available for the work in the current year."

N.O.N. NO. 26 - GROUP SCHEME - CLRS. M. LOUGHNANE & M. REGAN. 702

The following is the reply.

I wish to inform you that it appears from preliminary investigation that it is technically possible to supply Masonbrook Group Water Supply Scheme by means of making a connection to the 200 mm distribution pipe along the Woodford road which was laid as part of Loughrea Group Water Supply Scheme. The work would consist of laying a pipe across fields for a distance of 800 metres approximately and then construct a sump with at least a days supply in close proximity to the



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existing pumphouse.

The Group should contact the Department of the Environment in relation to the proposal with a view to applying for second grants. Written permission to connect would be required from the Loughrea Group Water Supply Scheme and the necessary wayleaves would have to be acquired by the Group.

N.O.M. 27. - HOUSE REPAIRS - CLR. MATT LOUGHNANE

703

The following is the reply.

The house was the subject of an application for Tenant Purchase and the tenant has just recently indicated that she does not wish to proceed with the application.

There remains a small number of unserviced rented houses in the Councils stock, and it is proposed to service these houses, subject to the availability of funds. An application was made to the Department of the Environment for the funding of the provision of bathrooms, under the Plan for Social Housing, but the Council has been informed that all available funds have been allocated for 1992.

The Council is committed to the servicing of all rented houses in the County and services will be provided for these houses as soon as possible.

N.O.M. NO. 28 - SPEED LIMITS - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE.

704

The following is the reply.

"The extension of speed limits at above location is being considered under the 1992 Review of Speed Limits presently in progress."

N.O.M. NO. 29 - BOITHRIN MHUINTIR LAO, INDREABHAN - AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'TUATHAIL.

705

The following is the reply.

"Nil aon airgead ar fail i mbliana chun an mbothar seo a dheisiu.

Bheadh muid inan an bothar a deisiu da gcuirfeadh Roinn na Gaeltachta deontas ar fail.

N.O.M. NO. 30 - REILIG - AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O'TUATHAIL.

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The following is the reply.

Ta an Comhairleoir Chontae ag lorg talamh le h-aghaidh reilig sa cheantair seo faoi lathair.

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N.O.M. NO. 31 - FEABHSU BHOHAIR - AN COMHAIRLEOIR P. O' TUATHAIL.

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The following is the reply.

"Nil aon airgead ar fail i mbliana chun an mbothar seo a dheisiu.

Bheadh muid inan an bothar a deisiu da gcuirfeadh Roinn na Gaeltachta deontas ar fail.

N.O.M. NO. 32 - JOB CREATION - CLR. JOE BURKE.

708

The following is the reply.

"In accordance with a Directive from the Department of the Environment, the Council is prevented from increasing staff numbers above the post redundancy figure. It is not possible, therefore, to increase the staff numbers in the County Development Office.

In regard to new technology, I wish to say that the Council has made strenuous strides to introduce new technology in the Council Offices in recent years. The County Development Office is included in the next phase.

N.O.M. NO. 33 - ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. P. FINNEGAN.

709

The following is the reply.

"The hedges will be cut in the near future. Potholes will be filled as resources allow."

N.O.M. NO. 34 - FLOODING - CLR. P. FINNEGAN.

710

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. NO. 35 - HOUSE. - CLR. P. FINNEGAN

711

The following is the reply.

I wish to inform you that the County Council is prepared to build a rural house for Mr. Concannon if he can provide a site convenient to E.S.B. and other services. The house will be provided, subject to finance being available and in order of priority. The matter is now being referred to the Capital Section.

N.O.M. NO. 36 - SIGNS - CLR. M. REGAN.

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The following is the reply.

"It is hoped to have a sign erected at the above



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location later on in the year."

N.O.M. NO. 37 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - CLR. M. REGAN 713

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. NO. 38 - ROAD WORKS - CLR. S. GAVIN 714

The following is the reply.

"It is hoped to have routine maintenance carried out to the Doon West, Ower and Corcullen roads in order of priority and as resources permit. The Ower road is listed under the 1992 Roads Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 39 - SIGNS - CLR. S. GAVIN 715

The following is the reply.

"The signs will be erected in the near future."

N.O.M. NO. 40 - SIGNS - CLR. S. GAVIN 716

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. NO. 41 - REFUSE COLLECTION - CLR. M. O'NEILL 717

The following is the reply.

I wish to inform you that the Council has no plans to extend Refuse Collection Service at the present time due to financial constraints.

N.O.M. NO. 42 - UPGRADING OF ROAD - CLR. E. VARLEY. 718

The following is the reply.

"The above location is the N.S. road N.84. Expenditure on such routes is 100% Exchequer funded. No funds were made available by the Department of the Environment for this location in the current year.

Funding for road works is obtained from the E.E.C. directly by the Department of the Environment."

N.O.M. NO. 43 - ROAD WIDENING - CLR. E. VARLEY 719

The following is the reply.

"This location is the N.S. route N.84. The carrying

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out of improvement works on same is 100% Exchequer funded. No funds were made available for this location by the Department of the Environment in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 44 - TRAFFIC LIGHTS - CLR. E. VARLEY 720

The following is the reply.

"Proposals for improvement of the junction have been prepared which will involve the removal of the island and the creation of a T. Junction. Traffic lights are not recommended. The cost of works are being estimated at present and will be carried out subject to funds being available."

N.O.M. NO. 45 - STOP SIGNS - CLR. M. FAHY 721

The following is the reply.

"Yield signs are in place at the above location. Existing white lining will be renewed later on this year if funds permit."

N.O.M. NO. 46 - PARKING - CLR. M. FAHY. 722

The following is the reply.

"Parking lines will be provided outside the Mart and Super Value Shop later on in the year if funds permit."

N.O.M. NO. 47 - ROAD RE-OPENING - CLR. M. FAHY. 723

The following is the reply.

"The Department of the Environment has been asked to fund a Roundabout at this location. All other matters should be deferred until the Department's decision is to hand."

N.O.M. NO. 48 - BAC TRASNA - AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR E. O CUIV. 724

The following is the reply.

Scrudofar and ceist seo cun a fhail amach an feidir aon rud a dheanamh chun an fhadhb a reitiu

N.O.M. NO. 49 - REPAIR OF SEWER - SEN. E. O CUIV. 725

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. NO. 50 - FEABHSU BOITHRE - AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR E. O CUIV. 726



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Seo leanas an freagra.

"Níl don airgead ar fáil i mbliana chun an obair thús luaite a dheanamh.

Bheadh muid in an obair a dheanamh da gcuirfeadh Roinn na Gaeltachta deontas ar fáil."

N.O.M. NO. 51 - ROAD SIGNS - AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR C. NI FHATHARTA. 727

The following is the reply.

"It is hoped to have the above sign erected as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 52. - REFUSE COLLECTION - AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR C. NI FHATHARTA. 728

The following is the reply.

I wish to inform you that the Council has no plans to extend the Refuse Collection Service at the present time due to financial constraints.

N.O.M. NO. 53 - REBUILDING OF WALL - AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR C. NI FHATHARTA. 729

The following is the reply.

"There are no funds available for the carrying out of the above works in the current year. However, the works could be carried out if a Gaeltacht Grant was provided."

N.O.M. NO. 54 - CLEANING OF ROAD. - CLR. P. MCHUGH 730

The following is the reply.

"The Council cleaned the above public road last year following your Notice of Motion request. The problem at that time was caused by three local land owners. Two of the land owners have now complied with the Council's request to cease depositing muck on the public road. The Council now intends cleaning the public road and will charge the cost of same to the remaining land owner."

N.O.M. NO. 55. - ERECTION OF PUBLIC LIGHT - CLR. P. MCHUGH. 731

The following is the reply.

"The Council are not willing to pay the running costs for proposed light at above location as this location would not qualify for inclusion in the Council's

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Public Lighting Programme.

N.O.M. NO. 56. - IMPROVEMENT WORKS - CLR. P. MCHUGH 732

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. NO. 57 - WATER STORAGE - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 733

The following is the reply.

The preliminary report for the Inishmore Water Supply Improvement Scheme Stage 3 Phase 1 has been received from the Consulting Engineers and will now be forwarded to the Department of the Environment. The Department will be requested to approve the preliminary report and the preparation of contract documents. On approval of the contract documents by the Department, the scheme will then go to tender, subject to the availability of finance.

Preliminary reports are currently being prepared for water supply schemes on Inishmean and Inishere.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

*Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.*

*Thomas Walsh*  
(Chairman)

25/05/92

(Date)



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

21u Aibrean, 1992.

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, De Luain, an 27u la Aibrean, 1992, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH.  
RUNAI .

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.
  - (a) Minutes of Islands Committee Meeting held 10/2/1992
  - (b) Minutes of Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltacht Meeting held 20/2/1992.
  - (c) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 13/3/1992
  - (c) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 23/3/1992
2. Sale of house to Paul and Cecilia Mannion of Loggawannia, Headford - Section 83 Notice of the 12th March, 1992 refers.
3. Sale of house to Brendan & Mary Curley of Lismacteigue, Kiltormer, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway - Section 83 Notice of the 20th March, 1992 refers.
4. Sale of site at Cartronlahan, Inverin, Co. Galway, to Martin and Margaret Naughton, Cartonlahan, Inverin - Section 83 Notice of 18th March, 1992 refers.
5. Nomination of Representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation for 1992/1993.
6. Roads Programme, 1992.
7. Making of Town Plans for Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Tuam and environs of Tuam.

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8. S.R. 6 - 1991 - Septic Tank Systems.
  9. Report on Housing.
  10. Demountable Dwellings.
  11. Ballygar Dump.
  12. Local Improvement Schemes.
  13. Swimming Facilities at Banagher.
  14. Audit of Accounts of River Fergus Drainage District Committee.
  15. Annual Conference - General Council of County Councils - Letterkenny, 24th/26th June, 1992.
  16. Conference - Development in Action - Ballina, Co. Tipperary 7/8th May, 1992.
  17. International Conferne - Reduction, Prevention and Re-use of Waste an Alternative to Landfill - Imperial Hotel, Cork on 14th/15th May, 1992.
  18. Business submitted by the Manager.
  19. Business submitted by the Chairman.



COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION.

COUNCILLOR J. McDONAGH - I will propose.

- 20. That Galway County Council formulate and implement safety proposals as outlined herewith at Tonegurrane, Corrandulla.
- 21. That County Council have sign with name placed on all Cemeteries
- 22. That Galway County Council formulate a safety proposal for School area (details herewith).

DEPUTY P. McCORMACK - I will propose.

- 23. That a sign indicating Rosmuc be erected each side of the Gortmore Crossroads on the Maam Cross/Carna Road as there is no clear indicate of signposting for Rosmuc.
- 24. That large signs be erected on the main by-pass road each side of Oranmore, indicating Oranmore Village and the service provided there. I will further propose that Galway County Council take immediate steps to open the slip way road, from the Gort/Oranmore Road on the Gort side to the present junction for Oranmore, as this would greatly improve the entrance to Oranmore and make this junction safer. I will also ask Galway Council Council declare it, as its policy, that the junction road to oranmore from the by-pass road will not be closed.
- 25. That the Council carry out works to improve the view at Greenhouse Crossroads on the Craughwell/Ardrahan Road, particularly on the Mannin Road junction.

COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE AND COUNCILLOR M. REGAN - We will propose.

- 26. That the Council provide a supply of treated water for Masonbrook, (Loughrea) Group Water Supply Scheme.

COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE - I will propose.

- 27. That necessary works to a Council house be carried out (details supplied).
- 28. That the Speed Limit Boundary presently at Joe Graces house Gort Road, Loughrea be extended westwards past the built up area.

COUNCILLOR P. O'TUATHAIL - Molaim.

- 29. Go ndeiseoidh an Chomhairle Chontae Boithrin Mhuintir Lao - Indreabhan - Co. na Gaillimhe - ta an droch-chaoi ar an mbhothar seo.

- 30. Go leath nofai reilig Leitir Meallan no go ndeanfai ceann

eile - ta se an deachair uaigh a dheanamh ann - agus nil moran talamh faghta - an chuid ata ann leac uilig e.

- 31. Go ndeiseoidh Comhairle Chontae bothair Teach Mor, Indreabhan - suas thar teach Brian o'Cuiv go teach Peadar O Griofa - ni feidir an bothar seo a shiul faoi laithar.

COUNCILLOR J. BURKE - I will propose.

- 32. In the interest of job creation that Galway County Council provide (a) additional staffing and (b) new technology in the County Development Offices as a matter of urgency. I do this because a request from Action Tuam for a Meeting with County Development Team could not take place for 10 days.

COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN - I will propose.

- 33. That this road (details supplied) be repaired and the hedges along by it be cut.
- 34. That this gullet be repaired to prevent flooding on the public road (details supplied).
- 35. That a rural house be built for this applicant (details supplied) in the coming year as he has been waiting for a long time.

COUNCILLOR M. REGAN - I will propose.

- 36. That Galway County Council, as a matter of urgency, erect a sign on the Loughrea/Bullaun Road at Mount Carmel for heavy vehicles instead of vehicles going through Abbey Terrace getting blocked on this narrow street
- 37. That Galway County Council, as a matter of urgency, provide a pedestrian crossing at Main Street, Loughrea, as this is the main Dublin/Galway Road and most days it is impossible to cross this street.

COUNCILLOR S. GAVIN - I will propose.

- 38. That Galway County Council carry out some work on the Doon West, Ower and Corcullen Roads. Those roads are extremely pot-holed at present. Efforts should also be made to open watertables to remove surface water.
- 39. That efforts be made to position signs for "Maigh Cuilinn" on both sides of Moycullen Village as soon as possible. The signs were removed when road works were underway in the area some time ago.

- 40. That a sign for Rosscahill be positioned as requested at an earlier Council Meeting.

COUNCILLOR M. O'NEILL - I will propose.

- 41. That weekly refuse collection service in the Renvyle area be extended or rerouted to include Lettergest and Ardnagreevagh.



COUNCILLOR E. VARLEY - I will propose.

42. That Galway County Council upgrade the Galway/Headford Road. I would like Galway County Council to apply to the E.E.C., for E.E.C. Funding to have this road upgraded as soon as possible as the volume of traffic on this road increases day by day. It is particularly busy with extra tourists who travel this road during the summer months, travelling to Ashford Castle, Cong, Connamara, Maam, Clonbur, Achill, Westport, Croagh Patrick, etc. Accidents are numerous and the tourists are always complaining about the condition of this road.

43. That Galway County Council widen the Headford Shrule Road as this road is very dangerous and there have been a lot of accidents on this road. I would be very pleased if some constructive action was taken right away to put wrongs right (details enclosed)

44. That Galway County Council take constructive action in the Square in Headford. Traffic lights are really essential. The community are more than anxious that the Island should be removed to prevent more accidents. This island seems to be the main problem. At least 800 school children cross this Square each day - positive action should be taken before a major catastrophe occurs.

COUNCILLOR M. FAHY - I will propose.

45. That Galway County Council write on road Stop Signs, and erect proper signposts at Spatters Fourcrossroads at Knockroe, Gort.

46. That Galway County Council put parking lines for car parking outside Super Value Shop, Bridge Street, Gort.

47. That Galway County Council re-open Link Road leading to Oranmore from the Limerick-Galway N.18 at the request of Clr. Michael Fahy.

SENATOR E. O CUIV - Molaim

48. Go gcuirfear bac trasna beal an bhoithrin ag Doirin an Locha i gCorr na Mona ar an mbealach sios ag an teach caideal le carabhain a stopadh ag pairceail ann thar oiche.

49. That the sewer outlet in Roundstone which has been broken for a considerable length of time be repaired.

50. Go mbainfear an coirneal as an mbothar taobh thiar de Thigh Cathain, i gCill Chiarain, Conamara. Ta an t-uinear sasta an talamh a thabhairt in aisce.

COUNCILLOR C. NI FHATHARTA - Molaim.

51. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe erect a new sign for Leitir Moir at the crossroads beside Raidio na Gaeltachta.

There are signs indicating Leitir Moir at Tully and Casla crossroads. There is an urgent need for a sign at the crossroads at Raidio na Gaeltachta before the summer.

52. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe provide refuse collection for the people living on or beside the Casla-Screeb Road. There is a refuse collection service to the south and north of this road area. Local people would avail of this much needed service.

53. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe rebuild the wall beside the road into Ross Island, An Cheathru Rua. This road was repaired last year but the wall wasn't rebuilt and now the road is extremely dangerous.

Councillor P. McHugh - I will propose.

54. That Galway County Council carry out course of actions as outlined previously in reply to Notice of Motion No. 50 (copy enclosed) as a matter of urgency to alleviate a nuisance to local people, and that I be informed when the necessary action has been carried out.

55. That Galway County Council co-operate with Belclare Community Council and Sylane N.S. Board of Management in the erection of a public light adjacent to the public telephone outside Sylane N.S. (details enclosed).

56. That Galway County Council carry out improvement works at Cloughanover as previously agreed (Details enclosed)

Councillor S. O'Neachtain - I will propose.

57. That the Council would provide, as a matter of urgency, much needed water storage capacity on the three Aran Islands.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY, 10TH  
APRIL, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Joe Burke.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.  
Councillors J. Brennan, 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, 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. Flood, County Engineer, P.J.  
Gavin, Assistant County Manager; R.  
Killeen, P. Martin, S.E.E.'s, M.  
Flynn, Acting S.E.E. (Planning) G.  
Heneghan, T. Coughlan, Admin.  
Officers, J. Walsh, C. Wallace,  
S.S.O's., and T. Kavanagh, County  
Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

VOTE OF SYMPATHY

The Chairman proposed a Vote of Sympathy to Mr. E. Lusby, Finance Officer on the death of his Father, and to the Wife and Family of the late Billy Cahill who worked with Galway County Council and Galway Corporation. He proposed that the Meeting adjourn for five minutes as a mark of respect and this was agreed.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also adopted with the following:

The Family of the late Councillor J. Costello, Castlerea.  
Mr. Michael Bruton, Western Health Board, Galway on the death of his Father

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Dr. Daly on the death of his Father.

Mrs. Ned Donohue, Cooloo, Moylough.  
Mrs. Mary Raftery and Family, Cong Road, Headford.  
The relatives of Holcar Steiner, Managing Director,  
Steiner, Carnmore.

The Meeting then adjourned for five minutes.

WELCOME.

The Chairman welcomed a number of students from University College, Galway who are pursuing a Diploma in Journalism and wished them every success.

CONGRATULATIONS.

Councillor McClearn proposed a Vote of Congratulations to Kiltormer Hurling Club on their success in winning the All Ireland Hurling Club Championship. Other Members joined in the vote of Congratulations.

Councillor Mullins congratulated Dr. Joe Hendron SDLP on the success of his election in Northern Ireland and asked that the Council's congratulations be passed on to him. Other members supported.

BALLYGAR DUMP.

Arrangements had been made to receive a Deputation from Ballygar in relation to the closure of the Dump. The Chairman welcomed the Deputation and its Speaker, Mr. Liam McNamara. Mr. McNamara then addressed the Members while another Member of the Deputation circulated a handout from which Mr. McNamara read. Mr. McNamara said that the people of Ballygar wanted the dump kept open and properly maintained. He said the dump was essential in order to keep the town tidy and to prevent indiscriminate dumping. He said that the nearest dump was in Ballinasloe which was 22 miles away and people would not travel that distance. Mr. McNamara also emphasised the need to control vermin and to erect signs prohibiting indiscriminate dumping and the burning of refuse.

Senator Hussey, Councillor Quinn, Deputy Connaughton, Councillor Finnegan, Councillor W. Burke, and Councillor Ryan all spoke in favour of keeping the dump open. They said that land was available for an extension to the dump and that a dump was necessary in the interest of Tidy Towns and Tourism. The County Manager said that a report would be prepared on the matter.

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The Road Works Scheme for 1992 prepared by the County Engineer had been circulated to each Member prior to the Meeting. The County Engineer went through the

report and said that because of the shortage of finance, it had been a most difficult programme to put together. As well as taking need into account, he had to have regard to the location of men and their was an imbalance of labour throughout the County. In the end it was necessary that some men be transferred to other areas and also some funds. Having done this, there would still be a shortfall in each engineering area.

Councillor Loughnane proposed that Local Improvement Schemes be put on the Agenda for another Meeting and this was agreed. Deputy McCormack complained strongly about the reduction in grant of over £2M. He said that some County roads were so bad that it would be impossible to reinstate them to their previous condition. He referred to the County Engineer's statement that only 25% of a reasonable requirement for county roads was being provided in 1992. He also referred to the lack of hedge cutting and also surface dressing which he said was a false economy. Deputy McCormack said people were asking if value for money was being got for work carried out and said he had seen some small examples himself and said it needed to be examined.

Councillor O'Neill said that it was difficult to understand how the money was allocated between the areas and it seemed to him that there were some inequalities. He said that areas like Ballyconneely, Cleggan, and Claddaghduff in the Clifden area got no money whereas £40,000 was allocated to both the Oughterard and Costelloe Areas for stop-end roads out of the supplementary grant. He said that the expenditure of £285,000 for only three miles of the R336 North of Costelloe seemed to be very high.

Councillor Brennan said that it was impossible for the County Engineer to devise a satisfactory programme with such little funds. He said that too much money was being spent on national roads to the detriment of rural Ireland. Councillor McHugh complained that some roads which were listed as priority roads at the Area Meetings were not included in the Programme. He said no attempt was made to improve the Curraghline Road and for these reasons he could not accept the Programme. Councillor Finnegan also complained about the omission of roads which he understood at the Area Meeting would be included. He urged that the Derreen to Horsleap road be improved.

Councillor Willie Burke said that the 1992 Road Grant was inadequate and that a Deputation should go to the Minister. He said that other local authorities overspent their budget and are able to succeed in getting extra allocations and that Galway County Council should consider doing likewise. He said that the Portumna area was entitled to a fair allocation of funds and that the allocation should not be based on the number of men in the area. Councillor O'Tuathail also complained about the reduction of over £2M in the Department Grant. He said that the Block Grant should be allocated on a mileage basis. He said that the £285,000 for the R336 north of Costelloe seemed to be high and he questioned the necessity for banking up the sides of the roads which adds to the cost.

Councillor O'Neachtain said that the roads in Connamara were the worst in the County and there were some anomalies which needed to be remedied. He said that if existing remedies were not achieving the desired results, other solutions would have to be found. He said that local people should be allowed to improve roads with the approval of the Council. He said that the Oughterard Area would suffer if the men are moved to other areas. Councillor O'Neachtain also mentioned the provision of footpaths which he had mentioned in Notices of Motion and which were necessary from a safety point of view. Councillor Ryan referred to the Derreen road and the number of accidents on it. He also complained about the reduction in L.I.S. Grant. Councillor Ryan proposed that the Notice of Motion money be increased to £5,000 per Councillor.

Deputy Connaughton said that some roads would never be surfaced again at the rate funds are now becoming available. He said he couldn't understand how the L.I.S. Grant was cut bearing in mind that the beneficiaries of the scheme contributed towards the cost. He said that the level of grant would have to be taken up at Ministerial level. Councillor McClearn said that the Programme had serious implications and unless the road grant was increased, Councillors were only wasting their time making representations on behalf of their constituents. He asked if National Secondary roads could be reclassified to National Primary roads in order to attract more funding. He said that provision should be made for hedge cutting in the Portumna area as there was none last year. He also mentioned the question of value for money.

Senator O'Cuiv said that while there were some improvements in the programme, it was still unsatisfactory and grants were notified too late. He said that the manner in which the money was distributed between each area was inequitable and



should not be based on the location of men. He proposed that £300,000 of the £900,000 provided for the Oranmore to Ballybane National Primary Route be transferred to National Secondary roads for 1992. He also proposed that not more than £200,000 be spent on

any one road and that the provision of £31,000 for quality control, £20,000 provided for the purchase of Mobile Weigh Pads and £90,000 for Patchmaster be taken out. Senator O Cuiv said that he supported the extra £2,000 for Notice of Motion money and suggested that the £81,000 remaining be allocated to Engineering Areas with the lowest funding.

Councillor McDonagh said that there would continue to be a shortage of funds for roads until such time as the Western Region could apply directly for structural funds. He said he would like to see the N63 reclassified as a National Primary road. He welcomed the provision for flooding relief at Coolarne and at Caherlistrane Church. Councillor Fahy welcomed the £500,000 for the completion of alignment on the N18 at Ardahan and hoped that it would include for public lighting, footpaths and stone walls. He also asked that County Roads 395 and 399 be included in the Programme and also the road at Keamsellagh. He also mentioned the Ballinakill Road, Gort where there were a number of accidents. Councillor Quinn asked that the Gortnadieve to Skehard Road be included in the programme. She also asked that a programme of hedge cutting be included.

Councillor NiPhatharta said that all the roads listed in the programme were bad and needed to be done. She said she would like to see more than 3 miles of the Costelloe/Screebe road being repaired. She said there was very heavy traffic on the Regional road into Galway and footpaths were necessary. She also mentioned a road east of Costelloe which was highly dangerous as well as roads in the Recess, Carna, Rosmuc and Tully areas which were not included.

Councillor O'Sullivan paid tribute to Mr. Evan Molloy, Executive Engineer, who was moving from the Ballinasloe area. He said that the roads in east Galway were just as bad as elsewhere. He said that Galway had good reason to look for an extra allocation and said that some rethinking needed to be done having regard to the large number of people unemployed in the County. Councillor Gavin seconded the proposal to increase the Councillors Notice of Motion money to £5,000. He also supported a Deputation to the Minister for an extra allocation and said it was time that County Roads be considered under S.E.S. Schemes. He said that the West of Ireland was doing very badly compared to Dublin and it was time that this was highlighted. Councillor Callanan supported the

increase in Notice of Motion money to £5,000 per Councillor. He referred to dangerous junctions at Aughrim and Bullaun and road improvements on the Cappataggle Road and Redmount, Eyrecourt. Councillor Loughnane said that the Council could not accept such a severe cut back on road grant and should go on a Deputation to the Minister. As regards the hedge cutting he said that it was hard to explain to people why some areas had hedge cutting and others had not. He said that the eastern part of the County seemed to do badly in relation to supplementary works. He referred to the St. Clerans to Srah Road which was partly strengthened four to five years ago and remains unfinished.

Councillor Cunningham asked if it would be possible to provide rumble strips at the dangerous turn on the Galway Road into Gort. He also referred to the need for road improvements at Peterswell. Senator Hussey referred to the small number of workers now employed by the Council and compared it with a large number of people unemployed who are prepared to work under EFAS Schemes or directly with the County Council. Councillor Finnerty said that the money provided for the purchase of mobile weigh pads was necessary and should remain. He said that the Council should discuss the whole roads situation with the Minister when he comes to officially open the Eastern Approach Road. Councillor Varley welcomed a number of the roads included in the programme and referred to the urgency of improvements at the Square, Headford. The Chairman, Councillor Joe Burke, asked that improvements at Birmingham Road and Browns Grove School be included in the Programme. He said that the number of road workers was dropping while the number of supervisors was increasing.

The County Engineer then replied to some of the questions raised by the Members. He said that while hedge cutting was not specifically mentioned, it was not excluded if funds were available. He explained why the funds could not be allocated on a mileage basis. He said that the Curraghline Road was a national secondary road and therefore funds could not be transferred to it, and even if that was done, other funds would have to be taken away from that area. The County Engineer gave figures showing that West Galway was being treated fairly compared to East Galway. He explained that there was not sufficient money in the Dughterard Area to pay all the men, and therefore, it was necessary to transfer some of them as they could not be laid off. He disagreed with the proposal to increase the Notice of Motion money to £5,000 because of the shortage of funds and because this money would be spent on smaller jobs which was less efficient. He said that Senator O'Cuiv's proposal to transfer £300,000 would not be approved by



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the Department. He said he would not be prepared to exclude provision for quality control as responsibility rested on him in that regard. Referring to the dangerous road mentioned by Councillor Ni Fhatharta, the County Engineer agreed that a proper job needed to be done on it but there was not money for it. He said that rumble strips were not permitted for general use and could only be provided by Ministerial Order.

In regard to the proposal to increase the Notice of Money to £5,000 per Councillor, the County Manager said he could give no guarantee that this could be operated. He said that each Engineering Area was already short of funds and there was a serious management problem in trying to maintain employment. In order to do this some men had to be transferred but there was a limit to it as well as a cost factor.

Councillor Ryan proposed that three Members from Fine Gael three Members from Fianna Fail and 3 Members from the remaining Members meet the Finance Officer and County Engineer to work out how the Notice of Motion money might be increased to £5,000. This was seconded by Deputy Connaughton and agreed. It was agreed that the names of the representatives be given to the County Secretary.

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan it was agreed to nominate Councillor Mullins and Councillor McDonagh for this Conference. On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Fahy it was also agreed to nominate Councillor Loughnane for this conference.

The remaining items on the Agenda were adjourned.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

Seamus Walsh  
(Chairman)

25/05/92

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

4u la Aibrean, 1992.

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 10u la Aibrean, 1992, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T.O'CAOMHANAIGH  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Planning Applications (advance notice to be given to County Secretary.)
2. Roads Programme for 1992 - Report to follow.
3. Ballygar Dump.
4. Making of Town Plans for Athenry, Clifden, Gort, Tuam and Environs of Tuam.
5. Report on Housing.
6. Demountable Dwellings.
7. Association of Health Boards Conference - Killarney 1st and 2nd May, 1992.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Joe Brennan, Joe 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, 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. Ryan and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager, P. Flood, County Engineer, P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, R. Killeen, S.E.E., E. Lusby, Finance Officer, G. Henegahan and T. Coughlan, Admin. Officers, J. Walsh, T. Murphy, S.S.O., C. Wallace, S.S.O.'s and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

CONGRATULATIONS.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy the Council congratulated Councillor M. Regan on the opening of his new business in Loughrea.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 65544 - APPLICANT - MARY GARRETT.

This Resolution was deferred from a previous Meeting of the Council prior to which a copy of the Report on the Planning Application had been circulated to each Member.

The resolution was proposed by Deputy McCormack and seconded by Councillor McDonagh.

The County Engineer said that he had outlined his position on the application when it was last discussed. He said it was located on a busy national secondary route where the traffic count was 2,800 vehicles per day, 8% being heavy goods vehicles. He said that the housing need did not come within the

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category provided for in the County Development Plan and the development was against the proper planning and development of the area. He said such roads should not be used as development roads and the introduction of extra traffic movements would add to the dangers already existing on the road. He strongly recommended that the application be refused.

Councillor Joe Brennan asked if any consultation had taken place since the previous meeting. Deputy McCormack said that he had discussions with the applicant but had been unable to meet the Planning Officer. In regard to housing need, he said that the applicant was a native of the area and the parents live across the road from the site. He said the applicant was getting the site from a cousin. Councillor McDonagh said that this was a unique application. He said that while the family were not land owners, they were living in the house since 1932. He said they were the only family living in the area which did not own land, and he appealed that the application be treated as an exceptional case. A vote for or against the resolution resulted as follows:-

FOR: Councillors T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Sen. T. Hussey, 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, P. O'Tuathail, K. Quinn, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh. (23).

AGAINST. NIL.

Councillors J. Burke and J. Brennan abstained. The Chairman declared the Resolution carried.

U.M.P. PLANT.

The Chairman permitted Deputy Connaughton to raise the problem of the U.M.P. Plants. Deputy Connaughton spoke about the serious problems arising as a result of the closure of the U.M.P. Plants. He said it was a most serious problem which affected not only the West of Ireland. He had hoped that the appointment of an Examiner would resolve the problem as had happened in a similar situation previously, and that cheques would be honoured. He said the plants should not be sold to competitors who would use them for surplus slaughter only, and for that reason the Minister and the Receiver would have to be very careful in deciding to whom to sell the plants. Deputy McCormack supported Deputy Connaughton saying that there was need for competition in the Industry, and that major meat companies should not be allowed to purchase the Plants. He said the outcome could seriously affect the whole livestock industry and everything possible

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should be done to ensure that the markets secured by U.M.P. should be retained. During the discussion which followed the Members expressed solidarity with the workers who had lost their jobs and farmers and others to whom money was owed. The Members expressed surprise that such huge debts could accumulate without some warning system being in place. They also agreed that monopoly situations were not good and that steps should be taken to avoid a recurrence. The following resolution was then passed unanimously.

"That Galway County Council urge the Minister for Agriculture and the Receiver to sell the factories now up for sale in the U.M.P. Group to Meat processors or others who will guarantee full working capacity on a year round basis with the maximum number of jobs being retained and that all outstanding cheques to farmers, hauliers and small creditors be honoured as a matter of urgency".

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On the proposition of Councillor Callanan, seconded by Councillor Finnegan the Minutes of Special Meeting on 21st February, 1992 and the Monthly Meeting held on 24th February, 1992 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising from the Minutes, Councillor Finnegan referred to Minute No. 545 relating to the Closure of Ballygar Dump. He said the local people would like to discuss the question of the dump with officials. The Chairman decided that the matter would be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Referring to Minute No. 542, Councillor McClearn asked if Notice of Motion money could be used for public lighting. The County Manager replied that Notice of Motion money was confined to expenditure on roads.

SALE OF HOUSE.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator Hussey, it was resolved that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of house at Carrowmanagh, Dunmore to John and Catherine Burke as per Notice dated 28th February, 1992 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) Act, 1978.

ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS 1991.

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Report dated 18th March, 1992 from the Finance Officer was circulated to each Member. Councillor Byrne complimented the Finance Officer and his Staff on the keeping of the Accounts and the control on

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Expenditure. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McDonagh it was resolved that the Council approve the expenditure figures set out in the Abstract of Accounts for each of the Programme Headings listed.

RAISING OF LOAN FOR SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

613

The County Manager asked that this matter be adjourned to the next Meeting and this was agreed.

REPORT ON RATE COLLECTION FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER, 1991.

614

A report on Rate Collection for 1991 with comparative figures for 1990 was circulated to each Member. The report showed the total warrant, amount collected, irrecoverable and carried forward to 1992. The report was noted.

DEPUTATION RE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF LOUGH CORRIB.

615

This item was deferred.

M.M.D.S. SIGNS.

616

Councillor Fahy referred to a large number of signs which were erected in October, 1990 in protest against the M.M.D.S. System. He said that the signs were damaging to the tourist industry and should now be removed. The County Manager agreed that it was time that the signs were removed. Councillor Gavin pointed out that the signs were on private property and that people were still concerned about the issue. Councillor O'Neachtain said that similar action should be taken in relation to all unauthorised signs.

AREA ROAD MEETINGS.

617

Senator O Cuiv proposed that a Meeting be held for each Area Engineers Area with the Members for that area for an informal discussion on the Roads Programme. Councillor O'Neachtain supported the proposal. The County Engineer said that he would have no objection to two Meetings being held, each to co-incide with the area under the control of the two Senior Executive Engineers (Roads) in order to avoid overlapping of Members areas. It was agreed that the Meetings would have to be held at different times. After further discussion it was agreed that the two Meetings would be held on Monday, 30th March, 1992, one commencing at 2.00 p.m. and the other commencing at 4.00 p.m.

SCHOOL WARDENS.

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Councillor O'Neachtain said that there was a need for adult school wardens in certain areas of the County where there was a high density of traffic. He said



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that the dangers facing children crossing busy roads posed a serious problem for parents, and the employment of adult wardens would alleviate this problem. Councillor O'Neachtain said that he would like the proposal to be investigated for next year and that it might be possible to operate it under a Social Employment Scheme.

The County Engineer said that if adult Wardens were employed, each would cost at least £2,500 per annum and the cost would have to come out of the road funds. He said that the employment of one adult warden would create a precedent for other schools in the County. He said there were a number of schools on national routes and it would be difficult to expect a school warden to control traffic on national routes. The County Engineer agreed that the problem of children crossing roads to school was a serious one and suggested that the Department of the Environment should be asked to consider new legislation for the purpose of devising some safe method whereby children getting off school buses, crossing the road etc., could do so in safety. He said that a new type of flashing light had recently been approved and he would provide one or two on a pilot basis.

Councillors McDonagh and Varley also expressed concern about the danger posed to children and it was agreed that the County Engineer's suggestion be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment.

At the request of Councillor Cunningham, the County Secretary explained how the Junior School Warden Scheme operated. Councillor O'Tuathail recommended that the Council promote the wearing of helmets by children on bicycles.

SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES IN BURIAL GROUNDS.

619

The Chairman said that it was very disappointing that the tidying up of burial grounds was no longer acceptable under Social Employment Schemes. He said that the Council had asked FAS to reconsider their decision on two occasions without success. He said that the Schemes had proved very successful and that further attempts should be made to have the decision rescinded. Councillor O'Neill said that the condition of burial grounds was embarrassing. Councillor Finnegan said that the Council should seek a meeting with the Regional Manager of FAS and this was seconded by Councillor McHugh. Councillor O'Tuathail said that Council workers should be able to look after some burial grounds. Councillor Brennan said that in another local authority area some excellent work had been done in burial grounds by community offenders and suggested that the Council should offer similar work in County Galway. Senator O Cuiv said that more resources should be made available for Social Employment Schemes and that it should be

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possible to continue schemes without having to go back to FAS for approval each time. Senator Hussey said that once a FAS scheme has been carried out in a burial ground, the local people should maintain it thereafter.

The Chairman decided that the Council would request the Regional Manager of FAS to attend a Council Meeting to discuss the Social Employment Schemes and that the Council also investigate the possibility of having work done in burial grounds through community work under the Court system.

ITEMS 12, 14, AND 15 ON AGENDA.

620

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnerty it was agreed to defer these items to the next Meeting.

ANNUAL JOINT LIBRARY CONFERENCE - MALAHIDE - 27th APRIL - 1st MAY, 1992

621

The Secretary stated that the Library Committee had recommended Councillors McDonagh, Mannion and Fahy to attend this Conference. On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Cunningham it was agreed to nominate Councillors McDonagh, Mannion and Fahy to attend the Annual Joint Library Conference in Malahide.

HEALTH SERVICES.

622

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Gavin raised the problem of long waiting lists of patients waiting to be admitted to public hospitals. During the discussion which followed, examples of some typical cases were mentioned including delays at the Casualty Section of University College Hospital, Galway. Senator Hussey said that the cases mentioned were probably isolated cases and that such cases should be taken up with the Western Health Board.

The Chairman asked the Members of the Council on the Western Health Board to take up with the the Board the hardship suffered by people waiting to be admitted to hospital and the delays at admission.

GOOD WISHES.

623

On the proposition of Councillor Finnerty the Members sent their good wishes to Mr. Brian Callagy, Planning Officer who had recently undergone a serious operation.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

624.

Resolutions of Sympathy were passed with the following:



Mr. Padraic Lydon, Moyard, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Michael & Margaret Devaney, Killagoola, Moycullen.  
Maire Bn Ui Dhonncha (Reamainn) Cladhnach, An cheathru  
Rua.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

N.O.M. 19. WARNING SIGNS - CLR. J. McDONAGH. 625

The following is the reply.

"The County Council is not in favour of having these signs erected as it could encourage children to play on the public road."

N.O.M. 20. FLOODING. - CLR. J. McDONAGH. 626.

The following is the reply.

"Works to relieve flooding at above location will be carried out under the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 21. SIGNS. - CLR. J. McDONAGH. 627

The following is the reply.

"The sign has been provided at above location."

N.O.M. 22. RESURFACING. - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM. 628

The following is the reply.

"The estimated cost of resurfacing the above public road is £1,200. This location will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 23. LIGHTS. - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK. 629

The following is the reply.

"The Council has informed the Department of the Marine that they are willing to contribute towards the cost of the work and also maintain the completed works. However, land has to be acquired for one of the leading lights together with access facility for the erection of same. Consultation has taken place with the local land owner but agreement has not been reached to date."

N.O.M. 24. GROUP WATER SCHEMES. - DEP. P. McCORMACK 630

The following is the reply.

"The Council will make the necessary arrangements to examine Liss Group Water Supply Scheme to see if it is in order to takeover."

N.O.M. 25. GURTEEN BEACH. - DEP. P. McCORMACK 631

The following is the reply.  
"That the Council is seeking to acquire land for a public convenience at this location. The construction of public conveniences is subject to availability of funds."

N.O.M. 26. DROICHEAH NUA AG FORNIS - AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR P. O' TUATHAIL. 632

Seo leanas an freagra.

"Ta muid ag cuir plean le cheile chun droichead nua a chur ar fail ag an lathair seo faoi lathair. Beidh an obair ag brath air airgead a bheadh ar fail."

N.O.M. 27. CEIBH AN AIREIN AN TRA BHAN - AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR P. O' TUATHAIL. 633

Seo leanas an freagra.

"Deanfar an obair thuasluaite chomh luath agus is feidir."

N.O.M. 28. OBAIR AR SEAN PLOPA. - AN CHOMHAIRLEOIR P. O' TUATHAIL. 634

Seo leanas an freagra.

"Nil aon airgead ar fail sna meastuchain i mbliana le haghaidh an obair seo."

N.O.M. 29. MOYCULLEN SEWERAGE SCHEME AND DISPOSAL - COUNCILLOR S. GAVIN. 635

The following is the reply.

The existing treatment system at Moycullen was constructed in 1977 to service a population equivalent to 500 persons and in the intervening period Moycullen has experienced growth. The Council will examine the existing treatment works to determine the cost involved to upgrade the present system."

N.O.M. 30. ROAD LINES. - COUNCILLOR S. GAVIN. 636

The following is the reply.

"Road markings at above location will be carried out during the surface dressing season."

N.O.M. 31. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. - COUNCILLOR S. GAVIN. 637

The following is the reply.

"The above location is the National Secondary Route N.59. Expenditure on National Routes is 100% exchequer funded. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1992 Road Grants Allocation."



N.O.M. 33. ATHENRY TOWN WATER SUPPLY. - COUNCILLOR W. BURKE. 638

The following is the reply.

The supply in Athenry town is restricted, demand exceeding supply and storage inadequate. Consequently the supply to a considerable part of the town is shut off during non peak hours in order to maintain pressure during the day time. The Mid Galway Regional Water Supply Scheme will provide a supply to Athenry town from Galway City East. The first phase in the implementation of this scheme was the construction of Zone 3 Phase 1 from Oranmore to Derrydonnell. This scheme has now been completed and approval to prepare contract documents for Phase 2 from Derrydonnell to Athenry is now being sought.

N.O.M. 34. KILMEAN CROSS. - COUNCILLOR W. BURKE. 639

The following is the reply.

"Funds have been provided in the 1992 Road Grants for major improvements at this junction. Public Lighting is only provided within speed limit zones."

N.O.M. 35. REPAIRS TO HOUSE. - COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN. 640

The following is the reply.

"The above houses have been inspected and repairs will be included in the Council's Maintenance Work Programme for April, 1992."

N.O.M. 36. REPAIRS TO ROAD. - COUNCILLOR P. FINNEGAN 641

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. 37. DEISIU BOITHRE - AN COMHAIRLEOIR E. O'CUIV 642

Seo leanas an freagra.

"Ta muid ag scrudu an cas seo faoi lathair, agus beidh me ag scríobh chugat nuair a dheanfar cinne."

N.O.M. 38. CARR CHLOS. - AN COMHAIRLEOIR E. O'CUIV. 643.

The following is the reply.

"Glanfar an carr chlos thuas luaite chomh luath agus is feidir agus beidh muid ag stopadh a usaid mar chip dump go gairid."

Nil se ceadaithe don Chomhairle Condae ballai a

thogail ag an lathair seo mar ni liinn an suiomh."  
N.O.M. 39. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. - SEN. E. O'CUIV. 644.

The following is the reply.

"This junction is being examined at present and I will write to you as soon as a decision is made."

N.O.M. 40. ERECTION OF BARRIER. - AN COMHAIRLEOIR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA. 645

The following is the reply.

"The carrying out of repairs to wall at above location is being looked at in terms of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 41. ROAD SIGNS. - AN COMHAIRLEOIR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA. 646

The following is the reply.

"The existing sign at above location will be looked at over the coming weeks and replacement and relocation will be arranged if considered necessary."

N.O.M. 42. TELEPHONE KIOSK - AN COMHAIRLEOIR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA. 647

The following is the reply.

"This is a matter to be decided between the local community and Telecom. The Council will forward your request to Telecom."

N.O.M. 43. FOOTPATH. - AN COMHAIRLEOIR S. O'NEACHTAIN 648.

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. 44. PROVISION OF FOOTPATH - AN COMHAIRLEOIR S. O'NEACHTAIN. 649

The following is the reply.

"It will not be possible to provide a footpath at the above location due to lack of funds."

N.O.M. 45. ROAD REPAIRS. - AN COMHAIRLEOIR S. O'NEACHTAIN. 650

The following is the reply.

"This road is in need of reconstruction. The estimated cost of carrying out the works is £20,000. It is not possible to include this road under the 1992



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Road Works Programme as other roads in the Costelloe area have a higher priority. The work could be carried out if a Gaeltacht Grant was provided. In the interim, repairs will be carried out under routine maintenance as resources permit and in order of priority."

N.O.M. 46. SPEED LIMITS. - COUNCILLOR E. VARLEY. 651

The following is the reply.

"The extension of Speed Limits at the above location will be considered under the 1992 Review of Speed Limits for the whole county."

N.O.M. 47. RESURFACING. - COUNCILLOR E. VARLEY. 652

The following is the reply.

"This road is very dirty because it is being used by large herds of cows. The road will be cleaned when the weather improves. The road surface is in a reasonable condition."

N.O.M. 48. FOOTPATH. - COUNCILLOR E. VARLEY. 653

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. 49. WORKS. - COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE. 654

The following is the reply.

The above houses will be inspected and repairs, if necessary, will be included in the Council's Maintenance Work Programme for April, 1992.

N.O.M. 50. HARD SHOULDERS. - COUNCILLOR M. LOUGHNANE. 655

The following is the reply.

"The provision of hard shoulders on National Routes is 100% exchequer funded. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1992 Road Grants allocation."

N.O.M. 51. FOOTPATH REPAIRS. - COUNCILLOR M. FAHY. 656

The following is the reply.

"The location in question is the National Secondary Route N.66. The provision of footpaths at such locations is 100% Exchequer funded. The Council has not been notified of the 1992 Grant allocations to date.

A light will be provided at the above location under the 1992 Public Lighting Programme."

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N.O.M. 52. GROUP WATER SCHEME. - COUNCILLOR M. FAHY. 657

The following is the reply.

The Council has not received an application for takeover in respect of Ardrahan Group Water Supply Scheme. I am today forwarding an application form for takeover to Mr. Johyn Moylan, Trustee of the Scheme.

N.O.M. 53. IMPROVEMENT WORKS. - COUNCILLOR M. FAHY. 658

The following is the reply.

"Hedges were cut in this locality in 1991 and will be cut again in 1992 if resources permit."

N.O.M. 54. SIGNS. - COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH. 659

The following is the reply.

"There is a No Dumping sign in place at Polnahalia, Belclare. However, it is being ignored. The area will be cleaned as soon as possible.

The location at Cluiderevagh is private property."

N.O.M. 55. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. - COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH. 660

The following is the reply.

"A new statutory warning sign and two new high density chevron signs have now been erected at this location."

N.O.M. 56. WARNING SIGNS. - COUNCILLOR P. MCHUGH. 661

The following is the reply.

"The statutory road signs are in position at this location. Further warning signs are not necessary. The reflectors will be erected as requested."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

*Seamus Walsh*  
(Chairman)

27/04/92

(Date)



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CHUIG GACH BALL DEN CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

In connection with Agenda for Meeting of the 23rd March, I enclose the following reports.

- Item No. 4 - Abstract of Accounts.
- Item No. 6 - Rate Collection 1991.
- Item No. 12 - Housing Reports
- Notices of Motion.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,  
COUNTY SECRETARY.

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

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

16u Marta, 1992.

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, De Luain, an 23u la Marta, 1992, ag tosnú ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH.  
RUNAI .

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Mary Garrett for erection of dwelling house at Lackamore - Planning Ref. No. 65544.  
  
P. McCormack. J. McDonagh, S. O'Neachtain,  
P. McHugh.
2. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.  
  - (a) Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 21/02/'92
  - (b) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 24/02/'92.
3. Sale of house to John and Catherine Burke, Carrowmanagh Dunmore, Co. Galway - Section 83 Notice of 28th February, 1992 refers.
4. Abstract of Accounts, 1991.
5. Raising of Loan for Safety Equipment required under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act, 1989.



- 6. Report on 1991 Rates Collection.
- 7. Deputation from Oughterard re Protection and Conservation of Loughr Corrib - Minute No. 581 - Councillor O'Neill.
- 8. M.M.D.S Signs.
- 9. Area Road Meetings.
- 10. School Wardens.
- 11. Social Employment Schemes on Burial Grounds.
- 12. Report on Housing.
- 13. Demountable Dwellings - Councillor Byrne.
- 14. Annual Conference - General Council of County Councils Letterkenny - 24th - 26th June, 1992.
- 15. Annual Joint Library Conference - Malahide - 27th April - 1st May, 1992.
- 16. Business Submitted by the County Manager.
- 17. Business Submitted by the Chairman.

N.B. NOTICES OF MOTION TO FOLLOW.

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COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION FOR AGENDA OF MEETING OF 23/3/1992

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:-

(a) Adjourned from Previous Meeting.

Deputy P. McComack - I will propose.

18. I will propose that Galway County Council pass a resolution in view of the 20% increase in private car taxation rates - that this Council would ask the Minister for the Environment to consider a system whereby Road Tax would be held in each County for the maintenance and upkeep of County Road which are in a deplorable condition.

(b) Other Motions received:-

Councillor J. McDonagh - I will propose.

19. That Galway County Council allow concerned Community groups to erect children warning signs. (Details enclosed).

20. That Galway County Council implement proposal to alleviate long standing flooding (details supplied).

21. That County Council erect "No Dumping Sign" (details enclosed).

Councillor Michael Cunningham - I will propose.

22. Resurfacing Road - 150 Yds of Road leading to Thomas Quinns house and state what the estimated cost would be.

Deputy Padraic McCormack - I will ask.

23. What proposals Galway County Council have for the erection of lights at Bunowen Pier, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway as the Department of the Marine are awaiting contact from Galway County Council re their intention regarding those lights. I wish to know if the Department of the Marine have been contacted by Galway County Council and what the situation is.

24. That Galway County Council carry out the required tests to establish if the Liss (Headford) Group Water Schme can be taken in charge by Galway County Council.

25. If Galway County Council has plans for the provision of toilets at Gurteen Beach.

An Chomhairleoir P. O'Tuathail - Molaim

26. Molaimse go dtogfaidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe



droichead nua ag Fornis, Lettermullen, deanadh damaiste da droichead seo de h-Aoine seo caite - ta se ro chung - do na lorraithe mora ata dha usaid.

27. Molaimse go nglanfadh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe Ceibh an Airein An Tra Bhan, Leitirmoir, agus comhorta cosa ar dumpail a chrochadh ann.

28. Molaimse go gcricheoidh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an obair ar an sean piopa iariann ag tabhart uisce go Leitircalach, Leitirmoir - ta an piopa seo lofta agus tugann se go leor triobleoid.

Councillor Seamus Gavin - I will propose.

29. That Galway County Council give a report on the adequacy of the present Moycullen Sewerage Scheme and disposal with the continuing high levels of development in the district, members of the community feel that the present position is not satisfactory.

30. That the County Council place a continuous white line on the N.59 route (Galway-Moycullen) along the Clydagh-Killagoola stretch. Owing to the road being extremely narrow there is great danger in overtaking near Clydagh-Killagoola Bridge. The road users have no clear view of traffic coming towards the bridge from the Moycullen direction.

31. That steps be taken to make people more aware of the dangerous stretch of road-way along the Woodstock-Corcollen section of the N.59 Route, which has been the scene of several accidents in recent years. The road is quite good from the Killeen direction and from Moycullen direction, but narrows significantly. Signs are urgently required.

Councillor Willie Burke - I will propose.

32. That the position be clarified with regard to the erection of Community Alert Signs. Will the Council be erecting Community Alert Signs Free of Charge?

33. The Athery Town Water Supply is turned off at 1.00 a.m. every morning. Is there a proposal to upgrade the town water supply? and if so, what stage is it at?

34. The Kilmean Cross, Loughrea is a treacherous junction. The Council should carry out the necessary work to make this junction safe. (Even proper markings on the road would help) Secondly public lighting should be erected at this junction.

Councillor P. Finnegan. - I will propose.

35. That repairs be carried out to houses (details supplied)

36. That repairs or safety measures be carried out to road to ensure safety of house and occupants - (details supplied).

An Comhairleoir E. O Cuiv. - Molaim.

37. Go gcuirfeair linnte agus comharthai nios fearr ag cros Bhothar Meiricea an an gCloch Bhreac ag taispeaint ce acu an prionh bhothar agus ce acu an mion bhothar.

38. Go nglanfar an carr chlos ar aghaidh Teach an Phiarsaigh i Rosmuc laithreach agus go stopfar a usaid mar "chip dump agus go ndeanfar e a fheabhsu tri balla a thogail timpeall air.

39. That the Ballynoonagh Cross near Clonbur would be improved so as to allow easy turning of all types of vehicle from the Cloughbrack road to the Finny Road and vice versa.

An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta - I will propose.

40. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe erect a protection Barrier on the bend near Maimin (Mauneeen) Leitir Moir where at present there is no protection from a twenty foot drop.

41. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe provide a clearer and proper sign to indicate the Rosmuc area at Gort Mor Crossroads. The present sign is difficult to see particularly when approaching from Screebe.

42. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe request Telecom Eireann to have extra Telephone Kiosks installed at An Cheathru Rua in order to facilitate the huge demand for Telephones during the holiday season.

An Comhairleoir Sean O Neachtain - I will propose.

43. That the footpath on the main Galway-Cois Fharraigne Road at Bohoona Spiddal be continued 50 yards to join with existing footpath in the interest of public safety.

44. That the provision of a footpath from Coilleach Spiddal to Furbo Bridge be considered as a matter of urgency on a very busy and dangerous Regional Road.

45. That immediate emergency repairs be carried out on the Cathair Road at Kilroe East, Spiddal.

Councillor Evelyn Varley - I will propose.

46. That the existing speed limits in Headford be extended with a view to safety - Details enclosed.

47. That Galway County Council resurface road from Carnacrow to Carrigeen Cemetery - Details enclosed.



48. That Galway County Council extend footpath on righthand side from Keleghans to Glenloe Abbey Country Club.

Councillor Matt Loughnane - I will propose.

49. That necessary works be carried out at Fahy Gardens, Loughrea (Details attached).

50. That hard shoulders be provided at Kilcooley N.S., Loughrea.

Councillor Michael Fahy - I will propose.

51. That Galway County Council carry out repairs on footpaths on the Loughrea Road at Gort (Attached is petition of Names). These works are urgently required.

52. That Galway County Council takeover and maintain the Ardrahan Group Water Scheme at Ardrahan.

53. That Galway County Council include in the Estimates improvement works to improve visibility - cut hedges down so that safety to see oncoming traffic on the Ballinakill County Road, Gort.

Councillor Paddy McHugh - I will propose.

54. That Galway County Council erect adequate "No Dumping" signs at the following locations and that dumping at each location be cleaned up - Details enclosed.

55. That Galway County Council investigate road camber and alignment at junction near Loftus and Creaven houses, Caherlistrane adjacent to Donaghpatrick Graveyard.

56. That Galway County Council erect a warning sign i.e. "Slow Dangerous Junction Ahead" or "Concealed Entrance Ahead" sign at the following location, that reflectors be provided at the following location - Details enclosed.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 13TH  
MARCH, 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Joe Brennan, 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, 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 Manager, B. Callagy, S.E.E., (Planning) R. Killeen, S.E.E., G. Henegahan and T. Coughlan, Admin. Officers, and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY  
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955, PLANNING APPLICATION  
NUMBER 65544 - APPLICANT : MS MARY GARRETT.

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

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

"LOCATION

The site is located on the Galway/Roscommon Road N63 approximately 1.4 mile before Turloughmore Village.

PLANNING HISTORY

Ref. No. 26072 - Permission granted on opposite side of National Secondary Road for workshop and new entrance in April 1978. Applicant - Noel Garrett (i.e. applicant's father).

Ref. No. 42056 - Permission granted on opposite side of National Secondary Road for joinery workshop in May



1982. Applicant - Noel Garrett (i.e. applicant's father).

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS.

The site is located on a restricted National Secondary Road at a point where the maximum speed limit applies. Housing development along this route is restricted to the essential housing need of local farmholders and their families - such a member includes son, daughter, brother or sister. The proposal does not come within this category of housing need as the site on which she proposed to build is not owned by her father. Therefore, it would be contrary to 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.

(b) protect the public investment in National Road network.

2. The proposed development would contravene the County Development Plan (Chapter 8, Table 8A) which limits development along this road to those where essential family housing need exists, a category of development which does not apply in this case as the applicant's immediate families are not farmholders in the area."

The County Engineer said that the up-to-date traffic count on this National Secondary Road was 2,800 vehicles per day of which heavy goods vehicles accounted for 8%. He strongly recommended that the application be refused.

Deputy McCormack said that the applicant's father did not have enough road frontage for a building site. The site was got from a relation and the applicant was getting married in June. He said that the family are from the area and the applicant wishes to reside in the area. He said that because of the family connection, permission should be granted.

Councillor McDonagh said that in his opinion a housing need did exist. He said that the Garrett Family were

the only family with a non-farming background from Loughgeorge to Turloughmore. He said that the family have resided there for over 50 years. He said that the site was being provided by relatives at a nominal cost as the parents did not have any land to offer. He said this application was somewhat different to others and the plan should cater for this type of situation.

Councillor J. Burke said that he agreed with the previous speakers. He said he spoke to the person giving the site and in his opinion (Councillor Burke) the application would come within the category of second family dwelling. He noted that the County Engineer had strongly recommended that the application be refused but he said he would abstain in the voting. He said he felt that the villages of Loughgeorge and Turloughmore should be allowed to develop and it seemed to be a safe road.

The County Engineer pointed out that the proposed development was on a national secondary road and would create additional turning of movements and because of the speed of traffic on such routes, accidents tend to have serious consequences. He said he would be in agreement with the villages of Loughgeorge and Turloughmore being developed but not by way of ribbon development.

Deputy McCormack said that he had discussed the application with the Planning Officer and felt that he had got a good hearing and that there could not be a better case for the applicant. Councillor Brennan asked if a decision had to be made at the meeting. And was advised that the latest date for decision to issue was 2nd April, 1992. Deputy McCormack said that he had no objection to adjourning the resolution to the March monthly meeting and this was agreed.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 65027 - APPLICANT: ALAN GRIFFIN.

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Deputy McCormack said that he was withdrawing this resolution. The resolution was not proposed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

The Secretary stated that he had received advance notification in relation to three applications. The first application was No. 65195 and referred to an application by Mr. Joseph Curran for outline permission for a holiday cottage scheme at Bohanna West. The Secretary stated that the application was refused on 2nd March, 1992 and there was still time to appeal to an Bord Pleanála against the Council's decision. He said that Deputy McCormack and Councillor O'Neachtain had given advance notice.



Councillor O'Neachtain said that it was difficult to understand the reasons why this application for holiday homes was refused. He said that the applicant had come home from America with the intention of building a scheme of holiday homes. One of the reasons for refusal was because of the potential traffic hazard and while he did not doubt this, he said that no new entrance was being created and there was good site distance on each side of the entrance. He said that Spiddal could do with development like this and he would hope that if it came up for review it would be looked at more positively.

The County Manager said that the application had been properly processed and the decision could not be changed. He said that the points made by Councillor O'Neachtain should be made to an Bord Pleanala. In regard to the special provision in the Plan for this type of holiday development, he said that most of the permissions granted by the Council had been turned down by An Bord Pleanala.

Deputy McCormack said that the purpose of having the matter on the Agenda was to get explanations and it was disappointing to hear that permissions granted by the Council were turned down by An Bord Pleanala. He said the applicant was from the area and got permission for a dwelling house and was refused the holiday homes not withstanding the fact that the Council had made provision for this type of development in the Plan. He said the applicant had done everything in order to submit the best application. Deputy McCormack said that he could not meet the Planning Officers and found it very frustrating and he wanted to be able to have some input.

The County Manager said that while it might be possible to reply to a specific question, it would not be in order to review decisions already made. The County Manager explained that when deciding on planning applications, he is making a quasi judicial decision and the law provides a process for having that decision reviewed. In regard to applications where decisions have yet to be made, the County Manager said that he cannot make a decision based on what Councillors might say individually or collectively. He said that if Councillors feel they have additional information about a planning application, this can be noted for the benefit of the Planning Officer. However in making a decision, he as Manager must ensure that the decision is made in accordance with the law. In reply to Deputy Connaughton, the County Manager said that in making decisions he must first of all have regard to the proper planning and development of the area and secondly, the provisions of the County Development Plan. He said that an Bord Pleanala can make decisions which contravene the County Development Plan

but it must have regard to the proper planning and development of the area. He said there was no objection to Councillors coming in discussing applications with the Planning Officials or discussing them in the Council Chamber but he must ensure that he does not make decisions based on representations from Councillors or if members were to pass a resolution.

Deputy McCormack said that in the case of the application under discussion, he had looked at the site and the applicant had done everything in order to submit a proper application and he felt that it was in accordance with the proper planning of the area.

Planning Application Reference No. 64622.

Councillor Byrne had submitted advance notice in relation to this application where permission was granted for an extension to a dwellinghouse in the townland of Kinvara. Councillor Byrne said that while the plans of the extension were in order, the plans of the existing building were misleading. He said the extension under construction was much higher than the existing building although the plans did not give this impression and many people were very annoyed about it. The County Manager said that the matter had been referred to the Council's Law Agent for advice as to whether the permission granted was valid in the circumstances.

Planning Application Reference No. 65804.

Councillor McHugh had submitted advance notice in relation to this application which was for a recycling depot including shed, office and sorting bay in the townland of Carrowbrowne and on which a decision has not yet been made.

Councillor McHugh said that the people in the locality were very concerned about this application and a public meeting had been called about it. He said the local people felt that development of this nature was not suitable to the area, it might lead to further development of this nature on a tourist route and the road because of its boggy foundation was not suitable for heavy traffic. Councillor McHugh asked if further information would be looked for in relation to the application. Deputy McCormack said that the development, if permitted, would lead to a more intensive use of the Corporation dump, a use for which it was not intended and there was a fear of pollution of the Corrib. Councillor McDonagh agreed that there was concern about this planning application. The County Secretary informed Councillor McHugh that a decision had not yet been made as to whether further information would be requested. He advised Councillor McHugh that he could keep in touch with the planning office in relation to this aspect of the application.



During the discussion, some Members asked that the planning conditions in relation to the Corporation Dump be examined to see if all the conditions were being complied with. The County Manager explained that there was an extensive study being carried out by Consultants in relation to disposal sites in the County and the results would be brought before the Council in due course. He said that the Corporation facilitates the County Council by allowing the Council use the Carrowbrowne dump which he said was monitored on an on-going basis.

ADDRESS BY MR. BRIAN FLYNN, MANAGER, IRELAND WEST 604

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Brian Flynn, Manager, Ireland West, and Mr. Martin Bradley to the Meeting. Mr. Brian Flynn then addressed the Meeting for almost an hour, using an overhead projector and slides. He outlined all the operations of Ireland West, including the following:-

- (a) Functions of Ireland West
  - (b) Servicing, Marketing Development
  - (c) Operational Budget for 1992 - £ 799,000  
(Bord Failte 32%, Local Authorities 14%,  
Membership 9%, Commercial Activities 45%)
  - (d) Servicing Role - 4 Permanent Tourist Offices,  
11 Seasonal Offices and Thoorballylee,  
Network of Tourist Information Points
  - (e) Development Role - Promoting development of  
wide range of Tourist products/amenities,  
advice in relation to grant schemes,  
administering ERDF Grants, improving and  
monitoring standards, promoting Environmental  
Awareness
  - (f) Marketing Role - Produce Marketing,  
Professional Advice to Members, encouraging  
innovative Marketing ventures, administering  
ERDF Marketing Schemes.
  - (g) Staff - 12 Permanent, 7 Contract, 62 Seasonal  
Staff.
  - (h) Importance of Tourism and Contribution to GNP  
and jobs.
  - (i) Strategy for Growth, Trends/Outlook for  
future.
  - (j) Preliminary Tourist Figures for 1991, which  
showed a slight reduction as against 1990.
- (k) Tourism Performance in the Western Region 1990

(Galway, Mayo and Roscommon) resulting in  
9,500 Tourism-related jobs.

- (1) Operational Programme (EC) for Tourism  
1989-1993 - IR £ (Irish Pounds) 2.85 billion  
in EC assistance agreed (1989 prices).  
Ireland West benefiting with 73 Capital  
Projects approved, representing £25 million  
in total investment and £10 million in  
assistance. £4.5 million in grant aid has  
been paid to date in the region, including  
marketing support.

Mr. Flynn said that Bord Failte was now preparing for the Tourism Industries share of the anticipated doubling in Structural Funds for the period 1994-1998. He said a new Tourism Development Plan was being formulated, which would incorporate a full consultation with all Regional Tourism Organisations. He hoped that the new Scheme would include some assistance for the development of certain types of accommodation. Mr. Flynn also referred to co-operation between his organisation and other agencies, such as Galway County Council, Udaras na Gaeltachta and Fishery Boards.

The Chairman and all the Members complimented Mr. Flynn on his presentation. A number of the Members then spoke and the following is a list of some of the matters mentioned by them:-

1. That Grant assistance from Bord Failte should have a better spread and that small operators should get their quota.
2. That there should be greater liaison between the County Council and Ireland West.
3. That Ireland West should do more to promote inland areas, such as Ballinasloe and North and South-East Galway.
4. That there was a lack of good Irish entertainment for visitors.
5. That an on-going effort was necessary to ensure that the County was kept free of litter, etc.
6. That special emphasis should be put on cultural tourism and the uniqueness of the Irish language in the Gaeltacht.
7. That tourism was a source of supplementary income for many households.
8. That coastal erosion, roads and public toilets at beaches would have to get better attention.



9. That Norway and other countries don't know enough about Ireland and that more marketing is required.

10. That Lough Corrib was being neglected with serious consequences.

11. That too much money is being spent on Consultants' Fees and the £100 E.R.D.F. application fee should only apply to successful projects.

12. That the Agri-Tourism Scheme was too restrictive and that a lot of old accommodation now needed to be upgraded and should be given assistance.

13. That an effort should be made to spread Tourism throughout West Galway, rather than concentrating on places like Galway City, Oughterard and Clifden.

Cllr. W. Burke was critical of Ireland West for lack of attention to the Portumna area. He asked why Ireland West did not attend the Lough Derg Meetings and why there was not a Tourism Office in Portumna town.

The County Manager said that he proposed to bring forward a proposal for the preparation of a strategy plan for facilities required for the Tourism Industry in the County. He said he would like to see Ireland West, Udaras na Gaeltachta and perhaps the Corporation contributing towards it. A start had already been made with the Lough Derg area and the Council has been also involved with the Aghrim Interpretative Centre and Coole Park, and a proposal in relation to Gort is being examined. He said that one of the major difficulties was the funding of the 25% Local Contribution. He also referred to the extensive archaeological survey of the County, which had been carried out and should be used. The County Development Team was involved with the Rural Development Scheme and he hoped that many of the Corrib Country projects would come under it. He said that when the National Plan was being prepared, he pressed hard for roads serving tourism areas. As regards coastal erosion, he said that efforts had been made to try and get funding under the ENVERIG Programme, without success. Limited progress had been made by way of Social Employment Schemes. He said he would like to see more public toilets provided, particularly at Furbo and the Coral Strand, Carraroe.

Mr. Flynn then answered some of the questions raised by the Members. He said that seasonality was still a major problem, but progress was being made with it. He said that the development programme had only started over the last few years and any project which

he receives has to be assessed on the basis of viability, which he said was the name of the game. Any projects which Ireland West undertake had to break even. Mr. Flynn said that Ireland West was not invited to the Lough Derg Meetings and he was not aware of any project from Portumna which was turned down. He said the first Agri-tourism Programme was not successful but that the new one was a better one. Unapproved accommodation was a serious problem as was the problem of dumping and litter, although there had been a major improvement in this regard. He agreed that there was a weakness in relation to Irish entertainment and language. He said that Golf Courses other than those mentioned in the brochure which he circulated, would be included in another brochure.

With regard to Tourist Offices, Mr. Flynn said that these Offices have to operate as a business on a break-even basis. For that reason, some offices had to be closed and Tourist Information Points provided in some cases. In regard to jobs, he said that the National Target over the five-year period of the programme was 25,000 additional jobs and 18,500 had been provided by the middle of last year. He said that all the necessary information had been submitted to Bord Failte for improvement of the Tourism roads. Referring to Cllr. Gavin's inquiry about financial assistance for a tourism brochure, he said that he had no budget for this and could only assist in relation to an overseas promotion. In regard to fishing, he said that a major tourism asset had been lost as a result of the disappearance of the sea trout and there were fears that in ten years' time Lough Corrib would not be a game angling lake because of various problems. As regards ERDS Schemes, Mr. Flynn said that he had received 3,000 application initially, and that the application fee does help to control numbers. He said that Ireland West was slow to fund Consultants' Fees. In relation to Community Groups, he said that these groups would have to get involved in hard marketing and he felt that tourism was now beginning to spread out more, as suggested by Cllr. O'Tuathail. Mr. Flynn thanked the Chairman and Members for inviting him to make the presentation and for their attention and co-operation.

LETTER FROM TIPPERARY N.R. COUNTY COUNCIL RE DEPUTATION TO BRUSSELS OF LOUGH DERG ELECTED MEMBERS GROUP.

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Letter dated 25th February, 1992, from Secretary, Lough Derg Working Group was submitted. The letter gave details of arrangements made for a deputation representing Lough Derg Elected Members Working Group to be received in Brussels from the 26th-29th March, inclusive. The letter indicated that one place was available for a member of Galway County Council and should the Council decide to take part. Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillor McClearn be



nominated for the deputation and this was seconded by Councillor Mullins. Senator Hussey proposed that Councillor Cunningham be nominated and this was seconded by Councillor Fahy. A vote taken resulted as follows:

For Councillor McClearn:- J. Burke, P. Connaughton, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. McClearn, P. McCormack, M. Mullins, S. O'Neill, P O' Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, T. Walsh. (12)

For Councillor Cunningham E. O Cuiv, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, T. Hussey, P. Mc Hugh, C. Ni Phatharta, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn (8)

The Chairman declared Councillor McClearn nominated to accompany the delegation.

HOUSING - CAPITAL ALLOCATION

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This item was deferred.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

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On the proposition of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, a Vote of Sympathy was passed to Mrs. Eileen McGrath, Frenchfort, Oranmore, on the recent tragic death of her husband.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also adopted with the following.

Ms. Eileen Caulfield, Poillagh, Moycullen, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Michael Finnerty, Uggool, Moycullen, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Seamus O Fiannachta, Gleann Trasna, Camus, Co. na Gaillimhe.  
Mrs. Maura Sylver, Rathbane, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.  
Mr. Michael McHugh, Biggera, Belclare, Co. Galway.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

*Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.*

*Seamus Walsh*  
(Chairman)

27/04/92

(Dale)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,  
Arus an Chontae,  
GAILLIMH.

6u la Marta, 1992.

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 13u la Marta, 1992, ag tosnú ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

G. O EANACHAIN,  
RUNAI SEALADACH.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Mary Garrett for erection of dwelling house at Lackaghmore - Planning Ref. No. 65544."

P. McCormack. J. McDonagh, S. O'Neachtain, P. McHugh.

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Outline Permission to Alan Griffin for the erection of dwelling house at Cregboy Claregalway - Planning Ref. No. 65027."

P. McCormack. J. McDonagh. S. O'Neachtain, P. McHugh.

OTHER BUSINESS:

3. Planning Applications (Prior Notice given to the County Secretary)
4. Address by Mr. Brian Flynn, Manager, Ireland West Tourism.



5. Letter from Tipperary (North Riding) County Council - Working Group Brussels Deputation.
6. Housing - Capital Allocation.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

CRUINNIU COISTE GAEILGE/GAELTACHTA 20/2/1992  
INS NA FOIRGNITHE CHONTAE I nGAILLIMH

I LATHAIR:

COMHAIRLEOIRI:

Cathaoirleach:

Peadar O Tuathail

Comhairleoiri:

Connie Ni Fhatharta  
Sean O Neachtain  
Seamus O Gabhain  
Tomas O Beirne  
Eamon O Cuiv  
Jarlath Mac Donnchada

BALL EILE:

Peadar Mac Fhlannchadha  
Padraig O'Cosgordha  
Seosamh O Cuaig  
Brendan O'Tuairisg

OIFIGIUGH AN CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE:

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

Mhol an Comhairleoir O Neachtain agus chuidigh an Comhairleoir Ni Fhatharta go nglacfaí le cuntas den cruinniu ar an 10/10/91.

CORAS AISTRIUCHAN: Chuir an Runai in iúl don cruinniu go gcosnódh se thart ar £20,000 coras aistriuchan a chuir ar fáil. Duirt se freisin go mbeadh Bord Na Gaeilge sásta deontas tri no ceithre mhíle punt a chuir ar fáil ach nach raibh aon airgead sna meastachain acu i mbliana.

Phlé na ball an cas agus socraíodh go gcasadh an cathaoirleach agus an Runai le Peadar Mac an Iomaire ón Ollscoil chun tuille eolas a fhail faoin gcoras aistriuchan agus go mbeadh an eolas acu le haghaidh an chead cruinnu eile.

Shocraigh na ball freisin go gcurfaí an cas os comhair an Comhairle Condae go léir sul a ndeanfaí cinneadh.



**COMHARTHAI GAEILGE:** Scrúdaigh na ball liosta comharthai bothar, ata an Comhairle chontae sasta a chuir suas i ngaeilge agus i mbéarla i gcomhair oibreacha bothar sa ngaeltacht agus shocraigh siad go gcuirfai an liosta chuig an Ollscoil chun an leagan nadúrtha gaeilge a chur ortha.

Dúirt an Runai go mbeadh an chead comhartha ar na hoibreacha i ngaeilge agus i mbéarla le taobh a cheile. Tá an béarla ag teastail mar gheall ar arachais.

**LOG AINMEACHA:** Mhol na baill go gcurfai rún chuig an Comisiun Log Ainmeacha chun cas Gort a aithriu go Gort-Inse-Guaire.

**GAILLIMH LE GAEILGE:** Dúirt an Cathaoirleach gur mhaith le Maire Ni Dhubhir bualadh leis an gCoiste agus socraíoch go bhfaigheadh si cuireadh chuig an chead cruinniu eile.

**SEIMINEAR 1993** Dúirt an ball ó Cosgordha go mbeadh an Oireachtas i nGaillimh i 1993 agus go mba coir go ndéanfadh muid iarracht an seiminear bliantiul de na h-Udaras Aitiuil a chur ar fail i nGaillimh. Daontaigh na ball leis seo.

**COMHAIRLE CEANTAIR TUAITHE LE HAGHAIDH CONNEMARA:** Phlé na ball an sceal seo agus shocraigh siad go gcurfai rún faoi bhráid an Comhairle Chontae ag lorg 'Gas na Gaeltachta a chuir san aireamh nuair a bheidh cinneadh a dheanamh ar na scructur nua san rialtas aitiuil.

**BAILE FEARAINN:** Dúirt an Comhairleoir O Neachtain go raibh faidhb le iarratais pleanala toisc go mbaineann daoine uasaid as an baile duchais in ait an Baile Fearainn.

Dúirt an Runai go gathfar an Baile Fearainn a thaispáint sa fhogra de rear na rialacha pleanala. Dúirt si freisin go raibh se seo ráite sna documeide pleanala.

**COMHARTHAI AR AN SPIDEAL:** Dúirt an Comhairleoir O Neachtain gur cuireadh suas dha shín béarla ar an gCéibh sa Spideal le gairid. Dúirt se go mba chomhair an leagan gaeilge a chur suas chomh maith agus daontaigh na ball leis seo.

Cuireadh deireadh leis an gcrúinniu le sin.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

*Laura O'Neil* CHAIRMAN

27/04/92 DATE.

**Minutes of meeting of the Off Shore Islands Committee of Galway County Council held at County Buildings, Galway on Monday 10th February, 1992.**

**Present**

In the Chair - Cllr. S. Gavin  
Aileen Murray, Inishboffin  
Eamonn O hEanaigh, Inish Oir  
Frank O Domhnaill, Inish Meain  
Seamus O Flaithearta, Inish Mor  
An Comhairleoir Padraic Mc Cormack  
An Comhairleoir Paddy McHugh  
An Comhairleoir Evelyn Varley  
An Comhairleoir Sean O Neachtain  
An Comhairleoir John M. Mannion  
An Comhairleoir Jarlath McDonagh  
An Seanadoir Eamon O Cuiv

**Officials**

Mr. Tom Kavanagh Co. Secretary  
Mr. R. Killeen S.E.E. W.R.  
Mr. P. Ridge S.E.E. S.S.  
Mr. C. Wallace S.S.O. Engineering  
Mr. T. Coughlan A.O. Capital

The minutes of the meeting of 29th October, 1991 were noted having previously been adopted by the County Council.

**Inishboffin**

Mr. Killeen informed the meeting that the storm damage grant is virtually expended, and that a submission has been made to the Department of the Environment for further grants.

**Lights**

The meeting was informed that a new light will be erected at the Health Centre and that the priority list for 1992 is being prepared.

**Water Pumps**

Mr. Killeen informed the meeting that quotations have been sought for electrical pumps.

Work relating to graveyard, sign posts and life buoys will be carried out as soon as possible.

The County Secretary informed the meeting that the County Council confines itself to the erection of statutory signs.



### Planning Applications

The representatives from the Islands informed the meeting that lists of planning applications are being circulated. The County Secretary explained the position relating to public notices of proposed planning applications. Following discussions, it was agreed that the present system is acceptable.

### Inishere

Mr. Killeen informed the meeting that he has had preliminary discussions with O'Brien Shipping in relation to the transport of refuse from Inishere. It was noted that there is no provision in the current estimates for this service, and that Mr. Killeen will hold further discussions with O'Brien Shipping.

### Water Supply

Mr. Ridge informed the meeting that the Preliminary Report for the Inishmore water supply scheme has been received by the County Council and that queries have been directed back to the Consultants. The final report is expected shortly and will then be submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval. The Preliminary Reports for Inishmean and Inishere are being prepared.

Dúirt Seamus Ó Flaithearta gur gá fadhbanna coras uisce Inismór a cheartú, gan mhoill. Briseadh caideal Poll Fluich arís is arís eile, agus tá cuid den oilean gan uisce arís.

Chuir an Cllr. Sean O Neachtain in iúl freisin go raibh gear gá na fadhbanna a cheartú.

Mr. Killeen informed the meeting that the contractor has been contacted with a view to having the pumps repaired.

### Fire Service

The County Secretary informed the meeting that the Department of the Environment has not yet approved the proposed fire station at Inishmore.

Senator O Cuiv proposed that a deputation of the Off Shore Islands Committee meet the Ministerial Islands Committee with an agenda for short term and long term targets.

It was agreed that Senator O Cuiv and Deputy Mc Cormack would examine this proposal and report back to the next meeting.

### Soilsi Poibli

D'íarr an tUas Ó Domhnaill an mbeadh an Comhairle Chondae sásta costas neatha, soilsi cé Inishmheain a íoc as seo amach. D'íarr an Seanadóir O Cuiv an mbeadh an Comhairle Chondae sásta na soilsi a coinníú dá gcuirfheadh Udaras na Gaeltachta suas iad?

The County Secretary advised that the Council must be aware of the number of lights involved, but the Council would be sympathetic to any such request.

### Reilig

Chuir Seamus Ó Flaithearta in iúl don cruinniú go bhfuil reilig na Seacht Teampaill lán agus go bhfuil geata ag teastail don reilig in aice le Cill Mhuirbhígh. Chuir an Rúnaí in iúl don t-Uas Ó Flaithearta go ndéanfar scrúdu ar na riachtanaisi sin.

### Laithreain Fuilligh

Dúirt Seamus Ó Flaithearta nach raibh an láithrean ag Inismór a choinníú i gceart agus go raibh an monacan eisc ag dumpail anseo faoi lathair.

Deimhnigh an tUas Ó Cillín gurb é an fadhb is mó ná easpa abhar clúdú ach go ndéanfar scrúdu ar an laithrean cun fáil amach an feidir rud ar bith eile a dhéanamh.

### Laithreain Treighthe

Mar freagra do Seamus Ó Flaithearta chuir an Runaí Chondae in iúl don cruinniú, go raibh an Act nua Laithreain treighthe, mar dlí anois agus go ndéanfar scrúdu ar an rolla cur fháil amach ar déanadh breithniú ar na n-oileain.

### Housing

Mr. Coughlan informed the meeting that the £10,000 limit in respect of repairs in lieu of local authority housing can be exceeded subject to approval from the Department of the Environment. The meeting was also informed that the Council propose to construct a further house on Inishmore. Grants for rethatching were discussed and it was stated that a grant in the sum of £3,450 is available from Roinn na Gaeltachta for rethatching on Gaeltacht islands.

Cllr. Varley proposed that the Department of the Environment be requested to pay thatching grants for housing which are not used for occupation. It was agreed that rethatching grants should be paid on the basis of retention of existing thatched buildings and that the Department of the Environment and Roinn na Gaeltachta should be requested to reconsider the criteria for payment of thatching grants.

### Leithris Poibli

D'íarr Seamus Ó Flaithearta go n-osclofar an leithreas poibli Cill Ronáin, go luath i mbliana. Chuir an tUas Ó Cillín in iúl don tUas Ó Flaithearta, go mbreathnófar ar an sceal cun fáil amach an feidir é sin a dhéanamh.



**Roads**

Mr. Killeen expressed concern about roads on Inishboffin and informed the meeting that the Council is awaiting notification of the 1992 road grants.

D'farr ionadai ó gach ceann de na h-oilean, go mba choir sceim amhain feabhsuchain aitiul a thabhairt do gach oilean.

The meeting was informed that both Donegal and Mayo County Councils have established Island Committees.

Ms. A. Murray invited the members of the Committee to meet on Inishboffin. It was agreed that the summer meeting of the Committee be held on Inishboffin, and that the next meeting of the Committee be held on 29th May, 1992.

Wishes for a speedy recovery were proposed to Cllr. Kathleen Quinn.

Best wishes of the Committee were extended to Frank Ó Domhnaill who is shortly leaving his post on Inishmeain.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED.

*James Walsh* CHAIRMAN

27/04/92 DATE

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1992.**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor T. Walsh.

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

Councillors Joe Brennan, 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, 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 Manager, R. Killeen, S.E.E., E. Lusby, Finance Officer, G. Henegahan and T. Cooughlan, Admin. Officers, C. Wallace, S.S.O., C. Lynch, County Development Officer, and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

MIN. NO.

**MINUTES.**

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan the Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 27th January, 1992 and Minuters of Arts Committee Meeting held on 30th January, 1992 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor O Tuathail referred to Minute No. 436 of Meeting of the 20th December, 1991 which was a reply to a Notice of Motion. He said the information contained in the reply was incorrect and he wished to have it corrected. He said the damage to the wall between Bealadangan and O'Tooles Pub was caused by numerous accidents and or storm damage.

Arising from Minute 472 there was a discussion about Headage Payments. Members agreed that there was great confusion about Tax No's. etc., and that clarification was required. Senator Hussey said he expected the matter to be clarified by the Minister for Finance. He said that anybody who had been



assessed for unemployment benefit etc., should automatically be entitled to a Tax No. Deputy Connaughton said that the Department of Agriculture should make people available at Meetings around the County who are familiar with the intricacies of the scheme to explain them to ordinary people.

Referring to Minute No. 476, Councillor McHugh proposed that a letter be sent to the former Junior Minister for Education, Deputy Frank Fahey, thanking him for his announcement in relation to the New School for Mentally Handicapped at Snipe Avenue, Galway. This was seconded by Councillor Regan and agreed.

Councillor Fahy proposed that expenses be paid to Members of the Lough Derg Working Group who attended a function at Killaloe on 19th January, 1991. This was seconded by Councillor Loughnane. The County Secretary said he would check on the situation.

ITEMS ADJOURNED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY, 1992.

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At Council Meeting on 21st February, 1992 it was agreed that Items 4, 5 and 6 on the Agenda for that Meeting would be taken at Meeting on 24th February, 1992.

RAILWAY STUDY REPORT

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A copy of the Railway Study Report had been circulated to each Member. Councillor McDonagh complimented those responsible for preparing the report. He said it was very detailed and very comprehensive and a lot of research had gone into it. He said that the rest of Ireland did not have a proper rail system and the Claremorris/Coolooney line was in jeopardy. He said there was a leaning towards rail systems in Europe and the report should be used to access funds for a proper rail system. He proposed that the report be adopted. Councillor Finnegan seconded Councillor McDonagh's proposal. As a member of the Inter County Railway Committee he said he was aware of all the work that went into the preparation of the report. He said that while much of the report referred to the Claremorris/Coolooney Line the Galway Members of the Committee did emphasise the importance of the Rail System as a major infrastructural resource. Other Members also welcomed the report and stressed the importance of the Rail System from Galway to Dublin and Sligo to Rosslare. The importance of a proper rail system for the west of Ireland as a peripheral region was stressed and it was hoped that additional funding would be provided for investment in railways in the next issue of Structural funds and that it would not be at the expense of roads. The report was adopted.

LEADER PROJECT.

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Councillor W. Burke referred to the unsuccessful application of Corrib Country under the Leader Project. He said he was concerned that the Corrib Country application was not evaluated on its merits. It was impossible to get information as to how the projects were assessed or ranked. It was noteworthy that three projects from Mayo were approved. He said that the Corrib Country application consisted of 55 projects and all the people involved were now very disillusioned as they were lead to believe that the application was very satisfactory and met all the criteria. He said the Department of Agriculture should now be approached to try and find alternative ways of getting funding. He said the County Development Team had done an excellent job and perhaps the Team needed to be strengthened.

Councillor J. Burke said that there was widespread disappointment and dismay about the failure of Corrib Country which he felt was due to political decisions. He said that according to E.C. representative Mr. Lowe, everything was in order yet it has been impossible to get any reason for its failure. Councillor O'Neachtain said that while he sympathised with the Sponsors of the Corrib Country application it was important to note that a large part of County Galway had been successful i.e. the Udaras application. He said that in future it might be better if all agencies got together and also use the expertise available at U.C.G. Other members also expressed disappointment and said that answers would have to be got as to where things went wrong. Councillor Loughnane suggested that the Council should hold a special meeting to discuss a development programme for the County.

The County Manager said that the Corrib Country project appeared to be an ideal one, having all the necessary requirements including the fundamental bottom-up approach. He said that everybody involved including the County Development Team worked very hard and they had reason to believe that they would succeed. He said that it had not been possible to get an explanation other than that other schemes were better. He said that those involved in the project were due an explanation. He also referred to the programme for rural development which the County Development Team was also involved with.

Mr. Lynch, County Development Officer also expressed disappointment and said that there would a credibility problem in going back to all those people who had participated. He said that everything was done in accordance with the rules and that the project was structured to be put forward by Corrib Country as state agencies were not to be sponsors of projects.

After further discussion it was agreed that the



Council would have to be given reasons for the failure of the Corrib Country application, and for this purpose it was decided to send a deputation to the Minister for Agriculture as quickly as possible. It was decided that the Deputation would consist of Councillors W. Burke, J. Burke, T. Byrne, M. Loughnane, M. Regan, Chairman Councillor T. Walsh, Mr. C. Lynch, County Development Officer, County Manager and Mr. Walsh, Irish Productivity Centre. It was agreed that the Deputation would also include the Oireachtas Members.

M.M.D.S. SIGNS.

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It was agreed to defer this Item to the Planning Meeting on 13th March, 1992.

SALE OF HOUSE TO CHARLES AND ROSE WARD.

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On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor J. Burke, it was resolved "that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of house at Tirboy, Tuam to Charles and Rose Ward as per notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord & Tenant Ground Rents Act, 1978".

SALE OF HOUSE TO CATHERINE CONNEELY.

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Deputy McCormack, it was resolved "that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of house at Attycourty, Letterfrack, to Catherine Conneely as per notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord & Tenant Ground Rents Act, 1978".

SALE OF HOUSE TO MARY B. McDONAGH

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On the proposition of Deputy McCormack, seconded by An Comhairleoir C. Ni Fhatharta, it was resolved "that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of house at Knock, Lettermullen, to Mary B. McDonagh as per notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and in accordance with Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord & Tenant Ground Rents Act, 1978".

ADOPTION OF WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE UPPER SHANNON CATCHMENT AREA.

541

The County Secretary referred to reports dated 18th February, 1992 and 20th February, 1991 which had been circulated to each Member. He explained that at a Meeting of the Council on the 25th February, 1991 that Water Quality Management Plans for the Upper and Lower Catchment Areas were considered by the Council and the

Council decided to publish the Plans for the 3 months statutory period. He said that the Plans were a joint effort by the various local authorities bordering the Shannon. No representations or objections had been received in respect of the Plan for the Upper Shannon, whereas some representations were received in respect of the Plan for the Lower Shannon Catchment area, not by Galway County Council but by another local authority. It was necessary, therefore, for that local authority to consider those representations and that Plan could not be adopted until that process has been completed. He said that it was in order to adopt the Plan for the Upper Shannon Catchment area and recommended that the Council do so in line with the other relevant authorities. On the proposition of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor W. Burke it was resolved that "Galway County Council, in accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government Water Pollution Act, 1977, as amended by Section 11 of the Local Government Water Pollution (Amendment) Act, 1990 adopt and make the Water Quality Management Plan for the Upper Shannon Catchment jointly with the County Councils of Cavan, Leitrim, Longford, Offaly, Roscommon, Tipperary N.R. and Westmeath".

PUBLIC LIGHTING PROGRAMME, 1992.

542

A Programme for our new Public Lighting throughout the County was circulated to each Member. The provision in the 1992 Estimates for new public lighting was £20,000 and this amount was divided amongst the 11 Engineering Areas working out at £1,800 per area. The Programme gave details of where the new lighting would be provided. The County Engineer explained that the costings shown were only estimates and that firm costings would have to be received from the E.S.B. In reply to Councillor Regan he said that Notice of Motion money could not be used for public lighting. He said that the Council should provide public lighting at locations where the maximum benefit is derived and not at locations where it might only be required on certain occasions. The County Engineer said that all new lighting being provided was up to modern standards and that the E.S.B. had given a quotation for the implementation of a programme of modernising all existing lighting at a cost of £40,000 per annum over a number of years.

The Members welcomed the new lighting to be provided and accepted that the overall sum provided was quite small. Members recommended other areas for public lighting should monies become available and these were noted.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN, 1991 - RESULTS.

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Details of the Results of the 1991 Local Environment Campaign were circulated to each Member together with



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covering letter from Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager. Mr. Gavin explained that the Competition was unrelated to the Bord Failte Competition and most credit was given for the amount of effort that people put into the campaign. He said that the Campaign proved very successful with a high level of local participation and he thanked everybody for their effort.

Councillor O Tuathail and other members complimented Mr. Gavin and Mr. Conway and all those who took part in the Campaign and hoped that another campaign would be promoted during 1992.

RECONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES OF AGRICULTURE. 544

The Members agreed that this proposal be referred to the Ministers for Agriculture and Environment.

CLOSURE OF BALLYGAR DUMP. 545

Report dated 18th February, 1992 from Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager was circulated to each Member. Members welcomed the closure of Ballygar Dump. Replying to some questions Mr. Gavin said that the dump would be rehabilitated. He said that an alternative site was not being provided as it was the Council's intention to rationalise the number of dumps in the County. He said there was a weekly collection service in Ballygar which the local people should avail of and the refuse would be taken to either Tuam or Ballinasloe.

Councillor Callinan said that the dumping of dead animals was a serious problem and asked if the Council could do anything about it. Mr. Gavin said that dead animals, animal offal and raw bones should be taken to rendering plants and where the Council had sufficient evidence in relation to the dumping of animals, the Council would take proceedings.

ITEMS ADJOURNED. 546

It was agreed to defer Items 10, 11 and 12 on the Agenda to the next Meeting.

NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE - KILKENNY 1st - 3rd APRIL, 1992. 547

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Byrne, it was agreed to nominate Councillors Mannion and Ryan to attend this Conference. On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Finnegan it was also agreed to nominate Councillor McHugh to attend this Conference.

L.A.M.A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE - DONEGAL - 23rd/24th APRIL, 1992. 548

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On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Mannion it was agreed to nominate Councillors McClearn and Brennan to attend this conference. On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Cunningham it was also agreed to nominate Councillor Finnegan to attend this conference.

EUROPEAN BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE - WATERFORD 27th FEBRUARY, 1992. 549

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnerty it was agreed to nominate the Chairman, Councillor Walsh and Councillor McDonagh to attend this conference. On the proposition of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor McHugh it was also agreed to nominate Senator Hussey to attend this Conference.

SHEEP DIPPING MEETING - ATHENRY - 20TH FEBRUARY, 1991. 550

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Deputy Connaughton it was agreed to nominate Councillors Mannion and Ryan to attend this meeting. On the proposition of Councillor Finnegan, seconded by Senator Hussey, it was also agreed to nominate Councillor Cunningham to attend this Meeting.

BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER. 551

Referring to discussion at Council Meeting on 27th January, 1992 in relation to Ireland West, the County Manager said that Mr. Brian Flynn of Ireland West had agreed to address the Council at its Meeting on 13th March.

DEMOUNTABLE DWELLINGS FOR ELDERLY. 552

Councillor Byrne asked that this matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting, and the Chairman agreed.

FURNACE BRIDGE. 553

Councillor O Tuathail said that the bridge at Furnace had collapsed and he complimented the Council workers for their efforts over the weekend.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY. 554

Mrs. J. Greaney and Family, New Line, Caherlistrane.  
Mr. William Walsh, Portumna.  
May Bn Ui Chualain, (Maitias) Druim, Leitirmeallain.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. 19: DRAINAGE PLAN CLR. J. McDONAGH 555



The following is the reply.

"Application for a Social Employment Scheme for the carrying out of drainage works outside the Cemetery area was submitted to FAS on the 12th February 1992. It is not anticipated that drainage will be required within the Burial Ground itself.

The question of safety at the river has been referred to the Office of Public Works as the Council has no responsibility in this matter."

N.O.M. 20: ROAD WORKS. - SENATOR E. O'CUIV. 556

The following is the reply.

"The work carried out in 1990 by the County Council did not add to the amount of surface water already entering into the culvert at the Coast Guard Cottages. The County Council is therefore not responsible for dampness which was apparently evident at one of the Coast Guard houses during a recent inspection."

N.O.M. 21: ROAD WORKS. - CLR. M. REGAN. 557.

The following is the reply.

"A design has been completed for the above junction. However, it will not be possible to carry out any works in the current year as the carrying out of such works on Regional and County Roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

N.O.M. 22: ROAD SIGNS. - CLR. T. WALSH. 558.

The following is the reply.

"The junction layout at Glenamaddy Square is being revised at present.

Provision of signs will be examined as part of the revision."

N.O.M. 23: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLR. J. McCLEARN 559

The following is the reply.

"The land owner involved has agreed to remove the tree at above location. It is considered that this work will alleviate the difficulty with sight distance."

N.O.M. 24. SAFETY MEASURES. - CLR. J. McDONAGH. 560

The following is the reply.

"It is proposed erecting larger signs at the above location. Additional white lining will also be provided."

N.O.M. 25. TAKE ROAD IN CHARGE - CLR. J. McDONAGH. 561

The following is the reply.

"It is hoped to have the above road taken in charge as soon as possible."

N.O.M. 27. HEDGE TRIMMING - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE. 562

The following is the reply.

"The above locations will be considered along with others under the 1992 Hedge Cutting Programme. Routine maintenance will be carried out in order of priority and as resources permit."

N.O.M. 28 ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. E. VARLEY. 563

The following is the reply.

"The above location along with others will be considered at the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 29. STREET LIGHT. - CLR. E. VARLEY. 564

The following is the reply.

"5 additional lights were provided in Barna under the 1991 Public Lighting Programme. It is not possible to include the above location under the 1992 Public Lighting Programme as other areas have a greater priority."

N.O.M. 30. FIRE HYDRANTS. - CLR. E. VARLEY. 565

The following is the reply.

"Fire Hydrants are already in place at above locations."

N.O.M. 31. ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. - CLR. P. FINNEGAN. 566

The following is the reply.

"The area referred to is a recessment area from the setting back by the land owner of the road side boundary fence and replacing same with wall along the front of his house. The Council assumes that the work undertaken by the land owner involved was for his own benefit.

The County Council cannot undertake any work of surfacing to this area as it is not considered to be part of the public road."

N.O.M. 32. ROAD WORKS. - CLR. P. FINNEGAN. 567

The following is the reply.



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"The above location along with others will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 33. PUBLIC TOILET - AN COMH. S. O'NEAHTAIN 568.

The following is the reply.

I am to advise you that the Council is at present seeking suitable land for the provision of a public convenience at Annaghdown Pier.

The provision of the above will be subject to the availability of funds.

N.O.M. 33(a) BEACH PRESERVATION - AN COMH. S. O'NEAHTAIN. 569

The following is the reply.

"The Council is not aware of any erosion taking place at Spiddal Beach. However, the building of groins with stone would enhance the beach as an amenity area. Regretably there are no funds available to do this work."

N.O.M. 34: REFUSE BINS. - AN COMH S. O'NEAHTAIN 570

The following is the reply.

"It is proposed providing refuse bins at the above location as soon as possible."

N.O.M. 35. TENANT PURCHASE SCHEME - CLR. W. BURKE. 571

The following is the reply.

The Department of the Environment introduced a Tenant Purchase Scheme in 1988, the closing date for which was the 31st December, 1988. This closing date was not extended, and neither have the Department introduced any Tenant Purchase Scheme since that date.

N.O.M. 36. FOOTPATHS. - CLR. W. BURKE. 572

The following is the reply.

"It is hoped to have limited maintenance carried out to existing footpaths as resources permit."

N.O.M. 37. MAINTENANCE OF PORTUMNA GROUP WATER SCHEME - CLR. W. BURKE. 573

The following is the reply.

Portumna No. 2 Group Water Scheme will be maintained by Galway County Council when the scheme has been taken in charge.

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The scheme will be taken in charge when the Trustees acquire an additional area of land to accommodate the pumphouse and when this land has been legally transferred to Galway County Council.

The present situation in relation to the pumphouse site is that the site which was acquired by the Trustees and transferred to Galway County Council does not accommodate the existing pumphouse.

N.O.M. 38. UPGRADING OF ROADS - CLR. J. BURKE. 574

The following is the reply.

The Route from Tuam to Ballyforan is Regional (R332) from Tuam to Horseleap, National Secondary (N 63) from Horseleap to Newbridge, and Regional (R363) from Newbridge to Ballyforan and on the Athlone.

Any upgrading of this road is a matter for the Department of the Environment.

N.O.M. 39. FOOTPATHS. - CLR. S. GAVIN. 575

The following is the reply.

"The above works will be considered when the 1992 Road Works Programme is being prepared."

N.O.M. 40. FLOODING. - CLR. S. GAVIN. 576

The following is the reply.

"The flooding problem on the Church Road will be attended to as soon as possible. The flooding problem at Keleghans has recently been attended to by Galway Corporation as this area is located within the City boundary."

N.O.M. 41. ROAD REPAIRS. - CLR. S. GAVIN. 577

The following is the reply.

"Routine maintenance was recently carried out at the above location. However, the roads in question are in need of strengthening and this will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 42. ROAD AND FOOTPATH REPAIRS. - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN. 578

"The road from Derrymullen cross to the U.D.C. boundary was surface dressed in 1991. It is not proposed carrying out any further works on the road from Derrymullen Cross to the Railway Station in 1992 other than routine patching. The footpaths from Derrymullen Cross to the sites owned by Mr. McDonnell was renewed in the recent past. It is not intended to complete the footpaths in front of the above sites."



until they are built on. The footpaths from the sites to Ashfield Drive will be completed this year provided the level of funding in the road grants is adequate. The section from Ashfield Drive to the Railway Station will be completed subject to adequate funding and provided Bord Telecom complete the works there. It is not possible to do any further work at the Railway Station until land has been acquired from C.I.E."

N.O.M. 43. CEMETERY. - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN. 579

The following is the reply.

"The provision of an entrance for this graveyard will involve the purchase of a section of land at the entrance. In addition the cost of constructing an entrance from the adjoining county road including fencing and surface dressing is estimated at £7,000. However, there are no funds available for this work in the current year."

N.O.M. 44. ROAD REPAIRS. - CLR. P. O'SULLIVAN. 580

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. 45. DEPUTATION. - CLR. M. O'NEILL. 581

This Motion was proposed by Clr. O'Neill seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed.

N.O.M. 46. ROAD WIDENING. - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM. 582

The following is the reply.

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £4,750. There are no funds available for this work in the current year."

N.O.M. 47. REPAIRS & LIGHTING - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM. 583

The following is the reply.

"It is hoped to have limited maintenance carried out to existing footpaths as resources permit.

It was not possible to include the above location under the 1992 Public Lighting Programme as other areas had a higher priority."

N.O.M. 48. CEMETERY EXTENSION - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM. 584.

The following is the reply.

The Cemetery at Church Road, Gort, is Church Property and was developed privately by the local community. The development of lands adjoining the Cemetery is not

viable as the land is lowlying and has no direct access.

Rakerin Burial Ground is located within two miles of Gort and has ample burial plots available to serve Gort Town and its environs.

N.O.M. 49. FIRE STATION. - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK. 585.

The following is the reply.

It is estimated that the Capital Cost of providing and equipping a new Fire Station at Oughterard would be approximately £400,000 and the annual running costs including depreciation approximately £35,000. The level of activity in the Oughterard and surrounding areas would not justify expenditure of this magnitude. It is also doubtful as to whether suitable personnel would be available as recruitment of personnel in larger populated centres is proving to be a significant problem. The number of fires in the Moycullen/Oughterard area where a response from an Oughterard Brigade would be faster than a response from the Galway City Brigade is small. The area west of Oughterard is very sparsely populated.

A Programme for the education of the public in matters relating to fire safety is desirable as this can have a direct result on frequency of outbreak of fires. Any requests from local groups for talks in relation to fire safety will be facilitated.

N.O.M. 51. PUBLIC LIGHTING. - DEPUTY P. McCORMACK 586

The following is the reply.

"The E.S.B. has informed that the above lights will be erected as soon as possible."

N.O.M. 52. GRAVEYARD. - CLR. M. FAHY. 587

The following is the reply.

The Council has been unable to acquire a suitable site for the development of a new burial ground at Peterswell to date. The owner of the site referred to in the Notice of Motion was approached by the Council and declined to sell land for the development of a burial ground.

N.O.M. 53. SEWERAGE SCHEME. - CLR. M. FAHY 588

The following is the reply.

The construction of a Sewerage Scheme and treatment works for Peterswell will 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 is 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.

N.O.M. 54. SAFETY WORKS. CLR. M. FAHY. 589

The following is the reply.

"The provision of hard shoulders on National Routes is dependant on funds being made available by the Department of the Environment. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1992 allocation."

N.O.M. 55. FOOTPATH REPAIRS. - SEN. E. O CUIV. 590

The following is the reply.

"The carrying out of works at above location will be considered when the 1992 Road Works Programme is being prepared."

N.O.M. 56. SINEADH. - SEN. E. O CUIV. 591

Seo leanas an freagra.

Ta an Chomhairle Chontae ag scrudu an talamh in aice leis an reilig i gCamuis faoi lathair le fail amach an bhfuil se oiriunach le haghaidh reilig a fhorbairt.

N.O.M. 57. DEISIUCHAN BOITHRE. - SEN. E. O CUIV. 592

Seo leanas an freagra.

"Beidh muid ag scrudu cas na mboithre seo, nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir an clar deisiuchan bothar 1992 le cheile."

N.O.M. 58. SPEED LIMIT. - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA. 593.

The following is the reply.

"The provision of Speed Limits at above location will be considered along with others later on this year when the 1992 Review takes place."

N.O.M. 59. TREATMENT PLANT. - AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA. 594

The following is the reply.

The construction of a Sewerage Scheme and treatment works for Spiddal 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 milion 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 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.

N.O.M. 60. ROAD REPAIRS. AN COMH. C. NI FHATHARTA. 595

The following is the reply.

"The above locations will be considered along with others when the 1992 Road Works Programme is being prepared."

N.O.M. 61. SIGNPOSTS. - CLR. PADDY MCHUGH. 596

The following is the reply.

"Sign posts will be replaced and re-located at above location if considered necessary."

N.O.M. 62. SIGNPOSTS. - CLR. PADDY MCHUGH. 597

The following is the reply.

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

N.O.M. 63. SPEED LIMITS. - CLR. PADDY MCHUGH. 598

The following is the reply.

"This location will be considered along with others when the Review of Speed Limits for the whole county takes place later on this year."

N.O.M. 64. CLEAN UP. - CLR. J. McCLEARN. 599

The Following is the reply.

"Funds available for Cemetery Maintenance allow only for the cutting of grass at the appropriate time. It is understood that the Kilrickle Cemetery has been tidied up by the local community."

N.O.M. 65. ROAD WORKS. - CLR. J. McCLEARN. 600



PAGE 16. MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 24/02/'92

The following is the reply.

"This road on which a Group Water Scheme pipeline was laid has been repaired recently. No funds are available for resurfacing in the current year."

N.O.M. 66. LOUGH DERG. - CLR. J. McCLEARN.

601

The following is the reply.

A Tourist Amenity Plan has been prepared for Lough Derg for the County Councils of Galway, Clare and North Tipperary. Galway County Council is now preparing a similar plan to cover that part of South East Galway bordering Lough Derg.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

*Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.*

*Seamus Walsh*  
(Chairman)

*23/03/92*  
(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE  
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai, 24u la Feabhra, 1992.  
Arus an Chontae, GAILLIMH.

18u la Feabhra, 1992.

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, De Luain, an 24u la Feabhra, 1992, ag tosnú ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH.  
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.  
Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 27/01/'92  
Minutes of Arts Committee Meeting held on 30/01/92.
2. Sale of house to Charles and Rose Ward - house located at Tirboy, Tuam - Section 83 Notice dated 13th February, 1992 refers.
3. Sale of house to Catherine Conneely - house located at Attyourty, Letterfrack - Section 83 Notice dated 17th January, 1992 refers.
4. Sale of house to Mary B. McDonagh - house located at Knock, Lettermullen - Section 83 Notice of the 7th February, 1992 refers.
5. Adoption of Water Quality Management Plan for Upper Shannon Catchment area.
6. Local Environment Campaign 1991 results - Report attached.
7. Public Lighting Programme 1992.
8. Reconstitution of Committees of Agriculture.



9. Closure of Ballygar Dump - Report attached.
10. Area Roads Meetings.
11. School Wardens.
12. Social Employment Schemes in Burial Grounds.
13. National Housing Conference - Kilkenny - 1st, 2nd and 3rd April, 1992.
14. L.A.M.A. Annual Conference - Donegal - 23rd/24th April, 1992.
15. The European Business Environment Conference - Waterford 27th February, 1992.
16. Sheep Dipping Meeting of Five Connaught Counties and Donegal - Athenry - 28th February, 1991.
17. Business submitted by the County Manager.
18. Business submitted by the Chairman

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:-

(a) Adjourned from Previous Meeting.

Councillor J. McDonagh - I will propose.

19. That Galway County Council carry out examination with a view to implementing drainage plan for Cemetary and Safety Plan for River Area (details enclosed).

Senator O'Cuiv - I will propose:

20. That the work being done on the road opposite the Coast Guard Cottages would be completed and that immediate steps would be taken to stop the flooding of the houses caused by the work commenced last year.

Councillor M. Regan - I will propose:

21. That Galway County Council carry out works at Carraquin Cross, Kylebrack, Loughrea. Approaching this cross from the Abbey side you cannot see traffic coming up the Duniry direction. I would ask the Council to remove the ditch and briars, and if needed to use stake and wire to complete works. Numerous accidents have occurred at this junction.

Councillor T. Walsh - I will propose:

22. That Galway County Council please improve the signs at Glenamaddy.

Councillor J. McClearn - I will propose:

23. That Galway County Council remove the banks and tree from Callanans Road junction with main Portumna Woodford Road at Clonmoylan.

(b) Other Motions received.

Councillor J. McDonagh - I will propose.

24. I wish to propose that County Council implement further safety measures at Cussaun Crossroads.
25. That Galway County Council take road in charge at Tonegurrane, Corrandulla (details enclosed).
26. That Galway County Council call on the Minister for Labour and the Government to double the Social Employment places available in Galway/Mayo and indeed in the Country - and give participants two years on to one year off, and to make more funds available for Teamwork and in the Teamwork area to ease the eligibility criteria. I propose that County Council adopt this motion as a token of our support for the Western Bishops great initiative.