

Councillor M. Loughnane - I will propose:

27. That hedge trimming and road repairs be carried out at St. Clerans, Derryhoyle, Dunsandle, Lisalondon, Shrah in the Loughrea and Athenry Engineering areas.

Councillor E. Varley - I will propose:

28. That resurfacing of road be carried out near Fahy's Pub, Aughclogeen, Claregalway to prevent accidents occurring.

29. That an extra street light be provided at the cross-roads in Barna Village, near Donnelly's Bar, where there has recently been another fatal accident, due to poor visibility.

30. That Galway County Council put Fire Hydrants in the Squares, Upper and Lower and Main Street, in Headford because if there is a fire of any serious nature, the nearest point that water can be got is from the Corrib which is 4 miles away and that is not suitable in this day and age.

Councillor P. Finnegan - I will propose:

31. That this Council provide an Estimate for improvements on road i.e. Blacktop margin (details supplied).

32. That this road be included in this year's Roadworks Scheme (details supplied).

An Comhairleoir S. O Neachtain - Molaim.

33. That the Council would erect public toilet facilities at Annaghdown Pier.

33. That Galway County Council would initiate a beach preservation scheme for Spiddal Beach to protect it from coastal erosion. Stones should be cleared from the beach and more groynes put in place.

34. That Galway County Council provide refuse bins on the road from Kilronan to Cill Einne, Aran.

Councillor W. Burke - I will propose:

35. That the 1988 Tenant Purchase Scheme be revived, so that the many genuine people that want to own their own home can do so.

36. That footpaths all along St. Brigids Road, Portumna are in an appalling condition. There are over 800 school children using these footpaths every day, also there are a lot of old people using the footpaths both residents and those attending the Health Centre. I propose that immediate repairs be carried out on these paths.

37. That the maintenance of the Portumna Group 2 Water Scheme be taken over by Galway County Council.

Councillor J. Burke - I will propose:

38. That Galway County Council meet Roscommon County Council with a view to approaching the Department of the Environment to upgrade the Tuam/Mountbellew/Ballyforan/Athlone Road.

Councillor S. Gavin - I will propose:

39. That the footpaths along the N.59 Route near Moycullen Village are completed as soon as possible and that the footpath on the Church Road, Moycullen which is now virtually non-existent be replaced/repared as a matter of urgency.

40. That flooding problems on the Church Road down from Moycullen Church are investigated (near Mr. Jim Phelan's house) and also continuing flooding difficulties beyond Keleghans on the N.59 Route.

41. That repairs are carried out on the Cloonabinna/Collinamuck Road and the Ower/Rosscahill Road as a matter of urgency. Both roads are in a poor condition and local residents are requesting to know the position regarding works on those routes.

Councillor P. O'Sullivan - I will propose.

42. I propose that sufficient monies be provided to carry out all necessary works on the road and footpaths from Ballinasloe Railway Station to the end of the urban Area at Derrymullen, Ballinasloe. I also request that a proposed starting and completion date be given.

43. That monies be made available to provide an entrance to Kilgerril Cemetery at Kilgerril, Kilconnell.

44. That the Lismany road at Lismany, Clontuskert be treated as a priority on the list of remedial works to be carried out.

Councillor M. O'Neill - I will propose.

45. That a delegation from Oughterard who wish to address the Council on the protection and conservation of Lough Corrib be received.

Councillor M. Cunningham - I will propose:-

46. That the Council widen the road leading to Michael Kelly's and Mrs. Ellen Kelly's Knockanadoc, Derrybrien, and state the estimated Cost.

47. Repairs be carried out to footpaths and extra lighting requested, these matters are urgent - Church Street,

Members Gort. ...

48. I propose to Galway County Council that they purchase extra land for an extension to the Cemetery at Church road, Gort.

Deputy Padraic McCormack - I will propose:-

49. I will ask if Galway County Council has plans for the building of a Fire Station at Oughterard.

50. 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.

51. I will propose that public lighting be extended from the Clonbur Village to the Community Centre as this a badly in need of lighting.

Councillor Michael Fahy - I will propose:

52. That Galway County Council purchase lands for a new Graveyard at Peterswell, Co. Galway (Site available at Licknabegga, Peterswell. This parish urgently requires a new burial ground - Cemetery at Kiltomas is flooding every Winter.

53. That Galway County Council prepare plans for a sewerage scheme for Peterswell Village - which is very much needed.

54. That Galway County Council carry out urgent safety works outside Loughcutra National School, Gort and install hardshoulders there as a matter of extreme urgency.

Senator E. O Cuiv - Molaim.

55. That repairs be carried out to the footpaths in roundstone as these are in a very bad repair.

56. Go gcuirfear sineadh le Reilg Chamuis chomh luath agus is feidir.

57. Go gcuirfear caoi ar an mbothar ag dul tri Doire Beal an Mhama, Doire Bho Riada agus Finis Glen chomh luath agus is feidir.

An Comhairleoir C. Ni Fhatharta - Molaim.

58. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe provide a speed limit for Lettermore Village. The people of the area have asked that new speed limit signs be erected.

59. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe provide a treatment plant for An Cheathru Rua's sewerage system. The number of houses on this system has increased in the past few years. The raw sewerage is being pumped into Casla Bay and many local people feel that this is unacceptable.

60. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe make funds available to repair the following road in the Casla Engineering Area, the Upper Camus Road, the Caislean Road An Tulach, Corr an Ron Thiar Road, and Clocher na gCon Road. These roads are in a terrible condition.

Councillor P. McHugh - I will propose:

61. That Galway County Council provide new village signposts at Caherlistrane. That the new signposts be sited at more appropriate locations to more accurately reflect the area known as Caherlistrane.

62. That direction signs be erected along the main road to indicate the names of villages off this road (details enclosed).

63. That speed limit signs be erected at location to ensure reduced speeds in a built up area.

Councillor J. McClearn - I will propose:

64. That Galway County Council carry out a general clean up of Kilrickle and Kilboucht Cemereries.

65. That Galway County Council carry out immediate resurfacing of road leading to Mr. Gerry Flynn's house at Earlsparck, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

66. That Galway County Council initiate a study into recreational and amenity potential of Lough Derg as it relates to County Galway.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY 21ST
FEBRUARY 1992.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Tiarnan 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, 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;
O. Donoghue, Law Agent, L. Kavanagh,
S.E.E., R. Faherty, S.E.E., B.
Callagy, S.E.E., G. Heneghan,
Admin. Officer, J. Walsh, S.S.O.,
and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

Western Health Board - Dr. Brennan,
Mr. A. O'Halloran, Senior Health
Inspector, Ms. J. Warren, Health
Inspector.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

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RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY
MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING
APPLICATION NO. 64510 - APPLICANT - THOMAS CLANCY.

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Councillor Fahy said that it had come to his notice that the Section 4 Resolution referred to the granting of full permission whereas the application by the applicant was for outline permission. He said, therefore, that he was withdrawing the resolution. The resolution was not proposed.

SEPTIC TANKS - PURAFLO SYSTEM.

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Some months previously, the Members had asked that representatives from Puraflo a subsidiary of Bord na

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Mona be invited to give a presentation of the Puraflo Peat Effluent Treatment System.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Donal O'Grady, Marketing Executive from Puraflo and also Dr. Hugh Henry and Dr. Eugene Bolton. The Chairman also welcomed Dr. Brennan from the Western Health Board together with Mr. O'Halloran, Senior Health Inspector and Ms. Jackie Warren, Health Inspector. He also welcomed Dr. McMahon from EOLAS and Dr. Larkin from the Regional Laboratory in Castlebar.

Dr. Henry (Research Scientist) from Puraflo then addressed the Meeting for about 25 minutes using a projector and slides. He said that Puraflo had installed about 110 units so far. He said that about 50% of Irish soils were unsuitable for septic tank effluent and it was the problems associated with this that resulted in the development of the Puraflo System. With the aid of slides, Dr. Henry explained how the Puraflo System worked. He emphasised that a proper septic tank is required with the Puraflo system. The slides showed the reduction in B.O.D. and various other characteristics of the treatment. He said that a lot of science and other support had gone into the research work and he also showed the work which Bord na Mona do at their Research Centre.

Replying to some questions, Mr. O'Grady said that the cost of a Puraflo Treatment System, including installation was £2,700 plus V.A.T. For a Group Scheme for 10 or more houses the price would reduce to £1,500 per house. In regard to maintenance, Mr. O'Grady said that a 10 house scheme with a communal septic tank would cost £100 per annum maintenance and this would include de-sludging of septic tank once per annum.

In regard to the life-span of the peat bed, Mr. O'Grady said that there were Puraflo systems installed in Clonmel for 5 years and they were still working well with no deterioration in the peat bed. He said that Puraflo gave a 5 year guarantee, but they would expect it to last 10 years.

Deputy McCormack said that it would be a good idea for Councillors to go and look at a system in operation. Deputy Connaughton said that the cost at £2,700 was very expensive and the possibility of having to replace the peat would worry him. He also asked if it would treat other effluent apart from domestic.

Mr. O'Grady said that the system under discussion was for domestic effluent and would certainly not treat pig slurry or silage effluent. He said that the only thing that could go wrong was the decomposition of the peat which was not easy because of the type of peat

Councillor Joe Burke asked would the price come down if the system was in more common use. He also said that Bord na Mona showed a lack of confidence in only guaranteeing the system for 5 years and said that they should, in fact, replace the peat free of charge. Councillor McHugh asked if it was correct that having treated the effluent, the effluent still has to be got rid of.

Dr. Bolton said that while the effluent is treated to a very high standard there still were sites where the system would not work such as waterlogged sites. The County Engineer said that if the effluent is discharged to a watercourse it would require licensing under the Water Pollution Acts.

Councillor O'Neachtain welcomed the Puraflo System and said he could see a hope for sites in Connamara using this system. He said that people must be helped to build in their own locality and that the system should be developed further and include group schemes.

Senator O'Cuiv said that the total cost of the Puraflo System, Septic Tank and Site Works could amount to £5,000. This was an inordinate cost and a grant should be made available for it. He said there were 115 permissions refused west of the Corrib on Septic Tank grounds in 1991 and he asked what percentage of these would be resolved by using the Puraflo system.

The County Engineer asked about the removal of Nitrates, Phosphates and viruses. Dr. Henry said that Puraflo had a system for the removal of phosphates and nitrates at a considerable extra cost. He said they hadn't looked for viruses in the system.

Councillor Ni Fhatharta enquired about the size of site needed for the system, and also if the system had been tested for village schemes like Carraroe. Councillor O'Tuathail said that rural areas were discriminated against when places like Galway City could dump all its sewage into the sea. He said he welcomed cases where the Health Board recommended the importation of soil onto certain sites. He said that the cost of a septic tank, puraflor system and imported soil would still be reasonable for a person building on their own site rather than having to buy a site. Councillor O'Neill said that septic tanks were one of the biggest problems in the County and no alternative had been offered to the public. Councillor Cunningham again raised the question of the cost and asked if it was likely to increase or decrease.

Mr. O'Grady said that the single house system was the least profitable but that if there was a growth in business it would likely get cheaper. He said that

his company would have no role in regard to the size of the site as this was a matter for the planning authority. He said the unit itself was 10 sq. metres and the largest scheme they had installed was for 25 houses.

Councillor Brennan said that the Council should use 1 Puraflo System on a trial basis. The County Manager replied that the Council has a Puraflo system on a pilot basis and it is working satisfactorily. Deputy Connaughton asked the County Engineer and the Health Board Officials for their opinion.

Dr. Brennan, Western Health Board, said that she welcomed the Puraflo system and said that the Health Board had recommended it in certain cases, but could not give a blanket approval for it. She said each application had to be examined on its merits and each site had to be inspected. She said the Puraflo system does not solve the problem of waterlogged sites. She said that the maintenance of the system would also be a problem and if the system is not maintained and the septic tank desludged, the quality of the effluent will deteriorate.

The County Engineer said that he had no problem with the Puraflo system. He said he would like to see all developments having such a system, including East Galway and the Aran Islands where there is rapid percolation with the potential for polluting ground waters. He said that the Council had licensed one Puraflo system in Connamara. He said that each site has to be looked at and while the quality of the effluent is greatly improved, it does not solve the problem of waterlogged sites where people could be at risk. He said the Council's policy was to look at each site. He said the Puraflo system would be ideal where the percolation was too rapid.

Dr. McMahon, Eolas, said that he was familiar with the development of the Puraflo system for six to seven years. He said that almost all of the claims stood up, but the final effluent still had a level of some coliforms, nitrogen, and phosphorous which could give trouble where there was a high density of houses. He said that the problem of waterlogged sites had not been resolved and the ponding of the effluent on the surface was not recommended.

The question was again asked as to what percentage of refusals on septic tank grounds could now be permitted with a Puraflo system. Mr. O'Halloran said that each site would have to be examined and while it was difficult to give an answer, it would be less than 20%.

Senator O'Cuiv said that this figure was too small and that Eolas should be carrying out further studies to

come up with a better solution. Councillor McHugh suggested that when Health Inspectors have investigated sites and find that the Puraflo system would work, they should recommend it and permission be granted subject to the installation of such a system. Councillor O'Tuathail said that Health Inspectors should report on cases where sites would be suitable if soil was imported. The County Manager said that these proposals would be considered.

Councillor Ryan said that one or two permissions which were refused in the past 12 months should be granted permission subject to the installation of a Puraflo system and the results checked. The County Engineer said that he accepted that the Puraflo system greatly improved the quality of the effluent and there was no problem provided the effluent had some place to go. In reply to Councillor Gavin, the County Engineer said that the Council did not favour communal septic tanks because of the problem of maintenance.

At the end of the discussion, the Chairman thanked all the speakers, and Mr. O'Grady on behalf of Puraflo thanked the Chairman, Members and Officials for allowing them make their presentation.

PLANNING DECISIONS - MIN. NO. 457 OF 10/01/'92.

Deputy McCormack said that where Councillors wished to discuss particular planning applications they should be afforded the opportunity of doing so before decisions are made. Councillor Byrne said that since the last Meeting he had met planning officials and he was satisfied that permissions were properly granted. However, he would like some forum whereby Councillors could discuss the operation of the planning system with officials. He said he was pleased with action taken recently in relation to unauthorised development.

Councillor O'Neill said that planning was now very complicated and the Council put a heavy burden on applicants and architects by requesting further technical information. In relation to Connamara he said that the Council should provide advice in relation to siting and design of houses. He said the number of appeals which succeed is small. Deputy Connaughton said there would always be a conflict in planning, but what he was disappointed about was the number of inconsistencies in relation to small matters. He gave as an example the fact that one planning officer might permit a house with all red brick whereas another would not. Councillor J. Burke said that there was an element of duplication in the processing of planning applications and felt there was no need for both the area engineer and the planning officer to inspect the site. He said that requests for further information should be issued immediately.

and not after a delay of several weeks. The County Manager replied that while it was the planning officer that makes the recommendation, the area engineer has a very important role because he has a specialised knowledge of the area and is given an opportunity to comment. The County Manager said that where requests for further information go out after 6 or 7 weeks, it is because of pressure of work in the planning office and the possibility of issuing requests for further information within a month is being examined. One of the difficulties, however, was the requirement that all the information required must be included in the request and a second request for other information cannot be issued.

Councillor McHugh said that he had proposed that a seminar be held for Engineers and Architects etc., to advise them in relation to design and other planning requirements. Councillor O'Neachtain referred to the very rigid application of the regulations in relation to planning advertisements and particularly the name of the townland. Councillor O'Tuathail said that the Council seemed to ignore the rules when installing septic tanks with demountables. He also said that when inspecting sites, Council staff should get out of their cars and at least walk the site.

Councillor Loughnane enquired as to whether noise levels can be taken into account in dealing with an application, and asked why area engineers could not deal with the road design aspects of planning applications. The County Engineer replied that noise levels can be taken into account and said that there are often objections in relation to it. He said that area engineers would not be familiar with all proposed road designs which are prepared in the road design office.

Replying to Councillor McHugh, the County Manager said that the Council did agree to arrange a seminar and it would take place, but had been held up because of the need to review the town plans. Replying to Councillor O'Neachtain he said it was vital that the correct location is stated in the advertisement otherwise the application would be invalid. In relation to the question of providing a forum for discussing planning applications, the County Manager said that after the local elections in 1985, the Council decided to have a planning meeting each month for such purpose, and the meetings have been held ever since. The County Manager said that two meetings could be called, a Committee Meeting at 3.00 p.m. and the Special Meeting at 3.30 p.m.

Deputy McCormack said that he would be happy if an item was put on the Agenda after the Section 4's for discussion of planning applications whenever necessary.

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The Council agreed to this and information would have to be given to the County Secretary in advance in relation to applications to be discussed.

LEADER PROJECT - RAILWAY STUDY REPORT - M.M.D.S. SIGNS 529

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, it was agreed to adjourn Items 4, 5 and 6 and to consider them at Meeting to be held on the 24th February after consideration of Item 1 - Minutes.

THIRD COLMCILLE WINTER SCHOOL - 28th FEBRUARY - 1st MARCH, 1992. 530

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Fahy it was agreed to nominate Councillors Mannion, Byrne and Regan to attend this conference.

ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES CONFERENCE. 531

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed to substitute Councillor McDonagh for Councillor Finnerty in respect of attendance at this Conference which took place in Kinsale on 14th and 15th February, 1992.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY. 532

Resolutions of Sympathy were adopted with the following:-

- Mr. & Mrs. Sean Quinn, Prospect, Gort, Co. Galway.
Maire Ni Fhloinn, An Chloek Bhreac, Clar Chluinne Mhuiris, Co. na Gaillimhe.
The Walsh Family, Gortnagruagh, Roscahill, Co. Galway.
Mairtin O Marta, Na Minna, Baile na hAbhann.
Dr. & Mrs Laura Costello & Family, Bridge St., Headford.
Mr. Stephen Carty, Dunsandle Cross, Craughwell.
The Coen Family, Killursa, Headford. Co. Galway.
Mrs. Maureen Finnerty, New Inn, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Martin Joe Sullivan, Killagoola, Moycullen.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

Leasa Walsh
(Chairman)

23/03/92

Date

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

14u la Feabhra, 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 21u la Feabhra, 1992, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant full Planning Permission for a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Derrydonnell Beg, Oranmore to Mr. Thomas Clancy, c/o Seamus Cahalan, 15 Knocknacarra Park, Galway - Planning Ref. No. 64510."

Michael Fahy. Michael Cunningham. Matt Loughnane.
Toddie Byrne. Jimmy McClearn.

OTHER BUSINESS:

2. Septic Tanks - Puraflo System.
3. Planning Decisions - Minute No. 457 of 10/1/'92.
4. Leader Project.
5. Railway Study Report.
6. M.M.D.S. Signs.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARTS COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNTY BUILDINGS
ON THURSDAY, 30TH JANUARY, 1992

PRESENT: Ctrs. J. Burke; T. Walsh, T. Byrne, J. Mannion,
J. McDonagh; M. Fahy, P. McHugh, M. O'Neill,
and Mr. J. Joyce.

T. Kavanagh, Co. Secretary
J. Harrold, Arts Organiser

MINUTES: On the proposition of Clr. Walsh, seconded by Clr. McDonagh
the Minutes of meeting held on the 20th Nov. 1991 were
approved.

1992 APPLICATION FORMS:

Mr. Kavanagh said that the application forms for 1992 were now
available and would be distributed to all groups as in previous
years and to anybody who applied for one. The closing date for
receipt of applications was 28th Feb. 1992.

COUNTY ARTS WEEK:

Clr. Burke suggested Tuam as a venue for an Arts Week in 1992.
Mr. Harrold agreed that there were sufficient interests in Tuam for an
Arts Week. Mr. Kavanagh said that the success of an Arts Week would
depend on the local input and organisation, and that Mr. Harrold would
not be in a position to organise it although he would give it every
assistance. Clr. Burke said that he would organise a meeting in Tuam
to get it off the ground and Mr. Harrold would be invited. The Chairman J. Mannion
said that if the week goes ahead, the Council should give a grant of £1,000
towards the activities and this was agreed.

WRITER/POET IN RESIDENCE:

Mr. Harrold recommended that the Council consider a Writer/Poet in residence
for a 6 month residency. He hoped that if the County Council and the
Corporation contributed £1,750 each that the Arts Council would contribute
£3,500. Mr. Harrold explained that the 6 month residency would not have
to be continuous and could be in two phases. Mr. Kavanagh said that an
approach should be made to the Arts Council to clarify the position as
regards funding. On the proposition of Clr. Burke seconded by J. Joyce
it was agreed to proceed with a Writer/Poet in Residence subject to Arts
Council funding.

COMPOSTER IN RESIDENCE:

Mr. Harrold said that he had clarified the question of copyright and said
that it would belong to the County Council, Corporation and U.C.G.
He said that the piece of music would be used as the Galway Columbus
celebrations on St. Patrick's Night in which there would be about 120
performers including the Cois Cladaigh Choir and Galway Baroque Singers.
The members would receive an invitation.

MAGAZINE:

Mr. Harrold said that as an alternative to an Arts Magazine, he was
considering a type of Arts Supplement to the Connacht Tribune which would
be issued monthly. He said that the Arts Organiser in Co. Laois was
doing this with a publication called "Stage Left" a 12 page supplement
which was distributed monthly with the Leinster Express.
Mr. Harrold said that each issue would cost £2,100 approx. but with the
use of advertisements and sponsors it would be self-financing.
Having discussed the matter the members agreed with the idea in general
provided that if it was not self-financing, that it should not cost the
Council more than approx. £2,000 per annum. On the proposition of Clr.
McHugh, seconded by Clr. McDonagh it was agreed that Mr. Harrold should

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research the proposal further and also consider whether the publication
would be monthly or bi-monthly.

SPONSORSHIP/ARTS AWARDS:

Clr. Burke said that there was an ideal opportunity for the Council
to seek sponsorship for the promotion of the Arts. He said that
the Council should promote Arts Awards each year similar to the Sports
Star Awards, and that it should be done through sponsorship. The members
agreed with this suggestion and on the proposition of the Chairman, Clr.
J. Mannion, it was agreed that there should be one award per electoral
area plus one over-all award. It was agreed that the members on the
committee for each electoral area would organise sponsorship in the region
of £300 per area. Clr. Byrne suggested that the Arts Organiser put
together some details about the Arts in Co. Galway and the proposed
Arts Awards which might be used in seeking sponsorship. Mr. Harrold
agreed to do this. It was agreed to discuss the matter further at the
next meeting.

ARTS ORGANISER'S PROGRAMME:

It was agreed that the Arts Organiser be allocated £1,000 as part of
the Arts Organiser's programme for 1992.

The meeting then ended.

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

T. Walsh

CHAIRMAN

24/02/92

DATE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 27TH JANUARY, 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, 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. D.O'Donoghue, Deputy County Manager. P. Flood, County Engineer; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; G. Henaghan, T. Coughlan, Administrative Officers; J. Walsh, S.S.O., and Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposition of Councillor Fahy the Council passed a resolution of Sympathy to Senator Hussey on the death of his brother, Martin Hussey and to Michael Kitt, T.D., Minister of State on the death of his Brother-in-Law, Oliver Daly.

Councillor Mullins asked that the 8 people killed in the Bomb explosion in Northern Ireland be included in the resolution of sympathy. Councillor Mullins said that all public representatives should condemn such an atrocity and urged constitutional groups in the North to come together for talks.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also adopted with the following.

Mr. Martin O'Neill, Glinsk, Ballymoe, Co. Galway.
Thomas Mannion & Family, Loggawanna, Headford.
Ciss Curran & Family, Lisdonagh, Headford.
The Moran Family, Kilcoona, Headford.

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The Meeting then adjourned to 3.50 p.m as a mark of respect.

MINUTES.

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

- (1) Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 13/12/'91
- (2) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 20/12/'91
- (3) Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 10/01/'92

DATE OF FEBRUARY PLANNING MEETING.

Councillor Fahy proposed that the date for the February Planning Meeting be changed from the 14th February.

Councillor Loughnane asked that a Progress Report be given to the Members of the Loughrea Electoral Area concerning the Loughrea Bye-Pass. The Secretary said that it was intended to put the Draft Plan for Loughrea before the Members of the Loughrea Electoral Area prior to the next Planning Meeting.

After some discussion the Members agreed that the February Planning Meeting would take place on Friday, 21st February, 1992 at 3.00 p.m., and that the Loughrea Plan would be considered by the Loughrea Councillors before hand.

OUGHTERARD/PLOUAGAT TWINNING - REQUEST FOR FUNDING.

The County Secretary stated that a sum of £1,500 was provided in the 1992 Estimates for Town Twinning. He said that the Council had agreed that 3 applications for funding up to £500 per application would be considered during 1992. The Council had already committed £500 to Eyrecourt Twinning Society for a Twinning due to take place in 1992. The Secretary stated that the Twinning between Oughterard and Plouagat was due to take place in April, 1992 and recommended that £500 be allocated to the Oughterard Twinning Committee. On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Gavin the Council agreed to allocate £500 to the Oughterard Twinning Committee for the formal twinning between Oughterard and Plouagat in April, 1992.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE.

The report on the Audit of Accounts of the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for year ending 31/12/90 was noted.

SALE OF PLOT OF LAND TO KIERAN MULLINS, KYLEBRACK WEST, LOUGHREA.

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The Secretary explained that this site was originally purchased from Mr. Mullins and was now being sold back to him. On the proposition of Councillor Fahy, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Council approved of the sale of plot of land at Killederdaowen, Kylebrack West, Loughrea to Mr. Kieran Mullins in accordance with Notice under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 dated the 30th December, 1991 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966.

ESTABLISHMENT OF RIVER SHANNON AUTHORITY.

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Councillor W. Burke said that he was in favour of the setting up of a River Shannon Authority. He said that while the Lough Derg Group and SFADCO had achieved some success, there was little development on upper Lough Derg. He said there were 17 bodies with responsibility around the Shannon which was too many and unworkable. He said that the Shannon was one of the finest waterways in Europe and if given the necessary legal power under one authority, adequately funded, it could develop its true potential. He said that an overall plan was also desirable from the point of view of structural funds.

Councillor McClearn said that the consensus of the Lough Derg Elected Members Working Group was against the establishment of a River Shannon Authority and at a recent deputation to the Minister, they had asked him not to proceed with such an authority. He agreed that SFADCO had done well as regards structural funds. Councillor Loughnane said that if such an authority was established, it could take over the functions of the Sanitary Authority, Planning Authority and Roads Authority, thereby reducing the powers of the County Council. He said that the two main problems were pollution and flooding and these should be tackled through the existing authorities. He said that the E.S.B. should always be ready to take a certain course of action to deal with flooding problems. He said that a Shannon Authority would not have a marketing role. He proposed that the Minister for Tourism be asked to give SFADCO a tourism role in the Loughrea Electoral Area. This was seconded by Councillor W. Burke.

Councillor Fahy said that in his opinion, the setting up of a separate authority would not serve a useful purpose. Deputy Connaughton said that Councillor Loughnane's proposal concerning SFADCO could have serious implications and said that it should first be discussed with Ireland West. Councillor O'Tuathail said that the I.D.A. and Udaras na Gaeltachta should be given the same tourism brief as SFADCO enjoys.

The Deputy County Manager stated that Ireland West should be given an opportunity to comment on the proposal before any decision is made. Councillor Loughnane accepted this and it was agreed that a

Deputation from the Council would meet with Ireland West.

NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE & L.A.M.A ANNUAL CONFERENCE. 470

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion it was agreed that Items 6 and 8 on the Agenda be deferred.

CONFERENCES 471

Initiative 93 Conference - Sligo - 29th/30th January, 1991.

Councillor Mannion proposed that the Council nominate representatives to attend this conference. Councillor McDonagh proposed that Councillors Ryan and Mannion attend the conference. This was seconded by Councillor Finnerty and agreed. Councillor Fahy proposed that Councillor Quinn attend the conference. This was seconded by Councillor Cunningham and agreed.

Association of Municipal Authorities Conference - Kinsale - 14th/15th February, 1992.

Councillor Mannion proposed that the Council nominate representatives to attend this conference. Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillors Finnerty and Mannion attend the conference. This was seconded by Councillor McDonagh and agreed. Councillor Cunningham proposed that Councillor Fahy attend the conference. This was seconded by Councillor Callanan and agreed.

All Ireland Sheep Dipping Meeting - Dundalk - 31st January, 1992.

Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillors T. Walsh and J. McDonagh attend this Meeting. This was seconded by Deputy Connaughton and agreed. Councillor Fahy proposed that Councillor Loughnane also attend the meeting. This was seconded by Councillor Cunningham and agreed.

Lough Derg - Elected Members Group - Deputation to Minister.

Councillor Fahy said that 4 Members of Galway County Council on the Lough Derg Elected Members Group attended on a Deputation to the Minister for Tourism on 15th January, 1992 and he proposed that their attendance be approved for the purposes of the payment of expenses. The Members who attended were Councillors Regan, Fahy, McClearn and W. Burke. Councillor Loughnane seconded the proposal. The Secretary stated that Committees do not have authority to send Members on Deputations and the Council's approvals should have been sought in advance. The Council approved of the attendance of the 4 Members on this occasion.

HEADAGE PAYMENTS.

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Deputy Connaughton said that while most headage payments were made before Christmas, one out of every 4 farmers still had not been paid and may not be paid for some time. He said that there was no reason for the delay and that farmers needed the money to buy in fertiliser, feeding stuff, etc. He proposed that the Council send a telegram to the Minister requesting that immediate payment be made. This was seconded by Deputy McCormack who said that £12,000,000 due to farmers under PESP was not paid. Councillor Gavin referred to changes being introduced in relation to Tax No's. and payments through bank accounts. He said that it should be pointed out to the Minister that small farmers do not have a Tax No. because they do not have a taxable income and that the only people to benefit from the proposal would be Tax Consultants. He said that many small farmers were on the dole which meant that they had already been assessed, while others had been assessed and qualified for the old age pension. He said that the ceiling of £500 should be increased or abolished. Councillor Callanan agreed with Councillor Gavin and said that the form of application should be made easier. Senator O Cuiv said that farmers should be in a position to know when to expect payments in order to plan their expenditure. He said that Brussels may be responsible for the complex forms and that the proposal to make payments into banks had been dropped. Senator O Cuiv said that the ceiling of £500 should be either increased or dropped. Councillor McClearn said that the whole system was causing anger and confusion and that if a farmer made a simple mistake or filled up the wrong form they were severely penalised. Councillor O'Neachtain agreed that payments should be made in time and called for the re-establishment of Committees of Agriculture. After further discussion Councillor Mannion proposed that the Minister be requested to raise the income ceiling to £1800, this was seconded by Senator O Cuiv and agreed.

Councillor Fahy referred to the Beef Premium Scheme and said that if farmers made the slightest mistake in their application they could be denied grants for two years. He said there was too much red tape and farmers were being victimised. He proposed that a letter be sent to the Minister for Agriculture asking that the procedures be simplified in order to avoid loss of payments. Senator O Cuiv said that this scheme was totally funded from the E.C. and recommended that a copy of the letter be sent to the Commissioner in Brussels. This was agreed.

Councillor Mannion proposed that the re-establishment of the Committees of Agriculture be put as an item on the next Agenda.

LEADER PROJECT.

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Councillor Ryan proposed that this Item be deferred to the February Planning Meeting. This was agreed.

REPORT PUBLISHED BY WESTERN INTER-RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

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Councillor Mannion referred to the report published by The Western Inter-Railway Committee which had been distributed to each Member and asked that the matter be put on the Agenda for the February Planning Meeting. This was agreed.

DISCRETIONARY ROAD GRANT.

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Councillor Mannion said that at a recent Finance Committee Meeting it was agreed that the Galway Members of the Oireachtas arrange to meet the Minister for Finance to seek an extra Discretionary Road Grant for Galway for 1992. It was agreed that all the Oireachtas Members should meet the Minister and Senator O Cuiv undertook to make the arrangements.

SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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The Chairman said that he had been asked to enlist the support of Galway County Council in order to try and get the proposed new school for Mentally Handicapped at Snipe Avenue, Galway under way as soon as possible. He proposed that a letter be sent to the Minister and requested the Council's unanimous support on the matter. All the Members supported.

AREAS OF SCIENTIFIC INTEREST.

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Deputy Connaughton referred to the recent High Court Decision in relation to Areas of Scientific Interest. Deputy Connaughton said that 12 months ago the Minister had indicated that he was initiating an Inter-Departmental Study on this matter, but now he understood that the Report of the Group would not be made public. Deputy Connaughton proposed that the Council request the Government to publish the report. This was seconded by Councillor Mannion and agreed.

SALE OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES BY E.S.B.

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Councillor Brennan referred to an Order made by Minister for Energy, Mr. Molloy, prohibiting the E.S.B. from using their Billing System for the payment of appliances sold on Hire Purchase. Councillor Brennan said that many poor people purchased appliances through the E.S.B. system who charged a reasonable interest rate and dealt with defaulters in a human way. He proposed that the Council request the Minister to withdraw the Order. Councillor Finnerty seconded Councillor Brennan's proposal saying that the Minister's Order would result in job losses in the E.S.B. Retail Outlets. After some discussion it was agreed to write to the Minister requesting him to defer the decision.

SCHOOL WARDENS 479

Councillor O'Neachtain referred to his Notice of Motion concerning School Wardens and asked that this matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

MEETING WITH UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA. 480

Councillor O Neachtain said that a Meeting should take place frequently between the Council and Udaras na Gaeltachta. He proposed that a Meeting be arranged for 7th February next. This was seconded by Councillor McDonagh.

AREA ROADS MEETINGS. 481

Senator O Cuiv said that it was desirable that Members meet Area Engineers before the publication of the Roads Estimates. Councillors Cunningham and McClearn agreed with Senator O Cuiv. The County Engineer said that such Meetings could delay the Roads Meeting. The Chairman decided that the matter would be put on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting.

M.M.D.S. SIGNS. 482

Councillor Fahy asked that this matter be put on the Agenda for the Planning Meeting, and this was agreed.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

N.O.M. 13: DRAINAGE/SAFETY PLAN - CLR. J. McDONAGH 483

The following is the reply:

The examination of above location is not yet complete and a report will be available for the next meeting."

N.O.M. 14: VILLAGE SIGNS - CLR. J. McDONAGH. 484

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. 15: SAFETY REGULATIONS - CLR. J. McDONAGH 485

The followin is the reply.

"The pedestrian and vehicular traffic volumes necessary to justify pedestrian crossings are set out in An Foras Forbartha's publication RT 206 "Warrants for Pedestrian Crossing Facilities". According to the "warrants" the vehicular volume necessary to justify a pedestrian crossing facility at the proposed location would have to be in excess of 800 vehicles

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

N.O.M. 17: L.I.S. GRANT - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE. 486

The following is the reply.

"Offers of Grant in respect of Local Improvement Schemes are made on a first come first served basis as far as possible and a period of two weeks is allowed for payment of the local contribution. If participants on a Scheme have a particular problem in collecting the local contribution the Council will as you know extend the period of time allowed".

N.O.M. 18: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE. 487

The following is the reply:

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

N.O.M. 19: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE. 488

The following is the reply:

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

N.O.M. 20: O'ROURKES CROSS - CLR. W. BURKE. 489

The following is the reply:

"Considerable work has been carried out at the above junction in recent years i.e. such as improvement of road pavement, cutting of hedges, road markings and signs.

Any further works will require extensive realignment. Funds for this type of work are not available in the current year due to scarcity of resources."

N.O.M. 21: LOUGHREA BY-PASS - CLR. W. BURKE. 490

The following is the reply:

"Main Survey work has now been completed. There is nothing further to discuss at this stage until some progress is made on design in about 3/4 months time. During design some further detailed surveys may be required.

As soon as there is something meaningful to discuss the matter will be brought back for discussion."

N.O.M. 22: BOTTLE BANK - CLR. W. BURKE. 491

The following is the reply:

"The Council will investigate the possibility of locating a Bottle Bank in Portumna".

N.O.M. 23: ROAD AT FURBO SCHOOL - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 492

The following is the reply:

"The pedestrian and vehicular traffic volumes necessary to justify pedestrian crossings are set out in An Foras Forbartha's publication RT 206 "Warrants for Pedestrian Crossing Facilities". According to the "warrants" the vehicular volume necessary to justify a pedestrian crossing facility at the proposed location would have to be in excess of 800 vehicles per hour and the corresponding pedestrian traffic would have to exceed 100 pedestrians per hour. These volumes would not be normally achieved at the proposed location and a pedestrian facility is not recommended"

N.O.M. 24: ROAD AT SPIDDAL SCHOOL - CLR. S.O'NEACHTAIN 493

The following is the reply:

"The pedestrian and vehicular traffic volumes necessary to justify pedestrian crossings are set out in An Foras Forbartha's publication RT 206 "Warrants for Pedestrian Crossing Facilities". According to the "warrants" the vehicular volume necessary to justify a pedestrian crossing facility at the proposed location would have to be in excess of 800 vehicles per hour and the corresponding pedestrian traffic would have to exceed 100 pedestrians per hour. These volumes would not be normally achieved at the proposed location and a pedestrian facility is not recommended"

The location would be suitable for the provision of a Junior School Warden Scheme."

N.O.M. 25: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN 494

The following is the reply:

"Minor surface repairs will be carried out to the public road section of the above road in order of priority and as resources permit. The worst section of road is not in charge of the Council."

N.O.M. 26: PROVISION OF LIGHT - CLR. S. GAVIN 495

The following is the reply:

"The provision of an isolated light on the N.S. Route N.59 is not recommended."

N.O.M. 27: ROAD SIGNS - CLR. S. GAVIN. 496

The following is the reply:

"There are no statutory requirement for the placing of "Slow" signs at such locations. The school in question is located on a County Road. It is not Council policy to provide such signs at County Road locations."

N.O.M. 28: SURFACE WATER - CLR. S. GAVIN. 497

The following is the reply:

"Water tables at above locations are subject to on-going maintenance. However, substantial strengthening works are required. The location in question is a National Secondary Route. Such works are 100% Exchequer funded. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1992 Road Grants allocation."

Additional delineators will be provided in due course."

N.O.M. 29: ROAD WORKS - CLR. P. FINNEGAN. 498

The following is the reply:

"This section of road is part of the National Secondary Route N63 and strengthening and resurfacing is required. Any funds being spent at this location is dependant on funds being made available by the Department of the Environment. The Council has not yet been notified of the 1992 Road Grants allocation"

N.O.M. 30: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. P. FINNEGAN. 499

The following is the reply:

"The above location will be considered at the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 31: REPAIRS TO HOUSE - CLR. P. FINNEGAN 500

The following is the reply:

The above house has been inspected and repairs will be included in the Council's Maintenance Work Programme for February, 1992.

N.O.M. 32: HOUSING SCHEMES - CLR. M. FAHY 501

The following is the reply:

"The Council is awaiting the capital allocation for 1992 and notification of the number of new housing starts. At present there are 360 approved applicants on the Council's housing waiting list and houses will be provided in accordance with priority of need having regard to availability of funds."

N.O.M. 33: REPAIRS TO SEASHORE - CLR. M. FAHY 502

The following is the reply:

"This matter is being examined at present. When the extent of the work required is fully assessed an estimate of cost will be prepared and an application for funding will be submitted to the Department of the Marine."

N.O.M. 34: REPAIR WORKS - CLR. M. FAHY 503

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."

The question of lighting will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. 35: LIGHTS - CLR. E. VARLEY 504

The following is the reply:

"The above location will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. 36: LIGHTS - CLR. E. VARLEY 505

The following is the reply:

"The above location will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. 37: ROAD REPAIRS - SENATOR E. O'CUIV 506

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have repairs carried out at the above location within the next few weeks."

N.O.M. 38: ROAD REPAIRS - SENATOR E. O'CUIV 507

The following is the reply:

"The above location will be considered along with others at the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 39: FLOODING - SENATOR E. O'CUIV 508

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. 40: PUBLIC TOILETS - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA 509

The following is the reply:

"Agreement has now been reached with the land owner and it is anticipated that the land transfer will shortly be completed. It is the Council's intention to have this public convenience constructed before the 1992 tourist season".

N.O.M. 41: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA 510

The following is the reply:

"The above location will be considered along with others at the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 42: SPEED LIMIT - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA 511

The following is the reply:

"The provision of Speed Limits at this location will be considered later this year when the 1992 Review of Speed Limits takes place."

N.O.M. 43: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLR. P. MCCORMACK 512

The following is the reply:

"The flooding is under investigation and when it is fully examined the matter will be re-assessed. Overhanging trees is a matter for the land owner concerned and where vision is impaired the Council would serve notices on land owners concerned to take the necessary action."

N.O.M. 44: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. P. MCCORMACK 513

The following is the reply:

"The above road is in need of reshaping and reconstruction. This road will be considered along with others in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. 45: SEWERAGE SCHEME - CLR. P. MCCORMACK 514

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 £138M 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. 46: FLOODING - CLR. M. REGAN 515

The following is the reply:

"This matter has been referred to our Law Agent."

N.O.M. 47: ROAD WORKS - CLR. M. REGAN 516

The following is the reply:

"An improvement scheme for this junction has been prepared and is awaiting approval and funding from the Department of the Environment.

It is hoped that funds will be provided in 1992 and that the works will proceed immediately afterwards.

It is not proposed to install traffic route lighting at this time. However, a high standard of lining and delineation will be included in the works."

N.O.M. 48: ROAD WORKS - CLR. M. REGAN 517

The following is the reply:

"This location is being examined by our Design Team at present and a further reply will issue in due course."

N.O.M. 49: SIGNS - CLR. T. WALSH 518

The following is the reply:

"The Council is considering the possibility of carrying out road improvements at the above junction. The matter is being examined by our Design Team at present and a further reply will issue in due course."

N.O.M. 50: SPEED LIMIT SIGNS - CLR. M. O'NEILL 519

The following is the reply:

"Thirty mile speed limit sign will be erected at above location in the near future. Road markings will be done the next time white lining Contractor is in the area."

N.O.M. 51: GRAVEYARD - CLR. P. MCHUGH. 520

The following is the reply:

The large stones, which were scattered over graves at Kilmoylan burial ground as the result of the collapse of ruinous wall in storm conditions have now been

removed." N.O.M. 52: ROAD SURFACE - CLR. P. MCHUGH. 521

The following is the reply:

"The Council have examined this matter and have no proposals to carry out this work. It is not considered a priority, whilst funds remain scarce."

N.O.M. 53: CARPARKING - CLR. P. MCHUGH 522

The following is the reply:

"There are no proposals to carry out improvement works at Killover Cemetery due to lack of funds. The work is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

N.O.M. 54: SPEED LIMIT SIGNS - CLR. J. MCCLEARN 523

The following is the reply:

"This would not accord with National Policy where a blanket speed limit applies nationally to all roads except where 30 m.p.h. or 40 m.p.h. speed limits apply."

N.O.M. 55: REMOVAL OF BANKS - CLR. J. MCCLEARN 524

The following is the reply:

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

N.O.M. 56: SIGNS - CLR. J. MCCLEARN 525

The following is the reply:

"Height restrictions are in operation at the above dump. Signs were erected to inform road users of a turning opportunity before reaching the dump."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Lucy...
(Chairman)

24/02/92
(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

21u la Eanair, 1992.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, an 27u la Eanair, 1992, ag tosnú ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH.
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A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.
Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 13/12/'91
Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on the 20/12/'91
Minutes of Special Meeting held on the 10/01/'92.
2. Request from Oughterard/Plouagat Twinning Committee for funding towards Twinning in April, 1992.
3. Report on Audit of Accounts of the River Fergus Joint Drainage Committee for Year Ending 31/12/'90.
4. Sale of Plot of Land to Kieran Mullins, Kylebrack West, Loughrea - Section 83 Notice dated 30th December, 1991 refers.
5. Establishment of River Shannon Authority - deferred from previous Meeting.
6. National Housing Conference - Kilkenny 1st, 2nd and 3rd April, 1992.
7. All Ireland Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting in Dundalk on 31st January, 1992.
8. L.A.M.A. Annual Conference - Donegal - 23rd/24th April, 1992.

9. Headage Payments.
10. Leader Project.
11. Business submitted by the County Manager.
12. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:-

(a) Adjourned from Previous Meeting.

Councillor J. McDonagh - I will propose.

13. That Galway County Council carry out examination with a view to implementing drainage plan for Cemetary and Safety Plan for River Area (details enclosed).

(b) Other Motions received.

Councillor J. McDonagh - I will propose.

14. That Village signs be erected at Rosscahill.

15. That Galway County Council put in being safety regulatioons at School area (Details herewith).

Councillors J. McDonagh and E. Varley - We will propose.

16. That Galway County Council outline to us the current position re proposed group water scheme; when is it proposed to undertake initial work and approval of grant for this scheme (details enclosed).

Councillor Matt Loughnane - I will propose.

17. That offers of grant in respect of L.I.S's be made on a first come first served basis and that a minimum of one month be allowed for the collection of local contribution.

18. That necessary repairs be carried out to the roads mentioned in attached note.

19. That the road be repaired leading to Michael Nevins at Earlsparck, Loughrea.

Councillor Willie Burke - I will propose.

20. What is the present status on making O'Rourke's Cross Ballyshrulc safe.

21. That the Loughrea By-Pass be put on the Agenda for January Meeting for discussion.

22. That a Bottle Bank be provided for the Portumna Region, and located in Portumna Town.

An Comhairleoir S. O'Neachtain - Molaim.

23. That Galway County Council would provide a safe crossing for children on the Galway Spiddal Road at Furbo School due to the high volume of traffic on the road.

24. That Galway County Council would provide a safe crossing for children on the Galway Spiddal Road at Spiddal

School due to the high volume of traffic on the road.

25. Repair the Killanin Road to the Graveyard and as far as Thomas Shaughnessy's.

Councillor Seamus Gavin - I will propose.

26. That Galway County Council investigate the provision of a light at Kinneavey's Public House in Rosscahill. Due to the heavy traffic and congregation of people, such a facility is requested in the interests of safety. As requested earlier signs denoting Rosscahill should also be positioned.

27. That Galway County Council place "Slow" signs or other suitable signs on the County Road on both sides of Tooreeny N.S., Moycullen. Local parents have requested this.

28. That surface water problems at Clydagh - Ardragoole on the N.59 Route be rectified and that extra delinators be provided along this extremely narrow stretch of Road.

Councillor P. Finnegan - I will propose.

29. That this County Council carry out works to make safer the road at Dereen, Tuam where accidents have recently occurred, and that this work would include repairs to the margin to impede vehicles skidding over the side of the road.

30. That this Council repair this road (details supplied).

31. That repairs be carried out to this house (details supplied)

Councillor M. Fahy - I will propose.

32. That Galway County Council build further Local Authority Housing Schemes in Gort, Kinvara, Ardrahan, Clarenbridge, as there is an urgent housing crisis in South Galway Area. The monies would be provided in the 1992 Housing Programme.

33. That Galway County Council carry out repair works on the sea shore at Tawin, Oranmore as Sea Coast Erosion is causing damage to Farmers in this district.

34. That Galway County Council carry out repair works on footpaths and extend lighting on the Loughrea Road at Gort.

Councillor E. Varley - I will propose.

35. That four lights be provided in Headford (details enclosed) and that the voltage be strengthened in existing lights.

36. That two lights be provided at St. Patrick's Church, Kilcoona.

Senator Eamon O'Cuiv - Molain.

37. That repairs be carried out to the Glencochan Road and also to the bridge in Glencochan as a matter of urgency as the sides are gone off it.

38. That urgent repairs be carried out to the Bunahowen Road in Cashel which is in a very bad state of repairs for a long time.

39. 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.

An Comhairleoir Connie Ni Fhatharta - Molain.

40. That An Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe commence construction on the proposed public toilets for Doilin Beach An Cheathru Rua as soon as possible.

41. That Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe resurface and repair the roads Cloch Mor and Banrach, Baile na na hAbhann. These two roads are in a terrible condition and in urgent need of repair.

42. That Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe examine the regional road at Minna Church with a view to provide a speed limit there. There has been a number of accidents on this road for the past number of years.

Deputy Padraic McCormack - I will propose.

43. That improvements be carried out on the New Line Road Cahermorris, near Michael Connolly's house, to alleviate the flooding which occurs there. I will also ask that the trees on the Cahermorris Road, from Michael Greally's corner to John Forde's house be cut back to improve the view at a very dangerous corner there.

44. That Galway County Council carry out repair work to the Minna Road, Inverin, Galway. This road is from the main road at Minna Church to the Strand which serves 8 houses and is in a very bad state of repair.

45. That Galway County Council make provision for a sewerage scheme for Peterswell Village because of the pollution being caused to the water supply there from septic tanks.

Councillor M. Regan - I will propose.

46. That Galway County Council carry out full and proper remedial and improvements to the problems being created by the accumulation of constant flooding on the

Sruthan River, between St. Brigids Vocational School and the Tynagh/Masonbrook/Loughrea Road in Loughrea, the work to be carried out be detailed hereafter, the timescale for same, the reasons for this continuous flooding and if the Council will compensate the residents of Cross Street, Loughrea for the losses which they have suffered as a result of serious flooding on two occasions over the last two months.

47. That Galway County Council would carry out works at Kilmeen on the main Galway/Dublin Road (The road that goes to Portumna), that the Council would improve the lining of the road properly and erect some lights at this junction immediately, before we see more serious accidents like we have seen in the past on this busy main road.

48. 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.

49. That Galway County Council please improve the signs at Glenamaddy Square.

Councillor M. O'Neill - I will propose.

50. That 30 mile per hour speed limit signs be used in the village of Cleggan and that "Children Crossing" road markings be used on both approaches to Cleggan National School.

Councillor P. McHugh - I will propose.

51. That Galway County Council carry out improvements to Graveyard - details enclosed.

52. That Galway County Council remove ditch along roadside and provide surface - details enclosed.

53. That Galway County Council make provision for car parking at Killover Cemetery and provide new entrance gates to same - details enclosed.

Councillor Jimmy McClearn - I will propose.

54. That Galway County Council erect National Speed Limit signs at intervals, on National Primary and National Secondary roads throughout County Galway.

55. That Galway County Council remove the banks and tree from Callanans Road Junction with main Portumna Woodford Road at Clonmoylean.

56. That Galway County Council remove signs at Muinghbaun, Ballycrissane, relating to Capira Dump.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Tiarnan 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, 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; L. Kavanagh, S.E.E., G. Heneghan, Admin. Officer, J. Walsh, S.S.O., and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

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VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to Councillor P. Finnegan and his Family on the tragic death of their Daughter. He proposed that the Meeting adjourn to 3.30 p.m. as a mark of respect. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Quinn who conveyed her sympathy to the Finnegan Family as did all the other Members. The County Manager on his own behalf, and on behalf of the staff joined in the expression of sympathy.

Later at the Meeting Councillor Finnegan thanked the Members and Officials for their expression of sympathy and attendance at the funeral.

The Chairman recommended that proposals for votes of sympathy be confined to Members, Officials and their relatives and that in other cases Members should complete the vote of sympathy forms and give them to the County Secretary to have them included in the Minutes.

Resolutions of Sympathy were also adopted with the following:-

Mr. Michael Byrne, Coolourty, Tuam.
Tom and Mary Forde & Family, Ballyboy, Ardrahan.
Mr. John Lahiffe, Galway Road, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mr. Peter Raftery, Ballygar, Co. Galway.

WELCOME:

When the Meeting resumed the Chairman welcomed Councillor Joe Brennan who had been elected to fill Deputy Kitt's vacancy. Other Members also welcomed Councillor Brennan who suitably replied.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 64929 - APPLICANT - MICHAEL GREENE.

The Meeting was informed that Permission had been granted in this case.

RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1955 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 64062 - APPLICANT - MR. JOSEPH MOONEY.

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

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

LOCATION.

The proposed sites are located on the northern shore of the Doorus peninsula C.500 yards west of Traught Beach.

PLANNING HISTORY.

Ref. No. 64545 - Application for the erection of two houses refused September, 1991 on grounds of visual amenity.
Applicant: J. Mooney.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

The Sites are located in an area zoned outstanding scenic amenity where normally only housing in the essential housing need category is permitted. In addition the houses would be located 60 metres from the shore and would be quite visible from Traught Beach to the east.

Traught Beach is an important recreational amenity and

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tourist location set in an area of unspoilt countryside with panoramic views on all sides. Although the proposed houses would be almost 500 metres away they would, nevertheless, cause an erosion of the scenic and rural character of the area which is comparatively free of housing along this stretch of coastline.

The applicant obtained planning permission for 2 houses approximately 300 metres south of the present sites but stated that he was unable to sell them because they did not have a good view of the coastline. The permission has now lapsed but could be revived if a new application were lodged. This was explained to the applicant who confirmed that there was no essential housing need involved and that the sites would be for sale.

RECOMMENDATION.

The proposed development which is located on the shoreline of the Doorus Peninsula and which is visible from Traught Beach would detract from and interfere with a view of special amenity value which it is necessary to preserve and would thus be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area.

The County Engineer pointed out that an objection had been lodged to the development.

Councillor Fahy said that Mr. Mooney was a small farmer and in 1992 it was bad that a man who owned a small farm could not get planning permission for two houses on it. He said that two dwellinghouses would not make any difference as regards the view and could add to the amenity of the area and it was not the applicants intention to apply for any more houses. He said the applicant genuinely applied for two houses and was refused by the planning authority in September, 1991. He said the applicant was agreeable to comply with any requirements of the planning authority and it was a disgrace the way the applicant was being treated. Councillor Fahy referred to a Millionaire getting permission for a village of houses. He said it was not his wish or the applicants wish that the application would have to be the subject of a Section 4 Resolution and he proposed that permission be granted.

Councillor Byrne said that he supported the granting of permission. He said he knew Traught Beach better than most and was glad to see it being developed. He referred to the fact that the two houses would be 500 yards west of Traught Beach, and he said that the statement in the report that the houses would be quite visible from Traught Beach to the East deserved some analysis. He said that people went to Traught Beach to enjoy the view and not to look behind them. He

said he remembered an application from Shannon Development for a complex of buildings on the East side of the carpark at Traught Beach and the only problem raised was the water supply and nothing about amenity. Councillor Byrne said there was now an application for two houses on the West side and surely it was within the scope of the Council to grant permission to the applicant who needed the money from the sites to improve his home. He said if the application was from a consortium for a complex of houses there would be no problem with it and he said he felt sore about anomalies in planning decisions. He referred to a scene in Kinvara Bay which was sacred as regards being kept free from development and that scene was broken during 1991 by the granting of permission and not by Members of the Council. He said they should get together some day to look at anomalies in permissions. He said he questioned the statement that the two houses would interfere with a view and there was no strand in Ireland where one couldn't see houses from. He appealed to the Officials and the County Manager to abide by the decision of the Members.

Councillor Joe Burke said that he was not familiar with the merits of the Application and was only aware of the professional advice of the County Engineer which he would be slow to disregard. He referred to the fact that permission had been granted previously for two houses south of the present site and that these could be reviewed. He said the houses proposed would only be 60 metres from the shoreline and asked if this was a sufficient distance.

Councillor Cunningham said that he supported the granting of permission. He said that the sites were on the left hand side of the road and as you come by car the houses would not be in your view. He said that the houses would not be as near to the sea as the public toilets. He said that when he was in Gweedore, Donegal, he saw hundreds of houses built near the Sea and they were a credit to Donegal County Council.

Deputy McCormack said that he supported the granting of permission and that he was familiar with Traught Beach. He said that he was interested in the County Engineer's statement that the lapsed permission of two houses would be favourably reconsidered. He said that he was aware of applications which lapsed and were refused when re-applied for. Councillor Loughnane said that he would like clarification as to whether the County Engineer said that he would recommend permission on the two sites where the permission had lapsed.

The County Engineer said that he wished to refute Councillor's Fahy statement that the houses could add to the scenic amenity of the area. He said that the

location of the houses would interfere with a view of special amenity value which should be preserved and that the location was in an area of outstanding scenic amenity. Referring to Councillor Fahy's statement that the applicant would be willing to comply with any requirements of the planning authority, the County Engineer said that the planning authority would be willing to consider sites on other parts of the farm holding and also the two sites where the permission had lapsed. Referring to Councillor Byrnes comment about the application of Shannon Development, the County Engineer said that development would not have been as obtrusive as these two houses and such development would be considered under the Plan. As regards the public toilets, the County Engineer said that this was an amenity area and there had been complaints over the years of the lack of facilities and the Council provided toilets there in accordance with National Policy to improve facilities at Beaches.

Councillor Byrne said that the sites where the permission had lapsed were not saleable sites. The County Engineer said that Councillor Byrnes statement was not a valid planning consideration.

Councillor Brennan said that during the life of the last Council, Mr. Callagy showed a display of slides showing houses which spoiled views and landscapes etc. and he would welcome a similar presentation from Mr. Callagy again. Councillor Brennan also said that the Members of the last Council were advised not to introduce non planning matters and asked if that position still remained. The County Manager replied that the Law Agent had given that advice. Deputy McCormack said that he would not like people to think that the examples of bad planning shown by Mr. Callagy were the result of Section 4 Resolutions.

Councillor McClearn said that he was interested in keeping people in rural areas. He said there was no point in giving planning permission if the houses could not be sold. He said that Councillors had to deal with the real world and while there must be regard for the environment, regard must also be had for people. Councillor Brennan asked if a decision could be deferred to allow discussions take place and was advised that discussions had taken place with the applicant.

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

FOR: Councillors Byrne, Callanan, Deputy Cónnaughton, Senator O'Cuiv, Councillors Fahy, Finnegan, Finnerty, Gavin, Senator Hussey, Councillors Loughnane, Mannion, McClearn, Deputy McCormack, Councillors McDonagh, McHugh, Mullins, NiFhatharta,

O'Neachtain, O'Sullivan, Quinn, Regan,
Ryan and Walsh. (23)

AGAINST: Councillors Burke, Brennan, O'Neill,
O'Tuathail and Varley. (5)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

Deputy McCormack said that there would be merit in having a Meeting of the Council in Committee to discuss planning decisions. He said it would be desirable for the Members to put their points of view to the Planning Officials and he proposed that the Matter be put on the next Agenda. He said that he is away from Galway on the days that Planning Officials are available for discussions.

The County Manager said that there was no problem with Deputy McCormack's proposal but he was concerned about loose references to anomalies in planning decisions which might reflect on the Planning Staff. He said that there were anomalies in the case of (a) Section 4(b) Departures from normal planning principles to facilitate special circumstances, (c) The new provision in the Plan for Touristic Developments and (d) an ordinary error of judgement. He said there was a constant effort by the Staff to be consistent in decisions, and if a list of cases was submitted he would be happy to examine them. He said a reference had been made at the Meeting about a permission granted in Kinvara and said that the permission was only granted after a lot of soul searching and because of the very genuine housing need. He said there was also reference to the public toilets at Traught and pointed out that these were provided as a Public Amenity in accordance with Department Policy and as required by the Planning Acts to provide and improve Amenity.

Councillor McHugh said that if Councillors have problems they should discuss them with the Planning Officials. Councillor O'Tuathail said that he would favour a meeting in committee to discuss some problems. This was also supported by Councillor O'Neachtain and Senator O'Cuiv who also referred to his previous request for details for planning refusals in West Galway by reason of septic tank problems. The County Manager informed Senator O'Cuiv that information had been abstracted for the year ended December, 1991 and this would be supplied to him. The County Manager also said that he hoped that it would be possible to have the discussion on the Puraflo System for the February Planning Meeting and he also mentioned new regulations regarding septic tanks which had just been introduced by the Department of the

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Environment.

Councillor Loughnane said that the County Development Plan required to be reviewed urgently. The Secretary stated that the review of the Town Plans was more urgent and that these should be finalised before another review of the County Plan. He said that there were four town plans on public display at present and these would come back before the Council in April. He said that the Loughrea Plan would come before the Council in February. Councillor Loughnane asked that the By-Pass be included in the Loughrea Plan.

The Chairman decided that Deputy McCormack's proposal would be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE AT MULLAGHMORE (THE BURREN)

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Councillor Byrne introduced Fr. J. O'Donoghue to present the case against the location of the Interpretative Centre at Mullaghmore. Fr. O'Donoghue then addressed the Members saying that he was originally from the Burren area and represented the Burren Action Group. He said that the group was non-political and had no vested interest and only wanted to ensure that the Burren was not destroyed. He said that nobody would be interested in the Burren if money was not to be made out of it. Fr. O'Donoghue said that his group were not elitist and were not against development. He said there was no consultation whatever with the people of the area and the Office of Public Works now admitted that this was a mistake. Fr. O'Donoghue said that the people did not want an Interpretative Centre imposed on them and he wanted to make it clear that they were not against an Interpretative Centre, just the proposed location of it. He said that the mountain at Mullaghmore was unique, a virgin wilderness and unfolded to your perception. He named a number of locations where the Interpretative Centre could be built, such as Corofin, Killnaboy, or Kilfenora or Leamanagh Castle. If the O.P.W. was willing to relocate the Interpretative Centre to one of these locations, the action groups' objections would disappear. Fr. O'Donoghue said that the proposal would result in six permanent jobs increasing to ten during the tourist season and the violation of the Burren was too great for six jobs. He said an Environmental Impact Study was being done at present, but the location was not even in the Brief of the E.I.S. Fr. O'Donoghue asked for the Council's support for the preparation of a new plan for the Burren which would take into account the whole region and that small centres be identified each of which could promote one aspect of the Burren culture. If the plan as proposed went ahead, it would create a precedent for the rest of the Burren. Fr. O'Donoghue said that An Taisce and other environmental bodies were against the proposed location.

A short discussion took place during which some members said that they were not sure what role the Council had to play in the matter, as the development was located in County Clare. Most members agreed that the Council should await the outcome of the Environmental Impact Study. The Members also said that it was important that the E.E.C. Grants should not be lost to the Region, and that the number of jobs being created seemed to be small. The County Manager said that one of the important considerations was that the Burren did not lose the project. Councillor Brennan said that it would be beneficial if the different groups could be brought together and suggested that the Chairman might contact the Chairman of Clare County Council about this suggestion. The Chairman said that there was a consensus of opinion and to await the result of the Environmental Impact Study.

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The County Manager pointed out that the New Road was in the administrative area of the County Council and the Corporation. The Members agreed that there should be an Official Opening. After some discussion it was agreed that the Minister for the Environment, Chairman of Galway County Council and the Mayor of Galway Corporation should be involved in the Opening Ceremony.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF TEAGASC CENTRES. 460

The Chairman said that he wished to thank the Members, the County Manager and County Development Officer who went on the Deputation to the Director and Chairman of Teagasc on the 3rd January, 1991 in Dublin. He said that the Deputation had made an excellent case and were well received and got a positive response. He said that the attitude of Mr. Joe Rea, Chairman of Teagasc was that following the Minister's statement, things would remain as they were. However, he felt that it was necessary to keep interested and to keep in touch with the issue. The Members expressed satisfaction with the result of the Deputation, although Councillor Loughnane cautioned that a final decision had yet to be made. He thanked the press for the coverage of the affair. Satisfaction was also expressed at the decision to keep the Galway Advisory Office open and it was hoped that the other Advice Centres would also remain open.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS. 461

The Chairman allowed Councillor Gavin to raise the following items.

- (a) Councillor Gavin said that new requirements had been introduced for the payment of headage

payments, and he asked that this matter be put on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

- (b) Councillor Gavin said that many people were not satisfied that development taking place on Inchagill Island was being carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted. He said one wall of a Monastery had been demolished and that there was now a dump on the Island. He asked for a report for the next Meeting.

- (c) Councillor Gavin referred to development taking place at Birch Hall, Oughterard where it appeared that appartments were being constructed instead of houses. He said that a thatched cottage was also being developed as two houses. He asked for a report for the next Meeting.

FLOODING AT KNOCKNACARRAGH 462

With the permission of the Chairman Councillor O'Neachtain raised the matter of flooding at Knocknacarragh. He asked the Council to get in touch with the Corporation to have the matter rectified.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

Seamus Walsh
(Chairman)

7/2/92
(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

3u la Eanair, 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 Eanair, 1992, ag tosnu ar a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O'CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

1. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant full Planning Permission for a dwellinghouse and septic tank at Mountain West, Oranmore, to Mr. Michael Greene, 23, Wellpark Grove, Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 64929."

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

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to decide to grant Outline Planning Permission for two dwellinghouses and septic tanks at Knockakilleen, Kinvara, to Mr. Joseph Mooney, Knockakilleen, Kinvara, Co. Galway. - Planning Ref. No. 64062."

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

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OTHER BUSINESS:

3. Galway Eastern Approach Road (Official Opening, etc.).
4. Interpretative Centre at Mullaghmore (The Burren).

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Joe Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O. Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, 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; Gavin, Assistant County Manager; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; G. Henagh and T. Coughlan, Administrative Officers; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

MINUTES:

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On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Loughnane, the Minutes of Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 11th November, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor O'Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the Minutes of Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 18th November, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor M. Fahy, seconded by Councillor Cunningham, the Minutes of Council Meeting held on 25th November, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the Minutes of Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 25th November, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by

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Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 3rd December, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Minutes of Arts Committee Meeting held on 20th November, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Deputy McCormack said that he would like clarification in relation to Minute No. 142 of 13th September, 1991, and Minute No. 233 of 29th October, 1991, relating to the Planning Application of Richard Mulkerrins. The Secretary stated that the Law Agent had advised that the Minutes, including Deputy McCormack's amendment, made no difference in relation to the decision made. Deputy McCormack said that it did make a difference as the Legal Advice to the County Manager said that he (Deputy McCormack) did not repudiate the County Engineer's statement and the Minute did not include his statement that no other suitable location was available. Deputy McCormack said that he was strongly of the opinion that the new entrance eliminates a hazard.

The County Manager said that Deputy McCormack's opinion would not overrule the expert opinion of the County Engineer in relation to road traffic matters. The County Manager said that Deputy McCormack had made his opinion known and this was recorded in the Minutes.

Councillor Gavin referred to Minute No. 339 and said that Circular Road, Moycullen, should read Clooniffe Road, Moycullen.

OVERDRAFT FOR 6 MONTHS ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1992:

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of Overdraft to the extent of £3 million on the Council's Revenue and Capital Accounts for the period of 6 months ending on the 30th June, 1992, subject to the sanction of the Minister for the Environment."

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO GOVERNING BODY OF U.C.G.:

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The Secretary stated that all the procedures had been complied for the election of a representative on to the Governing Body of U.C.G. He said that nomination papers were to be returned to the County Secretary by the 26th November, 1991. Only one nomination paper was received signed by Councillor Mannion and Deputy Connaughton nominating Councillor T. Walsh. That nomination was now before the Council for decision.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, it was agreed that Councillor T. Walsh be elected as the Council's representative on the Governing Body of U.C.G. for the period of office commencing on 1st February, 1992.

FILLING OF CASUAL VACANCY ON GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL:

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Councillor Joe Callanan proposed that Mr. James Joyce, Laurencetown, be elected to fill the vacancy. This proposal was seconded by Councillor O'Sullivan.

Councillor Mannion proposed that Mr. Joe Brennan, Sarsfield Road, Ballinasloe, be elected to fill the vacancy. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Joe Burke.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Joyce and Mr. Brennan had consented in writing to be elected to fill the vacancy on Galway County Council.

A noisy debate followed during which various points were made for and against the principle that the party who lost the seat should retain it. When some Councillors refused to resume their seats, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting until 3.50 p.m.

When the Meeting resumed, Senator Hussey asked the Chairman to allow each Member to speak who wished to do so. The Chairman said that he would allow discussion up to 4.15 p.m. and the vote would then be taken. Councillors Cunningham, McHugh, Callanan and Gavin spoke in relation to the filling of the vacancy. A vote was then taken on the two proposals which resulted as follows:

FOR JAMES JOYCE: Councillor J. Callanan, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, and M. Regan.

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FOR JOE BRENNAN: Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillors M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

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The Chairman declared Mr. Joe Brennan elected to fill the vacancy on Galway County Council. Councillor Callanan congratulated Councillor Brennan

on his election but said he was disappointed that Mr. Joyce was not successful. Councillor Mullins also congratulated Mr. Brennan.

FLOODING IN GRANGE/TURLOUGHMORE AREA:

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With the permission of the Chairman, Deputy McCormack proposed the following motion:

"That the balance of the £19,150 allocated for the road raising in Coolarne/Grange area be transferred for payment to the Coolarne Drainage Committee who have carried out the necessary work to relieve the road flooding in the Grange/Turloughmore area (this is the remainder of the £45,000, the other part of which was allocated in a similar motion by this Council on the 22nd July, 1991)."

The motion was seconded by Councillor McDonagh. The County Engineer said that the Engineering staff were not satisfied with the work done and he would not be able to certify payment until everything was satisfactory. The Chairman declared the motion carried subject to the County Engineer being satisfied with the work.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINEES OF ORANMORE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION AND MAREE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION TO RINVILLE PARK COMMITTEE:

407

The Secretary stated that there were two vacancies on the Rinville Park Committee for nominees of two local community associations, one nominee to be appointed by the County Council and one by the Corporation. However, what had happened in the past was that the County Council and the Corporation approved of both nominees. He said that the Maree Community Development Association had nominated Mr. Pat Rhattigan and the Oranmore Community Development Association Limited had nominated Mr. Bernard O'Connor.

On the proposition of Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Byrne, the Council agreed to the nominations of Mr. Pat Rhattigan and Mr. Bernard O'Connor to fill the two vacancies on the Rinville Park Committee.

Deputy McCormack was informed that a meeting of the Committee would be held soon after the appointments are made.

LEVY UNDER DERELICT SITES ACT, 1990:

408

The Secretary referred to Circular dated 22nd November, 1991, from Department of Environment regarding the commencement of the Derelict Sites Levy which had been circulated to each Member. He said

that the Minister for the Environment had made an Order bringing the levy into force from 1st January, 1992, and the levy would be at the rate of 3% of the market value of urban land. He said that in so far as the County Council was concerned, the only urban land was in the towns of Tuam and Loughrea.

Councillor Loughnane said that there should be a clearer definition of Derelict Site. He said that a house under reconstruction or property for sale should not be subject to the levy and he asked for a more lenient interpretation.

Mr. Joe Gavin read out the definition of a Derelict Site from the 1990 Act. He said the definition was very broad and the purpose of the Act was to have derelict sites removed which were a blight on many villages and countryside. He said that the Council could not ignore a property just because of a "Form Sale" sign. He said that any owner served with a notice could make representations and the Council would consider same. He said that to date there were 12 derelict sites in Loughrea in the Register and 10 in Tuam.

Councillor Callanan proposed that the Minister be asked to re-introduce grants for work on derelict sites. This was seconded by Councillor Regan and agreed. Deputy Connaughton said that the new Derelict Sites Act was a welcome piece of legislation and he asked the Council Officials to keep up the momentum in dealing with the derelict sites. Councillor Finnegan asked what would happen if an owner did not comply with a notice. Mr. Gavin said that on conviction, heavy Fines could be imposed and also imprisonment.

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER TO RIVER SHANNON FORUM:

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Councillor Ryan proposed that Councillor McClearn be appointed to the River Shannon Forum. This was seconded by Councillor McDonagh.

Senator Hussey proposed that Councillor Regan be appointed to the River Shannon Forum. This was seconded by Councillor Finnegan. A vote taken resulted as follows:

FOR COUNCILLOR MCCLEARN:

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy P. Connaughton, Councillor M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, J. Mannion, J. McClearn, Deputy P. McCormack, Councillors J. McDonagh, M. Mullins, M. O'Neill, P. O'Tuathail, M. Ryan, E. Varley, and T. Walsh.

(15)

FOR COUNCILLOR REGAN:

Councillors J. Callanan, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors M. Loughnane, P. McHugh, C. Ni Phatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, and M. Regan.

(10)

The Chairman declared Councillor McClearn nominated to to the River Shannon Forum.

ESTABLISHMENT OF RIVER SHANNON AUTHORITY:

410

It was agreed to defer this item.

SHEEP DIPPING MEETING:

411

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Fahy, the attendance of Councillor McDonagh, Councillor Mannion, and Councillor Callanan, at a Sheep Dipping Meeting in Roscommon on 22nd November, 1991, was approved.

SUB-REGIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

412

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Finnerty, the attendance of Councillor ??? instead of Councillor Gavin at a Sub-Regional Review Committee Meeting on 25th October, 1991, was approved.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF TEAGASC AGRICULTURAL CENTRES AT ATHENRY AND BELCLARE:

413

The County Manager stated that the Chairman and Director of Teagasc would receive a deputation from the Council at 12 noon on Friday, 3rd January, 1992. The County Manager said he understood it had been decided to close the Agricultural Advice Centres at Headford, Loughrea, and Galway City, and that many people were very concerned at the loss of this service. The Chairman said that the closure of the sub-offices was a big blow to farmers and said this matter should also be raised by the Deputation. Councillor McHugh said it was important that Athenry and Belclare be treated together, and he deplored the proposed closure of the Headford office.

Senator Hussey said that he and the other Members of the Oireachtas had met the Minister for Agriculture and had a frank meeting with him. He said that the Minister had no proposals from Teagasc to close the Centres and the Minister undertook to visit each of them. Deputy Connaughton said that numerous educational centres which had been provided in the past number of years at great expense were now being closed, and it looked as if the whole structure of the system was being dismantled.

Councillor Mannion said it would be necessary for the

deputation to come together before meeting Teagasc. Councillor Loughnane said it would be too late to meet on the 3rd January, and it was then decided that the deputation would meet on Tuesday, 31st January, at 2.30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

MULLAGHMORE INTERPRETATIVE CENTRE:

414

Councillor Cunningham said that this matter had been deferred at a previous meeting and it was now time to put it back on the Agenda. It was agreed to put the matter on the Agenda for the Monthly Meeting on the 27th January, 1992.

WATER SUPPLY FOR NEWBRIDGE/BALLYGAR AREA:

415

Deputy Connaughton said that some time ago, a group scheme was formed to provide a group water scheme for the Newbridge/Ballygar area. The source was to be the Mountbellew Regional Water Supply Scheme. However, the source was found to be insufficient to supply to the Newbridge/Ballygar area and that group then disbanded. Deputy Connaughton said that there was now a problem with the water supply in the Caltra/Castleblakeney area and he understood that the Council was now going to use the Mountbellew Scheme to augment the Caltra/Castleblakeney scheme. He said if water was available from the Mountbellew Scheme source, it should be used for the Newbridge/Ballygar scheme and that the Department should be required to provide a Secondary Grant for the Caltra/Castleblakeney Scheme.

GALWAY/BARNA/SPIDDAL ROAD:

416

Councillor O'Neachtain asked when would a report be available on road proposals for the Galway/Barna/Spiddal road area.

The County Manager said that a plan has been prepared and the Council was in discussion with the Corporation about it.

The County Manager also informed Councillor O'Neachtain that the discussion on septic tanks would take place at the January or February Meeting.

ROAD SIGNS:

417

Councillor Gavin asked that the road signs in Moycullen which had been taken down be replaced.

LOUGHREA BY-PASS:

418

The County Engineer informed Councillor Regan that the survey work had only been completed and that the Design work had now commenced. He said that the Design Staff were in touch with the Department of the Environment as to how junctions should be treated,

etc. He said that Members would be able to make their views known when the plan is brought before the Council.

GREETINGS:

419

The Chairman wished all the Members and Staff a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

SYMPATHY:

420

A Resolution of sympathy were adopted with Mrs. Sadie Bermingham & Family, Ardrahan, Co. Galway.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTION:

N.O.M. NO. 15: BOITHRE - AN COMH. P. O'TUATHAIL:

421

Seo léanas an freagra:

"Beidh muid ag scrúdu cas na mboithre thuas luaite chomh maith le boithre eile nuair a bheidh muid ag cuir an sceim deisiúchan bothar 1992 le cheile."

N.O.M. NO. 16: DUMP - COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN:

422

The following is the reply:

"The alleged dump is located on private property adjacent to a private road. It is not visible from a public place and is not located in a public place therefore the Council is not in a position to take any action under the Litter Act. However, if the land owned is identified the Council will initiate action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990."

N.O.M. NO. 17: FLOODING - CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN:

423

The following is the reply:

"A new soak pit was newly installed at Roscahill which should alleviate the flooding problem. The problem on the Moycullen Road would require raising the road at the trouble spot. Work of this nature would require substantial funding. It will be considered in the context of the 1992 proposals for discretionary grants."

N.O.M. NO. 18: ROADWORKS - CLR. SEAMUS GAVIN:

424

The following is the reply:

"A revised design is being prepared for this section of the N59. On completion it will be referred to the Department of the Environment."

N.O.M. NO. 19: OPEN SPACE - DEP. P. MCCORMACK: 425

The following is the reply:

"I am to advise you that the Council will be making provision for open space in the Cullairbaun Estate but it is the intention of the Council to build further houses on some of the land at Cullairbaun. A deputation from the residents of the Cullairbaun Estate were recently met by the Assistant County Manager and details of the proposed open space and recreational facilities will be forwarded to the Members of the deputation at an early date."

N.O.M. NO. 20: COASTAL EROSION - DEP. P. MCCORMACK: 426

The following is the reply:

"This matter is being examined by our Technical Staff at present and a report will issue as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 21: ROAD REPAIRS - DEP. P. MCCORMACK: 427

The following is the reply:

"Repairs were recently carried out at the above location."

N.O.M. NO. 22: - WATER PUMP - CLR. M. REGAN: 428

The following is the reply:

"The most recent bacteriological results show a coliform content of G.C.C 160/100ml, E. Coli 260/100 ml. The chemical results indicated that the iron and colour were above their respective maximum admissible concentration under the Drinking Water Regulations, 1988 and the Surface Water Regulations 1989. A Notice has been placed on the hand pump advising people not to drink the water."

The general area will be investigated for obvious sources of pollution, however, it is improbable that any single source will be identified and if it is, it will be difficult to prove that it is the source of pollution."

N.O.M. NO. 23: DUMP - CLR. E. VARLEY: 429

The following is the reply:

"The dump at Carrowbrowne is the responsibility of Galway Corporation and we have referred your representations to the Town Clerk"

N.O.M. NO. 24: PUBLIC LIGHTING - CLR. P. FINNEGAN: 430

The following is the reply:

"The provision of public lighting at the above locations will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 25: FENCE - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 431

The following is the reply:

"Funds have been made available to carry out the above works and it is intended to erect the fence in early January 1992."

N.O.M. NO. 26: BURIAL GROUND - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 432

The following is the reply:

"Galway County Council is endeavouring to acquire suitable lands at Boyhill to extend the existing Burial Ground. Investigations are on-going and in the interim, development works have been carried out to the existing burial ground to provide additional burial plots."

N.O.M. NO. 27: PARKING AREA - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 433

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have the above works carried out under the 1992 Surface Dressing Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 28: ROAD SIGN - SEN. E. O'CUIV: 434

The following is the reply:

"The above sign will be erected within the next few weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 29: LIGHTING - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 435

The following is the reply:

"Five new lights will be provided at the above location before the end of the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 30: CAUSEWAY - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 436

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have the above works carried out early in 1992. It should be noted that the above damage was caused by vandals."

N.O.M. NO. 31: FOOTPATHS - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 437

The following is the reply:

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

N.O.M. NO. 32: FOOTPATHS - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 438

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have some repairs carried out at the above location early in the new year."

N.O.M. NO. 33: HARD SHOULDER - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 439

The following is the reply:

"As the above location is the National Secondary Route N.18 provision of hard shoulders is 100% Exchequer funded. No funds were provided by the Department of the Environment for hard shoulders in 1991. The 1992 Road Grants allocations have not been notified to date."

N.O.M. NO. 34: STREET LIGHTS - CLR. W. BURKE: 440

The following is the reply:

"The above location will be considered along with others in the preparation of the 1992 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 35: LIGHTS - CLR. W. BURKE: 441

The following is the reply:

"The E.S.B. have informed that the lights in question will be erected before the end of the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 36: HEDGES - CLR. W. BURKE: 442

The following is the reply:

"This road will be included in the hedge cutting programme for 1992"

N.O.M. NO. 37: SAFE CROSSING - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 443

The following is the reply:

"It is recommended that a Junior School Warden scheme be implemented at this location. It is ideally located in the 30 mile speed limit zone and has footpaths both sides of the road."

N.O.M. NO. 38: DUMPING - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 444

The following is the reply:

"The alleged dump is located on private property adjacent to a private road. It is not visible from a public place and is not located in a public place therefore the Council is not in a position to take any action under the Litter Act. However, if the land owner is identified the Council

will initiate action under the Derelict Sites Act 1990."

N.O.M. NO. 39: ROADS - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN: 445

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. NO. 40: WATER PUMP - CLR. J. McCLEARN: 446

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have repairs carried out to the above water pump early in 1992."

N.O.M. NO. 41: LIGHTING - CLR. J. McCLEARN: 447

The following is the reply:

"An application for funding for the provision of Traffic Route Lighting at the above junction has been sent to the Department of the Environment for approval."

N.O.M. NO. 42: LIGHTING - CLR. J. McCLEARN: 448

the following is the reply:

"There are no funds available for Traffic Route Lighting at present. A scheme for Killimor will be prepared and put in the Traffic Route Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 43: ROAD - CLR. J. BURKE: 449

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 to Athlone.

Any upgrading of this road is a matter for the Department of the Environment."

N.O.M. NO. 44: CEMETERY - CLR. J. McDONAGH: 450

The following is the reply:

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

N.O.M. NO. 45: FLOODING - CLR. J. McDONAGH: 451

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have the above work carried out early in the new year."

N.O.M. NO. 46: ROAD - CLR. J. McDONAGH: 452

The following is the reply:

"The junction in question is being examined by the Design Section to determine whether any improvements are necessary. A further report will be issued in due course."

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

Thomas Walsh
(Chairman)

7/2/92
(Date)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

13u la Nollag, 1991.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, ar h-Aoine, an 20u la Nollag, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.00 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH.
RUNAI .

AGENDA

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.
 - (a) Statutory Estimates Meeting held on 11/11/1991.
 - (b) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 18/11/1991.
 - (c) Council Meeting held on 25th November, 1991.
 - (d) Adjourned Estimates Meeting held on 25/11/1991. (Copies of Tables A, B1, and D as adopted are attached to Minutes.)
 - (e) Monthly Meeting held on 3/12/1991.
 - (f) Arts Committee Meeting held on 20/11/1991.
2. Approval of Overdraft for 6 months to 30th June, 1992.
3. Appointment of Member to Government Body of U.C.G.
4. Filling of Casual Vacancy on Galway County Council - the written consent of any person being proposed must be given in advance to the County Secretary.
5. Appointment of nominees of Oranmore Development Association and Maree Development Association to Rinville Park Committee.
6. Commencement of Derelict Sites Levy under Derelict Sites Act, 1990. Copy of Department of the Environment Circular dated 22nd November, 1991, attached.

- 7. (a) Appointment of one Member to River Shannon Forum.
(b) Letter from River Shannon Forum dated 30th October, 1991, re establishment of River Shannon Authority.
- 8. Proposed closure of Mellows Agricultural College, Athenry.
- 13. Business submitted by the County Manager.
- 14. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS:

- 15. AN COMHAIRLEOIR PEADAR O' TUATHAIL: - Molaim:
Go gcuirfi na boithre seo leanas sna Meastuchain 1992, ta an droch bhail orthu faoi lathair:
- an bothar o teach a phosta Leitirmeallan go bothar Fhoirneise, Leitirmeallan.
- an bothar to teach Cholm O Ceidigh go bothar Leitircaladh, Doirin Glas.
- an bothar o teach Mairtin Mac Donnacha, Pouleywerrin, Leitirmoir - suas go dti an teach Mairead Bn Ui Laoi.
COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN: - I will propose:
16. That Galway County Council examine the dumping of matter on Leitir Road (off Doon Road) in Rosscahill. This is a source of great annoyance to many residents in the area.
17. Could the County Council investigate flooding problems on the N.59 route at Rosscahill - across the road from the road leading to Killannin - and also flooding problems on the mountain - An Spideal road above Moycullen Village.
18. That Galway County Council prepare plans to have roadworks carried out in the vicinity of Clydagh-Killagoola Road bridge on the N.59 National Secondary Route. This section of roadway is becoming increasingly dangerous.
DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:
19. That the open space at Cullairbaun Estate, Athenry, be defined by the County Council and marked off so that the local residents can develop this open space for the benefit of the 63 houses.
20. That Galway County Council carry out remedial work to prevent coastal erosion at Tawin, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
21. That essential repair works be carried out on the Knockavaddy to Shannafhriochog Road, Furbo, as it is in a bad state. I will also propose that essential repairs be carried out on the Stripe Road, Furbo, past Furbo Church.
COUNCILLOR MICHAEL REGAN: - I will propose:
22. That Galway County Council provide an investigation into the condition of the water pump at Duniry Cross as this pump is not fit for human consumption for the past 3 years.
COUNCILLOR EVELYN VARLEY: - I will propose:
23. That Galway County Council ensure that the Corporations screens its dump at Sylau in the interest of visual amenity.



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COUNCILLOR PAT FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

24. That public lighting be erected in the coming year at Sylau N.S. and Killaloonty, Tuam.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

25. That the Council erect a fence at (details supplied).
26. That the Council be brought up to date on plans for the extension to the Burial Ground at Athenry.
27. That the Council carry out the necessary blacktopping in the parking area in front of Coldwood N.S. where Social Employment Scheme work was carried out in past years.

SENATOR EAMON O'CUIV: - I will propose:

28. To ask Galway County Council when they intend replacing the "Leenane" name sign on the approach to Leenane from the Maam side which has been missing from some considerable time.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: - I will propose:

29. That Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe provide An Cheathrú Rua village with new and better lighting.
30. That Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe repair the walls on the Causeway at Bealadangan, Annaghvane and Lettermore, which are in extremely dangerous condition. These walls are in a terrible condition and local people are worried that there may be an accident on the Causeways.

31. That Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe repair and provide footpaths from the Secondary School in Aille to the post Office (approx. 3/4 mile). This is an extremely busy road with alot of young children walking to and from school.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: - I will propose:

32. That repairs be carried out to some of the footpaths on the Ennis Road. If finance is not available, I would ask they be included in the Estimates for coming year.
33. I have been approached by a rep. of the Board of Management of Lough Cutra N.S., regarding their request to have hard shoulder provided at school extending to the Ennis side and Gort side of the school for safety for children being taken to and from school.

COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE: - I will propose:

34. That an allocation from the 1992 Budget be made available for the erection of three street lights on Rockhill Road, Woodford.
35. That the three lights agreed in the 1991 Estimates for Gurteeney be erected in 1991.
36. That the hedges be trimmed in Gortaha Road, Portumna.

COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: - I will propose:

37. That the Council would provide a safe crossing for children on the Galway/Spiddal Road at Barna School due to the high volume of traffic on the road.
38. That the Council would take immediate steps to clear up the illegal dump at Letter, Killannin.
39. That roads at Aille, Barna, Corbally and Drum roads in the Boleybeg area be repaired as a matter of urgency.

COUNCILLOR JIMMY MCCLEARN: - I will propose:

40. Give date for completion of repairs to water pump at Kylemore Abbey, Loughrea.
41. That lighting be provided at the junction of the N.6 and the N.65 at Kilmeen, Loughrea.
42. That national route lighting be provided at the following location (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR JOE BURKE: - I will propose:

43. That joint action with Roscommon County Council should be taken to upgrade the Tuam, Mountbellew, Ballyforan, Athlone Road.

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor Tiarnan Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, 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, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and E. Varley.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; J. Crotty, Acting County Engineer; B. Callagy, S.E.E. (Planning); G. Heneghan, T. Coughlan, Administrative Officers; Miss J. Forde, Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Micheal O Domhnaill, An Cheathru Rua.
Mr. Denis Tierney, Doograne, Loughrea.
Mr. Eamon O'Flaherty & Family, Killanin, Rosscahill.
The Murphy Family, Carheens, Headford.
The Flynn Family, Ballynalty.

DRAFT PLANS FOR SCHEDULED TOWNS OF TUAM, GORT, ATHENRY
AND CLIFDEN AND TUAM ENVIRONS PLAN: 394

The Secretary stated that the reiew of the Development Plans for the Scheduled Towns of Tuam, Gort, Athenry and Clifden and the Draft Tuam Environs Plan had to be completed by April 1992. He said that the Draft Plans for these towns had been considered at Meetings of the relevant Electoral Areas and approved by them, and were now coming back before the whole Council. He asked the Council's approval to put the

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Draft Plans on public display for the three month statutory period after which they will come back again before the Council. Three extra pages, common to each of the four Town Plans were circulated to the Members and Mr. Callagy explained that they related to site dimensions, density, etc.

Deputy Connaughton enquired if the Members could make Amendments to the Plans after publication. The County Manager explained that it would be in order to make Amendments, but if the Amendments amounted to Material alterations, it would be necessary to republish the Plans. In relation to the Clifden Draft Plan, Councillor Mannion said there was duplication on pages 24 and 28 relating to density and he proposed that the reference on page 28 be deleted and leave the half acre limitation. Mr. Callagy agreed that this could be done.

Councillor Mannion said that applications had been made to have finger post signs erected at the junction of the Courthouse in Clifden, and asked if there was a change of policy in relation to the erection of such signs. The County Manager said that there could be a problem with the proliferation of such signs, and it was not intended that all applications would be approved.

Councillor Cunningham asked if a By-Pass route for Gort had been decided upon. Mr. Callagy said that there was no By-Pass route shown in the previous Gort Plan. After some Study, the preferred option was now included in the Draft Plan, and the actual location would be a matter for Road Design. Councillor Cunningham referred to St. Patrick's graveyard at Bullies Acre and its historic background and asked that the Council try and endeavour to have it cleaned up under a FAS Scheme. Referring to the heritage town status of Gort, Councillor Loughnane said that the St. Patrick's Graveyard should be included as part of the overall plan for Gort.

Referring to the Tuam Draft Plan, Councillor Finnegan asked if there was any response from the Department of the Environment in relation to the extension of the Tuam Town Boundary. The County Manager said that such proposal would only be considered in the context of the Reform of Local Government.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the Council agreed to put the Draft Plans for the Scheduled Towns of Tuam, Gort, Athenry and Clifden and the Draft Tuam Environs Plan on public display for the statutory period.

RECLASSIFICATION OF AREAS OF SOUTH EAST GALWAY AS SEVERALLY DISADVANTAGED AREAS:

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Councillor McClearn said that all of County Galway had been classified as severally disadvantaged with the exception of an area in South East Galway. He said there was no justification for excluding this area and the reasons given such as stocking rates, population density, etc., did not hold up. He said that people of this area suffered the same problems and hardships as the rest of the County and they feel victimised. He said there was some doubt as to whether the area was included in the submission to the E.E.C. Councillor McClearn proposed that the Minister for Agriculture take appropriate action to have the remaining parts of County Galway included as severally disadvantaged areas. This was seconded by Councillor Willie Burke. Councillor Burke said that he was also doubtful as to whether the area in question was included in the submission to Brussels. He said that the exclusion of this area would result in a loss of £800 per farmer, and that areas with far better land had been included. Councillor Callaghan supported Councillors McClearn and Burke and said that the support of all the Parties was necessary in order to try and have the matter rectified.

Deputy Connaughton said that he could not understand why the area of South East Galway was excluded and referred in particular to the Tynagh area. He said that at no time was he aware that the areas would be excluded. Councillor Ryan said that the Department should decide immediately and let people know whether or not they were going to get headage payments. Deputy Connaughton proposed that an urgent letter be sent to the Department of Agriculture urging that all payments to farmers be made immediately. This was seconded by Deputy McCormack and agreed.

Councillor Loughnane said that the exclusion of the area of South East Galway would be a major loss to a large number of farmers, and he was of the opinion that the area was not included in the submission to Brussels. Councillor Regan also expressed his dissatisfaction and said it was time to have the matter clarified.

GRANT ASSISTANCE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1988:

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Report dated 11th December, 1991, was circulated to each Member. It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain, and resolved:

"That Galway County Council approve of grant assistance of £264,000 to Tuam Voluntary Housing Agency under Section 5 of the Housing Act, 1988."

in respect of 12 housing units at Parkmore, Tuam."

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain and resolved:

"That Galway County Council approve of grant assistance of £113,041 to North Connemara Voluntary Housing Association Limited under Section 5 of the housing Act, 1988, in respect of 6 housing units at Clonbur."

NEW ROAD - ORANMORE/MERLIN PARK:

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The County Manager informed the Meeting that the new road from the Roundabout at Oranmore to Merlin Park was due to be opened to traffic on Friday, 20th December. He said that the new road was in both the County Council and Corporation Administrative areas, and no arrangements had been made for an Official Opening.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF MELLOWES AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, ATHENRY AND RESEARCH CENTRE AT BELCLARE:

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Councillor Loughnane had asked for permission to raise this urgent matter earlier at the Meeting but the Chairman assured him that adequate time would be given to it after Item 4 on the Agenda. The Chairman said that the proposed closure of the Agricultural College in Athenry and the Research Centre at Belclare had been discussed at a County Development Team Meeting that morning. At a time when the Government was actively promoting rural and regional development, the County Development Team considered the proposed closures to be counter-productive. The Chairman said that the County Development Team decided to recommend that Galway County Council discuss the matter urgently and that the Board of Teagasc be asked to receive a deputation from the Council before making any further decisions affecting services in the West of Ireland.

Councillor Loughnane proposed that a deputation from the Council meet the Board of Teagasc before its Board Meeting on the following Tuesday and that the Board of Teagasc be requested to defer making a decision about the future of Centres at Athenry and Belclare until after a deputation from the Council has been received by the Board. This was agreed.

At this point, the County Manager left the Meeting in order to contact Teagasc. When the County Manager returned, he said that the Director, Dr. Ryan, was not available. However, he had let the Council's feelings be known and also the urgency of the matter, and requested that if the Council could not meet the Board of Teagasc, that a meeting be arranged with the Chairman and Director. He had asked that Teagasc

ring back before 5.00 p.m.

The Chairman proposed that the Senators, T.D.s, Ministers of State, and Minister Molloy arrange to meet the Minister for Agriculture on the following Monday to ensure that the closures do not go ahead. This was seconded by Councillor Ryan and agreed.

A discussion in relation to the closures then followed. Most Councillors contributed to the debate and the following are some of the points made:

- (a) That the Government be requested to provide sufficient funds in the Agricultural Budget for 1992 to ensure that the agricultural services at Athenry and Belclare can be continued.
- (b) That it had to be made clear to the Government and to Teagasc that the closures would not be accepted and that research and education are vital if farmers are to be able to compete in the future.
- (c) That the two year Pig Husbandry Course is the only such Course in Ireland and that students leaving the Course are guaranteed jobs. The same applies to the Poultry Course and the cost of setting up alternative Courses elsewhere would be enormous.
- (d) That the closure of the College in Athenry is contrary to the present policy of creating extra student places in other areas of education.
- (e) That the nett cost of keeping the Athenry College open is only about £50,000 when E.C. funding, P.A.Y.E., P.R.S.I., and all other factors are taken into account.
- (f) That the students in the Athenry College come mostly from South Galway and Clare and that a further 25 students were turned away this year.
- (g) The suggestion of sending the students to Warrenstown was not acceptable to the Members because of the difference in farming practices there and in the West of Ireland.
- (h) That the presence of the students in the Athenry College contributed substantially to the economic life of Athenry and to the County as a whole.
- (i) That the Board of Teagasc should perform its task efficiently and within Budget.
- (j) That the Teagasc Headquarters should be relocated from Dublin to Athenry.
- (k) That there was no need for dairy research in

Athenry and this could result in some savings there.

- (1) That all the Agricultural Advice Centres should be kept open as they are vital for the agricultural sector and up to £500,000 was collected from farmers for this service.

The County Manager advised the meeting that he had been in touch again with the Teagasc Office in Dublin and spoke to Dr. Ryan's Secretary. He was advised that a deputation could not be received on the following Monday or Tuesday but a deputation would be accommodated as soon as possible. It was suggested that the Council send a Fax message to Teagasc in time for its meeting on Tuesday. The Council then unanimously passed a resolution requesting that the Board of Teagasc defer making a decision about the future of the Centres at Athenry and Belclare until after a deputation from the Council has been received by the Board.

The Chairman then requested the Meeting to select the Members of the Deputation. It was agreed that the Deputation would consist of the following Members:

Councillors Loughnane, Mannion, W. Burke, and Chairman, T. Walsh.

It was agreed that an Official would also attend.

ROAD AT DERREEN:

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Councillor Ryan referred to an accident which had occurred at Derreen and asked that the road there be examined.

LOUGHREA BY-PASS:

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Councillor Regan asked for information about the Loughrea By-Pass and asked if the Council had changed plans particularly in relation to the situation at Caheronaun.

SEPTIC TANKS - TWO MILE DITCH AREA:

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Councillor O'Neachtain referred to problems being experienced in the Two-Mile-Ditch area in relation to septic tanks and asked that consideration be given to connecting them to a sewerage scheme.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

Liam Walsh
Chairman

7/2/92

(Date)

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
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6u la Nollag, 1991

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THE CLIFDEN TOWN PLAN
HELD ON THE 8TH APRIL, 1991

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This concluded the business of the Meeting.

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE TUAM ELECTORAL AREA TO REVIEW
THE TUAM TOWN PLAN
HELD ON THE 10TH MAY, 1991

PRESENT - MEMBERS: Cllr. P.J. Finnegan
Senator T. Hussey

OFFICIALS: Mr. B. Callagy
Mr. D. Barrett

B. Callagy outlined the route of the new town ring road; this is in substitution for a previous route which was found to be too far removed from the town to be effective. He advised that the priority section of the new road would be from Dunmore Road to Milltown Road, this section would enable traffic from the North East to by-pass the town centre and to link up with the existing section of National Primary road which serves as an inner ring road at present.

B. Callagy also advised that there were no major zoning changes contained in the Draft Plan.

The draft was then approved for circulation to members of the whole Council in due course.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF
THE LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA TO REVIEW
THE GORT TOWN PLAN
HELD ON 29TH OCTOBER, 1991

PRESENT - MEMBERS: Cllr. T. Byrne
Cllr. M. Cunningham
Cllr. M. Fahy

OFFICIALS: Mr. B. Callagy
Mr. J. Walsh

Cllr. Cunningham queried why the "Theme Town" status of Gort had been replaced by "Heritage Town" status. B. Callagy advised that this related to the funding policies of Bord Failte using E.E.C. structural funds.

B. Callagy outlined the suggested road reservation line for the Gort By-Pass proposal contained in Map No. 4 of the Draft. Cllr. Cunningham queried regarding the entrance sign to the town which is denoted "An Gort". B. Callagy advised that this matter was checked at Department level and that the Roads Section should be contacted in order to pursue the matter further. B. Callagy also advised that the entrance roads into the town would lose their National Primary status as soon as the Gort By-Pass became operational in due course.

B. Callagy also outlined the short-term objectives contained in the Plan.

The Draft was then approved for circulation to members of the whole Council in due course.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA TO REVIEW
THE ATHENRY TOWN PLAN
HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 1991

PRESENT - MEMBERS: Cllr. M. Regan
Cllr. J. McClernan
Cllr. M. Loughnane

APOLOGIES: Cllr. M. Cunningham

OFFICIALS: Mr. B. Callagy
Mr. A. Comer
Mr. J. Walsh

B. Callagy outlined the principal provisions in the Draft Town Plan and advised that the main zoning change was in the Monivea Road area where the existing agricultural zoning had been changed to housing. He advised that it was the intention of the Plan to restrict new housing estates outside of the town boundary.

Cllr. M. Regan queried regarding the amount of open space available for children's play areas in the town and B. Callagy advised of the open space provision contained in the Draft Plan.

Cllr. M. Loughnane asked why Athenry should not be designated for "Theme Town" status under the Bord Failte rules as Gort Town had recently successfully done so. B. Callagy replied that the initiative in Gort Town had come from local sources and suggested that a similar initiative is required for Athenry if it was to attract Bord Failte funding on this basis. He also advised that it was an objective of the Draft Town Plan to preserve the area in front of the town walls free of development.

B. Callagy then outlined the short-term objectives contained in the Plan.

The Draft was then approved for circulation to members of the whole Council in due course.

This concluded the business of the Meeting.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors Joe Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, 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, 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; G. Henaghan and T. Coughlan, Administrative Officers; Padraic Carroll, Acting Senior Staff Officer; Ms. J. Forde, Staff Officer; and Mr. T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

MIN. NO.

ITEMS 7 AND 8 ON AGENDA:

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed to defer Item 7 to the Council Meeting due to be held on 20th December, and to defer Item 8 to the Council Meeting due to be held on 13th December.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

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On the proposition of Councillor Gavin, a resolution of sympathy was adopted with the family of Sean Conneely who died in a road accident recently.

On the proposition of Councillor J. Burke, the Members sympathised with relatives and with Councillor Varley on the death of her niece, Katherine O Connell.

On the proposition of Councillor Cunningham, the Members sympathised with the relatives of Mr. Tadhg Kelly, Church Street, Gort, a former County Hurler, who died recently.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

Mrs. Chrissie Flaherty, Manusrevagh, Headford.
Mr. Jarlath Canney, The Square, Tuam.
Mrs. Margaret Faherty, Clydagh, Moycullen.
Mrs. James Fahy, Rakerin, Gort.
Mrs. Mary Barrett, Glanmeen, Kilreekil, Loughrea.
Mrs. Rose O'Brien, Cloonamaskery, Killimor.

MINUTES:

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On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor McClearn, the Minutes of Adjourned Council Meeting on 11th October, 1991, and Special Meeting on 11th October, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

In connection with Minutes of Monthly Meeting of the Council held on 29th October, 1991, the County Secretary stated he wished to have the following statement incorporated in the Minutes:

"I wish to refer to Minute No. 233 of 29th October, 1991, which refers to Minute No. 142 of 13th September, 1991, dealing with Section 4 resolution relating to Planning Application of Richard Mulkerrins.

At Meeting on 29th October, 1991, Deputy McCormack said that Minute No. 142 was inaccurate saying it included things which he did not say and left out things which he did say.

I have since checked my notes of the Meeting and I don't agree with Deputy McCormack's statement about the inaccuracy of the Minutes. The reason I am bringing this up is because its a Section 4 that is involved which could end up in Court as others have. I wish to place on record my notes of Deputy McCormack's contribution to the Meeting of the 13th September as follows:

"Deputy McCormack - the purpose of the application is contrary to what the County Engineer said. What he did was for safe use of his farm. This is an outline farm, he comes to milk there every day. Previously, there were two large stone built pillars and he could not drive into land. That caused some minor and one major accident, so he knocked down the pillars and parks safely.

Subsequently, K. Walsh got entrance onto Mulkerrins land. K. Walsh subsequently tried to put Planning Permission in order, unsuccessful on first two applications and third outstanding. Mulkerrins applied for correct thing, all he is interested in is safe farm entrance. He was advised to show Walsh's entrance separate. Its most logical thing to do what

Mulkerrins has done, i.e., making horseshoe entrance. Has been used twice per day for last 20 years.

After other Councillors had spoken -

"Deputy McCormack - When matter brought to Mulkerrins' attention re unauthorised development, he did not think it was any offence to improve, he was told to re-erect pillars and restore. Applicant can do that if Council wants, he has retained two pillars. I hope it won't be on my head if there is an accident."

After the County Engineer had spoken -

"Deputy McCormack - I brought Mulkerrins in and he was told to restore or apply for retention and include all unauthorised development."

The Secretary stated that he had asked the Council's Law Agent for Advice as to whether the Minutes including Deputy McCormack's Amendment would have altered the Advice he gave to the County Manager and the Law Agent said it would have made no difference. Due to Deputy McCormack's absence, Councillor Mannion asked if this matter could be brought up at the next Meeting and he was informed that it could. It was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of 29th October, 1991, be amended to include the Statement by the County Secretary, and the Minutes, as amended, were proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor McDonagh, the Minutes of Special Meeting held on 8th November, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Senator O'Cuiv, the Minutes of Meeting of Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta on 10th October, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Senator O'Cuiv, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain, the Minutes of the Offshore Islands Committee Meeting held on 29th October, 1991, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

SEMINAR IN CASTLEBAR:

327

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that Councillor Mullins attend this Conference instead of Councillor Varley.

SALE OF SITE TO MR. GABRIEL HOLLAND, PARK, ATHENRY:

328

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

"That Galway County hereby approve the sale of a site at Cullairbaun, Athenry, to Gabriel Holland, Park, Athenry, in accordance with the terms of notice dated 21st October, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

SALE OF HOUSE TO MS. ANN GORHAM, 6 FAIRGREEN, ROUNDSTONE: 329

On the proposition of Senator O'Cuiv, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, it was resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of a house at Fairgreen, Roundstone, to Ms. Ann Gorham, 6 Fairgreen, Roundstone, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 22nd October, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenants (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

SALE OF HOUSE TO GERARD AND CLAIRE MOONEY, 48, DUBLIN ROAD, TUAM: 330

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

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the sale of a house at Dublin Road, Tuam, to Gerard and Claire Mooney, 48 Dublin Road, Tuam, in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 21st November, 1991, under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946, and Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966, as amended by Section 4 of the Landlord and Tenants (Ground Rents) Act, 1978, which had been circulated to each Member of the Council."

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS: 331

The Secretary referred to the list of roads which had been circulated with Item 5 on the Agenda, and in respect of which the Statutory Notices had been published in the Papers. He said there were objections to the Declaring Public of the Road in the Oughterard Engineering Area extending north in Freeport, Barna, from junction with Regional Road R336 to the rear entrance to Barna National School - 65 metres. He advised the Members not to declare this road public for the present until the matter is further investigated. On the proposition of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the Council declared the following roads to be public roads:

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Description	Length
From Bridge over tributary of Abbert River on County Road 196 in the Townland of Cloonkeen running north westwards for a distance of 241 metres.	241m
From N63 in the townland of Tully (E.D. Kileroran) running south south west for a distance of 200 metres.	200m
From County Road No. 456 in the Townland of Cloonkeen (Davies) running north north east for a distance of 76 metres and then eastwards for an additional 27 metres	103m
From a point in the townland of Ballygar 120 metres north north west of the Square in Ballygar to a point in the Townland of Ballygar 290 metres north north west of the Square.	170m
Extend C.R. 267 in Townland of Springfield eastwards towards P. Connaughton's house in Townland of Springfield.	202m
Junction C.R. 268 in Townland of Gorteen west to John Hegarty's house, Gorteen.	517m
From its junction with Regional Road No. 341 for a distance of 560 metres in the Townland of Erisbeg West to end of the road leading to Dogs Bay Beach in the Townland of Erisbeg West.	560m
From its junction with C.R. 537 in the Townland of Limehill northwards for a distance of 235m.	235m
From its junction with R.353 in the Townland of Cregg, northwards for a distance of 334m.	334m
Road extending south from junction with County Road No. 60 in the Townland of Bohaun to John O'Flynn's house together with a spur thereof extending east to Herwood's house.	250m
Commencement at junction with C.R. 237 in Townland of Pollephuca North for a distance of 150 metres towards Patrick Kennedy's house.	150m
Commencing at Junction C.R. 254 in the Townland of Kippaunagh south for a distance of 432 metres east and south west towards James Kearney's house.	432m
Commencing at junction C.R. 366 in Townland of Gortavoher for a distance of 173m towards Thomas Browne's house.	173m
Commencing at junction with N6 in the Townland of Kilmee for a distance of 421 metres towards Connair's house.	421m
Commencing at junction with Co. Rd. No. 2 in the Townland of Moneen for a distance of 232 metres towards Beech at Salema, Cleggan.	232m
From The Cross in the townland of Killeaney for a distance of 40 metres southwards to the old pier.	40m
From junction with Co. Road 177 in the townland of Carnmore West for 160 metres eastwards to dead end	160m
From junction with Co. Road 183 in the townland of Moneymore for 190 metres east to dead end.	190m

AMENITY GRANTS, 1991:

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Details of the Amenity Grant applications recommended for grant from the 1991 allocation was circulated with Item 6 on the Agenda. The sum provided in the 1991 Estimates for Amenity Grants was £15,000. The County Manager said that a grant of £2,500 was also recommended for the Inishbofin Development Association bringing the total recommended grants to £15,000. On the proposition of Councillor McHugh, seconded by Councillor Mannion, the Council approved of the allocation of the following Amenity Grants for 1991:

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Abbey Community Development Committee	1,000
Annaghdown G.A.A. Club	500
Belclare Community Council	800
Caltra Sportsfield Development Committee	300
Coiste Forbartha Charna	900
Cloonfad & District Gunclub	600
Coolarne/Turloughmore Hurling Club	300
Corofin Parish Pastoral Council	800
Creggs G.A.A. Club	1,000
Cregmore Sportsfield Committee	300
Dunmore, Arch, Donnellan Sportscentre Association	1,000
Headford Pitch Development Committee	700
Kilconly/Kilbannon Community Development Association	900
Lackagh Historical Society	400
Coiste Forbartha Pairc an Mhaimin, Lettermore.	500
Loughrea Tidy Towns Committee	300
Milltown Development Co. Ltd.	700
Portumna Tidy Towns Committee	400
Sylane Hurling Club	700
Turloughmore Field & Social Centre	400
Inishbofin Development Association	2,500

Councillor Loughnane welcomed the grant allocations and said they generated a lot of very good work and consideration should be given to increasing the amount of grants. Senator Hussey said that there was not much point in allocating small grants of a few hundred pounds towards very large projects.

Councillor McDonagh welcomed the grants and said that they showed appreciation for a lot of good work done by Local Communities. He proposed that the Amenity Grants and the Lottery Grants be combined as soon as the Lottery Grants are handed over to Local Authorities. Most Members agreed that the Amenity Grants Scheme was a very good one even though the amounts were small, and felt it should continue as it is. Councillor Mannion asked that the disbursement of the Lottery Grants be put on the Agenda as soon as notification is received from the Department.

ROAD JUNCTION SOUTH OF ORANMORE VILLAGE:

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The Secretary read the following report from the County Engineer dated 20th November, 1991:

"As you are aware I met a deputation from Oranmore on 11th ultimo. Also present were the County Secretary, Mr. T. Kavanagh, and Mr. C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer (Engineering).

At that meeting I told the deputation I would further consider the points that had been made and that I would have further discussions with the E.R.U. following which I would return to the Council with a report.

Since the 11th ultimo, I have had discussions with the E.R.U. and I have studied the situation closely on site. A Garda accident report form has also come to hand showing that 2 persons suffered serious injuries and 3 persons minor injuries in a two car accident at the junction. All 5 were taken to hospital.

I am still convinced that if this junction is not closed or greatly altered there will be further fatalities and it is in order to avoid such that my original proposal was made. I am also still convinced that Oranmore would be adequately served by two entry/exit points at the Dublin and Sligo roads.

However, as a fall back situation, I would be prepared to accept a fully lighted roundabout at the junction. The cost of such a roundabout at this location would be c. £100,000.

If the Council can obtain approval from the Department of the Environment for a roundabout and for its funding, then it can be put in place."

Councillor Cunningham welcomed the report and proposed that it be forwarded to the Department of the Environment. This was seconded by Councillor Byrne and agreed.

Councillor Byrne said that he did not accept that two entry/exit points were adequate to serve Oranmore.

ARDRAHAN ROAD IMPROVEMENTS:

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Councillor Fahy circulated a suggested plan for a Roundabout in Ardrahan to each Member together with a report from James Fahy, Chairman of the Ardrahan Action Committee. Councillor Fahy said he hoped that the Council would give the matter a good airing and congratulated the Council staff on the job being done at Ardrahan.

With the permission of the Chairman, James Fahy, Chairman of the Ardahan Action Committee, then addressed the Members. He said that the people in Ardahan were very concerned about the speed of traffic through the village when the road realignment there is complete. He said that a number of meetings were held and there was a unanimous decision that the only solution to slow down the traffic was a Roundabout. The community did not want a By-Pass.

The County Engineer said that there was no scale on the drawing but it appeared that the Roundabout would be only 12.7 metres in diameter which would be too small and would not provide sufficient weaving distance. In his opinion, it was not practical to put a Roundabout there. He said that the Council's plans included the removal of the pump, provision of kerbing, carparking, staggering of junction, etc. He also said that Roundabouts were difficult for pedestrians. The County Engineer said that a By-Pass would be the safest option, and this could still be done. Councillor Cunningham said he appreciated the fears of the local people but felt that the County Engineer would come back with the best solution. Councillor Loughnane said that he would agree with the Roundabout if it was acceptable to the County Engineer. Councillor Byrne said that he was not too impressed with a Roundabout as a solution and said that the County Engineer's plans should be given a chance.

It was agreed that Mr. Gilmore would attend the Meeting with the local people after which the matter could be put on the Agenda again.

REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE AT GURTEEN, WILLIAMSTOWN:

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The Chairman said that he would like to raise the question of the bridge at Gurteen, Williamstown, which had collapsed recently. He said that the landowners and local people were suffering a lot of hardship as they now had to travel a round trip of 14 miles. He asked that a replacement bridge be provided as quickly as possible. Councillor Quinn referred to her Notice of Motion, No. 60, in relation to this matter, and asked the County Engineer how soon would a new bridge be provided. Senator Hussey and other Members supported.

The County Engineer said that there was not sufficient money to provide a new bridge out of emergency funds. He said that a new bridge would be provided out of the 1992 Roads Estimate. He said that a design for the new bridge had been decided upon and work would commence on the bridge as early as possible in the New Year subject to weather conditions.

PLAN FOR SOCIAL HOUSING:

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Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, referred to his report dated 18th June, 1991, and other documentation which had been circulated to each Member giving details of the Plan for Social Housing. He then referred to the following four aspects of the Plan and gave details of each.

(a) Improvement works to private houses in lieu of Local Authority Housing:

The maximum expenditure for any one house would be £10,000 with some exceptions. A charge has to be placed on the property and this is causing difficulties. Only one applicant has produced title so far. The Council's allocation under the scheme for 1991 is £75,000.

(b) Shared Ownership Scheme:

The Council is authorised to proceed with and complete 30 shared ownership transactions. 5 applications have been approved to date.

(c) Voluntary Housing/Co-Operative Housing:

Local Authorities can advance loans/grants to approved Bodies of -

(a) 90% of the approved cost of the project or the equivalent of £22,000 for each unit of accommodation designed for occupation of one or two person households;

or

(b) £25,000 for each unit of larger family type accommodation whichever is the lesser. The local authority can also provide a site free of charge.

Mr. Gavin said that there were a number of applications being processed at present.

(d) Provision of Housing Sites to -

(i) A local authority tenant or tenant purchaser returning their house to the local authority;

(ii) An approved applicant for local authority housing;

or

(iii) A member of a co-operative of which at least 75% of the Members are the tenants/tenant purchasers or approved applicants.

Mr. Gavin said that the Council has such sites available for £100 per site.

Councillor Loughnane welcomed the Plan for Social Housing and the various options under it. He said it was good to get people interested in providing their own houses, and he believed it would work. He said that the Council should be on the lookout for suitable building land in Killimor and other areas, and encourage people to build for themselves. Councillor Callanan also welcomed the Plan. He said that the improvement works in lieu of housing was a good scheme if the charge problem could be resolved. In relation to the shared ownership scheme, he said that most applicants were on Social Welfare and this would not suit them.

Councillor Joe Burke also welcomed the Plan. In relation to the Shared Ownership, he asked if 50% was the minimum which the applicant must purchase and he was told that it was. He said that the improvement works in lieu of Local Authority Housing was a good concept but felt that the £75,000 allocated for 1991 was small. In relation to the Voluntary Housing Scheme, Councillor Burke said that if a genuine group of people got together, he was confident that they would get every assistance from Galway County Council. Senator O'Cuiv said that there were many good concepts in the Plan. He said that the availability of funds should not limit the operation of the repairs in lieu of housing scheme. He also said that the question of putting a Charge on the property would have to be changed and an economic rent should be charged. He said the Shared Ownership Scheme was a good one and proposed that a successful applicant should be able to get a loan from the County Council so that all repayments would be to the same Body. Senator O'Cuiv said that every house in the County should have bathroom facilities and a time limit should be put on its provision. He said that the housing service should be rationalised whereby all applications would be to the Housing Authority including the new House Grant and the assistance provided by the Health Board. While Councillor McClearn welcomed the Plan, he was concerned as to the number of applicants who would be in a position to avail of the different options. He said there would still be a lot of people who would need a local authority house as they would not be in a position to take up any option. He said that any funds provided by the local authority to applicants would have to be secured in some way.

Mr. Gavin then replied to some of the questions raised by the Members. As regards the improvements works in lieu of Local Authority Housing, Mr. Gavin said that there was a requirement that there would have to be a Charge on the house over the 15 year period but he had written to the Department explaining the difficulties arising from this. While £75,000 was allocated for

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TOWN TWINNING:

Report of County Secretary dated 27th November, 1991, on Town Twinning was circulated to each Member. The Secretary said that the Council had previously agreed to contribute towards the cost of the visit of a group of people from Flanders in connection with the Twinning of Connemara and Flanders, and recommended that the sum of £1,000 be approved. He also said that an application for assistance had been received from Eyrecourt Twinning Society in respect of a Twinning to take place in April 1992 between Eyrecourt and Gouesnac'h in Brittany. He recommended that a sum of £500 be approved for Eyrecourt Twinning Society as the first of three twinning groups to be assisted in 1992. On the proposition of Councillor McClearn, seconded by Councillor O'Neachtain, the Council approved of the payment of £1,000 to Conamara-Vlaanderen Teo., Lettermore, in respect of a visit which took place in October 1991, and also to the payment of £500 to Eyrecourt Twinning Society in respect of a twinning due to take place in 1992.

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resulted in a lot of pedestrian traffic. He asked that the Council put up road safety signs and "slow" signs to warn traffic.

Councillor Gavin referred to Circular Road, Moycullen, where a water scheme was carried out a few years ago, and the road was in a very dangerous condition. He asked that repairs be carried to it.

Councillor Varley complained of a site on the Headford Road, Galway, opposite Keanes Garden Centre which is being used as a refuse dump.

Senator O'Cuiv complained about a gullet in Leenane which had been repaired but is now in need of further attention. He also complained about the condition of the Maam to Leenane Road.

Councillor O'Neachtain complained about the Polliagh Road and asked that it be included in the 1992 Programme.

Councillor McDonagh proposed that a motion be sent to the General Council of County Councils recommending that road signs "Children at Play" be given statutory recognition.

COUNTY GALWAY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ASSOCIATION:

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Councillor Gavin referred to the care provided by this Association for Mentally Handicapped people and said that the Galway Association was badly in need of funds. He mentioned a forthcoming Meeting in the Ardilaun Hotel and urged that it be supported.

COUNCILLORS' NOTICES OF MOTION

N.O.M. NO. 15: SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME - CLR. J. McDONAGH:

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The following is the reply:

"It is not proposed submitting a Social Employment Scheme application to FAS for this location, as FAS have informed that Burial grounds no longer qualify for inclusion under Social Employment Schemes."

N.O.M. NO. 16: ROAD SIGNS - CLR J. McDONAGH:

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The following is the reply:

"As this is a non statutory sign the Council does not propose erecting same."

N.O.M. NO. 17: COUNCIL HOUSES - CLR. J. McDONAGH:

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The following is the reply:

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"A new percolation system was installed at the above Council house in June 1991."

N.O.M. NO. 18: ROAD SIGNS - CLR. S. GAVIN:

344

The following is the reply:

"The road in question is a county road and though there may be increased traffic due to ongoing development there are no such signs to indicate any change in traffic usage or densities."

N.O.M. NO. 19: LAYBYS - CLR. S. GAVIN:

345

The following is the reply:

"It is not possible to carry out works on laybys in the current year due to lack of funds. However, some tidying work will be undertaken on the N59 in the Moycullen-Roscahill area at critical areas such as junctions, bends and approaches to schools in the coming weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 20: LAYBYS - CLR. S. GAVIN:

346

The following is the reply:

"The Council is not in favour of developing facilities of this nature on the N59 particularly where the maximum speed limit applies. The turning movements would interfere with the free flow of traffic and could prove a traffic hazard."

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

N.O.M. NO. 21: REPAIRS TO PATH - DEP. P. McCORMACK:

347

The following is the reply:

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

The provision of public lighting at above location will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 23: PUBLIC LIGHTING - DEP. P. McCORMACK:

348

The following is the reply:

"The proposed lighting is very desirable at this location but funding for such lighting is 100% grant aided by the D.O.E."

No such funds were provided in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 24: REPAIR TO PATH - CLR. W. BURKE: 349

The following is the reply:

"The above location is the N65 National Secondary Route. The provision of Traffic Route Lighting of such routes is 100% exchequer funded. The Department of the Environment have been requested to provide funds for the N65 Portumnain 1992. The path on Bridge road Portumnain is subject to normal maintenance."

N.O.M. NO. 25: ROADSIDE HEDGES - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 350

The following is the reply:

"Hedges have been cut at the above locations."

N.O.M. NO. 26: COUNCIL HOUSE - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 351

The following is the reply:

"Funds have been made available to carry out the above works and it is intended to erect the fence in early January 1992."

N.O.M. NO. 27: FLOORING - CLR. M. LOUGHNANE: 352

The following is the reply:

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

The matter will be further considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 28 : CEMETERY WALLS - CLR. M. O'NEILL: 353

The following is the reply:

"The Department of Marine and Department of Environment were requested to provide funds for the carrying out of repairs to burial grounds damaged by storm including Omev Island. A claim was not submitted for Inisturbot as we were not aware of the damage at the time. However, no funds were provided by the Department of the Marine. The Department of the Environment only provided funds for roads damage. The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £80,000. There are no funds available in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 29: - SEWERAGE SCHEME - CLR. P. FINNEGAN: 354

The following is the reply:

"The Council has written to the owners of the site requesting them to indicate the development proposals which they have in mind for the site."

order that the Council may determine the justification for the extension sought and the nature of the extension which is necessary. The developers have also been requested to indicate whether they will refund the costs of the extension or make a contribution towards it.

The Council's Consulting Engineers have been requested to prepare plans for the laying of a spur line from the Treatment Plant now under construction to the Airglooney site. These plans, together with the estimated costs, will be available in a matter of months. Subject to the necessary funding being made available, it will be possible to link the Airglooney site to the public sewerage system when the Treatment Plant is operational in two years time."

N.O.M. NO. 30: REPAIRS TO ROAD - CLR. P. FINNEGAN: 355

The following is the reply:

"Potholes will be filled as resources permit."

N.O.M. NO. 31: REPAIR TO ROAD - CLR. P. FINNEGAN 356

The following is the reply:

"Maintenance and repair of roadside walls is the responsibility of the landowner."

N.O.M. NO. 32: WALL AT CAUSEWAY - CLR. CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: 357

The following is the reply:

"The Council has no proposals in relation to roadside wall at Bealadangan, Annaghvane and Lettermore in the current year. On recent inspection the road surface on bend at Bealadangan was found to be satisfactory."

N.O.M. NO. 33: ZEBRA CROSSING - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA: 358

The following is the reply:

"The pedestrian and vehicular traffic volumes necessary to justify pedestrian crossings are set out in An Foras Forbartha's publication RT 206 "Warrants for Pedestrian Crossing Facilities". According to the "warrants" the vehicular volume necessary to justify a pedestrian crossing facility at the proposed location would have to be in excess of 800 vehicles per hour and the corresponding pedestrian traffic would have to exceed 100 pedestrians per hour. These volumes would not be normally achieved at the proposed location and a pedestrian facility is not recommended."

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N.O.M. NO. 34 - CEMETERY WALLS - CLR. C. NI FHATHARTA:

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The following is the reply:

"The Department of Marine and Department of the Environment were requested to provide funds for the carrying out of repairs to the above burial grounds. However, no funds were provided.

The estimated cost of carrying out above works is £34,000.

There are no funds available in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 35: - DANGEROUS BENDS - CLR. E. VARLEY:

360

The following is the reply:

"The above bends are located on the Galway/Headford National Secondary Route (N84). Funds for this route are 100% exchequer funded. No funds were made available by the Department of the Environment for this type of work in the current year."

N.O.M. NO. 36: - DUMP - CLR. E. VARLEY:

361

The following is the reply:

"This is a matter for Galway Corporation and we will refer the matter to them."

N.O.M. NO. 37: - ROAD SIGNS - CLR. E. VARLEY:

362

The following is the reply:

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

N.O.M. NO. 38: - ROAD SIGN - SEN. E. O'CUIV:

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The following is the reply:

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

N.O.M. NO. 39: - AMENITY GRANT - CLR. E. O'CUIV:

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The following is the reply:

"The allocation of Amenity Grants for 1991 is on the Agenda for consideration by the Council at the Meeting of the 3rd December, 1991."

N.O.M. NO. 40: - REPLACE LAMPS - CLR. E. O'CUIV:

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The following is the reply:

"No funds were provided in 1991 estimates for

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replacing obsolete lighting."

The County Engineer explained that no provision had been made in recent years for replacing public lighting and only a small amount for new public lighting. Senator O'Cuiv said that some villages would be willing to make a contribution and the County Engineer said this would be considered.

N.O.M. NO. 41: CEMETERY - CLR. M. FAHY:

366

The following is the reply:

"The Burial Ground at Drumacoo serves the Parish of Ballinderreen. The Council will investigate the need for an extension to this burial ground and we in communication with the Chief Medical Officer on the matter."

N.O.M. NO. 42: REPAIR ROAD - CLR. M. FAHY:

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The following is the reply:

"This road will be repaired and maintained as necessary."

N.O.M. NO. 43: WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE - CLR. M. FAHY:

368

The following is the reply:

"It is not possible to provide a public water supply to Cloughnacava and Circular Road. Contract Documents for the proposed Gort Regional Water Supply Scheme have been submitted to the Department of the Environment and pending construction of this scheme, there is insufficient capacity to allow for any extensions to the existing public water supply scheme.

A sewerage scheme was recently completed at Gort and this scheme now caters for the town and immediate environs. As the areas referred to in your Notice of Motion are in excess of a quarter of a mile from the town, and having regard to the fact that the development in these areas is of a dispersed nature, it is not proposed to extend the sewerage scheme to cater for these areas."

N.O.M. NO. 44: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN:

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The following is the reply:

"A design plan for re-alignment of the above road is being finalised by our Design Section at present.

It will be submitted to the Department of the Environment for approval in due course."

N.O.M. NO. 45: SEWERAGE SCHEME - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN:

370

The following is the reply:

"There is no evidence of pollution on beaches resulting from the outfall of the Spiddal Sewerage Scheme. The beach at Spiddal has been awarded an E.C. Blue Flag and water quality at the beach is regularly monitored to ensure that the high standard required for a blue flag beach is maintained.

As stated in my letter dated 25th October, 1991, there is a need for a comprehensive plan for sewerage treatment in villages. However, funds are not available at present for such schemes and if the Council were to proceed to prepare plans for schemes other than those in the existing programme, funds would need to be made available as the Council would not be in a position to carry the expenditure incurred on a long term basis.

The possibility of carrying out minor works at the outfall at Spiddal will be considered should the need arise."

Councillor O Neachtain agreed that there was not a pollution problem at the moment but said that Spiddal was a growing village and said that it would be necessary to plan now to ensure that the proper treatment would be available when required in the future. The County Manager explained that it would be difficult to get funding for schemes which were outside the Government's Programme for the Environment.

N.O.M. NO. 45A: PUBLIC CONVENIENCE - CLR. S. O'NEACHTAIN:

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The following is the reply:

"The Council proposes to provide a public convenience at Furbo Beach but problems in relation to land acquisition must first be resolved. These problems are presently being addressed.

Following acquisition of the necessary land, an application for funding will be made to the Department of the Environment. The Council has already sought funding for the public convenience and a further submission will be made in 1992."

N.O.M. NO. 46: SEWERAGE SCHEME - DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON, CLRS. M. RYAN, T. WALSH, J. BURKE, K. QUINN, AND SEN. T. HUSSEY:

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The following is the reply:

The pumping station and rising main which are

being installed to service the traveller, halting site have been designed to cater for the servicing of other properties on the Galway Road in the future when the new treatment plan is in place.

In order to facilitate properties on the Galway Road, at present served by septic tanks, to connect to the public sewer in the future, it will be necessary to lay a gravity sewer to transport effluent to the pumping station from where it will be pumped to the town system.

The provision of this gravity sewer is planned as the next phase of the development. Once the gravity sewer has been installed and the treatment plant commissioned, it will be possible to allow the houses at present served by septic tanks to connect to the public sewer.

The Council's Consulting Engineers have been instructed to prepare the necessary plans for the construction of this gravity sewer and this work will be completed within five months. Subject to funds being made available, it will be possible to allow connections as soon as the treatment plant is operational, which is expected to be the case in two years time."

N.O.M. NO. 47: PIOPA UISCE - COMH. P. O'TUATHAIL:

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Seo leanas an freagra:

"Tosnoidh an obair ag an lathair thuas luaite an tseachtain seo chugainn agus ní fhagfar an lathair go mbeidh an obair críochnaithe."

N.O.M. NO. 48: FEABHSU BOTHAR - COMH. P. O'TUATHAIL:

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Seo leanas an freagra:

"Ní raibh muid inan an bothar seo a chuir sa chlar deisiúchan bothar i mblíana toisc easpa airgead. Níl aon airgead fágtha i gceanntar Chasla chun níos mó obair deisiúchan a dheanamh ar boithre condáe i mblíana."

N.O.M. NO. 49: FEABHSU BOTHAR - COMH. P. O'TUATHAIL:

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N.O.M. NO. 50: - SEWERAGE SCHEME - CLR. T. BYRNE:

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The following is the reply:

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"A comprehensive report is being prepared in relation to the problem of smell in the Gort Area. Preliminary findings indicate that effluent from two specific premises in Gort which is not subject to treatment can give rise to problems when it reaches the Council Treatment Plant. The solution is likely to require pre-treatment of this effluent prior to it reaching the Council's treatment plant. The Council will at an early date, indicate to the owners of the premises in question the arrangements that they will be required to make in relation to the pre-treatment of the effluent."

N.O.M. NO. 51: - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - CLR. T. BYRNE: 377

The following is the reply:

"It is proposed to carry out a traffic survey to establish if a warrant exists for a Pedestrian Crossing facility at above location."

N.O.M. NO. 52: PUBLIC LIGHTING - CLR. T. BYRNE: 378

The following is the reply:

"The above location is included in the 1991 Public Lighting Programme and light will be erected as soon as possible."

N.O.M. NO. 53: PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON 379

The following is the reply:

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

N.O.M. NO. 54: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS - CLR. M. REGAN 380

The following is the reply:

"The estimated cost of carrying out improvement works at above junction is £4,000. There are no funds available to carry out this work in the current year. However, white lining was carried out at the junction earlier this year. The land owner responsible for the damaged wall has been requested to take appropriate action. As the trees in question are located on private property the responsibility for cutting of same lies with the land owner."

N.O.M. NO. 55: STREET LIGHT - CLR. M. REGAN: 381

The following is the reply:

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"It was not possible to include the above location under the 1991 Public Lighting Programme due to lack of funds."

"However, the location will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Public Lighting Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 56: WIDEN ROAD - CLR. M. REGAN: 382

The following is the reply:

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

"However, the location will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works Programme."

Councillor Regan requested that at least one sign be erected.

N.O.M. NO. 57: FLOODING - CLR. P. McHUGH: 383

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have the above work carried out within the next few weeks."

N.O.M. NO. 58: CARRIAGEWAY - CLR. P. McHUGH 384

The following is the reply:

"Before this matter can be considered a detailed examination of the site will be required to ascertain

- (a) If proper design consideration can be met and
- (b) If the structure of the wall and its foundations are adequate.

In addition to the above the land between the new wall and the road will require to be transferred to the Council.

In due course a further report will be made available."

N.O.M. NO. 59: SOCIAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEME - CLR. P. McHUGH 385

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have the footpath at the above location cleared in the near future. Cutting of ivy on stone wall will be carried out by a private Social Employment Scheme which is presently in operation in Headford town."

N.O.M. NO. 60: TEMPORARY BRIDGE - CLR. K. QUINN: 386

The following is the reply:

"It is the intention of Galway County Council to construct a New Bridge at this location when funds become available early in 1992."

N.O.M. NO. 61: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. J. McCLEARN: 387

The following is the reply:

"The road at above location was recently inspected and was found to be satisfactory. The responsibility for the carrying out of repairs to wall lies with the land owner."

N.O.M. NO. 62: BRIDGE REPAIRS - CLR. J. McCLEARN: 388

The following is the reply:

"There are no proposals for carrying out works at the above location. It appears from our records that the bridge in question is not in charge of the Council."

N.O.M. NO. 63: FLOODING - CLR. J. McCLEARN: 389

The following is the reply:

"It is hoped to have the above works carried out in the near future."

Councillor McClearn said that he had been told last July that the work would be done in the near future and still has not been done. The County Engineer said that during December the Council was working two deadlines in order to get grant work done, and said that the work should be done in January or February.

N.O.M. NO. 64: ROAD WIDENING - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 390

The following is the reply:

"The estimated cost of carrying out the above works is £11,500. There are no funds available for this work in the current year. However, the matter will be considered in the preparation of the 1992 Road Works, Programme."

N.O.M. NO. 65: ROAD REPAIRS - CLR. M. CUNNINGHAM: 391

The following is the reply:

"There are no funds available for the widening of road at above location in the current year. However, the widening and realignment of county roads is not considered a priority while funds remain scarce."

N.O.M. NO. 66: TOWN LIGHTING - CLR. M. GUNNINGHAM: 392

The following is the reply:

"The above location is the National Primary Route N18. The provision or extension of Traffic Route Lighting on National Routes is 100% exchequer funded. No funds were provided for any Traffic Route Lighting Scheme in the current year."

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Learna Walsh
CHAIRMAN

20/12/1991
DATE

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

25u la Samhain, 1991.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE/

A Chara:

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foireanní Chontae, Gaillimh, ar De Mairt, an 3u la Nollag, 1991, ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH.
RUNAI .

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Minutes of the following Meetings.
 - (a) Minutes of Adjourned Meeting held on 11/10/1991.
 - (b) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 11/10/1991.
 - (c) Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on 29/10/1991.
 - (d) Minutes of Special Meeting held on 8/11/1991.
 - (e) Minutes of Meeting of Coiste Gaeilge/Gaeltachta held on 10th October, 1991.
 - (f) Minutes of Offshore Islands Committee held on the 29th October, 1991.
2. Sale of site to Mr. Gabriel Holland, Park, Athenry. - Section 83 Notice dated 21st October, 1991, already circulated.
3. Sale of house to Ms. Ann Gorham, 6 Fairgreen, Roundstone - Section 83 Notice dated 22nd October, 1991, already circulated.
4. Sale of house to Gerard & Claire Mooney, 48 Dublin Road, Tuam, - Section 83 Notice dated 21st November, 1991, already circulated.
5. Declaration of Roads to be public roads - list herewith.
6. Amenity Grants 1991 - Recommendations herewith.

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7. (a) Appointment of one Member to River Shannon Forum.
(b) River Shannon Authority.
8. Reclassification of areas of South Galway as severely disadvantaged areas.
9. Ardrahan Road Improvements.
10. Road junction south of Oranmore Village.
11. Plan for Social Housing.
12. Town Twinning.
13. Business submitted by the County Manager.
14. Business submitted by the Chairman.

COUNCILLORS NOTICES OF MOTIONS:

COUNCILLOR JARLATH McDONAGH: - I will propose:

15. That the County Council seek and implement Social Employment Scheme to do badly needed work on old cemetery and church at Corrandrum. (Details supplied).
16. That Galway County Council erect "Children at Play" signs - Danger at Lydican, Claregalway. (Details supplied).
17. That Galway County Council take immediate steps to remedy serious septic tank problem in Council house at Claregalway. (Details supplied).

COUNCILLOR SEAMUS GAVIN: - I will propose:

18. That signs be positioned along the Moycullen-Knockferry-Collinamuck Route to indicate the increased status of the road - due to increased housing levels, factory development, schools and a football pitch. Many sections of the route are now increasingly dangerous for road users.
19. That efforts be made by the Council to clean up the many overgrown laybys in the Moycullen-Rosscahill areas. This would have a benefit for tourism generally as well as improve the area.
20. That some effort be made to develop laybys along the Galway City-Oughterard route. This would provide some facilities for tourists and hopefully would not be abused.

DEPUTY PADRAIC McCORMACK: - I will propose:

21. That repairs be carried out to the path from Furbo School to the Strand as this is in a very bad condition. I will also propose that public lighting be erected from Furbo School to the Strand along this route.
22. That Galway County Council ask the Minister for Communications, Mr. Brennan, T.D., to consider re-opening Dominick Street Post Office in Galway City which was closed recently.
23. That 3 lights be erected on the main Dublin Road (on the Derrydonnell side of the Roundabout) near Oranmore. This is an area serving 17 houses and as it is a National Primary Route, it is badly in need of public lighting.

COUNCILLOR WILLIE BURKE: - I will propose:

24. That the path on Bridge Road, Portumna, be repaired and six extra lights be provided on the very dangerous stretch of road. Over 25,000 tourists use this path per year in getting to and from the Emerald Starline Cruisers.

COUNCILLOR MATT LOUGHNANE: - I will propose:

25. That roadside hedges be cut back in locations referred to in (Details supplied).
26. That necessary works be carried out to and around the Council house (details supplied).
27. That drains at Coscorrig Crescent, Loughrea, be freed of silt thereby putting to an end the regular flooding of this estate, its houses, gardens and roads. If existing drainage pipes are too small, they should be replaced.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL O'NEILL: - I will propose:

28. That urgent repairs be carried out to cemetery walls on Omev Island and Inishturbot. The walls have been damaged in recent storms and unless repair work is carried out quickly, there is a risk of graves being seriously damaged in future storms.

COUNCILLOR PAT FINNEGAN: - I will propose:

29. That this Council submit to the Department immediately plans to extend the Tuam Sewerage Scheme to the Airgloney Sugar factory site to facilitate possible industrial development there.
30. That this Council immediately repair the road (details supplied) which is in very bad condition.
31. That repairs be carried out to a wall along the main road at (details supplied) to keep in the farm animals.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: - I will propose:

32. With reference to Motion No. 56 (23/9/'91) when do Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe intend to repair the walls on the Causeway at Bealadangan, Annaghvane and Lettermore, which have been left in a dangerous condition, and would the County Engineer examine the surface on the bends near Conor O'Malley's house, Bealadangan, as quite a few accidents have occurred on these bends due to skidding of cars. Is he satisfied that this surface is the legal standard required.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: - I will propose:

33. That Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe provide a zebra crossing at S.N. An Cheathru Rua. This school has approx. 300 children attending it, and is situated on a very busy road. There has been a number of accidents there in the past number of years. Parents and teachers are extremely worried for the safety of the local children.

COUNCILLOR CONNIE NI FHATHARTA: - I will propose:

34. That Comhairle Contae na Gaillimhe repair the walls surrounding the graveyards in Muigh-Inis and Muighros in Carna. These walls were damaged during the storms last year and are in a terrible condition. Local people are worried that the graveyards will be damaged beyond repair during this winter.

COUNCILLOR EVELYN VARLEY: - I will propose:

35. That the dangerous bends at Shanbally/Ballroebuck, Corrandulla, be made safe to prevent the numerous accidents occurring.
36. That the Carrowbrowne Dump be signposted properly with a view to safety.
37. That signs indicating Corrandulla be positioned on both sides of village.

SENATOR EAMON O'CUIV: - I will propose:

38. To ask Galway County Council when they intend replacing the "Leenane" name sign on the approach to Leenane from the Maam side which has been missing for some considerable time.
39. That Galway County Council would provide an amenity grant of £2,500 to the Development Committee on Inishbofin to aid them with the removal of the dredged material from around the new pier to a suitable site.
40. That Galway County Council would replace the lamps in Tully and Letterfrack Villages with new more cost efficient lamps as at present only one lamp is working in each village.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL FAHY: - I will propose:

41. That Galway County Council purchase lands for a new cemetery at Ballinderreen which is urgently required for this large parish.
42. That Galway County Council repair County Road at Tawin, Maree, Oranmore and take steps to repair and prevent further coastal erosion.
43. That Galway County Council extend water supply and sewerage to Circular Road and the Cloughnacava area from the Gort Water Supply system.

COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: - I will propose:

44. That Galway County Council request urgently that money be made available to have a dangerous stretch of road at Corcullen/Woodstock on the main Galway/Moycullen Road improved to a reasonable safety standard.

COUNCILLOR SEAN O'NEACHTAIN: - I will propose:

45. That Galway County Council take immediate steps to have the outfall from the Spiddal Sewerage Scheme improved to ensure that nearby beaches are not polluted.

DEPUTY P. CONNAUGHTON, COUNCILLORS M. RYAN, T. WALSH, J. BURKE, K. QUINN, AND SENATOR T. HUSSEY: - I will propose:

46. That Galway County Council give priority to the 11 householders, one garage and one mineral water Plant, on Galway Road, tuam, who wish to have their premises connected to the new sewerage scheme. That Galway County Council will, without delay, instruct their Consulting Engineers to prepare plans of this specific area and have same forwarded to the Department of the Environment for grant aid approval and that the above mentioned project be completed as soon as possible, but in any event not later than the completion date of the new sewerage treatment works which has been estimated to be operational in 2 years time.

COUNCILLOR PEADAR O'TUATHAIL: - Molaim:

47. Cen nair a chriochnfar an obair ar an piopa uisce o Seipeal Leitir Moir go Bothar an Stat - thosaigh se seo mi Aibreain seo caite agus nil se criochnaithe fos. Ta an obair ceanna le deanamh ag healach, Leitirmoir. Molaimse go ndeanfaidh an obhair seo laithreach agus go ndeiseofar an bothar - ta se fagtha an-chontuirteach faoi lathair.
48. Go ndeiseodh Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe an piosa bothar idir Camus Iochtar agus Camus Uachtar. Ta an droch chaoi ar an bothar seo faoi lathair agus is gearr nach mbeidh aon duine i ndan i a thaisteal.
49. Go ndeiseodh an Comhairle Chontae an bothar go dti teach Padraic O Cualain/Maire Bn. Ui Chonaile, Doirin Glas, Leitirmoir. Bionn ar an Otharcharr an bothar seo a usaid o am go cheile agus faoi lathair do dtoradh staid an bhothar seo, nil carr ar bith i ndan e a usaid.

COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE: - I will propose:

50. I will ask the County Engineer what improvements are proposed for Gort Sewerage Scheme to eliminate the smell which is a nuisance to residents and a deterrant to tourists.
51. That consideration be given to providing a pedestrian crossing in the village of Cruaghwell on an exceptionally busy National Primary Road route.

COUNCILLOR T. BYRNE: - I will propose:

52. That public lighting be provided at Maree Church, Oranmore.

DEPUTY PAUL CONNAUGHTON: - I will propose:

- 53. That Galway County Council would provide a pedestrian crossing on Main Street, Loughrea.

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL REGAN: - I will propose:

- 54. That Galway County Council provide a cleaner view at Duniry Cross. At present, there is an extremely dangerous wall, parts of which have fallen out together with tall trees which are urgently in need of cutting down.
- 55. That Galway County Council provide a street light at Kelly Street, Loughrea, as there is only one light at the main street end. As this is the busiest pedestrian used street at night due to carpark at Barrack Street, and its surrounds, it is necessary to provide another light near the Barrack Street and as this is a very dark stretch.
- 56. That Galway County Council urgently provide widening of road at Ann Daniels, Ballinakill, Loughrea. Numerous accidents have occurred there with traffic coming at high speed from a wide straight stretch of road (from the West) into a narrow bend. If work cannot immediately commence, appropriate signs to be erected on the westside cautioning traffic of a dangerous bend ahead.

COUNCILLOR PADDY MCHUGH: - I will propose:

- 57. That Galway County Council carry out works to alleviate severe flooding at (details supplied).
- 58. That Galway County Council remove wall and ditch and extend carriageway at (details supplied).
- 59. That Galway County Council carry out improvement works at (details supplied) or that the Council organise a Social Employment Scheme to carry out the above works.

COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN QUINN: - I will propose:

- 60. That the Council places its temporary bridge at Gurteen, Williamstown, where the bridge recently collapsed, the remains of the old bridge should also be removed. This work is urgent as it is causing great inconvenience to landowners and other locals who must now travel a round trip of 14 miles to get to work.

COUNCILLOR JIMMY McCLEARN: - I will propose:

- 61. That Galway County Council carry out repairs to road support wall at Cappacullia, Tynagh, near Denis Quirke's entrance.

COUNCILLOR JIMMY McCLEARN: - I will propose:

- 62. That Galway County Council carry out repairs and extension to bridge at Killeen, Killimor.

COUNCILLOR JIMMY McCLEARN: - I will propose:

- 63. That Galway County Council take steps to prevent water from road entering the yard of (details supplied).

COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM: - I will propose:

- 64. That Galway County Council to carry out a widening of the road at Moran's Hill, Rakerin, Gort, and to have same included in the 1992 Estimates.
- 65. I have been approached by John Kilroy regarding a by road located near his residence leading to the house of Tommy Kavanagh, it is too narrow and he requests to have it widened. John Kilroy is prepared to give the land free of charge. Please state what the estimate cost would be.
- 66. I have been contacted by the Residents, Ennis Road, and they have requested that I make representations to Galway County Council on two matters - extension of town lighting out to the Blackwater which is in urgent need owing to pedestrians.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ARTS COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH NOV. 1991

PRESENT; CLRS. J. Mannion, J. McDonogh, P. McHugh, T. Walsh, J. Burke, T. Byrne, M. Fahy, M. O'Neill and Mr. J. Joyce.

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

The Chairman welcomed J. Joyce to the meeting and congratulated Deputy M. Kitt on his new appointment as Minister of State.

The adoption of the Minutes of 20th Aug. 1991, was proposed by Clr. J. Burke and seconded by Clr. J. McDonagh.

The Arts Organiser, James Harrold, then briefed the Committee on the Composer in Residence post. Phillip Martin was appointed by U.C.G. in a pilot scheme for 3 months residency. The Corporation had agreed to contribute £1,750 towards the project and the Chamber of Commerce also helped with the funding. The Arts Council could not provide any finance in 1991 and Galway Co. Council was asked to contribute the same sum (£1,75) as had the Corporation. The Composer would work with children in the primary schools at Letterfrack and the Presentation Convent, Tuam, and also give recitals around the county, and generally work in the community. He would also produce a piece of music for the Galway Columbus Celebrations for St. Patrick's Day next year. J. Harrold to check copyright position.

A post of Writer/Poet in Residence would be considered for 1992.

Clr. J. Burke said he thought the holder of the post should ideally be bi-lingual, and also suggested getting sponsorship for residencies.

J. Joyce thought we should produce a Magazine to make the public aware of the Council's arts activities.

Clr. J. McDonagh suggested the Arts Organiser contact the John Bosco Centre who would help with the magazine. J. Harrold said he was meeting them to discuss the matter.

The Chairman then proposed that the Arts allocation in the 1992 Estimates be increased by 10% from the £25,000 provided in 1991. This was seconded by Clr. J. Burke and agreed. The recommendation to be put to the Council at the next Estimates meeting.

J. Harrold informed the Committee that it would be of great benefit if we could purchase screens for display purposes in the various towns but storing could be a problem.

Clr. M. Fahy asked why the Gort Music Group had not been paid their grant and J. Harrold said they had not submitted accounts.

The Chairman requested that grant application forms be available early in 1992 so that groups would be aware of their grants at an early date.

J. Harrold told the meeting that the E.C. had a programme called the LEDA programme in which 4 areas involved themselves in a joint cultural project. He was chosen as a representative to present a programme. Ideally it is to create jobs through cultural activity.

Clr. J. Burke reverted to the question of sponsorship and J. Harrold said he would compile a list which would include the Banks. He would also suggest a specific project for sponsorship.

The Co. Secretary advised caution as the County Council had to be very careful about sponsorship.

J. Joyce enquired about having a County Arts Week in a particular town.

Clr. Burke suggested Tuam.

The Chairman advised that this item would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman requested J. Harrold to have the Arts Council's Regions Officer attend the next meeting which would be held in January, 1992. The date would be fixed later depending on her availability.

Application forms for grants to be available for next meeting.

The meeting then concluded.

James Walsh

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED:

CHAIRMAN

20/12/1991

DATE

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

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

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

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1992:

The Chairman asked Councillor Ryan if he wished to speak as he was on his list of Speakers from the previous meeting. Councillor Ryan said he was concerned about the drop in the number of Roadworkers. The Council was losing a number of workers each year who were not being replaced. He said that Clare County Council got a grant to take on 15 extra workers during 1991 and that Galway County Council should apply to the Department for a similar grant. Councillor Ryan said that the rate increase should only be in line with inflation, and that 5% increase was too much. He asked if any notification of L.I.S. had been received.

Mr. Lusby then replied to some of the questions raised during the previous Meetings. He said that the Council had now received notification of the Rate Support Grant for 1992, and that it was the same as 1991, and this was the figure included in the Estimate circulated. He said that no notification had yet been received in relation to L.I.S. grant. With

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regard to Pensions for former Agricultural Office Staff, he said that the Council was only responsible for Pensions prior to the establishment of ACOT and in respect of whom Superannuation contributions had been paid to the Council. With regard to Courthouses, Mr. Lusby stated that the Council was still responsible in law for the maintenance of Courthouses and a decision from the Department of Justice relieving the Council of such responsibility is awaited. Mr. Lusby gave details of the progress of computerisation within the Council and proposals for its further development. He also mentioned the E.E.C. project E.R.N.A.C.T. which the Council is involved in. Mr. Lusby said that the cost of maintaining new Capital works had a serious impact on the Council's Revenue Account and was something which needed to be addressed. In regard to rent payments, Mr. Lusby said that the Council would welcome payment through any method. He said the Council had approached the Department of Social Welfare regarding the deduction of rents from Social Welfare and this would be followed up. In relation to Essential Repairs, Mr. Lusby said that while the Council could spend up to £4,000 per house, recoupment amounted only to £600 while the average jobs cost between £3,200 and £3,500. The maximum Disabled Persons Grant was £5,000 which was subject to 50% recoupment. Referring to the levy on derelict sites, Mr. Lusby said that an estimated figure of £3,000 was included in Income under Programme 8. In regard to Motor Tax decentralisation, Mr. Lusby said that this would result in additional costs for staffing, computerisation, accommodation, etc. With regard to cut-offs, Mr. Lusby said that checks are made in advance with the Revenue Collector to ensure that only the right people are cut off. He said that the Council has to bear the administration costs of the Higher Education Grants Scheme. In regard to the cost of Revenue Collection, Mr. Lusby explained that Revenue Collectors do other work apart from Revenue Collection, such as Register of Electors, investigation work, etc. In reply to Senator O'Cuiv, Mr. Lusby explained that the Council is allowed to retain 40% of house purchase annuities for revenue spending while the 60% must be set aside for Capital works.

Deputy McCormack said that local authorities were setting a bad precedent by only providing a sum for Rate Support Grant equivalent to the previous year's grant. Councillor Finnegan referred to the sum of £550,000 provided in Programme 3.8.2 for apportioned administration, and said it was substantially higher than the previous year. Mr. Lusby explained that the sum for apportioned administration was derived from the total sum provided for support services on page 17. The latter sum was apportioned between the 8 Programmes in proportion to the total expenditure on each Programme. The fact that a very large sum was

provided for Capital Expenditure in Programme 3 resulted in a higher proportion of Support Services being applied to that Programme.

Councillor Joe Burke said that Revenue Collectors should be required to report on houses which were in need of repair or being abused. Following some discussion, it was proposed by Deputy McCormack, seconded by Councillor McHugh and agreed that the following resolutions be forwarded to the Minister for the Environment:

- (a) That the percentage of purchase annuities retained by local authorities be increased from 40%-50% - without affecting the Housing Capital Allocation.
- (b) That the Department recoup 50% of the cost of Essential Repairs.
- (c) That assistance be sought from the Department of the Environment towards the increasing cost of maintaining new Capital works.
- (d) That the Council seek recoupment from the Department of Education in respect of the cost of administering the Higher Education Grants Scheme.
- (e) That the Department of Justice recoup to local authorities the cost of providing and maintaining Courthouses.

Mr. Gavin, Assistant County Manager, then replied to some questions which had been raised in relation to housing. On the question of building rural houses, he said that in the last four years, rural houses represented 62% of the total number of houses built. 45% of the total rural houses built were provided west of the Corrib and of the total number of houses provided, 25% were built west of the Corrib. Mr. Gavin said that the question of another Tenant Purchase Scheme was a matter for the Department of the Environment. Mr. Gavin said that where persons look for rural houses, the applicant must provide the site. He said the Council was in favour of providing clusters of houses in small rural villages where tenants can avail of various community services. Regarding demountables, Mr. Gavin said these were seen as a means of providing accommodation quickly to meet urgent needs in particular cases. Although they could not be compared with conventional housing, they did vastly improve the living accommodation for the applicants. He said the Council was phasing out demountables and no further demountables would be purchased. Where demountables are being re-located, septic tanks will be provided. He said that the average cost of relocating a demountable dwelling,

including repairs, electricity, septic tank, etc., was £4,000. Mr. Gavin then referred to the Essential Repair Grant and the new provision in the Plan for Social Housing. He said that these grants could provide a substitute for demountable dwellings particularly if the Department of the Environment recouped 50% of the Essential Repair Grant. He said that the new scheme for improvements under the Plan for Social Housing did require a charge on the property and this was presenting difficulties and could cause a backlog. In relation to the Differential Rents Scheme, Mr. Gavin said that some anomalies had developed and the scheme was being reviewed at the moment and a revised scheme would be brought before the Council as soon as possible. With regard to the provision of sites under the Plan for Social Housing, Mr. Gavin said that the Council has developed sites at Athenry, Clarinbridge, Clifden, Ballygar, and Mountbellew, which will be made available to qualified applicants for the nominal sum of £100. He said that the Council also has land available at Portumna and in other locations which can be made available.

Replying to Councillor Mannion about Omev Burial Ground, Mr. Gavin said that this burial ground was undermined by the sea, and while it was possible to extend it, the question of providing an alternative site on the mainland had to be looked at. Councillor Mannion urged that the extension be provided. Mr. Gavin then referred to the question which had been raised in relation to sewerage schemes in towns and villages and mentioned the Government programme for improvements to sewage treatment systems over the next 10 years. In reply to Deputy Connaughton, Mr. Gavin said that those who would qualify for sites at a cost of £100 would be -

- (a) Tenants of local authority houses;
- (b) Tenant purchasers who would surrender their house;
- (c) Applicants on approved waiting list.

Councillor Callanan said he was concerned about future maintenance of burial grounds, and asked if the local community could undertake work. The County Manager replied that this matter would be taken up with FAS and that the question of Insurance would have to be looked at if local groups were to get involved in maintenance.

Senator Hussey asked if the projected income from planning charges could be increased by 25% and the irrecoverable rates reduced. The County Manager explained that the planning charges were fixed by Statutory Regulation, and the amount of income received depended on the number and type of planning applications received.

Councillor Mullins asked that the extension to Killaan burial ground be given priority. He also proposed that the Council approach the Department again for funds for the provision of sanitary facilities in all demountable dwellings. This was seconded by Senator O'Cuiv.

Councillor O'Sullivan asked for further clarification in relation to house repairs under the new Plan for Social Housing, and particularly in relation to the problem of title. Mr. Gavin explained that under the existing regulations, a charge must be placed on the property. Mr. Gavin, however, was of the opinion that sufficient security could be achieved on the basis of a simple contract debt. Councillor O'Sullivan proposed that such a recommendation be forwarded to the Department, and this was seconded by Councillor Callanan.

Referring to the upgrading of sewage treatment plants, Councillor O'Tuathail asked if the Council would have to undertake the design work for all the schemes. The County Manager explained that this work could not be all undertaken at once and would have to be done in stages. Councillor O'Tuathail asked that when relocating demountable dwellings, that a path and gate be provided.

Councillor Varley recommended that a small scheme of houses be provided in Headford and this was supported by Councillor McHugh. Senator Hussey asked that the privatisation of the whole refuse collection system be looked at and Councillor J. Burke asked that the provision of dumps be also looked at.

Councillor Mannion then proposed the following:

- (i) That the proposed rate for 1992 of £26.22 in the £ be reduced to £25.97 in the £.
- (ii) That the Expenditure provision for Programme 6.4 be increased by £2,500 in respect of contribution to the Arts.
- (iii) That Expenditure Programme 8.9 be increased by £5,000 from £5,000 to £10,000.
- (iv) That Expenditure Programme 8.3 be reduced by £22,000 in respect of provision for irrecoverable rates.
- (v) That Income for Programme 4.1 be increased by £5,000 in respect of Planning Charges.
- (vi) That Income for Programme 3.1 be increased by £9,370 in respect of Water Charges.

and that the consequential amendments relating to the

apportionment of Support Services among the 8 Programme Groups, and in Table B1 be approved.

Councillor Mannion's proposal was seconded by Councillor W. Burke and agreed.

ADOPTION OF ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES 1992:

316

It was then proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor W. Burke and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby adopt, the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1992, as amended, as set out in Tables A, B1, and D of the said Estimate of Expenses, as amended."

The Chairman then declared that the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1992, as amended, had been adopted by the Council.

DETERMINATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND TO BE LEVIED FOR THE SEVERAL PURPOSES SPECIFIED IN THE ESTIMATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1992.

317

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, and seconded by Clr. Willie Burke and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby determine in accordance with the Estimate of Expenses for the financial year ending 31st December, 1992, as amended and adopted, the rates set out in Column 13 of Table B1, as amended, and Column 7 of Table D, to be the rates in the pound to be levied for the several purposes set out in Column 1 of Table B1, and in Table D, for the financial year ending on 31st December, 1992".

The Chairman declared Councillor Mannion's proposal carried, and declared that the Rates in the Pound to be levied for the several purposes specified in the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st December, 1992, had been determined by the Council. The prescribed Certificate was then signed.

MAKING OF CHARGE FOR WATER SUPPLIED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1992, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE 31ST MARCH, 1993.

318

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, and seconded by Councillor E. Varley, and resolved:-

"That in accordance with Section 65A of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, as inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962, as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 4 of the County

Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charge be made for water supplied by Galway County Council for domestic purposes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1992, up to and including 31st March, 1993, such charge to be payable in two equal instalments, the first instalment payable on 1st April, 1992, and the second instalment payable on the 1st October, 1992.

AMOUNT OF CHARGE

Charge for Water supplied to any Domestic Premises where water is used for Domestic Purposes.

89.00

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGE FOR WATER SUPPLIED TO PRIVATE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1992, UP TO AND INCLUDING THE 31ST MARCH, 1993:

319

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor E. Varley, and resolved:

"That in accordance with Section 65A of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, inserted by Section 7 of the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Act, 1962 as amended by Section 8 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 4 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, the following charge be made on Private Group Water Supply Schemes for water supplied by Galway County Council to them for domestic purposes for each domestic premises in the said schemes in respect of the period commencing 1st April, 1992, up to and including 31st March, 1993, such charge to be payable in two equal instalments, the first instalment payable on the 1st April, 1992, and the second instalment payable on the 1st October, 1992.

AMOUNT OF CHARGE

Charge on Private Group Water Supply Scheme for each domestic premises in the Scheme where water

is used for domestic purposes.

- (a) Where the group water supply scheme is in existence for 10 years or less. 45
- (b) Where the group water supply scheme is in existence for over 10 years. 72

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

MAKING OF CHARGE IN RESPECT OF REFUSE COLLECTION FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL, 1992, UP TO AND INCLUDING 31ST MARCH, 1993.

320

It was proposed by Councillor J. Mannion, seconded by Councillor O'Neill, and resolved:

"That in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983, as applied by Article 3 of the County Management (Reserved Functions) Order, 1985, and the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 - 1964, and having regard to the provisions of the scheme for waiving of charges in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Provisions) (No. 2) Act, 1983 a charge of 50p be made by Galway County Council (hereinafter called the Council) in respect of each label, details of which shall be specified by the Council, and which shall be affixed to any bin, bag, box or similar container containing refuse which shall be left out for collection by the Council from any domestic premises along the Council's refuse collection routes. The said charge of 50p shall apply for the period 1st April, 1992, up to and including 31st March, 1993, and shall be payable in advance on the purchase of the said label from the Council or from such other source as shall be approved by the Council from time to time".

The Chairman declared this proposal carried.

DEMAND ON BALLINASLOE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL:

321

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor M. Finnerty, and resolved.

"That the Statutory Demand on the Ballinasloe Urban District Council for year ending 31st December, 1992, be signed and sealed".

The Demand was then signed and sealed.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE AND INCOME OUTTURN FOR 1991: 322

The Council noted and approved the estimated outturn figures for 1991 as set out in the Book of Estimates.

It was proposed by Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Finnerty, and resolved:-

"That the Council approve expenditure excesses, being the estimated outturn figures for 1991 in excess of the adopted 1991 Estimates, such excesses being funded by other expenditure reductions and income increases".

INISHBOFIN - AMENITY GRANT: 323

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor O'Neill raised the question of silt which had been dredged from the harbour area of Inishbofin by the O.P.W. He said that if it was not removed from the shoreline, it could be washed back into the sea again and the Inishbofin Development Association had made arrangements to have some of it removed to another location. The Development Association had applied for an amenity grant to cover part of the cost and he recommended that a grant be approved. He was supported by Councillor Mannion and Senator O'Cuiv. The County Manager said that the request would be considered.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

Sean Walsh
CHAIRMAN

20/12/1991
DATE

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1. HOUSING AND BUILDING								
1.1 LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING	452870	452870	694000	694000	403040	438110	568060	675000
1.2 ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS HOUSING THEMSELVES	3637790	3637790	3443185	3443185	3660995	3660110	3552550	3472550
1.3 ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IMPROVING HOUSES	246700	246700	68000	68000	205880	225880	52000	57200
1.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	973845	973985	307730	307730	984060	1007960	113230	117345
TOTALS	5311205	5311345	4512915	4512915	5253875	5332060	4285840	4322095
2. ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY								
2.1 ROAD DUKERP	1643783	1643783	2097500	2097500	4442160	4571500	1970000	2097500
2.2 ROAD IMPROVEMENT	8033500	8033500	8033500	8033500	7487000	8033500	7487000	8033500
2.3 ROAD TRAFFIC								
2.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	3389670	3389850	1634485	1634485	3340690	3446915	1602025	1620690
TOTALS	16066953	16067133	11765485	11765485	15269850	16051915	11059025	11751690
TOTALS PAGE 1	21378158	21378478	16278400	16278400	20523725	21383975	15344865	16073785

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INISHBOFIN - AMENITY GRANT:

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THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED + CONFIRMED

Frank Walsh
CHAIRMAN

20/12/1991
DATE

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1. HOUSING AND BUILDING								
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1.3 ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS IMPROVING HOUSES	246700	246700	68000	68000	205880	225880	52000	57200
1.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	973845	973985	307730	307730	984060	1007960	113230	117345
TOTALS	5311205	5311345	4512915	4512915	5253875	5332060	4285840	4322095
2. ROAD TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY								
2.1 ROAD UPKEEP	4643783	4643783	2097500	2097500	4442160	4571500	1970000	2097500
2.2 ROAD IMPROVEMENT	8033500	8033500	8033500	8033500	7487000	8033500	7487000	8033500
2.3 ROAD TRAFFIC								
2.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	3389670	3389850	1634485	1634485	3340690	3446915	1602025	1620690
TOTALS	16069533	16067133	11765485	11765485	15269850	16051915	11059025	11751690
TOTALS PAGE 1	21378158	21378478	16278400	16278400	20523725	21383975	15344865	16073785

Following the meeting the Council has agreed to fund the cost of the silt removal from the harbour area of Inishbofin by the O.P.W. The cost of the silt removal is estimated to be £16,000. The Council has agreed to fund this cost from the 1991 Estimates. The Council has also agreed to fund the cost of the silt removal from the harbour area of Inishbofin by the O.P.W. The cost of the silt removal is estimated to be £16,000. The Council has agreed to fund this cost from the 1991 Estimates.

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YEAR 1992

CURRENT YEAR

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5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION								
5.1 WASTE DISPOSAL	390000	390000	45000	45000	386500	386000	45000	45000
5.2 BURIAL GROUNDS	179950	179950	30000	30000	162250	162250	30000	30000
5.3 SAFETY OF STRUCTURES AND PLACES	87700	87700	43400	43400	86080	86080	42755	42755
5.4 FIRE PROTECTION	1590485	1590485	60785	60785	1381960	1497750	73000	72095
5.5 POLLUTION CONTROL	301020	301020			284250	284250		
5.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	327470	327490	609990	609990	270595	292065	452055	485185
TOTALS	2876625	2876645	789175	789175	2571635	2708395	642810	676035
6. RECREATION AND AMENITY								
6.1 SWIMMING POOLS	90500	90500	0	0	83920	83920	1960	1960
6.2 LIBRARIES	854685	854685	180450	180450	837300	835615	184605	184535
6.3 PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND RECREATION CENTRES	867997	867997	815000	815000	818634	1034634	769000	976000
6.4 OTHER RECREATION AND AMENITY	77000	79500	0	0	74500	77000	0	0
6.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	116780	116910	208000	208000	128860	159910	199000	198685
TOTALS	2006662	2009292	1203450	1203450	1943214	2191079	1154565	1361180
TOTALS PAGE 3	4883287	4885937	1992625	1992625	451489	4899474	1797375	2036215

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3. WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE								
3.1 PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY								
3.1.1 SCHEMES	1295580	1295580	1342890	1352260	1194970	1220440	1082265	1206650
3.1.2 PUBLIC SEWERAGE SCHEMES	347700	347700	0	0	295000	315000	0	0
3.1.3 PRIVATE INSTALLATIONS	102195	102195	80150	80150	105870	105660	80150	80150
3.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	940590	940840	168225	168225	881760	664170	36760	37115
TOTALS	2686065	2686315	1591265	1600635	2477600	2305270	1199175	1323915
4. DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROL								
4.1 LAND USE PLANNING	452360	452360	190000	195000	422450	435325	190000	198000
4.2 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	5000	5000	5000	5000	3000	3000	5000	5000
4.3 OTHER DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION	105910	105910	21745	21745	95165	111605	20655	19910
4.4 REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.5 PROMOTION OF INTEREST OF LOCAL COMMUNITY	1000	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.6 TWINNING OF L.A. AREAS	1500	1500	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	25660	25670	22005	22005	23400	31230	21160	21365
TOTALS	592430	592440	238750	243750	544015	581160	236815	244275
TOTALS PAGE 2	3278495	3278755	1830015	1844385	3021615	2886430	1435990	1568190

TABLE B1: CALCULATION OF THE RATES IN THE POUND FOR GENERAL CHARGES FOR THE LOCAL FINANCIAL YEAR 1992

PROGRAMME GROUP (1)	AMOUNTS CHARGEABLE						COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT						
	ESTIMATED GROSS REVENUE EXPENSES (2)	ESTIMATED REVENUE INCOME (3)	ESTIMATED NET REVENUE EXPENSES (4)	AS SEP CHGS (5)	B'S LOE U.D.C (6)	TO COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT (7)	ESTIMATED BALANCES AT 1st JAN (8)	GRANT LIEU OF RATES ON LAND (9)	DOMESTIC RATE ADJ (11)	AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED (12)	RATE IN THE POUND (13)		
1. HOUSING AND BUILDING	£ 5311345	£ 4512915	£ 798430	£	£	£ 798430	£	£ 356650	£ 354160	£ 795940	£ 2.1238		
2. ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY	16067133	11765485	4301648	47722	4253926	200000	1921500	1709500	3841926	10.2515			
3. WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE	2686315	1600635	1085680		1085680		484960	481580	1082300	2.8879			
4. DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES AND CONTROL	592440	243750	348690	1975	346715		155760	153080	344035	0.9180			
5. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	2876645	789175	2087470	58170	2029300		932450	879310	1976160	5.2730			
6. RECREATION AND AMENITY	2009292	1203450	805842	23723	782119		359960	338430	760589	2.0295			
7. AGRICULTURE AND WELFARE	3774025	3426785	347240	11918	335322		155110	144470	324682	0.8664			
8. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	1002990	388545	614445	3026	611419		274456	270129	607092	1.6199			
ALL PROGRAMME GROUP TOTALS	34320185	23930740	10389445	146534	10242911	200000	4640846	4330659	9732724	25.9700			
AMOUNT OF DOMESTIC RATE GRANT INCLUDED £ 2402525													

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7. AGRICULTURE EDUCATION HEALTH AND WELFARE								
7.1 AGRICULTURE	251185	251185	102000	102000	220596	221890	91500	91500
7.2 HEALTH & WELFARE	3347330	3347330	3321290	3321290	2793100	3063890	2767510	3038300
7.3 HEALTH & WELFARE	0	0						
7.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	175500	175510	3495	3495	149770	151820	3495	3495
TOTALS	3774015	3774025	3426785	3426785	3163466	3437600	2862505	3133235
8. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES								
8.3 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	561085	539085	50000	50000	516150	446895	42000	48180
8.4 ELECTIONS	67700	67700	33850	33850	145500	148200	32750	31600
8.5 ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION	203000	203000	30000	30000	205000	205000	30000	30000
8.6 PROPERTY DAMAGE	12000	12000	0	0	25000	17000		
8.7 MARKETS FAIRS AND ABBATOIRS	1000	1000	0	0	1000	1000		
8.8 ADMINISTRATION AND MISCELLANEOUS	76945	76205	274695	274695	112660	169445	330485	440830
8.9 CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE	5000	10000	0	0	0	0		
8.10 ENTERTAINMENT AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF L.A.S. AND REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCES	2000	2000	0	0	0	0		
8.11 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF L.A.S. AND REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCES	85000	85000	0	0	0	0		
8.12 EXPENSES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING CONFERENCES ABROAD	7000	7000	0	0	6000	6000	0	0
TOTALS	1020730	1002990	388545	388545	1011310	993540	435235	550610
ALL PROGRAMME GROUPS TOTAL	34334685	34320185	23916370	23930740	32234965	33601019	21875970	23362095

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19th November, 1991.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

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The adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 25th November, 1991, commencing at the finish of the Ordinary Meeting.

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T. KAVANAGH,
COUNTY SECRETARY.

TABLE D: CALCULATION OF THE RATE IN THE POUND FOR TOWN CHARGES

NAME OF TOWN	MONEY DEMANDED OR DEMANDED TO HAVE BEEN DEMANDED BY THE COMMISSIONERS		IRRECOVERABLE RATES AND COST OF COLLECTION		TOTAL SUM TO BE RAISED PLUS COLUMN (3) OF COLUMN (5)		RATE IN THE POUND REQUIRED TO RAISE THE SUM IN COLUMN (6)
	ESTIMATED BY MANAGER	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL	ESTIMATED BY MANAGER	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL	ESTIMATED BY MANAGER	ADOPTED BY COUNCIL	
LOUGHREA	2500	2500	187	187	2687	0.1631	
TUAM	17274	17274	1295	1295	18569	0.8531	

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CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT AT (AN ADJOURNMENT OF) THE ESTIMATES MEETING OF THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 25/11/1991 THE COUNCIL BY RESOLUTION ADOPTED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31/12/1992 THE ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES SET OUT IN TABLES A, B1 AND D AND BY RESOLUTION DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAID ESTIMATE THE RATES SET OUT IN COLUMN (13) OF TABLE B1 AND COLUMN (7) OF TABLE D TO BE THE RATES IN THE POUND TO BE LEVIED FOR THAT YEAR FOR THE PURPOSES SET OUT IN COLUMN (1) OF TABLE B1 AND IN TABLE D.

SIGNED

Nescaim Walsh
CHAIRMAN

COUNTERSIGNED

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SECRETARY

DATE 25TH November 1991

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

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. 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.J. Gavin, Assistant County Manager; P. Flood, County Engineer; R. Killeen and L. Kavanagh, Senior Executive Engineers; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; G. Heneghan and T. Coughlan, Administrative Officers; J. Walsh, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

Mhol an Comhairleoir O'Neachtain run comhbhrón do Mhuintir Uí Ghabhnain de bharr bas Eamon O Gabhnain.

A resolution of sympathy was also adopted with the family of the late Peadar Forde, Masonbrook, Loughrea, and to Councillor Cunningham on the death of his sister-in-law.

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

Consideration of this resolution was adjourned from the previous Meeting.

The County Engineer said that at the previous Meeting, Councillor Loughnane made reference to the high cost of alternative accommodation and the provision of employment and said that these were not planning

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considerations. The County Engineer said there was no need for the development to be near the applicant's home, and that the application should be refused because of the location of the development. He referred again to the ERU Report on Road Accidents for 1990 which indicated that right turning movements were major contributory factors in the case of accidents. He recommended that the application be refused.

Councillor Fahy said that the applicant was not looking for major business and was just looking for storage space - that gives him employment. He said there would be no greater traffic into his house than at present. The store was necessary to preserve the produce and would not be used by anybody else. Councillor Fahy said he was asking the Council to consider the application in this light, and that a condition could be included in the Permission that the development was not for commercial purposes.

The County Engineer said that the proposed store was separate from the dwellinghouse and was for distribution of potato crisps covering the Counties of Galway and Mayo. This would result in goods into and out of the Store which would generate additional traffic.

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

FOR: Councillor J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, Senator T. Hussey, Councillors J. Mannion, J. McClearn, J. McDonagh, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, M. Regan, M. Ryan, and T. Walsh. (17)

AGAINST: Councillors W. Burke, S. Gavin, and P. O'Tuathail. (3)

Councillors Joe Burke, Michael O'Neill, and Evelyn Varley abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost as the number voting in favour was less than 22.

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

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Councillor McDonagh said that this resolution was being withdrawn. The resolution was not proposed.

CONFERENCES:

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"Towards a full life" - Salthill Hotel, Galway - 29th November:

On the proposition of Councillor McDonagh, seconded by Councillor Finnerty, it was agreed that Councillors Mannion and Ryan attend this Conference instead of Councillors McDonagh and Walsh.

On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillor Cunningham attend this Conference instead of Councillor McHugh.

Social Services Conference - Limerick - 27th/28th November:

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that Councillor McDonagh attend this Conference instead of Councillor Ryan.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON COUNCIL TO REPLACE DEPUTY M. KITT, MINISTER OF STATE:

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that the Co-Option to fill Deputy Kitt's vacancy would be made at the Council Meeting on 20th December, 1991.

THE MEETING THEN ENDED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED

Seamus Walsh
CHAIRMAN

20/12/1991

DATE



COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Arus an Chontae,
GAILLIMH.

19u la Samhain, 1991

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N CHOMHAIRLE.

A Chara,

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

Mise, le meas,

T. O CAOMHANAIGH,
RUNAI.

A G E N D A

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

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

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

2. "That in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, Galway County Council require the County Manager to grant Planning Permission to Frank Burke, Lackagh, - Planning Ref. No. 63895 - for house and septic tank.

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

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY, ON MONDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER, 1991.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor T. Walsh.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors J. Burke, W. Burke, T. Byrne, J. Callanan, Deputy P. Connaughton, Senator E. O'Cuiv, Councillors M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, P. Finnegan, M. Finnerty, S. Gavin, Senator T. Hussey, 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; E. Lusby, Finance Officer; R. Killeen, Senior Executive Engineer; G. Heneghan, Administrative Officer; C. Wallace, Senior Staff Officer; and T. Kavanagh, County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

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CONGRATULATIONS:

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The Chairman congratulated Deputy Kitt on his appointment as Minister of State at the Department of the Taoiseach and wished him well in his new office. Councillor M. Fahy said that the Fianna Fail Party were honoured at Deputy Kitt's appointment and wished him very success. He said Deputy Kitt first became a Member of the Council in 1975, and worked strenuously ever since. He said Deputy Kitt was the Whip of the Fianna Fail Party and did that job very well. He said that Senator Hussey would succeed Deputy Kitt as Whip of the Party. All the Members congratulated Deputy Kitt on his appointment and complimented him on the service he had given to the Council and to his Constituents over the years. Duirt na Comhairleoiri go raibh an ardu gradam tuillte go maith ag an Teachta Ceit agus bhiodar sasta go ndeireadh thar cinn leis.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and on behalf of the Staff, joined with the Members on congratulating Deputy Kitt.

In reply, Deputy Kitt said he was privileged and honoured to be appointed as Minister of State. He said that his affiliation with Galway County Council went back a long number of years. He said that he had a very successful year as Chairman of Galway County Council in 1985, and had the highest regard for all the Members and Staff of the Council. Ghabh se buiochas do gach duine agus guidh se a rath De ar obair an Comhairle.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY:

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Councillor Mannion proposed a vote of sympathy to Mr. F. Ward, Overseer, on the recent death of his mother.

Councillor Ryan proposed a vote of sympathy to the Clergy and relatives of the late Fr. Tim Murphy who was Parish Priest of Moylough.

Resolutions of sympathy were also adopted with the following:

- The Murphy Family, Kilbeg, Headford.
- Mrs. Rita Purcell, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
- Mr. & Mrs. Sean Corban, Shragh, Woodford.
- Mr. Kieran Corban, Kingsland, Athenry.
- Mrs. Annie Dooley & Family, Lavallyconnor, Ardrahan.
- Mrs. Margaret Geoghegan, Ardrahan.
- Mrs. Helen Curley, Bride Street, Loughrea.
- The Kelly Family, Castleboy, Kilchreest, Loughrea.
- Mrs. Eileen Sylver & Family, Furzypark, Ardrahan.

STUDENT PROTEST:

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Councillor Gavin and other Members referred to the Student Protest at the County Buildings on the previous Friday. They said that Staff should not have to put up with such behaviour and the appropriate authorities should be advised of this.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1992:

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Consideration of the Estimates resumed and Members who had indicated to the Chairman at the previous Meeting their desire to speak were invited to do so.

Councillor Finnegan welcomed the proposed discussion on the carrying out of house repairs. In relation to Motor Tax, he said that this service should be decentralised with offices in Tuam and other areas. In regard to refuse collection, Councillor Finnegan said that he was not satisfied with the situation whereby some people who had waivers previously, lost them. In relation to water charges, he said that people who could afford to pay should do so, but he asked the Council to be cautious in relation to cut-offs, and to ensure that adequate warning was given. He asked that Gurteen Bridge which had

collapsed be reconstructed. He also enquired about the levying of charges on derelict sites, and the provision for shared ownership in 1992.

Councillor Callanan said that the work of the staff in the Housing Section was much appreciated. He welcomed the increase under Housing Maintenance and said there was a huge demand for essential repairs which was probably due to the fact that House Improvement Grants were no longer available. He proposed that the Department be asked to re-introduce House Improvement Grants. He said there should be an emphasis on rural housing, and if an applicant could provide a site on the home farm, he should be facilitated. Councillor Loughnane said that it should be Council policy to provide the maximum number of rural houses. Councillor Regan referred to the 1988 Purchase Scheme and said he was concerned that tenants might sell the houses which they had purchased and come back on the housing list. Councillor Cunningham asked that further schemes of new houses be provided in Gort and he seconded the proposal to request the Minister for the Environment to re-introduce House Improvement Grants for reconstruction and provision of sanitary facilities.

Mr. Lusby, Finance Officer, then went through the remaining 7 Programmes. In relation to Programme Group 2, Road Transportation and Safety, Mr. Lusby explained that the figures would probably have to be revised on receipt of the Road Grants. In relation to Programme Group 3, Mr. Lusby explained that the figures shown for the cost of maintenance of water and sewerage schemes did not reflect the true costs. He said that when the Government relieved local authorities of the payment of loan charges, the Rate Support Grant was reduced accordingly. When going through Programme Group 4, Development Incentives and Control, Mr. Lusby pointed out the new headings included under this Programme Group. In relation to Programme Group 5, Mr. Lusby said that one of the reasons for the increase in the provision for firefighting was the fact that Retained Firemen were now subject to full P.R.S.I. on fees paid to them. Dealing with Programme Group 6, Mr. Lusby explained that the sum of £100,000 provided for the Book Fund was contingent upon the sum of £50,000 shown on the Income side being realised. In relation to Programme Group 7, Mr. Lusby explained that the Council was obliged to pay certain pensions to former ACOT employees, but the numbers were reducing. The increase shown under Piers and Harbours referred to Roundstone Pier. In Programme Group 8, it was noted there was no provision for Elections. The sum provided for property damage was also reducing because of more recent legislation.

Councillor Loughnane referred to the tourist potential of Lough Derg and some major works being carried out around it. He said that the Council or some other Body should seek E.E.C. funding and proposed that the Councillors from the Loughrea Area meet the County Manager to discuss the matter. The County Manager agreed to a meeting on Thursday, 28th November, 1991, at 2.30 p.m.

Councillor O'Neachtain referred to the sum of £50,000 provided for improvement of sewerage schemes on page 3. He was concerned that this sum was inadequate having regard to the age and capability of some schemes particularly in places like Spiddal and Carraroe. Councillor Gavin questioned the sum of £68,000 for Courthouse Maintenance and enquired if the Council was recouped by the Department of Education for handling the Higher Education Grants Scheme. He was informed by the County Manager that no recoupment was paid.

Councillor Joe Burke said that the cost of provision and maintenance of dumps was excessive. He said that the cost of maintaining dumps made small dumps uneconomic. The County Manager said that the standard required for dumps was increasing and the amount provided would barely suffice. He said that a new Waste Disposal Plan was in the course of preparation which would envisage small dumps being phased out. Councillor McDonagh asked that some of the money for Burial Ground maintenance be spent on grass cutting. He also asked if the Register of Electors could be revised every two years resulting in a saving of £68,000.

Referring to improvements to water and sewerage schemes, Councillor O'Tuathail asked if these could be handed over to Contractors. He said that work started on the Lettermore Scheme last year and is not finished. He said that Council workers could be put on other work. He welcomed the provision for Burial Grounds at Lettermore and Lettermorenacaille and said that an assessment of Burial Ground requirements would need to be carried out because many Burial Grounds were almost full. Councillor O'Neill said that County Galway was not getting a fair share of Government funds. He said that tourism exerted a lot of pressure on services provided by the Council and a survey showed that much criticism related to roads, signs, etc. He said that the situation regarding the provision of housing for needy families was bad. He said he could not understand why the Council had to pay the cost of Courthouse Maintenance and pensions of former ACOT employees. Councillor Regan asked if the Council had any proposals for the provision of a dump in Loughrea.

Deputy Connaughton referred to the problems facing local authorities in the future in relation to the provision and maintenance of Dumps. He said he would be slow to put too much money into conventional dumps. He said he had seen a modern dump in Athlone which cost a few million pounds, and felt that waste disposal in the future could present serious problems. Deputy Connaughton said that on travelling around the County, he noticed that some towns and villages seemed to be doing quite well while others looked a bit neglected. He said he was aware that the Council do help local committees and he would like to see all villages benefiting in this way.

Senator O'Cuiv referred to Appendix 6 which sets out all the water and sewerage schemes in planning and which would take many years to complete. He said that the expansion of the City would be to the detriment of rural areas from the point of view of scarce resources. He said there was only one scheme in the Operational Programme for West of the Corrib. In relation to Waste Disposal, he said that from an environmental and cost point of view, the dumping of refuse in the conventional manner was questionable. It surprised him that there was a reluctance to subsidise recycling and said that resources should be directed into that area. In regard to Burial Grounds, Senator O'Cuiv said that the Council should approach the Department of Labour to alter its decision in relation to Social Employment Schemes. He said that the owners of holiday homes should be liable to make some contribution towards the provision of services. Senator O'Cuiv also asked if it would be possible to present a global view of the cost of some services, i.e., the cost of rate collection, water charges and rent collection.

Councillor Mannion said he agreed that consumers who could afford to pay water charges should be made do so, but asked the Council to be careful in dealing with old age pensioners who may be entitled to a waiver. He said he welcomed the inclusion of Breenaun, Lettermore and Lettermorenacaille Burial Grounds, and enquired about the position of Omev Burial Ground for which money was provided in the past. Deputy McCormack said that the Council was put in an impossible position in view of the fact that the Rate Support Grant had not yet been notified. He wondered what would happen if the grant was less than provided for in the Estimates. He also complained about the fact that the promise to spend £1.5M on Galway Courthouse had not materialised. Councillor Willie Burke said that the Council was presiding over the deterioration of the road structure, while it would take years to make progress with the Water and Sewerage Scheme Programme. He proposed that the Council send a delegation to the Minister for the Environment to plead a special case for funds.

Deputy Connaughton said that he would second that proposal if notification of the Rate Support Grant was not received by the next Meeting. It was decided to leave the proposal until the next Meeting.

On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, the Council agreed that the next Estimates Meeting would take place on Monday, 25th November, and that the November Monthly Meeting would take place on Tuesday, 3rd December.

At this point, the Chairman allowed Councillor Joe Burke raise a matter, notice of which had been given to him. Councillor Burke said that during the week Iarnrod Eireann moved in and removed part of the Ennis/Claremorris rail line. He said it looked like the withdrawal of the rail facility in that area and said that the West was being denuded of infrastructure. He proposed that a request be sent to the Department of Tourism and Transport asking that the Claremorris to Athenry line be declared a "tourist line". This was seconded by Deputy McCormack who said that the Galway/Dublin rail facility was deteriorating. Other Councillors supported Councillor Burke's proposal. The County Manager suggested that it might be better to insist that all rail services be adequately maintained but to point out the tourist aspect of the matter.

SEMINAR ON JOB CREATION - CASTLEBAR - 2TH/30TH NOVEMBER

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On the proposition of Councillor Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was agreed that Councillors McDonagh and Varley attend this Conference. On the proposition of Senator Hussey, seconded by Councillor Callanan, it was agreed that Councillor P. O'Sullivan also attend the Conference.

THE MEETING THEN ADJOURNED

SUBMITTED, APPROVED & CONFIRMED:

Francis Walsh
CHAIRMAN

20/12/1991

DATE

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12th November, 1991.

TO EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara:

The Adjourned Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council will be held in the County Buildings, Galway, on Monday, 18th November, 1991, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH,
COUNTY SECRETARY.



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