

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, ON THE MONDAY, 23rd July, 2001

Cathaoirleach

Cllr. M. Regan

I LATHAIR FREISIN:

Baill: Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. J. Callanan, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, P. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, C. Ní Fhatharta, P. Ó Foighil, S. O' Neachtain, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, S. Walsh, T. Walsh.

Oifigigh:-

Messrs. T. Kavanagh Deputy County Manager, J. Cullen, J. Morgan, P. Ridge, Directors of Services, D. Barrett, S.E.O., P. Fitzpatrick, Snr Exec Planner, M. Flynn Executive Planner, T. Murphy, SEO., H. Coleman, Senior Exec. Planner, M. Jordan, A..O., J..Eising, Snr Eng. T. Collins, Rory Timlin, J. Dempsey, Project Engineers, J.O'Sullivan, Archaeologist, P. Costello, S.O., N. Burke, C.O.

Mr. G.McCarthy, Planning Consultant. Mr. Peter Walsh, Project Manager, National Roads Authority. Mr. Bob Dunn, Project Manager, Parkman/Calbro/Punch.

Mr. Joe Penny, Parkman/Calbro/Punch.

Mr. Steve Davies, Project Manager, McCarthy/Hyder/Tobin.

Mr. Tim Patterson, McCarthy/Hyder/Tobin.

Mr. P. Miskella, McCarthy/Hyder/Tobin.

Ms. Sharon Connolly, Ryan Hanley/WSP.

Mr. Fran Ryan, Project Manager, Halcrow/Barry.

Mr. David Cattley, Project Manager, Babbie/Pettit.

Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

The Cathaoirleach explained that there would be no meetings held during the month of August. He expressed sympathy for the families of those killed on the roads during the weekend and said that he hoped that during the coming weeks motorists would drive carefully on our roads.

Resolutions of Sympathy

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Resolution of Sympathy was passed with the following:-
Mrs. M. Griffin, Glenaslat, Loughrea, Co. Galway.

MINUTES

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The minutes of the **Special Meeting** of the Council held on the **8th June, 2001** were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr Callanan.

The minutes of the **Monthly Meeting** of the Council held on the 25th June, 2001 were approved by the Council and signed by the Cathaoirleach on the proposal of Dep. Connaughton, seconded by Cllr Mullins.

REPORTS

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The report of the Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 21st May, 2001 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of, Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr Cunningham.

The report of the Cultural & General Service Strategic Policy Committee Meeting held on the 2nd July, 2001 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Callanan, seconded by Sen McDonagh.

Cllr Gavin said that the Cultural & General Service Strategic Policy Committee had suggested that a representative from Dúchas attend their next meeting . He said that it would however be important that a representative from Dúchas be invited to attend a Council meeting instead. This was seconded by Cllr Connolly. Cllr Fahy asked if the representative could attend the next Council Meeting in September as the lands the council purchased to provide an extension at Drumacoo Cemetery can not be developed as Dúchas are objecting to the development of the site which is adjacent to a national monument. Cllr J.J. Mannion proposed that the Minister for Arts, Heritage, Gaeltacht and the Islands also be invited to the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Mullins.

Cllr Connolly proposed that the Council provide maps that include S.A.C. areas in each branch library. This was seconded by Cllr J. J. Mannion.

The report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on the 12th June, 2001 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr Mullins.

The report of the Ballinasloe Area Committee Meeting held on the 3rd July, 2001 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Mullins, seconded by Cllr. Joyce.

The report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 6th June, 2001 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr Conneely, seconded by Comh. Ó Neachtain.

It was proposed by Comh. O'Foighil, seconded by Comh. Ó Neachtain, that a speed limit be introduced at TG4, Baile na h-Abhann.

The report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 6th June, 2001 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Cllr. Conneely, seconded by Comh. Ó Neachtain.

The report of the Conamara Area Committee Meeting held on the 26th June, 2001 was considered. It was adopted by the Council on the proposal of Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Comh. O'Foighil.

Cllr Gavin proposed that the Council review the procedure in preparing the County Development Plan to ensure that staff and members play an active role in its preparation. This was seconded by Comh. O'Foighil.

MATERIAL CONTRAVENTION OF THE COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWNLAND OF ORANMORE **1192**

Planning Ref 00/5101

Townland Oranmore

Applicant: O'Grady Construction (Gort) Ltd

Mr. Albert Comer, S.E.O. outlined the details of Material Contravention set out in the following report dated 4th July, 2001 which had been circulated to the Members.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT: The proposed development is for the construction of a housing development i.e. 150 no. detached houses, 18 no. semi-detached houses and 28 no. townhouses in the townland of Oranmore

LOCATION: The site is located in the village of Oranmore and is served by a county road within the village speed limits just south of the village core.

PREVIOUS HISTORY: There was a previous application on this site ref. No. 98/3471 for a housing development but it was refused by An Bord Pleanála.

ASSESSMENT: The proposed development is located on a site with a total area of 12.8 hectares (31.8 acres) which includes part of a Special Area of Conservation (S.A.C.). The area of the site proposed to be developed is 9.1 hectares (22.5 acres). There is an area of woodland to be retained which corresponds to that required to be retained on the previous application. The original proposal included for the construction of 124 no. detached houses, 20 no. semi detached houses and 26 no. duplexes (52 no. housing units) which would have residential floor area of 11,171 square feet per acre or 114 sq. metres per hectare. The number of houses has been reduced by eight due to restricted sites on one part of the site. The applicant has indicated a site for community facilities which can also include a crèche. An Environmental Impact Statement was submitted.

ZONING: The site is currently within three different land uses as per the Oranmore Plan of which 7.0 hectares (17.3 acres) is zoned for residential use, 5.02 hectares (12.4 acres) is zoned for amenity purpose and 0.8 hectares (2.0 acres) is zoned for community facilities. The Draft Oranmore Plan has now included the above community facilities zoning in the residential zoning.

OBJECTIONS: One objection has been received from the owners of an adjoining property in relation to the duplex units but this problem can be solved by reorientating one block so that there will be no overlooking from windows of habitable rooms and the shadow will be reduced. The Western Fisheries Board has also an objection but conditions on the permission will overcome the problems raised.

STATUTORY CONSIDERATION: A decision to grant permission cannot be made unless a resolution is passed by the members requiring that such a decision be made in accordance with Section 26 (3) of the 1963 Planning Act as substituted by Section 39)(d) of the 1976 Planning Act as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act 1991.

Public notice of the Council's intention to consider deciding to grant permission was given on 6th June, 2001 and the notice invited members of public to submit representations or objections. None were submitted within the specified time limit, however, since the Material Contravention report was issued to the members, a late objection was received from a house holder whose site is adjacent to the proposed development as outlined in the report. The objector claims that the developer, O'Grady Construction (Gort) Ltd has included a portion of his site in the planning application. The Planning Department has no role in the adjudication of land ownership so this is a matter between the objector and the developer.

If a resolution is passed requiring that a decision to grant permission be made, such a decision will issue with suitable conditions, otherwise a decision to refuse permission must issue.

The latest date for a decision on this application is 5th August, 2001.

Cllr. Cunningham proposed that having considered the Planning Application made by O'Grady Construction (Gort) Ltd for planning permission for construction of a housing development i.e. 150 no. detached houses, 18 no. semi-detached houses and 28 no. townhouses in the townland of Oranmore, Co. Galway, planning reference no. 00/5101, and having considered the Report dated 6th June, 2001, on the matter, Galway County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 26(3) of Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1963, as amended by Section 39(d) of Local Government (Planning & Development) Act 1976, as amended by Section 45 of the Local Government Act, 1991 hereby require that a decision to grant permission be made in the case of this application. Cllr. Grealish seconded this proposal. A vote was then taken which resulted as follows:-

AR SON: Dep. U. Burke, Cllr. Callanan, Dep. Connaughton, Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. Conneely, Cllr. Cunningham, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Gavin, Cllr. Grealish, Cllr. Hoade, Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Joyce, Cllr. Loughnane, Cllr. J.J. Mannion, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. McClearn, Sen. McDonagh, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. Mullins, Comh. Ni Fhatharta, Comh. O'Foighil, Comh. O'Neachtain, Cllr. Quinn, Cllr. Regan, Cllr. S. Walsh, Cllr. T. Walsh. (27)

IN AGHAIDH: (0)

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried .

N17/N18 EMERGING PREFERRED ROUTES

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A booklet on the Emerging Preferred Routes was circulated to the members. Mr. Eising, Senior Engineer, Regional Road Design Office made a short presentation on the following Emerging Preferred Routes:

1. N18 Gort to Crusheen Road Scheme.

This route was originally intended to be a single carriageway but now it has been decided to provide a dual carriageway.

2. N17 Galway to Tuam Road Scheme.

3. N17 Tuam Bypass

4. N17 Milltown to County Boundary.

Access to the Milltown National School is from the main road and the Council are investigating the possibility of providing an alternative access.

The Cathaoirleach thanked Mr. Eising for his presentation. He said that it was a great day for Galway and that the development of these roads would give a much needed impetus to the development of industry and tourism in the County. He stressed the importance of farmers being adequately compensated for their land.

Replying to concerns expressed by the members in relation to compensation to farmers, Mr. Eising said that the IFA, NRA and the Department of Environment and Local Government have been holding meetings regarding this matter. He said that the issue can not be resolved at regional level and will have to be decided at national level. He was satisfied, however, that farmers would get adequate compensation. In relation to members concerns regarding provision of tolls on these roads Mr. Eising said that M.C. O' Sullivan, Consulting Engineers, were currently carrying out a study on road tolling to see if it was viable. The location of the tolling will not jeopardise the route selection procedure.

The Deputy County Manager thanked the members for their contributions. He said that the provision of these roads represented a huge investment in the County and that it was important that the Council took advantage of this opportunity. It was proposed by Comh. O' Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. T. McHugh and agreed that the Emerging Preferred Routes as presented be approved.

Sen. McDonagh said that he wished to be recorded as dissenting from the above resolution.

NON-NATIONAL ROADS PROGRAMME 2002 TO 2005 1194

A copy of report was circulated to each member.

On the proposal of Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Mullins the Council approved the Non-National Roads Programme 2002 to 2005.

ARTS GRANTS 2001 1195

A copy of report dated 18th July, 2001 setting out recommendations for Arts Grants under Section 12, Arts Act 1973 was submitted as follows;

ORGANISATION	AMOUNT RECOMMENDED
Aisteoiri an Seanscoil, Cashel, Connemara	900
All Ireland Dancing Championships, Gort	350
An tAmhrán Beo, Kinvara	400
Anord Community Arts Group, Cornamona, Clonbur	2,250
Babóro International Festival for Children, Outreach Programme	500
Baffle Poetry Group, Loughrea	1,000
Ballyconneely Community Council-Traditional Arts Workshops	200
Ballygar Carnival	400
Caltra Street Festival	2,000

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Cats Pyjamas Youth Theatre, Moylough, Ballinasloe	1,000
Clifden Arts Society	650
Clifden Community Arts Week	8,000
Clifden Writers Group	450
Cois Cladagh Chamber Choir, Oranswell/Countywide	300
Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann, Gort	500
Connemara Cultural Heritage Ltd.	400
Connemara Sea and Bog Week	1,000
Cooley-Collins Festival, Gort	750
Craiceann Inis Oirr Inter. Bodhran Summer School	500
Cruinniú na mBád Teo, Kinvara	400
Cúirt International Festival of Literature	500
Fleadh an gCuach, Kinvara	400
Forum Connemara	800
Francis Fahy Society, Theatre Event, Kinvara	3,000
Galway Arts Centre-outreach programme	1,200
Galway Arts Festival, Co Blackbox-outreach programme	3,000
Galway Youth Theatre-outreach programme	1,300
Gateswide Theatre Co. Tuam	200
Glenamaddy Arts and Historical society	850
Glenamaddy Theatre Company	400
Glinsk Community Council Song Contest	600
Inishbofin Music Group	500
Irish Traditional Music Club, Roundstone	300
Kilcoona Womans Group, Corrandulla	200
Killalaghton Youth Club, Ballinasloe	500
Kiltartan Gregory Cultural Society Co.Ltd. Gort	500
Kilkerrin Arts Society, Theatre Group	200
Lackagh Museum and Heritage, Turloughmore	500
Lady Gregory Autumn Gathering, Gort	800
Lasrach Draiochta, Cornamona, Clonbur	1,000
Lawrencetown Community Enterprise Co. Community Festival	300
Letterfrack Film Society	600
Letterfrack Writers Group	750
Loughrea Travellers Community Development Group	500
MACNAS- outreach programme	1,500
Mall Theatre, Tuam	3,000
Music For Galway- outreach programme	500
Music Matters, East Galway, New Inn	850
Old Fair Day Turloughmore	450
Oranmore Art Group	300
Oranmore Community Development Association, Ltd, Community Festival	500

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Pleraca Teo, Ros Muc	3,200
Roundstone Open Arts Week	500
Sound Creations, community music-outreach programme to Connemara and the Aran Islands	400
Spring Onion Puppet Theatre-outreach programme 20 primary schools throughout the county	1,000
St. Grellans Youth Development Group, Ballinasloe	800
The Ellis Tate Centre for the Arts, Letterfrack	1000
Youth Development Project, Loughrea	800
Projected Total	55,650

On the proposal of Cllr. Joyce, seconded by Cllr Quinn, the Arts Grants as recommended for 2001 were approved by the Council.

7(a) SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON THE MATERIAL ALTERATIONS TO THE ORANMORE DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1196

Ms. Coleman, Acting Senior Executive Planner, outlined the content of the submissions. She stated that four submissions had been received relating to proposed alterations to the Plan and two submissions related to protected structures.

Submission Ref. No. 1

*"Mary O'Connor,
Secretary,
Old Graveyards Restoration Group,
Main Street,
Oranmore,
Co. Galway.*

Location: Old church and graveyard.

Submission/Request:

- Strongly objects to the opening up of the cemetery as a village pocket park.
- Object to the provision of a footpath through these sacred places.
- Cemeteries are designated as National Heritage Areas and so should be protected by Galway County Council.
- The committee proposes to employ an Archaeologist with a view to doing conservation work.
- There has always been a direct entrance from the Main Street to the graveyard gates.
- This entrance has been obstructed with a new building and gates have been erected in the middle of the road.
- In the past Galway County Council have looked after this road.

Observations/Recommendations of the Planning Department:

It is proposed to include an objective in the Plan that the old graveyard and church ruins be maintained and tidied and that existing access points from Castle Road and the Main Street be retained”.

It was proposed by Cllr. Grealish, seconded by Sen. McDonagh and agreed to accept the Planning Officer's recommendation.

Submission Ref. No. 2

“Stephen Dowds Associates on behalf of Mrs. Pat King.

Zoning: 1997 County Development Plan - Residential

Proposed Zoning: **Agriculture**

Location: Triangular area (0.2699 ha) at the crossroads of Main Street and the Maree Road.

Submission/Request:

- Property is zoned for residential purposes in 1997 County Development Plan.
- Draft Plan shows that the site is zoned for agricultural purposes.
- Unsuitable for Agriculture development.
- Site is of limited extent, surrounded by roads and development land.
- Extensive rock outcrops on the site.
- An Bórd Pleanala has recently granted planning permission for an apartment development on the site. (Ref: 00/1173).
- Residential zoning is the only logical zoning.
- The proposed down-zoning is unjustifiable.

Observations/Recommendations of the Planning Department:

The land in question is not subject to a material alteration of the Draft Plan. The proposed zoning of this area in the Draft Plan is for Agricultural use with a specific objective to survey existing trees with a view to making a Tree Preservation Order. Planning permission was granted on the site by An Bórd Pleanala for the construction of 14 apartments (17/5/2000). The developer must submit certain documents for the agreement of the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development on the site e.g. Landscaping scheme, design changes etc”.

It was proposed by Cllr. Rabbitt, seconded by Sen. McDonagh and agreed to accept the Planning Officer's recommendation.

Submission Ref. No. 3

“Oranmore Community Development Association Ltd.

Submission Ref. No. 4

Location: Triangular area (0.2699 ha) at the crossroads of Main Street and the Maree Road. *Lavery, Granure Community Development Association*

Submission/Request no. 1:

- Actual zoning on the site is unclear, it does not appear on the County Development Plan map and is zoned Agriculture in the draft plan.
- Community Development Association want to develop this area as a village green.
- Actual zoning appears to be residential at the time of the 1997 County Development Plan.
- To rezone to Agriculture creates a compensation issue, therefore to rezone to recreation/community facilities will not increase the councils liability to compensation.
- Zoning to recreation/community facilities was fully supported by the area councillors and at a full council meeting on 18th December 2000, the draft plan should be amended to reflect this.

Submission/Request no. 2:

- Density objective of 11,500-sq. feet/acre passed by full council on 18th December 2000 has been re-worded.
- The draft reads that densities would normally not exceed 11,500-sq. ft./acre for residential development.
- At the Council meeting it was specifically stated that the area councillors were seeking to cap densities at 11,500-sq. feet/acre.
- The wording is a departure from that agreed and voted on.
- The wording allows for different interpretation.

Observations/Recommendations of the Planning Department:

The land in question is not subject to a material alteration of the Draft Plan. The proposed zoning of this area in the Draft Plan is for Agricultural use with a specific objective to survey existing trees with a view to making a Tree Preservation Order. The minutes of previous meetings do not indicate that the elected representatives voted to change the zoning of these lands.

Planning permission was granted on the site by An Bórd Pleanala for the construction of 14 apartments (17/5/2000). The developer must submit certain documents for the agreement of the Planning Authority prior to the commencement of development on the site e.g. Landscaping scheme, design changes etc.

With regard to the density objective, it is recommended that the wording as set out in the material alterations be retained as follows: "The density of residential development outside the village centre shall not normally exceed 11,500 square feet per acre (i.e. plot ratio of 0.26)".

It was proposed by Cllr. Rabbitt, seconded by Cllr. Grealish and agreed to accept the Planning Officer's recommendation.

Submission Ref. No. 4

"A.M. Lavery, Oranmore Community Development Association

Submission/Request:

- In the matrix table and development control standards the siting of a Refuse Transfer Station in a Business and Technology Park zoning is open for consideration, this is at variance with the wishes of the Association.
- The Association seeks an amendment to the plan to read a non-conforming use, this should apply to both facilities below and above 2000 sq. metres.

Observations/Recommendations of the Planning Department:

Non conforming uses apply to extensions/improvements to existing established developments where they do not conform to the designated zoning objective set out in the Plan. A non-conforming use is not part of the land use-zoning matrix. This classification does not take account of new developments.

Land uses shown as open for consideration in the zoning matrix are uses that are to be considered based on the merits of each individual proposal in the relevant use zone.

No change is recommended in the zoning matrix".

It was proposed by Cllr. Rabbitt, seconded by Cllr. Grealish and agreed to accept the Planning Officer's recommendation.

Assessment of Submissions Regarding Additions to Record of Protected Structures in Oranmore

Submission Ref. No. 1

"Sally and David Jordan

Location: Mike's Cottage, Bog Road, Oranmore. (RPS Ref. No. A3:7).

Submission/Request: Objection to inclusion on RPS.

Observations/Recommendations of the Planning Department:

- The thatched cottage in question is a well kept example of vernacular architecture, and as such merits inclusion in the RPS.
- Inclusion on the RPS will make the structure eligible for consideration for Conservation Grants, as administered by the local authority.
- A Declaration can be issued on request by owners/occupiers of protected structures. The purpose of a Declaration is for Planning Authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.

- Inclusion on the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current and future needs, while respecting its character, and ensuring its maintenance into the future.

It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS".
It was proposed by Cllr. Grealish, seconded by Cllr. Hoade and agreed to accept the Planning Officer's recommendation.

Submission Ref. No. 2

**"Mr. Martin O'Connor,
The Old School House,
Oranmore.**

Location: The Old School House, Oranmore. (RPS Ref no. A3:9).

Submission/Request:

- The owner requests a Declaration.
- States that the building was restored from a derelict condition.
- States that all restoration work was carried out at the owners expense, that the owner should be compensated and not penalised for the fact that the building is still intact enabling a preservation order to be placed on "a piece of our National Heritage".

Observations/Recommendations of the Planning Department:

- The owner of the structure will be issued with a Declaration. The purpose of a Declaration is for Planning Authorities to clarify in writing for owners/occupiers of protected structures the kind of works which would or would not materially affect the character of that structure or any element of that structure which contributes to its special interest.
- The structure is of Architectural Heritage Value and contributes to the townscape of Oranmore.
- Inclusion on the RPS will make the structure eligible for consideration for Conservation Grants, as administered by the local authority.
- Inclusion on the RPS does not preclude the adaptation of the building to meet current needs, while respecting its character, which would ensure its maintenance into the future.

It is recommended that the structure be included on the RPS".

It was proposed by Cllr. Grealish, seconded by Sen. McDonagh and agreed to accept the Planning Officer's recommendation.

LAND ADJOINING LIBRARY IN ORANMORE

Deputy Burke sought clarification in relation to lands adjoining the library in Oranmore.

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Ms. Coleman, Acting Senior Executive Planner, explained that the current zoning is for commercial use in the 1997 County Development Plan, and that in the proposed Draft Plan, the zoning is for recreation and community facilities.

Deputy Burke asked if there had been a recent planning application in relation to this land and if so, what is the present status of the application?

Ms. Coleman, stated that a planning application had been received in relation to this land, and that it was currently on extension of time and if the zoning is changed to recreation and amenity it could be refused on the grounds that it is in contravention of such zoning.

Cllr. McClearn asked if the question of compensation would arise, and if so is it quantifiable? Mr. Ridge, Director of Planning and Economic Development, stated that the question of compensation may arise, but that it could not be quantified as there were legal issues involved. Cllr. Rabbitt said that this proposed rezoning was before the Council for the past 18 months, and that the issue of compensation had not arisen until now. He stated that he would be totally opposed to anything which would delay the Plan being adopted.

Cllr. Grealish indicated that he was of the opinion that down-zoning was non-compensatable. The Deputy County Manager, stated that this Plan is being made under the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1963, and therefore the down-zoning would be compensatable.

Comh. Ní Fhatharta asked if compensation was likely to be payable and if so where would the compensation money be drawn from. Mr. Ridge stated that the Council does not have a specific fund for meeting compensation claims and any such payments would have to be funded by way of a countywide charge.

Cllr. Hoade stated that she had raised this issue at an Oranmore Area Committee meeting, and asked that this be recorded in the minutes of this Council meeting.

Comh. O'Neachtain proposed that the land in question would not be rezoned to recreation and community facilities, and that it would retain its present zoning of commercial use.

Cllr. Cunningham seconded this proposal.

Cllr. Rabbitt said that the landowner did not make a submission in relation to the zoning of this site. Cllr. Grealish stated that the recommendation from the National Building Agency was that this should be rezoned to recreation and community facilities. He stated that it would ruin the old church if this land were developed, as it forms part of the village centre and the councillors from the area are trying to protect the green area in the village centre.

Cllr. Grealish then proposed that the rezoning from commercial to recreation and community facilities be accepted. Cllr. Rabbitt seconded this proposal.

Sen. McDonagh said that as chairman of the Oranmore Area Committee he was disappointed that they are now being challenged by the Council and not being supported in relation to their decision.

A vote was then taken, on the proposal of Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by Cllr. Cunningham, that the land in question would not be rezoned to recreational and community facilities, and that it would retain its present zoning of commercial use, which resulted as follows:-

For: Deputy Burke, Cllr. Callanan, Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. Conneely, Cllr. Cunningham, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Joyce, Cllr. Loughnane, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. P. McHugh, Comh. Ní Fhatharta, Comh. O'Neachtain, Cllr. Quinn, Cllr. Regan, (14).

Against: Cllr. Rabbitt (1).

Abstain: Comh. O'Foighil, Cllr. McClearn, Cllr. T. McHugh, Cllr. Mullins, Cllr. Walsh, (5).

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution carried.

A vote was then taken on the proposal of Cllr. Grealish, seconded by Cllr. Rabbitt, that the re-zoning from commercial to recreational and community facilities be accepted, which resulted as follows:-

For: Cllr. Grealish, Sen. McDonagh, Cllr. Rabbitt, (3).

Against: Deputy Burke, Cllr. Callanan, Cllr. Connolly, Cllr. Conneely, Cllr. Cunningham, Cllr. Fahy, Cllr. Joyce, Cllr. Loughnane, Cllr. T. Mannion, Cllr. McClearn, Cllr. P. McHugh, Cllr. T. McHugh, Comh. Ní Fhatharta, Comh. O'Neachtain, Cllr. Quinn, Cllr. Regan, Cllr. T. Walsh, (17).

Abstain: Cllr. Hynes, Cllr. Mullins, (2).

The Cathaoirleach declared the resolution lost.

The Deputy County Manager said that the alteration to the Oranmore Draft Development Plan would go on display for a further period of one month.

REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Cllr. Gavin referred to the extension of time for receipt of submissions on the review of the County Development Plan and proposed that a procedure be devised between now

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and September to enable both staff and Council members to play an active part in the review of the Development Plan.

This proposal was seconded by an Comh. O'Foighil and agreed.

RIBBON DEVELOPMENT

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It was agreed to defer this item.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE WEST REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2000 1198

A copy of report was circulated to each Member.

The Report was noted.

CLIFDEN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN

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A copy of report was circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Comh. O'Neachtain, seconded by an Comh. Ni Fhatharta the Clifden Traffic Management Plan was noted.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

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LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

The Deputy County Manager outlined the changes made by the Department of Environment and Local Government to the Local Improvement Schemes as follows;

Cost of Project (including administration and V.A.T.)	Percentage Contribution
Up to £19,999	10%
£20,000 and above	15%

CONFERENCES

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On the proposal of Cllr. Callanan, seconded by Cllr. Hoade, it was agreed that the attendance of the following Members be approved at the Conferences set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each Member:-

General Council's of County Councils - Carlow - 5/6 July, 01
Comh. O' Foighil

Parnell Summer School - Avondale House, Co. Wicklow - 12th-17th Aug, 01

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Sen. McDonagh	Dep. Connaughton	Comh. Ó. Foighil
Cllr. Mullins	Cllr. S. Walsh	Cllr. P. McHugh
Cllr. Hoade.	Cllr. T. Mannion	
Comh. O' Neachtain	Comh. Ní Fhatharta	
Cllr. Loughnane	Cllr. Callanan.	

Merriman Summer School 2001 - Lisdoonvarrna - 18th - 25th August, 01

Cllr. Mullins.

Municipal Authorities of Ireland - Letterkenny - 13th - 15th Sept. 01.

Comh. Ó Foighil	Cllr. Cunningham	Cllr. Mullins
Dep. Connaughton	Cllr. McClearn	Cllr. T. Walsh
Cllr. Grealish	Cllr. Hynes	Cllr. Conneely
Cllr. Connolly	Cllr. Quinn	Cllr. Hoade
Cllr. Joyce.		

Managing Change in Social Housing - Castlecourt Hotel, Westport - 18th - 20th Sept.

Cllr. Mullins	Comh. Ó Foighil	Cllr. Grealish
Dep. Connaughton	Sen. J. McDonagh	Cllr. S. Walsh
Cllr. Conneely	Cllr. Hoade	Cllr. Cunningham
Cllr. Callanan.		

2001 La Touche Legacy Seminar - Co. Wicklow - 28th - 30th Sept. 01.

Comh Ní Fhatharta	Comh. O Neachtain	Cllr. Cunningham
Cllr. Loughnane	Cllr. Callanan	Cllr. T. Mannion
Cllr. Joyce	Cllr. Hoade	Cllr. P. McHugh
Cllr. Connolly	Cllr. Conneely	Cllr. Hynes
Cllr. . Grealish	Sen. McDonagh	Comh. O Foighil
Dep. Connaughton.		

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

N.O.M. NO. 13 - ROAD - DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON

1202

The following reply was given to Dep. Connaughton:

"The road in question is included for resurfacing in 2003 Road Works Scheme".

N.O.M. NO. 14 - SEWERAGE - DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON

1203

The following reply was given to Dep. Connaughton:

"The Design, Build, Operate (DBO) Contract Documents are currently being assessed by the Department of the Environment and Local Government for both Dunmore and Kilkerrin Sewerage Schemes, which are grouped together under one DBO Contract. A

response is currently awaited from the Department in regard to these DBO Contract Documents in order for the County Council to further progress these schemes".

N.O.M. NO. 15 – ROAD – DEP. P. CONNAUGHTON 1204

The following reply was given to Dep. Connaughton:

"This road is included for consideration in this current review for 2002 to 2005 under road reconstruction for 2002".

N.O.M. NO. 16 – CEMETERY – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1205

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"I wish to confirm that the above works are in hand (at Rakerin Cemetery) and a gate is currently on order. The works should be completed shortly.

N.O.M. NO. 17 – PLANNING – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1206

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"Kinvara is one of the towns/villages which is located within the land use Roads and Transportation Study Area. Therefore, the contributions are calculated as follows:

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|-----|---|--------|
| (a) | Per residential unit (water & sewerage) | £2,400 |
| (b) | Water Only | £1,200 |
| (c) | Open Space | £1,000 |

This is in accordance with the Managers Order Number 0476 dated 22nd September, 1999."

N.O.M. NO. 18 – SEWAGE – CLLR. M. CUNNINGHAM 1207

The following reply was given to Cllr. Cunningham:

"Galway County Council commissioned Hydro-Environmental Ltd. to carry out a hydrological survey of Kinvara Bay in 1999 and to commence work on a Preliminary Report on the scheme in August 2000. A proposed sewerage scheme for Kinvara is included on the current Assessment of Needs – Water Services Programme, as priority No. 12 for the period 2002 to 2006, which was approved by the County Galway in December 2000.

However, there is no funding at present for a sewerage scheme for Kinvara. The ultimate decision lies with the Department as to which schemes are selected for funding on the

Capital Investment Programme and this is largely based on the priority assigned by the County Council to schemes included on the Assessment of Needs Programme”.

N.O.M. NO. 19 – LIGHTING – CLLR. M. FAHY 1208

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

“No funding has been made available by the National Roads Authority this year”.

N.O.M. NO. 20 – FOOTPATH – CLLR. M. FAHY 1209

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

“Seamount College and Dunguaire Castle: There is an existing stone kerbed footpath at this location. The long term plan is to construct a path outside the boundary wall if funding becomes available”.

N.O.M. NO. 21 – LIGHTING – CLLR. M. FAHY 1210

The following reply was given to Cllr. Fahy:

“New lights have been ordered from the E.S.B. for this location. The ducting is already in place”.

N.O.M. NO. 22 – ROAD – CLLR. M. HOADE 1211

The following reply was give to Cllr. Hoade:

“The County Council is actively pursuing the provision of sight distance at the Cregduff junction with the N84 in consultation with the N.R.A. for inclusion under a Low Cost Accident Prevention Scheme”.

N.O.M. NO. 23 – DANGEROUS ROAD – CLLR. M. HOADE 1213

The following reply was given to Cllr. M. Hoade:

“Galway County Council are examining the situation at P.J. Walsh’s house, with a view to carrying out remedial works”.

N.O.M. NO. 24 – RAMPS – CLLR. M. HOADE 1214

The following reply was given to Cllr. M. Hoade:

"The County Council has consulted with the Gardai who are in agreement that ramps are needed in the Castlevue Estate. The cost is being estimated. There are no funds available at present and funding will be sought as part of the 2002 Road Works Scheme. The restoration of the green area is being undertaken by the County Council's housing contractor".

N.O.M. NO. 25 – TREATMENT WORKS – CLLR. J. JOYCE 1215

The following reply was given to Cllr. Joyce:

"A proposed new sewerage scheme for Eyrecourt is included on the Assessment of Needs – Water Services Capital Programme as priority No. 13 for the period 2002 to 2006. The revised Assessment of Needs was sent to the Department of the Environment and Local Government in December 2000. The scheme is in competition with many other towns and villages in the County which require new treatment and collection systems.

The existing system consists of a sedimentation/K-tank, which discharges to an adjacent stream. The discharges and receiving waters are subject to regular monitoring by the E.P.A. and the County Council's Environment Section. A Preliminary Report on the scheme was sent to the Department of the Environment and Local Government in 1995. A report on the current situation is currently being prepared by the Environment Section".

N.O.M. NO. 26 – ANNUAL AWARDS SCHEME – CLLR. J. JOYCE 1215

The following reply was given to Cllr. Joyce:

"While the Council continually strives to develop best practices and carry out works to the highest possible standards it would not be considered appropriate to develop a scheme of awards within the council for such public works".

N.O.M. NO. 27 – NEW LIST OF STAFF – CLLR. J. JOYCE 1216

The following reply was given to Cllr. Joyce:

"The appointment of staff to the new posts are on-going and the list as requested will be circulated as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 28 – ROADWAY – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1217

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:

"This private roadway will not be taken in charge until all developments are completed on this road".

N.O.M. NO. 29 – ROADWAY – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1218

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:

"New school signs will be provided on the county roadway leading to the National School".

N.O.M. NO. 30 – DUMPING – SEN. J. MCDONAGH 1219

The following reply was given to Sen. McDonagh:

"This matter will be examined and a further reply will issue as soon as possible".

N.O.M. NO. 31 - BÓTHAR – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1220

Seo leanas an fregra a tugadh do'n Comh. Ní Fhatharta:

"Gearrfar féar 'srl ar imeall an bhóthair ag an láthair seo nios déanaí I mbliana nuair a bheidh an t-inneall gearrtha ata á úsáid I láthair eile faoi láthair ar fáil".

N.O.M. NO. 32 – COSÁN – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1221

Seo leanas an fregra a tugadh do'n Comh. Ní Fhatharta:

"Tá Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ag fanacht ar Eircom na linte atá ag an láthair a chur faoin talamh. Thug siad le fios dúinn go mbeadh an obair seo a dhéanamh acu mar chuid de chlár oibreacha nios moille I mbliana".

N.O.M. NO. 33 – SOLAS – COMH. C. NÍ FHATHARTA 1222

Seo leanas an fregra a tugadh do'n Comh. Ní Fhatharta:

"Cuireadh piopaó ar fail ag an láthair seo. Cuirfear fáilte roimh airgead N.O.M. le haghaidh caighdeáin soilse a chur ar fáil".

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Submitted, Approved & Signed

Chairperson

26/9/01

Date

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL ON MONDAY, 9TH JULY, 2001

CATHAOIRLEACH:

Cllr. M. Regan

I LATHAIR FREISIN;

Baill:

Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Callanan, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J. Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, P. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, P. O'Foighil, S. O' Neachtain, P. O' Sullivan, K. Quinn, S. Walsh, T. Walsh

Oifigigh:

Messrs. D. O'Donoghue, Co. Manager, T. Kavanagh, J. Cullen, F. Gilmore, P. Ridge, J. Morgan, Directors of Services, E. Lusby, Head of Finance, D. Barrett, S.E.O., T. Murphy, SEO., Ms. M. Jordan, A.O.,

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1181

Dep. Burke asked that the objectives of the Development Plan to control Ribbon Development in Rural areas be amended. He requested that this be put on the agenda for a future meeting. Cllr O'Neachtain said that the date for submissions on the County Development Plan should be extended for a further two weeks. In reply to a query by Cllr Cunningham Mr Ridge, Director of Services, Planning & Economic Development said that there was a good attendance by the public at the consultation sessions on the County Development Plan. He said that the Council would put an advertisement in the paper stating that if the public wished to make a submission on the Plan that they should notify the Council before the 20th July 2001 and a further two weeks would be allowed to submit their submissions.

SALE OF LAND AT CLONBERNE, CO. GALWAY TO RESPOND! VOLUNTARY HOUSING, AIRMOUNT, DOMINICK PLACE, WATERFORD.

1182

A copy of report dated 28th June, 2001 was circulated to each member. On the proposal of Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Loughnane the Council approved the sale comprising 0.8814 hectares of land at Clonberne, to Respond! in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 and in accordance with Section 88 of the Housing Act 1966.

REPORT UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) REGULATIONS 1994 1183

A report outlining the proposed development had been circulated to each Member.

On the proposal of Cllr Fahy seconded by Cllr Callanan the Council approved the laying of twin culverts on the N67 at Cartron, Kinvara and the R347 at Sheeseragh, Kinvara to alleviate flooding in the South Galway Area .

Cllr Fahy asked for an up to date report on the alleviation of flooding in South Galway.

On the proposal of Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Fahy it was agreed to take item No 5 next..

PRESENTATION BY MR TOM ROCHE ON POTENTIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS 1184

Mr Roche from Roche Engineering Ltd explained to the members the proposals that his company could offer for the management of waste as follows;

- 1 Design, build and finance a state-of-the-art waste process facility for Galway City and County with a capacity of up to 150,000 tons per annum.
- 2 The facility would process 50% of the refuse, compost 30% and landfill the remaining 20%.
- 3 Both export and domestic markets would be used for recyclable elements – plastic, wood, paper, glass and metal and also grade one compost
- 4 They would handle waste from all sources – domestic, commercial, industrial and demolition and builder waste.
- 5 Coordinate and utilise all existing licensed infrastructure and provide a link between pre-segregated materials and the reprocessors
- 6 They will be subject at all times to the directions and requirements of the local authority, E.P.A. and other controlling bodies.
- 7 They guarantee to handle total waste stream from the region for 25 years up to 2030 allowing five years start-up time.

He said that the Company was providing a waste management service for over 250 million people in Europe at present. He said that the cost per ton of waste disposal in Europe at present was £45 stg and would be approximately £50 or £60 here. He would give a guarantee that this would not be exceeded for the first five years.

Cllr Callanan asked that the Manager examine this option for waste management and see if it was cost effective. Cllr Burke asked what was required from the Council and if the Department of Environment supported this concept of waste management and also what assurance Mr Roche could give if his business went bankrupt. Mr. Roche said that the Council must provide the landfill site, a licence and a commitment to grant the Company the contract for the waste processing of the region for 25 years. He said that he had not approached the Department of Environment but had spoken to the Minister for Environment and Local Government and made a nationwide offer. He assured that Council that he was fully insured.

Cllr J.J. Mannion said that the President would soon be signing the Waste Management Bill into law authorising County Managers to prepare Waste Management Plans and asked if Mr Roches Company would be in compliance with this new Bill.

The County Manager said that the Environmental and Conservation Strategic Policy Committee would be meeting on the 20th July, 2001 and a report on waste management would be presented to the members of the Strategic Policy Committee for discussion. He said that waste management had been discussed at 24 Council meetings to date, the Plan had been prepared over three years and this Plan must comply with Government Policy. He said that there was a need for recycling and this was being introduced in the county.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITORS REPORT ON THE
ACCOUNTS OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL FOR YEAR
ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1999.**

1185

A copy of the Auditors Report on the Accounts for Galway County Council for year ended 31st December, 1999 was circulated to each Member. Cllr J. Burke complimented the staff of the Finance Section. Cllr McHugh referred to item no. 7.1 in relation to Risk Management and asked if Insurance Claims could be reduced. Mr Lusby explained that the Council was the first County to have a Risk Management Officer. There is a system in place to record repeat claims and all claims are contested which has resulted in a decrease in insurance premium costs.

In reply to a query by Cllr Connolly on extra funding for group water schemes, Mr Kavanagh said that the Council had applied for same.

The County Manager said that there would be a presentation on the Emerging Preferred Strategic Corridor at the next meeting of the Council.
The report was noted.

HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT SCHEME 2001

1186

On the proposal of Cllr Callanan, seconded by Cllr Gavin it was agreed to approve the Higher Education Grant Scheme 2001.

Referring to the scheme, Cllr Callanan said that there should be an increase in funding for fees and maintenance. He said that the increase of 6% for maintenance and 6.5% on income limits was not acceptable. Cllr Gavin said that it was impossible for students to

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live on the maintenance grant and it was not surprising that students didn't vote. He said that the income level should be increased and the 15 mile adjacent grant should be abolished. The closing date of the 10th August is unacceptable considering the volume of applications that have to be processed. Cllr Connolly said that the Higher Education Grant Scheme discriminated against the PAYE worker.

In reply to a query from Cllr Joyce on the new Special Rates of Maintenance Grants, Mr Murphy said that the Department was still finalising the details of same.

MANAGERS BUSINESS

1187

The County Manager referred to notification of Grants from An Roinn Ealaíonn, Oidhreacht, Gaeltachta agus Oileán amounting to £84,750 for works at five piers and harbours. The grants (listed hereunder) are to be matched by a contribution of £28,250 from the Council.

Saoráidí Calaíochta Cllr. J. Callanan	Roinn E.O.G.O	Comhairle Chontae	Iomlán
Slip Clann na Fuinneoga, Cuigeal, Baile na Cill, Leitir Mealláin	£18,750	£6,250	£25,000
Cé Carraig na Haille Bhuí, Rosmuc	£22,500	£7,500	£30,000
Sruthán Buí, Leitir Móir	£15,000	£5,000	£20,000
Garranta Leitir Caladh	£22,500	£7,500	£30,000
Céibh Ros Cíde	£6,000	£2,000	£8,000
Iomlán	£84,750	£28,250	£113,000

The County Manager said that there would be a presentation on the Emerging Preferred Route for the Western Strategic Corridor at the next meeting of the Council.

The County Manager said there would be a presentation on the Planning Act 2000 and the Built Environment at 11.00 a.m. on the day of the Special Meeting in September, 2001.

On the proposal of Cllr. Burke, seconded by Cllr Callanan the Council agreed to support the motion forwarded by Tralee UDC "That Tralee UDC call on the Irish Government to support the current Trocaire Campaign to abolish bonded labour and all forms of slavery and that the Irish Minister for Enterprise, Trade, and Employment bring the

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recommendations of the campaign to the meeting of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) in June".

The Cathaoirleach asked the County Manager to proceed with hedge cutting in the county. This was seconded by Cllr. P. McHugh and agreed.

CONFERENCES

1188

On the proposal of Cllr. Callanan and seconded by Cllr. Joyce, it was agreed that the attendance of the following members be approved at the Conferences set out hereunder, the cost of each Conference having been circulated to each Member:-

General Council of County Councils Conference - Carlow - 4th/6th July
Cllr. K. Quinn.

Douglas Hyde Conference - Ballaghderreen - 20th/22nd July.
Sen. J. McDonagh Cllr. M. Mullins Cllr. S. Walsh.
Cllr. J. Conneely Cllr. P. McHugh Cllr. M. Hoade
Cllr. J. Callanan.

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Mrs. Jo Phelan & Family, The Centre, ...
Mrs. Mary Spellman, Kill ...
Mrs. Kathleen Moroney & Family, Woodfield, Co. Galway ...
Mrs. J. Griffin, Glensaleath, Masonic ...
Mr. Martin Walsh, Glentanah, ...
Conole Family, Crushee, Kinvara, Co. ...

The Members extended their sympathy to An Comh. Ni Phádraig on the death of her uncle Sean Clarke, to An Comh. O'Foighil on the death of his brother Christy Doyle, to Cllr. Grealish on the death of his uncle Paddy Grealish, Pat Blight, Housing Section on the death of his brother Michael and also to Ray Collins, Scores Section on the death of his brother Michael.

The County Manager, on behalf of the Staff wished to be associated with the Resolutions of Sympathy.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT ARAS AN CHONTAE, PROSPECT HILL, GALWAY ON MONDAY 9TH JULY, 2001

CATHAOIRLEACH: An Comh. C. Ni Fhatharta
Cllr. M. Regan

I LATHAIR FREISIN;

Baill: Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Sen. J. McDonagh, Cllrs. J. Burke, J. Callanan, J. Conneely, M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, S. Gavin, N. Grealish, M. Hoade, P. Hynes, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, J.J Mannion, T. Mannion, J. McClearn, P. McHugh, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, P. O'Foighil, S. O' Neachtain, P. O' Sullivan, K. Quinn, S. Walsh, T. Walsh

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Thosnaigh an cruinniú leis an paidir.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

1175

A Resolution of Sympathy was extended to the following:-

Mrs. Jo Phelan & Family, The Corner House, Glenamaddy, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Mary Spellman, Killeeneen, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Kathleen Moroney & Family, Woodford, Co. Galway.
Mrs. J. Griffin, Glenaslath, Masonbrook, Loughrea.
Mr. Martin Walsh, Glentane, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Conole Family, Crushoa, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

The Members extended their sympathy to An Comh. Ní Fhatharta on the death of her uncle Sean Clarke, to An Comh. O'Foighil on the death of his brother Christy Foyle, to Cllr. Grealish on the death of his uncle Paddy Grealish, Pat Blighe, Housing Section on the death of his brother Michael and also to Ray Collins, Stores Section on the death of his brother Michael.

The County Manager, on behalf of the Staff wished to be associated with the Resolutions of Sympathy.

ELECTION OF CATHAOIRLEACH FOR YEAR 2001/2002 1176

An Comh. Ni Fhatharta, outgoing Cathaoirleach was in the Chair.

She thanked the County Manager, Councillors and Staff of the Council for their assistance during the year. She said that the Council had done a lot of good work during the past year including opening four new branch libraries since January, 2001. She welcomed the contribution that local groups and communities had made to the Council and said that she was proud to have been elected the first woman Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council. She especially thanked all the Councillors who had unanimously voted for her.

The members paid tribute to an Comh. Ni Fhatharta for her successful year as Cathaoirleach of the Council and complimented her on the excellent way she represented the Council at events both inside and outside the county. They congratulated her on being the first woman Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council.

The County Manager thanked her for her contribution to the office of Cathaoirleach and said that she had helped to raise the profile of the Council. He also thanked her on behalf of the staff whom she always treated with courtesy and kindness.

The outgoing Cathaoirleach asked for nominations for the position of Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr Fahy and seconded by Cllr Loughnane that Cllr Regan be elected Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr McClearn and seconded by Cllr J. J. Mannion that An Comh. O'Foighil be elected Cathaoirleach. A vote was taken on these proposals which resulted as follows;

For Cllr. Regan

Cllr.'s J. Callanan, M. Connolly, J. Conneely, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O'Neachtain, P. O Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitt, M. Regan, S. Walsh. (17)

For An Comh. O'Foighil

Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton, Sen J. McDonagh, Cllrs J. Burke, S. Gavin, J. J. Mannion, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, P. O'Foighil, T. Walsh. (11)

Abstained

Cllrs. N. Grealish, P. Hynes (2)

Cllr Regan was then declared elected Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council for 2001/2002 and he was invested with the chain of office.

CLLR. REGAN THEN TOOK THE CHAIR

Cllr Regan thanked his fellow councillors who elected him Cathaoirleach and said he was delighted to take up the position. He paid tribute to Comh. Ni Fhatharta for her tremendous work during the year. He explained that he had been a member of Galway County Council since 1991 and thanked the staff for all their assistance during that time. He congratulated the Directors of Service and all staff that were recently promoted.. The Cathaoirleach mentioned some of the major developments taking place in the county, the major road works, the gas line, waste management, water and sewerage schemes and local authority housing. He said that he intended to encourage industries to look seriously at establishing businesses in towns throughout the county and in particular the east Galway region. He also felt that more amenities and leisure facilities should be provided for the youth of the County. He thanked his wife Mary and daughters Emma and Brenda and his mother for their support.

The members congratulated Cllr Regan on his appointment as Cathaoirleach and wished him well during his term of office. The County Manager congratulated Cllr Regan on behalf of the staff .

ELECTION OF LEAS-CATHAOIRLEACH FOR YEAR 2001/2002

1177

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr Fahy that Cllr Cunningham be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach.

It was proposed by Cllr McClearn, seconded by Cllr. T. Walsh that an Comh. O'Foighil be elected Leas-Cathaoirleach. A vote taken on these proposals resulted as follows;-

For Cllr. Cunningham


Cllrs J. Callanan, M. Connolly, M. Cunningham, M. Fahy, M. Hoade, J. Joyce, M. Loughnane, T. Mannion, P. McHugh, C. Ni Fhatharta, S. O' Neachtain, P. O'Sullivan, K. Quinn, T. Rabbitte, M. Regan, S. Walsh..(16)

For An Comh. O'Foighil

Deps. U. Burke, P. Connaughton , Sen. J. McDonagh , Cllrs. J. Burke, S. Gavin, J.J. Mannion, J. McClearn, T. McHugh, M. Mullins, P. O'Foighil, T. Walsh. (11)

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Abstained

Cllrs N. Grealish, P. Hynes (2)

The Cathaoirleach declared Cllr Cunningham elected Leas-Cathaoirleach of Galway County Council for 2001/2002. Cllr Cunningham congratulated Cllr Regan on being elected Cathaoirleach and said that he looked forward to working with him in the coming year.

NOMINATION OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE ATHENRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL TRUST LTD. 1178

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr McClearn and agreed that Cllr Cunningham and Cllr McClearn be elected to the Athenry Community Council Trust Ltd.

The persons nominated to the Athenry Community Council Trust Ltd are as follows:-

- (1) Cllr Cunningham, Galway Road, Gort, Co. Galway.
- (2) Cllr McClearn, Killimor, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

NOMINATION OF 2 MEMBERS TO THE ATHENRY HERITAGE & TOURISM CO. LTD. 1179

It was proposed by Cllr Loughnane, seconded by Cllr McClearn and agreed that Cllr Loughnane and Cllr Hynes be elected to the Athenry Heritage & Tourism Co. Ltd..

The persons nominated to the Athenry Heritage & Tourism Co. Ltd are as follows:-

- (1) Cllr Loughnane, Dunsandle, Kiltulla, Co. Galway.
- (2) Cllr Hynes, Gort Road, Loughrea,, Co. Galway.

STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEES 1180

It was proposed by Cllr. Loughnane, seconded by Cllr. Callanan and agreed that an Comh. Sean O' Neachtain would replace Cllr. Josie Conneely as Chair of the Planning & Economic Development Strategic Policy Committee and that Cllr. Conneely would replace an Comh. O'Neachtain on the Environmental and Conservation Services Strategic Policy Committee.

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Submitted, Approved & Signed

M. J. O'Leary

26/9/01
Date