

SCHEDULE
OF ANNUAL BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE SCHEME FOR 1975 TO STUDENTS WHOSE NORMAL
FAMILY RESIDENCE IS NOT IN OR ADJACENT TO A UNIVERSITY TOWN

PART 1.

Income of Parent per annum	Rateable Valuation	GRANT CATEGORY																		
		Number of Dependent Children in Family																		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10									
Less than £1,600	Less than £60	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
£1,600 or more but less than £1,735	£60 or more but less than £65	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
£1,735 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
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£2,005 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
£2,140 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
£2,275 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	-	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
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£2,545 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	-	-	-	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
£2,680 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	-	-	-	-	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
£2,815 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
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£3,220 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A	A
£3,355 " " " " " "	" " " " " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A	A
£3,490 or over	£130 or over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	F	E	D	C	B	A	A	A	A

ANNUAL VALUE OF GRANT CATEGORIES

Category	Annual Value
A: Lecture fee (not exceeding £172*) plus £300 in respect of maintenance and other expenses	£240
B: " " " " " "	£160
C: " " " " " "	£120
D: " " " " " "	£60
E: " " " " " "	"
F: Lecture fee only (not exceeding £172*).	"

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD
AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 26TH MAY, 1975.

In the Chair, Deputy T. Hussey.

Members Present: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan, John Donnellan, Councillors F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverly, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Councillors P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors Norman Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials Present:

Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Asst. County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, Acting Asst. County Manager; Mr. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

446 - VOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO GALWAY HURLING TEAM: At the commencement of the meeting the members unanimously passed a vote of congratulations to the Galway Senior Hurling Team on winning the National Hurling League Title. The County Manager joined in the good wishes.

447 - MINUTES: On the proposition of Councillor Morgan seconded by Councillor Melvin, the minutes of meeting held on 2/5/1975 (nos. 431 - 445 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of Minute No. 436, Deputy Molloy asked that the details given by the Deputy County Manager of the Number of L.I.S. authorised and awaiting issue of offer in each area be included in the Minutes. This was agreed. The details were as follows:-

Area	No. of Schemes authorised	No. of Applications awaiting issue of offer.
Clifden	5	56
Oughterard	13	62
Galway	15	18
Tuam	4	11
Milltown	-	19
Loughrea	-	6
Gort	5	12
Portumna	7	18
Ballinasloe	4	4
Athenry	2	15
Mountbellew	7	12

448 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1975: The County Manager said that it was estimated that an overdraft of £1,000,000 would be required for the quarter ending 30/9/75. The overdraft for the quarter ending 30/6/75 was for £750,000. It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Senator Killilea and resolved:

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£1,735 " " " " £1,870	" " " " " " £70	I	H	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
£1,870 " " " " £2,005	" " " " " " £75	J	I	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
£2,005 " " " " £2,140	" " " " " " £80	K	J	H	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
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£2,275 " " " " £2,410	" " " " " " £90	-	L	J	H	G	G	G	G	G	G
£2,410 " " " " £2,545	" " " " " " £95	-	-	K	I	G	G	G	G	G	G
£2,545 " " " " £2,680	" " " " " " £100	-	-	-	J	H	G	G	G	G	G
£2,680 " " " " £2,815	" " " " " " £105	-	-	-	-	I	H	G	G	G	G
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£3,085 " " " " £3,220	" " " " " " £120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J	H	G
£3,220 " " " " £3,355	" " " " " " £125	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I	H
£3,355 " " " " £3,490	" " " " " " £130	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	J
£3,490 or over	£130 or over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Category	Annual Value of Grant	Categories
G: Lecture fee (not exceeding £172*) plus £120 in respect of maintenance and other expenses	£96	"
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I: "	£48	"
J: "	£24	"
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"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1,000,000 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 30/9/75".

- 449 - FIXING OF DATES OF HEADFORD FAIRS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1976: The County Manager read out a list of dates which had been circulated to the members. It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Molloy and resolved:-

"that the list of dates and fairs as circulated be approved".

- 450 - DELEGATION FOR JOINT LIBRARY CONFERENCE IN COLERAINE-26th - 30th JUNE, '75.

The County Manager said that the County Libraries' Committee had nominated Miss Jane C. Murphy, Monntbellew and Senator John Mannion, Clifden as delegates for the conference. On the proposition of Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Ryan, the members agreed to the attendance of Miss Murphy and Senator Mannion at the conference.

- 451.- GAELTACHT COMMITTEE MINUTES: The minutes of the Gaeltacht Committee meeting held on 21/4/75 were noted. On the suggestion of Councillor O Morain it was agreed to defer consideration of the Minutes of the Gaeltacht Committee meeting of 6/5/75.

- 452 - VACANCY ON GAELTACHT COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE DEATH OF MR. SEAMUS KYNE: It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Senator Killilea and resolved:-

"That Padraig Uasal O Caomhanaigh, Carraig Thoir, Corr na Mona be appointed to fill the vacancy."

- 453 - PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR 1975: The County Manager recommended that the £3,500 provided in the 1975 estimates be spent on the following schemes:

- (a) Golf Club to Knocknacarra - £2,826.31
- (b) Kilcolgan - £218.83
- (c) Kilrickle - £ 98.21
- (d) Cornamona £91.80

He said that the Knocknacarra proposal was the most urgent. Deputy Donnellan said it was unfair to spend such a large amount on one scheme at Knocknacarra and asked if there was an estimate for Dunmore. Councillor Haverty enquired if Portumna was on Priority List. Councillor Ryan enquired about Newbridge. Councillors McCormack and Ruane asked about Lackagh and Turloughmore. Council Morgan asked about underground public lighting on the Gort Road in Loughrea. Deputy Callanan enquired about Fohenagh and Killure. Councillor J. Molloy said that an extension of the public lighting system to the Glass Factory at Merlin Park was required.

The County Manager said that most of the areas mentioned by the members were included in the Priority List but estimates had not been got for them and that estimates would be sought now. Any area mentioned which was not on the Priority List would be included.

In reply to Senator Killilea the County Manager said that he would check on the position as regards lighting at the rear of McHale Tce., in Tuam.

The Council agreed to the Manager's recommendation for the programme of Public Lighting for 1975.

- 454 - DATES FOR ANNUAL MEETING, CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND SPEED LIMITS COMMITTEE: It was agreed to hold the Annual meeting on 23/6/75. The meeting to resume discussion on the County Development Plan was fixed for 30/6/75. It was agreed to hold the Speed Limit Committee meeting on the 16/6/75 commencing at 3.00 p.m. for the Connemara area, 4.00 p.m. for the Tuam area and 5.00 p.m. for the areas of Galway, Ballinasloe and Loughrea.

- 455 - RAISING OF SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN OF £10,000 FOR WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES: It was proposed by Councillor J. Molloy, seconded by Deputy R. Molloy and resolved :-

"That subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government the Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £10,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for water extensions to Castlegar/Cloonacauneen and Briarhill/Ballybrit - the amount to be repayable over the approved period with interest at the approved rate.

- 456 - INISHERE WATER SUPPLY: The County Manager said there was an urgency about improving the water storage capacity on Inishere. The total cost of the works was estimated at £21,000 and Roinn na Gaeltachta would contribute 85%. It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor McCormack and resolved:-

"that excess expenditure of £21,000 be authorised for the financial year 1975 for the provision of additional water storage capacity for Inishere Water Supply subject to a recoupment of £17,850 from Roinn na Gaeltachta."

- 457 - DOORUS GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: The County Manager said that the Council had received an application for a contribution of £2,000 for the Doorus Group Water Supply Scheme. The total cost of the Scheme was estimated at £24,000. Forty houses would be eligible for grants totalling £15,520 leaving a balance of £8,480 or £212 per house which was high. If the Council contribute £2,000, each house holder's contribution would be reduced to £162. He said that the promoters would endeavour to recruit further members for the scheme which would result in reducing the contribution of £2,000. Councillor Byrne supported the Group's request and the Council agreed in principle to make a contribution of £2,000 if required.

- 458 - ROAD TO ROSSAVEAL PIER: The Manager said it was necessary to construct a new road from the fish factory to the pier at Rossaveal because of the development of the Harbour. Discussions had taken place on the subject with Roinn na Gaeltachta. The estimated cost of the new road was £54,000 and the Council had made an application to Roinn na Gaeltachta for a 100% grant for the work. He asked the Council to support the application by way of a resolution. It was proposed by Councillor Flaherty, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:-

"That Roinn na Gaeltachta be asked for a 100% grant of £54,000 to finance the construction of a new road from the junction near the fish factory to the pier head at Rossaveal."

- 459 - TUAM POUND: The County Manager said that the position as regards the Pound in Tuam had been examined in consultation with the County Registrar who had authority in this connection. There was need for the Pound and a new caretaker had been appointed recently. It was being properly supervised and there is no nuisance at night. Deputy Donnellan said that he hoped that there would be no more complaints about noise in the future. Councillor Morgan asked about the possibility of having the Pound in Loughrea moved outside the town and the County Manager undertook to have the matter examined.

460 - HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS SCHEME, 1975: The adoption of the Draft Scheme as circulated was proposed by Councillor Morgan and seconded by Senator Killilea. The Minutes of the Education (Grants) Committee meeting held on the 23/5/75 were noted. Councillor Kilgannon said that the comparison of £60 rateable valuation to £1,600 income was most unfair. Deputy Callanan and Councillor O Morain asked that some flexibility be allowed as regards the latest date for receipt of applications. The County Manager said that it was important that applications be made early because in the past the Department had not sanctioned late applications without penalty.

461 - DEVOLUTION OF FUNCTIONS - CAPITAL WORKS: The County Manager referred to Circular letter ENV 8/75 dated 26 Marta, 1975 from the Department of Local Government in connection with the devolution of responsibility for certain capital projects to local authorities and read extracts from it. The aim was to retain essential financial controls only leaving the planning of projects to the local authorities.

The letter applied to the following categories of capital project:

- (a) swimming pools;
- (b) fire stations, local authority accommodation;
- (c) public toilets;
- (d) burial grounds, waste disposal sites;
- (e) occasional and miscellaneous works such as harbour works, river drainage, gas works, abattoirs, work on dangerous structures etc.;
- (f) fire appliances, cleansing plant.

Under the new system each local authority will prepare and update annually a three year list of the investments proposed in such projects and the order of priority. This list will be known as the list of Miscellaneous projects. The Department will not require information about projects additional to that set out in the list of miscellaneous projects. A loan application must also be submitted. The inclusion of works on the list will not mean that it will be feasible to proceed with a work at any particular time as the capital available for miscellaneous projects is limited. The initial list covering the three-year period 1976 - 1978 must be submitted by the 30th September, 1975 and an updated list submitted by the 30th June in each following year.

The County Manager said that the initial list will be brought before the Council when it is ready. It was agreed to circulate a copy of the Department's letter to each Councillor.

462 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY MANAGER:

Capital Allocation 1975: The County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received from the Department that the Capital allocation for County Galway for major Water & Sewerage Schemes for 1975 was £122,000. The Manager read the letter from the Department which included a statement that the capital provision for Water & Sewerage Schemes increased from £8.23m in 1972/73 to £16.75m in the current year. The Manager further stated that since the 1/1/75 the Council had already drawn £105,000 and unless the allocation of £122,000 was revised upwards, it would not be possible to start work on any new schemes this year. In reply to a question from Senator Killilea the County Manager stated that the Council's immediate requirements for Water & Sewerage Schemes amounted to £855,000, and that the Schemes which were likely to commence if finance was available were Ahascragh Water, Galway City Eastern Environs water extension to Oranmore and reservoir at Brierhill, Galway city Western Environs Water supply and Kilronan Sewerage Scheme.

Deputy Molloy stated that the Department's small allocation was a very serious matter for the Council as it would hold up all new works. He suggested writing back to the Department to ask to have the £16.75m re-allocated and a more equitable share given to Galway and the West of Ireland where it was badly needed. Deputy Callanan expressed grave dissatisfaction with the allocation saying that the hold up in the major schemes would also effect group schemes. Councillor Glynn said that from a total allocation of £16.75m Galway County was entitled to at least £2m. Councillors O Morain and Joyce also expressed disappointment at the allocation. Councillor Ruane suggested asking the Department for details of how £16.75m was divided between the different counties and Senator Killilea proposed that a deputation to the Department if the allocation is not increased. At the end of the discussion the Manager said that the Council will write back to the Department pointing out the volume of work which the Council has on hands, the schemes to which the Council is committed and the finance required to continue the Council's programme.

Small Schemes: The Manager informed the meeting that the allocation for small schemes for 1975 was £30,000 and recommended spending it on Athenry Sewerage £6,000; Clarenbridge Sewerage £2,000 and Gort Sewerage £7,000 which schemes were on the Priority List. These schemes were the most urgent, particularly Clarenbridge where a new housing scheme was ready to start. Deputy Callanan protested at the fact that Kilconnell Water Scheme which was first on the priority list was not included. The estimated cost of this scheme was £4,000. Councillor Kilgannon supported Deputy Callanan. In reply to a question by Councillor Joyce, the Assistant County Manager, Mr. Kearns explained that the Council was given to understand that £26,000 was available for small schemes in 1974 and although the Council applied for the money, it was not forthcoming. The schemes which made up the £26,000 were re-submitted in 1975 with further schemes totalling £74,000.

The Chairman suggested that the Kilconnell Scheme be completed and as much of the other three schemes as was possible.

Councillor Byrne agreed with the County Manager's recommendation and proposed that the Kilconnell Scheme be done next when the other three are completed. After further discussion the Chairman's suggestion was finally agreed.

Excess vote of £40,000: The Manager said that an excess vote of £40,000 was required to cover increased wages and salaries to 31/12/1975. The amount was made up as follows:

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| 1. 1975 National Wage Agreement: An increase of 10% had been provided in the 1975 estimates but this was not adequate, leaving a balance of £8,740 | £8,740. |
| 2. Circular E/L 23/75 on Equal Pay for Clerical Officers retrospective to 1.6.73 | 6,000 |
| 3. Grades analogous to Clerical Officers Library Staff E/L 13/75 | 5,000 |
| Rate Collectors) | |
| Rent Collectors) Circular Letter EL 27/75 | 15,000 |
| | 2,000 |
| 3.25% increase for firemen effective from 1.6.1972 to 31.12.75 | 3,260 |

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon and resolved:

"that excess expenditure of £40,000 be authorised for year ending 31/12/1975."

Regrading of Clerical and Administrative Staff: The Manager referred to the regrading proposals approved by the Council at their meeting on 25/11/1974. He said that three Clerk/Typist posts which it was proposed to regrade to Clerical Officer grade were omitted from his report and he requested the Council's approval to the regrading of the three further posts. This was agreed on the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor Morgan.

Castlegar Water Supply Scheme: In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager said that no official notification was issued in relation to the waiving of the £75 contribution requested from householders benefiting from this extension.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION

- 463 - PORTUMNA FAIRGREEN: Councillor Morgan was informed that the Council was taking steps to have all the caravans and materials removed from the Fairgreen and that it would not be feasible to have it locked in view of the fact that it is used as a car park.
- 464 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSKS: The County Manager pointed out that there were other motions on the Agenda relating to this matter and suggested that they be taken together. Under this system, a local authority would have to undertake to recoup to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs the amount by which the revenue from the Telephone Kiosk fell short of the cost of providing and maintaining the installation. The County Manager suggested that before entering into such an agreement it would be advisable to get an estimate from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs of the deficit which would be likely to arise in each case so that the Council would be aware of the cost involved when making their decision. It was agreed to adjourn the matter pending the receipt of this information from the Department.
- 465 - WORKING WIVES' ALLOWANCE: This motion was withdrawn.
- 466 - OUGHTERARD WATER SUPPLY EXTENSION: Councillor Welby was informed that arrangements are being made for the purchase of the necessary pumps and work will commence as soon as possible. It was pointed out that a guarantee could not be given that it would be possible to supply the Billamore Group Scheme which proposes to connect near the end of the existing distribution system. The pressures and flows available will be determined after the pump and rising mains have been provided.
- 467 - LEENANE CEMETERY: Councillor O Morain was informed that further 420 grave spaces could be provided by terracing and this appeared to be the only feasible method of providing extra spaces in this area at a current estimated cost of £5,200. Having regard to the amount of money provided in the current year, estimates for new burial grounds, and the fact that there are still some unoccupied spaces at Leenane, the proposed extension could not be undertaken this year.
- 468 - SCEIM SEARACHAIS DO'N LIONNAN: Cuireadh in iul do'n Comhairleoir O'Morain go gcuirfear an scéim seo san aireamh nuair a bheidh liosta na sceimeanna beaga do'n bhliain 1976 a ullmhu i mi Mean Fomhair seo chugainn.
- 469 - COMHARTHAÍ TEORA LUAIS O SCOIL PHOBAIL CHARNA GO HOSTAN CHARNA: Cuireadh in iul do'n Comhairleoir O Morain go gcuirfi an moladh seo os comhair an Fo-Choiste Teora Luais.

- 470 - PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT HEADFORD: Senator Killilea was informed that this work would be put in hands later this year. Deputy Donnellan said that he was told that this work would be completed before now, and he asked that it be done immediately.
- 471 - EXTENSION OF TUAM REFUSE COLLECTION TO KILLALOONTY VILLAGE: Senator Killilea was informed that it was not possible to extend the collection service to this area at the present time.
- 472 - LAND COMMISSION ROAD AT CUMMER, TUAM: The County Manager said that this road could be taken over if funds were made available e.g. from Councillors' Notice of Motion money for its black-topping as there was no provision in the estimates for it. Senator Killilea proposed that this road be declared a public road in its present condition. He said it was a new road in perfect condition and he asked why was black-topping necessary. Councillor McCormack seconded the motion and asked that his similar motion on the Agenda be taken in conjunction with Senator Killilea's. Councillor McCormack said that if there was any delay in taking over the road it would deteriorate. Deputy Callanan said that it was never intended that roads should have to be black-topped before taking over. The County Engineer said that many L.I.S. roads are tarred before being declared public. The road grants were low this year and no provision was made for blacktopping. Councillor Kilgannon also supported the motion and the Chairman declared it passed. Arising out of this motion Deputy Donnellan stated that similar motions put forward by him were not put on the Agenda and he asked for an explanation. Mr. Howlett said that the Council's previous decision on this matter was that a road which, on the face of it, did not involve an immediate expenditure of money could be put on the Agenda for taking over. It was agreed to put the question of the declaration of roads as public roads on the Agenda for the next meeting.
- 473 - COMHARTHA BHOTHAIR AR CHEAN TAOBH DO SCOIL NAISIUNTA NA MINNA: Cuireadh in iul do'n Comhairleoir O Flatharta go dtogfar na comharthaí seo go luath.
- 474 - TAOBH CASAN O NA HAILLE SIAR GO DTI AN TEACH MOR: Cuireadh in iul do'n Comhairleoir O Flatharta go mbeadh an Comhairle Condáe in ndon timpeall 500 sl. de'n casan a dhéanamh le linn an tSamhraidh.
- 475 - CLIFDEN REFUSE COLLECTION: Senator Mannion was informed that Clifden had the same refuse collection service (once weekly) as other towns but that arrangements for additional street cleaning as required during the summer months, will be attended to as in previous years.
- 476 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR GLANN, OUGHTERARD: Senator Mannion was informed that the refuse collection service in West Galway was fully extended at present and no further extension of the service can be considered. In any event, Glann, Oughterard is a rural area for which no extension of the service was ever intended.
- 477 - TELEPHONE KIOSK AT ANNAGHDOWN: Senator Higgins and Deputy Molloy agreed to defer their motions until information is received from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs of the likely cost to the County Council.
- 478 - SURFACE DRESSING OF AREA OUTSIDE CHURCH IN MENLOUGH: This item was not dealt with in the absence of Deputy Kitt.

- 479 - SPEED LIMITS AT CALTRA VILLAGE: This item was not dealt with in the absence of Deputy Kitt.
- 480 - TAKING OVER OF LINK ROAD THROUGH SMITH DEMESNE AT COLEMANSTOWN: The County Manager informed Deputy Callanan that this road was not recommended for adoption until the following works are dealt with:
- (i) Surface - to be brought up to standard.
 - (ii) All decayed and dangerous trees are felled and removed.
- The cost of these works is estimated at £2,822. Deputy Callanan said that the County Council had some years ago asked the Irish Land Commission to carry out certain works on this road in order to bring it up to the required standard. The Land Commission had done this and they were not now going to spend more money on it. The County Engineer recommended that the Council's engineer should meet an engineer from the Land Commission to discuss the matter to see if a solution could be arrived at. This was agreed.
- 481 - ESTIMATES FOR CULVERTS UNDER THE LAND PROJECT SCHEME: Deputy Callanan was informed that the Estimates in these cases are normally based on the requirements of the Land Project Office regarding levels and capacity. The work is always estimated for on the basis of the most economic means of carrying out the work and as stability under traffic conditions has to be allowed for, there can be no question of lowering standards. The solution would appear to be for the Department of Agriculture to give a special subvention in such cases.
- Deputy Callanan said that he felt that the Council's estimates for the cost of these bridges were excessive which resulted in some Land Project Schemes being rejected for grants in view of the fact that they were dealt with on a cost benefit basis. The County Manager pointed out that the Council had to be careful in dealing with bridges because of the possible liability involved. The County Engineer suggested that the Department be asked to refer any project back to the County Council to have it re-estimated where the original estimate resulted in the scheme not qualifying under the cost benefit criteria. The Council agreed to this suggestion.
- 482 - GRANTS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS: Councillor Kelly, who was not at the meeting had asked that this motion be withdrawn.
- 483 - PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND IN TUAM FOR INDUSTRIAL ESTATE & HOUSING: This motion was not dealt with in the absence of Councillor Kelly, who had asked for a written reply.
- 484 - EXTENSION OF SEWERAGE SCHEME AT PARK, ATHENRY: The County Manager informed Councillors Glynn and Ruane that this extension was included in the list of "small schemes" for 1975 and would be carried out when the funds are available.
- 485 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE AT BALLYBRIT: Councillor McCormack was informed that the County Council's refuse collection service was taxed ^{the} limit at present and it was not possible to include Ballybrit. However, the Council is in touch with the Corporation with a view to having the Corporation undertake the collection on an agency basis.
- 486 - DECLARATION AS A PUBLIC ROAD THE ROAD FROM PULLINORE TO CURRY: This motion was taken in conjunction with Senator Killilea's earlier motion on the same subject.

- 487 - LACKAGH GRAVEYARD EXTENSION: Councillor McCormack was informed that it had not been possible to reach agreement with the land owner concerned for the plot required for the extension, even though the amount offered was in excess of the figure recommended by the Council's valuer and that a Compulsory Purchase Order is now proposed.
- 488 - DUNMORE FIRE SERVICE: Deputy Donnellan was informed that a Fire squad has been in existence in Dunmore for over ten years and some equipment, i.e. hoses and stand-pipe had been provided and were stored in the residence of Mr. Bowen, the waterworks caretaker. However, Mr. Bowen has died and it is proposed to appoint a new Fire squad leader in the near future. The whole problem of fire-fighting arrangements for Dunmore will then be re-examined.
- 489 - ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS FOR DUNMORE: Deputy Donnellan was asked to inform the Council of the location and number of lights required.
- 490 - DUNMORE WATER SUPPLY: Deputy Donnellan was informed that the Preliminary Report for the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Water Supply Scheme was sent to the Department of Local Government for sanction on the 24th February, 1975. Stage 2 of this scheme relates to Dunmore. The Department's sanction is awaited.
- 491 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR ABBEYNOCKMOY AREA: Councillor Ryan was informed that as a full working week for the scavenging vehicle is already allocated, it is not possible to even consider a collection for this district. When Councillor Ryan asked that it be included in next year's estimate, the County Manager pointed out that it will have to await the purchase of an extra refuse collection vehicle.
- 492 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD AT TIMEDUANE, CLONBERNE: Councillor Ryan was informed that the Local Improvement Scheme on this road has not yet been completed. The estimated cost of the full scheme was £2,300 and £700 worth of work still remains to be done.
- 493 - MONIVEA VILLAGE - SHORE OUTFALL: Councillor Kilgannon was informed that the only remedy for this problem was a Sewerage Scheme for the village of Monivea, but that in the meantime temporary measures would be taken to relieve flooding.
- 494 - SPEED LIMITS SUB-COMMITTED: Earlier at the meeting the Council fixed dates for meetings of the Speed Limit Committees.
- 495 - APPOINTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGIST: The County Manager informed Councillor Joyce that the work which would be carried out by a County Archaeologist as suggested by Councillor Joyce was work which was in fact carried out by the Office of Public Works. While the preservation of Archaeological heritage should be of deep concern, the appointment of a County Archaeologist was not an urgent need. A survey of archaeological and other conservation items for the county was completed some time ago by an Foras Forbartha and this will be incorporated in the review of the County Plan.
- 496 - DANGEROUS BEND AT LISHEEN-NA-GCOILL, KILL, KILTORMER: Councillor Joyce proposed that the Land Commission be requested to give a sufficient amount of land to the County Council to enable a dangerous turn at Lisheen-na-gCoill, Kill, Kiltormer to be widened.

The Council agreed to take the matter up with the Irish Land Commission.

- 497 - SPEED LIMIT AT DUBLIN ROAD, ORANMORE: It was agreed to refer this item to the forthcoming Speed Limit Committee meeting.
- 498 - PIERS AT BALLINACOURTY AND BLACKWEIR, CLARENBRIDGE: Councillor Byrne was informed that the County Council had no responsibility for Blackweir pier. In the case of Ballinacourty, the Council is responsible for the maintenance of the pier structure in the condition in which it was taken over. Any improvements are a matter for the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries.

Councillor Byrne stated that in relation to the pier at Ballinacourty an amount of silt and stones had accumulated and he asked if this could be cleared under maintenance.

The County Manager said that this matter would be taken up with the Office of Public Works.
- 499 - CLARENBRIDGE SEWERAGE SCHEME: The County Manager informed Councillor Byrne that the County Medical Officer had decided that effluent, no matter how well treated, should not be discharged to Clarnbridge Bay because of the Oyster Industry. Alternative methods for disposal of the effluent are being examined at present but it may take some time to arrive at an acceptable solution to the problem.
- 500 - ROAD FROM BALLYHALE TO MOUNT ROSS, HEADFORD: The County Manager stated that this roadway was suitable for adoption, but the cost of bringing it up to standard is estimated at £4,500. The County Manager suggested that this might be done out of Councillors' Notice of Motion money and after discussion it was agreed on the suggestion of the County Engineer that an application for the repair of the road be made under the Local Improvement Scheme.
- 501 - SIGNPOST AT BALLINAFAD BRIDGE: Senator Mannion was informed that this junction was adequately signposted at present. To properly grade and improve the junction would require major road works estimated to cost about £15,000. All expenditure of this order would depend on grant availability and priority consideration.
- 502 - EXTENSION OF REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE TO MENLO VILLAGE: Deputy Molloy was informed that the County Council is in consultation with Galway Corporation regarding refuse collection for the city environs. When these consultations are completed consideration will be given to the inclusion of Menlo subject to the necessary financial provisions being made by the Council.
- 503 - PIPED SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR CALTRA AND CASTLEBLAKENEY: This item was not dealt with in the absence of Deputy Kitt.
- 504 - INCREASED COST OF SOCIAL WELFARE INSURANCE STAMPS: Deputy Callanan was informed that this should have a relatively small effect on the number of pensionable road workers employed. It was agreed to inform Deputy Callanan of the estimated cost arising from the increase in the cost of the stamp.
- 505 - ROAD WIDENING SCHEME FOR THE VILLAGE OF NEW INN: Councillor Kilgannon was informed that the proposal would cost an estimated £12,000 and it was agreed to include this item in the Roads Estimates for 1976.
- 506 - STREET DRAINAGE AT BRENDAN STREET, PORTUMNA: The County Manager stated that no flooding had occurred in this area in recent times and that the street drainage will be surveyed in due course.

- 507 - BALLYMOE WATER SUPPLY: Deputy Hussey and Councillor Raftery were informed that Ballyglass and Glinsk are the furthest extremities of the Ballymoe Water Supply Scheme, and experienced reduced pressure at peak demand. Provision has been made in the design of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Supply Scheme for a connection to the Ballymoe Water Supply which will remedy the situation. This will probably be included in Stage 2 of the Dunmore/Glenamaddy Regional Water Scheme.
- 508 - TAXI RANK AT THE SQUARE IN TUAM: Deputy Hussey and Councillor Glynn were informed that this was a matter for the Gardai only, after consultation with the Town Commissioners and the Minister.
- 509 - GORT WATER & SEWERAGE SCHEME: Councillor Fahey was informed that Preliminary Reports for both Water and Sewerage Schemes for Gort had been received from the consulting engineers and are being examined at present. They will be submitted to the Department of Local Government when the Council is satisfied that they are in order. Councillor Fahey asked that the reports be forwarded to the Department as early as possible.
- 510 - DIRECTION SIGNS TO MOYGLASS: The County Manager informed Councillor Fahey that these signs were not recommended as this place consists of only a Post Office and public house.
- 511 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mrs. Nonie Lally, Belville, Athenry.
Mrs. Collins, Guilka, Menlough, Ballinasloe.
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Conneely, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway.
Mr. Thomas McDonagh, Mountpellier Terrace, Galway.
Mr. P. J. Coniry, Woodford, Co. Galway.
Mr. Tom Gordon & Family, Tynagh, Loughrea.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

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Submitted, Approved & Confirmed
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Built up areas with existing speed limits.

Ballinasloe Electoral Area:

Ahascragh.
Aughrim.
Ballinasloe.
Eyrecourt.
Kilconnell.
Kilrickle.
Laurencetown.
Menlough.
New Inn.

Connemara Electoral Area:

Carraroe.
Clifden.
Roundstone.

Galway Electoral Area:

Barna.
Claregalway.
Currandulla.
Galway.
Headford.
Lackagh.
Moycullen.
Oughterard.
Spiddal.

Loughrea Electoral Area:

Ardrahan.
Athenry.
Clarinbridge.
Craughwell.
Gort.
Kilcolgan.
Killimor.
Kinvara.
Loughrea.
Oranmore.
Portumna.
Tynagh.
Woodford.

Tuam Electoral Area:

Ballygar.
Ballymoe.
Creggs.
Dunmore.
Glenamaddy.
Milltown.
Mountbellew.
Moylough.
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OTHER BUILT UP AREAS.

Ballinasloe Electoral Area:

Attymon.
Ballymacward.
Caltra.
Castleblakeney.
Gurteen.
Kiltormer.
Monivea.

Connemara Electoral Area:

Carna.
Cleggan.
Clonbur.
Cong.
Cornamona.
Leenane.
Letterfrack.
Recess.

Galway Electoral Area:

Corofin.
Kilronan

Loughrea Electoral Area:

Ballindereen.
Kilchreest.
Peterswell.

Tuam Electoral Area:

Barnaferg.
Kilkerrin.

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BALLINASLOE ELECTORAL AREA

St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe per L.G.D.
Deputy M. Kitt
Clr. J. Joyce

CONNEMARA ELECTORAL AREA

Galway Co. Council
Coiste Forbachta Connemara
Clr. M. O'Morain

Deputy M. Geoghegan-Quin

GALWAY ELECTORAL AREA

Deputy J. Donnellan
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Galway Co. Council

Galway Co. Council & Castlegar Dev. Assoc.

Barna Dev. Association per L.G.D.

Oughterard Tourist & Dev. Assoc. per L.G.D.

Deputy M. Geoghegan-Quin

Deputy R. Molloy

PROPOSALS --- SPEED LIMITS

LOCATION

Provide 30 m.p.h. speed limit at Ballinasloe Mental Hospital	
Provide speed limit at entrance & exit to Caltra Village	
" " " Killtorner & alter ones at Eyrecourt	
Speed Limits at Clonbur	
30 m.p.h. at Connemara	
Speed limit from National School, Carna to Ostan, Carna	
30 mph at Ballyconneely	
Gortnamona, Headford - 5 m.p.h.	
30 m.p.h. at Turloughmore	
Two-Mile-Ditch Jct. to Ballybrit 30 mph.	
Castlegar to Ballindoolley X 30 m.p.h. & Riverside Estate	
Barna - 30 m.p.h.	
Waterfield Road, Oughterard - 30 m.p.h.	
Extend 30 m.p.h. to Bushypark Church	

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LOUGHREA ELECTORAL AREA

Deputy J. Callanan

Town Commissioners Loughrea

Mr. T. Quinn per L.G.D. & Garda Siochana

Clr. T. Byrne

Deputy J. Donnellan & Garda Siochana

TUAM ELECTORAL AREA

Garda Siochana

Deputy T. Hussey

Clr. M. Kelly

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Extend 30 m.p.h. on Gort Road and Old Galway Rd., Loughrea	
30 m.p.h. extended to Cuscarraig Housing Estate, Loughrea	
Kilcolgan Kinvara Road - Alter 40 m.p.h.	
Extend speed limit out on Dublin Road, Oranmore	
30 m.p.h. at entrance to Athenry Town	
Ballygar Town - 30 m.p.h.	
30 m.p.h. at Kiltenna	
30 m.p.h. at Galway Road, Tuam.	

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Road Traffic Acts, 1961 and 1968

B. Section 45 - Built-up area speed limit

This limit applies automatically, unless other action is taken, to all public roads in built-up areas viz. in county or other boroughs, urban districts or areas of Town Commissioners. Roads in such areas can be excluded from its application and roads outside these areas can be included. The limit specified in the Act is 30 m.p.h. This may be varied upwards or downwards or may be made to apply to particular periods of the day or night. Certain vehicles can be exempted from the application of the limit - at present emergency vehicles such as ambulances, fire-brigades and garda vehicles are exempted.

Note

The Minister has received many requests to impose a lower limit than 30 m.p.h. in certain parts of built-up areas - mainly in housing estates. However, he has not acceded to such requests as he feels that a lower limit, apart from being ineffective because the Gardaí would not have sufficient manpower and equipment to enforce it, would tend to confuse road-users with an increased likelihood of accidents thus defeating the purpose of a limit. Also the 30 m.p.h. speed limit is a maximum limit and road users should not travel at this speed if road or traffic conditions dictate otherwise. The law regarding dangerous or careless driving or driving without due consideration for other road users applies to all public roads whether or not they are subject to a speed limit. In these circumstances, it is not the intention of the Minister that statutory Regulations would provide for limits of less than 30 m.p.h.

The 30 m.p.h. speed limit can be made to apply to particular periods of the day or night but no such periodic limits have been applied to date as it is felt that to do so would confuse road-users with a consequential decrease in safety both during and outside the period the limit applies thus defeating the purpose of the limit.

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B. Section 46 - Special Speed Limits

A special speed limit can be applied to specified public road(s) or all public roads in any specified area. The limit can be varied to suit particular circumstances.

Note

At present the limits applied under section 46 are mainly 40 m.p.h. There are also some, though very few, 50 m.p.h. limits applied under this section. It is considered that to avoid confusion either within or between different areas or counties, these limits should be adhered to.

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Appendix 2

A. General notes for guidance in the review of speed limits

Speed limits, to be effective, must be accepted by road users and it is essential therefore, that they are seen to be reasonable in all the circumstances attaching to the road on which they are imposed. They apply for 24 hours per day and for that reason they should not be used as solutions for an occasional hazard such as a factory or a school since the restriction will be unnecessary most of the time and may not be respected when most needed. This rule might be waived if, say, an occasional hazard is within a reasonable distance of an existing speed limit. Speed limits should not be imposed on stretches of road, on which there is little or no development.

There are two separate aspects to speed limits viz. the creation of new speed limit areas and the extension of existing limits.

As regards the creation of new speed limit areas, while the primary considerations involved are the location, size and traffic volumes the following criteria are also suggested for the guidance of local authorities -

- (a) population
- (b) Width and nature of road(s)
 - (i) if they are narrow and winding they will tend to depress speed;
or
 - (ii) if they are open they may tend to induce speed and may require a limit
- (c) pedestrian traffic - account should be taken of the volume of pedestrians crossing the road(s),

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Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

- (1) Election of Chairman.
- (2) Review of Existing Speed Limits.
- (3) Locations where Speed Limits are not already in force and where they are considered necessary.

(d) nature of development - is it concentrated or scattered, on one side of the road or both sides, set back from or adjacent to the road; type of development - e.g., housing, industrial, educational, religious; is there public lighting, are there foot-paths?

(e) accidents - would a speed limit remedy the position where there is a noticeable incidence of accidents or is some other remedial action necessary e.g. road works, traffic signs, footpaths, lighting.

As regards the extension of existing limits, the essential element in considering this question is whether new development has taken place since the location of the original sign was fixed. However, account should also be taken of (b) (d) and (e) above.

As to whether a speed limit should be for 30 m.p.h., 40 m.p.h. or 50 m.p.h. the primary consideration to be taken account of is whether road users could reasonably be expected to observe voluntarily whatever limit is to be imposed. Consideration might also be given as to whether the limit to be imposed would have an unduly restrictive effect on traffic flow thereby creating other problems of safety.

Appropriate stretches of road to consider would appear to be -

- (a) for a built-up area speed limit of 30 m.p.h.
urban type roads -
 - (i) where development is on both sides of the road and the road is densely built-up;
 - (ii) where there are large numbers of pedestrians, whether or not footpaths are provided,
 - (iii) where junctions are frequent and/or sight distance is bad because of the nature of the road;

County Buildings,
Galway.

10th June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER OF SPEED LIMITS COMMITTEE/

Speed Limits - Revision

A Chara,

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You are invited to attend the meeting for your Area.

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(b) for a special speed limit of 40 m.p.h.

urban and suburban-type roads -

- (i) where development is not continuous or is on one side of the road only,
- (ii) where pedestrian traffic is light,
- (iii) where there are few junctions or where such junctions are well-designed with good sight distance;

(c) for a special speed limit of 50 m.p.h. suburban roads of high standard with comparatively little development and few junctions, or where such junctions as are there are well-designed with good sight distance.

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B. The local authority recommendations to be submitted to the Department should include the following information

1. Extension of existing limits

(a) A clear description of the present location of the speed limit signs as set out in the Regulations. For this purpose the reference and Schedule Number in the Regulations should be given. Care should be taken to ensure that all references are given as in some cases roads may be included in more than one Schedule -

- (a) if a road has a "30" and "40" limit it may be mentioned in the 1st and 2nd Schedules, it may also be included in the Fourth Schedule if a "50" limit applies.
- (b) if a road is a "perimeter" road in a municipal town i.e. if the boundary runs down the middle of the road for a certain distance, it may be mentioned in the 1st and 2nd Schedules and possibly also the Third or Fourth Schedules if a "40" or "50" limit also applies.

(b) A clear description of the proposed new location of the signs together with a map (on a suitable scale) showing the present and proposed location of the signs.

NOTE: Examples of the appropriate method of describing locations will be seen in existing speed limit Regulations.

(c) The reasons being put forward for making a change in the location of the signs.

2. Where no built-up area or special speed limit applies

A clear description of the proposed locations of the signs together with a map (on a suitable scale) showing the proposed locations of the signs.

NOTE: Description of locations to be as indicated at(2) above

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

16th June, 1975.

TO: Each Member of the Council/

A Chara,

A meeting of the County Old Age Pensions Committee (i.e. Committee of the entire Council) will be held in the County Buildings, Galway on Monday 23rd June, 1975 at 3.15 p.m. or at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Galway County Council.

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle.
Acting County Secretary

A G E N D A

1. Appointment of Sub-Committees.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

16u Meitheamh, 1975.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú bliantúil de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 23u Meitheamh, 1975 ag tosnu ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman for year 1975/76.
2. Election of Vice-Chairman for year 1975/76.
3. Appointment of representatives on:-
 - (a) County Council's General Council (3)
 - (b) Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd.(1)
 - (c) Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group (6).
4. Appointment of Committees:-
 - (a) County Libraries Committee.
 - (b) National Monuments Advisory Committee.
 - (c) Education (Grants) Committee.

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Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Injuries - Decrees received since 1/1/1975.

	<u>Compensation & Costs.</u>
(a) Mrs. Sile Clarke & Miss E. O'Beirn, Henry Street, Galway.	£181.46
(b) Seamus O Curraoin, Tra Bhan.	90.00
(c) Mrs. Una Whelan, Dominick St., Galway	132.52
(d) The Royal Insurance Co., Galway	36.21
(e) John Nestor, Upper Dominick St., Galway	75.30
(f) Seamus Brett, c/o R. O'Connor, Solicitor, Charlestown.	158.31
(g) Mary & Thos. Ed. Smith, William St. Galway	238.89
(h) Dr. John Patching Greenfield, Ower, Headford	67.68
3. County Councils' General Council - Notice of matters for next meeting.
4. (a) Minutes of meetings of Gaeltacht Committee of Galway County Council held on 6th May and 3rd June, 1975. (b) Spiddal-Moycullen Road - markers on Road Margins - Minute No. 4 - 3/6/75.
5. Minutes of meeting of Itinerants Committee held on 12th May, 1975 - copy herewith.
6. (a) Declaration of roads to be public roads - minute No. 472 of meeting of 26th May, 1975.
(b) Members' Notices of Motion re roads.
7. Menlough Group Water Supply Scheme - special contribution.

8. Ervilla/Ballinruane Group Water Supply Scheme - special contribution.
9. Creation of two offices of Clerical Officer in lieu of two Engineer's Office Assistants.
10. Overdraft accommodation.
11. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

12. Deputy J. Donnellan - I will ask -
 - (i) that permission be given to the newly formed group in Corrandulla to use the Council supply at Aughclugeen as a source;
 - (ii) that immediate steps be taken to have the Council pump at Claran repaired.
13. Councillor Norman Morgan: I will propose -
 - (i) That each County Councillor be granted the spending of £5,000 per year from and including 1976, to be funded from N.O.M., Maintenance and Amenity Funds. Said £5,000 to be spent on Amenities, Roads, Footpaths, Street Lighting, according to the wishes of the individual Councillor, subject to rules similar to those regarding N.O.M. Roads Funds;
 - (ii) that a recommendation be sent to the Board of Works to build suitable storage and workshop facilities on the land which was bought for such purpose in Athenry some years ago, and that they remove themselves from our National Monument, Athenry Castle, which they have been using for a store and workshop for years, during which time they have denied the general public the use for which said Castle was restored;
 - (iii) that a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to provide, as a matter of urgency, a second Public Telephone Kiosk in Athenry Town.
14. Senator John M. Mannion: I will propose -

That Galway County Council and the Department of Posts & Telegraphs enter into a Deed of Arrangement to provide Telephone Kiosks at Loughwell, Moycullen and Cashel Connemara.
15. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -
 - (i) That Notice of Motion roads should be eligible for adoption by the Council up to the gate of the last house on the road and not merely to a point where it ceases to serve two holdings;
 - (ii) that the Council's policy on the sinking of Public Pumps be re-stated;
 - (iii) that the Council adopt a more realistic policy when fixing limits of income for those who wish to qualify for Reconstruction Grants.
16. Senator M. Killilea & Deputy M. P. Kitt: We will propose -

That the County Council declare public the following roads:

 - (a) To Mattie Reilly's house, Imane More, Barnaderg;
 - (b) Through Hillsbrook, Barnaderg, $\frac{1}{2}$ of which is already public;
 - (c) From Peake Barnaderg to Curralea;
 - (d) From James Connell's house to T. Rooney's house at Tiagreean, Barnaderg.

17. Senator M. Killilea: I will propose -

- (i) That the Sewerage Scheme in Menlough be started immediately, to alleviate the effluent problems outside certain individual houses, and also taking into account that local contribution is forthcoming from local initiative;
- (ii) that the road into Mick Godfrey's house in Marley, Tuam be declared public and blacktopped immediately;
- (iii) that a public site, of concrete base with running water and public toilet be made in Tuam for the itinerant families now living in caravans.

18. Councillor P. McCormack:

I will ask - When steps will be taken to improve the very dangerous bend at Cregmore bridge, Claregalway.

I will propose -

- (i) That when a Council meeting is adjourned without completing the Agenda, that a special meeting be arranged to complete the business adjourned;
- (ii) that a public light be provided at the Dispensary, Lackagh, Turloughmore.

19. Councillor P. Ruane: I will propose -

That the piped water from the city Reservoir be extended to villages of Ballindoooley, Angliham and Killoughter.

20. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -

That provision be made in next year's estimates for the construction of a footpath on the road leading west from Barna village to Liberty Stream.

21. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose -

- (i) That anti-dumping and anti-litter^{bye-laws} be prepared and implemented in County Galway;
- (ii) that suitable land be purchased in the Tuam area for industrial sites and housing.

22. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -

- (i) That the Council re-examine the present lighting system in Glenamaddy which is very unsatisfactory, and also instal additional lighting near the doctor's house and the Creggs road;
- (ii) that the Council re-examine and approve of L.I.S. grant at Moyloughmore, which was recently turned down - No.: L.G. 67/75. This drain is the cause of severe flooding to the village of Moylough and has to be cleaned somehow.

23. Councillor T. Welby: I will ask -

- (i) What Capital Allocation has been given by the Government this year to the Galway County Council for Sanitary Services and what Capital Allocation has been given to each of the other County Councils in the Republic;
- (ii) what Capital Allocation has been given by the Government this year to Galway County Council for Housing of the working classes, Housing loans and Housing Grants and what Allocation has been given to each of the other County Councils in the Republic;

- (iii) What total road grants are allocated by the Government this year to Galway County Council and what are the total road grants allocated to each of the other County Councils in the Republic and what is the total public road mileage of each County.

24. Comhairleoir M. O Morain:

- (i) Go gcuireadh an Coirle Conndae an garrai gamhna i Rosmuc ar fail do choiste an ionad pobail;
- (ii) Go ndeanfadh an Coirle Conndae a-bhreithniu ar a bpolasai i leith boithre agus go ndeanfai iarracht oll-mhor le boithre na Gaeltachta a fheabhsu ar aon dul le boithre eile an Chonndae;
- (iii) Go bhfuil gear gha le ionaid sealadach tithiochta a chuir ar fail.

25. Deputy J. Callanan & Deputy M. P. Kitt: We will propose -

That the Council would take over the road entering the Garda Barracks, Monivea, leading on to the parish hall and re-joining the main road through Monivea.

26. Toddie Byrne, Mark Killilea, Michael Ryan, Micheal P. Kitt:

We recommend the appointment of a temporary archaeologist for County Galway and that provision for same be made in forthcoming estimates.

Cathaoirleach: M. O Morain.

Baill i lathair: S. O Domhnallain, R. O Maoildhia, Sean O Tuairisg,
P. O Caomhanaigh, N. O Gadhra.

Oifigigh de'n

Comhairle Condae: S. Ceitinn, Bainnisteoir Condae; S. O Sioda, Priomh
Innealtoir Cunta Condae agus C. O Dubhghaill, Runai
Sealadach.

1. MIONTUAIRISCI: Ag tagairt do mhiontuairisc uimhir 2 de'n
chruinniu a tionoladh ar an 6/5/75 maidir le Ce Ros a Mhil,
duirt an Cathaoirleach go raibh mi-thuisct ann maidir leis
an Udaras chun an Ce a riaradh agus nach raibh se i gceist ag
an gCoiste go mbeadh aon Udaras ach an Comhairle Condae freagar-
thach as Chinneadh da reir an chead abairt san alt deireannach
de mhiontuairisc uimhir a 2 a leasu mar leanas:

"Fe dheireadh, moladh go ndeanfadh an Rialtas socru le h-aghaidh
Udaras agus riaradh an Chalfoirt a fhagaint fe'n Comhairle
Condae."

Ansin, glacadh le miontuairisci, mar a leasaiodh iad thuas, de'n
chruinniu a tionoladh ar an 6/5/75 agus shinigh an Cathaoirleach
iad.

2. DEONTAISÍ BOTHAIR: Ag freagairt ceiste, duirt an tUasal O Sioda
nach bhfuair an Comhairle Condae liosta deontaisí bothair i
gcoir na bliana seo fos o Roinn na Gaeltachta.
3. AIRGEAD I GCOIR SCEIMEANNA UISCE AGUS SEARACHAIS: Ar mholadh an
Chathaoirleach, socraíodh go molfai do'n Comhairle Condae run
cainte a chur chuig an Aire Rialtais Aitiuil faoi'n laighid airgead
i gcoir uisce agus searchois ata ar fail i gcoir na bliana seo
rud ata ag cur isteach go mor ar fhorbairt na Gaeltachta.
4. BOTHAR O MAGH CULLINN GO DTI AN SPIDEAL: Duirt an Comhairleoir
O Domhnallain go bhfuil aiteanna airithe ar an mbothar seo ata
contuirteach toisg go bhfuil titim sa talamh idir an bothar agus
an portach agus mhol se go gcuirfi comharthai rabhadh no clocha
bana ar thaobh an bhothair ins na haiteanna sin.

Duirt an tUasal O Sioda go bhfeachfar chuige.

Socraíodh freisin, go gcuirfear an moladh seo fe bhraid an
Chomhairle Chontae.

5. SCEIM SEARCHOIS AG CILL RONAIN: D'fhiafraigh an tUasal O Maoildhia
an raibh an Comhairle Condae sasta go raibh dothain uisce ann
i gcoir an sceim searchois i gCill Ronain agus duirt se freisin
go bhfuil amhras ar mhuintir an Oileain go gcuirfeadh an searchois
isteach ar eisc sloigigh sa bhfarraige in aice an Oileain.

Duirt an tUasal O Sioda go gcuirfear coir leighis ar an eisilt
agus go bhfuil Dochtuir Oifigiuil an Chontae sasta faoi.

Duirt an tUasal O Maoildhia go ndearna a lan daoine gearain faoi
agus d'iarr se go mbeadh eolas deimhin faoi ag an gcead cruinniu
eile.

6. Ag tabhairt freagra do'n tUasal O Gadhra, duirt an Runai Sealadach
go dtionolfar an cruinniu Cinn bliana de Chomhairle Chontae na
Gaillimhe ar an 23u la Meitheamh agus gur feidir le h-aon bhall
de'n Comhairle Chontae ceist a chur fe obair Choiste na Gaeltachta
no aon Choiste eile ag an gcruinniu sin no ag aon chruinniu eile
i rith na bliana.

Duirt se freisin, go dtionolfar cruinniu ar 30u la Meitheamh
chun eolas a thabhairt dos na Comhairleoiri Condae faoi'n dul
chun cinn ata deanta le Plean Forbartha an Chontae.

7. POLASAI AN CHOMHAIRLE CHONTAE MAIDIR LE BOITHRE SA GHAELTACHT:
Dhein an tUasal O Maoildhia gearan faoi'n laighid airgid a
chuireann Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe ar fail do'n Ghaeltacht
as an "Block Grant". Duirt se nach raibh ach £16,000 ar fail
i gcoir na bliana seo agus gur coir i bhfad nios mo airgid a
chaitheamh sa Ghaeltacht.

Duirt an tUasal O Sioda gur fritheadh deontas sa bhlian seo chaite
chun bothair go dti an Cheathru Rua a fheabhsu agus go gceapann
se go mbeidh tuilleadh airgid ar fail i gcoir na bliana seo
do'n obair ceanna.

8. CE ROS A MHIL: Thug an Bainnisteoir Chontae cuntas dos na baill
ar cruinniu a thionol Foireann Forbartha an Chontae ar an 5/3/75
agus pleadh na ceisteanna seo go h-airithe:

- (a) Seirbhis Leictreachais Roinn
(b) Iarratas £54,000 a cuireadh chuig na Gaeltachta chun an
bothar go dti an Ce d'ath-thogail agus a dheisiu.
(c) Saoraidi ar an chaladh chun earraí, gluaistean agus a
leitheid a chur ar na baid.
(d) Solathair uisce do'n Cho^{ar} chostas timpeall £120,000 no
nios mo, bhfeidir.
(e) Monarca deisiuchain dos na baid.
(f) Seirbhisi eile - seomra ceantala, oifig, leithreas agus
dabhach searchois.

Duirt an Bainnisteoir go raibh liosta dos na seirbhisi a bhi ag
teastail curtha chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta le h-iarratas iad a
chur ar fail.

- (g) Maistir P.oir: Duirt an Bainnisteoir Chontae gur ceart
Maistir Poir a cheapadh do'n chalafóirt.

Duirt an tUasal O Maoildhia gur ceart riaradh eifeachtach
fe'n Chomhairle Chontae a chur ar fail do'n chalafóirt.

9. FAILTIU DO'N TUASAL O CAOMHAINIGH: D'fhailtigh an Cathaoirleach
roimh an tUasal O Caomhainigh do'n cead cruinniu dho do'n Choiste
tareis e a cheapadh mar bhall.
10. AN CHEAD CRUINNIU EILE: Socraíodh go dtionolfar an chead
cruinniu eile ag Doire Mhoir Iadhta, An Srath Saileach ar an
7u la Iuil, 1975 ag tosnu ag a 4.00 sa trathnona.

Cuireadh deire leis an gcruinniu leis sin.

ATTENDANCE:

Galway County Council: Deputy R. Molloy, Chairman, Councillors: Melvin, Killilea, Halley and Joyce.

Galway Corporation: Councillors M. O'Uiginn and M. Byrne.

Ballinasloe U.D.C.: Councillor P.J. Galvin.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager, P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager, K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary, J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager, M.J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer and M. Nolan, Acting Staff Officer.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th December, 1974 were adopted on the proposal of Councillor Galvin and seconded by Councillor Melvin.

Arising from the Minutes the Manager informed the Meeting that the Council had advertised for Social Worker. There were seven applicants, however, only one candidate who had not the required qualifications attended. The posts are again being advertised and the Universities will also be notified with a view to interesting candidates. Councillor Kelly suggested that the Health Board be asked to second a second Social Worker to the County Council. The Manager agreed to discuss the matter with the Chief Executive Officer of the Health Board if no suitable candidates were found as a result of the present advertising.

Mr. J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager gave a report on the present position. Since the last Meeting, seven Itinerant families had been housed, four by Galway County Council and three by Galway Corporation. A site at the Agricultural College, Athenry is being transferred to the County Council. The site at Esker, Banagher has not yet been acquired as there is delay regarding the title. Mr. M.J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer also stated that an E.S.B. transformer and E.S.B. lines may have to be changed there also. A site was selected in the lands of St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe, and is at present being mapped. There is local opposition to this site. Councillor Galvin suggested that if a site be chosen on the same lands at Attycreegh on the Taughmconnell Road it would be acceptable to the local community. This will be investigated by the Engineering staff. An offer of site at Aughrin has been withdrawn temporarily. There will be further negotiations regarding this site.

Councillor Melvin reported that two families from the Tiggins at Loughrea had gone to England. He suggested that they should not be allowed to return to the houses. The County Manager said that it was usual for Itinerants to travel during the summer months and he felt that they should be allowed to return for the sake of their school going family. Councillor Killilea felt that it was important to choose a good type of tenant for permanent housing. Councillor Kelley reported that there would be very strong resentment in Tuzem to any further housing of Itinerants in new estates. He felt that Tuzem has already done its share in housing Itinerants in Galway road and elsewhere. Councillor Killilea suggested that there should be a list of resident Itinerants and that only people on this list should be housed in that area. He also felt that houses should be built in a country area. The Manager pointed out the difficulty of shifting new Itinerants who come into an area and also that Itinerants are reluctant to settle in rural areas.

The County Manager speaking on Deputy Molloy's motions stated that the Galway Local Authorities had no separate policy regarding the housing of Itinerants in Local Authority Housing Schemes. The Itinerants qualify and get houses under the ordinary priority schemes. The aim of the Local Authorities was to limit the number of Itinerants housed in any estate at about 10%. Applying this policy the Itinerants would never be housed, therefore it had been necessary to seek an alternative. A site for Tiggins had been chosen on Corporation lands within the city boundary. It was very suitable, well screened, yet near enough to the city to attract the Itinerants. About 25 Tiggins could be built there.

Clr. Mary Byrne and Councillor T. O'Uiginn both reported pressure building up against this project. The Chairman felt that a scheme of 20 houses was not the proper way to solve the Itinerant problem in Galway. The Advisory Committee had not been consulted on this very important issue. In view of the failure at R-hoon some years ago to concentrate large numbers of Itinerants in one area, he believes that the best way was to house 3 or 4 Itinerant families in each area. In this way the Community as a whole could share the problem. Victor Dewley had agreed that smaller settlements were more suitable for Galway. The Manager expressed his willingness to meet representatives of the people who were objecting to this site for Tiggins. He also pointed out that if the ordinary housing programme will not absorb the Itinerant families in sufficient numbers this is the only possible alternative to take them off the streets. Tenants Association and Residents Association are complaining that they are carrying the brunt of the integration problem.

Mr. M.J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer, speaking on Councillor Joyce's motion stated that condensation in the Tiggins at Ballinasloe was caused by a lack of ventilation. The Itinerants close all the windows and sleep in one room. Studding was recommended to improve the Tiggins. The Manager approved of the expenditure.

Councillor Joyce suggested that a site at Moher where Itinerants are camped should be serviced. Mr. J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager enquired if it was dangerous due to its proximity to the main road. It was agreed to investigate the matter.

It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of acquiring a site from Mr. Dowd in Corrandulla.

The Chairman suggested that members should present motions for discussion so that officials could have the necessary information prepared. It was agreed that 4 p.m. was a suitable time for the Meeting. The Meeting then terminated.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ANNUAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 23RD JUNE, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Members Present: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials Present:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; M. J. Moroney, County Accountant; T. Kavanagh & A. O Gorman, Staff Officers and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

Also Present: Miss Nancy Purcell and Miss Pat Crowley, Executive Officers, Department of Local Government.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

- 512 - WELCOME TO DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: The Chairman and members of the Council welcomed to the meeting Miss Nancy Purcell and Miss Pat Crowley, Executive Officers, Department of Local Government who were on a training visit to the County Council.
- 513 - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 1975/76: It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor Raftery and resolved:
"That Deputy T. Hussey be ^{elected} Chairman of Galway County Council for the year 1975/76".
Councillor McCormack congratulated Deputy Hussey on his re-election as Chairman and complimented him for the manner in which he had conducted the Council's meetings during the past year.
The Chairman thanked the members for electing him and ^{asked} for their co-operation in the coming year.
- 514 - ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 1975/76: It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:
"That Councillor Sean Donnellan be elected vice-Chairman of Galway County Council for the year 1975/76".
As there was no other proposal, the Chairman declared Councillor Donnellan elected.
Councillor Donnellan thanked the members for his re-election.
- 515 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL:
First Vacancy: It was proposed by Councillor Sean Donnellan, seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:
"that Senator M. Killilea be elected a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for the year 1975/76."

Second Vacancy: It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved:

"that Councillor Sean Donnellan be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1975/76.

Third Vacancy: It was proposed by Councillor McCormack and seconded by Councillor Ryan that Senator J. Mannion be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1975/76.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor Melvin that Councillor J. Molloy be appointed a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1975/76.

The Chairman directed that the taking of a vote on the proposals for the third vacancy be adjourned until 4.30 p.m.

A vote taken at 4.30 p.m. resulted as follows:

For Senator Mannion: Councillors Burke, Byrne, Galvin, Glynn, Senator Higgins, Councillors Kilgannon, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillor Ryan. (9)

For Councillor Molloy: Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors O Morain, Raftery, Welby. (15).

The Chairman declared Councillor J. Molloy elected a representative of the Council on the County Councils' General Council for 1975/76.

516 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON WESTERN REGIONAL TOURISM ORGANISATION LIMITED: It was proposed by Senator Killilea seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved:

"That Councillor M. O Morain be appointed the Council's representative on the Western Regional Tourism Organisation Ltd. for 1975/76."

517 - APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON GALWAY/MAYO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP: It was agreed that the Chairman be an ex-officio representative of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved:
"that the following four members be appointed representatives of the Council on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group:

Councillor H. Melvin
Councillor M. O Morain
Councillor F. Fahey
Councillor P. Raftery."

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Senator Mannion that Senator M. D. Higgins be appointed to the sixth vacancy on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group as a representative of the Council.

It was proposed by Senator Killilea and seconded by Councillor O Morain that Councillor T. Welby be appointed to the sixth vacancy on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group as a representative of the Council.

The Chairman directed that the taking of a vote on the filling of the sixth vacancy be deferred until 4.30 p.m.

A vote taken at 4.30 p.m. resulted as follows:

For Councillor Higgins:

Councillors Burke, Byrne, Galvin, Senator Higgins, Councillors Kelly, Kilgannon, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillors Morgan, Ryan. (10)

For Councillor Welby:

Councillor Bartley, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Haverty, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Councillors O Morain Raftery, Welby. (15)

Councillor Glynn did not vote.

The Chairman declared Councillor T. Welby appointed to the sixth vacancy on the Galway/Mayo Regional Development Group as representative of the Council for 1975/76.

518 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIES' COMMITTEE FOR 1975/76: On the proposition of Senator Killilea seconded by Senator Mannion it was agreed that all out-going members of the County Libraries' Committee for 1974/75 be elected to the Committee for 1975/76.

In addition, it was agreed that the following be also appointed to the County Libraries' Committee for 1975/76:

Mr. Thomas Burke, Clifden.
Mrs. Maura Croffy, Ballinasloe.

It was accordingly noted that the membership of the County Libraries' Committee for 1975/76 will be as follows:

Councillor J. Molloy, Coolough, Castlegar, Co. Galway.
Councillor M. O'Morain, Carna, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Councillor P. Raftery, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
Councillor H. Melvin, Ganty, Craughwell, Co. Galway.
Councillor E. Haverty, Lissaniska, Killimor, Co. Galway.
Councillor F. Fahey, Kilbeacanty, Gort, Co. Galway.
Councillor S. Donnellan, Dovepark, Moycullen, Co. Galway.
Councillor T. Welby, Oughterard, Co. Galway
Deputy M. P. Kitt, Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
Senator M. Killilea, Caherhugh House, Belclare, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Councillor M. Ryan, Moate, Moylough, Co. Galway.
Councillor P. T. Galvin, Bridge St., Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Senator J. M. Mannion, Main Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.
Councillor U. Burke, Eagle Hill, Abbey, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Senator M. D. Higgins, c/o Dept. of Sociology, University College, Galway.
Councillor B. Holland, Williamsgate Street, Galway.
Councillor N. Morgan, Bride Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Right Reverend Dean Glynn, Presentation Road, Galway.
Mr. Jarlath Burke, Tuam, Co. Galway.
Mrs. O'Brien, Newbridge, Co. Galway.
Mr. B. Donnellan, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Miss J. Murphy, Menlough, Co. Galway.
Mr P. O'Grady, Kinvara, Co. Galway.
Mr. C. Townley, U.C.G.
Mr. J. Hurley, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. M. O'Toole, Cleggan, Co. Galway.
Mr. M. Kelly, Portumna, Co. Galway.
Mr. F. Mullins, Woodford, Co. Galway.
Mr. C. Hannon, Aran, Co. Galway.
Mr. M. McNamara, Ballyconneely, Co. Galway.

Mrs. M. Melody, Castleblakeney, Co. Galway.
Mr. A. Hynes, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Thomas Burke, Clifden
Mrs. Maura Croffy, Ballinasloe.

519 - APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 1975/76: It was proposed by Senator Killilea seconded by Councillor Sean Donnellan and resolved:

"that the "full members" of the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1974/75, with the exception of Councillor T. Welby, be appointed members of the Advisory Committee for 1975/76 and that An tAthair E. MacPhinn, Colaiste na hOllscoile, Gaillimh be elected a full member of the Committee in lieu of Councillor T. Welby."

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly seconded by Senator Higgins, it was agreed that Councillor N. Morgan be elected an honorary member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1975/76.

On the proposition of Councillor Morgan seconded by Councillor McCormack it was agreed that Captain Eugene Daly, Raheen, Athenry be appointed an honorary member of the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1975/76.

It was accordingly noted that the membership of the National Monuments Advisory Committee for 1975/76 will be as follows:
Full Members:

Rev. P. K. Egan, P.P., Portumna.
Very Rev. G. Canon Quinn, P.P., Gort.
Martin Joyce, N.T., Aghrim, Ballinasloe,
Colie Hannon, Kilonan, Aran.
Mr. D. J. Murphy, Ballygaddy Road, Tuam.
Mr. Etienne Rynne, University College, Galway.
Rev. Fr. Martin Coen, C.C., Craughwell.
Mr. Michael Ryan, Co. C., Moate, Moylough,
Mr. M. J. Molloy, Milltown,
An t-Athair E. MacPhinn, Colaiste na h-Ollscoile, Gaillimh.

Honorary Members:

Mr. Micheal P. Kitt, T.D., Lehenagh, Castleblakeney, Ballinasloe.
Senator Mark Killilea, Caherhugh House, Belclare.
Mr. Robert Molloy, T.D., 1 Dalton Drive, Salthill, Galway.
Mr. Toddie Byrne, Co. C., Kinvara.
Dr. T. Claffey, Tuam.
Mr. John Waldron, Conagher, Dunmore.
Mr. Henry Doherty, Athenry.
Mr. Norman Morgan, Co. Co., Bride Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Captain Eugene Daly, Raheen, Athenry.

Councillor Morgan proposed that the name of Mr. Etienne Rynne be deleted from the membership of the Committee. There was no seconder to this proposal.

520 - APPOINTMENT OF EDUCATION (GRANTS) COMMITTEE FOR 1975/76: It was proposed by Senator Killilea seconded by Senator Mannion and resolved:

"that all members of the Education (Grants) Committee for 1974/75 be appointed members of the Committee for 1975/76."

It was noted that the membership of this Committee will accordingly be as follows:

Mr. Michael O'Flaherty, Co. C., Keeraunmore, Carraroe, Co. Galway.
Mr. Francis Fahey, Co. C., Kilbeacanty, Gort, Co. Galway.
Mr. John Molloy, Co. C., Coolough, Castlegar, Co. Galway.
Mr. Ulick Burke, Co. C., Eagle Hill, Abbey Loughrea, Co. Galway.
Mr. Michael J. Kilgannon, Co. C., Monaveen, Woodlawn, Co. Galway.

Mr. Norman Morgan, Co. C., Bride Street, Loughrea, Co. Galway.
 Mr. Michael Ryan, Co. C., Moate, Moylough, Co. Galway.
 Senator Michael D. Higgins, Co. C., 9 Lakeshore Drive, Renmore.
 Mr. Colie Hernon, Kilonan, Aran.
 Mr. Roy Colgan, Park Avenue, Dalysfort Road, Salthill, Galway.
 Mr. Frank Foley, Bridge Street, Clifden, Co. Galway.
 President St. Joseph's College, Garbally, Ballinasloe.
 President St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.
 President St. Mary's College, Galway
 The Rector, St. Ignatius College, Galway.
 Rev. Bro. Superior, St. Joseph's College, Galway.
 Rev. Mother, St. Raphael's, Loughrea.
 Headmaster, Secondary School, Ballygar.
 Rev. Bro. Superior, Christian Brothers, Tuam,
 Headmaster, Community School, Clifden,
 Reverend President, Diocesan College, Gort.
 Mr. M. Hogan, N.T., Caltra.
 Mr. Tom Fitzgerald, Caltra.
 Headmaster, Community School, Carna.
 Mr. Frank Mullins, Woodford.
 Rev. Mother, Presentation Convent, Tuam.
 Rev. Mother, Convent of Mercy, Tuam.
 Headmistress, Salerno Secondary School, Salthill, Galway.
 Sr. Brigid, Secondary School, Athenry.
 The Superioress, Incarnate Word College, Dunmore.

521 - MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES: At the request of Councillor Glynn it was agreed that a list of the membership of all ^{existing} committees of the Council would be circulated to members.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed.

T. Hussey

 Chairman

28/7/75

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Members Present:

As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D.

Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. Kilgannon Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials Present:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; M. J. Moroney, County Accountant; T. Kavanagh & A. O Gorman, Staff Officers and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

Also Present:

Miss Nancy Purcell and Miss Pat Crowley, Executive Officers Department of Local Government.

522 - MINUTES: On the proposition of Councillor Ryan seconded by Senator Mannion, the Minutes of meeting held on 26th May, 1975 (446 - 511 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

523 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES: It was noted that Malicious Damage Decrees as set out in the Agenda, (Nos. 2(a) to 2(h) inclusive) had been received by the Council since the 1st January, 1975.

It was agreed that particulars of such decrees together with the amount of the claim and the amount awarded would be circulated in a separate schedule to members with the Agenda for future meetings.

524 - ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL: The County Manager informed members that the Annual Meeting of the County Councils' General Council will take place in August and that notices of any matters which the Council desire to have placed on the Agenda should reach the Secretary of the General Council on or before Friday 25th July, 1975.

525 - MINUTES OF GAELTACHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS: The Minutes of the Gaeltacht Committee of Galway County Council held on 6/5/75 and 3/6/75 were noted.

The County Manager stated that the recommendation from the Committee regarding the provision of markers on dangerous parts of the Spiddal/Moycullen road would be referred to the County Engineer for attention.

526 - ITINERANTS' COMMITTEE MEETING: The Minutes of the Meeting of the Itinerants' Committee held on the 12/5/75 were noted.

Arising from those Minutes, Senator Higgins enquired if the Council had any response to approaches made to the Universities regarding the possibility of recruiting Social Workers. The County Manager stated that some applications had been received including candidates who are at present doing the appropriate examinations and that many of those appear to have been received in response to the approach to the Universities.

Councillor McCormack enquired what the delay was in building houses for two itinerant families in the Athenry area, for which a site is being acquired by the Council. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Mr. McCormack informing him of the present position in the matter.

Councillor Kelly complained that there are very few Councillors on the Committee and considered that all Councillors should be on it.

Senator Killilea stated that the Itinerant Committee is working well and had made much progress in a year. He considered that no change should be made at the present time.

Councillor Kilgannon complained that decisions concerning itinerants in the Ballinasloe area had been made without reference to the Committee or to the local people in Ballinasloe area.

Councillor Ryan proposed and Councillor Kelly seconded that the Council should have one special meeting each year regarding the settlement of itinerants - all members of the Council to be entitled to attend this meeting.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, the Chairman stated that it is not possible for the Council at that meeting to decide on changing the membership of the Committee but that if a motion is put down to have this considered, it can be considered at a future meeting. The Chairman also stated that this is a joint Committee with representatives of other local authorities on it and it would not be appropriate that the full Council should also be on it.

Deputy Callanan stated that if the Council had a reasonably well documented report of the meetings of the Itinerant Committee, any matters on it could be discussed at following meetings of the Council and he suggested that no change be made in the Committee for twelve months.

Senator Killilea stated that he disagreed with the proposal of the Council to hold a special meeting and he accordingly proposed that the Committee be allowed to go on with its work and that the Council will not hold any special meeting to consider the Itinerant Settlement problem. Councillor Melvin seconded Senator Killilea's proposal.

The Chairman directed that a vote on this matter be deferred until 4.30 p.m.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. resulted as follows:

For holding a Special Meeting:

Councillors Byrne, Glynn, Kelly, Kilgannon, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillor Ryan. (7)

Against holding a Special Meeting:

Councillors Bartley, Burke, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Fahey, Galvin, Haverty, Senator Higgins, Deputy Hussey, Councillor Joyce, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Councillors Morgan, O Morain, Raftery, Welby. (12)

The Chairman declared the motion defeated.

527 - ELECTION OF COMMITTEES EACH YEAR: Councillor Glynn proposed and Councillor Morgan seconded that all Committees of the Council should be elected annually. The Chairman stated that the Council had no function in this matter and that no change could be made as the law stands as many of those are statutory bodies whose membership continues during the life of the County Council.

It was agreed that a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Local Government to have the law changed in order to permit annual election of all Committees.

528 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS AND NOTICES OF MOTION RE ROADS FROM MEMBERS: The County Manager referred to Minute No. 472 of the meeting of the Council held on 26/5/75 regarding the submission of Notices of Motion by members. So that members could now have an opportunity of dealing on the policy regarding the submission of proposals by members, he suggested that all Notices of Motion regarding roads irrespective of whether expenditure of money is involved or not, should be placed on the Agenda as they are received from members and when received they would be examined and a report would then be brought back to the Council on the matter. The Council could then, if they felt that money was required to implement the motion, consider the matter at the following roads estimates meeting. He pointed out that there is no advantage to the Council in not putting such motions on the Agenda and that in fact it might be better if they were put on the Agenda as received so that the work load can be distributed over the year.

The County Manager stated that in future when proposals were received from members regarding roads whether in relation to the taking of roads in charge for future maintenance or with regard to any matters regarding existing roads, proposals as they are examined, would be brought back to the Council for a decision. With regard to Notice of Motion roads, if they are considered suitable for adoption, they will be placed on the list for adoption and if considered unsuitable the Council will be told in a report why any such roads are not considered suitable.

On the proposition of Senator Mannion, seconded by Councillor Kilgannon, the Council approved the County Manager's recommendations.

Councillor Kilgannon enquired what happened to the Notices of Motion roads submitted by Councillors which were to appear on the March Agenda of the Council meeting. He stated that some had been sent in since last December.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that they were waiting to have a group of roads together before publishing the necessary advertisement.

In reply to Councillor Kelly, the County Manager stated that Notices of Motion regarding footpaths can be sent in by any member the same as if it were a road as a footpath is, in fact, part of a road.

Councillor Haverty enquired if Councillors are informed when applications for Local Improvements Scheme Grants are deemed not eligible. The County Manager stated that the normal procedure in such cases is that the applicant for the grant is told.

Replying to Councillor Raftery regarding a road in the Glinsk area, The County Manager stated that nothing can be done about this road in the current year as no funds had been provided for it. He stated that the Estimate in this case is a very large one.

Councillor Glynn stated that he was informed that some road workers in the Milltown area were told during the last week that they were becoming redundant and he asked for information on this matter. The County Manager stated that he was not aware of this but that he would make enquiries. With regard to keeping road workers in employment, he stated that it was the objective of the Council to keep the permanent road staff employed, that he did not anticipate that any permanent road workers would have to be laid off but that the matter would be reviewed again in September.

Deputy Callanan stated that he understood that some roads which were promised would be tarred in the current year are not now likely to be done and he stated that this is occurring, people should be told.

Councillor Kelly stated that in order to keep men working the Council should borrow money, if necessary.

Deputy Molloy stated that more people than permanent road workers might be affected by a shortage of money as he pointed out that there were others who were getting employment on short term basis from the County Council including those who hire machinery and that he understood that some of those are now being let off or are not having their contracts renewed. He stated that the statement of the County Manager did not give a full picture as it did not refer to the use of hired machinery and that it did not, apparently, include either people who are employed as part-time road workers. He stated that it is obvious that there is some effective cut-back in employment.

Councillor Ryan complained about an excessive quantity of chips which he stated were in fact, too large and which had broken windscreens on cars recently where surfacing had been carried out and he stated that there appears to be excessive use of machinery.

Councillor O Morain enquired if permanent employees who retire are not being replaced, and if so, is the Council's work force in fact being let run down.

The County Manager stated that he was referring to regular road workers. He stated that the Council let private plant operators go as the amount of road grant was less than was anticipated. He stated that it may happen that road workers who retire may not be replaced at present but that there is no question of letting the Council's labour force run down.

Councillor O Morain stated that he was not blaming the Manager or engineering staff of the Council as the Council had asked for money and had anticipated getting it. He stated that the fault lay completely with the Minister in not making adequate grants available for roads.

Referring to an enquiry by Councillor Kelly, the Chairman stated that the Council had already gone back to the Minister looking for additional allocations for particular purposes.

Senator Higgins enquired what submissions the County Council had made for Regional Projects which might qualify for assistance for E.E.C. funds.

The County Manager replied that a number of Water & Sewerage Schemes had been suggested in the past and some proposals had in fact been sent on to Brussels. He also stated that he had written during the past week to the Department of Local Government regarding proposals for County Council and Corporation Schemes.

MENLOUGH
529 - GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION: The County Manager stated that a recommendation had been received from the Department of Local Government that a special contribution of £19,200 be made towards the cost of headworks for the proposed Menlough Group Water Supply Scheme. This proposal had been examined by the Council's engineering staff and also recommended by them.

On the proposition of Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Deputy Callanan, it was agreed that a special contribution of £19,200 be made.

It was also proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £19,200 from the Commissioners of Public Works as a special contribution to meet the cost of headworks for the Menlough Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a period of 25 years or such other period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

The County Manager stated that the fact that the Council has authorised the making of a special contribution does not mean that the money is now automatically available as, he stated, that this will depend on the allocation of funds for this purpose by the Department of Local Government and that no payment can be made until such funds are allocated.

530 - ERVILLA/BALLINRUANE GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME - SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION: The County Manager stated that a recommendation had been received from the Department of Local Government

that a special contribution of £3,367 be made towards the cost of larger pipe sizes being provided on this scheme at the request of the Council, and he asked the approval of the Council to make this contribution.

On the proposition of Deputy Callanan seconded by Councillor Melvin, it was agreed that a special contribution of £3,367 be made towards the provision of increased pipe sizes for this scheme.

It was also proposed by Deputy Callanan, seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve of the raising of a loan of £3,367 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of making a contribution towards the provision of larger pipe sizes on the Ervilla/Ballinruane Group Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be repaid by instalments over a period of 25 years or such other period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

The County Manager stated that in this case also, payment could not be made until special funds are allocated by the Department of Local Government towards this scheme. Replying to Councillor Kilgannon, the County Manager stated that this is not a departure from precedent - it is normal procedure.

531 - CREATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL POSTS OF CLERICAL OFFICER: The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the creation of two additional offices of Clerical Officer on the staff of the Council. He stated that this proposal arose from the fact that when Engineers' Office Assistants were being re-graded Clerical Officers last year there were two holders of posts of Engineers' Office Assistant who did not wish to be re-graded.

Both had since retired and in accordance with the normal practice, it is now proposed filling those posts by the recruitment of Clerical Officers.

On the proposition of Councillor Ryan, seconded by Councillor O Morain the Council approved the creation of two additional offices of Clerical Officer on the Council's staff.

532 - OVERDRAFT: The County Manager stated that in Minute No. 448 of the meeting of the Council held on 26/5/75, the Council had agreed to an overdraft of £1,000,000 during the quarter ending 30/9/75. He stated that since then a detailed examination had been made of the amount which would be required both for Capital and Revenue purposes and that while it is difficult to calculate with any reasonable degree of accuracy, the estimate of actual amounts required, he stated that it was considered that the sum of £1,000,000 might not be adequate in the months of August and September. He gave particulars of the estimated amounts required pointing out that the amount of overdraft required about the middle of September might reach £1,330,000 and that in the month of August the amount required would be in the region of £1,200,000.

On the proposition of Senator Mannion, seconded by Councillor Ryan, it was unanimously agreed that Minute No. 448 of meeting of 26/5/75 be amended to read as follows:

"That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, overdraft accommodation not exceeding

- (a) £1,000,000 during the month of July, 1975.
- (b) £1,200,000 during the month of August, 1975.
- (c) £1,330,000 during the month of September, 1975.

be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account."

Replying to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that the only grants and subsidies outstanding are those which are normal for this time of year and that instalments of Agricultural grant, grants for roads and for other purposes are being paid normally.

533 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER - SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING, 30/6/75: The County Manager reminded members that a special Planning Meeting of the Council is to be held on 30th June, 75 and he requested that members would take with them the documents which had already been circulated to them. In reply to Councillor Kilgannon, the Chairman stated that the meeting will be open to the Press and will be advised that the meeting is being held. Replying to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that no Planning documents will be placed on review until the observations of the Council have been heard on them and until the Council makes a decision on the contents of the Plan.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

534 - CORRANDULLA GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME: In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion which was proposed by Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that pending receipt of a Preliminary Report on Mid-Galway Regional Water Supply, no decision can be made regarding the utilisation of Aughclugeen as a source for a Group Scheme.

Senator Killilea stated that the Corofin Group Scheme would also be seeking to get a supply from Aughclugeen since testing of Lough Hackett had proved that a supply was not available from that source. Senator Killilea asked the County Manager to ensure that any good source of water for this general area should be protected and held for the benefit of the whole area.

Councillor McCormack stated that Lough Corrib should now be considered as a source of supply for this area.

535 - PUMP AT CLARAN, HEADFORD: In reply to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the County Manager stated that this pump has now been repaired.

536 - ALLOCATION OF £5,000 TO EACH COUNCILLOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS: Councillor Morgan proposed that each County Councillor be granted the spending of £5,000 per year from and including 1976 to be funded from Notice of Motion, maintenance and amenity funds. He stated that he considered matters such as public lighting, repairs to footpaths and amenities should be put in the hands of local Councillors and that a set of rules can be drawn up to govern the method of spending the money.

The County Manager stated that he did not consider this a practical suggestion.

As there was no seconder to Councillor Morgan's motion, the Chairman declared it lost.

537 - ATHENRY CASTLE: Councillor Morgan proposed the motion standing in his name on the Agenda.

As there was no seconder to the proposal, the Chairman declared it lost.

538 - ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE KIOSK IN ATHENRY TOWN: On the proposition of Councillor Morgan, the Council agreed that a recommendation be sent to the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs to provide, as a matter of urgency, a second public telephone kiosk in Athenry Town.

539 - PROVISION OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS AT LOUGHWELL, MOYCULLEN & CASHEL, CONNEMARA: Senator Mannion proposed that Galway County Council and the Department of Posts & Telegraphs enter into a Deed of Arrangement to provide telephone kiosks at Loughwell, Moycullen and Cashel, Connemara.

The County Manager, referring to Minute No. 464 of meeting of 26/5/75 in connection with such arrangement, stated that in the meantime some information had been received from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs which indicated that the annual cost to the Department of providing and maintaining a kiosk in rural areas is £255 and that in the case of a guaranteed kiosk, the amount which would be guaranteed by the local authority would be more than £255 where the line work involved, in providing the kiosk is exceptionally heavy. He stated, however, that the information received from the Department did not give an estimate of the short-fall which will be the amount for which the Council will be liable and that the matter is again being taken up with the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

Councillor O Morain stated that the Council should have a fixed policy on this matter and he considered that the Department of Posts & Telegraphs was reneging on its responsibilities by leaving people in certain areas up to ten miles away from any public telephone.

It was agreed to defer the question of deciding on a policy on this matter until further information is available from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

540 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS FOR MAINTENANCE: Councillor Joyce proposed that Notice of Motion roads should be eligible for adoption by the Council up to the gate of the last house on the road and not merely to a point where it ceases to serve two holdings.

The County Manager stated that the Council had decided on a policy regarding this matter by adopting his report submitted to the Council on the 8th April, 1974, the relevant passage of which read as follows:

" That a road, other than one connecting two public roads should always serve at least one inhabited house and two landowners, one of whom may be an inhabitant of the house. Such roads could be considered for taking over, up to the point where they serve only one property owner - turbary not to be reckoned for this purpose."

Councillor Joyce stated that he understood that it was the policy of the Council previously to take over such roads up to the gate of the last house.

Deputy Callanan stated that this was the previous policy and he understood that this was the policy which was decided when the Manager's Report of the 8th April, 1974 was being considered. He considered the interpretation given to the policy as being too narrow.

Councillor Galvin also stated that it is too narrow an interpretation.

Deputy Callanan seconded Councillor Joyce's Motion and stated that the policy from now on should be as stated in Councillor Joyce's motion.

Councillor Morgan stated that it is not the responsibility of the Council to provide roads to private property, otherwise every owner should be in a position to get a road surfaced up to his own gate.

Councillor Haverty stated that to adopt this policy, would mean that a section of the road serving a man's holding would be left undone ^{and} because he is the only landowner involved would prevent him from getting a Local Improvement Scheme in future.

The County Manager stated that it is a requirement that a road, in order to be taken over, should have a public right-of-way over it for passengers, animals and vehicles and that it should also be of general public utility. He stated that he would like to look into the question involved in Councillor Joyce's motion further and he suggested it be deferred for the time being so that it could be investigated. It was agreed that the matter would be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, who asked if any of the Councillors can submit a Notice of Motion to discuss the question of Local Improvement Scheme grant for roads being turned down, the County Manager stated that this can be discussed by the Council if a motion is put down by some member.

Councillor Morgan asked if Notice of Motion money allocated to Councillors can be spent on repairs to footpaths, or on town roads.

Councillor Galvin stated that the original intention in providing this money was to have the money spent on roads which were intended to be taken over for maintenance.

The County Manager stated that this money can be used only for a road being repaired for the purpose of being taken over for maintenance and it may not be spent on footpaths.

541 - POLICY ON SINKING OF PUMPS: In reply to Councillor Joyce's motion the County Manager stated that the policy at present is to provide public pumps in areas not likely to be served by future piped supplies, public or group and to provide electric pumps. Should a group eventuate and the well be adequate to serve same, the Council will make the well available provided a tap is provided to serve any house which may not be in the group scheme. Should the well have excess capacity the Council will make arrangements to have this available for any other likely groups in the area.

Councillor Joyce stated that each Councillor was already to nominate three pumps and that he had done this but last week he got some documents from the Council asking him to ^{give} names of twenty families who are in need of water supply in each area, and he considers that it is too much to expect and that it is too difficult to get twenty names for each pump.

The County Manager stated that the list of names was required to identify the people in need of water supply but it was not necessary that there should be twenty in all cases. The County Manager also stated that there had been difficulty in getting contractors to do the work and that an approach to contractors over a period has given a very poor response.

Councillor Glynn complained that the Rusheens pump had not been completed.

Councillor Joyce stated that there were several existing pumps which were not giving water fit for human consumption and that when this matter is reported to the Council, the only action taken is to put a notice on the pumps stating that the water should be boiled before use. He considered that the Council should be able to do something more positive about this matter - either to treat the water in the well or to sink a new well in the area.

The County Manager stated that there can never be a guarantee of the quality of water which might be obtained from a bore-hole.

Councillor Haverty complained about the delay in getting a pump provided stating that only one pump had been provided on his nomination over a period of eight years and he asked why no pressure pump had been provided in his area.

The County Manager stated that it was the policy of the Council to put electric pumps where possible.

Councillor Haverty stated that the pump in question is at Muingbawn.

It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Councillor Glynn explaining the position regarding the pump at Rusheens.

542 - INCOME LIMITS FOR GRANTS & LOANS: Councillor Joyce stated that his motion had in error referred to the income limit for Reconstruction Grants and he stated that what he required was information on the income limit for loans.

The County Manager replied that the income limit for loans at present is £2,350 and that the maximum loan available is £4,500. He also stated that it is a function of the Minister for Local Government to fix the income limit for loans and that the Council had no power to alter the limit.

It was agreed that a recommendation be sent to the General Council of County Councils that the income limit, in order to qualify for loans, be increased.

In reply to Senator Killilea's motions the County Manager reported as follows:

- 543 - ROAD TO MATTIE REILLY'S HOUSE, IMANEMORE, BARNADERG: This is a gravel road serving one house and over two parcels of land. It is 700 lineal yards. There is an extremely dangerous drain on one side of the road; the surface is in a bad state of repair; the width between fences is adequate; it is not recommended for adoption until monies are devoted from Notice of Motion allocation to rectify the drain and bring the surface up to standard.
- 544 - ROAD THROUGH HILLSBROOK, BARNADERG: As defined, all of this appears to be public - County Road No. 244. Its length is 703 perches. The terminal points of the road should be clearly defined so that an accurate report can be drafted.
- 545 - ROAD FROM PEAKE, BARNADERG TO CURRALEA: This road serves three houses and five landowners and is 750 metres long. The surface is in a bad state of repair and before adoption it is recommended that £900 be expended from Notice of Motion allocations to bring it up to standard.
- 546 - ROAD FROM J. CONNELL'S HOUSE TO T. ROONEY'S HOUSE AT TIAGREENAN, BARNADERG: This gravel road serves one house and one landowner. Its surface is in a bad state of repair. Part of the road is unfenced and part is fenced with barbed wire. It is 400 yards long. It is not recommended for adoption as it does not serve an adequate number of people.
- 547 - SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR MENLOUGH AND MONIVEA: Senator Killilea stated that his motion had referred in error, to Menlough while he had intended that it should refer to Monivea. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Senator Killilea explaining the position about a Sewerage Scheme for Monivea.
- 548 - ROAD TO MICK GODFREY'S HOUSE IN MARLEY, TUAM: The County Manager stated that this proposal will be examined and a report will be brought back to the Council on it.
- 549 - SITE FOR ITINERANT FAMILIES IN TUAM: Senator Killilea proposed that a public site of concrete base with running water and public toilet be made available in Tuam for the itinerant families now living in caravans.

The County Manager stated that investigations are at present in hand regarding the selection of a site for this purpose and that a site proposed by Senator Killilea has been inspected and a report thereon is being prepared.

Councillor Kelly objected to this proposal stating that the motion had not been discussed at the recent meeting of the Itinerant Settlement Committee. He pointed out that Tuam has housed the biggest number of itinerants in the county and has done more than its share.

Senator Killilea stated that this had nothing to do with the permanent housing of itinerants and that it is not good enough to leave itinerants on the side of the road without any of the basic necessities of life such as water, toilet facilities and a hard surface. What he is interested in, he stated, is an area with a hard surface where the itinerant families could live until such time as housing is available for them.

Councillor Kilgannon seconded Senator Killilea's proposal and stated that this could be the solution to a large problem. He considered there should be serviced sites in places other than Tuam.

Councillor Morgan stated that he would support the resolution if it applied to all towns in the county.

Councillor Kelly proposed that this matter be left over for consideration by the Itinerant Settlement Committee. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Byrne.

Deputy Molloy stated that the Itinerant Settlement Committee has only an Advisory function and that the Council meeting is the only place where a decision can be made.

Senator Higgins stated that the proposal is only a transitional measure, it should not be a matter of controversy.

In reply to Councillor Ryan, who asked where the site is located, the County Manager stated that no site has been acquired yet and that a number of sites suggested are being examined.

A vote taken on Senator Killilea's proposal resulted as follows:

For: Councillors Bartley, S. Donnellan, Glynn, Haverty, Senator Higgins, Deputy Mussey, Councillors Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors McCormack, Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy Molloy, Councillors Morgan, O Morain, Ryan, Welby. (18)

Against: Councillors Byrne and Kelly. (2)

The Chairman declared Senator Killilea's motion carried and it was agreed that the amendment was defeated by the same voting.

550 - DANGEROUS BEND AT CREGMORE BRIDGE, CLAREGALWAY: Replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, the County Manager stated that there was difficulty in acquiring the necessary land to achieve improvements to the bridge approaches and it is unlikely it will be resolved easily. He stated also that no funds were made available for this proposal.

551 - ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: Councillor McCormack proposed that when a Council meeting is adjourned without completing the Agenda, a special meeting be arranged to complete the business adjourned.

Councillor O Morain proposed that the remaining items on the Agenda including Councillor McCormack's motion regarding adjournments be adjourned to a special meeting of the Council to be held at 2.30 p.m. on Monday 30th June, 1975 and that such motions be considered that day in the order in which they now stand on the Agenda. Councillor McCormack stated that this is not a general solution to his proposal.

The Chairman stated that to adopt Councillor McCormack's proposal could lead to abuses and that the Council could go half-way through an Agenda and adjourn the remainder to a special meeting. He considered that they should be adjourned to the next ordinary meeting.

Councillor Sean Donnellan stated that Notices of Motion deferred should be dealt with before any other items on the Agenda.

Deputy Molloy seconded Councillor O Morain's proposal that Councillor McCormack's proposal and the remaining items on the Agenda be adjourned for consideration to 2.30 p.m. on Monday 30th June, 1975. This proposal was agreed.

552 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. Mary Brennan, George's Street, Gort.
- The Connolly Family, Killinna, Kinvara.
- Patrick O'Brien, Ballyfoyle, Castlegar.
- Mrs. Casserly, Two-Mile-Ditch, Castlegar.
- Barney Callahan, 11 Barry Ave., Mervue, Galway.
- Colm O'Connafhacla, Oilean Fianaise, Carna.
- Joseph Keane, Roundstone,
- The Ryan Family, Greenhouse, Craughwell.

The Meeting then Adjourned.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

T. Hursey

Chairman

28/7/75

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

24u Meitheamh, 1975

Chug Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at County Buildings, Galway on Monday 30th June, 1975 commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A.

TO CONSIDER:

Notices of Motion adjourned from meeting of the 23rd June, 1975.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

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Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

24u Meitheamh, 1975

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday 30th June, 1975 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. Review of County Development Plan.

Members are requested to take with them documentation already sent to them.

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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

25th June, 1975.

TO/ Each Member of the Council:

A Chara,

In connection with the Planning meeting to be held on Monday next the 30th instant, I enclose herewith copy of Circular letter P.D. 51/8 of the 20th May, 1975 from the Department of Local Government.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE,
Acting County Secretary.



P.D. 51/8

10 May 1975

A Chara

I am directed by the Minister for Local Government to state that, as you are aware, he has been concerned for some time at the position in regard to planning control and especially the high number of appeals. Circular PL 210/8 of 12 November, 1973, contained suggestions which, it was hoped, would lessen the volume of appeals. However, the number of appeals continues to remain at a high level; in the year ended 31 March, 1975, almost 4,000 new appeals were received.

The Minister wishes to stress again his view that the elected members of planning authorities should be given an opportunity to become involved to a greater extent at the early stages of the planning control process. It is his belief that the members' knowledge of local conditions and planning and development needs could, at least in some cases, assist in ironing out problems and difficulties and, consequently, reduce the number of decisions which give rise to appeals.

The Minister appreciates that circumstances can vary widely from one area to another and that different practices and procedures have evolved in different areas. Some authorities, for example, operate a system of consultation with elected members on major planning applications through committees of the planning authority - either formal planning committees, area committees, or informal committees. In other cases, councillors are kept informed by the circulation of lists of either applications or decisions, or they are informed where refusals are proposed and given an opportunity to present their views individually before decisions are made. The Minister suggests that such arrangements might be reviewed, particularly in cases where the level of appeals is high.

It should not, of course, be necessary to have councillors involved in the consideration of all planning applications; in any event this would be impracticable having regard to the number of applications and the two month time-limit for deciding applications. The procedure most suited to any particular area can best be decided locally, having regard to local needs and circumstances.

I am to request that the contents of this Circular should be brought to the notice of the members of the Council at the next appropriate meeting and that the Department be informed of any new arrangements made following consideration of the Circular.

Mise le meas

To the Secretary
each Planning Authority

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ADJOURNED MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY, 30th JUNE, 1975.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members:

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahy, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery and M. Ryan.

Officials:

Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

553 - ADJOURNMENT OF MEETINGS:

In the absence of Councillor McCormack at the time, no action was taken on his proposal regarding adjournment of meetings where the agenda is not completed.

554 - PUBLIC LIGHT FOR DISPENSARY, LACKAGH, TURLOUGHMORE:

As Councillor McCormack was not present at the time this motion came up for consideration, the Chairman directed that a letter be sent to him to explain the position concerning it.

555 - PIPED WATER SUPPLY FOR BALLINDOOLEY, ANGLIHAM AND KILLOUGHTER:

As Councillor Ruane was absent at the time his motion came up for consideration, the Chairman directed that a letter be sent to him to explain the position concerning the water supply for those villages.

556 - CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTPATH - BARNNA TO LIBERTY STREAM:

As Deputy Molloy was absent when his motion came up for consideration, the Chairman directed that a letter be sent to Deputy Molloy in connection with the matter.

557 - ANTI-DUMPING AND ANTI-LITTER BYE-LAWS:

Replying to Councillor Kelly's motion, the County Manager stated that it appears that there is no necessity for making bye-laws of the type referred to in Councillor Kelly's motion in view of the provisions of Section 52 of the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act, 1963 which the Manager read for the Council. He stated that this appeared to make adequate provision for what Councillor Kelly had in mind, but the problem in all such cases is to get proof as to the person or persons responsible for creating the nuisance.

558 - PURCHASE OF LAND IN TUAM FOR INDUSTRIAL SITES AND HOUSING:

In reply to Councillor Kelly's motion, the County Manager stated that the Council is at present negotiating for the purchase of additional land for housing in Tuam, and that although there is an area of 22 acres in the possession of the IDA for industrial development in Tuam, the Council would be prepared in conjunction with the IDA to purchase additional land. In

reply to a further query by Councillor Kelly, the County Manager stated that this area of 22 acres may not be suitable for small industries, but that the matter will be enquired into.

Councillor Kelly stated there is need for a site for the provision of warehousing in Tuam, and he asked that an effort be made to get a suitable site for this purpose.

559 - PUBLIC LIGHTING IN GLENAMADDY:

Councillor Ryan stated that he recently got complaints from the local Development Company about the lack of lighting on Saturday nights when there are large numbers of people in the town of Glenamaddy after dances, etc., and he also stated that there are two or three extra lights needed on the Creggs road, one near the doctor's residence. He also stated that the system has not been operated satisfactorily.

The Chairman stated that he also had received similar complaints about the defects in the lighting system and he supported Councillor Ryan's request for additional lights.

The County Manager stated that some defects in the system had recently been remedied and that the question of the lighting times, especially at the weekends, will be examined.

Regarding additional lights, the County Manager stated that it may not be possible to do much about them in the current year in view of the fact that all the finance available for such lights has been allocated, but that if there is a special problem a report will be brought back to the Council.

560 - L.I.S. GRANT NO. L.G.67/75 - MOYLUGHMORE:

Councillor Ryan stated that he understood that the application for this grant had been recently refused by the Council, and he pointed out that the application was submitted at the suggestion of the local Engineer as it would solve both the drainage problem for land and the relief of the flooding in Moylough. The County Manager stated that this application is being re-examined and that it may be possible to give a favourable decision on it in the near future.

561 - FOOTPATHS IN MOUNTBELLEW:

Councillor Ryan stated that he sent in a motion for the last meeting of the Council in connection with the provision of footpaths in the vicinity of the Agricultural College in Mountbellew, but it was not included in the agenda. The Chairman stated that the rule regarding the admission of motions in connection with roads involving expenditure was changed at meeting subsequent to the date on which Councillor Ryan sent in his motion. Councillor Ryan asked if the Council would have some work done on improvement of the footpaths in the vicinity of the Agricultural College in preparation for the official opening in September.

Deputy Kitt supported Councillor Ryan's request.

The County Manager stated that the matter would be examined.

562 - CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS FOR HOUSING, SANITARY SERVICES AND ROADS:

In the absence of Councillor Welby the Chairman proposed that Councillor Welby's motions be adjourned to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. This was agreed.

563 - GARRAI GAMHNA I ROSMUC:

Replying to Councillor O Morain's motion, the County Manager stated that the provision or abandonment of pounds would be subject to the consent of the County Registrar who is a person having authority to specify whatever pounds are required. He stated that the views of the County Registrar on Councillor O Morain's proposal would be sought. Councillor O Morain stated that there is no necessity for this pound as there is another pound nearby.

564 - POLASAI I LEITH BOITHRE SA GHAELTACHT:

Councillor O Morain proposing his motion stated that he was not satisfied that the amount of money allocated to roads in the Gaeltacht was adequate, and he asked if a survey could be carried out as to what is needed to bring the main roads up to standard. In particular he asked if a survey and estimate of cost could be prepared in respect of the road from Barna to Carna via Rosmuc, and also from Carna to Recess.

The County Manager stated that a report on this road will be prepared and brought back to the Council.

565 - IOWAID SEALADACHA TITHIOCHTA:

In reply to Councillor O Morain's proposal, the County Manager stated that he understood that his proposal relates to the provision of caravans where difficulties have arisen regarding title. He stated that caravans have not in general been supplied in such cases as it is considered unwise to do so except in cases where existing accommodation is certified dangerous by the Council's Engineers or severely overcrowded, and in such cases caravans are at present provided. He stated that there are at present approximately one hundred caravans in the possession of the Council, mainly occupied by small families. He stated that it is the policy of the Council to try and keep the number of caravans to a minimum as they cost approximately £300, are costly to maintain and have a short life.

Councillor O Morain referred to the urgent need of some temporary accommodation in the parishes of Carna and Rosmuc, among other places, pointing out that in some cases a period of four to five years elapses from the date of an application before a house can be built. He referred to severe cases of overcrowding to the extent to which it forces members of families to emigrate. He also stated that reconstruction grants would be of assistance, but the problem is that no contractors are prepared to take on small jobs such as reconstruction of houses. He stated that in his experience it takes up to two years to have the question of title to a site cleared and that while this is being done temporary accommodation should be available by the Council.

The County Manager stated that caravans are a poor substitute for more permanent-type housing and they are made available only in extreme cases, and the Council will continue to supply them in such cases.

566 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD FOR MAINTENANCE AT MONIVEA:

Replying to the motion in the name of Deputies Cullanan & Kitt, the County Manager stated that Councillors' Notice of Motion money were allocated towards bringing this road up to standard, there would be no objection to having it taken over for future maintenance.

Deputy Kitt stated that the Office of Public Works had repaired part of the road to the Garda Barracks and that there is now only one section left - that leading to Ruane's house, and he asked that this be taken over and work carried out by the Council. He stated that in the last resort he would be prepared to put some of his own Notice of Motion money into the road but he felt that the work should be undertaken by the County Council without using Notice of Motion money.

Deputy Callanan also stated that this is the only short section of road not taken over in Monivea and considered that members of the Council should not be required to expend Notice of Motion money on it.

The County Manager stated that the matter will be further examined.

567 - APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ARCHAEOLOGIST:

Replying to motion in the names of Councillor Byrne, Senator Killilea, Councillor Ryan and Deputy Kitt, the County Manager stated that there is not any such office as County Archaeologist and if the Council were to create it it would be necessary for the Minister for Local Government to specify particulars of the office and conditions of appointment, etc. He stated that the Office of Public Works is the body responsible for dealing with ancient monuments and that Foras Forbartha also give assistance in identifying such monuments for the County Council. He also referred to an experimental appointment which was made in another county, the cost of which was defrayed from the Regional Development Fund. Councillor Ryan stated that this matter was recently raised at a meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee at which the members were informed that Roscommon County Council had a survey of this type carried out and what he had in mind in relation to his proposal is that a temporary appointment to do a survey would be made.

The County Manager stated that he considered that the Office of Public Works might be requested to carry out a survey, and he pointed out that if a young Archaeology student or graduate were appointed to do the survey, he would have no back-up service, and he would experience difficulty in doing the work.

Deputy Kitt stated that Roscommon County Council appeared to be the only county which had done a survey, and he considered that if a similar survey could be done for County Galway it would be worthwhile.

Councillor O Morain suggested that the Council might request that a survey be carried out by the Archaeology Department of University College Galway, and the Council might contribute something towards it.

The County Manager stated that if the County Council wished the Archaeology Department of U.C.G. could be consulted about it, but that they would like to know whether that Department could take on the work and at what cost.

After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Ryan, seconded by Deputy Kitt and resolved:

"that the Office of Public Works be requested to carry out a survey".

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed
T. Hussey
28/7/75 Chairman

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 30th JUNE, 1975.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahy, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery and M. Ryan.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; W. Cahill, Chief Assistant (Planning); T. Kavanagh, Staff Officer; T. Fleming, Draughtsman; and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

568 - CIRCULAR LETTER P.D. 51/8 DATED 20th MAY, 1975 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The County Manager referring to the above circular, copy of which was circulated to each member of the Council, stated that Galway County Council notifies particulars of all applications to members of the Council and also gives advance notice when required on intended refusals.

569 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager stated that the purpose of the meeting was to review the County Development Plan and that for this purpose two documents which had been circulated to members of the Council in March, 1975 which were to be considered. One document - The Review Report - gave an outline of the factors which would influence the policy to be pursued in reviewing the Plan, and the second document - Written Statement - consisted of a draft review of the County Development Plan. Mr. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant, then gave a summary of the review report and illustrated various considerations in this report by the use of plans and maps.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the review report showed serious implications for the members of the Council in that it paid more attention to the area which is within twenty miles of Galway City and that, while it had serious implications also for East Galway, little effort appears to have been made to attract industries to that part of the county, or to provide services for such industries. He referred in particular to the fact that no steps appeared to have been taken to provide transport services for the eastern part of the county and that practically no mention was made of Ballinasloe in the report, stating that as far as the Development Plan is concerned Ballinasloe could become a white elephant.

Councillor Galvin objected to this reference to Ballinasloe and stated that Ballinasloe being a planning authority was quite capable of dealing with its own development plan.

Councillor Joyce stated that it was not made clear in the report that Ballinasloe is a separate planning authority, and he also stated that there is little mention of the eastern part of the county in the Plan stating in particular that there was no mention of the fact that Bord na Mona had up to sixty employees in the area. He stated also that Eyrecourt had not been mentioned.

Councillor Joyce also referred to the Cionbur area and that area generally north of the Corrib which is an important tourist area and which got very little mention.

Councillor Flaherty referred to the fact that Rossaveal where pier development is going on had not been mentioned and neither had Carraroe been referred to.

Councillor Callanan stated that Ballinasloe has nine Councillors in the urban area and that the Urban District Council deals adequately with that area, but he is concerned with the surrounding area as well and he stated that some amenity areas in East Galway had not been referred to in the report.

The Chairman stated that it is impossible to deal with all areas in a report such as this and that the Council would mainly be concerned with Part 2 consisting of the written report as it is this area that the Council would be entitled to make changes.

Councillor O Morain referred to the restrictions on the granting of planning permissions in high amenity areas in the Western part of the county, and stated that the grounds for such refusals generally are that the planning permission would interfere with the amenities of the area. He stated that it is a much better to take steps to see that there are populated houses in the area rather than allow de-population and recommended that the plan should contain a provision to the effect that no family should be denied permission for a second dwelling and that a family should also be allowed planning permission for an additional plot which might be saleable.

Deputy Kitt enquired if the survey had been done regarding preferences of the various age groups of the population in the Eastern Galway area, and he recommended that steps should be taken to promote agriculture in the Mountbellew area.

Councillor Glynn stated that what the Council should be doing is creating an infrastructure to attract industry to various parts of the county, and he stated that the County Development Officer should be at the meeting to hear the views of members. He considered that more should be done to promote improved roads and additional water and sewerage services.

Councillor McCormack stated that a plan should be reviewed more frequently than once every five years.

Councillor Morgan referred to the lack of money to carry out the Plan and stated that it is impossible to implement a plan without adequate money.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that an objection which he has to the proposals in the Plan is that it stresses urbanisation and seems to dictate to people where they should live. He stated that a plan should encourage people to live in rural areas.

Councillor Galvin stated that he does not agree that people should be encouraged to live in rural areas as there are many small industries which can be provided only in towns and that people gravitate towards the main centres of population. He recommended that the Council should select a number of towns with a reasonable population and aim at the establishment of fairly large industries in those towns.

Mr. Lee, replying to a number of queries raised in discussion, stated that this is only a broad outline study setting out an outline strategy - the detailed strategy would follow later. He pointed out that many centres are already fairly strong, e.g. Galway and Tuam and Loughrea which would exert a greater influence as the population grows. He pointed out that the Western part

of the county is a separate problem and that the objective with this and the remaining parts of the county is to develop whatever resources are already there. He stated that regarding National Primary Routes there is a policy of restriction of planning permissions on those routes and that continuation of this policy is recommended in the written statement.

The County Manager stated that a land bank is being built up in the city and various towns, and that the role of the city is important in the development plan as it gives employment to people from rural areas. He stated that land has been acquired in Athenry, Loughrea, Portumna, Tuam and Gort and he hoped that before the Council's revised Development Plan is finalised it would be possible to examine the revised IDA plans which are presently being prepared. He referred also to the developments on offshore oil exploration and stated that approaches are being made to various bodies with a view to availing of any benefits which could arise from this exploration, including the servicing of ships engaged in exploration itself.

Councillor Kelly stated that he hoped Tuam would develop as set out in the report and he pointed out that planning permission had already been given for up to 800 houses, but that there are problems of roads, water and sewers in the town which have yet to be resolved. The County Manager, referring to a query from Councillor Kelly stated that the capital programme for acquisition of land and development of services in Tuam is well advanced, and stated that Tuam is not without an industry for lack of water and sewerage facilities.

Councillor McCormack complained that no mention was made in the report about the proposed new bridge over the Corrib.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, Mr. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant, stated that an appendix of the written report sets out proposals for restrictions on the density of housing. Councillor Molloy also stated that reference should be made to the proposed bridge over the Corrib as an overall objective in the County Development Plan, and the County Manager stated that there is no objection to putting this in the plan as an objective.

Councillor Glynn enquired if it would be possible for a representative of the IDA to attend the meeting to hear the views of members, and he stated that the major assets of the county, including its coastal facilities, coral deposits, salmon fisheries, etc. should be mentioned in the report, and that the Council should also publicise the fact that a site is available for dirty industries.

The County Manager stated that if necessary arrangements can be made to invite the IDA representative and the County Development Officer to attend the meetings, but that he hoped that the published revision of the IDA plans would be available to the County Council before the revised plan is finally adopted.

Councillor O Morain stated that the plan should be discussed in areas by the local councillors for each area in detail.

Replying to Councillor Haverty, Mr. Lee stated that there would be a plan for each town and that the Loughrea plan would include for roads in the immediate vicinity of the town.

The Council then proceeded to consider the Written Statement commencing with planning and development policies (page 4).

Deputy Molloy enquired why there is no reference in the report to the decision made by the Council to provide for a development plan for Furbo.

Mr. Lee stated that the Council's staff are already engaged in carrying out a study in connection with this proposal.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, Mr. Lee stated that the area to be taken into consideration in the Tuam Town Plan may not coincide with the boundary which the Town Commissioners had in mind when they recently requested that the town boundary be extended.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICIES
Paragraph 2.01

Preservation of Amenities:

Deputy Callanan stated that the question of different interpretations would arise in this case as they had in the past and that he was glad to see that in the new planning legislation the Planning Authority would have the final say on the question of interpretation.

Deputy Molloy stated that there was no definition or interpretation in the plan or in the written report of what is an amenity. He stated that paragraph 2.01 is nebulous and that extreme interpretations of what was an amenity arose in the past. He considered that the matter needs explanation.

The County Engineer stated that a great difficulty arises in this matter. He stated that Deputy Molloy when Minister for Local Government employed planners to survey Connemara and to report to the Minister and to the County Council. He pointed out that someone has got to decide in each case, and that if an application is turned down by the Planning Authority on amenity grounds, there is the right of appeal and the decision goes to the Minister. He pointed out, however, that the Minister himself does not visit the site, but sends an Inspector whose opinion on the matter is conveyed to the Minister who then makes a decision. He stated that sometimes the Inspector agrees with the Planning Authority and sometimes does not, but he stated that the point is that the decision is ultimately made by one person in the County Council and one person in the Department of Local Government and that he does not see that it is possible to have it done otherwise.

Replying to Councillor Glynn, the County Engineer stated that the Inspector is not generally accompanied by anybody from the Planning Authority and that he generally visits the site before or after consideration of an appeal, but he stated that it has happened that the Inspector may ask both parties to visit the site with him.

Councillor O Morain enquired if it would be possible to define what is meant by scenic landscape or amenities, and pointed out that this is important in the context of the provision for second family dwellings. He pointed out that barren landscape is not beautiful but that a house on it could be. Councillor O Morain stated that sometimes in the past the reason for a refusal was that an applicant had not specified that what he was applying for was in fact a second family dwelling.

After further discussion it was agreed to adjourn consideration of paragraph 2.01 until the question of control of developing scenic and amenity areas (page 40 of written statement) is being considered.

2.02 Protection of Heritage and Environment:

Councillor Morgan enquired how the Local Authority might control pollution. The County Manager replied that this can be considered at the planning application stage and stated that there is also new legislation being prepared giving additional powers to Local Authorities.

Councillor Sean Donnellan enquired if inland waters are tested periodically. The County Manager replied that the sea and Lough Corrib are tested periodically, and that consideration is being given to extending this service to other areas. He stated that tests so far carried out

did not give rise to any problem being brought to notice.

Councillor Donnellan stated that he recently noticed that Lough Corrib at the point of inlet of the Oughterard River showed that the water was discoloured.

The County Manager stated that this matter would be checked.

In reply to Councillor Joyce, the County Manager stated that recommendation SR5. 1970 issued by the Industrial Research and Standards will be available at the next meeting.

2.02 was agreed.

2.03 Provision and Development of Amenities, etc.:

The provisions of this paragraph were agreed.

2.04 Development of Tourist Potential and Recreational Amenity:

Councillor S. Donnellan stated on the shores of Lough Corrib people who had bought houses near the foreshore had extended jetties and piers on to the shore to the extent at which it blocked access to the shore and prevented people even walking along the shore. He stated that he held a strong objection to this as it was a gradual process of taking over the property of the public.

Deputy Molloy enquired what the legal position was regarding the ownership of the lakeshore and whether people had the right to build a pier on it.

The County Manager stated that he was not aware what exactly the position is but that the Council tries to control the construction of those piers. He pointed out that this provision in the plan would be useful to strengthen the hand of the Council in controlling the construction of such piers.

Councillor Morgan enquired if rights of way in order to give access to the shore will be provided by the County Council. The County Manager stated that it is the policy to do this subject to finances being available, but the difficulty may be in many cases of getting the necessary proof to enforce rights of way.

Councillor Glynn recommended that in scenic areas parking place for up to twenty cars as a viewing place should be provided by the County Council on roadsides, and he considered that this should be done as a continuing process each year.

The County Manager stated that Bord Fáilte may give some grants towards this work, and that consideration would be given to doing this where desirable.

Paragraph 2.04 was agreed.

2.05 Pressure Arising from Growth of Galway City:

Deputy Molloy enquired what the reason was for this provision as he believed that any development which the Council would be in a position to encourage should be allowed.

Mr. Lee stated that the City had extended outside its boundaries and that some developments which had occurred outside the City should have been in the City itself. He stated that this raised the question of the need for co-ordination of the Council and the Corporation plans.

Deputy Callanan enquired if it is now possible to provide an alternative to the existing **Dublin** road from Galway or whether the number of houses which has been built in recent years will now prevent this being provided. Mr. Lee replied that **this** matter is under examination at present and that pending a final decision the Council may take steps to restrict development on the route which might be considered for a new road.

Deputy Molloy stated that the Council should be thinking of the construction of a completely new road into the City from the Dublin Road.

The County Manager stated that this is being studied in consultation with Galway Corporation, and that a survey is being done of the area, including the Eastern Environs and the road to Oranmore.

Mr. Lee in reply to a further query stated that the survey is being carried by County Council and Local Government Staff and that it is not anticipated that there would be any information on the survey at least before a period of six months.

Paragraph 2.05 was agreed.

Replying to Councillor Kelly, the County Manager stated that arrangements would be made to have meetings in various towns later to consider the plans for those towns.

Further consideration of the written statement was adjourned to 3.30.p.m. on Monday, 14th July, 1975.

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Submitted, Approved + Confirmed

T. Murray

Chairman

28/7/75

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
Gaillimh.

9u Iuil, 1975.

Chuig Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Monday, 14th July, 1975 commencing at 3.30.p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O. DUBHGHAILL

Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

1. To continue the review of County Development Plan.

Members are requested to take with them documentation already sent to them.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 14TH JULY, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Also Present:

Members: Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, T. Welby.

Officials: P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; W. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); T. Fleming, Draughtsman and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

570 - MONTHLY MEETING - 28TH JULY, 1975: On the proposition of Senator Killilea seconded by Deputy Kitt, it was agreed that the monthly meeting of the Council to be held on the 28th July, 1975 would commence at 2.30 p.m. in order to give members and staff an opportunity of attending the evening Race Meeting at Galway on that day.

571 - WRITTEN STATEMENT - DRAFT REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN - MARCH, 1975.

Planning & Development Policies - Paragraph 2.06 - Encouragement of Employment:

Paragraph 2.06 was agreed.

Deputy Kitt, referring to the Review Report, stated that this had mentioned that there was little commuter traffic between Mountbellew and Galway. He stated that he had ascertained that this was on the increase and is an important factor in the area whereas in the Report more emphasis was placed on an agricultural policy. He stated that to some extent, the Review Report was in conflict in this regard with the written statement.

Mr. Lee stated that one supplemented the other and that both sources of employment were complementary.

Paragraph 2.07 - Development of Underdeveloped Areas:

Paragraph 2.07 was agreed.

Paragraph 2.08 - Control of Undesirable ribbonization:

Deputy Callanan stated that he disagreed totally with this policy as it tended to dictate to people where they should live and sought to compel them to live where they did not want to live. He stated that he was opposed to ribbon development on major roads and he pointed out that the difficulty is that we have not hard surfaces ^{on the} side of main roads for slow traffi

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He pointed out that if hard shoulders were available on the side of main roads, it would enable traffic to ease out on to the main road more safely than if traffic were to emerge directly from a by-road. He also stated that the Plan should not encourage the people to leave the rural areas.

Councillor Haverty agreed with Deputy Callanan and stated that it was no benefit to traffic to compel people to provide houses/by-roads.

Councillor Sean Donnellan recommended that a responsibility should be placed on builders to provide a clear view at the entrance to a main road.

Councillor McCormack stated that he did not mind encouraging people to go to live in particular places provided they are not compelled to go there because of a refusal of Planning Permission ^{in a location} where they really wanted to live. He objected to using a method of refusal of applications as a means of getting people to live in groups or villages.

Councillor Morgan stated that it is good policy to encourage people to live where services are available but he said that people should be given a free choice. He asked why ribbon development should be prohibited. He also stated that there should be better co-ordination between the County Council and other authorities such as the E.S.B. and Department of Posts & Telegraphs with regard to laying of services where foot-paths are to be laid later on.

Councillor Fahey agreed that development should not be allowed on main roads and he mentioned in particular, the Galway/Limerick road, the Galway/Tuam road and the Galway/Dublin road which are high-speed roads and he considered that building beside those roads is a serious hazard and he stated that a free-for-all in respect of building along those roads would result in continuous ribbon development.

Mr. Lee stated that restriction on ribbonization referred to undesirable ribbonization only, and that it largely applies to heavy traffic routes mainly National Primary and Secondary roads. Mr. Lee also stated that there is a very heavy investment in roads and that the trends in the future must be taken into account particularly the effect of large-scale building beside main roads and he pointed out that every uncontrolled private access is a traffic hazard.

Councillor Haverty stated that his experience is that there are very few accidents arising from the location of private houses on the roadside and that the main cause of accidents is from traffic coming from by-roads. He felt that people should be allowed to live on the roadside if they wished to do so.

Senator Killilea enquired if the restrictions along National Primary and Secondary routes were based on regulations made by the Department of Local Government.

Mr. Kearns, Deputy County Manager stated that it was suggested some time ago that if the Council were to allow building on those roads, the result may be a restriction in the amount of Road Grants.

Councillor Haverty asked if there was any record of accidents on those roads and the causes of them. He considered that accidents are the result of excessive speed and traffic coming from by-roads, not from individual houses.

Senator Killilea enquired what was the purpose of the Council in imposing restrictions on building along main roads, when the Department of Local Government was granting permissions on appeal in such cases.

Councillor Kilgannon referred to a recent circular from the Department of Local Government which he stated, recommended flexibility in dealing with Planning Applications, and he felt that the Council should aim at removing undue restrictions. He considered it bad policy to restrict commercial and industrial development by such policies as are recommended in the Report.

Councillor Joyce stated that he considered it ridiculous to set out a minimum of three acres and 500 feet frontage as a minimum on those main roads and he considered that any such restrictions should not operate until roads were brought up to proper standard.

Mr. Lee stated that it is not necessary that a person should own three acres - that a person could buy a site of a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre or $\frac{1}{2}$ acre provided the remainder of the land was frozen against further development.

Deputy Callanan proposed that Paragraph 2.08 be radically changed.

Senator Killilea proposed that the requirements be 100 feet frontage and 1 acre.

Councillor Glynn stated that the Council should consider the function of National Primary routes and National Secondary routes and that they should be used for the purpose for which they were provided. There have been many accidents, he said, arising from people getting off buses and cars in the Tuam area. He considered that one of the main purposes of developing major roads is to carry goods and materials at a reasonable speed and if houses are allowed on those roads, their main purpose will fail. He stated that if the Department is flouting the provisions of the Council's plan the Council should be informed about it and he stated that he knows of at least one instance where a house was being allowed on a lay-bye. He criticised the type of access now being provided to National Primary roads and he considered that the funnel type access should be provided instead of the 90 degree turn.

Deputy Callanan stated that the National Primary roads and all roads are provided for all people who wish to use them and not restricted to any one class of traffic.

Councillor McCormack stated that if regulations have been made by the Department of Local Government in regard to building of houses on roadsides the Council's rule should be brought in line with those.

Replying to queries, Mr. Lee stated that Foras Forbartha had carried out studies in connection with accidents and that on National Primary routes there is a direct relation between the number of accidents and the number of access points on those roads.

He pointed out that the amount of traffic is growing steadily and the number of houses also growing, thus increasing the risks. He pointed out that if the requirements were 100 feet frontage for a site, this would mean 100 houses per mile of road.

Councillor Glynn referred to the danger to children in houses which are fronting on National Primary Routes, stating that the gates leading to such houses have to be kept locked for the safety of the children.

Councillor Galvin asked if it is true that the Minister has given Planning Permissions on restricted roads and main roads, as suggested by Senator Killilea, in large numbers.

The Chairman stated that he did not believe that there was any question of such extensive numbers being approved.

Senator Killilea stated that this has happened on the Tuam/Galway road.

Councillor Joyce proposed that the restrictions on Class II roads be not put into operation until the roads were properly developed up to Local Government standard. This proposal was seconded by Councillor O Morain, who also asked if the Galway/Spiddal/Ballinahown road is classed as National. Primary in view of the fact that there are restrictions on this road also.

Mr. Lee stated that the selection of roads on which restrictions are recommended is governed by traffic density and the heavy development pressure in such areas.

It was agreed to defer further consideration of Paragraph 2.08 until further information is available on any directives or recommendations relating to roads which may have been issued by the Department of Local Government.

Councillor Morgan enquired what is the purpose of a hard shoulder on a road and whether it is to be used later as a second lane.

Mr. Lee replied that it is mainly provided for emergency use but that changes in road classifications in the future could possibly absorb this. He stated that it can also be used by slow moving traffic.

Councillor Joyce withdrew his proposal pending information on Departmental directives regarding building beside certain classes of roads.

Paragraph 2.09 - Protection of the function, safety and traffic capacity of roadways:

It was agreed that consideration of this paragraph would also be deferred pending information on Departmental directives regarding the roads referred to in Paragraph 2.08.

2.10 - Conservation of areas of scientific interest:

Councillor Holland regretted that part of the old Claddagh in Galway was not preserved and he pointed out that much of what is characteristic of rural life in Ireland is at present being destroyed. He recommended that some steps should be taken to preserve something of Connemara as it is known at present and as it was known, say, 50 years ago.

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He suggested that an effort should be made to retain some of the characteristics of the area including its traditional type housing and that an area, say of 100 acres, should be earmarked for preservation.

Councillor Glynn considered that the Council should pick out an area and give grants to preserve the general character of the area. He pointed out that new houses being built in the area are all of the bungalow type and there are no local characteristics.

Mr. Lee stated that an effort ^{could} be made to have a simulated old-type village created and preserved.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that if possible, a parish in the area should be preserved and that a folk museum should be established there.

Deputy Callanan objected to any Plan which would force an individual to build a house of the type which ^{he} did not require.

Paragraph 2.10 was agreed - Deputy Callanan objecting to it insofar as it might interfere with the rights of the people to build the type of house which they required.

Paragraph 2.11 - Acquisition of land for development:

Mr. Lee stated that what was recommended here is the acquisition of land by the Council for housing, industrial development for open spaces and generally for the community benefit.

Mr. Kearns, Deputy County Manager stated that the Council has been acquiring land in various places for a number of years and is continuing to do this. He pointed out that it takes up to three years before land may be used after acquisition but that it is necessary to have the land in order to prepare a forward programme for industry, housing and Amenity Schemes.

Councillor Sean Donnellan stated that he was anxious that land be made available for housing for people who have ^{not} sites of their own and he enquired about the delay in using land which was acquired in Moycullen.

Replying, Mr. Lee stated that he could not say exactly when the Moycullen land would be used as there were many factors to be considered including the construction of a road ^{through} the site.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he considered paragraph 2.11 to be most important as it is essential that a good supply of land be purchased by the Council. He recommended that land be acquired in Mountbellew as there are many people there who cannot afford the cost of new houses at their present price.

Councillor Morgan stated that he understood that Planning Permission had been given in Loughrea for development between the road and the lake and he enquired what steps are being taken to prevent the lake from contamination arising from such development.

Mr. Lee stated that the protection of the lake will be provided for in the Loughrea Plan and he stated that the Chief Medical Officer deals with problems arising from Septic Tanks and the possible contamination of a lake by them.

Paragraph 2.11 was agreed.

Paragraph 2.12 - Encouragement of population settlement into designated centres, zones and villages:

Councillor Morgan stated that the Council should encourage people to live in villages by provision of services in those villages.

Deputy Callanan objected to compelling people to live where they do not want to live and he pointed out that there should be freedom of choice to live wherever they wish. Many people, he stated, wished to live in their home place and he felt that the Council should encourage the population to live in the rural areas rather than compel them to live in towns and villages.

Councillor Kilgannon, agreeing with Deputy Callanan, considered that the proposals over-stress urbanisation, whereas he felt, that they should do the opposite.

Mr. Lee stated that this recommendation referred to the area around Galway city which is called the Galway Rural Development Control Area, referred to in table No. 7 in the Written Report, where he considered settlement should be structured in Primary and Secondary ^{villages} and in hamlet ^{settlements}.

Deputy Callanan stated that it is not reasonable to ask anybody to freeze an area of three acres for one house as far out as Craughwell.

Mr. Lee stated that the choices available to a person requiring a house in this area are as follows:

In a Primary Village, in a Secondary Village or in a Hamlet Settlement without the requirement referred to in Paragraph (c) Table 7 regarding frontage or area of site. The recommendation also provides for replacement of an existing inhabited dwelling house and for the provision of a dwelling house for occupation by members of farm holders family on the family holding of land, again without specifying a minimum size ^{of site} or frontage.

If a person does not wish to avail of those choices, the recommendation is that he have a site with 500 ft. frontage and that he either have a site of three acres or a site of a lesser size provided a total of three acres can be frozen against further development.

Deputy Callanan stated that farmers are not agreeable to have any part of their lands frozen.

Replying to Councillor Holland, Mr. Lee stated that the density in the Galway Borough Agricultural Zone is one house to two acres. He stated that he would like to see the owners of land handing in the application showing three acres which could be frozen and a site of say, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre on which the house would be built. Planning permission could in such cases, be given for one house for the area of three acres.

Deputy Callanan stated that due to fragmentation of holdings it is often very difficult to get 500 ft. frontage.

Councillor Kilgannon enquired why such restrictions are recommended.

Mr. Lee stated that the pressure for development in this area as indicated on map No. 7, indicates the need for control.

Councillor Holland recommended that the area of the site be reduced to one acre and the frontage be reduced to 75 feet for a distance of three miles outside the Borough.

Mr. Lee replied that this would result in approximately 140 houses per mile of road.

Replying to further queries, Mr. Kearns stated that the Council has acquired land in approximately 15 centres and that it is intended to provide services in those centres.

Councillor Welby suggested that the area required for a site be reduced to say, 1 acre to 1 1/2 acres.

Mr. Lee stated that the recommendations have to be related to the numbers involved and that to reduce the frontage and area of sites unduly would result in not availing of the opportunity to create communities. He pointed out also that a failure to encourage people to live in communities would result in heavy investment in Water & Sewerage Schemes later.

Mr. Lee also pointed out that the proposals provided for a choice between those who wished to live in a community and those who wished to live in a rural area - in the latter case a site of three acres being required.

Replying to Councillor Morgan, Mr. Lee stated that it could be possible to have say, three houses on one plot provided the total area of 9 acres were frozen and that no other house would be built within a distance which would provide for 500 feet frontage for each of the three in respect of the three houses. Mr. Lee also stated that the concept is not to have a distance of 500 feet between every two houses but to limit the overall density of houses.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that paragraph (c) of Table No. 7 should be amended to provide for a frontage of 500 feet without any requirement with regard to the area of the site.

Councillor Fahey pointed out that it is impossible for any individual neighbour to freeze part of his lands without compensation, and that the only way by which Planning Permission could be got in this case is to buy out the site.

The County Engineer pointed out that the result of reducing the area and frontage is to have a large number of houses in a small area and that this creates problems of providing adequate sewerage.

Councillor Fahey stated that the real problem is for the person who needs a house for himself on the side of a road and that it is impossible for him to provide it under the conditions recommended.

Deputy Callanan stated that he sees no objection to having three or four houses in a rural area with septic tanks together.

Councillor Morgan stated that the Council should have one regulation regarding frontage and area for National Primary and Secondary routes and a less restrictive standard in respect of other roads.

Councillor Fahey stated that it is impossible to get individual sites in villages and that the problem where there are Group Schemes is that the promoters of the Scheme do not want to let any more people join in the group because of increased water demands.

Councillor Glynn stated that the remedy for all the problems is that the Council should purchase more land in a large number of areas and sell sites to people who require them whether they are serviced or unserviced as appropriate.

After further discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Fahey and resolved:

"that paragraph (c) of Table No. 7 in the Written Statement be amended to provide that the area of land for a single site shall be reduced from three acres to half acre and that the frontage be reduced from 500 feet to 75 feet."

It was agreed to continue consideration of the Written Report at a date to be decided at the Council meeting on the 28th July, 1975.

572 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Sean Nic Eochagáin, Tir an Fhíaidh, Leitir Moir, Co. na Gaillimhe.
Vincent & Mrs. Sheridan, Monaveen, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
Bertie & Mrs. Burns, Tiaquin, Colmanstown, Ballinasloe.
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Norris, Maheramore, Killimor, Co. Galway.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

J. Chassey

28/7/75

Chairman

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

21u Iuil, 1975.

Chuig Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniu de Chomhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar 'sna Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh De Luain an 28u la Iuil, 1975 ag tosnu ag a 2.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL.
Runai Seal.

A G E N D A.

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees received (Schedule attached).
3. Fix date of next meeting for review of County Development Plan.
4. Taking over of roads for maintenance - Minute No. 540.
5. Declaration of roads to be public roads - Notice of Motion roads, 1975 (first list as advertised herewith).
6. Abstract of accounts for the nine months period ended 31/12/1974.
7. Excess expenditure for period 1/4/74 - 31/12/74.
8. Auditor's report on the accounts of Galway County Council for two years ended 31/3/1972 (copy herewith).
9. Auditor's report on the accounts of River Fergus Joint Drainage District Committee for year ended 31/3/74 and nine months ended 31/12/74.
10. Auditor's report on the accounts of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees for the four years ended 31/3/74.
11. Raising of loan of £118,400 for Kilronan Sewerage Scheme.
12. Raising of supplementary loans for the completion of Sanitary Services schemes in progress.

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13. Sale of Council houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 to the following:
 - (i) Mrs. Maureen Staunton, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard - Notice dated 12/6/75.
 - (ii) Mr. John Hodgins, Springarden, Tynagh, Loughrea - Notice dated 12/6/75.
 - (iii) Mr. Bernard Keane, Meelick, Mountbellew - Notice dated 12/6/75.
 - (iv) Mr. Michael Kennedy, Baunogues, Castleblakeney - Notice dated 12/6/75.
 - (v) Mr. Patrick Noone, Castlegar, Mountbellew - Notice dated 23/6/75.
 - (vi) Mr. Patrick Broom, Roundstone. - Notice dated 23/6/75.
 - (vii) Mr. Martin Costello, Gilkagh, Monlough - Notice dated 23/6/75.
14. Disposal of site to Loughrea Town Commissioners - Notice dated 11th July, 1975.
15. Disposal of lands at Killaloe, Tuam to the following as per Notices dated 15th July, 1975:-
 - (a) Q.M. Plastics, Vicar Street, Tuam
 - (b) Home-Lee Bedding Co., Vicar Street, Tuam
 - (c) Garvey's Bakery, The Mall, Tuam.
16. Revision of remuneration for:
 - (a) Storekeepers
 - (b) Second Fire Officers
 - (c) Part-time fire brigade personnel
 - (d) Civil Defence Officer.
17. Pension increases.
18. Extension of meal allowance to maintenance craftsmen.
19. Proposed bridge at Knockferry - letter dated 10th July, 1975.
20. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:
21. Councillor T. Welby: I will ask -
 - (i) What Capital Allocation was given by the Government this year to the Galway County Council for Sanitary Services and what Capital Allocation has been given to each of the other County Councils in the Republic;
 - (ii) What Capital Allocation has been given by the Government this year to Galway County Council for Housing of the working classes, housing loans and Housing Grants and what allocation has been given to each of the other County Councils in the Republic.
 - (iii) Total road grants allocated by the Government this year to Galway County Council and what are the total road grants allocated to each of the other County Councils in the Republic and what is the total public road mileage of each County.

22. Deputy J. Callanan: I will propose -
- (i) That a resolution be sent to Minister for Finance that money received from E.E.C. allocated to Regional Fund should be spent on drainage or subsidising some new industry in Western Region and not to be included in Exchequer Funds in subsidising industries already sanctioned.
23. Councillor P. Ruane:
- (i) I will ask who is responsible for the breaking of windscreens in cars, when it happens at the time of surface dressing.
 - (ii) I will propose that a public telephone be erected at Loughgeorge, Claregalway.
24. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
- (i) That a report be given on the Local Improvements Scheme application for the construction of a bridge at Kylemore, Connemara, Co. Galway;
 - (ii) that provision be made in the 1976 estimates for the construction of a footpath at Annaghdown continuing from the National School to the cemetery;
 - (iii) that provision be made in the 1976 estimates for improvements at the junction on National Primary road at Currandrom, Claregalway, Co. Galway.
25. Councillor F. Fahey: I will propose -
- (i) That Galway County Council clean the Gort River and establish dumping and pollution controls along the river bank;
 - (ii) that loose stones be removed, the grass cut and the pathways repaired in Mount Cross Cemetery, Kinvara;
 - (iii) that the dangerous bends be improved on the road from Kaness Pounds, Derrybrien to the Galway Clare boundary on the Flagmount road.
26. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -
- (i) That a light be provided outside Dr. Scully's house, Moycullen;
 - (ii) that the Council take steps to improve the surface at the Pier in Spiddal;
 - (iii) that this Council take immediate steps to provide proper equipment in the County for the testing and pumping of water sources.
27. Deputy J. Donnellan & Councillor M. Kelly:
- We propose to ask the Council to widen the roadway at Bishop St., Tuam where some dangerous corners have caused a number of accidents.
28. Deputy J. Donnellan: I will propose -
- (i) That the Galway County Council provide the necessary finance to erect E.S.B. lights at McDonnell's lane, Athenry.

29. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -
- (i) That a public toilet be provided in Athenry town as a matter of urgency;
 - (ii) that old people in Athenry be provided with demountable dwellings on some of the serviced sites in Athenry;
 - (iii) that the Council take over the road leading off the Monivea-Galway road into Roundfield.
30. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -
- (i) That a special all party sub-Committee of the Council be set up immediately to examine the various Capital Allocations to this Council from Department of Local Government in the current year and also for the past three years;
 - (ii) that the County Council pipe the open roadside drain opposite Ruane's house at Garbally, Monlough as it is now in a dangerous condition;
 - (iii) that the County Council take over and declare public the road through Monivea estate leading to Clancy's house which was brought up to standard some time ago under L.I.S.
31. Comhairleoir M. O Morain: Molaim-se -
- (i) Go mba cheart tacaíocht a thabhairt do iarracht Mhuintir Dhoire Mhár Iadhta a gcearta Gaeltachta a choinneal;
 - (ii) Gur udar imní duinn go bhfuil se i gceist an dara bealach teilifíse a chur ar lamha do chomhlucht iasachta;
 - (iii) Go mba cheart do'n gCoirle Condáe polasai dearfach a bheith leith guthain poiblí a sholathar do aiteachá iargulta.
32. Senator Mark Killilea: I will propose -
- (i) That a number in excess of 20 new houses be planned and built in Tuam in 1976 to continue the Council drive to house the many needy people still in want, in Tuam.
33. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose -
- To ask the County Manager to recommend granting of this application to Mr. Cruickshank;
- Planning Application - Mr. Alan Cruickshank, Stella Maris, Oranmore.
Ref: 18929.
34. Councillor J. Molloy: I will propose -
- (i) /^{That} this Council recommend that the Minister for Local Government grant permission to Larry Conneely for the erection of a workshop at Doughiska - Planning reference No. 19577;
 - (ii) that this Council ease a number of dangerous bends on the Bruckey-Ballintemple road;
 - (iii) that this Council improve the sight distance at the junction of Castlelambert - Lisheenkyle roads.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs
Owen Heffernan, College Rd., Galway	Damage to premises known as Bayview, College Road, Galway.	Borough of Galway	1036.68	986.07.
Owen Heffernan, College Rd., Galway	Damage to premises known as Bayview, College Road, Galway.	Borough of Galway	96.00.	132.56.
Edward S. Hunter, Barna.	Damage to equipment in Shop.	D.E.D. Barna	50.00	59.69.
James Stewart Ltd., Lower Salthill, Galway.	Damage to tyres, tubes & Compressor hose.	D.E.D. Skarnive.	62.61	46.79.
Higgins Garage Ltd., Headford Rd., Galway.	Damage to Opel Kadett Car.	Borough of Galway.	14.41.	32.41.
Higgins Garage Ltd., Headford Rd., Galway	Damage to two new cars	Borough of Galway.	181.95.	243.35.
Tylers Ltd., Shop St., Galway	Damage to Plate Glass Windows.	Borough of Galway.	73.50.	116.10.
Mrs. Manifold of Mainifold Car Hire Quay Street, Galway.	Damage to Studio Couch.	Borough of Galway	25.00	43.00.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS

Notice is hereby given that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on or after Monday, 23rd July, 1975, commencing at 3.30 p.m., consider the making of a declaration that the following roads will be public roads:

AREA	FROM	TO	METRES
Clifden	End of existing road in Orney Island, Claddaghduff	to Cloon townland for distance of 568 metres	568
Portumna	C.R. 545 at Burke's house, Coolfin	Gate leading to T. Donoghue's house	320
Loughrea	Jnc. with Co. Rd. 498 Toorleitra	Gate leading to P. Gaffey's house	650
Loughrea	Jnc. with C.R. 493 near Boland's house	Gate at lands of T. Boland and O'Donnell's Knockmoyle East	400
Portumna	C.R. 545 Abbeyvilla	Gate at M. Geraty's Yard	120
Loughrea	Abbey N.S.	towards J. Callanan's house	250
Loughrea	M.R. L99-380 at Newtown	T. McDonagh's house, Newtown North	134
Portumna	E. Morrissey's Gate, Coolidarragha	Gate at E. Morrissey's house	500
Portumna	Chainage 580 yds. Cartron	towards gate to J. Quinn's land at Lisawullaun	100
Athenry	C.R. 443 Doughcloon, Clooncuil	towards C.R. 436 Caltrabreedy	250
Ballinasloe	Chainage 790 metres Mountbernard	Kilkenny's field gate Mountbernard	207
Athenry	End of Branch Co. Rd. 439 Derrymanagh	towards P. Murray's house	240
Athenry	Co. Rd. 442 Carrownaclog	towards Reilly's house, Carrownaclog	279
Ballinasloe	J.M.R. 310 Kilmalaw	towards Lyon's gate at Kilmalaw	230
Galway	End of existing Co. Road at Bartley Flaherty's house	Gateway at Michael Flaherty's house	22
Galway	Main road at Knockbane, Moycullen	Corboley Lynch, Barna	892
Gort	Opposite P. Keane's house, Carrownamadra	Moloney's house, Islandmore	500
Gort	Co. Road 361 Inchaboy South	towards P. Keane's field gate	213
Gort	Co. Road No. 363 Ballybane	M. Fogarty's Shed	530
Gort	Branch of Co. Rd. 347	M. Dooley's first gate, Caherbroder	260
Portumna	Co. Rd. 361 Ballyturin	Lally's and Hayes' houses	175
Portumna	Chainage 750 J.C.R. 556 through Coolteeney W.	Lar Donoghue's house	300
Ballinasloe	Chainage 1430 Addergoole	to T. Geoghegan's gate, Cooleeney	100
Ballinasloe	M.R.J. 310 Chainage 270 yds. Brackernagh (Fears)	North towards Curley's house	180
Portumna	C.R. 581 Crownest	towards Ward's gate Brackernagh	400
Portumna	C.R. 582 near Glynn's, Kilmacshane	towards gate leading to E. McLoughlin's house	190
Milltown	Co. Road 231 Cloonfane	towards north end of J. Kenny's orchard	340
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 259 near P. O'Connor's house	Quinn's gate	115
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 512	towards P. Divilly's house, Morganure	88
Mountbellew	Main Rd. 270 Attidavock	J. Egan's gate, Killoran	200
Tuam	Co. Rd. 126	A. Dillon's house	250
Portumna	M.R. 330 Attygar	towards Malory's house at Cloonoe	37
Portumna	Chainage 100 Lackabaun	W. O'Brien's house, Attygar	975
Clifden	Existing Co. Road near Lobster Ponds at Aughras Bog	C.R. 541 at Cloonacastle	614
Milltown	Co. Road 268 Classaroo	for a distance of 614 metres towards Aughras More, Cleggan	60
Milltown	Co. Road 244 Carrownaseer	M. Collin's house, Classaroo, Cloonminda	250
Milltown	Co. Road 217 Graiguncullaire	towards J. Rhattigan's house	52
Tuam	Main Road 60 Headford Bridge	John Hopkin's house	170
Portumna	C.R. 561 Moaty	towards Noone's house, Gortnamona	90
Portumna	C.R. 582 Cloonconra	Gate leading to M. Dooley's house	40
Portumna	Jnc. C.R. 559 Oghilmore	towards Mrs. M. Larkin's gate, Srahaun	70
Portumna	C.R. 529 Derranboy	Farrell's Public House, Laurencetown	260
Portumna	C.R. 557 at Derran	towards gate at Mrs. Calligy's yard	145
Portumna	C.R. 557 at Sheepwalk	P. Doyle's gate	160
Tuam	Main Rd. 220 Grange Bridge	towards entrance gate to P. Haugh's house	200
Milltown	Jnc. Co. Rd. 213 Ballytrasna	A. Curley's gate	75
Milltown	Co. Rd. 212 at Knockaloura West	towards G. Ward's house	284
Tuam	Co. Rd. 164 Cloonacragh	entrance gate of Ballytrasna house	60
Milltown	Co. Rd. 211 Poildarragha	towards T. Ford's house	148
Mountbellew	C.R. 417 at Keary's house, Derryglassaun	towards Ryan's house	130
Ballinasloe	Jnc. C.R. 429 Kinreusk	towards T. Lowry's house	210
Mountbellew	C.R. 416 Skehanagh	M. Mannion's gate	90
Ballinasloe	Chainage 1630 Ballyighter	M. Egan's house, Kinreusk	160
Tuam	Co. Rd. 129 Pollnahalla	T. Diviney's house	150
Tuam	Co. Rd. 128 Ballanagarraun	north towards Croily's house	470
Tuam	Co. Rd. 153 Caherhugh	towards Costello's house	130
Mountbellew	C.R. 513 Newtown	towards Keady's house	60
Ballinasloe	J.R. C.R. 517 at Eglis	V. Murphy's house	140
Galway	End of existing Co. Road at Gorty-loughlin, Moycullen	towards M. Gordon's house	160
Galway	End of existing Co. Road at Lealletter, Moycullen	towards M. Mulryne's house	160
Clifden	From existing Co. Rd.	towards C.R. 517 at Ballynamora	160
Clifden	From end of existing Co. Rd.	a position opposite entrance to Tom Clancy's house	452
Galway	Existing Co. Road No. 113 at Forynella East	a point opposite gate leading to Mrs. D. Murphy's house	200
Tuam	C.R. 135	McGreal's gate at Attyroury, Letterfrack	185
Loughrea	Jnc. with road N.6 Srah	Jack Polan's house at Ungwea, Clifden	1140
Loughrea	Jnc. with Co. Rd. No. 388, Derryhoyle	For a distance of 1140 metres towards Co. Road No. 112 at Polleeny	58
Loughrea	Jnc. with Co. Rd. No. 447, Kineullin	Dillon's house, Ballybeg	175
Loughrea	Knockauncoura branch of C.R. 405	end of road at Callanan's house, Srah	230
Loughrea	Jnc. with M.R. L.11 490 Lackalea	end of road at Burke's house	165
Loughrea	Cooney's house (end of Co. Rd.) Lackafinna South	J. Moran's house	50
Loughrea	Jnc. with Co. Rd. 537 Limehill	gate past M. Flynn's house, Knockauncoura	150
Loughrea	Jnc. with C.R. 495 Raheen Eighter	gate at Mrs. Donnellan's house	30
Loughrea	Jnc. with C.R. No. 495 Cloonoe	back entrance gate to Callanan's yard	650
Loughrea	Jnc. with N.6 Sec. 330 Fairfield	gate at rear of J. Paly's house	310
Loughrea	Jnc. with Co. Rd. No. 448 Curhoor	ruin of M. Mannion's house	270
Oughterard	Co. road at Martin O'Maile's house, Carraroe North-east	Mrs. Fahy's house	388
Clifden	End of existing Co. Road in Mweernish Island, Carna	gate leading to J. Shiel's, Curhoor	492
Oughterard	Main road 11 miles west of Maam Bridge	Peartha O'Fiatharta's house	350
Athenry	Co. Rd. 143 Cartron	Bench south of Mark Lee's house	340
Tuam	Co. Rd. 124 Lihconngoesha	Breenaun Burial Ground	160
Tuam	Co. Rd. 152 Ballinteva	Francis's house	220
Tuam	Co. Rd. 117 Carrowbeg	McDonogh's house	370
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 411 Mullaghmore East	Corcoran's house	170
Mountbellew	Main Rd. 540 Cooloo Mountain	Walsh's and Lee's houses, Carrowbeg	200
Oughterard	From junction with road leading to Letter	towards T. Diviney's house	214
Oughterard	Co. Rd. No. 82 at Claremount, Oughterard	E. Donoghue's house	460
Galway	Existing Co. Road at Michael Clancy's house	Michael Walsh's house at Doon East, Oughterard	30
Galway	Existing Co. Road at Ugeol, Moycullen, towards	along front of Co. Council cottages	73
Athenry	Main Road 210B Glenaslat	Gate leading to Peter Clancy's house at Sannafreaghoge, Furbo	800
Mountbellew	Co. Rd. 416 Brierfield South	Kylebroughlann for a distance of 800 metres	270
Loughrea	N.P. No. 6-450 Lecarrowmagaffoge	Co. Rd. 432 at Leanamore	460
		Gate at Conroy's house, Brierfield South	290
		Gate leading to Connaughton's house	290

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Ref. No. 63/8/417

12th June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER/

NOTICE under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 of intention to sell a house to a tenant under this Housing Authority's Scheme for the sale of houses.

The house is located at Carrowmanagh, Oughterard.

It is proposed to sell the house to Mrs. Maureen Staunton who is the tenant.

The sale will be by way of lease for a period of 150 years. The sale price, after making appropriate reductions is £1523 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Housing Authority.

K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Ref. No. 63/9/604

12th June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER/

NOTICE under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 of intention to sell a house to a tenant under this Housing Authority's Scheme for the sale of houses.

The house ^{is} located at Springarden, Tynagh, Loughrea.

It is proposed to sell the house to John Hodgins who is the tenant.

The sale will be by way of lease for a period of 150 years. The sale price, after making appropriate reductions is £1570 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Housing Authority.

SIGNED: K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Ref. No. 63/7/8

12th June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER/

NOTICE under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 of intention to sell a house to a tenant under this Housing Authority's Scheme for the sale of houses.

The house is located at Meelick, Mountbellew.

It is proposed to sell the house to Bernard Keane who is the tenant.

The sale will be by way of lease for a period of 150 years. The sale price, after making appropriate reductions is £560 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Housing Authority.

SIGNED: K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLMHE
GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Ref. No. 63/7/42

12th June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER/

NOTICE under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 of intention to sell a house to a tenant under this Housing Authority's Scheme for the sale of houses.

The house is located at Baunogues, Castieblakeney.

It is proposed to sell the house to Michael Kennedy who is the tenant.

The sale will be by way of lease for a period of 150 years. The sale price, after making appropriate reductions is £457 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Housing Authority.

SIGNED: K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Ref. No. 63/7/30

23rd June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER/

NOTICE under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 of intention to sell a house to a tenant under this Housing Authority's Scheme for the sale of houses.

The house is located at Castlegar, Mountbellew.

It is proposed to sell the house to Patrick Noone who is the tenant.

The sale will be by way of lease for a period of 150 years. The sale price, after making appropriate reductions is £611 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Housing Authority.

K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Ref. No. 63/2/8

23rd June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER/

NOTICE under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act 1966 of intention to sell a house to a tenant under this Housing Authority's Scheme for the sale of houses.

The house is located at Roundstone.

It is proposed to sell the house to Patrick Broom who is the tenant.

The sale will be by way of lease for a period of 150 years. The sale price, after making appropriate reductions is £696 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Housing Authority.

K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Ref. No. 63/7/30

23rd June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER/

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K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

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23rd June, 1975.

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This matter will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Housing Authority.

K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

C. MHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
GALWAY.

Ref. No. 63/7/702

23rd June, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER/

NOTICE under Section 83 of the Local Government Act 1946 as amended by Section 40 of the Housing Act 1966 of intention to sell a house to a tenant under this Housing Authority's Scheme for the sale of houses.

The house is located at Gilkagh, Menlough.

It is proposed to sell the house to Martin Costello who is the tenant.

The sale will be by way of lease for a period of 150 years. The sale price, after making appropriate reductions is £1,321 and a rent of 5p per annum, if demanded.

This matter will appear on the Agenda for the next meeting of this Housing Authority.

K. DOYLE,
ACTING SECRETARY.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

County Buildings,
Galway.

11th July, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

re: Disposal of Site to Loughrea Town Commissioners

A Chara,

During the course of operation of sale of Council houses by Loughrea Town Commissioners it was discovered that the site of a certain house was registered in the name of the County Council. It is necessary to transfer this site to the Commissioners in order that they may give title to their tenant purchaser.

The required details of the disposal are given hereunder.

Mise, le meas,

J. HOWLETT
Acting Assistant
Manager

Description of Site: Plot of land measuring 24 perches at Cuscarrick, Loughrea.

From Whom Acquired : Not known. In possession of County Council and their predecessors since 1907.

To be Transferred to: Loughrea Town Commissioners.

Consideration : £1.00-consideration is nominal - in 1949 this plot was given to the Town Commissioners in exchange for other lands, but the legal title was never transferred.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

15th July, 1975.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

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

LAND: Site No. 7.

Plot of land 1 rood, 23 perches, approximately, situated in the townland of Killaloonty and Electoral Division of Tuam Rural.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Mr. Patrick Dempsey, High Street, Tuam.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE DISPOSED OF:

Q.M. Plastics, Vicar Street, Tuam, Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: £1,445 plus costs.

OTHER COVENANTS OR CONDITIONS:

Purchaser will be required to clear and fill with gravel the area between the site boundary and the public road and to erect fences to the specification and satisfaction of the County Council.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the ordinary meeting of this Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 clear days from the date of this notice.

Mise, le meas,

K. Doyle,
Acting County Secretary.

GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
Galway.

15th July, 1975.

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

LAND: - SITE NO. 3.

Plot of land 1 rood, 23 perches, approximately, situated in the townland of Killaloonty and Electoral Division of Tuam Rural.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Mr. Patrick Dempsey, High Street, Tuam.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE DISPOSED OF:

Home-Lee Bedding Co., Vicar Street, Tuam, Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: £1,445 plus costs.

OTHER COVENANTS OR CONDITIONS:

Purchaser will be required to clear and fill with gravel the area between the site boundary and the public road and to erect fences to the specification and satisfaction of the County Council.

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

LAND: - Site No. 1.

Plot of land 1 rood, 23 perches, approximately, situated in the townland of Killaloonty and Electoral Division of Tuam Rural.

FROM WHOM ACQUIRED:

Mr. Patrick Dempsey, High Street, Tuam.

PERSON TO WHOM LAND IS TO BE DISPOSED OF:

Messrs. Garvey's Bakery, The Mall, Tuam, Co. Galway.

CONSIDERATION IN RESPECT OF DISPOSAL: £1,445 plus costs.

OTHER COVENANTS OR CONDITIONS:

Purchaser will be required to clear and fill with gravel the area between the site boundary and the public road and to erect fences to the specification and satisfaction of the County Council.

This matter will be placed on the Agenda of the ordinary meeting of this Council which will be held after the expiration of 10 clear days from the date of this notice.

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MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNTY BUILDINGS GALWAY ON MONDAY, 28th JULY, 1975.

IN THE CHAIR: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:
Members:

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy F. Coogan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahy, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors M. Morgan, M. O. Morain, P. Raftery and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. P. Kearns, Deputy County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer, M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; W. Cahill, Chief Assistant (Planning); and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was Recited.

573 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Sean Donnellan, seconded by Councillor Melvin, the minutes of meetings held on 23rd June, 1975 and 30th June, 1975 and 14th July, 1975 (nos. 512 to 572 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

574 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES RECEIVED:

It was noted that malicious damage decrees as set out in the schedule to item no. 2 on the Agenda had been received.

575 - REVIEW OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

It was agreed that the next meeting to continue the review of the County Development Plan would be held on Monday, 8th September, 1975.

576 - DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS:

The Deputy County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the declaration of the roads set out in the schedule forwarded with the agenda to each member, to be public roads with the exception of the following:

- (a) Loughrea Area: Road from junction with county road no. 447 Kincullia to J. Moran's house - 165 metres. Declaration of this road to be deferred pending consideration of an objection received.
- (b) Mountbellew Area: From county road no. 411 Mullaghmore East towards T. Diviney's house - 280 metres. This road to be omitted from the list as it was inaccurately described in the public notice.

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

"that Galway County Council hereby declare to be public roads the roads listed in the schedule to item no. 5 on the agenda, copy of which was forwarded to each member of the Council, with the exception of the two roads referred to by the Deputy County Manager one of which is to be deferred and the other to be excluded from the list."

577 - TAKING OVER OF ROADS FOR MAINTENANCE:

Minute No. 540 meeting of 23/6/75. It was agreed that this matter be deferred to the next meeting for the attendance of the County Manager.

578 - ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31/12/'74:

The abstract of accounts for the nine month period ended 31/12/'74 was noted.

579 - EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED 31/12/'74:

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

"that expenditure in excess of that provided in the estimates, or already approved by the Council be now authorised as follows in respect of the 9 months ended 31/12/1974".

Roads Account:

Ordinary Road Works (C.A.L.)	£62,162	
Special Grant Works (C.A.L.)	£17,453	
do	£2,496	
Government Grants	£206	£82,317.

Sanitary:

Water Supplies	£13,720	
Domestic Refuse Collection	£15,851	£29,571.

Housing:

Local Assistance Schemes	£6,533	
Housing Acts Loans	£4,082	£10,615.

General Purposes:

Public Libraries	£1,023	
L.A.W.	£723	
Fire Brigades	£14,179	
Higher Education Grants	£7,172	
Materials Expense Account	£34,014	
Machinery Expense Account	£2,451	
Other Purposes	£7,796	£67,358.

Public Assistance:

Home Assistance	£6,260	
Government Grant Schemes	£364	
Other Purposes	£9,534	£16,178.

TOTAL: £206,039. "

It was noted that there were savings during the same period of £244,758.

580 - AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The Auditor's report on the accounts of Galway County Council for the two years ended 31/3/'72, copy of which had been circulated to each member, was noted.

581 - AUDITOR'S REPORT - RIVER FERGUS JOINT DRAINAGE COMMITTEE:

The Auditor's report on the accounts of the River Fergus Joint Drainage District Committee for the year ended 31/3/'74 and the nine months ended 31/12/'74 was noted.

582 - AUDITOR'S REPORT - LOUGH CORRIB NAVIGATION TRUSTEES:

The Auditor's report on the accounts of the Lough Corrib Navigation Trustees for the four years ended 31/3/'74 was noted.

583 - KILRONAN SEWERAGE SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor Holland and resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £118,400 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the construction of a sewerage scheme at Kilronan, the loan to be repaid over a period of 25 years, by instalments with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

584 - NOYCULLEN SEWERAGE SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £13,000 to defray additional expenditure on Noycullen Sewerage Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

585 - KNOCKNACARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £29,500 to defray additional expenditure on Knocknacarra Sewerage Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

586 - CARRAROE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £51,000 to defray additional expenditure on Carraroe Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

587 - CARNA/KILKERRIN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £75,500 to defray additional expenditure on Carna/Kilkerrin Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

588 - CLARENBRIDGE/KILCOLGAN WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £74,000 to defray additional expenditure on Clarenbridge/Kilcolgan Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

589 - GALWAY CITY EAST WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor O Morain, seconded by Councillor J. Molloy and resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a supplementary loan of £10,100 to defray additional expenditure on Galway City East Water Supply Scheme, the loan to be raised from the Commissioners of Public Works and to be repaid by instalments over the unexpired period of the parent loan or such period as may be approved by the Minister for Local Government, with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

590 - SALE OF COUNCIL HOUSES UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of Council houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 to the following persons in accordance with notices dated as set out in each case under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 copy of which was forwarded to each member of the Council:

- Mrs. Maureen Staunton, Carrowmanagh, Oughterard - Notice dated 12/6/75.
- Mr. John Hodgins, Springarden, Tynagh, Loughrea - Notice dated 12/6/75.
- Mr. Bernard Keane, Meelick, Mountbellew - Notice dated 12/6/75
- Mr. Michael Kennedy, Baunogues, Castleblakeney - Notice dated 12/6/75
- Mr. Patrick Moore, Castlegar, Mountbellew - Notice dated 23/6/75
- Mr. Patrick Broom, Roundstone - Notice dated 23/6/75
- Mr. Martin Costello, Guilkagh, Menlough - Notice dated 23/6/75."

591 - SALE OF SITE TO LOUGHREA TOWN COMMISSIONERS:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea seconded by Councillor O Morain and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the disposal of a site to Loughrea Town Commissioners at Cuscarrick, Loughrea in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 11th July, 1975 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966."

592 - DISPOSAL OF LANDS AT KILLALOONTY, TUAM:

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by Senator Killilea and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of three sites ^{to the} following firms in accordance with the terms of Notice dated 15th July, 1975 under Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 which was forwarded to each member of the Council:

- Q. M. Plastics, Vicar Street, Tuam
- Home-Lee Bedding Co., Vicar Street, Tuam
- Garvey's Bakery, The Mall, Tuam."

593 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION:

It was proposed by Senator Killilea seconded by Deputy Molloy and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve revision of remuneration of the following grades of staff in accordance with the particulars set out hereunder and also approve the provision of additional funds necessary to pay the increases involved up to the 31st December, 1975:

- (a) Storekeeper: Increase operative from the 1st April, 1972 following revision of Clerical Officers' salaries - £900.
- (b) Second Fire Officer: Increase operative from 1st July, 1971 following revision of Clerical Officers' remuneration - £1,000.
- (c) Part-time Fire Brigade Personnel: Following revision of remuneration of fitters and application of National Wage Agreement from 1st January, 1972 - £15,000.
Civil Defence Officer allowance - application of National Wage Agreement to this allowance as from 1st April, 1973 - £400.

594 - PENSION INCREASES 1975:

It was proposed by Councillor Sean Donnellan seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:

"that the Galway County Council hereby approve pension increases for retired staff in the current year estimated to cost £40,500 and also vote this sum in respect of the period ending 31st December, 1975."

595 - MEAL ALLOWANCE - MAINTENANCE CRAFTSMEN:

The Deputy County Manager requested the approval of the Council to the payment of a meal allowance which is at present being paid to fitters, to maintenance craftsmen of whom 33 are employed. He stated that the cost of this in the current year would be £3,000 and would be about £6,000 in a normal full year.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Deputy Hussey and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve payment of meal allowances to maintenance craftsmen and also agree to provide the sum of £3,000 to meet expenditure under this heading up to 31st December, 1975."

596 - PROPOSED BRIDGE AT KNOCKFERRY:

The County Manager read for the members a letter dated 10th July, 1975 from the Department of Local Government in reply to a letter sent to the Department on the 4th April, 1975 by the Council. At the request of Deputy Molloy, the Deputy County Manager also read the Council's letter to the Department dated 4th April last and Deputy Molloy pointed out that the Department's letter of the 10th July was incorrect in stating that the Council had not given any indication of a decision with regard to the bridge, as it was evident that the Council's request for finance indicated that it had decided that the project should be proceeded with.

Senator Killilea suggested that the matter be referred back to the Department pointing this out to them and requesting that funds be allocated.

The Chairman stated that a definite decision in regard to the bridge was made and that it was unreasonable to expect the Council to take the cost from the Block Grant.

Deputy Molloy stated that in fairness it should be pointed out that the Minister can not make a decision to go ahead with the bridge unless detailed plans together with working drawings and other contract documents are prepared and submitted to him and he suggested that this should now be done.

The Deputy County Manager stated that this would raise the problem of paying a Consultant and that no money was available to pay the Consultant to prepare those plans.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Deputy County Manager would ask the Consultant for particulars of the cost of preparing documents to the stage at which definite plans could be submitted to the Minister but that before incurring the cost of the preparation of such plans, the Minister would be asked for an assurance that money would be made available to construct the bridge.

597 - E.E.C. REGIONAL FUND:

It was proposed by Deputy Callanan that a resolution be sent to the Minister for Finance requesting that money received from the E.E.C. allocated to the Regional Fund should be spent on drainage or subsidising some industry in the western region and not to be included in exchequer funds in subsidising industries already sanctioned.

Deputy Callanan stated that details had not been given on what type of works this money should be expended on, but that it was understood from the Minister that it should be expended on new works.

The Chairman seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal which was adopted unanimously.

598 - ALLOCATIONS FOR CAPITAL WORKS:

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed that the motion standing in the name of Councillor Welby (No. 21 on the Agenda) and that standing in the name of Councillor Kilgannon (No. 30 (i)) be taken together.

In reply to Councillor Welby's queries, the Deputy County Manager gave the following particulars of allocations to date under the various headings. He pointed out that the only information which the Council had was the amount of the allocation to Galway County Council itself.

<u>Sanitary Services:</u>	Major Schemes	-	£122,000
	Small Schemes	-	£30,000

<u>Housing:</u>	Local Authority Housing	-	£640,000
	Loans and Grants	-	£1,000,000
	Roads	-	£775,950

Councillor Welby stated that Galway was not getting a fair allocation of the funds available and he thought that if information were available from other counties, a comparison could be made with them. He pointed out, however, that Galway County Council was receiving only 20% of the National Average and he pointed out that with this kind of an allocation it would be impossible to get work done. He proposed that an all-party delegation be appointed to meet the Minister to seek substantial increases in the amounts allocated.

Councillor Kilgannon proposed that an all-party committee be set up to examine the allocations to Galway County Council on its own and also in relation to the amounts which have been allocated to other counties. He stated that he had already circulated to all members of the Council information on allocations to Galway and other counties so that they would be in a position to examine them. He stated that the information that he had already got with regard to local authority housing was that Galway had got £640,000 but that he did not see that the additional £200,000 which had been allocated in the meantime was under the heading of an extra allocation. He stated that under this heading, by comparison with the 27 other local authorities, Galway is in 14th place, although it has the third largest population and second largest area in the country. He considered that Galway did not get a fair deal in the amount for local authority housing.

Regarding the allocation of £450,000 recently allocated which had now been increased to £1,000,000 in respect of loans and supplementary grants, he pointed out that this is only one-forty-first part of the total sum of £41,000,000 allocated under this heading to the country, and that this was obviously unfair in relation to the requirements of Galway County.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the amount allocated for Sanitary Services demanded an explanation and he stated that he did not accept that £122,000 was a fair allocation of the total allocation for the State of £16.75m. He considered that it should be 10 times that amount and he pointed out that no progress whatever can be made with such a small allocation. He stated that last year the allocation for Galway was the lowest in Connacht and he asked if this trend is to continue what kind of progress can be made in 1976. He pointed out that in one area alone, the Nivea area, a regional Water Supply is needed and that the total allocation for the county would not finance this. In the Menlo area alone a Group Scheme costing the amount of the total allocation for the county had been carried out and he stated that there was obviously something wrong.

With regard to roads, he stated that Galway County Council, with the allocation notified to him of £772,000, was sixth on the list and that this was also obviously inadequate.

Councillor Kilgannon also stated that the preparation and circulation of information which he had given to the Councillors involved much work for him and he felt that facilities being provided by the Council for members to prepare such returns and to circulate them was altogether inadequate. He pointed out that he had to do all this work at his own expense and he considered that typing, office and postage facilities should be made available to any Councillor who wishes to do any work such as this on a matter of public importance.

Deputy Callanan stated that last January it was obvious that enough money would not be made available and that while he agrees with Councillor Kilgannon, he (Councillor Kilgannon) was not the only person who was trying to do something about it. He stated that he himself had raised the matter in the Dail on a number of occasions and was continuing to press for more money. Deputy Callanan suggested that a committee of the whole Council to examine the matter might be appointed.

The Chairman stated that Councillor Welby had already proposed that an all-party committee be appointed to meet the Minister.

Deputy Kitt seconded this proposal by Councillor Welby.

Senator Killilea enquired how much capital was demanded by the Council for Sanitary Services for the current year. Deputy Molloy also asked what amount had been sought and what schemes were the Department informed that the Council had on hands. Deputy Molloy continued that the second paragraph of the Department's letter of the 16th May, 1975 pointed out that the allocation of £122,000 represented the maximum amount of draws which could be made in 1975 on the basis of loans which had been sanctioned to date and he stated that if the allocation was made on the basis of loans which had been sanctioned at that date, perhaps this is where the fault lay with regard to the small allocation.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the information required by the Department had to be fitted into a form which was supplied by the Department and which related to the loans which had already been sanctioned. The form in question was completed and sent to the Department on the 8th January, 1975 but a statement was sent with this form showing that in January, 1975, the following position obtained:

1. Loans applied for and not sanctioned.	-	£248,410
2. Supplementary loans estimated to be required for schemes in progress when completed.	-	£177,320
3. Loans which would be needed for schemes not yet started.	-	£369,314
		<u>£795,044</u>

He mentioned that this latter figure co-incided reasonably closely to the figure of £721,144 mentioned in the Minister's reply in the Dail on the 25th June, 1975.

He stated also that two loans for Water & Sewerage Schemes were sanctioned between the 1st January, 1975 and the date on which the allocation of £122,000 was notified, (16/5/75) that these two loans totalled £94,650 and that two further loans totalling £105,000 were sanctioned after the date of allocation. He stated also that the Council was given to understand that only nominal amounts would be allowed to be drawn from new loans sanctioned and he pointed out that between 1/1/75 and the date of the allocation, the sum of £105,180 had been withdrawn. He estimated the debit balance on Water & Sewerage Schemes at 31/12/75, if no further allocation is made, at about £700,000.

He also mentioned that the form completed was not designed in such a way as to give a good indication of the Council's requirements for the year and that it was for this reason that a covering letter was sent giving the particulars set out above in relation to estimated total expenditure of £795,044.

Senator Killilea stated that a deputation should be sent to the Minister to seek further money as the Council had only got 1/7 of the amount which it had asked.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the matter was so serious that the Council should hold a full special meeting to consider the matter. He was concerned, he stated, to find out why the County Council had not got its fair share and he asked whether, in order to comply with the procedure set out in the Department of Local Government for dealing with capital allocations, the Council's plans were not sufficiently advanced.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Council had not slowed up on planning of schemes.

Deputy Callanan stated that the Minister had stated in a Dail reply that the Council had apparently, stopped planning but he stated that the Minister had also said that even though the Council might have schemes costing up to £300,000, they would not get money up to that amount. Deputy Callanan still felt that the Council were not getting the money they were entitled to and that a committee should be appointed to go to the Minister to see if a further allocation could be got and to clear up the apparent conflict of views between the Council and the Minister.

The Deputy County Manager referred to the Minister's reply to a question in the Dail on the 25th June, 1975 and the information which he (Deputy County Manager) had now given to the Council and he pointed out that the information in both was not necessarily conflicting.

At the request of members, the Deputy County Manager then read the Minister's reply to a question in the Dail on the 25th June, 1975.

Councillor Welby stated that the deputation he had in mind would consist of all T.D.s and Senators for the County as well as appropriate officials of the Council.

Councillor Joyce congratulated Councillor Kilgannon for the work he had done and he felt that officials and Councillors are not working sufficiently closely together in order to keep members informed of what is going on.

Councillor McCormack stated that much harm had been done with regard to the publicity which was given to the report of the meeting of the Council in May last as it had given the indication that money was not available. He stated that the amount of money available for Sanitary Services Schemes had been increased from £8m to £16m. and he stated that it was not therefore correct to state that money was not available. He emphasised the need for planning now for 1976 in order to have a substantial increase in the allocation.

Deputy Molloy enquired if the Deputy County Manager agrees with what the Minister stated i.e. that the County Council did not prepare schemes and that they had stopped planning.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the Minister had used the word "apparently" and he stated that the policy being pursued is that the Council continues to prepare and will continue to prepare plans for schemes and to send them for sanction as they reach the appropriate stage.

After further discussion it was agreed that a deputation consisting of all the T.D.s and Senators for the county together with the following members of the Council be appointed to meet the Minister for Local Government with a view to getting a substantial increase in the capital allocated to Galway County Council for the current year:

Councillors F. Fahey, M. J. Kilgannon, T. Welby, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. McCormack and Councillor F. Glynn.

599 - BREAKING OF WINDSCREENS:

In the absence of Councillor Ruane it was agreed that a reply be sent to him on his motion regarding this matter.

600 - TELEPHONE KIOSK AT LOUGHGEORGE:

In the absence of Councillor Ruane it was agreed that a letter would be sent to him regarding this matter.

601 - CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT KYLEMORE, CONNEMARA:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion the Deputy County Manager stated that increased estimate for the provision of this bridge had now been approved and that revised plans had been prepared and that it is hoped to commence work in September.

602 - CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH AT ANNAGHDOWN:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that this proposal will be examined and a report on it will be brought before the County Council later but that it will be examined before the Roads Estimates meeting.

Deputy Molloy pointed out that there is much congestion in the graveyard on days when there are funerals and he asked that provision be made for easing the congestion and for the construction of a footpath.

603 - IMPROVEMENT TO JUNCTION AT CORRANDRUM, CLAREGALWAY:

In reply to Deputy Molloy's motion the Deputy County Manager stated that a report on this proposal was being prepared and will be brought before the County Council later.

604 - CLEANING OF GORT RIVER:

The Deputy County Manager replying to Councillor Fahey's motion, stated that the Gort River is in private ownership and that the Council has no responsibility for cleaning it. He stated however, that a Local Improvement Scheme is at present in progress on part of the river downstream of Gort Bridge and that the Council were contributing towards the cost of this in connection with flood relief work at Crowe Street. He stated that a question of pollution has been referred to the Chief Medical Officer.

Councillor Fahey stated that he was surprised to hear that the Council had no responsibility in this matter as he had seen raw sewage discharging into the river and that this is very obvious when the water is at its present low level. He stated that it is because of the sewerage problem that he put down the motion as this is the most serious problem. He stated also that the Local Improvement Scheme work had no reference to his motion and that a part of the river about which he was speaking was ^{that} on each side of the bridge in Gort.

Councillor Morgan stated that he had seen the discharge in the river but that it was not raw sewage - that it was in fact, surface water and water from kitchen sinks.

Deputy Callanan supported Councillor Fahey's complaint.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the matter would be re-examined.

605 - MOUNT CROSS CEMETERY:

The Deputy County Manager replying to Councillor Fahey's motion, stated that most of the work of cutting the grass and repair of the pathways in Mount Cross cemetery in Kinvara had been done recently and that the remainder of the work would be carried out after the annual holidays.

606 - DANGEROUS BENDS - DERRYBRIEN TO GALWAY/CLARE BOUNDARY AT FLAGMOUNT RD.:

Replying to Councillor Fahey's motion the Deputy County Manager stated that the estimate for removing three bends on this road is £3,000 but that the bends are adequately signed. He stated also, that the road carries very little traffic and that the sum of £3,000 would be a considerable amount to spend for county road maintenance on this road and that it is not therefore recommended that this work be done in 1976.

607 - PUBLIC LIGHT NEAR DOCTOR'S HOUSE AT MOYCULLEN:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for any further extension of public lights and that it is not possible to do this work in the current year.

Councillor McCormack referred to the hazard to callers to the doctor's house during winter nights.

Councillor McCormack's proposal was seconded by Councillor Sean Donnellan.

608 - IMPROVING OF SURFACE OF SPIDDAL PIER:

The Deputy County Manager replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, stated that in view of the large expenditure on the repair of storm damage and the provision of public lighting on this pier, there is no money available for any further improvements at present. He pointed out that the surface of the pier is reasonable having regard to the amount of use being made of the pier facilities and he considered that the proposal to re-surface the pier be deferred.

Deputy Molloy, supporting Councillor McCormack's motion, stated that he did not agree that there was little use made of the pier as he stated, that substantial use is made of it, particularly quite recently, in view of increased fishing activity which results in a fairly large number of vehicles using the pier. He recommended that the pier be re-surfaced.

609 - TESTING OF WATER SOURCES:

Replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that the available equipment for water source testing has been giving trouble but that it is hoped that the year's programme of testing will be completed with the aid of hired equipment and the purchase of suitable pumps.

Councillor McCormack stated that there was considerable delay in getting sources for Group Water Supply Schemes tested and that it is obvious that the equipment is not adequate or satisfactory. He stated that the Council should now decide to buy new equipment to eliminate delays and he proposed that the Council now decide to buy equipment either now, or to make provision for it in the estimates for 1976.

This proposal was seconded by Deputy Callanan.

Councillor Kilgannon recommended that private contractors be employed for this work if necessary.

Councillor Morgan complained that surveys for major schemes being carried out by consultants, because of the length of time they take, are holding up Group Schemes.

610 - WIDENING OF ROADWAY AT BISHOP STREET, TUAM:

In reply to the motion proposed by Councillor Kelly and seconded by Deputy Donnellan, the Deputy County Manager stated that this is a built-up area covered by speed limit signs and that widening of the roadway is not considered necessary.

Councillor Kelly and Deputy Donnellan disagreed with this stating that many accidents have occurred on this street. Councillor Kelly suggested that a round-about should be provided at Higgins' Garage and Deputy Donnellan suggested that a rough surface should be put on the roadway to make it safer.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the matter would be re-examined.

611 - LIGHT AT MCDONNELL'S LANE, ATHENRY:

Replying to Deputy Donnellan's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that provision of a light at this location will be considered in conjunction with the estimates for 1976.

612 - PUBLIC TOILET FOR ATHENRY:

In reply to Deputy Kitt's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that no provision had been made in the Estimates for the current year for public toilet in Athenry, that no funds were available. He stated also that a site has been acquired.

613 - HOUSING FOR OLD PEOPLE IN ATHENRY:

In reply to Deputy Kitt's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that a lay-out is at present being prepared for more houses in Athenry and that the possibility of providing houses for the elderly is being examined.

614 - ROAD LEADING OFF THE MONIVEA/GALWAY ROAD INTO ROUNDFIELD:

In reply to Deputy Kitt's motion the Deputy County Manager stated that this road would be recommended for adoption in the next list of Local Improvement Schemes roads for adoption.

615 - OPEN DRAIN AT GARBALLY, MENLOUGH:

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that the County Council has no responsibility for piping the roadside drain at Garbally, Menlough opposite Ruane's house.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that this drain which is on the roadside is a danger to traffic and that a nearby gullet is broken down on the road due to work being carried out on a Group Water Scheme.

The County Engineer stated that the problem arising from the drain was probably a matter for a Group Scheme but Deputy Callanan stated that it has nothing to do with the scheme and he considered it a responsibility of the County Council to make it safe. He stated that such work is done in some areas but not in others.

The County Engineer stated that there is a clay ditch between the drain and the road.

At the request of the Chairman, it was agreed that the matter would be examined.

616 - TAKING OVER FOR MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC ROAD THROUGH MONIVEA ESTATE:

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that this road was to be included in the next list of L.I.S. roads recommended for adoption.

617 - TACAIOCHT DO MHUINTIR DHOIRE MHOIR IADHTA A GCEARTA GAELTACHTA A CHOINNEAL:

Councillor O Morain proposed that the Council give its full support to the people of Derryvoreeda area of Connemara for services to enable them to retain their identity as a Gaeltacht area. He requested that the Council send a resolution to the Department of Education requesting that a proper water supply be provided for the school and that the school itself be retained as a Gaeltacht school for the children of the area and not to have it closed and send the children to a non-Gaeltacht school.

Councillor Sean Donnellan seconded this proposal pointing out that an adequate supply of water is available nearby for the school and that it is necessary to retain the school to provide education through Irish in this Gaeltacht area.

This proposal was agreed.

618 - AN DARA BEALACH TEILIFISE:

Councillor O Morain stated that the major debate in Ireland at the moment appears to be not unemployment, which is a major problem, but that we may have a second television channel. He proposed that the Council pass a resolution asking that the second channel be not handed over to a foreign company.

Councillor Glynn seconded this proposal pointing out that handing over of a television channel to foreign interests would damage Irish culture and traditions and he considered that the second television channel should be kept under Irish control rather than have programmes selected for us by a foreign station.

Councillor Byrne stated that the motion appears to be based on the assumption that a decision has been made to hand over the second channel to the B.B.C., but he pointed out that this is not the case as the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs has stated that the people will be given a choice and that they will get what they want. He stated that we should not remain in isolation and should not be afraid to accept British television since we accepted British tourists.

Deputy Molloy stated that to hand over a television channel to a foreign company is a retrograde step and that he was surprised to see support for such a proposal coming from people who had close involvement with Gaelic games. He stated that the original proposal of the Minister for Posts & Telegraphs was to have open broadcasting but that this has not now been accepted and that the proposal to broadcast Irish programmes abroad appears to have been dropped and that the Minister's proposals now appeared to be watered down to provide only for broadcasting of B.B.C. in Ireland. He considered that the selection of programmes to be made in Ireland should be made by Irish people and that a second television channel should be used more for giving regional news in Ireland. Deputy Molloy considered that the Minister is not in fact, allowing a free choice but he is selling the idea of B.B.C. I and that he is "watering down" Irish nationality and culture.

Deputy Coogan stated that people should be allowed to make a choice and that there is no obligation on anybody to switch to a television station which he does not want.

Deputy Kitt asked if the Irish people were prepared to finance the B.B.C. through increased licence fees to make better programmes in order to swamp R.T.E. He pointed out also the loss of employment of Irish people which the handing over of a channel to a foreign station would cause.

Duirt an Comhairleoir Mac Giolla Ghannain gur -aontuigh se leis an run a mhol an Comhairleoir O Morain agus nach raibh fhios aige an raibh se i gceist rogha a thabhairt. Duirt se gur mhaith leis traoslu leis an Aire Phoist 7 Teileagrafa as ucht rogha a thabhairt do dhaoine do'n chead uair ach nar mhaith leis go gcrailfad B.B.C. ar an dara bealach teilifise.

Deputy Donnellan stated that his personal preference was for broadcasting of B.B.C. I as he felt that people are entitled to get a British station if they wish to receive it.

Deputy Callanan supporting Councillor O Morain's motion stated that a second television channel would cost more and that the extra money should not be paid to foreigners. He pointed out that R.T.E. could make better programmes if they had control of both channels and that Irish tax-payers money should not be used to subsidise a foreign station.

Councillor Sean Donnellan supporting Councillor O Morain's Motion, criticised many programmes now on R.T.E. which he stated are detrimental to the Irish culture, way of life and language.

Councillor Morgan congratulated the Minister on giving the people the choice in deciding which station they require.

Councillor Kelly stated that people in the single channel area are entitled to whatever stations people on the east coast can receive and he recommended that the Minister should include the views of teenagers in whatever survey he is carrying out.

Councillor O Morain replying to the discussion stated that he was disappointed to see that people wished to see the rest of the world through British eyes and that while we are told the survey proposed by the Minister is democracy in action, the Minister in fact knows what the people require, which is a decent telephone service.

Councillor Glynn stated that the Minister was in fact, not asking for a choice but was trying to sell the idea of B.B.C. I.

On a show of hands, Councillor O Morain's motion was carried by 12 votes to 2.

619 - GUTHAIN POIBLI:

At the request of Councillor O Morain this motion was adjourned to the next meeting.

620 - ADDITIONAL HOUSES FOR TUAM:

In reply to Senator Killilea's proposal the Deputy County Manager stated that 17 houses had been recently completed in Tuam and that possibly 20 houses will be commenced as soon as the site is cleared.

Senator Killilea stated that provision should be made for open spaces in the Council's housing estates in Tuam.

621 - PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 18929 - MR. ALAN CRUICKSHANK, STELLA MARIS, ORANMORE:

On the proposition of Councillor Kelly, the Council unanimously agreed to recommend to the Minister for Local Government that the Planning Appeal lodged by Mr. Alan Cruickshank, c/o Davis Associates, 3, Dominick Street, Galway for outline planning permission for the erection of a dwelling house in the townland of Oranmore be granted.

622 - PLANNING APPLICATION - MR. LAURENCE CONNEELY, CARITAS, BALLYBANE ROAD, GALWAY:

On the proposition of Councillor J. Molloy, the Council unanimously recommended that the Minister for Local Government grant planning permission to Mr. Larry Conneely, Caritas, Ballybane Road, Galway for permission to erect a workshop and material store in the townland of Doughiska. It was noted that Mr. Conneely had lodged an appeal against the refusal of this application with the Minister.

623 - EASING OF BENDS - BRUCKEY/BALLINTEMPLE ROAD:

In reply to Councillor John Molloy's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that this proposal will be put forward for consideration at the Roads Estimates Meeting.

At the request of Councillor Molloy the County Engineer stated that he would examine the possibility of cutting down the hedges at this junction.

624 - JUNCTION AT CASTLELAMBERT/LISHEENKYLE ROADS:

Replying to Councillor J. Molloy's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that this proposal will be put forward for consideration at the roads Estimates Meeting.

625 - RE-EMPLOYMENT OF MR. DONAL WHELAN:

On the proposition of Councillor Glynn, seconded by Councillor O Morain the Council agreed to recommend to the Minister for Education that he consent to the re-employment of Mr. Donal Whelan by Waterford Vocational Education Committee.

626 - FIRE AT ST. BRIGID'S HOSPITAL, BALLINASLOE:

Councillor Morgan proposed that the Council congratulate the staff of St. Brigid's Hospital, Ballinasloe for the speed and efficiency with which they fought a recent fire at the hospital.

627 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy/with the following:

Most Rev. Dr. Michael Browne, Bishop of Galway, Mount St. Mary's, Taylor's Hill, Galway

Mr. P. J. Scanlon, Tully West, Ballygar, Co. Galway.
Mrs. Hynes & Family, Portnick, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway.

The meeting then terminated

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

25/8/75

Chairman

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

18u Lunasa, 1975.

Chuib Gach Ball de'n Comhairle

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Condae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh ar an Luain an 25u la Lunasa, 1975 at tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHCHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A.

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees received (schedule attached).
3. Declaration of road to be public road (copy of advertisement herewith).
4. Taking over of roads for maintenance - Minute Nos. 540 & 577.
5. Carraroe Regional Water Supply Scheme - making of a proposal under Water Supplies Act, 1942.
6. Minutes of meetings of Gaeltacht Committee of Galway County Council held on 7th July, 1975 and 5th August, 1975 herewith.
7. Report to Minister for Local Government on Fire Services - copy to follow.
8. Revision of remuneration for County Accountant, County Librarian and Staff Officers.
9. Remission of rates - Gaeltacht Industries (Amendment) Act, 1971 - Marsan Teo., Inverin.
10. Construction of footpath at Annaghdown - Minute No. 602.
11. Improvement to junction at Currandrum, Claregalway - Minute No. 603.
12. Guthain Poibli - Minute No. 619.
13. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

14. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -

- (i) That provision be made in the 1976 estimates for the construction of a footpath at Na Minna, Co. Galway;
- (ii) that provision be made in 1976 estimates for the widening of the road leading to Annaghdown Pier at Annaghdown, Co. Galway;

- (iii) that a report be given of steps already taken and proposed to be taken to ensure the completion of new housing estate at Pollnarooma West, Galway.
- 15. Councillor F. Glynn: I will propose -
 - (i) That this Council impress upon the Government the urgency of having sufficient finance made available for new housing loans and grants.
- 16. Councillor F. Glynn & Senator M. Killilea: We will propose -

That the road into Molloy's house, Cloonacurry, be blacktopped from Main Road Kilafransage, Milltown repaired recently by L.I.S.
- 17. Councillor T. Welby: I will propose -
 - (i) That the Galway County Council introduce parking bye-laws prohibiting the parking of vehicles on certain sections of the Main Street in Oughterard;
 - (ii) that the Galway County Council make a capital allocation available in the 1976 estimates for the erection of public toilets in Oughterard;
 - (iii) that the Galway County Council make provisions in the 1976 estimates for public lighting to be provided in the public car park in Oughterard.
- 18. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -

That the Council blacktop the road through Pollnabron, Menlough.
- 19. Councillor T. Byrne: I will propose -
 - (i) That the sharp corners on the Stradbally road as it leads off the Clarenbridge/Kilcolgan road, be eased;
 - (ii) that this Council request the Board of Works to clean up the foreshore of the old quay at Kinvara;
 - (iii) that a supply of water be made available, as soon as possible, for Ballinderreen Group Water Scheme.
- 20. Councillor M. J. Kilgannon: I will propose -

That this Council asks Bord na Mona to take adequate steps to protect the River Suck from pollution by its proposed development works on Derryfadda Bog.

COMHAIRLE CHONTA NA GALWAY
(Galway County Council)

**DECLARATION OF ROADS
TO BE PUBLIC ROADS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway, on or after Monday, 25th August, 1975, commencing at 3.30 p.m., consider the making of a declaration that the following road shall be a public road:
From County Road 165 at Curry for a distance of 1,920 metres to the same road near Monastery, location Townlands of Corofin and Curry Eighter.

K. DOYLE,
Acting County Secretary.

M A L L I C C I O U S D A M A G E D E C R E E S.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
Higgins Garage Limited, Headford Road, Galway	Damage to Car 1/6/1974	Borough of Galway	25.00	43.25.
Higgins Garage Limited, Headford Road, Galway.	Damage to Wall, 16/4/1974	Do.	18.78.	37.03.
Higgins Garage Limited, Headford Road, Galway.	Damage to Car. 8/12/1974	Do.	50.00	41.74.
Higgins Garage Limited, Headford Road, Galway.	Damage to Car 1/10/1974	Do.	15.00	32.90.
Gretta Kelly and Gregory Kelly, Newcastle Road, Galway.	Damage to walls, windows, doors and curtains - 30/9/1973	Do.	150.00	101.25.

MIONTUAIRISCI CRUINNITHE DE CHOISTE GAELTACHTA COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE A TIONOLADH SA SCOIL NAISIUNTA, DOIRE MHOIR IADHTA, AN SRAITH SAILEACH AR AN 7u LA IUIL, 1975.

Cathaoirleach: M. O Morain.

Baill i lathair: N. O Conchubhair, Padraig S. O Fatharta, Sean O Domhnallain, Paraic O Caomhanaigh.

Oifigigh de'n

Comhairle Chontae: S. O Sioda, Priomh Inealltoir Cunta Chontae agus C. O Dubhghaill, Runai Sealadach.

Fuarathas leithsceal o'n tUasal O Gadhra agus o'n tUasal O hIarnain, toisg narbh fheidir leo teacht chuig an cruinniu.

1. TOS CAIREACHT O MHUINTIR DOIRE MHOIR IADHTA:

Le cead an Chathaoirligh, glacadh le toiscaireacht o mhuintir Doire Mhoir Iadhta a d'arr tacaiocht o'n Choiste na haiseanna agus na saoraidi seo leanas a chur ar fail do mhuintir na haite:

- (1) Uisce reatha a chur ar fail do'n scoil naisiunta ina bhfuil 36 gasuir agus beirt mhuinteoir.
- (2) Seirbhisi leictreachais a chur ar fail do mhuintir na haite agus chuige sin deontas breise a iarraidh o Roinn na Gaeltachta chun an costas d'isliu.
- (3) Obair a chur ar fail do mhuintir na haite - go hairithe na daoine oga.

Moladh go ndeanfar an bothar idir Leithneach Thiar agus Doire Mhoir Iadhta a dheisiu.

- (4) Comhartha Bothair a chur ar fail san ait a bhuaileann an bothar o Doire Mhoir Iadhta leis an Bothar Mor.
- (5) Teileafon a chur ar fail do mhuintir na haite.
- (6) Tacaiocht a thabhairt do mhuintir na haite an scoil ag Doire Mhoir Iadhta a choimead ar oscailt.

Socraíodh go dtabharfadh an Choiste lan tacaiocht do mhuintir na haite na cuspoiri thuas a bhaint amach.

Leis sin d'fhag an toiscaireacht an cruinniu.

2. MIONTUAIRISCI:

Glacadh le miontuairisci an chruinnithe a tionoladh ar an 7/7/75 agus shinigh an Cathaoirleach iad.

3. SCEIM SEARACHAIS AG CILL RONAIN:

Duirt an Runai nach raibh an teolas a bhi a lorg ag an tUasal O Maoildhia ar fail fos agus socraíodh an cheist a chur siar go dti an chead cruinniu eile.

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4. SCEIM UISCE DO CHEANNTAIR NA N-OILEAIN:

Mhol an tUasal O Conchubhair go leagfai na piopai o Leitirmeallain go Beal a'Daingin agus go gcuirfeadh an da loch i Leitirmeallain breis uisce ar fail.

Chuidigh an Cathaoirleach leis an run seo agus glacadh leis d'aon ghuth.

5. UISCE I gCOIR CEIBH ROS A'MHIL:

Ag freagairt ceiste, duirt an tUasal O Sioda go raibh meastachain costais chun uisce a leathnu go Ceibh Ros a Mhil a scrudu faoi lathair agus go mbeadh na pleananna 7rl reidh chun cur chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta agus an Roinn Rialtais Aitiuil i gceann seachtain no dho.

6. UDARAS NA GAELTACHTA:

Mhol an tUasal O Conchubhair go gcuirfeadh an Coiste seo in iul do Aire na Gaeltachta go mbeadh Udaras na Gaeltachta toghtha go daonlathach.

Chuidigh an Cathaoirleach leis an run seo agus glacadh leis d'aon ghuth.

7. CEAD A THABHAIRT DO NUACHTOIRI O RADIO NA GAELTACHTA A BHEITH AG NA CRUINNITHE:

Mhol an tUasal O Conchubhair go dtabharfai cead do Nuachtairi o Radio na Gaeltachta a bheith i lathair ag cruinnithe de'n Choiste.

Duirt an tUasal O Domhnallain nach raibh aon mhaith iad a bheith ann gan clar mhor fhairsing a bheith ag an choiste chun go mbeadh nithe simiula le ple.

Tareis an ceist a phle, duirt an Cathaoirleach go rachadh se i gComhairle leis an Bannisteoir Chontae faoi'n sceal agus da bhri sin, cuireadh an cheist siar go dti cruinniu nios deanai.

8. BOTHAR I gCEANNTAIR NA CARRAIGE, AN FHAIRCHE:

Mhol an tUasal O Caomhanaigh go ndeanfar an bothar seo a fheabhsu agus a leathnu. Duirt se go raibh an bothar ro-chung agus nach feidir le gluastearin gabhail thar a cheile ann. Duirt se freisin go raibh radharcanna aine ann agus go mba cheart aiteanna pairceala do ghluastearin a chur ar fail ar thaobh an bhothair.

Duirt an tUasal O Sioda go mbeadh costas measardha ard ar an obair seo agus nach mbeadh se i geumas an Chomhairle Condae e a dheanamh gan deontas o Roinn na Gaeltachta.

Socraíodh go gcuirfi iarratas chuig Roinn na Gaeltachta deontas a fhail i gcoir na hoibre seo.

9. AN CHEAD CRUINNIU EILE:

Socraíodh go dtionolfai an cead cruinniu eile i Magh Cuilinn ar an 5u la Lunasa, 1975.

D'iarr an Cathaoirleach ar na Baill aon ruin a bheadh acu i gcoir an chruinnithe sin a sheoladh chuig an Runai roimh an 28/7/75.

Cuireadh deire leis an gcrúinniu leis sin.

Cathaoirleach: M. O Morain.

Baill i Lathair: Sean O Domhnallain, Padraig O Caomhanaigh, Colm O
hIarnain, Padraig S. O Fatharta, Nioclas O Conchubhair,
agus Nollaig O Gadhra.

Oifigeach o'n
Comhairle Condae: C. O Dubhghaill, Runai Sealadach.

Gabh an Runai leith-sceal leis an gcrúinniu toisg
narbh fheidir leis an Inealtoir bheith i lathair.

1. MIONTUAIRISCI:

Glacadh le miontuairisici an chruinnithe a tionoladh ar an 7u Iúil
1975 agus shinigh an Cathaoirleach iad.

2. SCÉIM SEARACHAIS I gCOIR CILL RONAIN:

Duirt an Runai Sealadach go raibh an cheist seo fe scrudu fos ag
na hInealtoiri, agus socruigheadh an cheist a chur siar go dtí an
cead cruinniu eile.

Duirt an tUasal O hIarnain gurb é tuairm mhuintir Chill Ronain nach
bhfuil dothain uisce ann fe lathair agus go mbeadh tuille uisce ag
teastail do'n scéim searachais.

3. DAIL SPEISIALTA AIRGID DO'N GAELTACHT:

Mhol an Cathaoirleach -

(a) Go gcuirfi iarratas chuig Aire na Gaeltachta dail speisialta
airgid a chur ar fail do'n Chomhairle Chontae chun sceimeanna uisce
a chur chun chinn sa Gaeltacht;

(b) Cuireadh a thabhairt d'Aire na Gaeltachta teacht chun cruinniu
de'n Choiste chun forbairt structura na Gaeltachta a phlé leis an
gCoiste.

Chuidigh an Comhairleoir O Domhnallain leis an run seo agus glacadh
leis.

4. DROMCHLA NUA DO PHIARA AN SPIDEAL:

Ar mholadh an Chathaoirligh, d'iarr an Coiste ar an Chomhairle Chontae
dromchla nua a chur ar an phiara sa Spideal.

5. MOLTAI O'N tUASAL O CONCHUBHAIR:

(a) Bothar O Leitircaladh o dheas agus o thuaidh;

(b) Bothar ag pairce peile sa Mhaimin;

(c) Bothar o Thir an Fhaidh siar go Cnoc.

Os rud é nach raibh se i gcumas an Inealtora bheith i lathair ag an
gcrúinniu cuireadh na h-abhair seo siar go dtí an cead cruinniu eile.

6. CRUINNITHE DE'N COMHAIRLE CHONTAE TRE GHAEILGE:

Mhol an tUasal O Conchubhair bru a chur ar an Comhairle Condae
cruinniu amhain a bheith tríd Ghaeilge i rith na bliana.

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Domhnallain go raibh run mar seo glactha
cheana fein ag an Comhairle Contae ach nach raibh ach cruinniu
amhain tre Ghaeilge go dtí seo.

Duirt an tUasal O Gadhra gur cheart Gaeilge a úsáid ag cruinnithe de'n
Chomhairle mar go bhfuil an ceart ag aon miontach a dteanga fein a
úsáid.

7. OIFIG ROINN NA GAELTACHTA I nGAILLIMH:

Duirt an tUasal O Fatharta nach mbíonn Oifig tithíochta na Gaeltachta
oscailte do'n phobal ach o 10 a chlog ar maidin go dtí 12.30 a
chlog iar nóin, dha la sa tseachtain De Luain agus de hAoine agus
go mba cheart i a bheith oscailte níos minici agus níos faide.
Duirt se freisin nach la oiriúnach é an Luain toisg na siopai a
bheith dunta i nGaillimh an la sin.

D'aontuigh an Coiste leis an run.

8. DEONTAISÍ O ROINN NA GAELTACHTA:

Mhol an tUasal O Fatharta go dtabharfadh Roinn na Gaeltachta
deontaisí do'n Chomhairle Chontae le dul ar aghaidh leis na
h-oibreacha ata measta aca. D'iarr se freisin go mbeadh eolas
ar fail ag an cead cruinniu eile ar na boithre a bhfuil deontaisí
ceadaithe doibh ag Roinn na Gaeltachta agus go mbeadh eolas freisin
ar mholtai eile a chuir an coiste fe bhraid na Roinne sin.

9. SEIRBHÍSÍ DO CHILL RONAIN:

Duirt an tUasal O hIarnain go raibh se mi-shasta, toisg nach
ndearnadh aon dul chun chinn le:

(a) feabhsu na sceime uisce i gCill Ronain;

(b) Foireann Doiteain i gCill Ronain;

(c) Ionad bruscair a chur ar fail.

10. D'iarr an tUasal O Conchubhair:-

(a) Go ndeanfar an taisgeadán uisce i Leitir Mor, a dheisiu mar go
raibh an t-uisce ag dul le fana as.

(b) go gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Condae admhail chuig gach duine a
chuireann isteach iarratas ar dheontas tithíochta.

11. Socruíodh go gcuirfi ceist tar eis an chead cruinnithe eile ar na
baill nach raibh ag aon chruinniu le trí mhí anuas, feachaint ar mhaith
leo leanuint mar bhaill de'n choiste.

12. Ar mholadh an Chathaoirligh, le cuidiu an Chomhairleoir O Domhnallain,
glacadh run comhbhroin le bean ceile agus le clann Roibeard Uí
Chonail, Anach Chuain, a cailleadh le deanai.

13. Socruíodh go dtionolfar an cead cruinniu eile i gCill Ronain, agus
mar eisceacht sa chas seo, go dtionolfar é ar an Sathairn 6u la
Mean Foir, 1975.

Cuireadh deire leis an gcruinniu leis sin.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT
THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 25TH AUGUST, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Members

Present: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillor H. Melvin, Councillors J. Molloy, N. Morgan, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, T. Welby.

Officials

Present: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager, Mr. M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer and Mr. K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

MINUTES:

- 628 - On the proposition of Senator Mannion seconded by Councillor Joyce the Minutes of meeting held on the 28th July, 1975 (573 - 627 inclusive) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Arising out of the Minutes, Councillor Kelly again asked that some improvements be carried out in Bishop Street, Tuam where, he stated, four accidents have happened since he complained about this matter at the meeting held on 28th July.

Also arising out of the Minutes, the County Manager informed Councillor Welby that no reply had yet been received to the request sent to the Minister for Local Government to receive a deputation from the Council in connection with capital allocations for the current year.

- 629 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS:

It was noted that Malicious Damage Claims as listed in the schedule circulated to members with the Agenda had been received since last meeting.

- 630 - DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE PUBLIC ROAD:

It was proposed by the Chairman seconded by Councillor Kelly and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby declare the road from County Road No. 165 at Curry for a distance of 1,920 metres to the same road near Monastery - location townlands of Corofin and Curry Bighter to be a public road."

- 631 - ADOPTION OF ROADS AS PUBLIC ROADS - MINUTE NO. 540:

The County Manager stated that the criteria regarding the number of houses and holdings which would qualify a road for taking over had been examined and it was now recommended that the memorandum dated 8th April, 1974 which was approved by the Council at its meeting on 20th August, 1974 be amended to provide that road could be taken over for maintenance up to where it serves the last house.

On the proposition of Councillor Joyce seconded by Councillor Kilgannon the County Manager's recommendation was approved.

- 632 - PROPOSAL UNDER THE WATER SUPPLIES ACT, 1942 - CARRAROE REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor Michael O Flatharta seconded by Senator J. M. Mannion and resolved:-

"That the Galway County Council as Sanitary Authority for the County Health District of Galway being desirous to take a supply of water from a lake known as Loughaunwillin in the townlands of Carrowroe North, Carrowroe South, Barraderry and Clynagh all in the District Electoral Division of Crumpaun in the said County Health District of Galway, for the purpose of extending the Carraroe Water Supply Scheme to serve the areas described in the schedule hereto, under the Local Government (Sanitary Services) Acts 1878 - 1964, under a scheme to be called and known as "Carraroe Regional Water Supply Scheme" hereby make this proposal under and by virtue of Section 2 of the Water Supplies Act, 1942, for so taking such a supply of water from the said lake known as Loughaunwillin sufficient for the requirements of the said region. The said supply is to be taken from the said lake at a place in the lake approximately 70 metres (230 feet) from the Galway/Carraroe road, approximately 174 metres (570 feet) north/northeast from the entrance to St. McDara's Church, and marked "A" on Drawing No. 2 made for the purpose of the said scheme by Messrs. P. J. Tobin and Company, Consulting, Civil and Structural Engineers, 22, Eyre Square, Galway.

Only part of the water in the said lake is to be taken. The maximum rate at which it is proposed to take water shall not exceed 1,365 cubic metres (300,000 gallons) per day, 98,225 cubic metres per annum. This amount will be taken in a 24 hour pumping period at a rate of 57 cubic metres (12,500 gallons) per hour.

The estimated lowest Summer level of the lake is between 5.33 metres (17.50 feet) C.D. and 5.88 metres (19.30 feet) C.D. The lake itself has an area of approximately 40 hectares (100 acres). The storage capacity available in the lake is approximately 406.3 cubic metres per millimetre depth (2,270,000 gallons per inch depth). It is estimated that the abstraction of 1,365 cubic metres (3,000,000 gallons) of water per day from the lake would have the effect of lowering the level of the lake by approximately 3.36 mm (0.1322 inches) in every period of 24 hours, or 100.80 mm (3.97 inches) in a period of 30 days, assuming that there is neither rainfall nor inflow to the lake during the aforesaid periods.

No ancillary operations are proposed as it is proposed to retain the existing pumphouse and intake point.

SCHEDULE

Region to be served:

<u>Townland</u>	<u>District Electoral Division.</u>
Barraderry, Keeraunbeg, Carraroe South, Carraroe North (Part), Carraroe West (Part), Derrynea (Part) Clynagh.	Crumpaun
Rossaveal (Part)	Kilcummin."

- 633 - MINUTES OF GAELTACHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 7/7/'75 & 5/8/'75:

On the proposition of Councillor Sean Donnellan seconded by Councillor Joyce, the Minutes of the above meetings were noted.

- 634 - REPORT TO MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON THE FIRE SERVICE:

The County Manager informed the members that copies of this report had been ordered and that one would be sent to each member soon.

In reply to Councillor Joyce the County Manager stated that a major capital programme for development of the Fire Service is being prepared and that a meeting of the Fire Brigades Committee would be called to consider it when the report is completed.

635 - REVISION OF REMUNERATION OF STAFF OFFICERS, COUNTY LIBRARIAN & COUNTY ACCOUNTANT:

The County Manager stated that he had been notified by letter dated 6th August, 1975 from the Department of Local Government that revised salaries for the grades of Staff Officer, County Librarian and County Accountant had been approved by the Minister following negotiations between the Local Government Staff Negotiations Board and the staff side and he requested approval of the Council to the revised scales and to the voting of a sum of £7,500 to cover the increases up to the 31st December, 1975.

On the proposition of Councillor Joyce, seconded by Councillor Sean Donnellan it was agreed that the Council hereby approve the increases in the salaries of Staff Officers, County Librarian and County Accountant as from the relevant dates in accordance with the schedule attached to letter dated 6th August, 1975 from the Department of Local Government and also that the Council approve the provision of a sum of £7,500 to pay those increases for the period ending 31st December, 1975.

636 - REMISSION OF RATES UNDER GAELTACHT INDUSTRIES AMENDMENT ACT, 1971 - MARSAN TEO., INVERIN:

The County Manager requested the approval of the Council to grant the appropriate rate remission to Marsan Teo. under the provisions of Section 5 of the Gaeltacht Industries Amendment Act, 1971 in respect of a factory erected by them at Inverin.

It was proposed by Councillor John Molloy seconded by Councillor Flaherty and resolved:

"That Galway County Council hereby approve remission of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the rates leviable in respect of a factory erected by Marsan Teo., Inverin, Co. Galway, this remission to have effect in respect of the local financial year following that on which the erection was completed and in respect of next 9 local financial years subject also to the provisions of Section 5 (3) of the Act."

The County Manager stated that this was in accordance with the Council's decision to give a rate remission in respect of the first phase of factories.

637 - CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH AT ANNAGHDOWN - MINUTE NO. 602:

The County Manager stated that this work would involve laying a footpath from Annaghdown school to the cemetery gate and also corner re-alignment and road widening at a cost estimated at about £5,800. He suggested that this matter be considered at the Roads Estimates Meeting for the coming year together with all other proposals made during the past year for which no provision was made.

At the request of members of the Council the County Manager agreed that in addition to the proposals made during the current year by Councillors for certain road works the list which was circulated at last year's Estimates Meeting would also be circulated, omitting from that list any works which were approved at the Estimates Meeting for carrying out during the current year.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he was not satisfied that the method of selecting such works was a fair one.

Councillor Morgan suggested that a certain sum of money, say £5,000 should be allocated to each Councillor and that he should be at liberty to select footpaths or other urgent works which could be provided out of this allocation.

Deputy Callanan stated that he did not consider that voting on the list of works brought before the Council at the Estimates Meeting is the best way of dealing with the matter as the money is not always spent where it is most needed.

Councillor Joyce stated that he recommended two roads for black-topping but he had been informed that they would not be done in 1976. He stated that those roads had already been taken over for maintenance by the Council.

Councillor Haverty stated that in deciding what works should be done, the Council should give preference to works which would serve the greatest number of people.

638 - IMPROVEMENT OF JUNCTION AT CORRANDRUM - MINUTE NO. 603:

The County Manager stated that the estimated cost of this work is £200 and on his suggestion it was agreed that the matter would be considered at the roads estimates meeting.

639 - GUARANTEED PUBLIC TELEPHONES:

The County Manager informed the Council that a letter requesting information on various aspects of this scheme had been sent to the Department of Posts & Telegraphs on the 16th July, 1975 and that definite information on the matter had not yet been received from that Department. He informed the Council that the Department had been given a list of six places where such telephones had been sought but he pointed out that there was no intention of approving the provision of guaranteed telephones at those places until full information of the scheme was available from the Department and until the Council makes a policy decision on the matter.

Councillor Glynn stated that the provision of telephones was the business of the Department of Posts & Telegraphs and he objected to having such services subsidised by the Council.

It was agreed that the matter be adjourned until information is available from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

640 - DATES OF MEETINGS:

The following dates were fixed for meetings:

(a) Roads Estimates Meeting	-	29th September, 1975.
(b) Ordinary Estimates Meeting	-	21st October, 1975.
(c) Planning Committee Meeting	-	10th September, 1975.

641 - E.E.C. REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND:

The County Manager read letter dated 20th August, 1975 from the Department of Finance in reply to a resolution adopted by Galway County Council at its July meeting in which letter it was stated that the Minister for Finance wished to make it clear that it is not and never had been his intention to use Regional Funds assistance to subsidise industries already established. The County Manager stated that schemes had in fact already been submitted for E.E.C. assistance.

Deputy Callanan stated that his objection was to the inclusion of such money in exchequer funds and that he had noticed on that day's paper that this money was in fact to be put into exchequer funds. He considered that the E.E.C. fund should be separate from exchequer funds and that a record should show clearly where it is to go. Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Council should object to the small amount which was provided in the Regional Fund.

The Chairman also expressed disappointment that the funds were being channelled into the exchequer as it was always understood that they would be separate.

642 - PROPOSED BRIDGE AT KNOCKFERRY:

Referring to Minute No. 596 of meeting of the Council on 28th July, 1975 the County Manager stated that the consultant had now advised that it would cost between £19,000 and £21,000 to prepare preliminary plans which would be submitted as a proposal to the Minister for Local Government for this bridge. He stated that when this matter came up for discussion originally he suggested to the Council that no work be undertaken involving expenditure until agreement in principle be received from the Minister for Local Government that funds would be available when the bridge reached the planning stage. The Minister had stated that there are no special funds out of which a grant could be paid but that the Council could use its Block Grant for roads if it wished to do so. He further stated that by reason of the volume of work in hands and shortfall of funds for roads during the current year, he did not see how money could be allocated from the road fund grant for the bridge.

The Chairman suggested that an application should be made for an allocation from the European Regional Fund to construct the bridge.

The County Manager further stated that looking at the needs and merits of capital works of the whole county it is difficult to put this project before the many water & sewerage schemes which are urgently necessary having regard particularly to the possibility of new jobs being created out of such schemes if they were provided.

Councillor Welby also asked that an allocation from Regional Fund be sought.

Councillor Glynn objected to levying £21,000 on the rates for the scheme at the present time and he suggested that if the sum of £21,000 is to be spent, the Council should look at proposals for the provision of a ferry at this location pending a final decision on the construction of a bridge. He agreed with the County Manager that the provision of infra-structure for industry had a much higher priority.

Deputy Callanan stated that if plans were to be prepared now, it is likely that they would be out of date by the time money would be allocated for the construction of the bridge.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Minister be informed of the cost of preparation of plans and that a request be forwarded for an allocation from the E.E.C. Regional Development Fund for the construction of the bridge.

643 - DEVOLUTION OF FUNCTIONS - ROADS:

The County Manager referred to circular No. R 3/145 dated 19th August, 1975, copy of which was given to each member, from the Department of Local Government which stated inter alia that apart from National roads, the funds in future for all other roads will come from the Block Grant and from rates and that this will include roads taken over for maintenance by the County Council.

The circular was noted.

644 - ALTERATION IN THE PATTERN OF RAIL SERVICES:

The County Manager informed the Council of the contents of a letter dated 18th August, 1975 from the Area Manager, C.I.E., Galway and he also referred to the schedule enclosed with the letter copy of which was given to each member of the Council setting out particulars of stations proposed to be closed for certain classes of traffic.

He stated also that the County Development Team will be making submissions on the matter to C.I.E.

Councillor Morgan protested on behalf of the people of Loughrea against the proposed closure of the Loughrea station stating that this would leave 11 people out of work and that in any event C.I.E. had not provided the proper facilities for the working of the line to Loughrea.

Deputy Callanan stated that when this matter was raised some time ago they were assured that a good engine would be put on the Loughrea line and he considered that the Council should protest very strongly at the proposed closing of the station on 3rd November next. He pointed out also that the proposed closure would put additional traffic on roads which are already inadequate for such traffic and the proposed closure of Ballinasloe for goods traffic in favour of Athlone would also create problems for traffic on the roads.

Councillor Joyce stated that 40 people will lose their jobs in Ballinasloe as a result of the transfer of the freight section to Athlone.

Councillor Kelly stated that the Council had been slow over the years in protesting against closures and he felt that County Councillors should demand a greater part in the making of such decisions. He suggested that somebody from C.I.E. should be asked to attend a meeting of the Council to answer the Councillors' questions.

Councillor Haverty stated that a firm in Tynagh had been making arrangements for transport of goods through Loughrea station but that the proposed closure will mean that very heavy lorries too large for the local roads will now have to be used to haul the material. He considered that the Council should not have to spend money in bringing roads up to a particular standard to suit lorries while a railway line is available.

Deputy Kitt also condemned the proposed closures stating that he considered C.I.E. was recently put in a very favourable position to compete with road traffic for business on the railways in view of the increased fuel charges for road traffic.

Councillor Kilgannon also protested against the proposed closures.

Councillor Galvin, also protesting against the closures, including the transfer of the freight section to Athlone, stated that this will mean that a huge area of south-east Galway will have to have its traffic brought by road to Athlone all of which traffic will be using one bridge which is already carrying too much traffic.

The Chairman suggested that a letter of protest be sent to C.I.E. stating that the major changes appear to be in the west of Ireland and he pointed out that C.I.E. has a social responsibility to keep such lines open.

It was finally agreed that a representative of C.I.E. and the County Development Officer be asked to attend the next meeting of the County Council in order to discuss the matter with members of the Council.

It was also agreed that a copy of the letter dated 18th August, 1975 from C.I.E. be forwarded to each member of the Council.

645 - SALE OF C.I.E. HOTEL, MULRANNY:

Mr. T. Welby proposed the following resolution in the name of Councillor Micheal S. O'Morain who was unavoidably absent from the meeting:

"As the Council's representative on Board of Ireland West, I would like to propose that the Council views with great alarm a decision of Comas Iompair Bireann to put their prime property in the west of Ireland for sale on a deflated market and we feel that we should protest most vigorously at this obvious disregard for the importance of tourism involvement in the west of Ireland."

This resolution was seconded by Councillor Holland and adopted unanimously.

646 - REVISED CAPITAL ALLOCATION FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING:

The County Manager read for the members letter dated 8th August, 1975 ref: N.10/75 from the Department of Local Government stating that the Council would be authorised to spend an additional £162,000 by way of specially authorised additional overdraft on local authority housing for the current year together with the normal working overdraft margin of 10% on the original allocations. He stated that this would bring the total expenditure for the year to £846,000 and that this may not be exceeded. He stated that it was proposed spending this by going ahead with the sanctioned housing scheme for Portumna for which a tender had been approved and that in addition four demountable homes for needy cases would be commenced. He stated in reply to questions that no further new houses could be commenced during the current year.

Councillor Fahey expressed his disappointment at the restriction on the number of new houses which could be commenced and in particular at the fact that it is not now possible to commence the erection of houses in Kinvara, Anascragh and Oughterard for which tenders had been invited.

Deputy Callanan also expressed his disappointment at the situation pointing out that there is a high demand for small demountable type houses for old people.

Councillor Glynn also complained about the restriction on the amount of money available stating that there are many people in urgent need of prefab houses before the winter.

Councillor Kilgannon protested at the allocation of even £802,000 for County Galway out of a total allocation of £54m.

Replying to Councillor Welby, the County Manager stated that interest on the overdraft in respect of the additional allocation will be met from state funds.

It was agreed that Councillor Glynn's motion (No. 15) be taken in conjunction with this matter regarding capital for loans and grants. Councillor Glynn asked that loans and grants be paid much earlier as he pointed out that delay in payments of instalments of loans and grants involves the applicants in additional money in respect of interest.

Councillor Kelly expressed the view that a savings scheme should be provided whereby people could invest their money with local authorities and that this money could then be used for housing purposes.

Councillor Kilgannon inquired why the Rural Housing Organisation could not be employed to build some houses in Galway.

Councillor Fahey asked what sums had been requested from the Minister in respect of capital for local authority housing in the present year.

Councillor Morgan complained about the operation of the Differential Rents Scheme whereby a person who is not working and who is drawing the dole can get off with a much lighter rent than a person who is earning the same money in wages.

Replying to queries the County Manager stated that at the end of last year it was anticipated that a further sum of £100,000 would be received and that on the strength of this being paid before the end of December last, the Council's requirements as reported to the Department were estimated at £938,000 but that if the Council were aware at the time that this sum would not be paid until after the end of December, the requirements would have been stated at £1,038,000.

Regarding loans and grants he stated that the total allocation was £1m but that it was anticipated that a further £200,000 may be required before the end of the year to keep all loans and grants paid up to date as the average payments at the moment amount to about £100,000 per month.

Regarding the Rural Housing Organisation, the County Manager stated that this is largely functioning by the use of local authority loans and grants.

Replying to a further query he stated that he had no recent information regarding the provision of a housing scheme at Tynagh by the Rural Housing Organisation.

It was proposed by Councillor Fahey, seconded by Councillor Daverty and resolved: "that the Council send a resolution to the Minister deploring his decision to limit the capital allocation of the County Council to the extent to which it was done this year, especially in regard to local authority housing and to request the Minister to inform the Council when sufficient money will be made available to enable the commencement of other urgent schemes."

Councillor Glynn suggested that the Minister be informed that there is an estimated shortage of £200,000 in respect of loans and grants and a further £200,000 in respect of local authority housing to the end of the year and that the seriousness of the situation should be impressed on the Minister. Replying to a further enquiry, the County Manager stated that it is estimated that between 150 and 170 houses will be completed in 1975.

647 - NOTICES OF MOTION IN THE NAME OF DEPUTY R. MOLLOY:

In the absence of Deputy Molloy, it was agreed that replies would be sent to him setting out the position in relation to the matters raised in the Notices of Motion standing in his name.

648 - ROAD INTO MOLLOY'S HOUSE AT CLOONACURRY:

In reply to motion in the names of Councillor Glynn and Senator Killilea, the County Manager stated that this road was adopted in 1975 and was surface-dressed prior to adoption and that it does not now require surface-dressing.

649 - PARKING BYE-LAWS - OUGHTERARD:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion, the County Manager stated that it is agreed that parking bye-laws prohibiting parking on the main street in Oughterard would be desirable and he suggested that the Garda Superintendent be asked for his recommendations to indicate the section or sections of the street to which parking restrictions should apply.

650 - PUBLIC TOILET IN OUGHTERARD:

The County Manager stated that the problem in this case is the provision of finance and that it is unlikely that money could be obtained from the Sanitary Services allocation in view of the restrictions on this at the moment. The alternative, he stated, would be to provide money from rates.

651 - LIGHTING AT PUBLIC CAR PARK IN OUGHTERARD:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion the County Manager stated that in view of the fact that this car park is now being used for fairs as well, provision of public lighting would be desirable. He stated also that/quotations for the provision of three lights is being sought and that this will be considered in conjunction with the estimates for the coming year.

652 - ROAD THROUGH POLLNABRON, MENLOUGH:

In reply to Deputy Kitt's motion, the County Manager stated that a report on this matter would be available for the September meeting.

653 - STRADBALLY ROAD AT CLARENBRIDGE/KILCOLGAN:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the County Manager stated that a report on this matter will be available for the September meeting.

654 - FORESHORE AT OLD QUAY, KINVARA:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the County Manager stated that this proposal would be forwarded to the Office of Public Works.

655 - BALLINDERREEN GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

In reply to Councillor Byrne's motion, the County Manager stated that the Council agreed on the 4/12/74 to supply 9,000 gallons per day from the Clarenbridge/Kilcolgan scheme but that so far no design had been received. He stated that it will not be possible to supply 18,000 gallons per day as requested. In reply to further enquiries, he stated that the alternative would be to give a supply for domestic purposes only or to reduce the number of households and to give a supply to those nearest the public main in order to keep the demand down to 9,000 gallons per day.

656 - POLLUTION OF RIVER SUCK:

Councillor Kilgannon proposed that the Council ask Bord na Mona to take adequate steps to protect the River Suck from pollution by its proposed development works on Derryfada Bog.

Explaining the background to the motion, Councillor Kilgannon stated that Bord na Mona intend developing a large area of bog in Derryfada area for milled peat which will be used for the generation of electricity and that while it will give substantial employment and reduce the import of oil, there is another side to the matter, that is the pollution which such drainage will cause by the deposit of turf mould and peat silt in the river Suck. He stated that there are several problems arising from this matter - among them the following:

- (1) It will render the water in the river Suck unsuitable for domestic use and possibly for industrial use and those conditions will continue for the next 30 years during which period it may be necessary even to take back polluted water from the river Shannon for Ballinasloe town.

- (2) It will damage fishing. He stated that the Inland Fisheries Trust is convinced that serious damage will result to fishing as the peat silt in the river will create conditions to inhibit fish life.
- (3) The settlement of the silt in the slow flowing areas of the river will build up mud flats and ultimately this could result in closing the river Suck.
- (4) Damage to Callow lands which provides summer grazing and this will be destroyed if it is covered with peat silt.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Council had a responsibility for the prevention of pollution and that it appears that Bord na Mona have no proposals to control the deposit of silt in the river. He asked that Bord na Mona be required to take special steps to protect the area and to install a proper pollution control system.

Councillor Morgan seconded Councillor Kilgannon's proposal. He stated that Bord na Mona had agreed that the water would be unfit for domestic use as evidenced by their agreement to provide an alternative source for Ballinasloe. He proposed that Bord na Mona should be required to comply with the same regulations regarding the prevention of pollution as private individuals have to comply with.

The County Manager stated that the development of the Derryfada bog is of a type which is normal for Bord na Mona as this is the purpose for which the Board was established and that these activities have been going on for years in other areas. Bord na Mona were coming to exploit a very important national resource in order to try to offset the increased cost of oil. He stated that this operation will result in peat silt reaching the river but that there is no technology known to remove it from the water. He mentioned that the Council's consulting engineer had been specifically instructed to make enquiries as to whether this was possible but that he had confirmed that there is no means known of removing the silt from the water. Regarding the water supply for Ballinasloe, he stated that Bord na Mona were prepared to put in an alternative supply for the town for the 30 years during which the operations will continue but that the source of the water would not be the river Suck. He pointed out that detailed proposals on the matter had been given to Ballinasloe Urban Council which was the authority to deal with this matter. He stated in addition that it was not correct to state that the water would not be suitable for industrial use, as he understood there were many uses in industry for which the water would be quite suitable. He finally stated that any activity which can be controlled will be insisted on by the County Council and the Ballinasloe Urban District Council.

Replying to Deputy Kitt, the County Manager stated that the Inland Fisheries Trust monitors the conditions in rivers where Bord na Mona operates.

Councillor Galvin stated that Mr. Kearns, Assistant County Manager had gone into very great detail in giving full particulars of what is involved in these operations to the Ballinasloe Urban District Council. He pointed out that the Board intend to employ up to 450 people on this with an annual wage roll of approximately £2 1/4m. He outlined the terms of the agreement in so far as it was negotiated up to date between Bord na Mona and the Ballinasloe Urban District Council including the first phase which is to take water from the Bunowen River, later from boreholes in the Eskers if necessary and ultimately, if it is necessary, to take water from the River Shannon/ at a point upstream from the confluence of the River Suck. He stated that their advice has been that the water could be used for industrial purposes and that in addition the

Inland Fisheries Trust had ascertained that peat silt does not damage coarse fishing, while it will affect game fish to some extent where the silt is flowing into the river but that it is likely that such fish will go ^{higher} up to spawn.

Councillor Galvin considered that in making a decision the authorities concerned will have to have regard to the number of people employed on the project, ^{view of} and on the importance of developing this source of energy in the present price of imported oil.

Councillor Haverly asked that the matter be adjourned to the next meeting and that the Council then also discuss/similar problem in the Portumna area.

The Chairman stated that the motion deals only with Derryfada bog and that this should not be adjourned. He pointed out that Councillor Haverly can submit a motion regarding Portumna later, if he wishes.

Councillor Joyce stated that while the Council may criticise the effects of the Bord na Mona work, the Council was not opposed to the work being done by Bord na Mona. Regarding fishing, he stated that the E.S.B. were taking away about 75% of the game fish at Ardnacrusha. He did not agree that the silt is toxic and he stated that while the land may be flooded in the Callows it ^{gave} first class quality grass afterwards.

He suggested that the Council should not overstate its case but he agreed with the motion that adequate steps to protect the river should be insisted on.

Deputy Callanan stated that the motion only asked for steps for protection of the river Suck and he agreed with it. He stated that people in Portumna may feel that Bord na Mona is not doing all it should do but he pointed out that a serious decision has to be made taking all of the circumstances into account including the question of developing an important national industry and the serious problem of farm employment in the area. He stated that he was supporting the motion but he asked that everything humanly possible should be done to minimise pollution as a result of Bord na Mona's activities. He stated that Council approach ^{should} be that the benefits should be weighed against the disadvantages.

Replying to the Discussion, Councillor Kilgannon stated that Bord na Mona were asked to do something they never did before, that is to control pollution properly. He pointed out that no pressure had been placed on Bord na Mona before and he would not accept that if an effort were made, the technology is not available to control pollution. He stated that no other town is having its water supply interfered with and that the contaminated water is also suspect for boilers used in industry. He recommended that the Council should insist on a proper control system as it concerns every town along the river Shannon. The same yardstick should be applied regarding control of pollution to Bord na Mona as is applied to any other industry.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

- 657 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:
- Keane Family, Mullahutra, Claregalway.
 - Mrs. James Grealish, Carnmore Cross, Oranmore.
 - The O'Flynn Family, Annaghdown, Corrandulla.
 - Mr. Padraic Brien, Kill, Kiltormer.
 - Mrs. Rooney, Cahercrim, Craughwell.
 - Mrs. C. Shakallis, 6, Abbey Terrace, Loughrea.
 - Mr. Michael Lally, Caltra, Ballinasloe.
 - Mr. Brendan Daly, Derradca, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
 - Mr. Patrick Kelly, Killasolan, Mountbellew.
 - Miss Angela Chamberlain, St. Brendan's Ballygar.

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The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

For Chairman

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

3rd September, 1975.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

A special meeting of Galway County Council will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Wednesday next 10th September, 1975 to enable the Council to express its sympathy, on the death of Mr. Eamon de Valera, former President. The meeting will be held at 3.30 p.m.
The Special Planning meeting which was arranged for the same date has been postponed.

Mise, le meas,

K. D. O'Connell
Runai Se.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Members Present: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan,
Councillors Sean Donnellan, P. Fahey, M. O'Flatharta, P.
T. Galvin, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon,
Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M.
Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, M.
O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, T. Welby.

Officials

Present: Mr. S. Keating, County Manager and Miss G. O'Grady, Acting
County Secretary.

658 - VOLE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman stated that the special meeting had been called so that members could pay tribute to the late Mr. Eamonn de Valera and he addressed the Council as follows:-

"The passing of Mr. De Valera marks the end of an heroic era in Irish history. He was one of the last survivors of the group who set out to establish the Irish Republic and in doing so were prepared to give their lives for their ideal. Eamonn De Valera has straddled the decades from the very first stirrings of a new cultural revival through a burgeoning struggle for National Independence and recognition throughout the troubled years of the early State, to become in turn, Government Leader, head of state, international figure and respected senior statesman. His contribution was unparalleled. No other man could have served his country more tirelessly and faithfully as a soldier first of all, and later as a democratically elected representative of the Irish people. In a short tribute of this kind it would be impossible to do justice to his many achievements for the Irish State. - His election for the first time in 1917 as a Sinn Fein candidate - one month after his release from jail, his entry to the Dail in 1927 as leader of a new Fianna Fail party which he had founded, his rejection of the Oath of Allegiance. In 1932 his election as Taoiseach of this country gave him an opportunity of putting into practice many of the things he had dreamed of i.e. the halving of the land annuities, the launching of a new housing drive, the taking back of the Irish ports from the British to mention but a few.

One of the things he will be remembered most for, particularly by the younger generation of Irishmen, was how he succeeded in steering our country on a neutral course through the Second World War. By doing this he saved our country from the ravages of war and saved our young men from the horrors of having to fight on the battlefields of Europe. His election as President of Ireland was the climax of a long career. The office was one which he had helped to institute under the Constitution of 1937.

He served in this office with distinction and during his term of office met many of the leading statesmen of the World. De Valera, throughout his long life, was a man of compassion and worked hard for the downtrodden and was true to the end to noble ideals."

He then proposed that the Council extend its sympathy to the relatives. Councillor O Morain seconded the Chairman's proposal after paying tribute to Mr. de Valera. The other members present joined in the tributes and expressions of sympathy and the County Manager expressed sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of all the Council's staff. He informed the meeting that a telegram expressing the sympathy of the Council and staff had been sent to Professor Maureen de Valera.

Sympathy was also extended to Councillor H. Melvin on the death of his brother.

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659 - DATES OF MEETINGS:

The following dates were fixed for Meetings:

- (a) Next ordinary meeting - Tuesday 23rd September, '75.
(b) Planning Meeting - Friday 10th October, 1975

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Tom Hussey
Chairman

27/10/75

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF COUNTY OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON MONDAY 25th AUGUST, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Members Present as per Attendance Book: Councillors S. Donnellan, M. Flaherty, P.J. Galvin, J. Joyce, M.P. Kitt, T.D., J. Molloy, P. Ruane and Senator J. Mannion.

RENEWAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MR. E. KING: It was proposed by Councillor S. Donnellan and seconded by Councillor P. Ruane and resolved:-

"That the appointment of Mr. E. King, as Clerk of the County Old Age Pensions Committee be renewed for a further period of six months from 1/10/1975"

The meeting then terminated.

Submitted, Approved & Confirmed

Tom Hussey
Chairman

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
Gaillimh.

16 Mean Fomhair, 1975.

CHUIG GACH BALL DE'N COMHAIRLE/

A Chara,

Iarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Chomhairle Condae na Gaillimhe a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Condae, Gaillimh ar DE MAIRT an 23ú 1a Mean Fomhair, 1975 ag 3.30 a chlog sa trathmona.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

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

"We will propose at the next meeting of Galway County Council that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955 that the County Manager be directed to grant outline Planning Permission to Miss Teresa Jackson, Church House, Nun's Island, Galway, for the erection of three dwelling houses in the Townland of Silverstrand Barna."

Signed: John Molloy, Sean Donnellan,
Robert Molloy, John Callanan.

2. Minutes.
3. Malicious Damage Decrees received (schedule attached).
4. Overdraft - quarter ended 31/12/'75.
5. Auditor's report on the accounts of the County Galway Committee of Agriculture for the four years ended 31st March, 1974.
6. Raising of loan of £1,000,000 for making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966.
7. Stradally Road at Clarenbridge/Kilcolgan - Minute No. 653 of meeting of 25th August, 1975.
8. Road through Pollnabron, Menlough - Minute No. 652 of meeting of 25th August, 1975.
9. Business submitted by County Manager.

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MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

10. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) That refuse collection at Oranmore be extended to include all houses at Frenchfort, Oranmore;
 - (ii) that public street lighting be provided at Oranmore from the village as far as the National School and the Factories at Glenascaul;
 - (iii) that the public water main at Ballybaan be extended a further 60 yds. as far as Mr. Bartley Daly's house.
11. Councillor G. Bartley: I will propose -
 - (i) That a full report be given on Local Improvement Scheme application for new bridge at Kylemore, Connemara, Co. Galway;
 - (ii) that Galway County Council proceed immediately with the black topping of Dogs Bay Road, Roundstone.
12. Councillor M. Kelly: I will ask -
 - (i) The Manager what steps the Council is taking in relation to pollution of the Corrib through the local rivers at the Tuam end (Clare and Nanny);
 - (ii) Council to re-introduce Council loans to purchasers of houses other than new houses.
13. Councillor P. Ruane: I will ask -
 - (i) When will the water from the main at Brierhill be extended as a Group Water Scheme to serve the villages of Ballintemple, Kiltulla and Carnmore West;I will propose -
 - (ii) that a telephone kiosk be erected around Cahertymore/Cussane area as there is no public 'phone within miles of this place.
14. Councillor J. Joyce: I will propose -
 - (i) That the removal of the dangerous derelict buildings in the Upper Square of Laurencetown near Tom Hanrahan's house be placed on the list of miscellaneous projects for 1976 as set out in circular letter ENV/8/75;
 - (ii) that the Laurencetown/Eyrecourt Group Water Scheme be considered for a special grant towards the cost of providing new pumps and supply of three-phase electricity;
 - (iii) that the Knocknagrena/Ferrsepark Group Water Scheme be taken over by the County Council.
15. Councillor J. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) That this Council extend the watermain on the Monivea Road to serve the villages of Ballintemple, Kiltulla, and Carnmore;I will ask -
 - (ii) what progress has been made re refuse collection for the following areas: Merlin Park; Ballybane; Ballybrit; Hazelwood; Two-Mile-Ditch; Menlo; Ballyfoyle; Carrabrown; Castlegar; and Brierhill.

16. Councillor Kilgannon: I will propose -

- (i) That provision be made in the 1976 Estimates for the easing of the bend at P. J. Costello's house, Clooncurreen, Menlough;
- (ii) that Galway County Council ask Galway Vocational Education Committee and the Department of Education to provide a Leaving Certificate course at St. Killian's Vocational School, New Inn.

17. Councillor Welby: I will propose -

- (i) That the County Council take over a road leading to Andy O'Connor's house, which also serves five other farmers and Board of Works, which had been repaired under L.I.S. No. 278/68;
- (ii) that the County Council seek a road grant for straightening the very dangerous bends beside the Oughterard Cemetery on the Maam Road;
I will ask -
- (iii) what progress has been made by the County Council with the Galway Corporation regarding the proposed extension of water mains from the urban to the adjacent rural areas of Ballagh, Tonabrocky, Keeraun, and Barnacranny.

18. Councillor N. Morgan: I will propose -

- (i) That Galway County Council negotiate with Irish Base Metals Ltd., Tynagh, Loughrea, with a view to purchasing the open-cast pit at Tynagh Mine, for the purpose of using same as a County Council dump, after the Mine has closed;
- (ii) that coping be placed along the roadways in Harrion Terrace, Portumna and that the potholes be filled in and that the back entrances to the south side of same Council Estate be restored;
- (iii) that Galway County Council provide water mains direct from Portumna Reservoir to St. Joseph's Road and to Killimor Road, Portumna, for the purpose of providing a water supply for St. Joseph's Road and Killimor Road Group Water Schemes, as this would avoid going through the town's mains, which appear to be already overburdened.

M A L I C I O U S D A M A G E D E C R E E S

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including Costs
Patrick Ryder, Dun-na-Mara Drive, Renmore.	Damage to Mobile Compressor	Borough of Galway	£134.96.	£191.23.
Very Rev. Archdeacon Glynn F.F.	Damage to School	do	£215.00.	£249.14.
Liptons Ltd., Shop Street, Galway.	Damage to Plate Glass Window	do	£75.00.	£113.14.
Michael Herewood, Green Acres, Bohermore.	Damage to Plate Glass Window and panelled door	do	£100.00.	£81.61.
Skeffington Arms Hotel, Galway.	Damage to Crest of Hotel	do	£51.00.	£93.53.
Michael Higgins, Ballagh, Bushypark, Galway.	Damage to Sailing Boat	do	£200.00.	£165.43.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

17/9/'75.

TO: Each Member of the Council/

Agenda - Council Meeting 23/9/75 - Additional Items.

A Chara,

The following additional matters will be considered at the meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday next 23rd September, 1975.

6(a) It is proposed to increase amount specified at (6) on the Agenda to £1,250,000 and also to apply for loan of £350,000 for housing grants.

8(a) Alteration in the pattern of rail services - Minute No. 644 of meeting of the 25/8/75 - copy of letter dated the 18th August, 1975 from Coras Iompair Éireann herewith.

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE
Runai Seal.

Coras Iompair Éireann

Mr. S. Keating,
County Manager,
County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

Office of the Area Manager
Central Station
Galway
Telephone Galway 244 52141
Telegrams Manager 2141 Galway

18th August 1975

Dear Sir,

Alteration in the Pattern of Rail Services

You will recall that last year CIE announced plans for the development of the Railways. These plans involve investment in the development of a number of major locations together with the phased withdrawal of services from smaller Stations.

The first phase of rationalisation and traffic withdrawal occurred on the 2nd December 1974. The second phase is scheduled to take effect as from the 3rd November 1975. Details of the Stations and traffics in your area which will be included in this second phase are attached.


The formal Statutory Notice in accordance with the Transport Act 1958 of our intention to withdraw traffics, will be published in Iris Oifigiúil and the Press at the end of the month. This letter is intended to give you advance notice of the proposed changes.

It should be noted that alternative road services are being provided as indicated on the attached sheet. Customers will be advised of details of these substitute services.

The development and investment programme is continuing side by side with the rationalization process. Major reconstruction and development is in progress at six Stations in the Western Area and investment in alteration and development of eight other locations has been completed. The level of investment in the Area since commencement of the programme last year is £1 million.

I shall be glad to give any further information you might require on hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,


C. MacGiolla Ri
Area Manager

CLOSURE OF SERVICES TO CERTAIN CLASSES OF TRAFFIC

STATION	TRAFFICS			SUSPENDED SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED
	EXISTING	TO BE WITHDRAWN	REMAINING	
DOUGHERA	Passenger Sundries Wagonload Livestock	Passenger Sundries Wagonload # Livestock	NIL	Passenger Daily Mon. to Sat. Omnibus Service. Sundries Daily Mon. to Fri. by road. Wagonload as required by road.
DUNSAIDIN	Passenger Sundries Wagonload	Passenger Sundries Wagonload	NIL	Passenger Daily Mon. to Sat. Omnibus Service.
ARTYMON	Passenger Sundries Wagonload	Sundries Wagonload	Passenger	Sundries 1 day per week by road. Wagonload as required by road.
BELLEVILLE SDC.	Beet	* Beet	NIL	
BALLYGLUNIN	Passenger Beet	* Beet	Passenger	

* Beet Services will terminate at the conclusion of the 1975 Season.

Livestock Traffic will be withdrawn completely from all C.I.E. Stations on 3rd November 1975.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Members Present:

As recorded in the Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, T. Byrne, Deputy F. Coogan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. O Flatharta, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator Mark Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials Present:

Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; Mr. J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer; Mr. M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; Mr. A. O'Gorman, Staff Officer and Mr. T. Kavanagh, Acting County Secretary.

660 - VOTE OF SYMPATHY:

The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. Stephen Jordan, Athenry former T.D. for North-East Galway. He paid tribute to the service Mr. Jordan had given to the county and to the manner in which he had distinguished himself as a G.A.A. referee and he proposed a vote of sympathy to his wife and family.

The Chairman also referred to the death of Garda Reynolds in such tragic circumstances and proposed a vote of sympathy to his wife and relatives

Senator Killilea seconded the Chairman's proposals and also paid tribute to both deceased. All other members of the Council present joined in the expression of sympathy and the County Manager expressed his sympathy on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff of the Council. The meeting then adjourned for a few minutes as a mark of respect.

661 - MINUTES:

On the proposition of Councillor Melvin seconded by Councillor Morgan, the Minutes of meeting held on 25th August, 1975 (Nos. 628 - 657) were approved and signed by the Chairman.

(AMENDMENT)

662 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE CITY & COUNTY MANAGEMENT/ACT, 1955:

The following motion under Section 4 of the City & County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955 of which notice had already been given to the members was considered by the Council:

"We will propose at the next meeting of Galway County Council that in accordance with Section 4 of the City and County Management Act, 1955 that the County Manager be directed to grant outline Planning Permission to Miss Teresa Jackson, Church House, Nun's Island, Galway, for the erection of three dwelling houses in the townland of Silverstrand, Barna."

The County Manager said that the Planning Application the subject of the motion related to a site on the road leading to Silverstrand. He said there were four previous applications on the site all of which were refused by the County Council. The Council's decisions on three of the applications were appealed to the Minister for Local Government and all three were refused on appeal. The most recent application (No. 19025) was refused by the County Council on the 18th April, 1975 for the following reasons:

1. "The lands proposed to be developed are in the coastal amenity zone of the Knocknacarra Development area where it is the policy of the Planning Authority to protect the visual and environmental amenities of the area and preserve it free from further residential development. The proposed development would conflict with this policy which is expressed in the Knocknacarra Development Plan.
2. The proposed development would contravene previous decisions of the Minister for Local Government in respect of lands which include this site - Planning reference Nos.: PL 7/5/24127 and PL 7/5/18984."

It was also refused on appeal and the reason given was:

"The proposed development located in an unserviced area outside the development areas of Barna and Knocknacarragh and along a road giving access to the beach at Silver Strand would be contrary to the proper planning and development of the area which requires that the site would be reserved for inclusion in an amenity development zone free from further residential development."

The County Manager said that it was proposed to refuse the current application (20183) on similar grounds. Councillor Holland said that he did not see any objection to the proposed houses and they would not interfere with any view there might be to the sea. Councillor Molloy, seconding, said that there was already a caravan park on an adjacent site which would be more objectionable than houses. Councillor Welby also supported the motion.

The Chairman declared the motion passed unanimously.

The County Manager then said that if, in his opinion, granting of permission would constitute a material contravention of the Plan, the sanction of the Minister would be necessary before permission could be granted.

663 - SHIP ON ROCKS AT BLACKROCK, SALTHILL:

With the permission of the Chairman, Councillor Welby referred to the ship which has been grounded on the rocks at Blackrock for some time. He said that he had been asked by the people of Spiddal, Barna and other areas to draw attention to this matter and to the serious position which would result if the ship broke up during the coming winter. He said that there was a grave danger that oil from the ship could pollute the sea and foreshore along the bay and asked if the County Council proposed to do anything about it.

The County Manager said that he was aware that a number of unsuccessful attempts had been made during the summer to re-float the ship and the owners may now be waiting for a high tide before making another attempt. He said that from the investigations which he had carried out, he was satisfied that any oil on the ship, if there was any, would not cause any problem in the event of the ship breaking up. The owners had been advised as to their liability in the event of any clean-up operation being necessary.

Councillor Donnellan said that the matter was being actively pursued by the Harbour Board.

664 - MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES:

The schedule of Malicious Damage Decrees circulated to the members were noted.

665 - OVERDRAFT FOR QUARTER ENDING 31/12/'75:

The County Manager said that it was estimated that an overdraft of £1,000,000 would be required for the quarter ending 31/12/'75.

It was proposed by Councillor Ryan seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved:

"that subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government, overdraft accommodation not exceeding £1,000,000 be borrowed on the Council's Revenue Account for the quarter ending 31/12/'75."

666 - AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE GALWAY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE FOR 4 YEARS ENDED 31/3/'74:

The Auditor's report on the Accounts of the County Galway Committee of Agriculture for the four years ended 31st March, 1974 were noted.

667 - RAISING OF LOAN OF £1,250,000 FOR MAKING ADVANCES UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966 AND LOAN OF £350,000 FOR HOUSING GRANTS UNDER SECTIONS 26 & 29 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne and seconded by Councillor Fahey and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £1,250,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for making advances under Section 39 of the Housing Act, 1966, the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne seconded by Councillor Fahey and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £350,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purposes of making grants under sections 26 - 29 of the Housing Act, 1966, the loan to be repayable by annuity over a period of 25 years with interest at the rate in force at the date/issue of the loan to the Council."

The County Manager said that the figures of £1,250,000 and £350,000 were the amounts estimated to cover the Council's requirements for Housing Loans and Grants for a twelve month period.

A discussion followed in regard to the Housing capital allocation for 1975.

Councillor O Morain said that people who expected to be re-housed this year and who would not be re-housed should be written to by the Council and advised of the position. Councillor Fahey agreed with Councillor O Morain and added that payment of housing loans to many people was held up because of the lack of finance. Councillor Morgan said that there was a big improvement in the output of houses now compared with the past. The Chairman did not think it was necessary to write to applicants as they would hold their position on the priority list.

Deputy Molloy said that at least those people who had been promised demountable dwellings and who would not get them this year should be told.

Councillor Kelly asked that his motion No. 12(4) on the Agenda be taken at this stage and this was agreed. He asked that house purchase loans be re-introduced for houses other than new houses. He saw no reason why loans should not be made available where suitable second-hand houses came on the market which would not be nearly as expensive as new houses. He was supported by Deputy Cogan and Senator Killilea.

The County Manager said that the making available of loans for previously occupied houses was restricted by a condition in the capital allocation notification which read as follows:

"Loans for previously occupied houses should be made only to borrowers who are unable to obtain loans from commercial agencies and whose circumstances would otherwise necessitate their being re-housed by the local authority."

The County Manager said that the Council does consider applications for loans for second-hand houses but that applicants would have to come within the criteria laid down by the Department.

Senator Killilea said that if an applicant was eligible for a new house loan he should similarly qualify for a loan for a previously occupied house.

Councillors Ryan and Kilgannon also agreed that loans for second-hand houses should be made available by the County Council as was the case with private lending agencies.

Councillors Fahey and Glynn complained of the delay in paying house loans and Councillor Glynn said that in one case this resulted in one applicant having to pay over £700 in interest to the bank. Councillor Glynn also said that the legal fees charged in respect of housing loan transactions were very high.

The County Manager said that the fees charged by the Council's solicitor on loan transactions were on a taxed cost basis. As regards loans for second-hand houses there would be no problem in this respect if there was unlimited finance available but the present policy was as set out in the Department's circular with the idea of conserving finances as far as possible for new house construction.

It was agreed to put an item on the Agenda for the next meeting to fix a date for the next Housing Committee Meeting.

668 - ALTERATION IN THE PATTERN OF RAIL SERVICES:

The Chairman referred to Minute No. 644 of meeting of the 25th August, 1975 wherein the Council decided to invite a representative of C.I.E. and Mr. Lynch, County Development Officer to address the Council in relation to the withdrawal of services from some stations. He then welcomed Mr. Lynch, County Development Officer and Mr. Mac Giolla Ri of C.I.E. who was accompanied by Mr. Smithwick. The Chairman explained the Council's grave concern over the withdrawal of services and pointed out the hardships that would result. He said that C.I.E.'s economic programme seemed to affect the West of Ireland very harshly and hoped that even if the proposals did go ahead, that at least the railway lines would be preserved. Mr. Mac Giolla Ri then addressed the meeting as follows:

"I would like to thank the Council for this opportunity of attending and explaining C.I.E.'s thinking in relation to the proposals to withdraw traffics from stations in County Galway.

Last year, C.I.E. announced a £27½ million Railway Development Programme involving investment in the development of a number of locations throughout the Country and the provision of modern rolling stock and freight handling facilities. Side by side with this development programme it was necessary to implement a programme of rationalisation whereby freight services to more lightly used stations would be discontinued on a phased basis. The first phase was implemented towards the end of 1974 and the second phase, about which we are now concerned, is scheduled for implementation on 3rd November next.

The proposals are in line with the general concepts outlined in the McKinsey Report of 1971, following publication of which C.I.E. undertook its own studies which indicated that financial improvement could only be achieved by fundamental alterations and modernisation of existing systems both for passenger and freight business.

The studies showed that of the existing freight traffic pattern over 90% of the tonnage is handled by 60 out of the 142 stations open to freight at the moment. The modernisation programme aims to substitute the slow mixed goods trains of the present day with special fast block trains designed to cater efficiently for different types of traffic, e.g. bulk cement, palletised cement, fertiliser, bulk oil, general containers, etc. It is impossible to achieve this form of efficient fast working and to service a large number of lightly used stations, hence the need for rationalisation. The modernisation programme is designed to enable the Railway to work within a contained level of deficit.

It is planned that activities and investment be concentrated into a lesser number of more highly productive locations equipped with modern mechanical handling facilities.

The alternative to continuing with the modernisation and rationalisation programme is scarcely acceptable either to C.I.E. or to the nation as a whole because it will involve a continuing escalation of the Company's annual subvention which has been increasing annually.

The Railway is basically unsuited and an uneconomic means of transportation for small lots over short hauls. The Railway of the future will concentrate on the carriage of large consignments over long distances. This policy should have the effect of diversing the long haul heavy freight from the major trunk roads onto the rail and leaving only the subsidiary smaller load distribution to be done over the secondary road network. In the case of all of the stations in Co. Galway scheduled for traffic withdrawals as from 3rd November next, it is worth bearing in mind the busiest of them handles no more than five average lorry loads of traffic per week and some of them handle less than one lorry load of traffic per week. It can be appreciated that this scale of operation does not lend itself to economical working.

C.I.E.'s plan for the Development of the Railways takes cognisance of the role an efficient railway system can play in the national and local economy. It has been suggested that the withdrawal of rail facilities from smaller stations will inhibit the development of the area served by these stations. In this connection it should be noted that C.I.E. has given a definite commitment that the track facilities will not be removed from these stations. This means that in the event of business materialising which can be economically handled by rail, it will be possible to re-provide the necessary facilities at any of the Stations from which traffic is about to be withdrawn.

Dealing with the passenger services on the Attymon/Loughrea Branch, throughout the year as a whole we carry on average 9 passengers per journey. This represents approximately 20% of a bus load.

In all, the jobs of 12 staff will be affected by the changes in County Galway. Consultation is already taking place between C.I.E. and the Trade Unions representing the staff affected, with a view to making mutually acceptable arrangements for the resettlement of the staff. It is also worth mentioning that no member of the staff will be required to leave C.I.E.'s employment against his/her will as a result of the proposed changes. On the question of service, CIE is providing an adequate alternative service in all cases which they are confident will be fully capable of servicing the traffic on offer. Insofar as the Attymon, Dunsandle, Loughrea present rail passenger service is concerned, we have worked out a series of substitute road passenger services which provide as good and in some cases an improved level of service.

The substitute Road Freight services which will be provided will all be undertaken by existing CIE or Contractors' lorries and there will, therefore, be no significant increase in vehicles on the road networks affected.

The positive aspects of CIE's plans must also be taken into consideration. To date CIE has invested over £1 million in developing and modernising rail locations in the West of Ireland to provide modern efficient freight handling stations at the major locations. This programme will continue on a somewhat similar scale for the next 4 to 5 years. When the programme has been fully implemented it is hoped that the Railway will be a basically efficient one which will be attractive to existing and potential customers who want a Railway which can do an efficient job for them.

CIE activities in County Galway are on a par with the biggest firms in the County. There are 750 people on the CIE payroll in County Galway and salary payments circulating in the County amount to close on £2 million per annum. As a business concern which also has its national and social obligations CIE is as subject as any other organisation to the pressures to change, adapt, and modernise, otherwise it runs the risk of becoming obsolete and is faced eventually with going out of business. The present development plans are designed to enable CIE remain competitive and provide a modern service to the community.

In concluding, I would like to reassure the Council that CIE is full committed to preserving and developing the Railway so as to provide a reasonable and efficient network which would allow for the future movement of people between centres of population and which would provide for the efficient distribution of goods transported by rail. The present rationalisation programme is directed towards this end!

Mr. Mac Giolla Ri assured the members that the railway lines and buildings would be left intact and this was welcomed by the members. Mr. Mac Giolla Ri said that he would endeavour to deal with any questions which the members would like to put to him.

Councillor Morgan said that he could not understand CIE's policy. CIE had refused to leave empty wagons in Loughrea which could be used by dealers in the mart when required. He said that CIE charged twice as much as private hauliers and suppliers in Loughrea town had to use their own machinery to take materials from the wagons. Under the new arrangements all goods will have to go into Galway and be taken back by road to Loughrea.

Councillor Haverly referred to a contract which Milchem Minerals had with CIE which did not materialise thereby forcing heavy lorries onto roads which were not capable of taking them.

Councillor Kilgannon asked what was CIE's role in the future and said that CIE did not seem to be doing much to encourage people to use CIE transport. He said that it was wrong that Ballinasloe station should be downgraded and hoped that Woodlawn station would be retained for passengers.

Councillor O Morain said that the discussion should not be limited to the present closures and that the issue was much broader. He referred to the sale of the three CIE hotels at Sligo, Bundoran and Mulranny. He said there were two CIE hotels in Galway city serving a very important function and hoped that they would continue to be run by CIE.

Deputy Kitt also enquired about CIE's role in the future and said that enough was not being done to promote CIE's activities.

Mr. Mac Giolla Ri then replied to the Councillors questions.

He said that the idea of making available empty wagons in Loughrea was a very uneconomic proposition as they were idle most of the time. As regards CIE's charges for haulage, he said that their quotations were a question of fact. CIE had very large overheads including wages, staff schemes, pensions etc. In connection with Councillor Haverly's question about Milchem Minerals, Mr. Mac Giolla Ri said that he could not go into detail on this. CIE had made a very competitive offer. As regards the replacement of workers, every emphasis would be laid on the human situation.

In relation to CIE's role in the future he said that CIE had a social obligation but this could be said to be limited to where the Government is asked to pay for the social aspect of it. CIE is always under pressure to balance its books taking into account the Government's subvention. CIE has also a competitive commercial role and Galway city and county can be said to be doing well in this respect in that it has the greatest number of express buses in operation.

In reply to Councillor Kilgannon's question about Ballinasloe station, he said that Ballinasloe was scheduled for secondary investment while Athlone was chosen for primary investment. Woodlawn station would continue to operate for passengers. On the question of CIE hotels, Mr. Mac Giolla Ri said that he was not in a position to go into discussion on this subject.

In reply to a question from Senator Killilea, Mr. Mac Giolla Ri said that the policy of CIE in relation to the transport of beet has been conveyed to the Government.

Mr. Mac Giolla Ri then distributed details of the alternative arrangements which CIE is providing.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Mac Gilla Ri for attending the meeting and for the information which he had given to the members.

Mr. C. Lynch, County Development Officer then addressed the meeting. He said that the County Development Team was primarily concerned with the employment situation and the effect the proposed withdrawals of services would have on industry. He had a meeting with Mr. Mac Giolla Ri and many of the questions he put to him had already been answered by Mr. Mac Giolla Ri. He was assured that in the event of new industry coming to Galway requiring rail facilities, that CIE would provide the facilities where the transport involved would economically justify a rail operation. He was assured that no loss of jobs would result and that the railway lines would continue to be maintained. He said that prospective industrialists would be told that rail services are available where such transport would be viable.

669 - STRADBALLY ROAD AT CLARENBRIDGE/KILCOLGAN:

The County Manager referred to Minute No. 653 of meeting of 25th August, 1975 in relation to a Notice of Motion in the name of Councillor T. Byrne that the sharp corners in the Stradbally road as it leads off the Clarenbridge/Kilcolgan road be eased and said that these bends could be eased at a cost of £500.

670 - ROAD THROUGH POLLNABRONE, MENLOUGH:

The County Manager referred to Minute No. 652 of meeting of 25th August, 1975 in relation to a Notice of Motion in the name of Deputy Kitt, that the Council blacktop the road through Pollnabrone, Menlough. He said that this road is not included for blacktopping in the Estimates for 1976 but it will be considered on its merits at the preparation of estimates for 1977.

671 - BUSINESS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY MANAGER:

Deputation to Minister in connection with Capital allocations:

The County Manager told the meeting that he had received a communication from the Department of Local Government saying that Mr. Tully, Minister for Local Government was agreeable to receive a deputation from Galway County Council to discuss the allocations to the Council for Roads, Housing and Sanitary Services and asked the Council to suggest a suitable date. The Council had already agreed that the deputation would consist of all the T.D.s and Senators for the county together with Councillors P. Fahey, M. J. Kilgannon, T. Welby, N. Morgan, M. O. Merain, P. McCormack and Councillor F. Glynn. It was agreed that Friday 17th October at 2.30 p.m. would be the most suitable date for the deputation. It was also agreed that the deputation should meet before going on the deputation and it was agreed that they would meet at 2.30 p.m. before the Roads Estimates Meeting on the 29th September.

672 - CONFERENCE ON WESTERN DEVELOPMENT:

The County Manager told the members that it was proposed to hold a Conference in Westport entitled "Conference on Western Development within Europe" sponsored by the Westport Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Conference was taking place on the 3rd, 4th and 5th October, 1975 and he said some of the members might like to attend. It was agreed that the Chairman and Councillors Joyce and Kilgannon would attend.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

673 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR FRENCHFORT, ORANMORE:

Deputy Molloy was informed that it was not possible with the present fleet to undertake the collection of refuse at Frenchfort, Oranmore. The position in regard to the county as a whole is being reviewed in connection with the preparation of annual estimates for 1976.

Councillor Melvin supported Deputy Molloy's motion.

673 - PUBLIC LIGHTING AT NATIONAL SCHOOL, ORANMORE & FACTORIES AT GLENASCAUL:

Deputy Molloy was informed that the provision of street lighting to the National School at Oranmore is recommended and will be considered for the 1976 programme. The provision of public lighting to the factory areas at Glenascaul should be deferred until road improvements there are completed.

674 - EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN AT BALLYBANE:

Deputy Molloy was informed that funds were not available to carry out this extension under the present contract but it could be considered under the next stage of the scheme (Ballybrit Reservoir).

675 - L.I.S. APPLICATION FOR NEW BRIDGE AT KYLEMORE:

Councillor Bartley was informed that work on this bridge and approach road was now proceeding satisfactorily and that the scheme included road works to a point 50 metres west of the bridge.

676 - BLACKTOPPING OF DOG'S BAY ROAD, ROUNDSTONE:

Councillor Bartley was informed that this work was the subject of an application under the Local Improvements Scheme No. 178/71. The scheme was No. 7 on the Priority List for the Clifden area.

677 - POLLUTION OF THE CORRIE:

Councillor Kelly was informed that consultants are presently preparing a design for a new sewerage treatment plant for Tuam and it is anticipated that this scheme would commence in 1976 subject to availability of funds.

The County Manager said that the employment of technicians was being considered for water pollution detection work and this matter would come up again in the forthcoming estimates for 1976.

678 - EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN AT BRIERHILL:

Councillor Ruane was informed that the water supply was available from the Galway city main at Breanloughane and a design was awaited from the Group.

679 - TELEPHONE KIOSK AT CANDREYMORE - CUSSANE AREA:

Councillor Ruane was informed that the Council was still awaiting information on costs from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs regarding the provision of telephone kiosks under guarantee by local authorities and in the light of this the motion was adjourned.

680 - DANGEROUS BUILDINGS AT LAURENCETOWN:

Councillor Joyce was informed that a report would be available on this subject for the October meeting.

681 - LAURENCETOWN/DYRECCOURT GROUP WATER SCHEME:

Councillor Joyce was informed that the E.S.B. is satisfied that the present single phase electricity supply is adequate for three No. 5 horse-powered motors which should be sufficient for the demand for this scheme which is estimated at 58,000 gallons per day. A report should be submitted from the E.S.B. for examination as to the cause of the present pump failures.

682 - KNOCKNAGREENA/FERRISPARK GROUP WATER SUPPLY SCHEME:

Councillor Kilgannon supported Councillor Joyce's motion that the Knocknagreena/Ferrisparck Group Water Supply Scheme be taken over by the County Council. The County Manager stated that this scheme is supplied from Ballinasloe Urban District Council mains and includes a pump and pressure system. The supply is subject to an agreement with Ballinasloe Urban District Council. The taking over of the scheme would be further considered on receipt of an application from the Group.

683 - EXTENSION OF WATERMAIN ON THE MONIVEA ROAD:

Councillor J. Molloy was informed that the Council had no plans to extend the watermain on the Monivea road but permission has been granted for a Group Water Supply Scheme to connect to the main to serve the villages of Ballintemple, Kiltulla and Carnmore. A design for the Group Scheme is awaited.

684 - REFUSE COLLECTION FOR MERLIN PARK, BALLYBANE, BALLYBRIT ETC.:

Councillor J. Molloy was informed that these areas are recommended for refuse collection but the vehicle for the north riding is fully employed at present. Consideration must now be given to the provision of a fourth vehicle. This would be considered in conjunction with the forthcoming year's estimates.

685 - EASING OF BEND AT CLOONCURREEN, MENLOUGH:

The County Manager said that he had not got a report on this matter for the meeting but that he would inform Councillor Kilgannon of the position.

686 - LEAVING CERTIFICATE COURSE AT ST. KILLIAN'S VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, NEW INN:

Councillor Kilgannon said that at present students were able to take the Intermediate Certificate examination at St. Killian's Vocational School, New Inn, but that if they wished to pursue their studies further, they would have to change to another school. This was not in the best interests of the pupils. The school itself was an excellent one and the village as a whole would benefit if the Leaving Certificate course was provided.

Councillor Joyce supported Councillor Kilgannon saying that when pupils had to change schools it caused a lot of problems as regards transport etc. and the Leaving Certificate course should be provided in New Inn.

Councillor Sean Donnellan, Chairman of the Galway Vocational Education Committee, said that the Committee had been pressing for a long time for the Leaving Certificate course at St. Killian's Vocational School. The Department of Education refused the course but the Committee would continue to press for it.

687 - TAKING OVER OF ROAD LEADING TO ANDY O'CONNOR'S HOUSE:

Councillor Welby was informed that this road now qualifies for taking over and arrangements are being made to have it included in the list of L.I.S. roads.

688 - REMOVAL OF BENDS BESIDE THE OUGHTERARD CEMETERY:

Councillor Welby was informed that as this road is a national secondary road, the allocation of grants is a matter for the Department of Local Government.

689 - EXTENSION OF GALWAY CITY WATER SUPPLY TO BALLAGH, TONABRUCKEY, KIERAN AND BARNACRANNY:

Councillor Welby was informed that contract drawing had been received for this extension but work cannot proceed until the Corporation reservoir at Clifton Hill and the new rising main across the Corrib have been completed.

690 - USE OF OPEN-CAST PIT AT TYNAGH MINES FOR COUNTY COUNCIL DUMPING:

Councillor Morgan was informed that this matter will be examined in the near future and a report will be submitted in due course.

691 - HOUSES AT MARIAN TERRACE, PORTUMNA:

Councillor Morgan was informed that a report would be available on this matter for the October meeting.

Councillor Morgan stated that these houses previously had back entrances.

692 - WATERMAIN TO SERVE ST. JOSEPH'S ROAD & KILLIMOR ROAD, PORTUMNA:

Councillor Morgan was informed that in view of the fact that twenty four hours per day pumping is required to maintain the town's supply, a connection direct from the reservoir cannot be recommended. A preliminary report has been received for (a) Portumna Regional Waste Supply Scheme (b) Portumna Water Supply Improvement Scheme. These reports are being examined by the Council.

693 - E.E.C. REGIONAL FUND:

The following resolution from Donegal County Council was endorsed by the meeting:

"That all monies from the Regional Development Fund be allotted to the individual projects in the designated areas and should be paid in addition to normal State Grants."

694 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy with the following: were adopted

- Mrs. Greene, Rusheen a chaladh, Carna.
- Mrs. Annie Mitchell, Derrylissane West, Mealcough, Ballinasloe.
- Patrick & Sarah Neill, Annagh, Ballynacward, Ballinasloe.
- Edward Raftery, Mount Evans, Woodlawn, Ballinasloe.
- Prof. E. C. Nuallain, University College, Galway.
- Mr. & Mrs. James Lohan, Cloonkeen, Toomard, Ballinasloe.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

[Signature]

 Chairman
 27/10/75

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH
24u Mean Fomhair, 1975.

TO: EACH MEMBER OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a Special Meeting of a Committee of the entire Council at County Buildings, Galway on Monday next the 29th September, 1975 at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

T. KAVANAGH
Runai Seal.

A G E N D A

1. Roads Estimate 1976 - copy herewith.
2. Members motions deferred during the year to the estimates meeting - List herewith.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD IN COMMITTEE ON 29TH SEPTEMBER, 1975 AT COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY
TO CONSIDER THE ROADS ESTIMATE.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Members Present: As per Attendance Book.

Councillors U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverly, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors E. Melvin, J. Molloy, N. Morgan, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, T. Welby.

Officials Present:

Mr. S. Keating, County Manager; Mr. J. Kowlett, Acting Asst. County Manager; Mr. C. A. Warner, County Engineer
Messrs. J. Silke, H. Finnegan and K. Hayes, Chief Assistant County Engineers; Mrs. P. Monahan and Mr. B. Gannon, Staff Officers; Miss C. Kennedy, Clerical Officer and Mr. T. Kavanagh who acted as Secretary to the meeting.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

695. ROADS ESTIMATE FOR 1976:

The Estimate of expenses for roads as prepared by the County Engineer had been circulated to the members together with explanatory tables and lists of Councillors' proposals and a statement from the County Manager dated 23rd September, 1975.

The County Manager referred to his statement and said that the Council was faced with a serious problem as regards financing road services for the coming year. In preparing his Estimate, the County Engineer allowed for inflation at the rate of 25% and for improvement works on main and county roads. This would result in an increase of £499,595 to be met from rates over the 1975 figure, representing an increase of 81.742p in £ for road services which is a very substantial figure.

The County Manager drew attention to the following items in the Estimate to be met from rates:

(a) Main Road Improvement Works	-	£44,500
(b) County Road Improvement Works	-	£133,164
(c) A sum of £62,736 included in the figure of £272,448 for County Road surface dressing	-	£62,736

These items alone amount to £240,400 representing a rate of approximately 41p in £ and even if they were omitted, a rate increase of approximately 40p in £ would still be required. The estimates allowed for an anticipated increase in the Block Grant from £264,456 in the current year to £300,000 for 1976. The County Manager stated that there was no provision in the programme of works for proposals submitted by Councillors and pointed out that the roads estimate did not provide for increases in salaries, wages and other costs affecting the road service but not shown as directly attributable to road works.

In reply to Deputy Callanan, the County Manager stated that apart from the 25% allowed for inflation generally, no specific provision had been made for increases in oil prices.

Councillor Kilgannon referred to the decision made at last year's estimates meeting not to carry out some works and said that it might have been a bad decision as those works would cost a lot more now.

Senator Killilea suggested that they go through each page of the Estimates. The Chairman agreed with this, adding that an increase of 8lp in the £ was very serious.

Following a discussion on National Primary Road surface dressing, Councillor Byrne suggested that the members proceed to consider the estimate for Main and County Roads and Councillors' proposals and that they should first decide what increase in rates they are prepared to tolerate.

In reply to questions about the Block Grant, which covers improvement and up-keep of Main roads and improvement of County Roads, the County Engineer stated that the Department had given no increase in this grant over the past few years.

Councillor Haverty stated that portion of the Killimor/Eyrecourt road was in extremely bad condition on account of the long dry spell and asked about its repair.

The County Engineer said that it could be repaired out of maintenance monies.

Councillor S. Donnellan said that more attention should be given to hedge trimming on County Roads.

Councillor Morgan proposed the adoption of the total estimate as prepared by the County Engineer.

In reply to Councillor Glynn, the County Manager stated that he could give no indication for the total rate increase for 1976, but that the views of the Councillors as expressed at the meeting would be of assistance to him in compiling the estimates for roads and other services in their final form.

During the course of further discussion, Councillor Joyce stated that he would not be in favour of reducing the provision of £89,000 for Main Road Improvement Works and said that top priority should be given to making these roads safe. He referred in particular to the Ballinasloe/Portumna road.

Deputy Callanan stated that it was important that the improvement of the Ballinasloe/Shannonbridge road be completed as proposed in the Estimates and objected to a proposal by Councillor Byrne that the three items totalling £240,400 be deleted.

The members next considered the County Road Improvement works Estimate of £196,933, $\frac{2}{3}$ of which will be met from rates. It was explained that all the expenditure proposed would be spent on blacktopping.

In reply to Councillor Morgan, the County Engineer stated that the County Roads selected for blacktopping were selected on the basis of need and on representations from Councillors and that if it was proposed to reduce the figure of £196,933 it would be necessary to draw up a new list of roads omitting some, rather than reducing them all proportionately. A number of Councillors agreed that blacktopping was important and Councillor Byrne suggested that rather than reducing the estimate for blacktopping/new County Roads, the Council should cut down on expenditure proposed on surface dressing main and County Roads which are already surface-dressed. Councillor Joyce agreed with Councillor Byrne.

The County Engineer did not agree with this suggestion.

Following further discussion, the Council asked the County Engineer to re-examine the list of County Roads listed for surface dressing costing £209,712 to see if a reduction could be effected.

The County Manager stated that there was no provision in the Roads Estimates for the improvement of the road from Galway to Carna.

THE MEETING THEN TERMINATED.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

Tom Murray
Chairman

27/10/75

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(Galway County Council)

Cifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

6 Deire Fomhair, 1975.

Chuibh Gach Bhaill de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Friday next 10th October, 1975 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. To resume consideration of the County Development Plan.
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COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE.
(GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL)

Secretary's Office,
County Buildings,
GALWAY.

7th October, 1975.

TO/ EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

Agenda - Council Meeting 10/10/1975 - Additional Item.

A Chara,

The following additional item will be considered at the meeting of the Council to be held on Friday next 10th October, 1975.

2. To fix date of Estimates Meeting

Mise, le meas,

K. DOYLE.
RUNAI SEAL.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

Also Present:

Members: Councillor T. Byrne, Deputies J. Callanan and J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, Frank Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors N. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. S. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; R. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant; B. Callagy, Chief Assistant (Planning); W. A. Cahill, Acting Chief Assistant (Planning); L. Kavanagh, Planning Assistant; T. Fleming, Draughtsman; T. O'Neill, Staff Officer; K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary, Miss M. Fallon, Planning Assistant and Miss C. Burke, Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

696 - ESTIMATES MEETINGS:

It was agreed that a preliminary meeting to preview the estimate of expenses for 1976 would be held on the Tuesday 21st instant and that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on Friday 31st instant.

697 - APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO CONFERENCE OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES OF EUROPEAN PERIPHERAL REGIONS:

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne ^{and} seconded by Deputy Donnellan that Councillor McCormack be appointed as the Council's delegate to the Conference.

It was proposed by Councillor Welby, seconded by Deputy Callanan that Councillor Sean Donnellan, vice-chairman be appointed as the Council's delegate to the Conference.

Subsequently, Councillor Byrne withdrew his proposal and Councillor Sean Donnellan was appointed as the Council's delegate.

698 - CONFERENCE ON OFF-SHORE OIL - 29TH/30TH OCTOBER, 1975 AT LEISURELAND, GALWAY:

It was agreed that the following members would represent the Council at the Conference:

Councillors Morgan, Welby, Ryan, Raftery, Haverty, Joyce & Galvin.

699 - DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR SCHEDULED TOWNS:

The County Manager stated that development plans for the scheduled towns had been prepared and that in accordance with normal practice, the Councillors for each area would be given copies of the plans for examination and that a meeting would then be arranged for the representatives of each area at which officials of the Council would attend and explain the plans.

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With regard to plans for Tuam and Loughrea it is proposed having the first meeting of the committee with members of the Council and officials and a later meeting would then be held with the members and the Town Commissioners for each area jointly.

The Council approved this suggestion.

700 - PRIOR NOTICES ON PLANNING DECISIONS:

Deputy Callanan stated that on two occasions recently he had asked for prior notice of the Council's intention with regard to planning application but that he did not receive it in time to have a Section 4 Notice submitted to the Council, if he in fact, wished to do so and he requested that some arrangement should be made whereby sufficient notice could be given to Councillors so that they could avail of the provisions of Section 4 of the 1955 Act.

The County Manager stated that the officials do all they can to give advance notice of intended decisions, particularly if a refusal is contemplated. He stated however, that he would look into it again and he apologised to Deputy Callanan for the omission to give him sufficient notice on those two occasions.

701 - ORANMORE DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

A memorandum prepared by the Chief Planning Assistant together with the relevant map was circulated to each member of the Council setting out problems which had arisen in connection with the implementation of the Council's ^{previous} decision regarding the Development Plan for Oranmore. It was agreed that the matter would come up for discussion later.

702 - RESUMED CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:

The County Manager referred to the amendment of Paragraph C of Table No. 7 area No. 1 of the written report by the County Council at its meeting on 14/7/75 to the extent that the area of land for a single site should be reduced from 3 acres to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre and that the frontage be reduced from 500 ft. to 75 ft. and suggested that to implement this the Council might consider fixing some limit to the number of houses which could be erected in a stretch of any one mile of road. He suggested that this might be done by providing that the number of developments on any mile of road should not exceed say, 20 but that the area or frontage as decided at the meeting on 14/7/75 need not be altered.

Councillor Morgan stated that this might not work very well and he suggested instead that it could be specified as, say, a limit of 5 developments per $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

The County Manager stated that this might be possible as the whole idea is to provide for separation between developments.

Councillor Fahey welcomed the County Manager's suggestion and he stated that it allowed certain protection from the undesirable elements which the Planning Officer had previously feared and he asked that the Council agree to the County Manager's suggestion.

Councillor Morgan then proposed that the County Manager's suggestion be agreed to subject to the amendment that the number of developments be limited to 5 per $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

Councillor Fahey seconded Councillor Morgan's proposal.

In reply to Councillor McCormack, the County Manager stated that existing houses would be taken into account in dealing with the question of density.

Councillor Ryan suggested that a problem might arise say, when development occurs on a road between two villages, say 3 miles apart, which could be built up under the terms of the decision made by the Council. As an alternative, he suggested that building be allowed on the by-roads between the such two villages on a type of horseshoe development in order to eliminate excessive building on main roads.

Deputy Callanan stated that he did not believe that there will be 20 developments per mile on roads and he did not see the necessity for Councillor Morgan's proposal.

The County Manager referred to Table No. 6 on page 36 of the Written Report which sets out alternative choices which are open to people in this area who would be entitled to build houses in villages, hamlets and city environs without the restrictions which are now being discussed. He pointed out that the restrictions would apply only to the limitation of 20/developments per mile in the areas outside those villages and hamlets.

Councillor Byrne suggested that a specified road frontage would be preferable to an overall limitation of 20 developments per mile.

The County Manager repeated that the purpose of his suggestion was to implement the decision of the Council at the meeting on 14th July and to avoid having every road being built up. It was suggested that the Council operate on the basis of a limitation of 20 developments per mile to reduce continuous ribbon building.

Mr. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant stated that the proposals in the written statement and the review report were an effort to encourage people to settle in the villages where services would be more readily available and that the purpose of setting this out clearly in the plan was to give advance notice to people as to where they might expect planning permissions to be granted and the limitations which might affect them if they intended to build outside the villages and hamlets.

Deputy Callanan proposed that the Council adhere to its decision at the previous meeting and that no limitation be placed on number of developments.

Deputy Molloy seconded Deputy Callanan's proposal.

The County Manager stated that his suggestion was an effort to ensure that persons who build houses in rural areas will not have other houses built close to their dwelling houses and he asked the Council to consider that it would not be any advantage to a person to go to live in a rural area if houses were to be built quite close to him in the rural area. He stated that to impose no limit would not be a plan at all.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the 75 ft. frontage agreed at the previous meeting expressed the wishes of the people and he stated that the Council should adhere to that decision.

The County Manager stated that as soon as such development occurs the Council will have a demand for services for those houses, but what in fact is being allowed is suburban development in a rural area and that the Council might as well write into the plan that no controls are being exercised.

Councillor Fahey referred to map No. 7 on the review report after page 23 which set out particulars of planning applications received and he pointed out that to apply the densities agreed without any restrictions would amount to allowing a flood of applications without any control. He suggested that to bring together both the views of the planning authority and of the members with regard to the size of sites which was discussed at the meeting on 14/7/75, the Council should agree to the limitation of 20 per mile and he stated that this would be giving a fair chance to every person who wanted

to get a site of a reasonable size and still retain the principles of planning.

Deputy Molloy objected to the introduction of what he called a new principle into the Development Plan whereby development would be controlled on the basis of so many developments per mile as he considered it impracticable to determine density on this basis.

Senator Killilea stated that the decision of the Council at its previous meeting had emerged as it was simple and easily understood by anybody who was interested in obtaining Planning Permission.

Councillor Fahey again recommended that the Council consider adopting the limitation of 20 developments per mile. He pointed out that the decision regarding the frontage and size of the site which had been made by the Council meant that a site could be purchased at a reasonable price and he considered that the restriction of 20 per mile recommended is necessary to prevent a flood of applications for permissions on by-roads.

Councillor Glynn recommended that the Council buy sites in the villages and hamlets in order to reduce the demand for applications for permission on roadsides outside those villages and hamlets.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Council members were/ not on the Council in order to facilitate a system and not people. He considered that if the demand is to be high for permissions that demands should be met even if it results in over 20 developments per mile. He considered the limitation of 20 houses per mile inoperable.

The County Manager stated that he again wished to repeat that they were discussing the question in the Galway special development area and that there are a range of options open to people to build in villages, hamlets and city environs where the restrictions being discussed do not apply. He stated that there are certain roads which are already severely over-built and that failure to impose an overall limit on the number of developments is merely handing the planning process over to individuals.

Deputy Donnellan/enquired whether the number of septic tanks would be a problem if every 75ft. frontage of roads were to be built.

Councillor McCormack stated that there is another limitation arising from the fact that in previous planning decisions much land has been frozen and he enquired if this freezing of land would continue.

The County Manager stated that it might be unjust to continue sterilization of such land as members of the public were entitled to be treated all in the same manner. He pointed out however, that many people would be disappointed as they believed that they would have privacy when they made their original planning applications but he stated that if the Council's policy and practice is changed, he would try to treat all persons equally and he would have to examine carefully the question of whether sterilizations previously/should be continued.

Councillor Fahey again suggested that the Council should agree to the limitation of 20 houses per mile with a provision for relaxing this rule to meet exceptional circumstances. He considered that this could be changed in, say, 2 to 3 years time if it showed that its operation was unfair to any individuals.

Deputy Callanan objected to the limitations proposed pointing out that Councillor Morgan's proposal meant reversing the decision taken by the Council at its last meeting.

A vote taken after 4.30 p.m. on Councillor Morgan's proposal resulted as follows:

FOR: Deputy Donnellan, Councillors Fahey, Glynn, Deputy Kussey, Councillors Kelly, McCormack, Senator Mannion, Councillor Morgan. (8)

AGAINST: Councillor Byrne, Deputy Callanan, Councillors S. Donnellan, Flaherty, Galvin, Haverty, Joyce, Kilgannon, Senator Killilea, Deputy Kitt, Councillors Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors O'Morain, Raftery, Ryan and Welby. (17)

The Chairman declared Councillor Morgan's proposal defeated and it was agreed that the amendment proposed by Deputy Callanan and seconded by Deputy Molloy be carried by the same vote.

Table No. 8 - Area No. 2 - South Coast Development Control Area:

Mr. Lee, Chief Planning Assistant outlined the restrictions on housing development proposed in this area.

Councillor O'Morain considered that the Plan should make provision for enabling permissions to be given to young couples who move into this area for employment and who build houses and that some consideration/also be given to the people of the area who may wish to sell a site for housing.

Duirt an Comhairleoir Mac Giolla Gannain go raibh se in aghaidh aon ni a chuirfeadh teora le forbairt sa Ghaeltacht.

Deputy Molloy stated also that provision should be made to enable permissions to be easily available for migrants and fishermen. He considered the proposals too restrictive. In reply to a query by Deputy Molloy, Mr. Lee stated that a migrant who left the area wishing to return could be accommodated under paragraph c of Table 8.

Deputy Molloy enquired if under Table 8, a person was entitled to build on the seaside of the road, would he be prevented from doing so by another provision of the plan.

Mr. Lee replied that there may be restrictions on this in the amenity section. Mr. Lee also stated that the areas where there would be restrictions would be shown specifically on maps.

The County Manager stated that in the amenity section of the plan it is proposed to indicate the areas where a person may be entitled to get permission.

Deputy Callanan stated that there should not be any restrictions in areas where development would not interfere with amenities. He considered that each application should be dealt with on its merits.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that Connemara people themselves should find what are the amenity areas and that a plan should not be imposed on them.

Deputy Molloy stated that he considered that all aspects of the plan in respect of this area should be considered at the same time, including amenities.

It was agreed that this part of the plan be deferred for later discussion.

Table No. 9 - Galway City Environs:

The County Manager suggested that as there is so much interest in the plan for the Galway City Environs it might be advisable if the members for the Galway Electoral Area would have a special meeting to consider the plan.

This was agreed.

Table No. 10 - Control of Development in designated village centres:

The County Manager stated that the villages concerned in this are those set out in map No. 8 of the Review Report (following page 26).

Councillor Kilgannon asked what is the policy with regard to other villages.

The County Manager stated that the area surrounding Galway City is under such development pressures that it is considered that special plans are needed. He stated that other villages will be examined when time is available to do so.

Replying to queries by Councillor Kilgannon and Deputy Callanan, Mr. Lee stated that a plan is being prepared for Portumna and that with regard to other towns which plans are not made, planning applications are dealt with under the conditions in the plan and the controls built into the plan.

Councillor O'Morain enquired if there is any advance local consultation with public with regard to plans.

The County Manager stated that at the moment the Council are dealing with draft plans for putting before the public, that up to now there was nothing to present to the public for consideration. Now the Council has some proposal to put before the public when it has been examined and agreed on by the Planning Authority. The plans will then be put on deposit for three months and any observations made by any member of the public will have to be considered. He suggested that Councillors should get together in groups and examine the plan in so far as it relates to their own areas.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that consideration of Table No. 10 be adjourned for the meeting of the Galway Area representatives.

It was also agreed, on the suggestion of Councillor Ryan, that the members for each area would meet to consider the plan in so far as it affects their own areas.

Notices re Planning Permissions:

Councillor Morgan stated that some people published notices of intention to apply for planning permission in Irish outside of Gaeltacht areas and he suggested that this should not be allowed.

Mr. Lee stated that regulations under the Planning Act provide that the notices/are to be published in newspapers circulating in the district.

Councillor Morgan stated that the notice to which he referred was in a paper which was not circulating in the area.

Regarding lists of applications circulated to members of the Council, Councillor Morgan stated that where the proposed location of a development is in a town, the name of the street should be given.

The County Manager agreed that this will be done in future.

Unauthorised Development:

Councillor Morgan enquired if the location of non-residential caravans in residential areas can be prevented.

Mr. Lee replied that if this is not exempted it would require a special Planning Permission.

Councillor Morgan asked if a Councillor makes a complaint about an unauthorised development, the fact that he has made the complaint should not be divulged to the person about whom the complaint is made.

The County Manager replied that there was no reason why the letter of complaint which an officer of the Council may have should be seen by any person other than the officer concerned.

703 - SYMPATHY: Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Mrs. O Fatharta, Caoran Beag, An Ceathru Rua.
- Mrs. Thomas Kyne, Gurraneamore, Galway.
- Mrs. Patrick Maloney, Lakeshore Drive, Renmore, Galway.
- Mr. John Mannion, Anaghbeg, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. John Carroll, Clonbrock, Ahascragh, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Mary Hynes, Oranbeg, Oranmore.

The Meeting then terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

Tom Hannon

 Chairman
 27/10/75

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
 Bothar Mor,
 GAILLIMH.

14 Deire Fomhair, 1975.

Chuig:
 Gach Ball de'n Chomhairle/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend a special meeting of the County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Tuesday next 21st October, 1975 commencing at 3.30 p.m.

A copy of the Estimate of Expenses will be forwarded within the next few days.

Mise, le meas,

C. O. DUBHGHAILL
 Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

1. To preview the Estimate of Expenses for 1976.

(Note - the Statutory Estimates Meeting will be held on 31st October, 1975).

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE

(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

21u la Deire Fomhair, 1975.

Chuiġ 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 De Luain 27u la Deire Fomhair, 1975 ag tosnu ag a 3.30 sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

TO CONSIDER:

1. Minutes.
2. Malicious Damage Decrees received (schedule attached).
3. Auditor's report on the accounts of the Western Health Board for the 2 years ended 31/3/73.
4. County Councils' General Council - Notice of matters for next meeting.
5. Declaration of roads to be public roads - copy of advertisement herewith.
6. House purchase and reconstruction loans and supplementary grants scheme - letter H. 25/75 of the 14th October, 1975 from the Department of Local Government.
7. European Architectural Heritage Year, 1975 - letter PD.128/2/32 dated 15th October, 1975 from the Department of Local Government.
8. Knockferry bridge - Letter R/7/6/31 dated 7th October, 1975 from the Department of Local Government.
9. Adoption of bye-laws under Section 70 of the Housing Act, 1966.
10. Disposal of land at Townparks, Tuam (1st Division) - Notice dated 1st October, 1975.
11. Sale of Council houses under Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 to the following:-

Patrick Hession, Cloonavadoge, Turloughmore.
Coleen McDonagh, Claremount, Oughterard.
Patrick Fahy, Gortnamna, Headford.
John J. Murray, Tullyvoheen, Clifden.
Patrick Treacy, Liss, Abbeyknockmoy.
Daniel Hamilton, Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam.
Michael Ward, Kilbannon, Tuam.
Coleman Connolly, Lissybroder, Dunmore.
Mary Connolly, Liss, Abbeyknockmoy.
Patrick Joyce, Killeaney, Aran.

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12. Fix date of next Housing Committee meeting.
13. Resolution under Section 7 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief Act) 1967.
14. Raising of the following loans:-
 - (a) Supplementary loan of £4,000 for the completion of Kinvara Water Supply Scheme.
 - (b) Loan of £60,000 for payment of supplementary grants for private installations of water and sewerage.
15. Dangerous buildings at Laurencetown - Minute No. 680 of meeting of 23/9/1975.
16. Houses at Marian Terrace, Portumna - Minute No. 691 of meeting of 23/9/75.
17. Agreement between Galway County Council and Galway Corporation under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955, for supply of water by the Corporation to serve areas in the vicinity of Galway City.
18. Borrowing £162,000 by special overdraft for house construction.
19. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

20. Deputy R. Molloy: I will propose -
 - (i) That a full report be given on plans to provide adequate piped water supplies on each of the Aran Islands and reasons for delay in implementing these plans;
 - (ii) that a report be given on present positions regarding each public Water & Sewerage Scheme proposed for Galway, Oughterard and Clifden Engineering Districts;
 - (iii) that a regular refuse collection service be provided on Inishmore, Aran Islands and also that daily street cleansing be undertaken during the tourist season.
21. Councillor Norman Morgan: I will propose -
 - (i) That Galway County Council purchase a portion of the field, which is for sale, situated opposite the Rectory, Cross Street, Loughrea, for the purpose of providing road widening and car and bus parking, it being the only free land available thereat, said field is adjacent to St. Brendan's National School;
 - (ii) that road widening be carried out and a footpath provided at that point opposite Craughwell National School, where Galway County Council removed a thatched cottage which was causing an obstruction.
22. Deputy M. P. Kitt: I will propose -

That the refuse collection be extended to Ballymacward.
23. Comhairleoir M. O Flatharta:
 - (i) Ce'n staid a bhfuil coras uisce Gleannach Muirinn aige faoi lathair?
 - (ii) Molaim telefon poibli do chuir i gGleannach Muirinn, Casla agus i Muicheannach, Camus.
 - (iii) Molaim go ndeanfadh an Coirle Conndae staidear cruinn ar Chuan Casla mar chuan feiliunach ma faightear ola siar o chosta na hAireann.

24. Deputy John Callanan: I will propose -
- (i) That the road leading through Woodlawn Estate from Killaan to Streamsfort be adopted as public road;
 - (ii) that signs be erected at following crossroads indicating Bullaun - Kilrickle Cross, Loughrea, Kiltulla Cross, Dunsandle Cross, Ballyfa.
25. Councillor T. Welby: I will ask -
- (i) Did the County Council carry out a test on the Collinamuck Well this year and if so what was the result;
 - (ii) When did the County Council carry out the last test on the Rawfree Well, Headford and what was the result;
 - (iii) what is the present position regarding the road at Coilleach, Spiddal - is there a grant sanctioned for same.
26. Comhairleoir M. O Morain:
Go mba cheart do'n gCoirle Conndae fo-choiste iasgaireachta Mara a bhunu.
27. Comhairleoiri M. O Morain agus G. Bartley:
Ba mhaith linn a mholadh do'n gCoirle go ndeanfai an Sceim Uisce Carna Chillchiarain a leathnu o Dhroichead Flannery chomh fada is teach scoile Loch Con Aertha.
28. Councillor P. McCormack: I will propose -
- (i) That Galway County Council take immediate steps to repair the road at Breanloughane and Ballybrit which was so badly damaged during the laying of the water mains recently;
 - (ii) that 30 m.p.h. speed limits and public lighting be erected in the village of Turloughmore;
 - (iii) that a public light be erected at McDonnell's lane, Athenry.
29. Councillors G. Bartley and Councillor M. O Morain: We will propose -
That the County Council refuse dump at Clifden, Co. Galway be closed permanently and that refuse from the area be carried to the dump being used by the Council for disposal of refuse collected in other parts of Connemara.
30. Councillor M. Ryan: I will propose -
- (i) That the Council take steps to improve the supply of water from the Kilkerrin - Moylough Regional Scheme in the villages of Derreen, Lissacarra, Lerhin, Clonberne and Cogaula. The supply to that area was very unsatisfactory all summer;
 - (ii) that Council road Barnaderg at Hillsbrook be included for blacktopping in the next financial year. This road leads into the village of Blackstick, is in bad repair and is being used by a school bus.
31. Councillor M. Kelly: I will propose -
That the Council should purchase more land immediately in Tuam Urban or Rural area for serviced sites for people anxious to build their own homes.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE DECREES.

Name and Address	Particulars of Claim	Area of Charge	Amount of Claim	Amount of Decree including costs.
James N. Griffiths, Tuam	Damage to excavator	Borough of Galway	£1,000.00	£6,541.04
James N. Griffiths, Tuam.	Damage to bulldozer	"	6,000.00	326.69
Daniel Leonard, The Glen, Dunmore East, Waterford	Damage to herring net.	"	482.00	497.61.
Rev. John O Connor, Rennore.	Damage to windows of house	"	10.52	21.21.
Michael Murphy, Raven Terrace, Galway.	Damage to Plate Glass window	"	31.94.	72.00.
Most Rev. Dr. Michael Browne, D.D. Right Rev. Mon. P. Glynn. Very Rev. Canon J. O'Donohue.	Damage to St. Nicholas N.S., Claddagh, St. John's Lane	"	160.00	191.63.
Michael Carroll, Grealishtown, Galway	Damage to car	"	55.90.	82.65.
Michael Duffy, Barnaboy, Turloughmore	Damage to JCB digger	"	88.42.	109.90.
Most Rev. Dr. Michael Browne, D.D., Very Rev. A. O'Halloran. Very Rev. A. Mallin	Damage to St. Nicholas N.S., Claddagh.	"	140.00	161.52
James Stewart Ltd., Galway.	Damage to doors etc.	"	165.62	191.76.
Inorriton Investments Ltd., 15 St. Stephens Green, Dublin 2	Damage to Property.	Oughterard	1,000.00	1,286.42

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS.

Notice is hereby given that Galway County Council will at a meeting which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on or after Monday 27th October, 1975 commencing at 3.30 p.m. consider the declaration that the following road shall be a public road.

Area.	From	To	Metres.
Mountbellew	County Road 411 Mullaghmore East	W. Garaghty's house Mullaghmore East	280.

K. Doyle,
Acting County Secretary.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER, 1975.

In the Chair: (a) Councillor S. Donnellan; (b) Deputy T. Hussey.

Also Present:

Members: As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors S. Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, P. Glynn, E. Haverly, B. Holland, J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors, N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials: Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Accountant; H. Finnegan & K. Hayes, Chief Assistant County Engineers; B. Gannon, Staff Officer, K. Doyle Acting County Secretary, Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer; Miss C. Hett, Acting Staff Officer.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

Councillor Sean Donnellan took the Chair.

703 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1976:

The County Manager stated that the meeting was being held to enable the Council to preview the estimates and that the Statutory Estimates Meeting would be held on the 31st instant. He explained that because of the change in the format of the estimates it is difficult to compare the rate being levied service by service with that levied for last year but he mentioned that overall the rate proposed in the present estimates is a gross figure of £89551 as against £7,2227 plus separate charges for the year ending 31st December, 1975.

The Council then discussed the estimate for Housing and Building.

Referring to the item of £105,000 for maintenance and repair and improvement of houses, the County Manager stated that this represented an increase of approximately 25% over the figure of £83,000 for last year to account for inflation.

Replying to Deputy Molloy, the County Manager stated that it is expected that 165 local authority houses will be completed this year, that 250 would be completed in 1976 depending on availability of finance and that it is hoped that 300 will be built in 1977.

Deputy Molloy asked if the County Manager would give a break-down of the proposed 250 houses to be built next year.

The County Manager then gave the following particulars of the number of houses being planned for each of the locations mentioned and he gave the planning stage which each scheme had reached.

Ahascragh	15 houses	Clifden	20 houses
Aran (private sites)	14 houses	Clifden (private sites)	10 houses
Aran	10 houses	Clifden	22 houses
Athenry	38 houses	Clonbur	Site being acquire
Ballygar	48 houses	Eyrecourt	32 houses.
Ballygar (Private sites)	10 houses	Glonamaddy	6 houses
Clarenbridge	40 houses	Gort	8 houses
Clarenbridge(private sites)	10 houses	Headford	12 houses
		Killimor	6 houses
		Kinvara	26 houses

Laurencetown	6 houses
Loughrea	48 houses
Mountbellew	6 houses
Oughterard	50 houses
Portumna	30 houses
Portumna	40 houses
Portumna (private sites)	6 houses.
Old persons homes	12 houses.
Tuam (completed)	17 houses
Tuam (proposed)	19 houses
Rural cottages completed since 1/1/75	43.
Rural cottages in progress	31.
Other rural cottages proposed	17
Demountables	28.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the programme was a dynamic one and he congratulated the Manager and staff for the progress made and the Minister for Local Government for finance made available over the past two years.

Deputy Molloy asked for further information regarding the proposed 10 houses to be constructed in Aran in regard to Sewerage Treatment Plant.

The County Manager stated that if necessary, the Council will build two or three houses with septic tanks if sewage treatment work is not available.

Replying to Deputy Callanan, when he enquired if there was a slow down on rural cottages programme, the County Manager stated that indications are that the majority of the demand will come from town schemes.

Councillor O Morain asked if information on the location of the 43 houses built since the 1st January last could be available at a future meeting. He stated that the Minister, when he met the Council's deputation on the 20th instant, had admitted that there was no money available.

Replying to criticism by Councillor Kilgannon on slow progress with local authority houses up to three years ago, Deputy Molloy stated that at the first meeting after the local elections he had criticised the lack of progress by the Council during the period when he was Minister. He stated also that during this period, he had made every effort to get the Council to build but that proposals were not sent up to him from the County Council. He stated that supplementary grants had not kept pace with rising costs and so there was an increased demand for local authority houses.

Deputy Callanan then stated that in the past, many Councillors opposed the increase in rates for houses but he mentioned that at that time state grants helped quite a lot.

Councillor O Morain stated that it is obvious that while the Council accepts the Manager's estimates as being realistic, the Council will not get all the money it needs.

Replying to Deputy Kitt, the County Manager stated that the Council had not discontinued the idea of building tigeens for itinerant families. Regarding caravans, he stated that the County Council will continue to buy a small number to meet emergencies but that no capital is available this year to buy further caravans.

In reply to Councillor Joyce who enquired whether money is available for hardstandings for itinerant sites, the County Manager stated that no specific proposals for new developments in this line are being made, mainly because of the difficulty to get land.

Senator Killilea and Councillor Kelly enquired what is the position regarding the application of Mrs. Naughton, Galway Road, Tuam for re-housing.

The County Manager stated that he did not think that anything further can be done as it appeared that Mrs. Naughton was not interested in reaching a settlement. He stated that he had sent an independent valuer to Mrs. Naughton and he suggested that she should give her decision on the matter to the Council through her solicitor.

Deputy Callanan stated that it seemed that there was no way of reducing the amount of the Housing and Building estimate and he proposed that it be adopted.

This was unanimously agreed by the Council.

Deputy Hussey now took the Chair.

Road Transportation and Safety Programmes:

The County Manager stated that public lighting is now associated with the roads programme. He mentioned that provision had also been made in the Estimate for traffic management estimated to cost £5,000 in respect of which there are estimated receipts on £3,000. He stated that this was in respect of the proposed appointment of traffic wardens and that it may be possible that the County Council would enter into an agreement with Tuam and Loughrea Town Commissioners for a joint arrangement for the operation of the traffic wardens in the County and in the two towns concerned.

Deputy Callanan asked if any saving could be effected in any part of the estimates to enable the Council to resume surface dressing.

Senator Killilea suggested that a saving might be effected if the Council carried out surface dressing every 12 years instead of the present every 10 years.

Councillor Byrne stated that the estimate shows an overall increase of £1.73 in the £ and he suggested that the Council should make every effort to reduce the roads estimate as this is the only programme in which a saving is likely to be effected. He suggested that certain works listed in supplementary sheets supplied to Councillors might be omitted which could result in a saving of 81p in the £.

The County Engineer stated that it is a bad policy to neglect maintaining roads and he pointed out that the sum provided in the estimate would, in fact, provide for only one fourteenth of the mileage of roads for surface dressing. He stated that it is the Council's duty to maintain the roads in a proper condition and that if anything is excluded from the estimate, it should be improvement work.

Senator Killilea referring to the four lists of proposals for various road works submitted by Councillors proposed that the works on those lists for which an estimate had been prepared at the request of members of the Council should be carried out subject to the limitation that a sum exceeding £6,000 should not be allocated to any Councillor.

Councillor Morgan seconded this proposal.

Following a further discussion, Senator Killilea explained that what he meant in his proposal was that every Councillor who had a proposal in any of the four sheets referred to should be allowed to spend a sum up to £6,000 individually and to specify what works he wants carried out.

The Chairman stated that if a sum of ~~£5,000~~ ^{£6,000} is allocated to each Councillor the Council could not exclude those Councillors who had submitted no such proposal.

Councillor Burke objected to this proposal stating that the County Engineer's recommendation should be taken into account. He considered that to allow this would be a squandering of public money. Councillors'

Councillor Joyce stated that many of the motions which were dealt with on those lists deal with safety needs and that they should not be by-passed for the second year in succession. He supported Senator Killilea's proposal.

Councillor Glynn stated that each Councillor has already Notice of Motion money allocated to him, and to extend this by giving the Councillors a further £6,000 would make it impossible to decide on priorities. He stated that the Council should go so far as to consider pruning down the Notice of Motion money. He objected strongly to the allocation of £6,000 to any Councillor.

Councillor Glynn also pointed out that while the amount of money provided for out of rates has increased, the Government contribution has reduced. He believed that the Council now can go ahead with this proposal, the Minister will reduce the proportion being paid by him. He stated that the people have not the capacity to pay increased rates and he proposed that the Council reduce the estimate by the sum of £240,000 mentioned in the County Manager's report of the 23/9/'75 and so effect a reduction of approximately 40p in the £ on the rates.

The County Manager stated that he did not recommend to the Council the exclusion of a sum of £240,000 but he pointed out in his report of 23/9/'75 that the increase of 81.742p in the £ for road works was an unreasonable level of increase.

The County Manager also stated that the proposal made whereby some members would have a special allocation of money made to them while others would not, was not a system which he would be prepared to operate. He pointed out to the Council that they have the option of adopting the works which had been estimated and which had been placed before them if they wished to do so, or if not, to specify which works they require done and vote the necessary money for them.

Councillor Galvin stated that he agreed with the County Manager's statement and he considered it a dangerous precedent to adopt as he did not consider himself to be qualified to decide on priorities with regard to where road works should be done. He considered it wasteful not to blacktop a road when it is taken over.

Councillor Morgan stated that the Council members were there to make decisions, not to make recommendations and he proposed that Notice of Motion money be increased to £6,000 per member out of which members would be entitled to nominate works, such as public lighting and footpaths, to be carried out by the Council.

Councillor Bartley stated that some works recommended by him by way of Notice of Motion had not appeared in any of the lists.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that he agreed in principle with Senator Killilea's proposal as he felt he should be able to influence road development in his area and he mentioned in particular some work in ^{New Inn} estimated to cost £12,000 which he was anxious to have carried out.

The County Manager again stated that a proposal whereby a sum of money per Councillor would be allocated was unworkable and he stated that he was not prepared to operate it. He asked that the Council pick out works which they wanted carried out during the coming year.

Councillor Haverty stated that estimates had not been prepared for some works which were proposed by Councillors.

Councillor Joyce stated that on the strength of Senator Killilea's proposal, any Councillor who had some work proposed will at least get some of the work done and he stated that the total estimated cost of Senator Killilea's proposal will mean 13p extra on the rates.

The Chairman stated that he was not asking the County Council to make any decision now and he suggested that the matter be adjourned to the formal estimates meeting so that the County Manager could consider what is involved in the proposals which were made. This was agreed.

The County Manager stated that information will be available on the impact on the rates of implementing the proposal made.

Senator Killilea stated that his proposal concerned only works for which estimates had been prepared and which had not been included in the Estimates of Expenses.

Councillor Byrne stated that at the previous meeting, he had made a proposal concerning the widening of a road and he asked that this also be included in the Estimates.

Councillor O'Morain stated that he noted that no provision had been made in the Estimates for subvention of telephones in remote rural areas and he considered that provision should be made for this service.

704 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

Mr. Patrick O'Grady, 1, Dalton Place, Salthill.
Mr. Michael McHugh, Brooklawn, Kilconly, Tuam.
The Diviney Family, Ballynacloghy, Oranmore.
Mr. Michael Duffy, Corner House, Killimor, Ballinasloe.
Mr. Mattie McDonagh, St. Brendan's, Ballygar.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

To Hussey
Chairman

24/11/75

711 - DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD:

It was proposed by Councillor Haverty, seconded by Councillor Ruane, and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby declare the road from County Road 411 at Mullaghmore East to W. Geraghty's house at Mullaghmore East - a distance of 280 metres to be a public road."

Replying to Councillor Haverty, who enquired about the delay in publishing advertisements for other roads proposed to be taken over, Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that it is hoped to publish an advertisement within the next few weeks and in the meantime, he asked Councillors who had not already sat in their proposals to do so as early as possible.

712 - LOANS AND SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that notification had been received of the allocation of an additional sum of £250,000 for housing loans and supplementary grants.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that the Council should extend their thanks to the Minister for Local Government/making additional allocation available.

In reply to Deputy Molloy, the Deputy County Manager stated that a year ago, the Council sought an allocation of £1,000,000 for housing loans and grants and recently asked for further allocation of £350,000 which was based on applications on hands and the rate at which applications were being dealt with.

The Deputy County Manager also stated in reply to Councillor Morgan that he is not aware that in general, anybody has to wait for more than three months for payment of a loan and grant after his allocation except where questions such as title may be involved.

713 - NATIONAL CONFERENCE - EUROPEAN ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE YEAR, 1975:

The Deputy County Manager informed the Council that this Conference is to be held in Knappogue Castle, Co. Clare on 18th and 19th November, 1975 but that he understood that the number of places available was restricted and that the Council may be able to send only one delegate.

It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman represent the Council at the Conference.

714 - PROPOSED BRIDGE AT KNOCKFERRY:

The Deputy County Manager read letter dated 17th October, 1975 from the Department of Local Government stating that no commitment could be entered into towards any of the costs of the provision of a bridge at Knockferry nor can a bridge at this location be regarded as meriting any priority in the competition for ^{such} D.E.C. funds as may be made available.

The Deputy County Manager also stated that the County Manager asked him to suggest that proposals previously made for a ferry at this point might be revised and that if satisfactory proposals were forthcoming, the County Development Team may be in a position to assist financially. In reply to a further query by Councillor Welby, the Deputy County Manager stated that it should not be for the County Council to provide a ferry but that some independent person might come up with a proposal which he might bring before the County Development Team.

Councillor Welby stated that consideration should now be given to the question of a ferry in view of the fact that there is little likelihood of an early allocation of funds for a bridge.

Councillor Sean Donnellan stated that he was disappointed that no funds had been allocated for a bridge and that he would not be prepared to agree to the suggestion of a ferry as an alternative.

715 - BYE-LAWS IN RELATION TO HOUSES LET FOR RENT OR OTHER VALUABLE CONSIDERATION UNDER SECTION 70 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the draft of these bye-laws had already been brought before the County Council and had been approved and he requested the approval of the Council now to the making of the Bye-laws and to the making of an application to the Minister for their confirmation.

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

"that the Galway County Council hereby make and adopt the following bye-laws in relation to houses let for rent or other valuable consideration under Section 70 of the Housing Act, 1966, and that the Council hereby makes application to the Minister for Local Government for confirmation of the said bye-laws."

Bye-laws made by the Council of the County of Galway under section 70 of the Housing Act, 1966:

1. In these bye-laws "the housing authority" means the Council of the County of Galway.

"house" includes any out-office, yard, garden or other land appurtenant thereto or usually enjoyed therewith and includes any part of a building used or suitable for use as a dwelling;

"tenant" means a person to whom a house or part of a house is let for rent or other valuable consideration for his own use and occupation or for the use and occupation of his family or other persons residing with him;

"owner" in relation to any house let for rent or other valuable consideration means a person, other than a mortgagee not in possession, who, whether in his own right or as a trustee or agent for any other person, is entitled to receive the rack rent of the house, or where the house is not let at a rack rent, would be so entitled if it were so let;

"rented house" means a house let for rent or other valuable consideration;

"proper state of stability" means essentially sound without serious bulging, serious unequal settlement or serious fractures in the walls, with the roof, floors, walls and stairs in good repair and not subject to serious internal dampness or liable to collapse because they are rotted or otherwise defective.

2. The owner of a rented house in which there are more than two dwellings shall make provision, as set out hereunder, in respect of the following facilities:-

(a) in case a house was first let before the date on which these bye-laws are confirmed, not less than one water-closet, with an adequate supply of water for flushing purposes, and not less than one fixed bath or shower and one sink, with provision in each case for hot and cold water supplies,

(i) for every 5 persons ordinarily resident in the house; or

(ii) for every 3 dwellings in the house; or

(iii) for every floor in the house.

Provided that in no case shall a dwelling be two or more floors removed from the water closet, fixed bath or shower, and sink nearest to it.

- (b) in case a house is first let on or after the date on which bye-laws are confirmed, not less than one water closet, with an adequate supply of water for flushing purposes, and one fixed bath or shower, with provision for hot and cold water supplies,
- (i) for every 2 dwellings in the house, or
(ii) for every floor in the house, and not less than one sink, with provision for hot and cold water supplies within each dwelling.
Provided that in no case shall a dwelling be two or more floors removed from the water closet and fixed bath or shower nearest to it.
- (c) accommodation within each dwelling for the storage of food, with protection from dust, vermin and flies and
- (d) facilities within each dwelling for the installation of cooking equipment, with provision, where necessary for the efficient removal of fumes and other products of combustion to the external air.

3. The owner of a rented house shall:-

- (a) provide and maintain in connection with every tap and other ablutionary fittings from which water may be drawn and every sink, bath, shower, wash-hand basin or other sanitary appliance a suitable and adequate supply of water and efficient means of discharging any waste water;
- (b) provide every habitable room with adequate natural lighting;
- (c) provide every habitable room used, or intended for use, as a sleeping apartment with means of ventilation either by the flue of an open fireplace or by a permanent ventilation opening having an unobstructed sectional area of not less than 645 square centimetres;
- (d) provide every bathroom, shower cubicle, and water closet, other than a water closet entered directly from the external air, with efficient means of ventilation directly into the external air, either by means of a window of an area of not less than 930 square centimetres opening directly to the external air or by means of mechanical ventilation to the external air, capable of ensuring a minimum extraction of 21 cubic metres per hour;
- (e) provide every stairway, where practicable, with adequate means of lighting by natural day light;
- (f) provide, where practicable, adequate means for the artificial lighting of every room, including bathroom and water closet landing, passage and stairway;
- (g) provide every stairway with a substantial handrail securely fixed.

4. The owner of a rented house shall:-

- (a) keep in a clean state and in good repair every water closet, sink, basin, fixed bath and shower which is used in common and all means of drainage;
- (b) keep in a clean state and in good repair every open space, stairway, landing, and passage, or other parts of the house which are used in common;

- (c) keep in good repair and safe working order all means of cooking, lighting and heating which are used in common;
- (d) carry out such works as may from time to time be necessary to ensure that the house is in a proper state of structural stability;
- (e) keep in good repair all outbuildings, yards and forecourts which are used in common;
- (f) keep in a clean state every unoccupied basement or cellar;
- (g) ensure that, at the commencement of the letting of a dwelling, the dwelling and any bedding provided by him is clean and, where necessary, suitably disinfected, that the dwelling is in a reasonable state of structural repair, and that all windows and means of ventilation, and all means of water supply, drainage, cooking, lighting and heating and every water closet, sink, basin, fixed bath and shower within the dwelling are in good repair and safe working order.

5. The tenant of a rented house shall:-

- (a) keep in a clean state and shall take all reasonable steps to avoid damage or unreasonable wear and tear to:-
- (i) all means of cooking, lighting and heating belonging to the owner; and
- (ii) every room, open space, stairway, landing, passage, chimney, water closet, sink, basin, fixed bath, shower and other fittings;
to the exclusive use of which he and members of his family and any other persons residing with him are entitled;
- (b) keep in a clean and hygienic state the contents of the dwelling let to him, including beds and bedding belonging to or used by him or any member of his family or any other person residing with him;
- (c) not keep or permit to be kept any animal, including poultry and pigeons, in such a manner as to render the house, or any part of it filthy or unwholesome; and
- (d) take all reasonable steps to avoid damage or unreasonable wear and tear to the house or to any facilities or installations in the house which are used in common.

6. The owner of a rented house in which there are more than two dwellings shall notify the housing authority, in writing, of the date of first letting of the house. Such notification shall be sent to the housing authority, in case the house was first let before the date on which these bye-laws are confirmed, within the period of three months from that date and in other cases not less than seven days before the date of first letting.

7. The bye-laws with respect to houses intended or used for occupation by the working classes which were made by the Council of the County of Galway on the 27th day of May, 1961, and confirmed by the Minister for Local Government on the 1st day of June, 1962, shall be revoked as from the day on which these bye-laws are confirmed."

It was also resolved that the Seal of the Council be affixed to the Bye-laws.

The Bye-laws were then sealed and signed.

716 - SALE OF TWO SITES AT TOWNPARKS (1ST DIVISION), TUAM:

It was proposed by Councillor Kelly, seconded by the Chairman and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of two sites at Townparks (1st Division), Tuam to Mr. Thomas Creaven, 11, Dublin Road, Tuam and Mr. Bernard Fahy, Carrowntubber, Kilkerrin, Ballinasloe under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 and Section 88 of the Housing Act, 1966, on the terms set out in the notification dated 1st October, 1975 circulated to each member of the Council."

717 - SALE OF HOUSES UNDER SECTION 90 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan seconded by Councillor Ruane and resolved:-

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the sale of houses to:

- Patrick Hession, Cloonavadoge, Turloughmore.
- Coleen McDonagh, Claremount, Oughterard.
- Patrick Fahy, Gortnamona, Headford.
- John J. Murray, Tullyvoheen, Clifden.
- Patrick Treacy, Liss, Abbeyknockmoy.
- Daniel Hamilton, Beaghmore, Belclare, Tuam.
- Michael Ward, Kilbannon, Tuam.
- Coleman Connolly, Lissybroder, Dunmore.
- Mary Connolly, Liss, Abbeyknockmoy.
- Patrick Joyce, Killeaney, Aran.

under the provisions of Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946 as amended by Section 90 of the Housing Act, 1966 in accordance with the terms set out in notifications dated 1st October, 1975 in each case, circulated to each member of the County Council.

In reply to Councillor Morgan, who enquired about the terms in which purchasing tenants held houses, the Deputy County Manager stated that the Council need not give consent to a transfer if the sale of a house would leave the purchaser himself without accommodation, or if the person to whom the house is intended to be sold is not in need of housing accommodation.

Deputy Molloy stated that he expected that the sale of house No. 13, Killeaney, tenant-Mr. O'Brien would be brought before the County Council with this list. He stated that the tenant had signed a statement to the effect that he was satisfied with the date of repair of the house.

Mr. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager stated that a planning application for a person of the same name had been received, that the matter is being considered and a decision will then be made on the sale of the house.

718 - DATES OF MEETINGS:

It was agreed that meetings would be held as follows:

- (a) Housing Committee Monday 17th November.
- (b) Meeting of members of Loughrea Electoral Area to consider Monday 10th November, 1975 at 4.00 p.m.
- (c) Meeting of Galway Electoral Area members to consider the contents of the County Development Plan in relation to the Galway area. Friday, 14th November.

719 - RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND (RELIEF) ACT, 1967:

It was proposed by Deputy Donnellan, Seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:-

"that subject to the consent of the Minister for Local Government, the Galway County Council hereby determine that allowances granted under the rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Acts, 1939 to 1974 in respect of land which is subject to assessment for rates by the Council, shall not be subject to a condition that the said rates are payable not later than 31st December, 1975."

720 - SUPPLEMENTARY LOAN - KINVARA WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME:

It was proposed by Councillor Byrne, seconded by Councillor Melvin and resolved:

"that Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £4,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the completion of the Kinvara Water Supply Improvement Scheme, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years or such other period as the Minister may approve with interest at the rate prevailing at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

721 - LOAN FOR PAYMENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR PRIVATE INSTALLATIONS OF WATER AND SEWERAGE:

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the raising of a loan of £60,000 from the Commissioners of Public Works for payment of Supplementary Grants for private installations of water & sewerage in houses, the loan to be repayable by instalments over a period of 25 years or such other period as may be approved by the Minister with interest at the rate in force at the date of issue of the loan to the Council."

722 - BUILDINGS ALLEGED TO BE DANGEROUS AT LAURENCETOWN:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the buildings are not considered dangerous and are appropriate cases to be dealt with under Derelict Sites Act. He stated that they do not qualify for a grant under the Miscellaneous Projects Scheme and that they will be dealt with under the Derelict Sites Act.

723 - HOUSES AT MARIAN TERRACE, PORTUMNA:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the kerbing and roadway work will be done this year on the section of road maintained by the Council and that back entrances are being restored.

Councillor Maverty stated that he sent in a Notice of Motion to have all of the roads in the scheme taken over and he asked what is the present position in connection with this.

The County Engineer stated that information on this matter will be available for the next meeting of the Council.

724 - SUPPLY OF WATER BY GALWAY BOROUGH COUNCIL IN THE COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT OF GALWAY:

The Deputy County Manager stated that the approval of the Council is sought to the completion of an agreement between Galway County Council and Galway Borough / Council whereby the Borough Council would extract and treat water from the River Corrib and supply it to houses in the County Health District of Galway.

He stated that the approximate amount required would be about 13,500 cubic metres daily (almost 3,000,000 gallons), that the completion of such an agreement was a reserved function which required consent of the Council under Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955.

It was proposed by Deputy Molloy, seconded by Councillor John Molloy and resolved:-

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"that Galway County Council hereby approve completion of agreement between the County Council and the Galway Borough Council under the provisions of Section 59 of the Local Government Act, 1955 for supply of water by the Borough Council to serve areas in the County Health District of Galway."

725 - BORROWING OF £162,000 BY SPECIAL OVERDRAFT FOR HOUSE CONSTRUCTION:

The Deputy County Manager stated that some time ago, the Minister for Local Government authorised the borrowing by way of special overdraft of £162,000 for house construction and he requested the approval of the Council to this borrowing.

It was proposed by Councillor Kilgannon, seconded by Councillor Morgan and resolved:-

"That Galway County Council hereby approve the borrowing of a sum of £162,000 by way of special overdraft for house construction."

In reply to a further query, the Deputy County Manager stated that the interest on this overdraft will be claimed from the Department by way of special subsidy.

726 - EMPLOYMENT OF BAN GARDAI:

Councillor Morgan stated that he had proposed a resolution in connection with recruitment of Ban Gardai in Galway some time ago and he asked if any reply had been received.

The Deputy County Manager stated that when any significant reply is received to such resolutions, the member who proposed it is informed.

Councillor Morgan asked to be informed of the result of his proposal.

727 - RESOLUTION RE POLLUTION OF RIVER SUCK BY BORD NA MONA OPERATIONS:

Councillor Kilgannon enquired if any reply had yet been received from Bord na Mona to the Council's resolution.

The Deputy County Manager stated that a reply had not yet been received but that the matter would be pursued further.

728 - GUARANTEED TELEPHONES FOR RURAL AREAS:

Deputy Molloy enquired what the present position is regarding this matter and what information had been sought from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

The Deputy County Manager read letter sent to the Department on 25th July, last, requesting information on a number of points.
Councillor O Morain

/ considered that the list of locations given may have caused a delay on this matter and he suggested that we might ask for more general information.

The Acting County Secretary stated that the names of the locations were given to the Department in order to find the actual costs in a number of sample cases as the figures amount of guarantee quoted are likely to be minimum figures only depending on the length of extension required to the kiosk.

It was agreed to await a reply from the Department of Posts & Telegraphs.

729 - DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

The Chairman thanked the members and officials who helped in the preparation of information for the deputation and who travelled Dublin to meet the Minister.

Deputy Molloy asked that he be supplied with a copy of the memorandum which was given to each member who travelled on the deputation and he also asked that a copy of this be given to the members appointed who could not attend the meeting with the Minister.

730 - PUBLIC LIGHTING, DUNMORE:

At the request of Deputy Donnellan, the Deputy County Manager stated that he would investigate the possibility of having all-night lighting provided in Dunmore.

731 - CRASHED LORRY AT MOHER, BALLINASLOE:

Councillor Joyce asked for some steps to be taken to have a lorry at Moher, Ballinasloe removed as the position of the lorry on the roadside constitutes a danger to traffic. He stated that the Garda Síochána had informed him that they were not responsible for its removal.

732 - EXTENSION OF WATER SUPPLY TO LOCH CON AORTHA:

At the request of Councillor O Morain, the Chairman agreed that item No. 27 could be dealt with at this stage.

Councillor O Morain stated that some time ago a regional scheme was approved for the Carna/Kilkieran area which was intended to serve the area from Carna half-way to Kilkieran. It was later extended to Flannery Bridge and the people of Loch Con Aortha had now requested that it be extended a further distance of $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile to provide a supply for possibly 30 houses in this area. He stated that the Minister had specified that the County Council could not do this as it was the policy to develop Group Schemes.

Councillor O Morain proposed that the County Council agree to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for the Gaeltacht to sanction the extension of this scheme to Loch Con Aortha by the County Council at the cost of which he understood to be about £20,000. He considered that because of the dependence of the people on summer courses for an income and because of the natural formation of rock in the area, a group scheme is beyond the capacity of the people. He stated also that there is a fully equipped contractor who has machinery in the area and that if the Minister were now to agree, the contractor would be in a position to give a reasonable price.

Councillor Bartley seconding the proposal, stated that it would be a considerable loss to the village if the 20 students who attend the local college had to be turned away for lack of water.

The proposal was supported by Councillors Bartley, Molloy, Mannion, Kilgannon and the Chairman. The Chairman directed that it be forwarded to the Department of Local Government to request that the necessary finance be made available.

The Deputy County Manager stated that a letter had been sent in July last to Roinn na Gaeltachta in connection with the matter and that Roinn na Gaeltachta informed the Council that they were in consultation with the Department of Local Government concerning it. He pointed out also that the Council will also be faced with applications for other extensions to this scheme.

733 - WATER SUPPLIES - ARAN ISLANDS:

The Deputy County Manager, replying to Deputy Molloy's motion gave the following information regarding the three islands:

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- (a) Shruffaun/Bungowla scheme in progress. Due for completion Sept.'75.
- (b) Kilronan Regional Scheme will be completed in December, 1975.
- (c) Kilronan Sewerage Scheme: Tender has been accepted and is with the Department of Local Government for sanction.

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Two boreholes 220 ft and 50ft deep respectively have been drilled - both are non-productive. Experimental blasting of these boreholes will be carried out this week. In the event of failure, this scheme will be prepared utilizing four existing springs with enlarged storage tanks.

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Work on augmentation scheme to provide 100,000 gallons extra storage will be completed by next summer.

The Deputy County Manager stated regarding the question of delays that there had been no undue delays on the part of the Council, but delays as such can be attributed to the remote locations, difficulty of access due to the weather and geological structure of the islands.

Deputy Molloy complained that promises were made some time ago that greater progress would be made with this but that the promises were not implemented and he considered that there was undue delay in carrying out these schemes.

734 - WATER & SEWERAGE SCHEMES - GALWAY, OUGHTERARD & CLIFDEN ENGINEERING DISTRICTS:

Regarding Deputy Molloy's motion, it was noted that a Progress Report on all Sanitary Services schemes in the County had been circulated to each member of the Council at the meeting.

735 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR INISHMORE, ARAN:

Replying to Deputy Molloy's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that a site for a dump in Aran has now been approved by the Chief Medical Officer and arrangements are being made for legal transfer of the land to the Council. The Manager also stated that when the land is acquired arrangements will be made for street cleaning and refuse collection service in Kilronan.

736 - ACQUISITION OF FIELD NEAR CROSS STREET, LOUGHREA:

Proposing his motion, Councillor Morgan asked that the motion be amended to provide that the land in question be used also as a public park.

In reply to the motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that the road width is adequate at this point and that existing car parks and parking areas nearer the town centre are not fully utilized. He considered that the provision of a bus-parking area is not the responsibility of the Council but that he would investigate the position regarding the need for the land as a public park.

737 - WIDENING OF ROAD AND CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH OPPOSITE CRAUGHWELL NATIONAL SCHOOL:

In reply to Councillor Morgan's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that it is hoped to carry out this work in 1976 under National Primary Road maintenance if the Council succeeds in acquisition of a small area of land which is required.

738 - REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE FOR BALLYMACWARD:

In the absence of Deputy Kitt, the Chairman directed that a reply be sent to him setting out the position regarding this matter.

739 - CORAS UISCE GLEANNACH MUIRINN:

In reply to Councillor O Flatharta's query, the Deputy County Manager stated that general agreement had been reached with the original objectors in this case and the Council was now awaiting an agreement from them to provide for certain matters which had been agreed between them and the County Council.

The Deputy County Manager stated that every effort will be made to try and have the agreement completed and that information on the matter may be available for the next meeting.

740 - PUBLIC TELEPHONE FOR GLEANNACH MUIRINN:

It was agreed that Councillor O Flatharta's recommendation regarding this matter would be listed for consideration in connection with the guaranteed telephones project.

741 - STUDY OF CASHLA BAY:

The Deputy County Manager stated that this would not be a function of the County Council.

Councillor O Flatharta then withdrew his motion.

742 - ROAD LEADING THROUGH WOODLAWN ESTATE FROM KILLAN TO STREAMSFORT:

In reply to Deputy Callanan's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that this road will be proposed for adoption in the next list to be brought before the Council.

743 - ROAD SIGNS - INDICATING BULLAUN:

Replying to Deputy Callanan's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that the estimated cost of five signs would be £125 but that it is not recommended to provide informative signs to small hamlets as they are well known locally.

Deputy Callanan stated that there are existing signs at some of these locations and all that is needed is to add the name Bullaun to some of them.

Councillor Joyce seconded Deputy Callanan's recommendation that the signs in question be provided.

744 - TEST ON COLLINAMUCK WELL:

In reply to Councillor Welby's proposal the Deputy County Manager stated that no test was carried out this year and that none was requested.

Councillor Welby stated that he understood that a request had been made verbally for this.

745 - RAWFREE WELL, HEADFORD:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that the last test on this well was carried out on 23rd April, 1974 and that the yield of 125 gallons per hour then found was inadequate.

746 - ROAD AT COILLEACH, SPIDDAL:

In reply to Councillor Welby's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that a grant of £758 has been sanctioned by Roinn na Gasltachta for this road and that if the land required can be obtained by agreement, work will commence at an early date.

747 - FO-CHOISTE IASCAIREACHTA MARA:

Duirt an Comhairleoir O Morain go raibh an meladh seo a tharraingt siar aige.

748 - REPAIR OF ROAD AT BREADANLOUGHANE AND BALLYBRIE:

Replying to Councillor McCormack's motion, The Deputy County Manager stated that the repairs to the road in question will be taken up with the contractors for the water scheme.

749 - SPEED LIMIT AND PUBLIC LIGHTING IN TURLOUGHMORE:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, The Deputy County Manager stated that two public lights for Turloughmore will be considered for inclusion in the 1976 proposals and that the erection of two 40 m.p.h. speed limit signs has been agreed.

750 - PUBLIC LIGHT FOR McDONNELL'S LANE, ATHENRY:

In reply to Councillor McCormack's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that it is intended to include for consideration the provision of a light at McDonnell's Lane, Athenry in the proposals for 1976.

Councillor McCormack stated that the wires had already been brought to the pole in question.

751 - CLOSING OF REFUSE DUMP AT CLIFDEN:

In reply to the proposals submitted by Councillors Bartley and O Morain, the Deputy County Manager stated that it is not feasible to accede to this request until a new dumping ground site is obtained and that to carryout the terms of the motion would mean a round journey of over 60 miles at midday to the dump.

Councillor Bartley stated that the existing dump was a health hazard in Clifden and was polluting the shore and Councillor O Morain stated that it was an eye-sore in an area of high amenity like Clifden.

Deputy Molloy supported the proposal.

Mr. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer stated that agreement has been reached on the purchase of a site but that title documents have to be put in order.

The Deputy County Manager stated that he felt that the matter should be remedied before next summer.

752 - IMPROVEMENT OF WATER SUPPLY IN VILLAGES OF DERREEN, LISSACARRA, LERHIN, CLONBERNE & COGAULA:

Councillor Ryan, proposing his motion, complained that notices had been served by an official of the County Council instructing farmers in the area to buy an expensive type of milk cooler and he objected to this procedure on the part of the County Council.

The Chairman supporting Councillor Ryan's motion stated that it did not make sense to have the Department of Agriculture giving grants for particular types of coolers and local authorities stating that farmers may not use them.

Councillor Morgan stated that he did not agree with the complaints and that the coolers being used should be of the type which permits circulation of water rather than allow water in large quantities to run to waste.

The Deputy County Manager stated that the supply position was unsatisfactory due to wastage of water and that the notices served point out that if water is allowed run to waste, it cannot continue to be supplied at the rate at which it has been supplied heretofore and that arrangements should be made to have such water re-cycled.

753 - ROAD AT HILLSBROOK:

In reply to Councillor Ryan's motion, the Deputy County Manager stated that the blacktopping of this road is not included in the 1976 estimates and that it will have to be deferred for consideration to the 1977 estimates.

754 - PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL LAND AT TUAM FOR HOUSING:

Proposing the motion standing in his name, Councillor Kelly stated that a man who had land near the Fairgreen in Tuam had offered the County Council some time ago but no action was taken by the Council.

The Deputy County Manager stated that there was not a very great demand for sites but that the Council is prepared to buy extra land and that consideration is being given to the possibility of buying an additional area from the Tuam Town Commissioners on the Fairgreen.

Councillor Kelly stated that three sites allocated to the M.B.A. had not been taken up.

755 - SYMPATHY:

Resolutions of sympathy were adopted with the following:

- Rev. Fr. Slattery, C.C., Kiltormer, Ballinasloe.
- Peadar O Cualain (Stiofan), An Pointe, An Cheathru Rua.
- Rev. D. Gordon, Chaplin, Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Thomas Finn, St. Michael's Place, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Dilcen Noonan, Cleaghmore, Ballinasloe.
- Mrs. Reaney, Aghrim, Ballinasloe.
- Mr. Albert Gordon, Tynagh, Loughrea.
- Mrs. Claffey, Cloonkeen, Killoran, Ballinasloe.

The Meeting Then Terminated.

Submitted, Approved and Confirmed

Tom Hanney
Chairman

24/11/75

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

12u 1a Samhain, 1975.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle/

A Chara,

Tarrtar ort leis seo bheith i lathair ag cruinniú de Choiste Tithíochta de'n Chomhairle Chontae a tionolfar ins na Foirgnithe Chontae, Gaillimh, De Luain, 17 Samhain, 1975 ag tosnu ag a 3.30 a chlog sa trathnóna.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

A G E N D A

Opening Prayer.

1. Capital contribution to E.S.B. in respect of connection to local authority houses.
2. Housing Assistance for Disabled Persons - circular H./14/75 of the 26 Meitheamh, 1975 from the Department of Local Government herewith.
3. Business submitted by County Manager.

MEMBERS' NOTICES OF MOTION:

4. Councillor J. Joyce:

- (i) That flush toilets be installed in the cottages occupied by Mrs. Brigid Casey and Mr. Patrick Mullins of River St., Eyrecourt;
- (ii) that bathroom and flush toilets be installed in the cottage occupied by Joseph Farrell, Laurencetown, Ballinasloe;
- (iii) that (name and address supplied) be sanctioned for the higher rate of Grant of £450 as he has already been sanctioned by Department of Local Government.

5. Deputy R. Molloy:

That a full report be given of housing application made by (name and address supplied) including the date of original application, date application was approved and present position.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)

Oifig an Runai,
Bothar Mor,
GAILLIMH.

13u La Samhain, 1975.

Chuig Gach Bhaill de'n Comhairle/

Cruinniú - Coiste Tithíochta, De Luain 17/11/'75.

A Chara,

Pléfar na h-adhbhair seo leanas ag an cruinniú a tionolfar De Luain seo chugainn maraon leis an ngno a leagadh síos sa chlar a cuireadh ar an 12u la de'n mhi seo.

Mise le meas,

C.O'DUBHGHAILL
Runai Sealadach.

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

6. The following motion submitted by Councillor M.J. Kilgannon:

- (i) That variety of design and finish be a feature of all Local Authority Housing in this county in future;
- (ii) That Galway County Council actively encourage a policy of decentralisation by acquiring land and building schemes of 6 - 12 houses in the small villages and hamlets;
- (iii) That a tenant purchase scheme be incorporated into the conditions of tenancy at all Local Authority Housing in the county.

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE NA GAILLIMHE
(Galway County Council)
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County Buildings,
Prospect Hill,
Galway.

23rd October, 1975.

TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL/

A Chara,

You are requested to attend the Estimates Meeting of Galway County Council which will be held at the County Buildings, Galway on Friday, 31st October, 1975 commencing at 3.30.p.m.

Mise, le meas,

C. O DUBHGHAILL
Runai Seáladach

A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Estimate of Expenses for the year 1976.
2. Making and Sealing of Demands on Urban Authorities.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT ESTIMATES MEETING OF GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COUNTY BUILDINGS, GALWAY ON FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER, 1975.

In the Chair: Deputy T. Hussey.

ALSO PRESENT:

Members - As recorded in Attendance Book.

Councillors G. Bartley, U. Burke, T. Byrne, Deputy J. Callanan, Deputy J. Donnellan, Councillors Sean Donnellan, F. Fahey, M. Flaherty, P. T. Galvin, F. Glynn, E. Haverty, Senator M. D. Higgins, Councillors J. Joyce, M. Kelly, M. J. Kilgannon, Senator M. Killilea, Deputy M. P. Kitt, Councillor P. McCormack, Senator J. M. Mannion, Councillors H. Melvin, J. Molloy, Deputy R. Molloy, Councillors N. Morgan, M. O Morain, P. Raftery, P. Ruane, M. Ryan and T. Welby.

Officials - Messrs. S. Keating, County Manager; P. Kearns, Assistant County Manager; J. Howlett, Acting Assistant County Manager; C. A. Warner, County Engineer; M. J. Dunne, Deputy County Engineer; J. Silke, Chief Assistant County Engineer; Miss C. Kennedy, Clerical Officer; Mrs. P. Monahan, Staff Officer; Messrs. B. Gannon, Staff Officer; T. Kavanagh, Acting County Accountant; M. Commins, Staff Officer and K. Doyle, Acting County Secretary.

The Opening Prayer was recited.

756 - ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR YEAR 1976:

Senator Killilea, referring to a document setting out **particulars** of proposals submitted by Councillors at an estimated total cost of £13,611,491 which was circulated to members at the meeting, objected to the Minutes of the meeting of 21st October, 1975, which he stated, were not correct. He stated that Minutes of that meeting should have recorded that the works on the four lists of proposals, which were before that meeting on the 21st October which had not already been included in the Estimates and in respect of which an estimate had been prepared should be carried out subject to the limitation that the sum to be approved should not exceed £6,000 for any one Councillor.

The Chairman stated that the Minutes of the meeting of 21st October were not before the County Council for confirmation and he pointed out that in any event no decision was taken regarding Senator Killilea's proposal at the meeting on the 21st October.

Deputy Molloy stated that it was **proposed** that any roadway in respect of which an estimate had ^{not} been prepared should not be included and that the document now before the County Council was presented to them to distort the position as set out in that proposal on the 21st October.

The County Manager stated that it was difficult to understand what exactly the Council required at the meeting on the 21st October and that he understood that the County Council wanted an estimate of the cost of all works which had been proposed to be brought before them for consideration.

Senator Killilea replied that his proposal related only to roads which were on the lists and before the Council in respect of which estimates had then been prepared and he repeated that the Minutes were not correct.

Deputy Callanan stated that if the proposal made by Senator Killilea at the meeting of the 21st October were agreed, it would result in an increase of 13p in the £.

Councillor Galvin objected to the procedure for dealing with those proposals stating that a member should not choose what work should be done but that he should be free to make whatever submissions he considered desirable to the County Council for examination by the appropriate officials.

Deputy Molloy stated that proposals regarding certain roads in Clifden were shown under the name of former Councillor Padraic Joyce, that Councillor Bartley had subsequently made the same proposals but that it still appeared under the name of the former Councillor Joyce.

After a discussion, it was agreed that these could be included in the list under the name of Councillor Bartley.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the works proposed by Councillors on the four lists which were before the Council at the meeting on the 21st October, 1975 in respect of which the estimates were then prepared and which had not been already included in the estimates should now be approved subject to the limitation that no Councillor would be allocated a sum in excess of £6,000.

The County Manager informed the Council that the total of proposals made on this basis would cost £89,000, the amounts being made up as follows:

Councillor	Amount £
U. Burke	600
T. Byrne	1,000
J. Callanan	5,115
J. Donnellan T.D.	6,000
F. Fahey	2,100
F. Glynn	6,000
T. Mussey	6,000
E. Haverty	5,200
J. Joyce	6,000
M. Killilea	800
M. P. Kitt	4,825
M. J. Kilgannon	6,000
H. Melvin	2,600
R. Molloy	6,000
J. Molloy	1,300
N. Morgan	2,500
P. McCormack	3,000
M. Flaherty	4,600
P. Raftery	6,000
P. Ruane	2,550
M. Ryan	810
T. Welby	4,000
G. Bartley	6,000
TOTAL:	£89,000

It was proposed by Senator Killilea, seconded by Deputy Callanan and resolved:-

"that the sum of £89,000 be provided in the estimates to carry out the road works in question as proposed by Councillors."

The County Manager stated that the effect of this additional expenditure would be an increase of £16.17p in the £ on the rates. Subject to this addition the estimate for programme No. 2 was agreed. Programme Group 3 - Water Supply & Sewerage:

The County Manager stated that in addition to setting out proposed expenditure on maintenance, particulars are also given of the total estimated cost of the Capital programme for the year.

Replying to further queries, the County Manager stated that the estimate provides for maintenance and the only provision it makes for capital works is for repayments on loans which will arise for repayment during the coming year.

Replying to further queries on the position with regard to particular capital works, the County Manager stated that it is difficult to state what works will be commenced next year as this will depend on the capital allocation.

The estimates for programme group 3 were agreed.

Programme Group 4 - Development Incentives and controls:

The County Manager stated that the contribution to the Regional Tourism Organisation is proposed to be increased in the coming year from £6,000 to £7,500.

Replying to Deputy Molloy, he stated that detailed information had not been received from the Regional Tourism Organisation regarding the amount of work which they had done for the county in return for the money paid to them by the Council.

The estimates for programme group 4 were agreed.

Programme Group 5 - Environmental Protection:

The County Manager stated that the estimate submitted made provision for the purchase of an extra refuse collection vehicle as the three vehicles at present in use are over-taxed and involve the working of over-time by the men operating them. He stated that if the fourth vehicle is purchased, it will enable the Council to extend its programme and mentioned also that it was proposed to extend refuse collection service to Kilronan.

Councillors Kilgannon and Joyce stated that provision should be made for the provision of hard-stands for itinerant sites.

The County Manager stated that it is hoped to make some progress with such hard-stands during the coming year but he could not say yet where they may be provided. He stated that as Government grants are available, it is not very important to make provision for them in the estimates.

Councillor Kelly stated that an effort should be made to overcome the litter problem, particularly dumping on roadsides and he suggested that notices should be erected setting out penalties for such dumping.

Councillor Morgan stated that the Council should provide barrel-type bins rather than wheel-barrows for collection of litter in towns.

Councillor Kilgannon stated that an effort should be made to get more appropriate sites for dumps and that there are many cut-away bogs which would be suitable for this purpose rather than provide a dump near built-up areas.

Replying to queries regarding extension of the refuse collection service the County Manager stated that the possibility of serving all areas in respect of which motions were submitted by Councillors will be investigated when the fourth vehicle is purchased.

Replying to Senator Higgins regarding the recruitment of technicians, the County Manager stated that they will be under the supervision of the Deputy County Engineer and that the facilities of the Regional Hospital Laboratory would be availed of and that if necessary, the services of the Institute for Industrial Research & Standards would also be sought.